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A Message from Our Grand President

To a certain extent, our work for the next two years must be in the line of that of the two years just completed. Great advancement has been made in the fraternity problems with which we are most vitally concerned, but time is necessary in the accomplishing of all great things, and we must still work for the desired ends.

Our convention at Meadville, in the form of resolutions, has pointed out these ends to us, more clearly than ever before. It seems to me that there were two resolutions which were most significant, and these are concerned with subjects interesting not only to us, but to the whole fraternity world, as well.

The one which is first in importance, because it embodies the second, recommends that there be more internal improvement, with more conservative extension. The latter statement seems almost unnecessary, when we consider that of twenty-one petitions for charters during the last administration, only one received a favorable Grand Council vote, and that one is now being acted upon by the chapters. It is, however, in the interpretation of the first part of the recommendation, that we are especially interested. Internal improvement means a higher degree of scholarship; a greater development of true womanliness; a forgetting of self in the interests of others, whether they be of the fraternity world or not—I think I would rather say, especially if they are

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not of the fraternity world. In short, internal development means a development of the best in the characters of the individuals composing our fraternity.

The chapters, through convention, recommended also that a late pledge day be adopted, at least late enough to insure the scholarship of the freshmen. We all believe that the late pledge day would insure us more than scholarship, desirable as that is. I believe that this one change, if carried out in the spirit in which it has been conceived, and in which it has been discussed among us, would bring us all that we hope for in the development of ourselves and of our fraternity.

We have standing committees appointed to help us keep to the road which leads to our ideals, but after all, we, individually, are the ones who make possible the accomplishment of this work. Without the co-operation of each woman in the fraternity, the committees could do little. I feel, however, that we are working together, having the same aim, giving the best that is in us, and being the best that we can. And I believe that we will accomplish much.

Faithfully yours,

EDITH STONER.

Social Dominance in Co-Educational Colleges.

By Lula Belle Wooldridge, Theta

Living would be very monotonous if there were never any new conditions to face. And fortunately in America we are not doomed to monotony, for life in all its manifestations moves so swiftly in its increasing complexity that we are continually coming up against the unexpected. Our co-educational institutions in their enormous development are at present facing a new— or rather a recently recognized problem, which I have no doubt you who read this have turned over in your own mind. I confess the problem has knocked, with great insistency, at my door. Perhaps you and I have fitted to it the same ready-made solution—for the solution I would submit is not my own. I found it—you may be the originator, who knows? But to the discussion.

A few years ago the women in co-educational institutions being pioneers, were earnest, mature creatures, frequently profession bent, almost always ambitious for class standing, and in pursuit of the college degree. More or less frowned upon by the men students, and somewhat restricted and hampered by faculty rulings, they formed a rather isolated band in the college organization and in the college town. But with the segregation of sexes in boarding houses, with the building of elegantly equipped girls' halls, and with the installment of deans and advisors of women has come a change in the personnel of college women.

Like a flock of butterflies into a cloister, an innumerable host of young, immature, unstudious girls has invaded college life. They are largely of the class who, but for the magic of the words "dean" and "Girls' Hall" would have been placed in seminaries. Their idea is social; their aim a light course continued during one, or at most, two years. Many of them avowedly want just "a year away at school." This does not

mean that they are necessarily shallow; their environment simply has not developed the college education thirst, and their circumstances do not compel a profession. They are from good families, are personally charming, and are of average intelligence—with characters to be developed. In certain sane aspects they are the most interesting and important material the colleges handle. For they are of the class that will inevitably participate in society in the vital relations of wives and mothers. This latter fact is indicated by the attitude of the men students toward them. Twelve or fifteen years ago college men, in their social affairs, took but slight and incidental account of the "co-eds." If the young women residents of the college town were insufficient in number to meet the demand for large social functions, visitors from abroad were imported. Sisters came from a distance to take part in the revelries; sweethearts, too—for in that day it was the exception when the girl across the aisle in "math." or English was either "sister" or "sweetheart." In the present social life of college communities—as I have heard "town girls" bitterly complain—the college women have all the attention. They, with the college men, take over completely the social functions of the season. Further, if the roll were called by classes at one of these social affairs, it would be found that the great majority of guests were freshman and sophomore fraternity women.

All this is the manifestation of the lately recognized problem in the co-educational college—that of dealing wisely with the young, immature women now invading it. The college must see to it that the social ideal is not over-emphasized—must be sure that girls who come for "a year away at school," anticipating above all social gayeties, shall find in college an atmosphere to steady them, to make deeper and sounder their ideals. The problem *must* be solved; it may be solved by the colleges, working through board rulings or student government organizations. But student government is weak—at least in the great western co-educational in-

stitutions, and boards have a sense of masculine impotency in attempting to deal with butterflies. It is my contention that the problem should be solved by an organization already strong—one which by direct methods aimed ostensibly, solely at self-protection, can, without wounding delicate sensibilities or imposing a single restriction, solve the problem of effectively dealing with the butterflies. I refer to women's national fraternities. Indeed, once aware of their responsibility in this matter, I do not see how fraternities can rid themselves of the obligation. They are the aristocrats of college social life, and because of their influence are morally bound to create a sane and wholesome social atmosphere.

Will you sense with me the atmosphere into which the girl—the young, immature, unstudious, socially inclined girl, as well as her graver sister—is plunged upon arriving at college? Consider the experience of the first few weeks—you who have been through “rushing season,” with and without pledge days. The freshman whose family connections are known to be good, and who is personally pleasing, is feted, toasted and complimented. She is plied with dinners and dances, fudge parties, luncheons, drives, walks, flowers, until she forgets almost that classes are forming. If she is accompanied by her mother or an elder sister, that one is also wined, dined and flattered, in approved style. Any number of older girls, juniors, seniors, and alumnae, give undivided attention to the candidate, who naturally conceives an exaggerated sense of her own importance. More than likely there is a wholesome reaction from this attitude. But there are cases in which such a reaction does not occur. The girl has gained during rushing season the idea that college is a setting for social conquests, and as she has become a cynosure for the eyes of fraternity men, the belief is fostered by their attentions. The result is a preponderance of society over study in her activities. Fraternity men have very effective, if somewhat brutal, methods of dealing with over-important freshmen. An

evening spent under the table, a day's locomotion confined to hands and knees, are adequate reminders of the proper freshman attitude. Women are reduced to the futilities of moral suasion. It may be argued that wholesome chapter house rulings would limit and control social dissipation. But it must be remembered that it is the girls who make the rules, and in the colleges where one and two year girls are greatly in the majority over three and four year girls, it is plain that the balance of power rests with the younger girls. A fraternity which has two seniors and one junior in a body of more than twenty girls, is manifestly under the rulings of under class women.

It is just here that we get at the root of the trouble; here we grasp definitely the evil at which fraternity women must strike—the social dominance of the immature under class fraternity woman. She is not fitted, either in ideals or by experience, for social leadership, but, intoxicated by pleasure, fearing to refuse an invitation lest future opportunities be lost, she dissipates tirelessly—while junior and senior study at home—and becomes, without intention, the social representative of her fraternity, setting the pace by virtue of the aristocracy she represents, for the whole college.

What is the effect of this social control of the immature girl? It works in a circle, encouraging more one and two year students with social aspirations, thus augmenting their numbers and influence. The result to the girls individually is an increase in the spirit of social rivalry between fraternity women and of social jealousy on the part of non-fraternity women, accompanied by a falling off in scholarship among fraternity under-class women and the impairment of their health. These conditions reflect discreditably upon the social life of the college and the fraternity. So much so, that enthusiastic patrons, who had looked forward to four years for their daughters, regretfully withdraw them at the end of the freshman year, choosing instead boarding schools or women's colleges. What a criticism is this upon co-education! What an injustice to the girls

themselves, the conditions which make possible such an attitude! The one-year girls leave college with no idea of what it exists for—a medley of parties, drives and spreads in their chaos of recollections. The two-year girls, with a somewhat fuller sense of responsibility, are sure that something, which they cannot analyze nor control, is wrong. The juniors and seniors have been known to taboo society completely, in the interests of health and culture, and to retire to the seclusion of some boarding house for the remainder of the college course. This again is disastrous, for it leaves, even more completely, the conduct of social affairs to younger girls.

But, despite these conditions, which are conditions and not theories, I do not mean to convey that the case is hopeless. Indeed, it is far from hopeless. The fact that we can talk of it so frankly and unreservedly is sufficient indication of the reaction which is imminent. And, after all, the condition is but one of the manifestations of progress. It points to an immeasurably increased opportunity on the part of colleges to influence society, since they are reaching out to, and attracting the most important class of women in any civilization—the average normal unprofessional women. But if the condition points to an opportunity, it indicates also a misuse of the opportunity—or, more likely, a blindness to it. Progress has so run away with the college that it has had no time to consider the “atmosphere” these young women are coming into and helping to modify. The young women in turn, made free of the premises, have innocently and unconsciously given undue impetus to a tendency wholesome when properly restricted. While the hoary-headed university has sat buried in appropriations, legislative measures, junketing committees, buildings and equipments, a saucy hand has stolen upon him unawares. It has tweaked his nose and ruffled his beard and set his venerable wig askew. And now he rubs his eyes and would recover his dignity.

I think it would be pretty and gracious of the saucy hand kindly to straighten his wig and ask pardon.

In other words, since the immature young woman has turned the college environs into a fairy ball-room, I think it would be highly fitting for fraternity, the acknowledged social authority among college women, to take in hand the problem the youngsters have precipitated—that of under-class social control—and quietly and effectively dispose of it. There have been stops on the way to the goal—panhellenic conferences, resulting in deferred pledge days and bans upon direct fraternity lobbying, have paved the way for fraternities to act. Student government in some colleges has set yet more rigid limits than panhellenic, postponing pledge days until spring and restricting freshman parties to one a month for each fraternity. But the final idea and the desired goal is—as you have no doubt concluded yourself—sophomore fraternity. To refuse under-class women the fraternity is to refuse them social distinction, and to refuse them social distinction is equivalent to denying them social control. And when this last is done the problem is solved.

Sophomore fraternity has been considerably discussed, in chapters and at conventions. It has been successfully carried by what must be the most effective student government body in America—that of Barnard College. Since there are seven or eight women's fraternities in Barnard, fraternity is strongly represented in student government, the president being usually a fraternity woman. We may look upon this movement, then, as largely of fraternity origin, though executed through the governing body of the students. But I, for one, would like to see the movement pushed by the fraternity itself, through its own channels and organs—in its chapter meetings, in its conventions, in its Grand Council conferences, through its periodicals. The distinction of conferring this great boon upon women students all over America is going to belong to some one—to students in council, to board officials, or to the fraternity itself. I do not like to see the fraternity plucked of the honor.

There are some, I am aware, who look upon sophomore fraternity as an evil, and hence would do nothing to advance the cause. They object that chapter house life will be so restricted as to lose much of its charm, that young girls will be deprived of the guidance of older ones, and that rushing season will be prolonged and not otherwise modified. As to the last objection, it seems highly improbable that the fraternity would adopt the sophomore qualification without safeguarding it by the proper inter-fraternity agreements concerning rushing parties, lobbying, etc. Again, the guidance which the young girl needs she may obtain from the dean, who is older than the upper-class women, better fitted to guide the novice, and anxious for the opportunity. The chapter house, of course, will be reduced in numbers and will shrink in size and splendor. But its membership will be practically assured from year to year, and hence there will be no uncertain renting of a large house, followed by feverish anxiety as to filling it, and failing that, the burden of keeping a too-expensive establishment.

And the sweets, the calms, the ordered harmony and fitness of things under sophomore fraternity conditions! Let us allow ourselves the joy of an imagined participation in that future. The young creature is still coming to college, but now she comes quietly, all unannounced—all unregarded. Just an atom among other atoms she takes her way, finding interest and pleasure among the beautiful and the plain. Now and then she is being asked to meet certain sets of girls, who, as the days go by, she learns to value. They, in turn, are regarding her, with an eye not only to her charm of personality, but to her force, her influence, and her power of development. Conscious of this she is daily stimulated to strive for the ideals they uphold, in the hope of being asked to become one with them. The influence thus exerted is worth more than actual advice and guidance, for it throws the girl upon her own responsibility to become worthy, holding out a definite prize and reward. And when the great day of sophomore year

comes she has picked her fraternity; if it happen that she is not one of its chosen few, she has had the development of striving; she has had and still holds friendship with many of the band; she has, besides, the friendship of the entire college to turn to. So that if she is asked to enter into fraternal relations with another body, whose ideals are not hers, she has gained the poise to say "no," to stand alone rather than ally herself with those to whom she cannot give full loyalty. On the other hand, if she is one of the chosen, how deeply she prizes the honor! How proudly she wears the emblem, which, if thrust upon her in the heat of a short unnaturally forced friendship, would have been accepted with comparative lightness.

During all this time, furthermore, she has not been artificially singled out as a target for masculine eyes. She makes friends naturally with her class-mates, college mates, men as well as women. But she is not at once raised to social eminence, so that she has time to become adjusted in a sane fashion to her surroundings, finds work and play good, and is a normal, happy creature. When the responsibilities of fraternity life come to her she is ready for them, for she has served a novitiate in which she has earned the right to social responsibility. She is not snobbish, self-centered and narrow, but generally inclusive, sympathetic, broad-minded—a judge of character and a champion of the highest class in college life.

When we hurry girls into our fraternities, precipitating them, therefore, into a whirl of social life, as is inevitable in western co-educational institutions, we deny them this time of quiet adjustment and growth, and thus rob them of the fullness of development which is theirs by right. It is a deprivation we cannot afford to be responsible for. As a goal to be striven for, fraternity is a blessing to college life; as a distinction thrust upon the immature it is too frequently a curse. The gain in dignity to fraternity itself is worth the change, for under the new regime the girl will strive to show herself approved to the fraternity, whereas

now the fraternity must work by coveting the girl. In all these benefits the college will participate, and, realizing this, the college is going to see to it that the change comes. As surely as universities and colleges are intelligent bodies of men, so surely will they ultimately demand the best conditions for their women workers. Fraternity has taken cognizance of this fact. The opportunity is hers to remake conditions; it is the opportunity of a century. I can conceive no benefit conferable upon college women which equals in its salutary, far-reaching influence the chance for two years' undisturbed growth. Dormitories, libraries, gymnasiums, endowments, are as nothing to it, for it is an habitation not builded by hands, in whose great sweet corridors the women of all America will breathe soul health.



A WOMAN'S CLUB HOUSE AT BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA

The Club House System at the University of California.

By Mrs. Kate Bulkeley

It is about seven years since the first clubs for women were established in the University of California, and the experiment has proved satisfactory in every particular.

At that time the rapid increase in the student body manifested the importance of an effort in their behalf for their better housing, but as no appropriation for that purpose had been made by the State, and the university could not assume the responsibility, it was difficult to know how to proceed.

The problem, however, Mrs. Hearst, the ever generous and sympathetic friend of all students, and especially of those of the University of California, satisfactorily solved by introducing the Club House movement, from which later was evolved the Club House Loan Fund Committee.

At that time, Dr. Mary B. Ritter, through her profession, was most familiar with the needs of the women students and, as their friend, presented the facts regarding them to Mrs. Hearst, who, with her usual thoroughness, prevailed upon Dr. Ritter to visit the eastern colleges for women and examine into and report upon the best method for housing students during their college life. Upon Dr. Ritter's return, and as a result of her investigations, Mrs. Hearst furnished and opened two club houses for women students, thus inaugurating the club house system. Each club accommodated fifteen, the usual number in a club family, and became an organized body with name, officers, chaperon, constitution and by-laws, very much the same as a woman's fraternity, with the exception of being a local instead of a national organization. Each group from the beginning became responsible for its own support and management, thus developing unity, strength and self-reliance, to which attributes without doubt much of their success is due.

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The history of the founding of these two clubs is the history of all that have followed, with the single exception of the source of the money expended for furniture, which has since been supplied by the Club House Loan Fund Committee. For after the formation of the first two clubs and their assured success, many groups of students desired to establish similar homes, but the obstacle in the way was the initiatory expense. Dr. Ritter then developed the idea of a Loan Fund and President Wheeler, at her request, appointed the Club House Loan Fund Committee, composed of a Board of Trustees, members of the faculty, with Dr. Mary B. Ritter as chairman.

This committee issued a circular, stating clearly and concisely the object of the Loan Fund and asking help in its permanent establishment. The fund, as its name implies, is to be used only for loans to aid in furnishing club houses for organized groups of students who could not otherwise meet the initial expense, as it requires one thousand dollars to furnish a house comfortably but plainly for a family of fifteen. The committee, after collecting the required sum, expends it in furniture for such an organized group, and a contract is then entered into to sell to them at its purchase price, charging no interest, the money to be returned to the committee in ten years, one-tenth being paid each year. Upon its return it is again loaned to another organized club under the same rules. There are now seven women's clubs in Berkeley, and more than that number of men's, and club life has become a pleasant feature of the college town.

The work of the committee is a work of voluntary service for the benefit of the student body, arduous and responsible, and worthy of great commendation. Its appeal has been responded to by a few individuals and organizations, but, as yet, not enough has been contributed to furnish the required number of clubs. The California Federation of Women's Clubs has given two thousand dollars, and many of its members desire to continue the work until sufficient has been contributed

to insure the establishment of a new club each year. And as there are one thousand women students in the University and each college year brings, at least, two hundred freshmen women, of whom only a few find homes in existing clubs and fraternities, it is evident that there still remains enough for them to do.

This in brief is the history of the Club House System, but the good resulting from it is not so easily stated, and is of more value than either house or furniture or than both combined.

"The world of books is still the world," and the charm of college still remains in the class room, where all are equal and intent upon the same pursuits, and where companionship is not needed, as the attention is absorbed by the work in hand. But outside, this lack is keenly felt by many women students who are forced by circumstances to live in boarding houses among strangers, separated from women of like aims and tastes and unable to overcome the obstacles in the way of their acquaintance. The club to such women is a boon, for with the consent of the members, the living expenses can be reduced to a minimum by eliminating all unnecessary expenditures, and the companionship of congenial associates be assured. They are anchored for four years in a delightful harbor, and have a pleasant feeling of proprietorship in all that pertains to it. And next to their pride in their Alma Mater is their pride in their club. Its good name is sacred to them, and its aims and ideals are faithfully impressed upon those who are chosen to succeed them. The benefits to be derived from this family life are manifold. The members are pledged to each other, and each individual is in a way responsible for the harmony of the whole body. The consequence is a wonderful development of self-control, unselfishness and thoughtfulness for the comfort and happiness of others, and so unconsciously the Golden Rule becomes the rule of a successful club.

The clubs stand for high and thorough scholarship, and the upper class women, therefore ambitious for their

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associates and for a good club record, patiently help them over the difficulties they have themselves encountered, and thus enable them to avoid blunders that might otherwise cause them much trouble and loss of time. So their association together is of advantage to their college as well as to themselves, and the exchange of ideas and discussions that incidentally follow are interesting and educational to all. But perhaps the greatest pleasure this club home-life affords is in its social opportunities, in the privilege of entertaining friends, and also of extending hospitality to members of the faculty and thus, in a modest way, of expressing appreciation of their efforts in their behalf.

In so short a paper one can not write in detail of life in a club, and therefore the half has not been said in its favor, but without doubt the Club House System of the University of California has proved the most perfect system ever devised for the housing of university students.

KATE A. BULKELEY.



A GROUP OF CHARTER MEMBERS OF A CLUB

Concerning Settlements

By Juliette G. Hollenback, Beta Sigma

In this age of novelty, distinguished by New Art, New Thought, new spelling, new breakfast-foods, and new everything else, the subject of settlements may seem quite too old and hackneyed to be worthy of further discussion, but it was the notion that although like Patsy's orange, it had been "squz some," there might be more in it, which led to the present attempt to consider, very briefly, one or two phases of the subject.

In the first place the question might pertinently be put: do we all know exactly what a settlement is? The average college student's answer to this query would probably be an emphatic affirmative. Have we not read numerous magazine articles and heard numerous lectures about settlements? Have we not "looked up" Hull House, and written themes for sociology class, on the social aspect of the settlement movement as exhibited on the London East Side? Judging, however, from my own ideas on the subject, while still in college, and from those which I have often heard expressed by others, the college girl's conception of settlement work is not as accurate as it might be. My definition would have been something like this; a settlement is a philanthropically maintained house in the slums, wherein the neighborhood children are instructed in the intricacies of basketry, bead-work and other industries of a like practical value; an institution inhabited and presided over by a few high-browed and spectacled young women, whose aim it is to elevate the mind of the masses, as concretely typified in the neighborhood, by the constant presentation of loftier ideals of beauty and morality, to improve physical conditions within the settlement zone of influence, and incidentally to observe, from the pinnacle of academically trained intelligence, the interesting phenomenon of life in the social depths.

Such was my text-book-acquired idea of settlements, and I was surprised, upon leaving college and getting a little first-hand information, to find that my previous conception was partially fallacious and far from complete.

The definition is inaccurate for various reasons: primarily because it misconstrues the relations between the settlement workers and those with whom they come in contact. There is none of that attitude of superiority upon the part of the former which one might expect, the least hint of condescension being entirely out of place and quickly detected, and there is much more real fellowship between the helper and the helped than one would think possible. Class distinctions, although recognized, do not form barriers to friendship, especially with the grown people of the neighborhood. The children, of course, look with adoration and awe upon "teacher," whether her particular function be to hand out tickets of admission to the gymnasium, or to explain the mysteries of setting a table, but even the smallest child is quick to distinguish between an atmosphere of real friendliness and one of mere instructiveness, however well meant. A settlement is really a neighborhood home, and the spirit of it is very human. The more institutional it is, the less successful; the more home-like its atmosphere, the closer its hold upon those for whose sake it exists.

Settlements are sometimes criticized for the impractical nature of some of the subjects taught—such as the basketry and bead-work referred to above—but there is little cause for such criticism, because, as a matter of fact, very few "frills," as I have heard them called, are found in settlement schedules. The course of study includes chiefly such useful achievements as shirt-waist-making, millinery and cooking for the girls, practical hygiene and household economy for the older women. Even "frills" where they do exist perform a perfectly legitimate function—that of supplying the demand for novelty in recreation. Consider the fearful

monotony of spending all one's working hours in pasting labels on bottles, and you will not wonder that the girl who does this should crave something new and interesting by way of an evening's entertainment, or that she would quickly tire of any one form of it. Settlement workers are constantly obliged to think up and contrive new kinds of entertainment, and this they are willing to do because they feel that these impractical but harmless occupations are means to an end—that of making the house a center of cheer for the neighborhood people, the nearest approach to a home which many of them, living perhaps six in a room, will ever know. Like the public playgrounds which are being introduced into the congested districts of some of our large cities, settlements are little breathing-spaces, furnishing a fresher atmosphere, mental and moral as well as physical, than can be found in the crowded tenements.

My misconception, during student days, of the whole spirit of settlement work, especially of the relations between workers and people, was matched by the fallacy of supposing that the numerous activities were carried on almost entirely by a few persons living in the settlement house. Some settlements have one or two resident workers, some half a dozen or more, but in most cases I believe that a majority of the clubs and classes are carried on by outside volunteer workers, who are numbered by the score. Men workers are scarce, presumably because of their lack of leisure—we will not suppose them to be less charitably inclined than their wives and sisters—and so most of the volunteer work is done by young women who give more or less time to it, sometimes an afternoon or evening each week, sometimes only occasional assistance at an entertainment. Residents are perpetually overworked—I never knew of one who was not—and so are forced to place a great deal of dependence upon their outside helpers.

It is just here that the connection between the settlement and the college girl comes in. Of course many of the best settlement workers are not college graduates,

but it is also true that the college girl, when she does undertake any work along this line, is almost invariably successful. This is to be expected, for besides receiving her academic training, she has been schooled in the very qualities which are desirable in a settlement worker: self-confidence, self-control, power to plan and execute, and the ability to recognize and grasp the essentials, letting the rest go. And if the college girl is good material for the volunteer corps, the fraternity girl should be even better, for does not fraternity life teach us to see the best in others, to work cheerfully as individuals for the good of the whole; does it not train us in a fellowship which is but typical of a broader one, outside the college walls?

There is no doubt, then, that the college girl is good for the settlement—is the reverse just as true? Beyond question, yes. Often and often I have heard settlement workers say that they got a great deal more out of the work than they ever put in it. Even the busy residents, who give everything, insist that they receive more than they give. Settlement work is a great developer of character, and a splendid outlet for energy and ability. Then, too, there are so many varieties of it that it is easy to find something to suit one's own particular talents, whether these lie in a musical, artistic, dramatic, gymnastic, culinary or any other line. Indeed there is no accomplishment, however despised, which will not come in handy sometime at a settlement, particularly in the case of a resident worker. To be a resident requires the versatility of a Roosevelt and the constitution of a locomotive, but although there are not many who have the opportunity and courage to live in a settlement, there are plenty who can give a little time to the work, and reap a disproportionate share of benefits. It is a golden chance for the girl just out of college—the chance to use her tools, and in the using of them, to find them grown more keen and sure, and herself, as well as those for whom she works, stronger and better.

A Distinction and an Obligation

By Della McCortle Palmer, Beta Gamma

A badge is a mark of distinction and usually attracts attention as indicating that the wearer sustains some relations which are not shared by every one, and is chosen to represent certain things which are not of common knowledge or property. The matter of secrecy in fraternity life seems to be at the bottom of most of the opposition to it, the outside world seeming not to recognize the truth that this is only a matter of constitutions, forms, and ceremonies, and most certainly not of methods.

The day for cultivating mysteries is past. But the *exclusive* idea in fraternity life is certainly one of its distinguishing features. Even here it is not a question of better or worse, but of fitness, and after all is not character the only basis of inclusion or exclusion, anywhere?

Now, to be chosen as fit to represent a thing, really noble in itself, to be one of the exponents of its principles, to be allowed to stand for its best traditions and truest spirit—this is a distinction.

The really sensible college woman, chosen as fit to represent what is noble and beautiful and fine in a fraternity, considers that this is something added to her, and out of this conviction springs a determination to embody these things in her own character. Next to a religious motive the expectations of those who love and trust us are the strongest incentives to action. Thus the fraternity may be a powerful means in aid of the noblest being and doing.

I like the lesson from the ancient belief of the saints that by the steady contemplation of the wounds of Christ they would receive on brow, hands, side, the "stigmata," the marks of His suffering. The artist's conception of this belief hangs on the walls of a gallery in Cologne, a picture by Rubens of the Stigmatization of St. Francis of Assisi. The truth of this idea may be

only a story of susceptibility to suggestion, but there is certainly in it a suggestion of the truth that the steady contemplation and practice of an ideal results in leaving the stamp of that ideal on character, and this is the real distinction of belonging to any organization worth while.

You have possibly heard of the boy's saying about ancestors: "They are so troublesome, always on your trail, trying to make you be something, or do something so as not to disgrace them." George Eliot in one of the greatest of her novels adds a corresponding truth: "What we have been goes before us and makes us what we are." These things are true, not only of inheritance, but also true in view of the privilege and opportunities which we have enjoyed. The woman who has gone through college without being in a fraternity has missed something. She has passed through these fruitful years without tasting an experience which is good to have.

But what shall we say of one—of ourselves, who have had this added privilege and power? Simply this, we have an additional obligation, we owe more. If in these years of our higher education nothing has been withheld from us, if we have entered into the full circle of experiences, rounded and complete—then we have a larger debt of service—and woe to us, if we do not pay, not only because we shall fail in enriching others, but also because we shall greatly impoverish ourselves.

One of the things which fraternity women owe particularly to those outside, in college or university life, is to minimize the exclusive idea in social relationships. Courtesy has blossomed into its finest flower when it is able to meet every one on his own ground, without feeling or producing embarrassment.

This spirit will do more to disarm prejudice than all the arguments one can produce. Fraternity life may be an important aid to after life in society. Here we realize that we are a unit of a larger whole, and there the same is true in a greater degree.

Here we get some training, and some conception of what an organized body of women can do; out in the

world we owe it to the larger whole to contribute our experience and power for the betterment of all.

The efforts of women, in these days, along the lines of charity and social betterment, are sometimes laughed at as mere fads, hobbies, or means of diversion. Ridicule them not. Often these efforts mean a self-sacrifice which is a consecration; again they may mean the struggle of a soul to realize itself in helping others; rarely I should say is any such effort without moral earnestness. Educated women who have profited by all advantages are in duty bound to demonstrate their ability to help, and they are doing it.

Now and then a belated masculine voice is still heard proclaiming the statement that women have no mental processes, and arrive at conclusions without premises. Well, we have at least "arrived," and this generation is ours, and if we are enjoying the best advantages that education can give, and have been chosen to represent a high ideal in the life of culture, let us honor the distinction by discharging the obligation which it involves.

Parthenon

**The
Second
Year Girl** There has been a question brought up lately regarding the fraternity, to which attention should be given. This is the question of the second year girl. By this we mean the girl who has not been asked to join a fraternity in her freshman year, but who returns to college the next year, so much benefited, that any fraternity might be proud of her as a member. Should we not consider this girl for a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma? Let us say that she is a girl well recommended by people outside the fraternity, an attractive and brilliant girl. There are many such girls, who do not belong to a fraternity.

Perhaps the first year there were other girls who took better, and after the worry of rushing and initiation, she was dropped. Everybody was too glad to have rushing over to consider a girl who apparently was not desired by other fraternities. Yet she was considered all through the year as a good student, and one whom everybody liked.

But the next year when she returns again to school, it dawns on us what a fine girl she is, and what a strong member she would make for a fraternity. Her year out of the Greek world has given her many staunch friends, who would, if she became a member of Kappa, prove our good friends. There is not a single fraternity girl who does not know the value of having friends among these girls. The very fact that this girl has not been rushed much before, would be considered by them a point in our favor, for they would then think that we considered her worthy to join our ranks without any test of rushing.

Then, too, she knows what college life is outside a fraternity, and is better able to appreciate the advantages of college fraternity life. She could tell us many ways in which we could improve in our attitude toward

non-fraternity girls. There are other reasons which could be mentioned that would show her as a desirable girl.

Sometimes we indifferently forget a good strong girl, because at first we did not ask her with the rest. Often the girl is, in the beginning a little crude, and from our standpoint impracticable. Yet if we can only draw this girl out, we find that she has been a diamond in the rough, who with a little polishing, shows rare qualities most worthy of development. If a girl goes through the first year without being asked to join a fraternity, and on the second we realize her worth, it is our mistake, and we should rectify it as quickly as possible by asking her to join our ranks.

This question has been presented more forcibly to Beta Mu than to many other chapters, because of our first year pledging. Yet we would like other chapters to consider this question of the second year girl.

LENORE BROOME, *Beta Mu.*



Dignity Dignity is a word difficult to define, but perhaps the best dictionary definition is this, "the state of being worthy or honorable, a quality suited to inspire respect or reverence." This is no doubt a true statement, and yet to most of us there is something more which the word dignity conveys, that quality of repose and self-restraint behind which and in which the true worth lies.

There are many people who are dignified to an unpleasant degree, their dignity lying in a haughty, cold, and unapproachable restraint which cannot help keeping them apart and often seemingly aloof from their surroundings. This attitude in some is pitiable because many times it is not a fault but merely nature which holds them apart from people and things. On the other hand, how many men and women there are the world over, and especially in America, whose lack of self-control and whose shallowness make them conspicuous at all times.

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A person may be as jolly and good natured as he pleases, having the best time always, and yet he may still retain a certain restraint which must command the respect of others.

The dignity of a girl in her fraternity world is of great importance, as is also her position in the college community. In her fraternity, reserve and self-control cannot help gaining for her the admiration and love of her sisters, for although the more flighty and livelier girls are the most popular, yet there is sure to be more fraternity love and respect for the one whom we may call dignified. The college community is one great critic, and although it may give smiling approval to the girl of the gay manners and light talk, yet upon the one of more reserve, still greater approval will rest and her popularity is certain of lasting. In every college are found fraternities which have just such a reserve which one must feel and contrast; no doubt in such groups, there has been one in the beginning who has gained respect and had an influence by which the whole chapter profited. If this could happen more often, how much better the fraternity standard would be.

There is a crying need in America for more repose and self-control. We are not such a high strung people as we are made to seem by our nerves and constant desire to hurry things through. If only the lacking dignity could be supplied, how much more stable the people of our country might be. There is an opening for just such a thing through the fraternities, if their members could only realize this and make an effort to attain even a more dignified position than that which they now hold.

MARIE SELLERS, *Beta Iota.*

A Longer Rushing Season If asked to choose the brightest, most popular and most representative of our classmates we are warned, "Do not choose too hurriedly. Take time." Why, then, in choosing a girl for our friend and close companion, a girl between whom and us there is to be a bond stronger than that of classmate, should we think three weeks a sufficient length of time to decide the matter? We are choosing one who later may be called upon to represent not only our fraternity chapter, but the whole national fraternity of Kappa Kappa Gamma. It is not fair to ourselves, to put the most selfish reason foremost.

Nor is it fair to the girl whom we choose. She may not, and most probably will not, have become even moderately well acquainted with all the girls in the fraternity chapter, and very likely has met but few girls outside the one fraternity which has "rushed" her most strenuously. Moreover, a girl often enters college with but little knowledge of fraternity or fraternity meaning. Some girls, to all appearances very pleasant and agreeable, invite her to luncheon, the theatre, dances, parties, and teas, and because she does not know the ways of fraternity women she is kept from meeting other, and perhaps more congenial girls.

There is, furthermore, another reason for a longer season before pledge day. Registration Day is the day when each and every fraternity girl is on the watch for attractive looking freshmen, whose acquaintance she cultivates by doing small services of various kinds. Perhaps a few days later, after the first rushing party, the attractive freshman says or does something which displeases the fraternity girls. After two or three such happenings the result is that the poor rushee is "dropped," with no explanation. A longer rushing season would obviate this difficulty, and enable the fraternity girls to choose the eligible girls without causing any hard feelings.

MARION EDWARDS TREADWELL, *Phi.*

**Rusher
and
Rushee** Many articles are written yearly on the attitude of the fraternity woman to the world; many on that of the fraternity girl to the non-fraternity girl; but few are written on the attitude of the fraternity undergraduate toward the freshman her fraternity is rushing. This last subject, it seems to me, is important enough not to be overlooked, for on it hinges the whole question in what spirit the freshman enters a fraternity.

We, who have been in college long enough to have passed the several "rushing seasons," know that there are as many rushers as there are varying types of college girls. There are some who, from the lofty tops of senior year, treat all freshmen with a cold, squelching indifference. If the freshman comes in contact with this type at all, it must be by continually hurling herself at the senior. If she makes any impression at all, she will probably be marked down as conceited and forward. I know that there are many who, while they do not often try this treatment, still approve of it. They reason that a little snubbing of this sort is good for a freshman, and keeps her from becoming conceited. Fortunately, however, there are but few of this type.

There are many more fraternity girls who go to the other extreme and pet the freshman, until it would be remarkable did she not go up, considerably more than she ought, in her own estimation. This attitude strikes the thoughtful freshman as insincere. She often resents being treated as a child, even though she is a freshman. Or if she likes this treatment she may miss the attention when she enters the fraternity, and it may take her a long while to appreciate the much more normal and beneficial spirit of friendship existing there.

Fortunately, however, for the good of the fraternity, by far the largest majority, in all probability, have the proper attitude toward freshmen. They strike a golden mean between the other two. They treat freshmen as they do their friends in higher classes. They discuss different common problems with them and listen to their

opinion as of some weight. Girls of this type are gracious and sympathetic, and so bring out the best that is in the freshman. By this interchange of ideas and points of view, the freshman will unconsciously, perhaps, absorb the ideals of the chapter and so enter readily into the spirit of fraternity life. This attitude on the part of the upper classman does away with that period of adjustment on the part of the freshman which the cold superiority or the petting of the other types necessitates, and the freshman becomes immediately a strong fraternity member. This article, however, is far from being "A Plea for the Much Abused Freshman." It is merely to suggest a possibly important problem of fraternity life.

MARGUERITE C. NEWLAND, *Beta Epsilon*.

Editorials

It is our earnest desire to give to our readers a magazine that is worth while, and in order to procure articles of unusual merit we are offering two prizes for the best contributions sent by our fraternity members during nineteen hundred and nine. A pearl set key will be presented to the member of an active chapter who contributes the best Parthenon article and a gold fleur-de-lis set with pearls will be awarded to the alumna who sends the best article of general interest. The beauty of these pins as well as the honor of winning such a contest, will, we hope, influence a large number to compete.

We also hope that many will avail themselves of the offer of a year's subscription to THE KEY for good practical suggestions for our fraternity magazine. The editorial board needs the co-operation of every member of the fraternity. We may know the needs and desires of one locality, but we want THE KEY so broad in its scope that it will meet those of every locality. We want to discuss subjects that will interest *you*. We want to tell others of phases of your college life that are peculiar to your university, and, above all, we want new ideas for THE KEY. Something that will give it individuality and make it a magazine of unusual merit. Will you not give THE KEY your earnest thought during nineteen hundred and nine and help to raise its standard?



The alumnae associations all over the country are, one by one, beginning to find themselves; beginning to realize what work their association is best fitted to undertake. The object of each one may be different but it will be of interest to all to know what has been accomplished by the Kansas City Alumnae Association.

To the Editor of THE KEY:

The Kansas City Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma has more than forty names on its membership roll and an average attendance at its monthly meetings of twenty-five. These meetings are held on Saturday afternoon at some member's home. We have enjoyed them as social gatherings, but have long felt that there was something lacking in them—some purpose, some great interest. Active Kappas find that the bond unites them to a school home, and its helpful influences and responsibilities for the chapter house is a home and its inmates one family. But the alumnae association has seemed to fall far short of filling the place of the chapter in the lives of its members. What could we do to make it more helpful to us; to unite more closely in the bonds of Kappa, women from many different chapters, differing much in age and still more in every day interests—these were problems which do not confront active chapters at all. We groped for two years for a solution before finding what seems to be one. This solution is to be the subject of my letter.

Doubtless Louisa M. Alcott has helped to educate most of the Kappas. Do you remember in "Old Fashioned Girl" how poor Polly, unhappy and discontented at her rich cousin's party, happened to think of her mother's advice to find someone less happy than she and help him? So the Kansas City Kappas decided to try helping someone else and see what would happen to themselves. We knew a poor girl who was struggling thru high school, with the determination to go to college, even tho she must support herself entirely. In fact she had already been doing so for several years and had surmounted difficulties which would have thwarted most girls. How would you like, while taking a full course of studies at high school, to do housework for your room and board and from one to two dollars a week, and with that sum and the trifle you could add to it in the summer, buy books and clothes and pay car fare? These

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were not the only difficulties in our girl's way. Plainly some one must come to the rescue or she could not get her college education. A fifty-dollar scholarship was given her by a high school teachers' association, banded together for the purpose of assisting worthy pupils in need. Next a place where she could earn one dollar a week and room and board while attending a State university was secured. Money enough you see to carry her thru—but one important thing was yet to be provided—clothes. With these the Kappas could help. They bought material and went to work at their meetings, making underclothes and wash dresses. The total outlay in money was but little; in time, only that of our meetings, one of which was an all day affair. Many more valuable articles were contributed by the members and their friends. So our girl entered college last fall with a suitable wardrobe and without fear that she could not win in the struggle. But she had undertaken too much. Sixteen hours a week of college work, and enough housework to earn one's board and room, and one dollar a week means long, hard hours, and when one has made such efforts for years before the strain tells. About Christmas she broke down. So her housework was lightened and the dollar a week consequently stopped. The Kappas thought they must come to the rescue, and planned a musical reception which was given on Washington's Birthday at Mrs. Henry M. Beardsley's. Some talented professional musicians donated their services and twenty-five cents admission was charged. Our friends responded cordially and forty dollars was added to the treasury. But our girl's other friends, the teachers, also were active in her behalf. They added seventy-five dollars to her scholarship and she did not need the forty dollars the Kappas raised for her, so this has been saved for her use later.

The teacher's association make a practice of helping a different pupil each year, hence the Kappas decided to raise one hundred and twenty-five dollars for our girl next year, and told her that we would stand by her thru the remaining three years of her course. She had

accepted help only on the condition that she some day pay it back—not to those who rendered it, as they did not wish her to, but to some one else who was in need. The time seemed to her to have come now, and so she declined our offer and has sought a position to teach in order to assist younger members of her family to get an education. She expects to return to college later.

What has the effort meant to the Kansas City Association? Women who were too busy to go to the meetings before have attended regularly. We all know each other much better; we feel more as tho we were sisters indeed. Is it not the true spirit of Kappa to better womankind in any way possible? We have made but a feeble beginning, but we hope by growing in the work to grow ourselves. If “our girl” does not need us this year, some other will—a Kappa if we can find her; if not, some other.

The Pi Beta Phi association here has long maintained a fund to assist its active members at Kansas University. Last spring Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, who is a Pi Phi, donated her services at a musical reception to add to this fund.

The Kansas City Association would be glad to hear plans and ways and means from other alumnae.

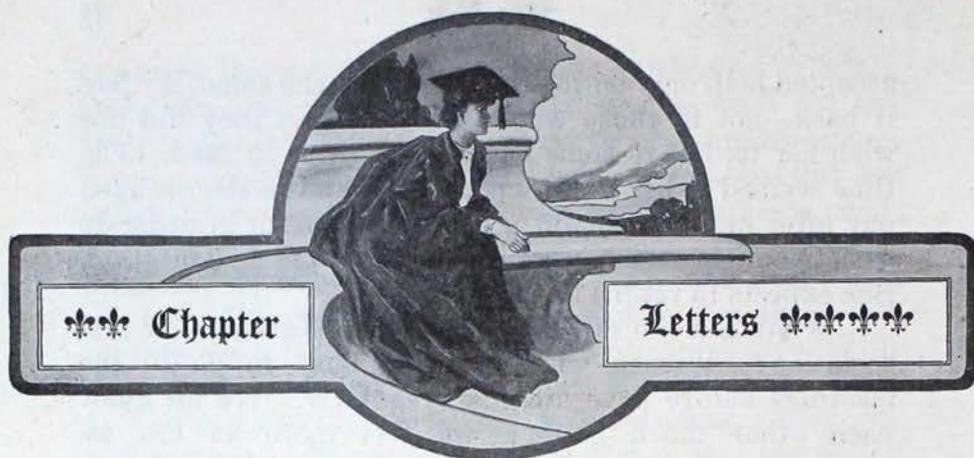
EVELYN BURRILL.



Notices

For good practical suggestions sent **THE KEY** during 1909 by active and alumnae members of the fraternity, one year's subscription to **THE KEY** will be awarded. These suggestions may refer to subjects for articles, advantageous and available contributors, new departments, etc.

We still have a few copies of the historical issue of **THE KEY**. New members desiring this number may obtain it from the editor.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

Greetings to all! September seventeenth saw our girls back at college once more, fourteen in number. Beside the three seniors, we lost at commencement, Corene Bryant, '11, and Patrice Butler, '11, also have left; the former to take a course at Simmons College, and the latter to continue at Wellesley. Gertrude Smith, '11, is at Springfield, Illinois, teaching, but we hope to have her back again next year.

We have new rooms at 665 Boylston Street, almost opposite the college building, and according to the present outlook are going to enjoy them very much.

We have just finished our rushing season at Boston University, and are most happy to be able to tell you all that we have pledged seven girls, all of the class of 1912. The pledglings are Florence MacArdle, Helen Mackintosh, Roberta Miller, Flora Norton, Margaret South, Grace Thompson and Nina Gilley.

Next Saturday, Estelle Ingalls, '09, has invited the active chapter and the pledglings to her home in Swampscott, and we are expecting a jolly time.

Phi sends best wishes to all for a successful, happy year.

MARION E. TREADWELL.

Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

On Friday evening, October twenty-fourth, Antoinette Fransioli, '09, was initiated at the home of Marguerite Newland, '08. Three Kappas from other chapters were present: Gertrude Logan, Beta Omicron; Harriet Stankaker, Beta Upsilon, and Esther Firebaugh.

A rushing party was held at the home of Hilda Wood, '09, on October nineteenth. It was an informal tea, for the sophomore "rushees" only.

A "birthday" spread also took place at Hilda Wood's on October thirteenth.

The province Round Robin reached Beta Epsilon a couple of weeks ago. The first letter from Phi, was much enjoyed by the chapter.

Brooks Hall, the Barnard Dormitory, is entering upon the second year of its existence. The Kappas who live there are Winifred Barrows and Antoinette Fransioli, '09, and Lilian Egleston, '10.

The junior entertainment to the freshmen, October sixteenth, was a mock wedding of the two classes as represented by the temporary chairman of the freshman class (the bride) and Lilian Egleston, junior president, as groom. The entertainment was planned by Bertha Firebaugh, '10, who is chairman of the class entertainment committee.

The Junior Show, "Monsieur Beaucaire," will be given on the 20th and 21st of November. Lilian Egleston has the part of the leading man, Monsieur Beaucaire himself.

The luncheon at the college is under the supervision, this year, of the college itself. It gives promise of being a very satisfactory arrangement. At present a table d'hote lunch is being served for fifteen cents, and the food is surprisingly satisfactory, in quality if not in quantity. Several of the college girls are increasing their incomes by waiting on the table.

HILDA WOOD.

Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

Is it possible that convention has come and gone! It seems as though Beta Sigma will never find an outlet great enough for her enthusiasm over it. But we did give vent to some of our spirits at a convention party at the home of Florence Boole, where we spent a most delightful afternoon. It was our good fortune to have with us several girls from other chapters.

On Saturday afternoon, October nineteenth, the Pan-Hellenic Association of Adelphi gave a reception to the freshman class.

The changes, noted in the last number of *THE KEY*, in the rules of the Pan-Hellenic Association, have worked out very well.

Our first rushing party was on the twenty-fourth of October. We chartered a trolley, had luncheon served in the car, and went to North Beach. In the afternoon we stopped at the home of Dorothy Tuthill. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and voted the affair a great success.

On the seventh of November, we held our second rushing party at the home of Fanita Pando, and gave the play of Julius Caesar. We spent a very pleasant afternoon.

An interesting innovation in social life at the college is a series of informal teas, given Monday afternoons from four to six by the wives and ladies of the faculty.

Beta Sigma extends to all chapters a very warm Christmas greeting.

EDNA M. HERBST.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

Beta Tau celebrated its twenty-fifth birthday on October nineteenth. The active girls entertained the alumnae in the evening with a parody on Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar," entitled "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Caesar in Slang and Verse." Many useful gifts were received, among others a handsome library table.

On October twenty-second Cora Williams, '07, was married to Irving Smallwood, '07, Phi Kappa Psi, at the home of her grandmother in Syracuse. They are living at Baldwinsville, New York.

October thirty-first, Agnes Fox, ex-'10, was married to Albert Colegrove at Salamanca, New York.

We were honored in having Alice Egbert, '11, chosen as one of the delegates to the Intercollegiate Women's League Convention, which met at Mt. Holyoke, November fourteenth, fifteenth and sixteenth.

MARY Y. EVANS.

**Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania**

Dr. Thomas Montgomery returns to Pennsylvania from the University of Texas, as professor of Zoology and chief of the Biological department. He succeeds Dr. Edwin Conklin, now at Princeton. Both these professors believe "on time" is the watchword of our civilization. Dr. Montgomery suggests eight o'clock as a good beginning for an embryology class. Nevertheless, we have to remember that even with a nine o'clock start, the East is up and at work some time before the West awakes.

During the week of October fifth, Philadelphia rejoiced in the two hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding. Since its celebration included civic, military and industrial exhibits considered of educational value, the authorities closed the schools for a week, thereby benefiting many alumnae Kappas. Our

college officials, however, with a keen appreciation of their own educational advantages, deemed one day of holiday sufficient. On this day, Benjamin Franklin (he founded Penn., you know) walked along with his rolls; and the University, as it once was, rode after, supported by several of her present day sons. Many old time university students played prominent parts in peace and war of Colonial years. Right here it is interesting to note the registration of 1912 freshmen in the "College" alone—six hundred and five. The Vice-Provost's text is, "Keep everlastingly at it for Pennsylvania! Put 605 freshmen under your pillow."

On Franklin Field was enacted the historical drama, "Philadelphia." Real Indians participated in these scenes. Association of ideas brought up Pennsylvania—Carlisle games.

For the Army and Navy game, the closing event of the football season, the supply of tickets is always insufficient. Pennsylvania expects to increase the seating capacity of Franklin Field this year by the use of a portable system of seats—sections of which can be added or removed at will.

BESSIE GRAHAM HANLEY.



Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Beta Upsilon begins the year with the following girls in college: Nell Steele, Marjorie Patterson, Pearl Reiner, Pauline Theakston, Daisy Prichard and Mae Sullivan.

Edna Arnold, who expected to be with us this year, was unavoidably detained at home.

The engagement of Ida Sutherland to Mr. Haven Babb, X Σ has recently been announced. The wedding will occur the last of November. After a trip through the east, they will settle in Wheeling, West Virginia, where Mr. Babb is practicing law.

Mrs. John Nuttall, formerly Miss Linnie Vance, visited the chapter some time ago.

Beta Upsilon is glad to welcome into her circle this year, Elsie Kraemer, of Beta Sigma.

Margaret Buchanan attended the October banquet of the Pittsburg Alumnae Association.

Cilda Smith, Willa Butcher and Elizabeth Stalnaker, of Fairmont, were recent visitors of the chapter.

We have given two parties this fall for new girls. One was a general afternoon reception at the home of Mrs. Church; the other a chafing-dish party at Ida Sutherland's. The enrollment of new girls is unusually large, so we hope soon to be able to report several pledges.

MARGARET BUCHANAN.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

Five very enthusiastic Lambda girls are back at work busily talking over convention. We count ourselves very fortunate in having our Grand Treasurer so near us, to give advice and help. Owing to our Pan-Hellenic contract with Eta of Delta Gamma, there will be no rushing until spring.

The college has never had such a promising outlook as it has this fall. The Knight Chemical Laboratory is under roof, and we expect to be in it by Christmas. We have a large freshman class, and a football team that is making a good showing.

Ruby Rentschler, '10, is attending the University of Wisconsin.

Jessie Lowry has entered the Training School for Librarians at Carnegie Library.

Cotta Shuman, '08, is assistant in chemistry in Buchtel College.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Marshal Morris (Fanny Loomis), August the fourth, a daughter.

The Key

Grace Harpham is taking a kindergarten course at Perkins Normal School, Akron, Ohio.

The second week after the opening of college, the active girls enjoyed a week-end party at the Knight cottage near State Mills.

MARTHA E. FORD.



Beta Gamma—Wooster, Ohio

On September fifteenth, fourteen Beta Gamma girls met in Wooster to start again on their college work. Everyone talked of convention. The girls who had gone to Meadville told of the splendid time they had had there, while the unfortunate ones who did not have that same pleasure listened with eyes and ears. Then we discussed the prospects for the new year.

According to Pan-Hellenic rules, no new girls, with the exception of sisters and daughters, may be pledged until two weeks before commencement, so rushing is not so strenuous as it has been before. After our first meeting, we pledged Bernie Boyce, whose sister was in college two years ago.

On October second, Miss Wright of Beta Tau, visited the chapter and a special meeting with the alumnae was called in her honor. From October sixteenth to eighteenth, nine Beta Gamma girls were entertained at a house party in Mansfield, the guests of three of our old girls. Eleanor Douglas, ex-'10, gave a delightful party for us and everyone helped to make it a most enjoyable week end.

We are proud of the size of our chapter, for in spite of the loss of our three seniors and two girls who did not come back this fall, we have the largest chapter in college.

During the summer we had "round robin" letters so that each girl could inform the others of her doings and keep up our interest in Kappa affairs; toward fall everyone seemed anxious to have college begin.

It was a happy group of girls that came back to Holden Hall after a three months' separation, to work together to make this our most successful year.

MARGARET BROWNE.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University

Rushing season closed October second. October thirteenth, the alumnae entertained with a Kappa tea at the home of Marguerite Chaffee in honor of our four freshmen.

Initiation, followed by a banquet, was held November seventh.

Elizabeth O'Kane, '08, was married November twenty-fifth to Charles Lee Leahy, Phi Gamma Delta. They will live in Blanchester, Ohio.

Lillian Pope was married December second at her home in Cincinnati to William Evans, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They are living in Tippecanoe City, Ohio.

Oxley Hall, the first woman's building at Ohio State University, was opened this fall.

Imogen McClees, '08, has returned to college for her M. A. degree.

Miss Flint, of Eta, is at Ohio State University as instructor in the Department of Domestic Science.

BERRY CARROLL.



Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Beta Delta's year has certainly started out most successfully. We have ten pledges and three affiliates: Louise Barnes, Epsilon; Eleanor Wheeler, Mu; Nellie Montgomery, Kappa. We have given our freshmen their first evening party and are planning to further introduce them to students and faculty members, by a series of afternoon "At Homes."

The Key

The university girls, under the auspices of the Woman's League, have purchased a large tract of land to be used exclusively as the girl's athletic field. Betty Ince, one of our junior Kappas, is treasurer of the Woman's League and she assures us that the financial side of this new purchase is progressing rapidly.

Since our rushing is over and our work for the year well started, we have taken up our usual custom of entertaining faculty members and their wives at Sunday dinner each week. This year the faculty, too, have interested themselves in becoming acquainted with the new students and have already given receptions to the freshmen, men and women.

Beta Delta is most happy this year in having as chaperon a Kappa affiliate, Miss Montgomery. Miss Montgomery is taking her Master's degree and is most excellently fitted to enter into the spirit of fraternity and university affairs.

The names of our pledges are: Lyle Noble, Leora Sawyer, Detta Morrison, Polly Wittwer, Alicent Holt, Myrtle White, Jess Duckwall, Florence Rogers, Pauline Martin, Marguerite Kolb.

Beta Delta sends greetings to all the chapters.

RUTH ANDERSON.



Xi—Adrian College

This college year opened with the brightest hopes for Kappa. All, except two of our last year's members are back, and full of enthusiasm.

We enjoyed our delegate's report of convention, and are anxious to put into effect the new plans and rulings.

Miss Landis, Iota, Y. W. C. A., State Secretary of Michigan, visited us October fifteenth.

According to Pan-Hellenic rules, we do not issue invitations until November the tenth. We feel quite fortunate in having so many desirable girls to choose from.

Our Pan-Hellenic reception was held in South Hall parlors, October the tenth.

VERA A. SWIFT.

Kappa—Hillsdale College

Kappa is exceedingly proud of two things this fall. The first is our two initiates, Faith Elliott and Joy Mauck, who were initiated September nineteenth. A few of the alumnae were present.

The second is the new hard wood floors and new furnishings for Kappa Hall. We are very pleased with it, and are about to entertain there for the first time since the improvements have been made.

Saturday evening, October thirty-first, we are to give a rushing party. This is our asking day, and we will entertain for the girls whom we ask, with a Hallowe'en party. We think we have a good time planned.

We, active girls, enjoyed our delegate's report very much. We all know that she must have had an exceedingly good time at convention.

We have eight active members now, and have every reason to believe that we will soon have about five more, for this is proving to be a very successful rushing season.

LUTIE THAYER.

**Gamma Province****Delta—Indiana State University**

Delta had a very successful rushing season, and on October twelfth initiated twelve freshmen.

On Monday, September twenty-first, the alumnae gave a tea at the home of Mrs. P. K. Boskirk for the active chapter and the rushees.

Clara Pfrimmer, '10, is not in college this term.

Ruth Maxwell, '07, has returned after a year in Grenoble, France.

Mary Lamb, '07, Ruth Maxwell and Gayle Blankenship, '08, were guests at the Kappa house during rush week.

The Key

Ellen Foley, '08, is teaching school in Evansville.

Edith Holloway, '08, is teaching in Lebanon.

During the summer the wedding of Mary Beck, '07, to Dr. W. N. Culmer and that of Nelle Reinhard, '07, to Mr. Victor Ruehl, took place.

Bess Williamson, '12, was successful in the "Strut and Fret" Dramatic Club try-out.

Mary Rogers, '08, is doing graduate work at Wellesley this year.

Delta has two affiliates from Mu, Lois Tracy and Edith Craycraft.

MARGUERITE GRIFFITH.



Iota—De Pauw University

Greetings to all Kappa Sisters:

Our chapter, with sixteen active girls full of enthusiasm and Kappa love, is launched well upon another college year, which bids fair to be one of greatest success and prosperity.

We have met with one keen disappointment in the loss of Florence Brown from the chapter, for this term at least. Under the doctor's care for several weeks, she continued her college work and took a generous share of the rushing duties when not physically able, and pluckily fought against the giving up, which finally became imperative. We are all trusting that a quiet rest will put her in condition to return next term.

The rushing continues to be the popular topic of conversation. It was conducted this year very much as last, with the privilege of the two dates weekly, which dates could be kept at the chapter house under certain restriction. No fraternity talk permitted. Pledge day was set for Monday, October nineteenth, the invitations to be sent by eight in the morning, and the new girls answering favorably, taken to the chapter house by half after nine o'clock. We feel, as a chapter, that we met with commendable success in our sincere efforts to conduct good, clean-cut rushing, maintaining the spirit of

the rules, and Monday was a full compensation for all the fret and worry incidental to such a season.

We are proud to introduce to Kappa sisters our fifteen girls now wearing the blue and blue, as:

Florence Combs, Lelia Trees, Dena Hurt, Hazel Rhoades, Mary Wagoner, Eunice Whyter, Georgia Stigelman, Leola Trueblood, Florence Black, Mary Ann Baker, Pansy Bell, Frances Merriman, Hazel Scearce, Lottee Thomas and Katheryn Moore.

During the rushing our "stunt" was the usual Iota progressive dinner. The beautiful homes of three generous alumnae, Helen Black, Mrs. Donner, and Mrs. Tucker, were opened for our use, the final course being at the chapter house, which was decorated extensively in Japanese style. The affair was most satisfactory to all.

Our chapter continues to enjoy the glowing convention report of our delegate, who enthusiastically sings the praise of Gamma Rho, and of Kappa convention spirit in general. We are all determined to see for ourselves the next time!

Of university events so far, Old Gold Day has been the most auspicious. The class championship was won by the freshmen, and the entire day was a grand expression of our famed college spirit. A number of our girls took part in the May-pole dance.

October thirtieth is to see the dedication of our magnificent new library, the services to be conducted by President Bishop Hughes.

The announcement has been made that Rev. J. S. McConnell, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted the offer of the presidency, vacated by Dr. E. H. Hughes. The final election is soon, and we expect to have him with us in the near future.

We greatly miss our last year's seniors, but are fortunate in receiving occasional visits from Jene Bishop, who is teaching music in Rushville; Bess Sale, who is substituting in her home schools; Martha Poucher, who is teaching in Lawrenceburg, and Bess Starr, who is

at home this winter. Alma Wiant is expected soon to spend several weeks with the chapter before returning to her home in Virginia.

Initiation of our new girls is the next fraternity interest. It is the chapter sentiment that a long pledge time is advantageous, but there is some uncertainty as to the length advisable.

MARY ALICE GILMORE.



Alu—Butler College

As we had no rushing contract this fall, our parties were all near the first of the term.

We gave a reception the week before college opened, a progressive dinner matriculation-day, and a matinee party next day. We pledged three new girls—Laura Kirkpatrick, Ruth Hendrickson and Mary Cravens. We were very glad to affiliate Lucile Sellers, Iota. After Christmas we expect to have Lulu Colburn with us again.

October third, we gave a little informal dance for our pledges, at Elizabeth Brayton's. Initiation was held October tenth at the home of Mrs. John Scott, one of our alumnae.

Saturday, October seventeenth, we held our annual State banquet.

The attendance at Butler is much increased this year. The Lotus Club, the girls' club of the college, has been reorganized, and nearly all of our girls belong. Quite a number of us are considering staying at the dormitory the winter term. I think this will help to keep the attitude of the non-sorority girls friendly toward us. There is a very friendly feeling among all the Butler girls this fall. We are looking forward to a pleasant year.

GERTRUDE M. PRUITT.

Eta—University of Wisconsin

Eta chapter has entered upon another year of work and pleasure. Our house, hitherto amply large, is taxed to its utmost to accommodate as many as possible of a large chapter, so that now there are only four out-of-town girls who do not live in the chapter house.

We are glad to welcome Miss Rentschler, of Lambda chapter, and trust that she will soon feel at home in her new surroundings. Bernice Banning, '06, who took her A. B. degree at Brown University, has returned to Wisconsin. She holds the Greek fellowship, and is studying for a Ph. D. Josephine Howe, who graduated last year, also returned unexpectedly to take up graduate work in history.

Our fall rushing "stunts" were a great success, and much of the credit is due to Agnes Challoner. Rhoda Rietow and Edna Brown, '08, were with us during rushing season.

Our thirty-fifth annual banquet, held October seventeenth, brought back many of the graduates. Eighty guests were served.

Eta sends greetings to all the Kappas, with good wishes for a successful year.

FRANCES HELMS.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

DEAR KAPPAS:

College began September twenty-third, and sixteen of us were able to meet at the Kappa house. The summer had brought changes in the plans of some of our girls, so there were not so many who returned as we had expected.

On October tenth, "bid day," we put the blue and blue on nine splendid girls. They are:

Katherine Halsey, Ruth Felmey, Rachel Weir, Clara Lee Webb, Dorothy Putnam, Josephine Perry, Katherine Seamons, Margaret Du Puy, and Eleanor Gilmer.

The Key

Elizabeth Eiker is teaching history at Sparta, Ill. Margaret Pouk is superintendent of music in schools of Streator, Ill.

Bertha Schwarzkopf is spending the first part of the year in New York, but will return to us in February.

Alice Eager, ex. '08, is teaching in the high school at Lacon, Illinois.

Theodora Abbott is at home in Saltillo, Mexico.

Miss Ruth Paxson, national secretary of Y. W. C. A., and a Kappa from Beta Zeta, was at the university several days during the last of October. She spoke to us at the house, and we were all very glad to see and know her.

We are very happy to have living in town this year, Mrs. Ray Blatchlee, of Delta.

EVA L. MCINTYRE.



Upsilon—Northwestern University

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS:

Another glorious year begun! Upsilon has thirteen members, and we are far from considering it unlucky. Helen Tarquary is our only senior in Liberal Arts, and Mary Hotchkiss, in Oratory.

Registration day was the first pledge day, and rushing was certainly exciting for a short time, but Upsilon has eight pledges, and we are all looking forward to initiation in February. Many of our alumnae were back for rushing.

Helen Taggart, of Iota, is affiliated with us this year, and Bertha Van Aiken, of Kappa, is taking oratory at Northwestern.

We have a "cozy time" every Thursday night, and meet our pledges then, which enables us all to keep closer together.

Miss Paxson was with us the first week in November, and Margaret Ridlon entertained all the fraternity women of Northwestern so they might hear Miss Paxson's interesting and helpful talk.

Elizabeth Fox, of Beta Epsilon, has taken the position of Y. W. C. A. secretary, formerly occupied by Nina Vest. We are glad to welcome her.

Margaret Ridlon is associate editor of the "Woman's Edition" of the "*Northwestern Magazine*," and Carry Nusbaum is vice-president of the junior class.

Our pledges entertained us at a very pretty little "500" party, which was greatly enjoyed by all.

Upsilon gave its informal at Wilmette, Hallowe'en night, which was a decided success. The decorations were especially clever, being appropriate to the occasion.

We are proud to announce that Northwestern has once more joined the ranks in inter-collegiate football, and is making a great showing, defeating Beloit forty-four to four.

Upsilon sends greetings to all Kappas, and wishes them a most successful year.

MARY C. HOTCHKISS.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

We feel that rushing season proved more enthusiastic than ever this year, owing to the fact that seven of our girls attended convention, where we think we gained many new ideas and added spirit.

Our first rushing event was a five-course progressive dinner. The color scheme for each different course was in honor of the different fraternities at Wesleyan.

The second week of college we had a chicken roast at the country home of Mae Stover.

A few days before we pledged, the Kappa club entertained the active girls and their rushees at the home of Mrs. C. C. Marquis. This was the first of a series of guest days held by our alumnae association.

This year we did not have mock-initiation as has been our custom for the last few years, but we held initiation earlier than usual.

Initiation took place at the home of Myra Sinclair, in Normal, October twenty-fourth. Following initiation we gave our annual banquet at the Illinois hotel, where fifty Kappas were present.

Invitations are now out for a Hallowe'en party, to be given by our new babies, at the home of Louise Leaton.

Last spring we lost seven of our active chapter by graduation. This year Maude Ayers, Zola Green and Grace Wells are teaching in high schools.

Laurastine Marquis is attending Mrs. Simm's school at Boston.

Louise Barnes, one of our juniors, moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan, during the summer, and since the commencing of college has been affiliated with Beta Delta.

ELSIE F. WELCH.



Delta Province

Chi—University of Minnesota

The agreement of all the sororities here except Kappa Alpha Theta to observe the April pledge day again this year, did not, however, include freshmen who are sisters and daughters of Kappas. Chi has received into her number three sisters.

Initiation for these girls was held on October the thirteenth at the home of Miss Kate Fairchild.

Chi chapter has never had a house of her own, but we are fortunate this year in having the second floor of a house across from the campus. We are having a great deal of comfort from these rooms, for they are so conveniently situated.

After the football games we have held open house to our friends. These teas have been delightfully informal.

The girls of the active chapter entertained the alumnae on November the fifth in Alice Shevlin Hall.

This building is our woman's building, and is a very delightful place for such a gathering.

The girls of Chi send greetings to all other Kappas.

ALICE E. ANDERSON.



Beta Zeta—University of Iowa

Rushing is over. Our freshmen are invited and initiated, and everything is progressing smoothly.

According to our new Pan-Hellenic rules, each sorority was limited to two formal functions, one in the afternoon and one in the evening. For our evening affair Mrs. Sawyer, one of our alumnae, gave a lawn party and musicale, and in the afternoon we had a dancing party up the river.

Everything went off very well, but the "rushing" rules were not very satisfactory, and we are all glad that we have seen our last autumn pledge day. For next year the April pledge day has been decided upon, and everyone is confident that it will be an improvement upon the other system.

Aside from our six seniors, we have lost Julia Green to Beta Mu.

The Pi Beta Phi chapter here has sent out "at home" cards for the Friday afternoons of October and November.

The social restrictions have been made much more conservative this year than previously. Parties are limited to Friday and Saturday, and must be over by midnight, except the four class formals.

Of our graduates, Mary Helen Letts, Helen Seerley, and Kate Green have visited us.

JESSICA DON-CARLOS.



Theta—Missouri State University

Greetings to all Kappas:

The university opened later than usual this year—September the fourteenth. On Tuesday night, the Theta

girls gave an informal dance to the rushees. The following night a progressive dinner was given, which proved a decided success. Thursday morning, the ladies of the faculty and the rushees were entertained at a tea.

On October seventeenth, Theta chapter celebrated the thirty-eighth anniversary of its founding with a banquet. This is the most important event of the year, and is always pervaded by the true Kappa spirit of loyalty. Adele Fleming acted as our most charming toast-mistress. Beth Patterson, '08, came over for the banquet.

The Y. W. C. A. girls entertained the university girls and the faculty ladies at an "Old Maid's Convention," the night of October thirty-first. The Kappa stunt in it was "Miss Prim's Select School," a little play written in verse by one of our girls, Mary Paxton.

Mary Paxton, '10, is acting president of the junior class. Margaret Elston was elected president of the freshman class this year.

The only formal fraternity dance before Christmas was given Friday night, October thirtieth, by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

Faith Pearse, the delegate to convention, brought to us much interesting news and Kappa spirit, which inspired in us a great desire to be present at the next convention.

With best wishes to all chapters,

SADIE CRAIG.



Sigma—Nebraska State University

This college year has begun most auspiciously for Sigma. The all-important rushing week, to which we had all been looking forward with feelings of mingled dread and longing, is now a thing of the past. We are happy to be able to state that we came forth with flying colors, and introduce to the fraternity, our pledges, every one of whom we are immensely proud. They are Anne Dennis and Doris Wood, of Omaha; Alice Kate, of

Wayne; Florence Hanna, of Wood River; Irene Bailey, of Fairbury; and Frances Westervelt, of Lincoln. They will probably be initiated during the latter part of February.

On the twenty-eighth of September the active girls gave a stocking shower for Florence Woods, who was married to John Earl Foster, Phi Delta Theta, on the thirtieth. It was just two weeks after the marriage of another Kappa, Margaret Wheadon, to Frank Rain, Beta Theta Pi. Gladys Hargreaves has announced her engagement to Homer Southwick, a member of Phi Kappa Psi. The wedding, it is expected, will take place in December.

Lora Smith, who was initiated last year, has left the University, to attend Wellesley College.

Lena Jeary, a freshman last year, is taking a kindergarten course at Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa.

Florence Riddell has been elected secretary of the junior class.

Our alumnae have presented us with a cup, to be held by the winner of the tennis singles in the Kappa tournament. The cup, which is a beautiful one, and for which we thank our alumnae most heartily, is to have each year engraved upon it the name of the winner. If it is won three times in succession by the same girl, it may be kept by her. All of the Sigma girls who play tennis are practicing up, so as to be in good condition for the tournament.

During the summer vacation those Kappas who were in Lincoln competed for prizes in a golf tournament and in a bowling tournament at the Country Club. The first prize in the bowling tournament, which was a cup presented by Dr. Harry Everett, was won by Gladys Hargreaves, and the second prize by Claire Funke. In the golf tournament, the first prize, a cup given by Louise Pound, was won by Claire Funke, and the second prize by Gladys Hargreaves.

Sigma chapter gave an informal dance on Saturday, October tenth, at the Temple. It is our first one this season, and every one reported a remarkably good time. We had several out-of-town guests for the occasion. We were delighted to have a number of our old girls back for it. We are looking forward to another of the same kind very soon.

The Girl's Pan-Hellenic Club gave a dance in the Temple on Saturday afternoon, October seventeenth. These dances are very popular among the girls. Their purpose is to enable the members of the different sororities to become better acquainted with one another, and they succeed admirably in carrying out their purpose.

JETTIE A. TAYLOR.



Omega—Kansas State University

Greetings to Members of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

After a very strenuous rushing season, Omega chapter is glad to have five new sisters. During the sixteen days preceding pledge day, we were limited, by our Pan-Hellenic rule, to three large parties. The first party of the series was a progressive luncheon, given at the chapter house. This proved very successful, especially in the manner in which our girls became acquainted with the guests. The next Saturday, the party was a matinee dance, which was also given in the chapter house, and the last entertainment, a card party, was given at the home of one of our alumnae, Miss Margaret Perkins. We rode out to the beautiful home on the edge of Lawrence, in a tally-ho, which, you may imagine, was quite a feature of the evening. After returning from the Perkins' home, we entertained our rushees at an all-night party at the chapter house. Many graduate Kappas came back to visit us. Among these were Mrs. Bly Sullivan, of Atchison; Mrs. F. L. Williamson, Kansas City; Kate Addison, Salina; Maude Olander, Olga Newton, and Grace King, of Kansas

City; Patty Kronert, of Arkansas City; and Ada Cates, Chanute. We were much honored by a visit from our grand president, Miss Edith Stoner, during two days of our rushing season. It means so much to have the former members of our chapter come back, for it brings to us all a more lasting realization of the close bonds of our fraternity.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having with us our former chaperon, Miss Flora Kapp. Miss Kapp came from her home in State College, Pa., to be with us again this year.

Fraternity circles have been much interested in a new ruling which has been advocated lately by the university authorities. The university wishes to put into effect the ruling, that no girl attending the university shall have dates on any nights, save Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights.

Great preparations are being made by the girls of Omega chapter, to attend the banquet which is to be given to the Kappas of Missouri and Kansas Universities, by the Kansas City alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma. It will be held in the Italian room of the Hotel Baltimore, Kansas City, Mo., the night before Thanksgiving. We are all anxious to renew old friendships and make new acquaintances among our Kappa sisters.

ANNA WILLIAMS.



Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

Kappa Sisters, Greeting:

Beta Mu has been especially active this fall. Our rushing is limited by Pan-Hellenic to one week, pledge day being September twenty-second. There are, of course, many restrictions in our rushing. Each fraternity has one drawn date for an afternoon. No one else is allowed to entertain on that afternoon. The prin-

incipal affairs of our rushing week were an informal reception, a tally-ho ride and picnic lunch, a progressive spread, a dance, a taffy pull, and an eleven-o'clock breakfast.

Everything worked out to make one of the most successful rushing seasons that Beta Mu has ever had. We have ten new members, girls that Kappa Kappa Gamma is proud to claim, and one pledge who hopes to be initiated soon. Our active chapter now numbers twenty-four.

Our initiation seemed especially beautiful this year, and we were delighted with the spicy and enthusiastic toasts, given at our initiation banquet.

We regret very much to lose two of our active girls this year, Josephine Frawley, who has gone to Smith as a junior, and Vara Shaver, who graduates this year at the University of Utah.

Julia Green, '09, of Beta Zeta chapter, is with us this year. We welcome her most heartily.

Beta Mu has been busy sending spoons this fall. There is no use in saying that college life lessens a woman's chances of matrimony. We are only sorry that we are so far separated from Edith Johnson, Cora Nicholson, Neata Clark, and Marie Gill.

One of the prettiest events of the fall was the wedding of Cora Nicholson, '09, to Dr. Albert Tonkin, '03. They were married September seventh, at the home of the bride in this city. The members of Beta Theta Pi, Dr. Tonkin's fraternity, were present, as well as the Kappas. Beta Mu took great interest in the affair, as it is the only one of the kind which has occurred here for some time.

On the evening of October 26th, the active girls of the chapter gave a miscellaneous white shower for Neata Clark. An oyster supper was served afterwards.

Ruth Anderson, one of Beta Delta's girls, visited us during rushing season, and gave us her earnest co-operation during the week.

LENORE BROOME.

Beta Xi—University of Texas

The first few weeks of college were certainly busy ones for Beta Xi. But rushing was not as difficult as it might have been, for seventeen of the girls were back, and Jessie Lee Rembert, a transfer from Beta Pi. Besides these, two of the girls, Bennie Brown and Marguerite Morris, who will not be in college this year, came down to be with us until rushing season was over.

At the end of rushing season, we had fifteen pledges. We had our initiation on the sixteenth of October, but only fourteen of the pledges were initiated. Sarah Sanborn is still a pledge. After initiation, we had our usual banquet at the Driskill. Helen Devine was toast-mistress, and numbers of toasts were given by the other girls. The freshman toast, given by Enie Kleberg, was excellent.

We are living in the new house now—the house that we made so many plans for last year. We are perfectly delighted, and really feel that we have an ideal chapter house, and, what is still more, an ideal chapter.

It seems as if this is going to be a year of brides for Beta Xi. Florence West has announced her engagement to Dr. Stoneker, surgeon in the navy. The wedding is to take place on the tenth of November. On the eleventh, Annie Bob Brown is to be married to Rogers Rainey. Buelah Rowe is to be married to Fritz Lanham, K. A., on the twenty-seventh of October.

We had a regular Kappa reunion during Thanksgiving, for many of the graduates were with us.

WILLIE PEARL GARDNER.



Beta Omicron—Tulane University

Beta Omicron sends greetings to all chapters, and best wishes for a most successful year. Since the opening of college all Newcomb girls have been interested in

class elections, and it is with much pleasure that we girls of Beta Omicron can tell to all Kappas some of the results of these elections. Our only academic senior, Hilda Phelps, was elected president of the student body; our art senior, Katherine Leach, president of the art department; and one of our juniors, Marion Monroe, president of the junior class.

This year we have no "rushing season," as we have had formerly, but what we call "open rushing," which merely means that we can be nice to freshmen and yet at the same time abolish all undignified, violent rushing. We want to impress them with the advantages of the fraternity by our every-day fraternity life, and as a first step we are turning our energies toward making our room even more attractive than ever.

Beta Omicron seems to have almost a monopoly on brides. She is soon to add another to her increasing list, for the marriage of Irene Drake to Burch Lee, S. A. E., took place on the fourth of November. We have almost reached the point where we hold our breath wondering who will be next.

Two of our last-year seniors, Adele Monroe and Anita Norman, have just returned from their summer trip, spent in the North. They will both be debutants this winter

CLIFFORD DRAKE.



Zeta Province

Beta Eta—Leland Stanford Jr. University

We returned to open our house the last week in August, with fourteen active girls. A number of us had spent the last month of vacation at Catalina Island where we had a Kappa house party. This was a rallying point for alumnae, also, and we had many enjoyable reunions.

We have just finished a very successful rushing season. By Pan-Hellenic agreement, we had a longer season than usual—six weeks—but, with many restric-

tions as to the number and character of our entertainments. October twenty-fourth was the date of initiation, at which we were especially glad to have with us Mrs. Evelyn Wight Allan, former grand president, and Mrs. F. W. Potter, editor of the KEY, besides many of Beta Eta's alumnae and several Pi girls. Now we have six fine freshmen to introduce to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

As yet we have had no entertainments, aside from rushing, but we have just issued invitations for a reception to be given on November twenty-first, in honor of Mrs. Allan, who has come to Stanford this year, as dean of women.

Mrs. Russell, of Beta Zeta, has finished her third year with us as house mother. Helen Starr, Beta Pi, has also come back for her third year at Stanford.

Mercedes de Luna, after spending last winter in New York, has returned to us for a semester, and is assisting in the romance language department.

Carrie Goodhue has returned to take up her work again, and is also assisting in the English department.

Several of our alumnae, Ethel McLellan, May Cunningham, Bertha Henzel, Mrs. Ida Henzel Miller, Anita Perrin, and Mrs. Claudine Cotton Warren, have paid us visits during the semester.

Eulavelle Sweetland and Jessie Barnard sailed for Europe in September.

Jean Henry has returned to her home in Monterey, after a year and a half spent with her sister, Mrs. Lou Henry Hoover, in London.

Margaret Burkhalter has gone abroad for a year.

Mrs. Nan Downing Hayden is now living in Phoenix, Arizona.

Hazel Burge is continuing her studies at Smith this year.

Mrs. Woodward, Upsilon, whose husband is in the law department at Stanford, is studying music in Germany this winter.

RUTH MADDOX.

Beta Pi—University of Washington

This year again Beta Pi held out for three weeks' rushing against the other five national fraternities who pledged on registration day. However, at the end of our time, we asked nine girls.

A ruling has been made by the faculty that no person may be initiated into a fraternity until he or she has made twelve credits in the university, so our freshmen will be pledged until February. However, we were able to initiate Florence Mackey, who has been a special heretofore, and Agnes Bunch.

Several of our older Kappas have recently announced their engagements: Edna Gullixson, '06, to Loren Grinstead, Phi Delta Theta, '05; Maud McMicken, '06, to Maurice Tibbals, Phi Gamma Delta, '06; Marguerita Sinclair ex-'06, to Doctor Frank Wilt, Sigma Nu, Cooper Medical Institute; Marjorie Moran, ex-'09, to Randolph Perry Scudder, U. S. N.; Olive Lewis, ex-'10, to Harold Langdon, Alpha Delta Phi.

A wedding also took place on October twentieth, when Helen Tremper, ex-'09, was married to Richard Lane.

Two of our last year's post-graduates, Celia Shelton and Mayme Lucas, are teaching in high schools this year, the former in Everett, and the latter in Wenatchee. Gertrude Walsh, '08, is teaching in the graded school of Wenatchee.

Lucy Campbell, '08, is to leave in a few days with her father, to spend eight or nine months of travel in the United States and Canada.

Elsa Walsh, ex-'06, has returned from a three-years' residence in Germany.

Charlotte Wardner and Jessie Lee Rembert, both '11, are attending other institutions this year. The former is taking a kindergarten course in Chicago, and the latter is at the University of Texas.

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

ELLEN F. HOWE.

In Memoriam

Katherine Wright

On October twenty-sixth, Katherine J. Wright, Beta Tau, ex-'08, died at the Hospital of Good Shepherd, Syracuse, N. Y. She was a girl of exceptionally fine qualities, and is a loss, not only to Beta Tau, but to the whole fraternity.

Martha Moses

Chicago Alumnae Association mourns the loss of Martha Moses, Beta Nu, who died in Chicago last June.



Alumnae ❀❀❀
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Phi

On Thursday, October fifteenth, Elsie Burdick, '06, was married to Mr. Charles L. Seiple, at her home in Hartford, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Seiple are to reside in Yonkers, New York.

Alice Crane, '03, was married on Thursday, October fifteenth, to Mr. Seneca Porter Brown.

Emma Fall, '06, has gone abroad for a year of study and pleasure.



Beta Epsilon

Laura Armstrong, '08, is taking work in domestic science at Teachers' College.

Clairette Armstrong, '08, is studying at the School of Philanthropy.

Elizabeth Fox, '08, is Y. W. C. A. student-secretary at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. She writes of pleasant friendships with the Kappas at Evanston.

Eleanor Hunsdon, '08, is teaching Latin at Miss Davidge's School, in New York.

Marguerite Newland, '08, is teaching biology at Miss Jacob's School, New York City.

Nathalie Henderson, ex-'08, expects to spend the winter in Rome.

Martha Stapler, '05, is to spend the winter in London.

Alice O. Draper, '05, was married on the fifth of August, at Dark Harbour, Maine, to Mr. Edward Clark Carter.

Madeline Heroy, '01, was married in June to Mr. Robert Simpson Woodward.

Anna Meyer, '98, is now both secretary and registrar of Barnard College.



Beta Alpha

Alice Davidson, (Ph. D., '05), now professor in the College for Women, S. C., visited our chemical laboratory on her way home.

Kate Nowlin (M. A., '08) is teaching in Martinsville, Virginia.

Helen Booth has been appointed assistant in the department of chemistry, Anna Bramble in the department of biology, at the Philadelphia High School for Girls.

BORN.—To Mrs. Leon W. Hartman (Edith Kast, Ph. D., '07), a daughter.



Gamma Rho

Evangeline Parsons, '03, was married to Rev. Joseph Morrison, June twenty-fifth. They are now living in Wilkesburg, Pennsylvania.

In July, Rebecca Frey and Mr. Richard Clough were married.

Florence Stem, '03, was married, on September third, to Dr. Walter Chipman Carpenter.

The Key

Helen McClintock, '04, has accepted a position as teacher of German and French at Geneva College, Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. She is also preceptress of the girls' dormitory.

Ethel Fowler, '07, is teaching in the Tidioute high school this year.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Barnhurst (Florence Appleby), a daughter, June, nineteen hundred and eight.

Bess Rist, '08, expects to spend the winter in Florida.



Beta Upsilon

Gertrude Pollock, '07, is teaching in the Clarksburg High School.

Laura Lewis, '07, has been appointed dean of women at the Fairmont Normal.

Cilda Smith, '08, has accepted the position of mathematics teacher in the Fairmont High School.

Emma Parks, '08, is teacher of chemistry in Cameron High School.

Harriet Stalnaker is taking graduate work in Columbia.



Beta Gamma

Harriet Sinclair, '05, was married to Mr. Platte Lawton, of Dayton, Ohio, on July seventeenth, nineteen hundred and eight.

Mary McKinley was married, on September second, to Mr. Wells Rathburn, of Boise, Idaho.

Mrs. Esary (Mabel Douglass, '90), of Seattle, Washington, is spending the fall in Wooster.

Mrs. Sheppard (Helen Cornell, '92) spent Sunday in Wooster, recently.

Mabel Felger and Rhea Mowry, '08, are teaching music in Mansfield, Ohio.

Hazel Drummond, ex-'10, is teaching in Chicago.

Elizabeth Wyman, ex-'10, is spending this year at home, in Sidney.

Rowena Rayman, '08, is at her home in Canton, Ohio, this year.

Gertrude Volroth, '00, spent the summer in Europe.

MARGARET BROWNE.

**Xi**

Marguerite Arnette, of Fairmount, West Virginia, has returned from her trip abroad, and is now visiting in Adrian.

Mildred Graham Layman has returned to Japan, to resume her missionary duties.

The wedding of Edna Neer, to Mr. Hayes E. Davison, of Champaign, Illinois, has been announced.

Miss Cora Palmer, dean of women at Beloit College, called at the Adrian College October fifth.

**Kappa**

Fannie Northrop has returned from an extended visit in the East.

Edith Cold, '06, has resumed her work as teacher in Hillsdale College, after studying in Germany this summer.

Mrs. Carl Bailey has returned from a trip in Iowa, where she visited her sister, Mrs. Walter Griffin, of this chapter.

**Mu**

Nelle Wheeler is attending the University of Michigan this year.

Irma Brayton is teaching domestic science in the Mountain School, at Sheridan, Wyoming.

The Key

Mrs. Arthur Johnson (May Brayton) is living in Basin, Wyoming.

Mrs. Mark Howard Reasoner (Gem Craig), of Detroit, will visit her mother here this fall.

Grace Mathews and Sue Brown are teaching in Alexandria this winter.

The Indianapolis Alumnae Club held its first meeting in October. Lena Diggs gave the convention report. Plans were made for the year.



Beta Lambda

Mrs. Emma Rhoads Nickoly, who has been in Beirut, Lyria, is returning to this country, and will visit Mrs. J. D. Wallace, in Champaign, in November. The chapter hopes to have her present at initiation.

Helen Webb is supervisor of drawing at Franklin, Indiana.

Louise Hanna is teaching in Chicago.

Nina Quigler is studying in New York.

Esther Firebaugh, who was a transfer to Beta Lambda from Delta, is studying music in New York.

A daughter was born to Dr. and Mrs. Mason, May twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and eight.



Beta Zeta

Caroline Mabry, '07, was married June twenty-fifth, to Mr. Morris Christy, Σ X, at her home in Albia, Iowa. They are at home in Ottumwa.

Ora Cook, ex-'09, was married September twelfth, to Mr. Ariel Parish, Δ T Δ, at her home in Shelby, Iowa. They are living in Montezuma.

Mary Helen Letts, '08, is attending Iowa State College at Ames.

Josephine Lynch, '08, is teaching in the Le Mars High School.

Makepeace Morris, '04, is an instructor in English this year, at Iowa State College.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Barrett (Mary West, '06), a son.

BORN.—To Rev. and Mrs. Wylie (Alice McGee, '03), a daughter.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Clapp (Eleanor Hayes, '04), a daughter.

Sadie Hess was married, June eighteenth, to Professor Ford, of the engineering department.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Beulah McFarland, '97), who have been in the Philippines as missionaries for the past seven years, have returned for a year's leave of absence.

Henrietta Prentiss, who took her master's degree in '07, has been elected professor of animal biology in the New York Normal College.

Joana Strange, '06, has been appointed assistant librarian in the Carnegie Library, at Pittsburg.

Mary Lyttle is studying in the Albany Library School.

Augusta Brown, '06, has been elected secretary of the Y. W. C. A., for the State of Iowa.

Caroline Langworthy, Lambda, who has been in the University Library here, has been appointed library organizer for Iowa.

A number of Beta Zeta alumnae attended the Iowa-Morningside game at Sioux City. Marie and Josephine Lynch gave a luncheon in their honor.

Mrs. Laura Rockwood has been appointed alumni editor of the *Iowa Alumni Notes*.



Theta

Mary Alice Herrin and Cornelia Ellison visited at the Kappa house for a week.

Aileen Davidson is visiting at the Kappa house.

Beth Patterson, '08, is teaching, this year, in Hardin College, Mexico, Missouri.

Sydney Yantis, of the class of '10, is teaching in Elmwood Seminary, Farmington, Missouri.

The Key

The engagement of Adele Fleming to Dr. Abner Gore, Phi Delta Theta, of Marshall, Missouri, has been announced.



Omega

Cards were received during the past month announcing the marriage of Ada Williams, of Newton, Kansas, to Mr. Maurice Ingalls, Sigma Nu, of Halstead, Kansas.

The marriage of Lillian Trousdale, Newton, Kansas, to Mr. Charles Phillips, was also announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Amsburg announce the birth of a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Lou Flint are the parents of a son.



Beta Mu

On September seventh, two weddings took place, that of Edith Mae Johnson, '10, to Dr. Wilbur Lucas; and that of Cora Nicholson, '09, to Dr. Albert Tonkin, '03.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Rathvon (Edith Miller) a daughter.

Marie Gill, M. A., '06, was married to Mr. Glen Stannard, October twenty-first.

Neata Clark was married to Mr. Suydam, November fourth.

Among the alumnae back for initiation, were Mrs. Kate Todd Moore, of Denver; Mrs. Eva Corley Davie, Boulder; Edna Baker, '08, Fort Collins; Isabelle Warner, '09, Denver; and Mrs. Mae Carroll Fry, Grand Junction.

Isabelle Warner is teaching kindergarten in the Alcott School in Denver.



Pi

Sara Eva Alexander was married to Mr. Henry Waddell Tomlinson on November twenty-eighth.

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

The Universities of Illinois, Michigan, and Virginia, and Tulane and Ohio Wesleyan Colleges have been entered by Phi Beta Kappa.



The University of Illinois is the first State University to receive a definite appropriation from a State legislature for the support of the graduate school.—*K Triangle.*



The University of Mississippi has adopted an honor system which prohibits cheating, stealing, gambling, and drunkenness in public places. Punishment is inflicted by class representatives.—*The Record.*



The board of trustees of Adrian College at the last commencement started a movement for the raising of \$200,000 for an endowment fund.



The sum of \$12,000,000 has been bequeathed by Thomas Weldon Stanford, of Australia, to Stanford University, to provide scholarships for Australian students at Stanford on the plan of the Rhodes scholarships at Oxford.



The students of the University of Georgia have organized to promote the growth of the university. The organization has taken as its motto: "Eight hundred students for the university in 1908—and every one a gentleman." It is known as the Georgia 800—'08 Club.

The Key

Swarthmore College is increasing in number of students, especially in number of women students. This might seem desirable from a fraternity point of view, but in Swarthmore every one feels the value of the many privileges, the enjoyment, the atmosphere of the *small* college. The college authorities think a great deal of this spirit, or atmosphere, of the college home and so will not let Swarthmore grow beyond this spirit of a place where every one knows every one else.—*The Arrow*.



The University of Cincinnati has established a co-operative course. The students are grouped in pairs, working and studying alternately for a week at a time, *i. e.*, while one is attending classes at the University, the other is employed in a factory, doing practical work along the line of the profession he intends to follow, the next week the places in the class-room and workshop are reversed. The length of the course is six years.—*The Record*.



From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

We are indebted to the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for the following translation of part of an article in the series on "The America of Tomorrow" by Abbe Felix Klein, in *le Correspondant*. The Abbe visited this country in the summer of 1907, and was much interested in studying American collegiate methods, particularly student life and fraternity life. He was a guest of the University of Chicago and was entertained by the Chicago chapter of Delta Upsilon.

Without any doubt the "Greek-letter fraternities" form one of the most characteristic institutions of university life in the United States. Associations are so termed which unite in self-perpetuating groups small numbers of students who not only desire to maintain a common living place but above all to join in following an ideal. Originally secret in character—and some are still more or less so—each fraternity bears the name of several letters of the Greek alphabet. It is never affiliated with those of other names, but each one is itself divided into as many "chapters" as there are institutions where it has established itself. The different chapters are bound together by a variety of ties—regular conventions, periodicals and mutual assistance. The close associations between members last during the undergraduate college course; but it is for life that one remains attached to this or that fraternity, as in a sort of free-masonry. That the different fraternities do not coalesce is explained by the simple and enduring reason that beyond a certain-sized membership they would necessarily lose their distinct and intimate character; and then, too, an excessive membership would be destructive to the harmony necessary to achieve their moral ends, limited numbers being more effective. For instance, at Chicago sixteen fraternities, having in all two hundred and seventy-six members, form so many centers of progress and activity, which the faculty recognizes as a beneficial influence on the whole university life. Although they preserve their independent character, one or more instructors serve as intermediaries between a fraternity and the university administration. The latter is desirous of seeing them well-established in their own grounds and houses. Failing of a place, they organize, and as soon as possible locate in a "house" where every member contributes his share toward the expenses of rent, maintenance, and board. Occasionally the "house" will be owned by the chapter itself. No one is admitted to the little republic except by the consent of all its citizens; and those who govern it, to the extent that it is governed, are chosen by their comrades.



The London *Times* has been publishing a series of articles by "Occasional Correspondent" on American institutions, the results of observation during several months' travel in the United States. The article on "Colleges and Democracy" in the *Times* of August nineteenth is so interesting as showing ourselves as others see us that a large part of it is here quoted:

It is one of the favorite theories of social philosophers that mixed races are the best; and it is true, as a matter of history, that the most progressive peoples of Europe are of mixed blood. The American nation of the future promises to be a new race, composed of many diverse elements; and it is the belief of many that it will be a race not only different from, but superior to, any of the older nationalities. This, however, can only be if the constituent elements of this amalgamation are of fine quality, and as the quality is being largely determined by the colleges which attract the best and make it better, there is reason for the hope of Americans that the fusion that is in process will produce a people possessing the highest characteristic of the several elements that unite. The democratic character of American universities and colleges has enabled them to render this high national service. Americans, when in generalizing mood, say that the German university has in mind the scholar, the English university the gentleman, and the American university and college the citizen. The generalization, if pressed too far, becomes untrue; but it fairly indicates that the conscious aim of the founders and supporters of American institutions of higher education has been, and is, to educate a democracy in democracy.

Entrenched in American universities and colleges are institutions called "fraternities," which have successfully repulsed a general attack, which, on account of their undemocratic character, has developed against them in recent years. These fraternities are secret societies, based upon kindred interests and tastes. They bear Greek-letter names which have some significance which none but the initiated may know. Some fraternities have as many as seventy "chapters" distributed through as many colleges, and the chapters bear to each other a relation similar to that which exists between Masonic lodges. In college grounds there are often costly chapter houses which provide for the fraternity members, and exclusively for them, all that is fundamental in the life of a young man—"a pleasant place to sleep in and to dine, and a pleasant fellow with whom to work and to play." Membership of certain fraternities confers social distinction and is greatly coveted; and as popularity is ordinarily the most important condition of obtaining election, to become popular becomes the ruling passion of many who are ambitious of the honor. Fraternity members wear and display badges of various kinds, such as a key or a shield bearing the Greek-letter name, and have secret hand-grips, watchwords, hailing signs of recognition and membership tests. Most colleges that have any, have many fraternities; and, at the beginning of each session, social attentions are paid, often in competition, by the members of the several societies to such freshmen as may be deemed desirable as fellow-members on account of some distinction, which is not infrequently that of wealth, which they are supposed to possess—an undignified scramble which, not inappropriately, is called "rushing." Election is for life, and, after college days, close relations are maintained between graduate and undergraduate members.

These fraternities are exclusively for men. But women, when they were admitted to the colleges and universities, set themselves to secure the advantages of fraternities by organizing similar institutions for themselves, and these are now found in most of the western co-educational

colleges and State universities. To a Greek-letter fraternity connected with a woman's college, I brought an introduction from a relative of mine who, not altogether unwisely, had studied American women's colleges from within as a student at one of them, and who was, and therefore is, a fraternity member. The introduction ran: "My dear Girls—I introduce to you by this note your Uncle ——." Curious to know whether "sorority" was so fully recognized in this society that my relationship to one of its members would be accepted as involving the same relationship to all her fellow-members, I forwarded the note immediately upon arrival in America. By return post I received the reply: "Our dear Uncle,—Come along immediately and we will take care of you. Rushing will be in full swing soon. We want your help." I went and was "cared for," and I found, as I have found in men's fraternities, that the bonds of fellowship were many and strong.

It was to promote social union that fraternities were first formed. They have increased in number and strength, in spite of persistent opposition, because the colleges failed to make proper provision for the social life of the students. Although for the purposes of scholarly instruction in general and of instruction in modern sciences in particular, the best American universities are perhaps superior, yet in all social aspects they are inferior to English colleges. Fraternities represent an attempt on the part of American students, to satisfy their social cravings by providing in their chapter houses an equivalent of the college residential halls. The attempt is laudable, but the result is necessarily inadequate and fraught with harm to the highest interests of the students and colleges. At Oxford and Cambridge there are clubs, but a student who belongs to one or more of them is still bound up, in his general life, with the life of his college. The member of an American fraternity, however, is by the very nature of its organization, withdrawn from all of his fellow-students who are not fellow-"frats"; and his first loyalty is not to his college, but to his fraternity. The disabilities under which non-fraternity students lie are serious, and about one-third of the students are outside their college fraternities. All of these are socially unaffiliated with the college, and they lack all the facilities, social and intellectual, that come from fraternal life. This evil is intensified by the custom, which obtains in most colleges, of organizing the social life in the first year of the undergraduate's course. Thus, students who fail of election to a fraternity in their freshman year are doomed to perpetual exclusion. Possibly, however, evil is subtly wrought more surely upon those who are, than upon those who are not, fraternity members. The dominant ambition of each society is to make itself strong and influential and to draw into it those who will increase its power. These are not usually the most refined and scholarly students, and their influence becomes more pernicious in the confined atmosphere in which it is exerted than it would be in the general college life. Many fraternities certainly have excellent fellows as members, but their fellowship is restricted to their own exclusive set, and thus they lose the great benefit that should come from familiar association in college with many dissimilar minds. And, in their "rushes" to secure the most coveted members, and especially in their combinations in favor of the fraternities as against the colleges, these societies give rise to some of the most disturbing and belittling factors of college life.

But the chief objection urged by American opponents of fraternities is that they are undemocratic and tend to emphasize social distinctions and foster cliques. Sidney Whitman, in "Imperial Germany," points out that even in so aristocratic a country as Germany students meet upon terms of fraternal equality. American colleges and universities fall below this level; and perhaps their greatest need is a purer and better democracy in which there shall be neither need nor place for the present social organizations

and combinations which reproduce the class distinctions based chiefly on wealth which are arising in all parts of the country.

Many attempts have been made to suppress fraternities, but opposition has only served to make them more secret, and perhaps to change their names to clubs. Princeton prohibited them in 1853; and today that university is honeycombed with clubs which cause heart-burning by their exclusiveness, break up the solidarity of the students, and interfere with their proper work. Now saner methods are advocated. Recognizing that fraternities persist because they supply in some measure a vital need of college life, educational reformers propose to reorganize the social life of the college and provide intelligently what the students are blindly striving to secure. President Wilson announces a plan to establish quadrangles at Princeton, that is, small self-contained colleges within the university, after the manner of Oxford and Cambridge, with a common living room and dining hall. The University of Wisconsin, one of the best and most democratic State institutions, has discovered that the influence of fraternities is wholly undemocratic and is bent upon building up a college residential life. Many years ago President Eliot, of Harvard, suggested that the manifold problems that have come up with the growth and prosperity of American universities might be solved by building up colleges within each university; and now Charles Francis Adams proposes a comprehensive scheme which, if carried into effect, would make the present Harvard cease to exist except in continuity and in name, the chief change being the formation of a group of colleges, each independent and so limited in size that individuality should be not only possible, but a necessary part of the scheme, the students and instructors in each constituting a large household under several roofs and with common grounds. In the consideration and application of these proposals, the Rhodes scholars at Oxford from American colleges who have come into close personal contact with the ideals and purposes of both the English and American systems of education, will doubtless give effective aid. Rhodes knew that he builded; but he builded better than he knew. And the American university, when it succeeds in combining with its present instruction the new social life after which it is so earnestly striving, will see the evils of fraternities die a natural death, will fulfill the expectation regarding it which many close and competent observers entertain, and will perhaps be, as Americans are determined that it shall become, the most perfect educational system in the history of civilization. America looks to the Rhodes scholars for impulse and guidance to this goal.



A reply to the above article is published in the *Nation* for September seventeen. The anonymous author criticizes "Occasional Correspondent" for the assumption "that the theory of democracy or of political equality implies also social equality or equivalent. This notion is wholly fallacious. The bootblack and his patron are political equals, but they are not social equals unless their tastes, habits, and characteristics fit them to enjoy each other's society. The quiet, refined youth, no matter how much money he can spend, will not make his friends among the rich vulgarians. Birds of a feather will always flock together. The forces that tend

to separate our American students into cliques are numerous and potent. The Greek-letter fraternity may often be nothing more than an outward superficial sign of a movement that originates far below the surface."



"An Oxford View of the American Rhodes Scholars" in the same number of the *Nation* is an English attempt to formulate Oxford opinion of the American holders of Rhodes Scholarships:

University opinion as a whole accepts the Americans as an element of real value. The influence which they exercise is not merely fresh, but so stimulating. It is in itself healthy. The American Rhodes scholar is as a whole sincere and robust; he is on the average older than our English undergraduates; he knows better what he wants and is more strenuous in trying to get it; he is more independent in his judgments and he has more perspective. The criticism most often heard in Oxford common rooms is that the American student, while keener, perhaps brighter even, and more generally informed than our average undergraduates, is at the same time more superficial and more easily satisfied. Here a man selects at the start whatever subject attracts him; he studies it for two or three years and he is tested at the end in a single final examination which extends over a week and aims at covering the whole field of the subject which he professes. American scholars themselves have told me that they recognize some truth in this criticism; that they have found it difficult to adjust themselves to a system which makes larger demands on memory and mental grasp than they have been accustomed to.



Two expressions of opinion on fraternity have appeared lately, one by John C. Vivian, who writes of the "College Fraternity Question" in the *Overland* for August; the other by Elbert Hubbard. Neither is of real value, as they view the subject from only one side, and that the outside. Mr. Vivian sees fraternity as a social club only, and points out the drawbacks of the system. The fraternity, he says, "is a college institution and there is its proper place. The question is seldom heard of in the outer world, and is in every sense a college fad. If a man is a fraternity man when he leaves college, he meets and has to do with so many men who are successful and never went to college that he forgets and rightfully puts away his college fraternity antics."

Hubbard writes:

The Egyptians guarded their mysteries with jealous dread. We know their secret now. It is this: there are no mysteries. And now a good

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many colleges are placing the seal of their disapproval on secret societies among students—and the day is near when the secret society will not be tolerated either directly or indirectly as a part of the education of youth. All this because the sophomoric mind is prone to take its Greek-letter mysteries seriously and regard the college curriculum as a joke of the faculty.



On the other hand, Albert C. Stephens, author of *The Encyclopaedia of Fraternities*, has this to say in an article on "Greek Letter Fraternities" in *Town and Country* for August fifteen:

It was not in the power of such men as Edward Everett and John Quincy Adams, who insisted in 1831 that Phi Beta Kappa be made a sacrifice at Harvard to anti-secret-society sentiment then prevalent and become an open association, to break down the Greek-letter fraternity system. The attempts at Purdue, Tennessee, Oberlin and elsewhere, to ostracise the secret society system, in all but one or two, were foredoomed to failure. The attack on the system at Michigan University, in 1845, resulted in a bitter fight between Alpha Delta Phi and Chi Psi and the public on one side and the faculty on the other, in which the faculty were the losers. * * * Verily the Greek-letter fraternities have shown themselves in more ways than one, a real strength and support to institutions of learning to which they are attached. As such they will probably remain long with us.

"When the College Girl Comes Home," by Alice Bartlett Stimson, is an article in *Harper's Bazar* for August, which takes up a problem that frequently enters into the college girl's graduate life.

There are many girls coming back to homes where apparently they are not needed. They know they are fitted to take up some definite work in the world, and an ever-increasing restlessness possesses their spirits to go out of the home and teach or do settlement work or plunge into a score of interesting occupations open to them today. On the other hand, we hear it said: "It seems hard to have our daughter leave us when she has been away so long." I believe the adjustment on simple business principles might be made in hundreds of homes which would do much to ease the situation. When the daughter returns, suppose her father should say: "With the preparation you have had, you might be able to earn \$700 a year. Instead of accepting such a position and crowding out some girl who has no father to support her, I propose that you remain at home. You shall have a definite income and you need not be idle. Your

mother and I need the mental quickening, the spiritual uplift, the joy of having you with us. The community about us needs just such women as you, with sufficient leisure to be thoughtful for others; your church needs you." Then let us greet our home-coming girl with a simple business proposition concerning her financial independence, and let time bring about her blossoming.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

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June: *Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Alpha Journal.*

July: *Pi Beta Phi Arrow.*

August: *Phi Kappa Psi Shield.*

September: *Delta Chi Quarterly, Alpha Chi Rho Garnet and White, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Record; Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

October: *Phi Kappa Psi Shield, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta Scroll.*

Recent conventions: In April, Delta Chi at Syracuse; in June, Alpha Phi at Madison, Wisconsin; Chi Omega in Chicago; Delta Delta Delta in Lincoln, Nebraska; Phi Gamma Delta in New York; in July, Kappa Sigma and Phi Kappa Psi at Denver, Colorado; in August, Beta Theta Pi at Niagara Falls; in October, Delta Upsilon at Swarthmore, Pennsylvania; in November, Alpha Chi Omega at Champaign, Illinois; Delta Kappa Epsilon in New York; Phi Delta Theta at Pittsburgh.

Conventions to come: Alpha Tau Omega at Pittsburgh in December, Alpha Chi Rho at New York in February, Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in June.

Chi Omega and Phi Delta Theta both have burial services.

Fifteen fraternities were represented at a Pan-Hellenic picnic on the Chautauqua grounds at Celina, Ohio, on the thirty-first of July.

The engineering society Tau Beta Phi, which has recently rented a house at the University of Illinois, is said to be the first honorary fraternity to take this step.

Sigma Chi is the first fraternity to charter a chapter at the University of Utah.

The great calamity which befell Chelsea deeply touched the hearts of all Boston Pi Phis, for one of our own number was made homeless. Since then part of the club work has been to assist her.—Boston Alumnae. Correspondence in *The Arrow*.

Four hundred members of the Kappa Sigma College Fraternity in convention here yesterday, contributed more than \$1,000 in five minutes to aid a brother who is dying in destitute circumstances in a Denver hospital.

The public will never get a peep at a prettier exemplification of the sentiment and fellowship which knits a man to his college fraternity brother with bonds of steel, than that which occurred at the Albany Hotel yesterday noon.—*Denver News*, July 4, 1908.

Of interest to all Greek-letter people will be the fact that the only local fraternity at California, known as $\Theta \Sigma \Delta$, after various unsuccessful attempts, has obtained a charter from the $\Delta \Delta \Phi$ fraternity which marks the first western extension of that fraternity and the last of the big fraternities to enter California, both of men and women.—Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*.

The establishment of the chapter at Tulane will probably be the beginning of a revival of our activities in the south. We have every confidence that this new chapter will make it its business to see that the frequent opportunities which arise for the establishment of chapters in the south, and to which we have of recent years given little heed, will be fostered and maintained until proper and satisfactory petitions are secured from those institutions which the position of the fraternity will permit it to consider.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

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The board of education of Minneapolis has adopted a rule prohibiting high school fraternities.—*Record*.

A war of extermination on the part of the Chicago Board of Education has been declared upon the fraternities and sororities in Chicago high schools.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The governor of Pennsylvania on March 28, 1907, approved an act of the legislature which prohibits the fraudulent wearing or use of the device, insignia, badge or emblems of any fraternity of over ten years' standing, having a chapter in that state; the publishing of any alleged or pretended secrets of any such society; or the unauthorized use of the name of any such organization. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor punishable with imprisonment for three years, or a fine of \$1,000.—*The Delta* of Sigma Nu.

In the states of Pennsylvania, New York, Montana, Colorado, Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky, Minnesota, Illinois, Nebraska, and California, the wearing of badges of fraternal orders by non-members is forbidden by law, and the offense made a misdemeanor. These ordinances, however, solve the problem only in part. It seems wise for each chapter that has not already done so, to pass a by-law, to which all initiates, of course, subscribe in signing the constitution and statutes of the fraternity, stating that upon the death of a member, her badge, unless it be buried with the body, shall revert to the chapter, or, if preferred, shall be purchased by the chapter.—*The Arrow*.

From the *Rainbow* it is learned that at least one chapter of $\Delta T \Delta$ makes an effort to preserve the badges of deceased brothers. The badge is framed, imbedded in velvet, in a deep frame, with name, class, honors, attainments, and year of death, and it is then placed on the wall of the chapter hall. The plan certainly has its share of commendable features, especially in preventing the badge from falling into the hands of unappreciative persons, or from becoming so far

alienated that it is likely to become lost, with the probable embarrassment that it will ultimately appear in the shop of some pawn-broker, or in the possession of and worn by some one wholly unauthorized to do so.—*Delta Chi Quarterly*.

The Theta Delta Chi convention ruled that each new initiate is to be required to pay for at least five years' subscription to the fraternity publication, to cover the whole of the undergraduate period and one or two years more.

The graduate editor of the *Garnet and White* thus voices the sentiments of many a fraternity editor throughout the country.

It will be noticed that several chapters are represented meagerly, or not at all, in the above notes. The graduate editor can be reached by mail, telegraph, telephone, or wireless, but is not susceptible to mental telepathy, and prefers news *in writing*. Don't wonder why your chapter isn't represented, if no news has been sent us, but "speed up" your secretary-treasurer or resident chapter recorder.

It is gratifying already to see first fruits from the newly-required annual circular letters to chapter alumnae. Your editor was talking with an alumna of some years' standing who did not know that the Indianapolis convention had made the issue of these letters compulsory. With evident pride she told how enterprising her chapter, one in the middle west, had been; how the girls had issued a letter to the alumnae giving an account of their life, their work, and their plans, and stating further that it was their intention to issue similar letters annually. "And do you know," continued this alumna, "I haven't been back to college for seven years, but I am going this commencement to see the girls, and if they need it, I am going to double my subscription to the chapter house." And she did.—*The Arrow*.

This quarter's magazines seem to present an unusual number of good suggestions for chapter methods and chapter aims. To quote from the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi:

Every season is rushing season for us, and so we are always on the alert for new ideas. Our latest is as follows: To each active girl is assigned one freshman as her special charge. It is her object to make

a real friend of that particular freshman; furthermore, she will be held responsible by the chapter. This is to be entirely outside of joint chapter rushing. In this way we feel that we are on the high road toward overcoming the cumulative obstacles of two years of rushing and seven rival fraternities.

To me one of the most sensible and charming of our chapter habits is our custom of making the same gift to every graduate, and the same gift to every bride. For a number of years we have given a spoon to each of our graduates. The spoons have the Pi Beta Phi monogram engraved upon them. To each bride we give a dozen Pi Phi forks. In the case of the graduates the gift of a single spoon involves no great expense, but, aside from that, every Nebraska Beta girl entertains a certain sentiment for these gifts, which, in a sense, symbolize the chapter's interest in each member. The fact that the spoons and the forks are all of the same pattern, adds to this sentiment.

The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi offers these helps:

How much thought is given in the average chapter to the *permanent* upbuilding of the chapter—not to plans affecting only the immediate present, but to those which comprehend the chapter's welfare a half-dozen years hence? How often is any project in which a chapter or its membership engages affected by any considerations reaching far into the future? One mistake in the selection of a member of the fraternity may very largely determine the character of the chapter a few years later.

Too much discouragement of individuality is not an end to be sought in any chapter, but how often does it happen that the failure of the members of a chapter to co-operate in the affairs of the college life which affect them, and which they affect, destroys a chapter's influence? Thought should be taken, and often taken, of that which will build the chapter. First of all, the membership of the chapter should be required to familiarize itself with the history, the traditions and the policies of the general fraternity, and should be taught that even the chapter is only part of an institution larger than itself. Then the members of every chapter should know something of the history, the traditions and the policies of that chapter. No chapter is likely to have a very healthy life, which does not hold meetings that are something more than perfunctory gatherings, which does not give careful attention to its own business, which does not make the chapter meeting an event to be looked forward to by the whole membership. There should be those in every chapter who will plan to make the chapter's meetings worth while. The care with which a chapter keeps its accounts and its records is another index of its character. Where such work is performed indifferently, something is the matter. The officers of the fraternity should be chosen with regard to their fitness. Once chosen, they should have the support of the whole membership. They should be encouraged to take the whole chapter into their confidence in any matter affecting the welfare of the whole chapter. A special responsibility rests upon the officers of a chapter for the promotion of the chapter's welfare.

Late in the college year the University of Minnesota chapter of Φ κ Ψ prepares a leaflet and information blank, which is sent to every alumnus of the chapter, and to all other Φ Ψ 's who are at all likely to be interested in that particular chapter, and who might know of promising material entering Minnesota in the

fall. The leaflet contains a cut of the active chapter, then a history of the chapter's work during the year, what it has done for the fraternity-at-large, for the "U" and for its own good. Its plans and purposes for the future are briefly stated, and some space is given to the achievements of the more prominent members. In short, the collegiate, fraternal, social, athletic and political deeds of chapter and individual are given. Then, at the end, is a detachable information blank, which is an inquiry for promising material. The blank also has questions relative to the social standing of the proposed new man, and that of his family. Their financial situation, his talent in what particular line, and what accomplishments, whether musical, athletic, etc., by what other fraternities likely to be reached, etc.

The leaflet is bound in a folder cover and mailed. It evidently contains several capital pointers. In the first place, if the alumnus receiving it cares anything at all for his fraternity, he becomes interested at once in an opportunity to know what a chapter, and more so if it is his own chapter, is doing, and when he is in such a state of mind, he is most likely to fill out and return the information blank. The same thing is done by other chapters, perhaps by some of our own; if not this particular plan, some similar plan should be followed by each chapter.—*Delta Chi Quarterly*.

This from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta:

Chapters could save themselves much unnecessary expense and labor if they would realize that it is the type of their chapter home life and the character and personality of their men which influence a freshman more than putting him under obligations by extravagant entertainment and expensive attentions.

The undergraduate has so many opportunities to render daily service to the fraternity that it is difficult to make an enumeration without overlooking somebody's hobby. It may be safely stated, however, and urged upon the under-graduate that it is his duty to improve his standing in his class, in his literary society, in athletics and whatever tends to add to his importance in his college. He who is ever ready and takes advantage of the daily opportunity, serves his chapter best, and, thereby, the fraternity. As the college year nears its close, the opportunities for doing good work, and at the same time, adding to one's personal record, are almost numberless. This can be done by increasing one's class standing, as well as by passing the final examinations with "flying colors." Most important of all, is laying the foundation for the success of your chapter in the future.

An important thing in this line is to close the current year with your finances in good order. Bear in mind that next year may not be as prosperous as have many in the past, and do not close the year with a debt, but with a balance upon the right side of your ledger.

Beta Theta Pi quotes the following from the *Quarterly* of Theta Xi:

At the present time there is considerable honest criticism and also much dyspeptic opposition to Greek letter fraternities, due to a short-sighted policy of chapters and fraternity members.

The advantages of a fraternity to its members are well known to fraternity men, and need not be specified.

The faults are often overlooked, and need to be brought to attention and corrected.

Fault.—Due to competition in rushing, chapters often get undesirable men in its haste, who later bring disgrace to the fraternity.

Remedy.—Get the chapters of other fraternities to make and hold to an agreement not to pledge or initiate men until a certain date, a couple of months or so after entrance.

Fault.—Men are often chosen for their father's achievements and money.

Remedy.—Choose the student, not the father.

Fault.—A friend or a son of a member is pledged and initiated because he is a friend or a son.

Remedy.—Use your right to vote, judging the qualifications of the candidate yourself.

Fault.—Members forget that the chapter exists because of the institution where it is located.

Remedy.—Cause the members to participate in various under-graduate activities and collegiate work, and to realize that they came to the institution to attend school, not especially to join a fraternity.

Fault.—Fraternity members get clannish and snobbish, treating "barbs" with inconsideration, thus creating an under-current of strong opposition to their fraternity.

Remedy.—Mix and keep open house, so that non-members do not feel diffident about calling on members.

Fault.—Fraternity men of various chapters in the same institution combine to control collegiate and athletic elections.

Remedy.—Help to break up these combinations by refusing to be a party to them. Insist upon chapter members voting for a man for the sole reason of worthiness for the position for which he is a candidate.

Fault.—Chapters often get a bad reputation among outsiders, due to financial irresponsibility.

Remedy.—Run a chapter on business principles. Suspend the privileges of a member if he fails to meet his share of financial obligations. If other members feel like assisting the members in question, let them help out of their individual resources, not out of the chapter treasury.

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