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CHIEFLY HISTORICAL.

The work upon the records necessitated by the new catalogue has already begun to bear fruit along historical lines. This is most encouraging for the early documents in the fraternity's archives are few in number and meagre in matter and hitherto little has been done toward completing them. The Grand Registrar, it is true, has put much time and labor upon the records but her work has been more of a study of the successive steps in the fraternity's organization and government, than an effort to clear away the mist which rests upon the earliest chapters.

It is easy enough in these days of women clubs to wonder why these chapters did not leave for the use of their successors full and detailed records of their deliberations and transactions. But after a little consideration, the fact must assert itself that, at that time, parliamentary practice was not the fetich that it has since become, nor did the members realize that the organization would grow until its records would become of real importance. Thus it happened that of two of the early chapters, Gamma and Zeta, we inherit not even the record of a single name and we only know that the former was located at Smithson College, Logansport, Indiana, and the latter at Rockford Seminary, Rockford, Illinois.

A statement of these facts may lead some member who is interested in general fraternity matters to volunteer to trace the history of these chapters, a duty which the regular officers of the fraternity are prevented from doing by the press of prescribed tasks. It is an interesting field and one in which a large amount of tact and ingenuity will find scope for action. The clues which are to be followed can be obtained from the Grand Registrar or the Editor.

An example of the way in which this work must be done may be of interest. Until a few months ago the only information about Beta chapter was found in the bare statement that the

chapter existed at Knox College from 1871 to 1874 and that two of its members were Mary Winter and Alice Winter. Later, it appeared that Mary Winter had married a Judge Foster of Honolulu. In the struggle to verify these facts letters were written to the President and Registrar of Knox College and to a member of Delta Chapter whose home was in Galesburg, asking them if they had ever heard of the existence of the chapter. A letter was also sent to Mrs. Foster at Honolulu, trusting to the chance of its eventual delivery into the hands of the rightful owner.

The Delta alumna, after consulting several members of the faculty who were teachers at Knox in the early seventies, found that at that time the feeling against secret fraternities was so strong that membership in one was a possession to be gloated over in secret but not to be divulged. In consequence the members of the faculty knew little about the personnel of the various student organizations. One gentleman, however, kindly furnished a list of some fifteen men who were known to have belonged to secret societies at Knox College and who would be likely to know members of similar organizations among the women. We were advised to consult them.

Among these names, special mention was made of the late Eugene Field. This was such an unusual opportunity for the use of spirit intervention that, had there been a reputable medium at hand, an effort would at once have been made to serve both the fraternity and the cause of psychological investigation by a consultation with that genial spirit, regarding fraternity matters. But no medium was at hand, and all other inquiries elicited no further information.

Nearly two months had passed with the writing of many letters about Knox College and to have proved nothing and discovered no further clues for investigation, was disheartening. At this time a letter came from Judge Foster saying that his home was in San Francisco, where his wife's letter had been forwarded from the Islands, that his wife had died some three years previous, that he recalled nothing about the fraternity and that his wife had never attended Knox College, but that the letter of inquiry would be forwarded to her sister. A short time after a letter came from Miss Alice Winter, who was teaching in Hawaii, saying that she and her sister were both members of the fraternity and were

initiated while attending St. Mary's School at Knoxville, Illinois. This showed that in all probability there had been a confusion of names in the fraternity's records and that no chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma had ever existed at Knox. As yet nothing has been done toward discovering other members.

It had already been planned to make a complete history of Alpha Chapter from the records and letters of its members, who nearly all retain much interest in the organization and have been traced and correctly located in the new catalogue. Shortly before her illness Mrs. Minnie Stewart Field expressed her willingness to undertake a part of this work and had made some plans for it.

On account of her ardent interest in the fraternity as well as her position as one of its founders, after her death it seemed fitting that one number of THE KEY should be issued as a memorial number. Accordingly, it was arranged to give the larger part of the present number to an account of Mrs. Field and her influence upon the fraternity, to be written by Mrs. Alice Pillsbury Shelley, who acted as first Grand Secretary, while Mrs. Field was Grand President. Owing to Mrs. Shelley's illness, the article was much delayed and it is now necessary to publish the magazine without it. On the other hand, a letter asking about Mrs. Field and Alpha, sent to Mrs. Louise Bennett Boyd, another charter member of Alpha, brought so interesting a response that it is quoted below, omitting only that which was of a distinctly personal nature. It calls attention to several facts of which most of the fraternity's members are ignorant and proves beyond a doubt that Beta chapter belonged at Knoxville, not Knox College.

RIVER FOREST, Jan. 5th, '99.

My dear Miss Hull :

I trust you will pardon my long delay in replying to your favor of Dec. 8th. It came when I was ill and I saw that I would not be able to reply within the time you wished, and so have delayed a little longer. A busy pastor's wife usually finds a vast accumulation on her hands, when laid by for a short time, and I am sure an editor will appreciate the circumstances.

I am afraid I can give very little information as to Mrs. Field, which would be of any use to you. She was the second daughter of Judge Stewart of Monmouth, Illinois, and entered Monmouth College in '69, graduating from the Scientific department with the

class of '72, my own class. I knew very little of Minnie in the class room as I was taking the classical course, but we were members together of the "Amateur des Belles Lettres" literary society of which Minnie was always an active and ardent partisan. She and I represented our society in the "contest" of '69 with our rival society; she as reciter and I as debater, and both were fortunate in defeating our rivals. In these days such victories seem very small affairs, but in those days we thought ourselves closely identified in sympathy with the *Great Alexander*.

In her school life Minnie was always popular, being of a sunny, warm hearted disposition willing to do anything to serve a friend. Soon after leaving school she married a Mr. Nelson, who died a few years after their marriage and some years later she married again, Mr. Lucius Field an artist of some note, but of her life after leaving college, I knew nothing. Sometime during '69-'70, Minnie Stewart, Jennie Boyd and myself (Louise Bennett) met for a "pow wow" in the "A. B. L." Hall and concluded we would have something new; the world seemed to be moving too slowly for us, and moreover the young men had chapters of "Beta Theta Pi," "Delta Tau Delta," "Phi Psi", etc., while among the girls there was only "L. M." and "I. C." organized. We determined that nothing short of a Greek letter fraternity (we did not even speak of it as a sorority in those days) would satisfy us. We three then admitted to our solemn councils, Miss Anna E. Willetts, now Mrs. Howard Pattee, of Monmouth, Ill. Our aim was to draw into the society, the choicest spirits among the girls, not only for literary work, but also for social development. Of course we thought always, that we had the very brightest and best of all who came (our egotism seems very amusing at this day, but you know just how students feel). We four decided on our form of organization, the motto, and our pins. You have doubtless noticed that the letters on our pins are quite a free translation from the motto, but we wanted those particular letters and were sublimely indifferent to the freeness of the translation. Had we ever dreamed of more than a local habitation for Kappa Kappa Gamma, I suspect we would have been more careful of the records and other matters pertaining to the early days of the society. We added to the original membership, Misses Sue Walker, Josie Thompson and Retta Hedden, the former of Monmouth, the latter

of Dewitt, Ia. Our first regular meeting was held at the home of Dr. Walker, and in profound secrecy, the last named members were initiated.

One day not long after this at chapel exercises, a new constellation appeared in the heavens, and caused, as we fondly imagined, a great sensation in our little college world. The first Greek letter society for girls had appeared with their shining new pins. Our dear old President smiled indulgently on us and we felt our future assured. Our meetings were held at the different homes, and we never attained to the dignity of a society hall. Old "Jack," the Bank dog, is surely entitled to honorable mention as escort on several occasions to a bevy of girls.

After a few months' existence as a society, it occurred to us that we ought to be letting our light shine, so the "A" chapter deputized Minnie Stewart and Lou Bennett to go up to Knoxville, Illinois, and organize a chapter there among the students of St. Mary's Seminary. We met at the home of Miss Mary Winter, who was the first member named in the "B" chapter. A severe storm and snow blockade interfered with the proceedings quite seriously and had it not been for the kindness of our hostess, Mrs. Winter, the impecunious organizers would have fared badly.

I knew very little of the chapter in Knoxville as I never returned after that visit, but Minnie visited the chapter frequently and knew more of it than any of us.

Of the original members, Miss Josie Thompson married a Methodist clergyman, but died shortly after her marriage. Sue Walker married Rev. Mr. Vincent, of the United Presbyterian Church, and died three years ago in Monmouth, Ill. Anna Willetts married a wealthy business man of Monmouth, Mr. Henry Pattee, and is active in all good works. She is at present one of the members of the school board in her town. Jennie Boyd and myself joined the army of teachers and long ago had followed our literary pursuits sufficiently to entitle us to receive our A. M. degree.

In 1876, I married the brother of my classmate, Jennie Boyd, Rev. Joseph N. Boyd, of the Presbyterian Church, and it is one of the delights of my usually truthful husband, when in a teasing mood, to tell some one in speaking of my beloved fraternity, of how he "helped to get that thing up" as he expresses it.

I am afraid this letter will only be a "weariness to the flesh"

but I really am not able to give you the material in shape for you to use as I have almost forgotten even the dates of events so far back and my literary efforts these days never get beyond a hurriedly prepared missionary paper or something of that sort. Here in Chicago—even in the suburbs—we can scarcely keep pace with the things of today and never seem to have any time for reminiscences.

I should be very glad to have a sample copy of *THE KEY*. I think I should like to subscribe for it if within reach of a minister's purse, as I imagine it is. I hope I am not burdening you with this long epistle and that you will accept the good wishes of an old member for *THE KEY* and all that concerns Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Sincerely yours,

M. F. BOYD.

FRATERNITY WOMEN THE BEST MEMBERS OF SOCIETY.

I was much interested in the article in the last *KEY*, on "The Chapter as a Training School", in which it showed how the training the young woman receives in her fraternity fits her to become a useful member of some club after her college days are over. I have been wondering whether we may not use that expression in its broadest sense and say that our chapters are fitting the college women of to-day, the principal women of the nation to-morrow, to be useful members of society, whether they will have the opportunities of working in any special club or not.

The law of nature is that everything is in someway dependent upon its neighbor. There are no sharp lines which say that this side is all-sufficient in itself and has nothing in common with the other side. Of course this universal law holds good in the case of humanity. We must associate with our fellow beings in all conditions of life, no matter where we may be placed; and to be able to work together with them, for the accomplishment of the best aims of society we require training just as much as does the football team, which must learn to strive as one man with one purpose. We must study how we can make our lives fit in with the lives of our associates, we must learn the lessons of tolerance

and forbearance and of yielding to the opinions of others whether we know that they are better than our own or not. Where can we find a better school for this than our chapter? Here we are filling the positions we must occupy in the greater fraternity of life, here we are learning to put ourselves in the background and the good of the organization foremost. If we are failing to do this, we belong to a set of factions not to a fraternity, for the corner-stone of fraternity is co-operation, not competition.

Human society is a great picture, but who ever heard of a beautiful picture where every object was a separate color, entirely distinct from every other object? The colors must blend and shade into one another before we have anything worthy of our admiration; and the test of the masterpiece is that each part be so closely joined with the whole that it cannot be removed without spoiling the entire picture. So I think our chapter life, where each member must, to some degree, adjust her thoughts and actions to those of her sister, is training us to fill our places in society so usefully that we shall help make and not mar the ideal picture God intended.

M. G. C., *Gamma Rho*.

DE BARBARIS.

"I count myself in nothing else so happy,
As in a soul remembering my good friends."

Shakespeare.

In looking back on the days spent at college, there is always one feature that stands out distinct, yet pleasantly interwoven with all,—that is the fraternity life.

To those who have never known the peculiar pleasure and happiness which the fraternity affords, this statement probably has little meaning, but to the one who has been initiated into the mysteries of the Greeks, who has been associated, for however short a time, in that most delightful relation of college life,—to that one, the phrase is fraught with richest meaning.

The fraternity is a family; its members are bound together by ties almost as strong as the ties of blood. The happiness of one causes all to rejoice; the sorrow of one brings sadness into the

heart of each. The fraternity jealously guards the interests of its members.

This spirit is right and good, but it ought not to be carried to the extent of doing injury to others. Perhaps there is justice in the criticisms that are often made in regard to such associations that in their eagerness to forward the interests of their own members, they forget that others have rights which should be respected ; that these outsiders may be more deserving of success than those whose interests they are striving to advance, and that they should not allow their love for their friends to blind them to the good in others.

As a rule, the fraternity girls are more kindly disposed toward the girls who are not members of a fraternity than are the barbarians toward them. There is in the heart of the girl who has not been invited to become a member of a fraternity, a little rankling of envy. She tries not to show it in her manner toward the fraternity girls ; she refuses to acknowledge it even to herself. But nevertheless, it is there—a continual reminder that the fraternity girls do not consider her quite their equal—a palpable misapprehension and one which should be corrected. The attitude of the fraternity girl toward the outside girls should therefore be one that will quickly dispel this feeling from their minds. If possible, let not your blessing cause another pain.

It has sometimes happened that a fraternity, by continually ignoring all outsiders and by wrapping itself about its own particular interests, has made its members selfish in their own pleasures and too indifferent to the rights and interests of others. Such an organization is not worthy of the name it bears. It does not carry out the true spirit of the fraternity. The fraternity was not organized for selfish ends ; it was not established merely that its members might have a pleasant social time while at college. The fraternity was organized that the social instinct might not become warped, but instead might develope side by side with the intellectual faculties.

Man is a social being. To be successful in the business world, he must be able to live pleasantly with his fellowmen. He must cultivate the habit of seeing the good in everyone that he may the better judge them justly. He cannot live to himself alone ; he must see and recognize the rights and interests not only of

those in the immediate circle of his acquaintances in his own "set," but of all with whom he comes in contact ; and he must respect them in their rights.

To cultivate this art, the fraternity was established. While prompting its members to cherish with an especial love, those united by its mystic bonds, it should inspire in them, too, a feeling of kindliness toward everyone. This influence reaches beyond the college walls ; it increases with time. The college life is merely preparatory to the larger life as yet unexplored. Therefore, the fraternity should be what its members would be when they have graduated from its limits and have entered upon their real work. What they have been in college and in the fraternity, they will be throughout life.

MARGARET VAN METRE, *Beta Zeta.*

Alumnae Department.

A MATTER OF CHAPTER POLICY.

It is to be expected that the point of view of the alumna Kappa should differ somewhat from that of her sisters in the active chapter. It indicates no more than normal development, that she shall find her ideas of fraternity slightly altered—perhaps even radically changed after a few years out of college. By no means should she be less loyal; rather if fraternity means anything to her, her ideals will be higher and her ambitions more far reaching. It is this that often leads the alumna to the mistake of becoming critical. It is her eagerness to see the chapter make progress along all lines that leads her perhaps to “speak as one having authority” over the younger girls. To the true Kappa the fraternity becomes constantly more dear. She feels when she has begun to learn the lessons of life not found in books, that she never fully realized what fraternity meant, that she never appreciated the closeness of the friendships made possible there. It is this that makes her anxious to help the younger girls live up to their opportunities, make the most of chapter life while it is theirs. To the alumna Kappa, only a shade less dear than fraternity honor is fraternity dignity. It is this that seems so ruthlessly sacrificed by violent rushing. To extend an invitation from Kappa Kappa Gamma to a girl who has been in school one week or two, seems to the alumna a lowering of fraternity dignity that should not be permitted. “But the others rush—what are we to do?” Have a chapter policy that is known in your college. It is known in the University of Nebraska that Sigma never extends an invitation to a girl who is not in school. We have never lost a girl by waiting. A girl respects a chapter that maintains its fraternity dignity. Why should it not be possible to have it understood that, even when there is no contract between chapters, Kappa Kappa Gamma does not tumble pell mell into the fray, but maintains her dignity and waits? The friendship of a week is not to be relied upon. A girl who is afraid to wait, fearing she may not be asked by any other fraternity, and thus joins the first fraternity that asks her, would not be an ideal Kappa.

Sigma.

THE NEW YORK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The New York Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma held its first meeting of the year at the home of Mrs. Hepburn, January 14, 1898. The day was stormy and only a small number were present. Dr. Jennie de la M. Lozier had been expected to address the meeting, but was unavoidably prevented from coming. It was voted to have the next meeting take the form of a theatre party.

The theatre party was held March 26, 1898. About sixteen members joined the party and enjoyed seeing Modjeska in "Measure for Measure."

The fourth meeting of the year was held June 10, 1898, at Barnard College. The active chapter gave a tea and introduced the graduating members to the association. No business was discussed.

On June 24, 1898, an extra meeting was called by order of the president. It was voted to send a delegate to the convention at Lincoln, and to ask members for contributions toward the delegate's expenses. Mrs. A. B. Hepburn, Beta Beta, was elected delegate.

The first meeting for the season 1898-99 was held October 29, 1898 at the home of Mrs. Hepburn. The minutes were read and accepted, and the report of the secretary and treasurer was given and accepted. Mrs. Hepburn then gave her report as delegate to the convention at Lincoln. The secretary was instructed to reply to a letter from Pi giving the names of all members who are willing to assist the chapter with their book.

It was moved that the president appoint a nominating committee of three. She appointed Misses Romer, White and Van Riper. They reported for president and chairman, Mrs. G. A. Logan, Beta Beta, Mrs. S. A. Saunders, Psi, Miss Anna Mellick, Beta Epsilon, and Mrs. F. E. Brewer, Delta; for secretary and treasurer, Miss Clementine Tucker, Beta Epsilon, and Miss Laura C. Miller, Beta Iota. The report was accepted and Mrs. Logan elected president. As it was known that she might be unwilling to accept, Mrs. Saunders was elected president in case of her declination. Miss Mellick and Mrs. Brewer were elected chairmen

of meetings, and Miss Tucker was elected secretary and treasurer. Tea was served and the meeting adjourned.

The New York Alumnae Association will be glad to hear from any chapter of Kappas, either graduate or associate, who are in New York or the vicinity.

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BETA DELTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The alumnae chapter has had a meeting every month beginning in September, with the exception of November, when the meeting fell upon the day of the Michigan-Illinois game at Detroit. At that time we accompanied several members of the active chapter, who had come up from Ann Arbor for the game.

Our meetings have been largely social in their nature, but aside from offering a pleasant opportunity for the members to meet and talk about fraternity and chapter affairs, we feel as if they had already accomplished much for the alumnae and active chapter.

We have received more communications and responses from the alumnae than ever before in any one year and we hope that with the longer continuance of the alumnae chapter every alumna may be reached and brought into communication with the other alumnae and the active chapter. We are now asking from each one a general account of her life since leaving college and we intend to arrange the answers for the information of the whole.

We think we have also been of some material assistance to the chapter. More dues have been already sent them than have ever been received in a year before, and something has also been done in recommending girls who are to go to college next year.

Beta Delta.

THE BLOOMINGTON KAPPA CLUB.

The Kappa Club of Bloomington has planned some serious work for the season of 1898-99. Early in the season the following programme was issued.

THE TEMPEST.

October 6—Mrs. Cole.

Sources of the Play	Miss Bassett
Character of Caliban	Miss Parritt

October 20—Miss Burke.

Prospero and Miranda	Miss Van Leer
The Supernatural Element in the Play,	Mrs. Hall

November 3—Miss Hart.

Antonio and Minor Characters	Miss DeMotte
The Allegorical Significance of the Play	Miss Probasco

November 17—Mrs. Van Leer.

Readings from the Tempest.

CORIOLANUS.

December 1—Mrs. Welch.

History of the Play	Miss Butterworth
Social Conditions of Rome at this Time	Mrs. Prince
Character of Coriolanus	Mrs. Van Leer

December 15—Miss Loudon.

Aufidius	Miss Burke
Volumnia and Virgilia	Miss Hart

January 5—Mrs. Augustine.

Readings from Coriolanus.

January 19—Miss Butterworth.

A Talk on Shakespeare—Mrs. Stevens.

KING LEAR.

February 2—Miss De Motte.

The Play: Sources of the Plot.

Its Literary Merit.

Its Success on the Stage.....Mrs. Ferguson

Cordelia's Position among Shakespeare's Heroines

.....Mrs. Augustine

February 16—Miss Probasco.

Character of King Lear	Mrs. Graves
Kent's Devotion to the King	Mrs. Welch

March 2—Miss Parritt.

Goneril and Regan	Mrs. Cole
Gloster and His Sons	Mrs. Hall

March 16—Mrs. Ferguson.

The King's Jester	Miss Loudon
Ethical Teachings of the Play	Miss Bassett
Selections from King Lear	Miss Baumann

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March 30—Mrs. Prince.

Discussion of the Tragedy of King Lear.....Mrs Stevens

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING.

April 13—Miss Van Leer.

Idea of the Play.....Miss Parritt

Hero and Claudia.....Miss De Motte

April 27—Mrs. Hall.

Characters of Beatrice and Benedict.....Miss Little

The Beatrices of the Stage.....Miss Probasco

May 11—Miss Bassett.

Readings from Much Ado About Nothing.

May 25—Mrs. Graves.

Business Meeting.

The President is Miss Van Leer. The Executive Committee consists of Miss Loudon, Miss Probasco and Miss Baumann.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

“ Another student (of the Yale Graduate-School) who has achieved marked success as an author and scholar is Miss Elizabeth Deering Hanscom. Her doctor's thesis, ‘ Vision of Piers Plowman,’ has been accepted and published by the Modern Language Association. Miss Hanscom also assisted Professor Cook in the preparation of the vocabulary to his first book in old English, and has been elected fellow of the American Association of Collegiate Alumnæ. After receiving her Ph. D. in 1894 she at once became instructor in English at Smith College, in which work she has been highly successful, especially in her courses in Old English.”—*Boston Transcript*, Dec. 17, 1898.

Miss Florence Nichols, '89, returns to her work in Lucknow, India, Jan. 2, after a year's visit at home.

Married—In June, Susie May Flint, '96, and Mr. Edward S. Page; In September, Gertrude Jenness, Sp., and Mr. George B. Washburn.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Amy Howard Wales, '98, to Mr. Ernest Bullock, Theta Delta Chi, University of Michigan and Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge.

Marian Chamberlain, '97, is teaching English in "The Cambridge School," Cambridge, Mass., a preparatory institution for Radcliffe College.

Helen Wadsworth Graves, '91, (Mrs. Frank P. Graves) writes of a busy life in Seattle, Wash., where her husband, the youngest college President in the country, has recently been placed at the head of the University of Washington.

Mrs. Charlotte Barrell Ware, formerly Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, is Secretary of the Twentieth Century Club which was "established in the city of Boston to promote a finer public spirit and a better social order." The Educational Department of the club is now offering its second year of University lectures on the theme of "The Education of Mankind and of the Child in the Light of the Doctrine of Evolution."

Mary M. Kingsbury, formerly editor of *THE KEY*, was married Saturday, January 7, to Vladimir Gr. Simkovitsh. The wedding, which took place at the Chapel of the Incarnation, New York City, was followed by a breakfast at 248 East 34th street, where Mrs. Simkovitsh expects to continue her sociological work.

PSI.—Grace F. Swearingen, '93, who spent last year studying in Heidelberg, is now professor of English in the American Girls' School, Constantinople, Turkey.

Miss Olmstead, of Chi, who was a teacher in Constantinople for seven years, has lately returned to New York.

GAMMA RHO.—Mary Winifred Richmond was married August 9 to James Anderson Gardner.

Margaret Matilda Fromyer was married September 28 to Arthur William Thornton.

BETA DELTA.—Katharine S. Alvord, '93, is associate in history and mathematics in the State Normal School at Oshkosh.

Ernestine Robinson, '96, is teaching English literature in the Lansing High School.

Florence R. Nowland is teaching in Lincoln, Illinois.

Bess Whitehead, '96, is teaching the Swedish system of manual training in Cincinnati.

Jessica MacIntyre, after a year's study abroad, is teaching in Ferry Hall, Lake Forest, Illinois.

Bertha Barney, '96, is teaching English in the Western High School, Detroit, Michigan.

Mabelle Halleck, Ph.B., '96, Ph.M., '98, is teaching in the Coldwater, Michigan, High School.

Erie M. Layton, '98, is teaching in Bay City, Michigan.

XI.—Carrie Ethelyn was married November 16 to Mr. James A. Metcalf.

Grace Vernon Thomas, '97, is teaching Latin in the Tecumseh, Michigan, High School.

Mildred Moore, '97, is teaching in the Palmyra High School.

The Parthenon.

The delegate from Beta Tau would be glad to add a word in confirmation of the much that has already been said concerning the benefit to be derived from convention. The visit to that convention has quickened fraternity spirit in every phase. The KEY

means so much more now because she actually knows some of the girls whose names she finds therein. The most interesting back number of

THE KEY since convention is the one for July, '97, which, as many of the girls remember, is the one containing all the chapter pictures. It is peculiar, but in many instances, when turning the pages, the eye lights first on a face that became familiar and loved at convention. Over thirty faces stand out among those pictures as truly tangible Kappa sisters—not as mere figments of the intellect. It is a pleasure to scan those faces once and again, often recognizing one that was not plain at first. Kappa Kappa Gamma is a real sisterhood now.

And convention not only deepens Kappa loyalty, but it broadens the feeling which we Greeks call Pan-hellenism. At Lincoln we met not only hosts of Kappas, but also many lovely girls of other fraternities. The spirit which refuses to admit the attractiveness of other fraternity girls, and the excellence of other fraternities, is one which should not appeal to the sympathies of a Kappa Kappa Gamma. Such a spirit is due to the selfishness, the narrowness, and conservatism of human nature, and it is those very qualities which are to blame for all the bigotry in the world's annals. To be a Kappa ought to mean to be a Pan-hellenist and a Barbarian, too. It is for this generous spirit that M. G. B. of Beta Iota pleads in the last KEY. She does not mean neglect of any of the ties which bind us to our chapter; she does not mean closer intimacy with girls not Kappas than with those who are; she does not mean discontent with our own fraternity as compared to others, but she does mean, that frank, large, willingness to meet every girl in college, and to make of her in such ways and as far as possible, a friend.

MARION ELIZABETH WRIGHT, *Beta Tau.*

When the rushing season is over and the new members have been initiated, the chapter often shows an inclination to sit down with folded hands, as though its work for the year had been finished. But the most important work of all is to

Chapter Intimacy. follow, and that which necessitates the most careful handling. For the new material must be taken, and with deft loving fingers woven into the web of the chapter life. It should come about as quickly as possible that the new girls be made an integral part of the whole, and that the chapter should seem to itself and to outsiders well welded together with no roughness in any part.

For where is it that the strength of a chapter lies if it is not in such unity? And it is intimate friendships among the girls that are absolutely essential to this unity. Of course, especially in a large chapter, intimacies cannot exist between all of the girls; but the ideal "at which we should aim" is, that every girl have the unlimited affection and confidence of every other. What greater delight could there be than belonging to such a fraternity, and who would not be anxious to join such a one? To work toward the attainment of such a goal let there be many informal gatherings of the chapter alone,—such meetings as are the very hot-houses of merry intercourse and intimacy,—and let each girl see as much as possible of every other girl in college and out of it. Kappas, of course, must not be snobs, or hold themselves aloof from those outside the chapter, but while keeping up friendly intercourse with the other college girls, may we not keep our best devotion for our fraternity?

Let us as soon as possible, then, fill our new members with the desire for this deep personal friendship and loyalty.

ELEANOR V. V. BENNET, *Pi*.

There came to my notice lately an instance in which a girl was actually harmed by attention from the different fraternities. She was a bright, attractive girl, fond of society but capable of being an excellent student. Two of the fraternities had made an agreement to give no propositions for membership before the ninth week of the term. **The Old Story.**

These young ladies took care that the girl in question should have her time largely occupied by pleasure. She was invited to

spreads, moonlight buckboard rides, bowling parties, dances and all the social functions peculiar to college life, the rival fraternities vying with each other in paying her attention. All these things took her time and mind from college work and she soon came to be regarded as a poor student. The professors who at first gave good accounts of her, began to shake their heads and say "too much fraternity." People who knew that she was not doing good work, said they did not see anything in her to justify the fraternities for the trouble they took on her account. They could not realize that the fault lay largely with those girls who demanded so much of her time, which she was not strong enough to refuse them. At the end of the contract she joined one fraternity and made enemies in the other by so doing. Can we blame her if she wondered whether the whole thing was really worth while—if it were really the best policy to neglect her work for the sake of making friends in one little college circle and enemies in another?

The fact is such wholesale rushing is unjust. It is harmful to the new girls and harmful to the fraternity girls and college work is bound to suffer for it. Some girls have the will-power to refuse invitations and attentions and are all the more admired if they do so, but many girls have not the will-power to refuse and those are the girls whom so much rushing injures. Since the stronger girls are not influenced by it and since it harms the others, something should be done to change the method. Can we not become sufficiently acquainted with a girl in a quiet way to be willing to accept her as a sister?

If this could be done, the new girls would do better work in college and so reflect more honor on the fraternities of which they become members.

M. M., *Delta*.

After an initiation the question arises as to the place the new girls will occupy in the chapter and their relation to the older members. We think it best to have the freshmen with us as much as possible and that they begin fraternity life in the chapter house. Where there are so many together there

Chapter Education. must necessarily be some corners to round off.

Every girl should learn that her ideas are not the only ones worth having, she must realize that there are others to whom consideration is due.

The thought for others should be one of the most valuable lessons carried away from the fraternity. The benefit derived from close association with so many different temperaments is not only confined to the time spent in the university, but will bear its best results outside, when the freshman, then a graduate, steps forth to take her place in the great world of struggle and toil. It is then that she should remember her fraternity life and this thought should come to her like a bright ray of sunshine.

It is the duty of every upper classman to make the life of those within the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma as full, as happy and as helpful as possible.

BETA ETA.

To judge by the table of contents of the last volume of *THE KEY*, Beta Epsilon's activities seem to have been exercised chiefly in the direction of protests or queries. It is a pleasant change, therefore, to turn to the discussion of the ques-

An Answer for Mu. tion, raised by Mu chapter in the October *KEY*, as to the amount of influence the Kappa relatives of any girl should exercise in making her eligible, or desirable, for membership in the fraternity. It seems as though the second alternative proposed by Mu were infinitely preferable. If there is any "vague indefinite thing" about a girl, which, only for the sake of her relatives, we try hard to overlook, it is far better to leave her as one of the outsiders, with whom, indeed, we can be on friendly terms, but with whom we are in no way bound to be in perfect sympathy. Merely from the point of view of the welfare of the fraternity, such a member might never prove actively harmful; but it is not fair to the girl herself to take her into the chapter and then to withhold from her, on account of some vague, yet unconquerable, prejudice, the sympathy and helpfulness that should by right be hers. Assuredly, the one reason for asking a girl to join us should be that we really want her, not that we can, for the sake of her relatives, suppress our indefinable aversion to her.

BETA EPSILON.

I once overheard a woman, who, by the way, knew very little of the subject, speaking upon women's fraternities at large.

She seemed to think that fraternities partake largely of the nature of trades-unions and that, just as eligibility to a printers' union depends principally upon one's being a printer, so eligibility to a certain fraternity depends upon one's uniformity to a certain type of girl, the exact counterparts of whom compose the fraternity. I became more aroused, however, when she descended from generalities to a comparison between Kappa Kappa Gamma and another fraternity. "O they," she said airily, referring to some girls whose pin is not a golden key, "they are the steady, studious girls. The Kappas are frivolous, society girls." The utter absurdity, however, of such a sweeping statement, soon changed my momentary anger to a smile and a vision flashed across my mind of that hot August morning in Lincoln, when our delegates first took their seats in convention. Think of the different girls there represented. They were all bound together by the ties of Kappa sisterhood yet which one was the "Kappa type"? I maintain that there is no "Kappa type" pure and simple. There are, it is true, qualities which we are glad to claim as essential to true Kappahood but they are found as often by us in the girls whose grace and beauty make them conspicuous in the social side of our college life as in the girls who, by their keen minds and diligence in study win honors for our chapters.

ETHEL E. CLELAND, *Mu*.

There is a question which has puzzled this chapter for some time. We are about evenly divided upon the subject.

A girl is pledged and for several years through financial or other difficulties is unable to be initiated. During
A Problem. this time she has been left behind in fraternity spirit by the new initiates.

Now she finds herself able to join the fraternity and makes her desire known to the girls, some of whom have never even seen her.

Here is our difficulty, what is to be done? Will some one offer a helping hand?
E. B., *Omega*.

How many chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, who have chapter houses have found that aside from the advantages which they bring of nearer relationship and closer ties, that there are advantages in the line of business training and experience which may at some future time prove to be very useful.

It requires some executive ability and some power of financial management to see that the affairs of a large house run smoothly and that there is no unnecessary waste of heat and light. And though these responsibilities **The Chapter House.** rest most heavily on those appointed to the various duties, still they cannot help falling upon all to some extent and at some times. Scarcely ever does one leave the fraternity house at the end of the college year without feeling capable of coping with many responsibilities which would before have seemed veritable bugbears.

It seems to me that this incidental advantage is no small one, and in fact is an inducement to have chapter houses when possible, for this sort of training is otherwise entirely left out of the career of the average college girl.

HELEN DUNHAM, *Beta Delta.*

While in Kansas City for the Kansas-Missouri football game I had the pleasure of attending a reception given by one of Omega's alumnae and the thought occurred to me that it would be both

**A Thanksgiving
Banquet.**

pleasant and possible for Theta and Omega to successfully plan and carry out a Thanksgiving banquet, where we could meet and discuss the welfare of the fraternity at large and the two chapters in particular.

The plan was cordially received by the Omega girls with whom I discussed it and I can but hope that the active members will receive the proposition with as much enthusiasm. If this banquet could be made a permanent annual meeting it would afford the two chapters the much desired intercourse and thereby broaden our fraternity knowledge and increase our interest in each other. Many fraternity girls might be present to blend their respective college yells and unite their voices in the one common call, *Ai-Korai Athenes.*

LAURA LONG, *Theta.*

Now that initiations are over, the older girls may feel that the little sisters are entirely able to understand all fraternity and chapter matters without explanation.

We must not forget, however, how ignorant and how loath to ask questions we felt when we entered the fraternity. We waited for explanations but let us give our new girls the benefit of our experience and encourage them to ask about everything pertaining to the fraternity. **Encouragement.**

This is not urged primarily in order that the examinations may be creditable but that there may be an intelligent foundation for the succeeding year's life in the fraternity. The intimate knowledge of fraternity and chapter obligations and interests will not only broaden their sympathies but add to that sense of responsibility which every true Kappa should have, to uplift, even in the smallest, most ordinary details, the standards of Kappa Kappa Gamma and chapter life.

B. A. B., *Phi*.

I wonder if every chapter realizes how necessary it is to continue rushing the new members of our fraternity after they have been initiated. The term rushing does not exactly express my meaning here: but I am afraid after the new members have been initiated, that the old girls feel all has been done that is necessary, and fraternity life goes on in rather a monotonous way. **Rushing Members.** Now this does not seem quite right. The girls have joined our fraternity after we have given them a series of extra good times, and although they do not expect to be on a "grand rush" afterwards, they naturally do expect to have some of this gaiety continue. If it does not, as is often the case, they become a little disappointed, and the fraternity does not quite come up to their expectations. We do not want anyone to be disappointed in the realization of being a Kappa Kappa Gamma, I am sure, so I urge that we keep up a certain amount of rushing throughout the whole year.

BESS MCFARLIN, *Lambda*.

A question that has been suggested to us a number of times and upon which we should like to hear the opinion of other

chapters is, "shall the family relations stand against receiving a desirable girl into Kappa Kappa Gamma?"

Perhaps a word is needed to explain the question. For example, suppose a girl enters college; she is a perfect lady in her manner, stands well in her classes, and is a favorite with both faculty and students. The chapter is very anxious to make her a member, feeling sure she would make a true and loyal sister. Her family while respectable do not move in the best society, and never come in contact with the families of the girls in the chapter. Should the chapter overlook the family's position and invite the girl to join?

The Question of Family.

C. L. D., *Epsilon*.

Pi desires to profit by the experience of her elder sisters in regard to the matter of a pledge day. Rushing at Berkeley has always been exciting, but this year it has been fast and furious in an alarming degree. Although we have been eminently successful, the nervous strain has been almost unendurable, to say nothing of the time we have taken from our college work, and it is with dread that we look forward to another such season.

Pledge Day.

There never has been any kind of a compact at Berkeley, and the other fraternities represented here have been rather opposed to the idea, but we might be able to do something in the matter if we were sure it would be any help. Does a contract of two or three months or half a year really give a chapter the opportunity to become acquainted with new girls without any of this frantic rushing, or is it merely a prolongation of the agony. Will not some of you answer us from the fund of your experience.

E. V. V. B., *Pi*.

In a college where all the women's fraternities are represented, rushing is so very hard and prolonged, that it seems that something should be done to remedy the evil, for an evil it certainly is, when carried too far.

Is not the dignity of a fraternity lowered in such wild scrambles

for a new girl? The question of a six weeks contract has been discussed, but it does not seem practicable, as it would only prolong the agony. Another suggestion has been brought forward, which is to make women's fraternities in this college sophomore, junior, and senior institutions, having no rushing at all, but a pledge-day in the spring, perhaps in May.

The question of those entering college as juniors would of course have to be considered, as that would probably involve some rushing.

In waiting this way it is thought that possibly a fairer chance to know each other better would be given the fraternities and also to the freshmen; for in one or two short weeks it is always hard to make the right decisions.

Evils of
Rushing.

Would it not make a fraternity more dignified in its attitude toward the freshmen, and would they not consider it more of an honor to be asked to join? They would be judged by their behavior and class-work during the whole year, and would they not strive to keep their standards high so that they would be wanted by the fraternities?

Then too it would give them a chance to see and know each fraternity in its regular life, and they could compare them all and make no hasty decisions.

The first year this system would be hard, but if well started, would it not work itself out smoothly?

It has been suggested that in this case, freshmen would be deprived of a great many joys and pleasures, and that they need the fraternity life the first year. But shall we consider them before we do ourselves, or is it doing us as much harm at the same time? Will someone who has had experience with a system of this kind or with contracts, please give her opinion?

ETA.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Five new girls were initiated this year by Phi. They were Ethel Bourne, '01 ; Grace Crane, Alice Querin, Jessie Grieves and Helen Twombly of '02.

And such an initiation ! I hardly think that until this year Phi realized what an illustrious history she has had, and indeed is still having, for three Grand Presidents :—Mrs. Emily Bright Burnham, Mrs. Charlotte Barrel Ware and our present Grand President, Miss Richmond, were able to be with us on that famous day. Its history must surely go down in the Life-Book of Phi for we hardly think that any chapter has been so favored before and we all feel that our new girls have every reason to rejoice.

To add to the pleasures of the day, the new girls were able to meet Miss Gertrude Hale of Chi and Miss Blanche Terrell of Pi who gave an interesting account of the girls in our most western chapter.

The initiation was held at the home of Grace Casey, Newtonville. Between fifty and sixty Phi alumnæ were present at the service.

Early in the fall the chapter was entertained right royally by Mrs. Bridgeman, Helen Bryant '01, who was married early in the summer.

Later in October the alumnæ gave a delightful reception to the chapter at the rooms of the Twentieth Century Club.

It seems as if blessings have been fairly showered on us this season and we only hope that this coming new year may be the brightest and happiest of years for all our sister chapters.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon, like all her sister chapters, has plunged into the midst of the winter's work. Of the girls who left us last year, only two have returned to take post-graduate courses at Barnard, and they do not grace the chapter-room with their presence as

often as might be desired. As a partial compensation for the loss of so many of our own girls, (on whom we regretfully look back, now that they are gone, as pillars of the chapter and Kappas beyond compare) we have with us this year Miss Mitchell of Chi and Miss Morrison of Psi. We also have three new initiates to present to the fraternity;—Miss Bloodgood, Miss Gillespy and Miss Studdeford, all of the class of 1901. We ask for them a cordial welcome, which, we are sure, will be gladly extended.

The attractions of the chapter-room,—which we all know is incomparably the best place for idling away time in a delightful fashion—have been so great that we have not yet roused up to the pleasant duty of entertaining the college; but never, since it was old enough to act, has the chapter failed to give its annual play, and we are now looking forward to appearing before the footlights,—some of us, unfortunately, for the last time,—with a view to our own amusement and the edification of our friends.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi sends greetings to all in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We were very fortunate on our return to college this fall in being able to welcome among us Florence Winger of Sigma and in receiving back in our ranks Julia Cockran, '00, Josephine Simis, '01, and Grace Neal Dolson who has returned from Germany to be with us another year.

The absence this fall of the customary Pan-Hellenic contract among the women's fraternities threatened to give the rushing an unusual and novel incentive. It proceeded, however, about as usual with the exception that girls were pledged somewhat earlier. On October thirteenth, the anniversary of the founding of the fraternity, we held our initiation at the home of Mary Hull. There we initiated seven into the bonds, Hester Jenks, special, Annette Austen, '00, Caroline Edith Boone, '01, Louise Powelson, '02, Gordon Fernow, '02, Bessie Austen, '02 and Lily Dorrance Huestis, '02. Thirty-six Kappa Kappa Gammas sat down to the banquet that follows the initiation services. The presence of Miss Kingsburg of Phi added much to the pleasure of the evening and her toast was a delightful one.

Since our initiation we have been devoting ourselves quietly and naturally to getting better acquainted and to deepening and broadening our friendships in the chapter. On Hallowe'en we were entertained at the home of Allegra Seeley by presentations of scenes in "Alice in Wonderland." Later in the evening a witch was announced as "at home," and fortunes were told which excited much merriment and which if realized will make the fame of Kappa Kappa Gamma world wide.

Another evening realizing that "a little nonsense now and then" is one of the good things of this world and not to be despised, we gave ourselves up to an evening of unalloyed merriment at the home of Professor Fernow. Further details we dare not give for fear of appearing unduly frivolous to any sister chapter. We merely state that if any chapter desires to know how to have an evening of distilled and doubly distilled merriment, Psi can give her the needed information.

We have had many chapter meetings this fall that we will long remember—one at the home of Mrs. Barr where we gathered around a blazing fire and soon forgot in cozy chat the storm outside. Another time we were entertained at the home of Mary Taylor, and called on our "Glee Club" again and again until they had given us their whole repertoire. The "Glee Club" has become such a feature of our chapter meetings that we could hardly do without it. Yet another evening Hester Jenks and Neal Dolson entertained us at the home of Professor Jenks. Twenty-three Kappa Gammas gathered together in the cosy study and after the business of the evening had been disposed of and dainty refreshments served we turned out the lights, and in the light of the blazing wood fire listened while one of the initiates entertained us as initiates should be trained to do.

At present our minds are occupied with thoughts of the holidays, and even through the examinations that hedge us in we see glimpses of Christmas and its attendant joys. We feel that a priceless Christmas gift, all the better for having come early has been given us in the seven loyal girls who clasped hands with us this fall—and we trust all the other chapters have had gifts like unto ours.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau sends greeting from her new chapter home to all the Kappas. We have been living in our new house for two months now and find every day more delightful than the one preceding, as things become more homelike. We have as chaperone a Mrs. Kane from New York City, and there are twelve girls in the house. At any time we would be pleased to welcome any of you to our home.

It is with much pride that we introduce to you eight new and already blue Kappas. By name they are Ella May Rich, Ruth Voorhees, Elizabeth Alexander, Jennie Paulsen, Elizabeth Tanner, Gertrude Gardiner, Mary Peaslee and Elizabeth Brown. Enough cannot be said of them collectively and individually.

A very great pleasure came to Beta Tau in the visit, fleeting though it was, from Miss Blanche Terrill of Pi. It is an inestimable joy to meet such Kappas.

We entertained informally Hallowe'en. The house was made pretty with autumn leaves, pine and jack-o-lanterns. All the usual games of the season were in evidence and several unique innovations were added to the pleasant time that everyone had.

So much joy could not come unmixed with sorrow and Beta Tau has two griefs to chronicle. One is the death of Clara Abbie Rogers, ex-'99. The other, the fact that Maude Andruss, '00, one of our dearest girls, has been obliged to leave college, on account of illness in her home.

Much enthusiasm was caused by Miss Wright's report of convention. Susie Brown was with her and by their united efforts they gave us a very graphic account of it all. The Lincoln girls certainly deserve great commendation for their royal entertainment. It seems more like the affairs one reads about than actual, prosaic fact.

Of course we had a delightful initiation and banquet as well. You can all recall your own initiation and then easily picture ours.

We hope that you all will have had a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year before this shall have reached you.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

To our Kappa sisters, greeting.

Beta Alpha chapter comes back to college glad to be together once more to share the joys and griefs of college life, but sorrowful because our number was so sadly depleted. We are glad to say we have been greatly reinforced already by our three initiates, Mary Harrison Howell, Florence Dysart Sargent and Mary Hibbs Geisler.

Beta Alpha fancies this year is the beginning of a very prosperous future, for more women have entered the freshman class than ever before, and we hear many hopeful rumors about the opening of all undergraduate courses to women. Our western chapters, we suppose, cannot appreciate what this means to us, but it gives us cause to hope and rejoice, and makes the seniors wish they could begin college life all over under the new conditions.

Beta Alpha expects to know her alumnae and associate members better this winter, for she has set aside an evening in each month when they will be especially welcome to the chapter room.

May the winter prove as happy and profitable for the other chapters as it promises to be for Beta Alpha.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

The crisp, cold air with its accompaniment of leafless trees and frozen creeks is apt to make us forget the bright autumnal days of the beginning of the college year when, with faces as cheery and bright as the days themselves, the girls once more assembled in Swarthmore. Since then time has had wings for Beta Iota. Every minute has been filled with work or fun.

The first few days were occupied, as usual, in endeavoring to make the acquaintance of the new girls,—no small task as the freshman class was unusually large. Out of this medley, after much excitement, indecision, rising and falling of hopes we won the two dearest girls of the whole number, Elizabeth Dinsmore and Grace Blakelee.

One day, a week before pledge day, we were charmingly entertained by our alumnae at the home of Edith Kenderdine in Germantown. A large number of the old girls were there and it follows that we had a delightful afternoon. The home of Mrs.

Joseph Pugh in Lansdowne also holds pleasant memories for us because of two delightful evenings spent there.

The football season was full of excitement and enjoyment for us, culminating in the Haverford game, which gave us the delight of seeing so many old friends and alumni.

The two weeks which Miss Lillian Moore of Chi, spent with Mrs. Walter, the Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, who lives about a mile from Swarthmore, afforded us much pleasure and we said good bye, feeling that we were losing a very dear friend.

Shakespeare Evening, Swarthmore's great annual event, is just passed and Beta Iota has cause to be proud of her two representatives in the entertainment given by the class of 1899.

This letter would be incomplete without a reference to the benefits derived by the chapter from the visit of our delegates to convention. And still the half has not been told of our doings, but room must be left for the news of the other chapters from whom we are always anxious to hear.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

What a bond of union fraternity creates among college girls! Indeed, one-half the joy of the opening days of college and the meeting with our classmates again would be wanting if we did not know that then we would see those dear friends to whom we are bound so closely by Kappa's ties. Then, too, how eagerly we look forward to THE KEY letters to learn just what our sister chapters in other colleges are doing.

The fall term of college is for our chapter, as for others, I suppose, the most exciting time in our fraternity life, for it is during that term especially that we invite girls to become members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Gamma Rho is very much opposed to intense rushing, and this year she did very little of what is usually meant by that term, but we have gained some whom we know will be true and loyal Kappas, and we feel as though our new members had joined us more for our own sake than on account of any rushing we did.

This year, as last, we made a compact with Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Alpha Theta not to ask any new student to join us until the sixth week of the term, so our initiation took place

only about a week ago. We were all glad to have our pledglings made freshmen this fall so that we could admit them to all our privileges. We have now no pledglings. Besides these, we have gained for our sisterhood several others whom we feel sure will "worthily wear the key;" among them the wife of our favorite professor, the vice-president of Allegheny. She is taking a special course in college this year. Surely fraternity love is true love when it can be extended to so many new friends each year and still never be diminished.

We are beginning this term some very interesting and instructive chapter meetings. Every other meeting is to be devoted to the business of the chapter and the study of general fraternity history and life, while in the meetings between these, we will pursue some regular literary work, which we know will be enjoyable as well as helpful to us.

Our hope and wish for the future is that we and all the chapters who are striving with us to realize the true fraternity ideal may have success.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda hopes that her sister chapters have been as successful as she during this new college year; for, with the opening of college in September, came many new girls. They were duly discussed by us, and the result was the initiation into our mystic sisterhood of four charming girls whom we are proud to introduce to you:—Ada Starkweather, Bessie Trowbridge, Sophie Sawyer and Inez Parshall. Inez Parshall is a daughter of one of our charter members, so we feel doubly interested in her, she being our first inheritance.

In order that we might become better acquainted with the new girls, several parties were given before pledge day came with all its excitement.

Rhea Hugill entertained us early in the year with a party such as only she can give. Our skill as poets was tested and we were surprised to find so much latent talent in our fraternity sisters. Bess McFarlin then entertained us in a delightful way.

On Hallowe'en supper was served to us and our guests by one

of the local caterers. Bertha Huston filled the position of toast-mistress and many bright and witty toasts were responded to by those present.

Our college opened this year with the brightest of prospects and all the hopes of its friends are being realized.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has added another to her four instructors in the college. Edith Mallison, '98, fills the position of assistant instructor in chemistry.

Our girls have, for some time, been those living in Akron, but we now have five in the dormitory where it is pleasant for the town girls to pass away the hours when they have no studying to do.

Of the social life of the college there has been little except the regular number of parties. One thing which deserves mention is a reception given by the students to all the soldiers of the 8th Ohio Regiment who had been students at Buchtel.

To make our new girls familiar with fraternity matters, we have begun a course of study which we hope will be beneficial to us all.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma's autumn has been a most happy one this year. We entered college with fourteen initiates and three pledglings and have now added four to this number.

With our newly arranged chapter hall which could not be more homelike and our fraternity enthusiasm that never was greater, we are enjoying every minute. Our new members are: Edith Maxwell, Emma Laverne Bishop, Genevieve Billman and Clementine Axtell, all of 1902.

Early in October the chapter entertained in honor of the initiates at the home of Miss Firestone. On this occasion the girls arrayed themselves in costumes representing Mother Goose characters and familiar books. Much ingenuity was displayed and many pretty costumes were the result.

Together with our joys have come sorrows for us to share. Gertrude Morrison has been struggling with typhoid fever for over a month, but is slowly regaining her health. Early in October Mary Moore, '01, had the misfortune to fall from her

bicycle and injure her knee so seriously as to compel her to leave college for the remainder of the term. We are happy to say that she is now rapidly recovering and we hope to have her with us again in January.

During the Thanksgiving holidays, three of Beta Gammas old girls returned: Alice Smith, Lucy Ross and Bess Sanderson. On Friday evening the girls entertained informally in their honor, at the home of Emeline MacSweeney.

With the return and interesting reports of our convention delegate we feel nearer to the other chapters and wish more than ever that a number of us could have enjoyed Sigma's hospitality.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is again my pleasant duty to write our letter to THE KEY and to tell our Kappa sisters what a delightful year we are having.

The rushing season is over and we have but one new pledgling to report, Caroline Hardy, but that one is most satisfactory.

All of the old girls are back with us this year, our one senior of last year having returned to take post graduate work.

During Thanksgiving week, Phi Delta Theta held their national convention with the Ohio Zeta Chapter of the Ohio State University. The formal reception and dance at "The Chittenden" on Monday night was a thoroughly enjoyable function and not less so seemed the reception given to the visitors on Thanksgiving night by Beta Nu of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The reception was held at the home of the Misses Raymond and the house was beautifully decorated with the Kappa and Phi Delta Theta colors.

We feel that we know the other Kappas much better now since we learned much from the delegates concerning the chapters at their respective colleges. We assure you that we heard nothing but the highest praise. But beside our pleasant social times, our college work is progressing with its usual routine of recitations, lectures and "mid terms" and it will soon be time for the Christmas holidays. Though this letter will not reach you until they are past, Beta Nu wishes her sisters a most pleasant vacation.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Three months has passed since our last letter; months full of work and pleasure for Beta Delta.

As the result of our fall rushing, we have two freshmen of whom we are very proud, Estelle McKay and Kittie Avery. To introduce our freshmen to our friends, we gave a dancing party not long ago and had a most delightful evening.

We expect to have our initiation soon and at the same time to welcome formally our new patroness, Mrs. Palmer. She is the wife of a former dean of the Medical Department, and has just returned from several years sojourn in Europe. She and Mrs. Carron keep open house to us on Friday afternoons. We are most grateful to all of our ladies for their many kindnesses this year.

We girls have very much enjoyed meeting a Kappa from Beta Gamma, Miss Elizabeth Johnson, who is visiting her sister, a Theta from Wooster, and a senior of the Medical Department of the University here.

Beta Delta sends New Year's greetings to all her sister chapters.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Another year has opened for Kappa girls and all have gone to work under the most favorable circumstances. There were seven of us who started in college this year, full of enthusiasm for our beloved fraternity. Now we have four new sisters to introduce to you:—Clinta Yungling, Jessie Byers, Ethel Moorhead and Emma Harcock, who show promise of being very dear sisters.

Our initiation was an event long to be remembered, so the initiates say. The hall was very prettily decorated with the two blues, and after the impressive ceremony was over a dainty spread was served.

We can not tell you how very glad we are to have our two sisters, Frances and Helen Fickes, with us again. We feel sure Beta Eta feels deprived when she thinks of them, but we are overjoyed to have them.

Jennie Gilkey entertained the Kappas at her home, November 1, and we spent a delightful evening.

Xi has enjoyed many social pleasures this fall, and now as it is nearly time for us to part for the Christmas holidays we look back upon the past term and say with one accord that it has been a happy year.

One of our girls, Carrie Wilson, was married November 16 to

Mr. James Metcalf, and they are now settled in this city. Her presence adds another member to the alumnae association, which holds regular meetings and in many ways has become an incentive to us to become as loyal members of the fraternity as its members have shown themselves to be.

Xi sends a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all Kappas.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

How much more it seems like writing a real letter since convention!

The October KEY was searched, and not in vain, for mention of those girls who were at Lincoln, and every familiar name made it seem like meeting a friend, and there came thronging along with the name the remembrances of where that girl sat during the business session; where she roomed at The Lincoln; what she did and how she did it, and thus each convention Kappa is brought to mind by some particular incident.

But since those days there have been many new Kappas added to our number, and with them are four from Kappa. Three of these—Libbie Cilley, Myra Walworth and Bertha Wilder—were pledglings last year, but the other, Fannie Woodward, came to us without ever having worn the double blue.

Our initiation was especially pretty this time, and we were more favored than usual by having Clara St. John and Florette Bonney, two of the old girls, to suggest and do things for us.

This was some weeks ago, though, and now we are all settled for the winter and we are trying a new plan for our chapter meetings, which seems very satisfactory so far. Perhaps no one but Kappa needs this method, but if anyone should lack it, it is this: a certain part of the meeting each Saturday evening is given up to a systematic study of constitution, ritual, directory, or whatever may pertain to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The most important social event this fall was at the time when Will Carlton, "The Michigan Poet," came back to his alma mater to open the lecture course for us. Students and citizens vied with each other in giving him a hearty welcome, and for some days college enthusiasm ran high.

In the early part of the term, Alpha Tau Omega entertained

Kappa and Pi Beta Phi at its chapter house and the evening was a success in every way.

Invitations are out for the annual Delta Tau Delta 'Thanksgiving dinner, which is to be in Hillsdale this year. Several of our girls are among the favored ones.

Our new pledglings, Blanche Stafford, Bertha Travis and Mabel Stewart, join with us in wishing each and every Kappa a Happy New Year.

DELTA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Delta hailed the arrival of Thanksgiving with unusual joy for it marked the end of our contract with Theta and with Pi Phi. We are once more permitted to pursue the even tenor of our way, and we can say to the muchly rushed new girls, "Requiescat in pace."

The girls, both new and old, may now turn their undivided time and attention to the sometimes neglected studies.

We have added six new girls to our chapter roll. They are: Beryl Showers of Bloomington, Edna Bartlett of Edwardsport, Lillie Gillette of Rockport, Harrye Branham of Evansville, Agnes Duncan of Princeton and Mabel Ryan of Terre Haute.

We have not done very much in a social way outside of the little spreads and parties attendant on much rushing, but early in the term we gave a morning reception to the fraternity men.

On November 2, Delta entertained the four living charter members of the chapter. All the alumnæ members of the city, numbering over forty, and about twenty new girls were invited. It was a most pleasant little affair.

We entertained the new girls on Hallowe'en with a ghost party. Our chapter house was prettily decorated with autumn leaves and was lighted by jack-o-lanterns. After the guests had all arrived, the ghosts seated themselves on the floor and we listened to all sorts of weird stories.

Next term we shall gladly welcome the return of two of our old girls, Gertrude Munhall and Lila Keyes. It is very possible that we shall also claim one of Mu's girls, Ethel Blount.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

The members of Iota unite in sending their heartiest greetings to each chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma and trust that this year will mark even greater prosperity than the one just passed.

Mary Mitchell, Myrtle Madden, Bertha Reed, Myrtle Switzer, Harriet McCoy, all of whom graduated last June, and Netta Armstrong are not with us this year and Iota does not seem quite the same without them. But to compensate for the loss of these, Ethel Campbell, who was not in school last year is with us again, and we have seven new sisters, Edythe Gipe, Lillian Hart, Ethel Cress, Blanche Woody, Marie Van Riper, Florence and Lottie Stoner.

We have had quite a number of social functions this term especially during the rushing season; among them chafing-dish parties, an early morning drive with breakfast at a country inn, teas, parlor-dramas and a hay-ride, followed by a supper at the country home of one of our Kappa alumnae, Mrs. Torr. Besides these we have observed our regular monthly "at home" days when many of our friends call to chat over the tea cups.

We are very happy this year in being at the house which was the Kappa home several years ago. Seven of the girls are living here, among them two of this year's initiates. All our fraternity meetings are held at the chapter house and, this year, are of unusual interest and benefit.

Iota looks forward to a pleasant year, and sends best wishes to all Kappas.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Our college opened October third and that afternoon after a picnic luncheon on the campus, we held our chapter reunion. Although we were not widely separated during the summer months, we all felt it was good to be back again and we took up our plans for the year with energy and enthusiasm. Our plans resulted favorably in one direction, for we have three new girls to present, Verna Richey, Hannan Rodney, and Juliet Brown. We are rejoicing for another cause, also. Since last winter we have been cherishing hopes that the college authorities would allow the two girls' fraternities in college, ours and Pi Beta Phi, to occupy two vacant rooms in the main college building and we think that our hopes are soon to be realized. By the next issue of *The Key*, we may at last be the proud possessors of a chapter hall.

On the fraternity anniversary, October thirteenth, we had a spread. Our initiation was held October twenty-second, and since then we have had several informal open meetings.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Eta sends cordial greetings for the new year to the sister chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The true fraternity life with its characteristic pleasures and enjoyments has begun with us in earnest, now that the rushing is over. The freshmen are just beginning to appreciate what fraternity life really means.

We have initiated four new girls: Teresa Waters, Winifred Titus, Helen Thompson and Mary Peckham and we have two more pledglings, Ethel Raymer and Olive Runner, who still await the day when they, too, shall be able to wear the golden key.

Eta is very fortunate in her alumnae. There is an alumnae chapter here and we could not ask for better times than these alumnae give us. Besides opening their homes to us every Friday from four to six, they give us the best sort of spreads and entertainments. It is in this way that we learn to know them and now we feel just as near to them and as much in touch with them as we do with our active girls.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon is proud when she introduces to her sister chapters her three new girls; Grace Shuman, Edna Bronson and Ruth Woolson. They have entered so heartily into chapter life, and have become such potent factors in our work and fun that we can say much for their worthiness as supporters of the dark and light blue. We are very glad to welcome still another new girl as one of our number, Miss Barton, formerly of Xi, who is now pursuing a course in oratory at Northwestern.

Upsilon has long since begun her college and fraternity work and even now the regular performance of duties shows decided symptoms of settling into the steady mid-term jog. However, thus far, a sufficient number of hours have been snatched from work at sufficiently short intervals to prevent Jack from becoming dull.

We have had the regulation rushing spreads and teas this term, but only a short time ago did we begin to have our usual feasts at which Kappa appetites alone were gratified.

We recently enjoyed visits from Louise Taylor, Winnifred Gray and Lila Keyes. We regret that this composes our list of visitors from among our absent girls.

Upsilon closes with best wishes to her sister chapters.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It does not seem possible that it is time for another news-letter to *THE KEY* and that with this letter the corresponding secretary of Epsilon makes her adieu.

While we have been working hard with our studies we have nevertheless enjoyed many social times this term.

We gave a delightful "at home" in our hall, on October 3, to all the young lady students in the literary department. We were very glad to meet the new girls and we also tried to have them become better acquainted with one another.

On October 14 we invited a few girls to a spread at the home of Alma Hamilton. Everything was very informal and the girls seemed to enjoy the evening. We think these little informal entertainments the best way to become acquainted with the new girls.

The Wesleyan is justly proud of her football team. It is the best she has had for a number of years, and this is due to the careful training of the coach, Mr. Enoch, who played on the University of Illinois eleven last year.

On November 13 the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity gave a charming reception to their friends in their beautiful chapter rooms. A most enjoyable evening was spent and the Fijis proved themselves excellent hosts.

On November 19 Epsilon's cup of happiness was overflowing, for on that date we initiated three of the best girls in college, at the home of Clara DeMotte. We are very proud of our sisters and we want to introduce them to our other sisters through *THE KEY*; Anita Lundy, Mary Probasco and Lillian Arnold.

Our beautiful initiation service was witnessed by many of our older sisters and pronounced very impressive.

The next great event in the history of our chapter was our banquet November 26, at the home of Mrs. Nellie Harpole Marquis. This was to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of Epsilon chapter. There were over forty members present. After a most

elaborate menu served by a well known caterer, Idelle Kerrick acted as toastmistress and the following toasts were given: "Kappas of Long Ago," Mrs. Emily Beath Welch; "Old Maid Kappas," Miss Marjorie Robinson; "Married Kappas," Mrs. Margaret Langstaff Van Leer; "Kappas Up-to-date," Miss Bessye Welty. Between each toast one of our fraternity songs was sung and as the last echo of our call died away, we realized that our banquet was over and had gone down in our history as a glorious thing of the past.

The first appearance of the Wesleyan Mandolin Club was heralded with great enthusiasm and the large audience which was present at the first concert given was a great encouragement and compliment, and rewarded the boys for their hard work to make it a success.

We are expecting to hear our glee club before this term closes. We have some excellent talent along this line and hope it will find a place in the front rank,

Epsilon wishes all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May all the blessings and successes that each Kappa has attained during the year past be doubled in the coming year!

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The first term of our college year is rapidly drawing to a close. A third of the year gone, and where are we? Still working onward in Kappa life, still broadening outward in Kappa love. And what have we gained? Five Freshmen, and with them just so much new enthusiasm and strength for the future. They came to us in the autumn while the new loyalty given us in thinking of the Kappa convention still lingered, and we received them with joy because we knew they belonged among true Kappas. How gladly I give you their names, wishing that in doing so I might make you see in them all that they are, and all that we hope for them, and from them in the future when greater responsibilities shall rest upon their shoulders. We initiated into our chapter on October the first, Helen Mills of Mankato, Minn., Alice Dugan of Denver, Col., Leona Pelton, Grace Wheaton and Florence Fowle of Minneapolis. It is so rarely that Chi is given

the privilege of numbering with it out-of-town girls that we find a special delight in the novelty, and a growing satisfaction in seeing day by day how like they are to us after all.

On the thirteenth of October we met our alumnae, and clasped hands with these older sisters whose interest in us never flags.

Before this reaches you, Christmas time will have come and gone, and Chi sends with this message the best and sincerest wishes to you all for the merriest Christmas, and the happiest New Year that has yet been yours.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta's kindergarten of last year is no more! Their tyrannical reign as babies in the family has been broken up by civil strife, and their power has been fatally crushed. Strange to say, the usurpers act as if entirely innocent, and the magnanimous two year olds like the new babies and make no fuss when they are near. The imposters are: Bertha Prescott, Ethel Chesterman, Edna Sprague, Helen Morton, Jean McBride and Sadie Hess. But their rule is also destined to be short, for there is evidence of another change, when Anna Close comes among us to reign supreme as the newest baby of all. Yes, the old babies have responsibilities now, in training their little sisters in the right way, and showing them how to wear the key worthily.

Beta Zeta's family has been partially sundered, too, through the disappearance of three of her older sisters. Annabel Collins has become Mrs. William T. Coe, while the Rev. Hermann Williams has carried Beulah MacFarland across the water to Manila. Rita Stewart, too, has changed her name to Mrs. Edwin B. Wilson, but we rejoice in having her still in Iowa City, to add one more to our many resident alumnae.

Notwithstanding her many extraordinary experiences, Beta Zeta is just the same gay and busy chapter that she has been in the past, and, with her dear little chapter room in a house with seven Kappas, she hopes to have just as many good times as ever.

Ruthana Paxson, '98, lately visited us from Chicago. She brought several good suggestions gained by her visits to Upsilon. From Beulah MacFarland, '97, comes a picture of the chapter house at Berkeley, and a word about Pi's lovely girls.

The Iowa Kappas send best wishes to the initiates everywhere and renewed greetings to all the older girls.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is again our pleasure to send greetings to our Kappa sisters. The last three months have been a busy, pleasant and profitable time for Theta as we hope it has been for all our sister chapters. We have added to our ranks four new sisters, Laura Dashiell, Grace McCarthy, Mary Lee Reed and Stransie McCoslin and have two more pledged. We have had several pleasant little gatherings among ourselves, which have served to strengthen the bond between us.

Though we are as loyal to each other as can be, there is but one thing which can separate us and that is the election of an intercollegiate committeeman. This is the most exciting time of the year with us, when the college politician is in his glory, when we hardly dare to call our souls our own, to say nothing of our vote.

There is a rumor we are to have a rival fraternity here, but as the young ladies have not yet announced themselves, we do not know how much to believe. If it is true we shall gladly welcome them.

A happy Christmas to all is the wish of Theta.

SIGMA—NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY.

As the immediate result of convention, chapter enthusiasm runs high in Sigma. Every girl feels that the meeting with Kappas from other chapters has given her a new and a broader conception of what fraternity means, and each is striving to realize in her own life more nearly the high ideals of the fraternity. Even the more prosaic things of fraternity life—the chapter roll, the standing rules and the archives—have become fairly glorified as the result of contact with the fraternity as a whole.

The chapter number was decreased by five when the university opened. Cora Cropsey and May Colson, graduates of last year, are not with us. It is a new thing for Sigma to really have her seniors taken from her, as so many of our alumnae are Lincoln girls and have maintained the closest relations to the chapter after graduation. Frances Gere, who also graduated, is studying at the Conservatory, so the chapter can still claim one of its seniors of last year. Daisy Houck has given up her work in the

Conservatory and is at her home in Grand Island, while Ethel Collins, of Wahoo, is spending the winter in Colorado, not being able to return to the university on account of ill health.

This year will long be remembered as the "rushing year." Such violent rushing has never been seen in the University of Nebraska. Let us hope that the highest point has been passed and future years will see more of dignity and common sense displayed in fraternity affairs.

Those who attended convention will no doubt remember Blanche Hargreaves and Margaret Whedon, and will be pleased to know that both were pledged to Sigma soon after the beginning of the school year. We also pledged Mabel Hayes, of Beatrice, who had long been known to Lincoln Kappas, having been in the high school when two of Sigma's members, Martha Burks and Anna Broady taught there.

It is the custom of the chapter to celebrate the fraternity's anniversary by the fall initiation. This year circumstances prevented the observance of the exact date, but on the 11th of October, at the home of Eleanor Raymond, we initiated our three pledged girls. At the banquet which followed the ceremony May C. Whiting, speaking in behalf of the chapter, formally thanked Laura Houtz, our Marshall of Convention, and the table fairly rang with the yell which brought back so vividly the farewell banquet:—

" Laura Houtz, Convention Marshall,
She's the girl to whom we're partial."

Sigma's prosperity is but a small part of the general prosperity of our university. The wing of the new building of Mechanic Arts was dedicated in October. We do not say much but we have great hopes of our coming legislature. Our fondest dream is for a new chapel, or rather a great assembly hall where commencement exercises and all university gatherings may be held. This seems doubly desirable since the alumni of the university are negotiating for the purchase of the large organ that created so much comment at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, to be given to the university. Our present chapel is utterly inadequate for such a magnificent instrument.

To Kappas one and all Sigma sends greeting.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Omega has been so busy with examinations during the past week that she finds it hard to look back to the gay times of rushing season.

We were again very successful, pledging seven girls: Edyth Parker, Esther Wilson, Jennie Harmon, Bertha Miller, Eleanor Perkins, Edith Perkins and Lulu Cross. Since rushing is over we have settled down to very quiet work. The only breaks have been an initiation and a tally-ho party.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Pi is very happy in introducing to you her four new members who became loyal Kappas on the thirteenth of October: Marion Wilson of Berkeley, Helen Powell of Oakland, and Elise Wenzelberger and Emma Moffat of San Francisco.

Since the rushing season we have done little in the way of entertaining save giving a large reception in honor of our freshmen. By serving refreshments upstairs, and thus leaving the rooms on the first floor clear, we were able to receive more easily our four or five hundred guests. We used bamboo and magnolia branches in decorating and the result was very pretty and effective.

We enjoy our house immensely and this term have had frequent jolly gatherings there, in place of our more formal "at homes" of last term.

We are fortunate in having nearly all our '98 girls living near us. One of these, Ruth Rising, has been appointed honorary assistant in the Chemistry Department of our university.

Our chapter has not been forgotten in the distribution of college honors, for Cornelia McKinne is president of the Senior Class, Arlie Humphreys is on the staff of the *Blue and Gold*, our college annual, and Mary Bell is still an editor of the University of California *Magazine*.

At present we are all rejoicing over our football victory on Thanksgiving Day, for at last we have beaten Stanford, and that, too, with the glorious score of 22-0.

Mrs. Williams of Beta Zeta dined with us one evening last month. She and Captain Williams were staying in San Francisco while waiting for the transport to take them to Manila.

Miss Kimball, one of Beta Eta's freshmen, paid us a visit last week.

Our university has lately been honored by the establishment here of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

To the baby sisters of the other chapters, Pi sends a most cordial welcome, and to each one the wish that her college course may be one of pleasure to herself and honor to her fraternity.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Hearty greeting to the sisterhood, and Beta Eta's testimony to a successful year.

Ten busy, joyous weeks have brought within the bonds seven charming girls, and it is with genuine pride and pleasure that we introduce to you May Kimble, Helen Downing, Jessica Knepper, Ethel McLellan, Eva Wheeler and Katherine Gridley, all of southern California, and Margaretta Boas, Wellesley, '99, of Colorado.

Along with our wishes for a Happy New Year, go congratulations to the old and welcome to the new sisters.

In Memoriam.

MARGARET BRONSON DODGE, OF PHI CHAPTER,
Died December 20, 1898, in Boston, Massachusetts.

BERTHA BRIGGS ALLEN.

On November 16, 1898, Bertha Briggs Allen passed away at her home in Mansfield, Massachusetts. During her short illness of seven weeks she exhibited the same cheerful and happy nature that won for her so many friends while in health.

Mrs. Allen graduated from Boston University in June, 1891, with the degree of A.B. While a freshman she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and her nearest friends were her sisters in Phi.

After her college days, Mrs. Allen taught in the Mansfield High School four years, during two of which she was principal. August 5, 1895, she married Dr. William Howard Allen, of Mansfield. The next ten months were spent by them in Europe studying and traveling.

Mrs. Allen joined Trinity Church, Boston, during Philip Brooks' pastorate.

ANNA RICHARDS JOYCE.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has deemed it best to call unto himself, our beloved sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Anna Richards Joyce, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved husband and family, be it

Resolved, That in her death the fraternity has lost an earnest loyal member, and be it,

Resolved, That to the sorrowing family we extend our heart-felt sympathy for their great loss, and be it

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to The KEY and to the College papers.

MABEL POTTER,
JOSEPHINE MILLER,
CARRIE ALLEN,
Beta Tau.

CLARA A. ROGERS.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it good to call unto himself our loved sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Clara A. Rogers, and,

WHEREAS, We desire to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends, be it

Resolved, That in her death the fraternity has lost an earnest and enthusiastic member, and one who in word and life represented the highest idea of Kappa womanhood.

Resolved, That to the sorrowing family, in their great affliction, we extend our love and sympathy.

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

GRACE FRANC WRIGHT,
EMMA VICTORINE SMITH,
HARRIET M. DOANE.

JOSEPHINE HALL-McCLURE.

WHEREAS, With sorrowing hearts we, the girls of Epsilon chapter, have learned of the sudden death of our beloved sister, Josephine Hall-McClure, which occurred at her home in Beaumont, Texas, Nov. 6, 1898, therefore

Resolved, That in her death Epsilon has lost a most faithful and loving member, whose beautiful Christian character has shed its influence over all who knew her.

Resolved, That we extend to her bereaved family, loving sympathy as sharers with them in their great loss, and commend them to the loving Father who alone can bring light out of darkness, joy out of sorrow.

Resolved, That these resolutions be entered upon the records of Epsilon chapter and that a copy be sent to her bereft husband and to the fraternity magazine, THE KEY.

CLARA LOUISE DEMOTTE
JOSEPHINE LOUELLA VANLEER
FLORENCE B. PARRITT.

MARCELLA REGAN HEIMEL, OF CHI CHAPTER.

Died, Sunday, October 8, at her home in Knoxville, Tennessee.

College and Fraternity Notes.

According to Mr. Baird, in order of membership, the fraternities rank as follows: 1, Delta Kappa Epsilon, 12,948; 2, Beta Theta Pi, 10,557; 3, Phi Delta Theta, 9,609; 4, Psi Upsilon, 8,585; 5, Alpha Delta Phi, 7,933; 6, Phi Kappa Psi, 7,435; 7, Phi Gamma Delta, 6,330; 8, Delta Upsilon, 6,275; 9, Sigma Chi, 6,051; 10, Delta Tau Delta, 5,670; 11, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 5,668; 12, Zeta Psi, 4,827; 13, Alpha Tau Omega, 4,261; 14, Chi Phi, 4,048; 15, Kappa Alpha (southern), 3,855; 16, Chi Psi, 3,718; 17, Kappa Sigma, 3,466; 18, Theta Delta Chi, 3,411; 19, Delta Psi, 2,989; 20, Delta Phi, 2,914; 21, Sigma Nu, 2,864; 22, Sigma Phi, 2,190; 23, Phi Kappa Sigma, 2,153; 24, Kappa Alpha (northern), 1,385; 25, Pi Kappa Alpha, 1,061. No others among the men's general fraternities have more than a thousand members. Among the women's fraternities the order is the following: 1, Pi Beta Phi, 3,119; 2, Kappa Kappa Gamma, 2,937; 3, Kappa Alpha Theta, 2,339; 4, Delta Gamma, 1,205; 5, Alpha Phi, 832; 6, Delta Delta Delta, 643; 7, Gamma Phi Beta, 633. Among the professional fraternities only Phi Delta Phi (law) with 3,771 members and Delta Sigma Delta (dental) with 1,055 have yet reached the 1,000 mark. In round numbers the total membership of all the fraternities in the United States is 160,000.

The Delta Kappa Epsilon Convention at Detroit, November 19th, granted charters to Toronto University, Canada, and Tulane University, New Orleans. Toronto supports chapters of Zeta Psi, Kappa Alpha, and Alpha Delta Phi. Phi Kappa Sigma and Kappa Alpha Theta have had chapters there. Tulane has chapters of Kappa Alpha, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Pi Beta Phi. The enrollment of students is near one thousand, one third of whom are medical students and one-fourth women.

The following quotation from *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi will be of interest to the reader of THE KEY.

"Three cheers and several tigers went up for the Nebraska Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma the other evening. It all came

involuntarily when the brothers discovered a beautifully carved maple settee with Phi Kappa Psi monograph upon the back. It was sent by the young ladies to ever remind Nebraska Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi of the many courtesies shown during the Fourteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and of the most sincere appreciation of Sigma Chapter, as they put it."

The three prizes in *The Century Magazine's* competition for the best story, poem and essay, open to students who received the degree of B.A. in 1897, have been won by young women, although more men than women entered the competition. Two of the prize-winners are Vassar graduates, and one is from Smith.

The report of the competition will appear in the November *Century*, with the prize story, "A Question of Happiness," by Miss Grace M. Gallaher, of Essex, Ct., who graduated at Vassar, B.A., 1897.

With the aim of encouraging literary activity among college graduates, *The Century* will continue to give annually three prizes of \$250 each, open to the competition of persons who receive the degree of Bachelor of Arts in any college or university in the United States, the work to be done within one year of graduation.

At the request of the faculty, the students of the University of Indianapolis, have agreed not to rush, spike or initiate, any student below the freshman year.

A department of domestic science has been established at the University of Nebraska and has sprung into favor at once.

It is reported that the eighth chapter of Gamma Phi Beta is established at the University of Denver.

Phi Delta Theta celebrated its semi-centennial in convention at Columbus, Ohio, November 21st to 25th. Despatches announce the election of the following officers: President, J. Clark Moore; Secretary, Frank D. Swope; Editor of *The Scroll*, Hugh H. Miller, of Indianapolis; Historian, Dr. McCluny Radcliffe, of Philadelphia; Trustees, R. H. Switzler, of Kansas City; Emmett Tompkins and Dr. J. A. Brown, of Columbus, and A. A. Stearns, of Cleveland. The newspapers report that Mary French Field, daughter of the late Eugene Field, after reading selections from her father's writing, was elected as "the daughter of the organization." This honor she accepted by saying "I hope to be a good daughter to the Fraternity and a good sister to you all."

There are now about forty women students at Yale, and it is said that among the whole twenty-five hundred students enrolled at the University more earnest workers and those showing better scholarship could not be found. It is only six years since Yale opened her doors to women.

At the recent semi-centennial convention of Phi Gamma Delta, a charter was granted to the University of Nebraska. The "Grand Chapter" system of government was abolished and the executive committee system substituted. General Lew Wallace was elected president of the organization. The next convention will be held in Baltimore.

The suspended fraternity journals are the X. Φ. *Chackett*, X. Φ. *Quarterly*, Ψ. Υ. *Diamond*, Ψ. Υ. *Review*, Z. Ψ. *Monthly*, Z. Ψ. *Quarterly*, X. Ψ. *Purple and Gold*, and A. Δ. Φ. *Star and Crescent*. Neither of the small eastern fraternities, K. A., Δ. Φ., Σ. Φ. and Δ. Ψ. has ever attempted to issue a journal.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

GENERAL FRATERNITIES—WOMEN.

New England.—Δ. Δ. Δ., 3; K. A. Θ., 2; Π. B. Φ., 2; A. Φ., 1; Γ. Φ. B., 1; K. K. Γ., 1.

Middle States.—K. K. Γ., 7; K. A. Θ., 6; A. Φ., 3; Δ. Δ. Δ., 2; Γ. Φ. B., 2; Δ. Γ., 2; Π. B. Φ., 1.

The South.—Π. B. Φ., 1.

Central West.—K. K. Γ., 12; Π. B. Φ., 12; K. A. Θ., 10; Δ. Δ. Δ., 7; Δ. Γ., 6; A. Φ., 4; Γ. Φ. B., 3.

Remainder of the Union.—K. K. Γ., 7; Π. B. Φ., 7; K. A. Θ., 5; Δ. Γ., 5; Δ. Δ. Δ., 4; Γ. Φ. B., 2; A. Φ., 1.—*The Scroll*.

Editorial.

Whether there should be a pledge day is the question asked, a question about which there are many fraternity women of many minds. The question is one of large compass, covering as it does, the varying conditions in different colleges and the varying characteristics of different chapters. Yet, taking it as a whole, if it is to be a question of theory, the answer is yes; if of practice, no.

The theory that infallibility would be conferred upon the chapter by the institution of pledge day, originated in the idea that if more time were given to discuss new members, all mistakes would be avoided. It was argued, too, that new members would be acquired in a natural way and that the rivalry and the resulting ill-feeling, which existed whenever three or four womens' fraternities were represented at the same college, would be entirely done away. To this end a day was agreed upon as pledge day, the date varying in different years from ten days to two months after the beginning of the term.

Has this pledge day scheme succeeded in fulfilling its mission? Decidedly not. The chapters have not proved themselves more successful than before in the choosing of valuable members, because the prominent place into which the longer period of rushing has brought the new girl, has placed her in a position so false that it is impossible to know her as she really is. Mistakes are quite as likely to occur now as they ever were.

Neither has the rivalry between the chapters been diminished. On the contrary, in the long period of rushing the feeling that there is much more at stake has made the rivalry more intense and where ill-feeling is engendered—as it some times must be—it takes a longer time for it to die out.

Under the old régime an effort was made to look up the girl before she came to college, to find out about her family and surroundings and along what lines she was most likely to develop. Then the chapter took a short time to become acquainted with her and to assure themselves of her congeniality. If that seemed certain an attempt was made to pledge her at once; if not, she was spared the mortification of having been publicly weighed in the balance and found wanting. If some members felt doubtful about

liking her, it was quite easy to consider the matter for a period as long as is now covered by the pledge day arrangement. In any event, the freshman was not rushed and fêted until she lost her sense of perspective and felt that she was conferring an honor upon the fraternity by allowing her name to be added to its lists.

But we have changed all that. By the present method, studies are neglected and duties are shirked for weeks in order to give upper classmen time to coax freshmen. Pleasant chapter meetings are not to be thought of during the fall term; that evening must be given to the personal discussion of candidates, to the planning of the campaign, and to the details of the siege. There is no time for friendship between the members of a chapter, for there is the desirable freshman to be surrounded and adored, in season and out of season. If the chapter has members connected with the faculty, they, too, are pressed into the service and requested to salaam at the candidate's threshold. After a few weeks this unnatural state of things becomes unendurable, and after two seasons of it, it becomes a thing to be anticipated with dread.

Much of it comes from the fact that at present the pledge day is made an "institution"; so to say, the neighbors are called in. When anything becomes so much of a "movement" as this has become among women's fraternities, besides breaking up all happiness and serenity in the chapter during the fall term, it succeeds in attracting so much attention to the proceedings of the fraternities that the freshman who is not asked has her college life embittered by feeling that she is conspicuously unattractive; while the freshman who is asked, is almost spoiled for membership by becoming too conscious of her own merits.

If pledge day is so vital, it is difficult to understand how it is that the best mens' fraternities, who have never troubled themselves about pledge days, still succeed in doing as much or more for their members than any woman's fraternity has ever done. When this is suggested, the reply comes, that it is because men are so much broader minded than women. This is hard to believe, but, if it be true, we had best set out at once to make ourselves broader minded, so that we may be able to abandon pledge day, rushing our candidates in whatever way seems best to us, still having a friendly feeling toward our rivals, and joining with them in other fraternity movements.

The chapter letters in this number of the magazine bring a long list of those who have decided that their lot in college should be cast with Kappa Kappa Gamma. While extending to them a cordial welcome, it seems wise at the same time, to remind them that they were chosen to join the fraternity because those who were already its members thought that in them they saw the qualities which the organization is believed to represent. It now devolves upon them to prove their fitness for membership.

The fraternity is just as surely meant for the education and development of its members as any course in the college curriculum. In joining it the initiate acquires new joys, but assumes new obligations. The new pleasures entail new responsibilities. The new member becomes responsible to the chapter for what she does and, in a sense, for what she is. It is partly by her conduct that the chapter will be judged. If she is disagreeable, her chapter is blamed for it; if she is disloyal, it reflects upon the chapter; if she is indiscreet, the chapter suffers for it; if she is a careless student, it is not reckoned to her chapter for righteousness. This is the most salient aspect of the matter, but there are other things which the fraternity demands of its members. It requires them to have a knowledge of its workings and history, to study its rules and regulations and to abide by them. It asks of all members loyalty and helpfulness toward all other members, and it urges them to carry out the real spirit of the fraternity by making their loyalty and helpfulness not only a part of their conduct to the members of their own fraternity, but a part of their character.

It would be an excellent thing for Kappa Kappa Gamma if each chapter would this year try the experiment of sending out a letter to all its *alumnæ*, giving them an account of the year's work thus far, the plans for the future and of any general fraternity matters. The lack of *alumnæ* interest is, in almost every case, due to ignorance rather than indifference. The new catalogue lists will make the *alumnæ* more accessible, and if the work is divided and each member of the chapter writes several letters, it will not prove much of an undertaking.

The opinion of the chapters is desired upon a new question.

Is it practicable and advisable for the fraternity to have a secret publication, circulating only among its chapters and given over to the discussion of matters of administration, and other matters which cannot well be considered in *THE KEY*? Several fraternities have already established such organs for the information of their chapters. From their very nature, it is impossible to learn how successful they have been. Is it wise for us to follow their example, or are our methods entirely satisfactory?

If any subscriber fails in the future to receive her magazine in time, will she please let the editor know at once, so that the mistake may be rectified? The mailing lists have been verified with much care, yet there is always room for many a slip in the directing, mailing and distributing of the magazine. It is extremely annoying to have some subscriber complain in August that her January *KEY* has not been received. It is then too late to discover where the blame should lie. Or to complain, as one member lately did, that she had not received the magazine during the year, while investigation proved that her subscription had never been sent.

Eta asks that 'some one who has had experience' should give her opinion about pledge day. The result of one person's experience can never be of much value in determining a course of policy for a chapter, but, as a matter of opinion, it seems to us that the only pledge day that can in any way diminish the terrors of rushing must be set in the last week of the spring term. It does not seem possible that any girl should be able to rush during the whole year and we believe that in a year's time the chapters and the freshmen would have grown to know each other so well that there would be no question as to which chapters different freshmen should join. But it would only be possible to carry out this plan successfully when all the chapters—or at least the two most prominent ones—had agreed upon it and there seems to be no prospect of that happening at any college.

When the question lies between a shorter pledge day and none, we believe that no pledge day whatever is much better for both chapter and freshmen.

Exchanges.

"I never made a mistake in my life—at least, never one that I couldn't explain away afterwards."

It is said, that every woman, at some time in her life, wishes she had been born a man. At present the superiority of the lordly male is especially prominent. If he desires to edit a fraternity magazine, all he needs is a list of the men in the Spanish-American War, with perhaps a few patriotic verses as a fitting close, and his work is done. Not only is all such material lacking to THE KEY, but it is not even grist for the exchange editor. How can one quote that so-and-so was made a captain, and discovered four privates who belonged to the same fraternity? Fortunately *The Kappa Alpha Theta* had no men in the war, and the following extract is taken from the January number.

"At present each one interprets Theta by her own local chapter, and chapter judges chapter by itself. What we need is to know something of the other colleges, something of the differences in the courses of instruction, moral regime and social standards, not forgetting those minor points which help to form the background of college life. After such a knowledge of the environment of a chapter, we may be capable of judging it. And only when we are in sympathy with the conditions of all chapters, are we in a position to dictate to Theta. I suppose it was the hope of establishing such a sympathetic knowledge that suggested the office of traveling president; but a traveling officer would get but a glimpse of each college and would have little time to devote to one institution. We ought to be able to establish such a knowledge without such an officer. If each chapter would consciously face the question and make a study of its own community and its relation to that community, and then frankly put its conclusions into the hands of other chapters we would soon be able to profit by the experiences of each other and, in time, reach the stage when we could all wear our badge with the proud knowledge that it represented something of worth to the college world, and that we really had a right to exist."

The Arrow has an interesting article on the founding of the fraternity, a portion of which is given below.

"We at once voted to organize, but we knew not what. We had plenty of enthusiasm but very little knowledge of fraternities.

The one secret of how *we* became members, it was decided to "always conceal and never reveal," and no Pi Beta Phi can ever tell this first secret of its founders.

On that very evening of April twenty-eight, 1867, we appointed committees to draft a constitution and nominate officers, we "made up some secrets" and decided on our grip which we used faithfully. The subject of our badge roused lively discussion, for we considered that all important. Our pretty little arrow was decided upon at our next meeting as we did not want to come to a conclusion hastily.

The next meeting was at Maggie Campbell's on May fifth. You could never imagine its secrecy. With blinds drawn, in whispered words a constitution was adopted, officers were elected, name and badge decided upon.

On May fourteenth, 1867, eleven girls, each wearing the golden arrow of I. C. Sorosis, walked into college chapel: The young men cheered, the faculty smiled, and we felt that it was truly an important occasion.

We soon realized that while our brothers were members of national fraternities and had the support and encouragement of chapters in other colleges, we stood alone. The young men treated us kindly, so kindly that sometimes "brotherly love" was suspected, but they insisted on knowing about our other chapters, a secret which, of course, we did not tell.

That was a question yet to be solved. Libbie Brooks was the one who helped us over this difficulty when she decided to attend college at Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Of her work there, you all know the history. It was her sister, May, who not long after carried I. C. into Lombard University at Galesburg; so Pi Beta Phi owes much to the Brooks sisters."

In the same magazine the advantages and disadvantages of membership in a fraternity are discussed. Of course the advantages are made to look overwhelming greater than the drawbacks. Most fraternity men and women agree with this estimate, but would not an honest statement of all the disadvantages be interesting? Perhaps it would be more accurate to say an honest recognition that every question has two sides, and that the admission of the weak points does not necessarily tend to take away one's confidence in the strong ones. But to return to the article:

"The world has not much use for the book-worm,—it wants women who are alive, awake and ready for any emergency in every day life; this is the goal of the nineteenth century girl and the fraternity helps her to reach it. This same studious girl then feels it worth her while to give up a fraction of her time to a dozen or more friends who have each a personal interest in her welfare and are bound to her by the mystic silken tie, friends who yet have such diverse interests that she learns much of human life and becomes interested in things before entirely outside her sphere.

It is besides a great inspiration in your work to feel that there is a circle about you lovingly watching your efforts and wishing you all success; and that when you have achieved success you have reflected credit on this bond of sisterhood so sacred to you.

Then, again, students of different colleges are brought into closer touch. The fact that one has very dear friends in a distant school makes her very much interested in that school and she seizes every opportunity to learn something new about it. From her own fraternity magazine she gets new ideas of college life and may apply them with advantage to the social life of her own college.

As an alumna, whether or not she becomes allied with an alumnae chapter, the fraternity woman is a great help to her Alma Mater, for so long as her chapter is there she is instrumental in sending to it students of the type whom she would choose as sisters.

Fraternity is said to make a strong class distinction; it really does not make it but only labels what is already there. There are a number of good people in the world who are bent on doing away with all class and caste, but so long as we are imperfect mortals, born with diverse tastes into widely varying surroundings, reform in this respect looks a little discouraging; and could it be accomplished it is very doubtful if the world would be any happier. But distinctions can be narrowed down to such a fine point and measured by such empty standards that they become utterly contemptible."

The Kappa Alpha Journal must keep some of the water from the fountain of eternal youth ready for the rejuvenation of worn-out subjects. It certainly succeeds in treating them in a different manner, in saying old things in a new way. And when there is nothing new to be said, what better can one do? The following is an extract from an article entitled "Some Active Thoughts on an Inactive Subject."

"Probably the most active subject before the Greek-letter fraternity to-day is an inactive one—the alumnus. For many years it has been customary to treat him much on the principle of the slag from the furnace,—during his college career, having gotten from him all that was available for the fraternity's advantage, at its expiration we laid him aside as of no further use—we very gracefully put him away in the fraternity attic, among other necessary but useless pieces of old furniture. True, his name duly appeared in the general catalogue, and by way of courtesy and as a help to the Order's historian, once each year there was sent him a blank with the request that he "fill out and return" (the great part of which were, by-the-bye, never returned); moreover, if, through chance or worth, he attained particular eminence in life, a little dust of fame was stirred up about his

name in the Order's publication ; and yet again, some very few refused thus to be laid on the shelf ; but the great majority became very quickly, so far as the fraternity was concerned, a part of the forgotten. What is still more remarkable, the alumnus accepted this condition as much as a matter of course as did the fraternity. And yet I have no idea that this was at all due to a feeling of indifference, but only to an honest ignorance of how to dispose things differently.

In regard to the fraternity general ; a fraternity is strong proportionally not to the number of its initiates, but to the number of its interested members, and the addition of an interested alumnus is almost equal to the addition of a new initiate. Furthermore, the incorporation of influential business men into its interested ranks will lend the Order a dignity and importance it could never attain merely through its college connection. Of course the alumni chapter has its limitations, and very narrow limits they are. Its very *raison d'être* (from the chapter's own standpoint) is largely a matter of sentiment—as everything of any real value in life is, however. The fraternity is so distinctively a college institution, that it would be as unwise as impossible to make it anything else. The influence of the alumni chapter upon the fraternity general is largely a moral one ; but the extent of this moral influence can scarcely be estimated.

In regard to the fraternity particular, the active chapter, the influence is of a much more definite and tangible nature, and gains its prime importance in connection with the possible initiate. To the average boy entering college the fraternity is nothing but a name, conveying no kind of meaning ; and about this name is thrown a sort of glamour that prevents him almost entirely from making the inquiries regarding it that he properly should and otherwise would make. Hence the many fearful mistakes in forming fraternal relations that so often mar a college career. Here lies a great possibility for the alumni chapter. The boy seeing a concrete embodiment of that very indefinite idea contained in the term fraternity, is naturally interested and is frequently led to make inquiries he would not dream of making on the campus. Moreover, if the alumni chapter is at all a good one, he is unconsciously prejudiced in favor of that particular Order, and rendered far more readily accessible to argument than he would otherwise be."

This editorial, also from the *Journal*, is given especially for the delectation of the corresponding secretaries.

"The editor has a plan of his own for coercing chapter secretaries into obedience to their duties. It is this: Those chapters which fail to have a chapter letter in any issue of the *Journal*, no matter what may be the excuse, shall forfeit all right and

claim to their quota of *journals* for such issue and all copies of such issue which may be furnished a delinquent chapter shall be paid for extra in advance. Various expedients have been adopted by the different fraternities to compel chapter secretaries and reporters to write the letters periodically required of them, but none have seemed to meet the precise difficulties of the case. The offering of rewards and the threatening of fines are equally impracticable shifts for attaining the desired end. What we want is representation by letter in each issue, of the entire roll of active chapters."

The December numbers of *The Shield* and of *Beta Theta Pi* contain articles concerning the Greek press. Both are worth reading, but are much too long to be given here. *The Shield* honored THE KEY by choosing it as the representative of the women's fraternity magazines.

The Scroll quotes the following :

The Colby *Oracle* opens the fraternity lists with ' Who caught the Freshman ? '

' I,' said the Deke,
' I had but to speak,
And I caught the freshman.

' Oh my !' said the Phi
' That's all in your eye ;
I caught the freshman.'

' Wait,' said the Zete.
' You fished and cut bait,
But I caught the freshman.'

' Now,' said Alpha Tau,
' I'll never tell how,
But I caught the freshman.

' Pooh !' said D. U.
' I caught the whole crew,
I caught the freshman.

' Come off !' said the Neuter.
' Who wants to dispute yer?
Go west with your freshman !'

The Anchora has an excellent statement of the necessity for a really secret ballot.

" We fraternity girls believe in a secret ballot ; at least we say we do. Theoretically we are all right, practically we are all wrong. The prevailing method is as follows : Some good-looking Freshman has been noticed by several of the scouting party, she makes a favorable impression on them, but when it comes time to take definite action, it is, " O girls, let's not vote on her till we are sure nobody will put in a blackball ! " Next in order is a canvass of the chapter : " Will you vote for Miss Blank ? " " Will you vote for Miss Blank ? " If everybody says yes, then comes the solemn formality of a *secret* ballot ! If, on the other hand, there happens to be one doubting sister, some enthusiastic but excited partisan addresses the chair, " Miss President, I move we lay Miss Blank under the table ! " And in that uncomfortable position Miss Blank is likely to remain until her more devoted admirers

win over the opposition, or give up the struggle in despair. Thus our constitutional privilege, every active member has a right to vote according to her own conscience, is changed to this motto, "It is a good deal better not to blackball anybody."

Such a method of open balloting creates factions within the chapter. It is not strange if in every chapter several types are represented. There is the brilliant student, to whom, of all the attractions of college life, the library is chief; there is the popular girl, the real society girl with a genius for the delights of agreeable companionships; there is even a third type,—the fairly good student who does not shine anywhere, but who does make an uncommonly reliable and sympathetic friend. Each of these types instinctively turns to its own kind. A girl who is admittedly a good student, but who lacks good clothes and perfect address, is not likely to be an acceptable candidate to the one type; nor is a "stunning girl" who is "a good looker but no earthly good in class" apt to please the other type. What happens? Why, you vote for my candidate, and I'll vote for yours. So two cliques are arrayed against each other, so the constitution is stretched until it cracks, to get in the girls who are a little musical, a little artistic, a little literary,—precious little it is, too."

Among the open letters in *The Anchora* is the following:

"I notice that in our Exchange Department for this issue, there is a friendly slap at *Anchora*. I trust that you will receive it in the spirit in which it was written, and not take it too seriously. Do not make the mistake of resenting publicly anything the exchanges may write of your work. They do not criticise maliciously, but only to fill up space. Always turn the broad side of your mind toward the exchanges and you will gain help and profit thereby."

An Exchange Editor.

It is pleasant to be understood. After being scolded, called opprobrious names, accused of frivolity, wilful misconception, and, worst of all, a lack of humor, the exchange editor has at last found some one who knows, that all her sins were committed to fill up space. Perhaps, though, the other critics had the same end in view.

A PIANO AT A NOMINAL PRICE.

Chicago's largest music house, Lyon & Healy, have bought for a fraction of its cost, the entire stock of Lyon, Potter & Co. These splendid pianos are offered without reserve until all are sold. In this stock are a number new Steinway pianos, and hundreds of new and second-hand pianos, including instruments of the following well-known makes: Sterling, Huntington, A. B. Chase, Vose, Fischer, Weber, Chickering, G. W. Lyon, etc., etc. In Square pianos there are fine-toned instruments at \$25, \$40, \$60 and upwards. In Upright pianos, neat instruments at \$100, \$120, \$140, \$150, \$165, \$190, \$200 and upwards. In Baby Grands, some nice specimens at \$250 and upwards. Nearly all these pianos were intended to sell for at least double these clearing sale prices. A good plan would be to order a piano, leaving the selection of it to Lyon & Healy. However they will send a list and full particulars upon application. Any piano not proving entirely satisfactory may be returned at their expense. Address simply, Lyon & Healy, Chicago. Distance is no obstacle in taking advantage of this remarkable chance to obtain a piano, for in proportion to the saving to be made the freight charges are insignificant. Write to-day so as to avoid disappointment.

