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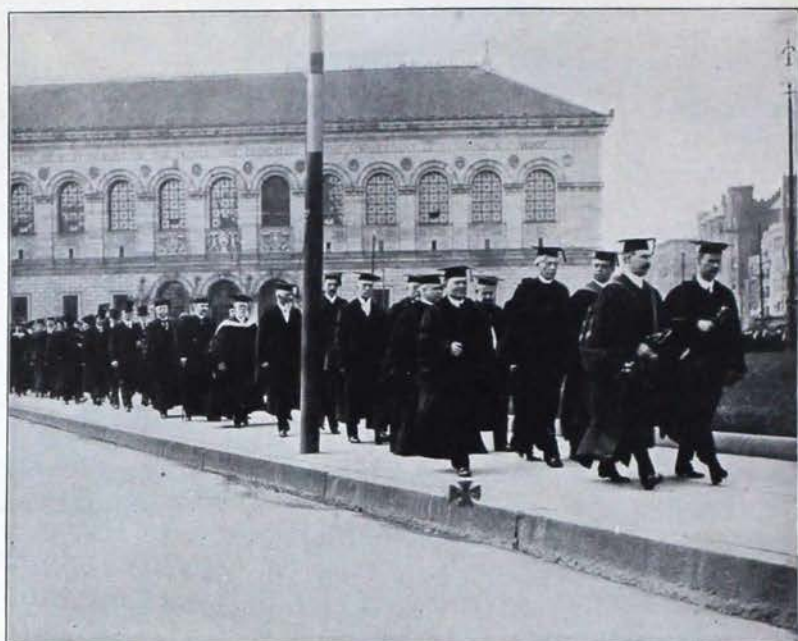
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*Being a part of the Inaugural Address of President Lemuel H. Murlin,
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The rise of State universities, the birth of the scientific spirit, the resurgence of the altruistic ideal—these three civilizing agencies have had a compelling influence in modern education. A fourth development in our national life is preparing us for the next great advance. It has to do with the growth of our cities, so rapid that we are not able to adjust ourselves to the swiftly changing economic conditions. Democracy is put to tests increasingly numerous, complex, and perplexing. We are far from a final demonstration that a free people can become intelligent, social, disinterested, and patriotic enough to govern themselves. Democracy is still an experiment, and ours may go the way of all other civilizations. The problem is a difficult one, which the university is destined to have a significant part in solving. The university is the hope of Democracy, having always provided the leadership essential to its progress.

Hitherto our colleges and universities have been located in the country, answering the needs of a social age when the major portion of our population was in the country. There has been some anxiety over the decline of rural population. It need not disturb us. The future will show a return to the country and an increase in the rural population; we shall need, therefore, not fewer, but more, of those institutions which have served us so well in the past. But the problem of our civilization is the problem of the city; it would seem, therefore, that if the university is to be a significant factor in our civilization, it must continue in the future, as in the past, to live in the midst of the life which it serves; it follows, therefore, that the next advance in educational development will be the founding of the municipal university. The future historian will declare that the rise of the mun-

icipal university in the twentieth century was the *fourth*, "and perhaps the greatest, epoch in the educational history of the world."

Such an institution will profit by the educational experience of the race. It will recognize that we cannot have better cities until we have better citizens; that the man is greater than the machine; that training a man in making a life is of vaster importance than helping him to make a livelihood; that making a life must be the first consideration, that in so doing the making of a livelihood is the more certain. While holding strictly to the tried and true theory well expressed in the trite educational maxim, "Let him first be a Man," it will vitally relate itself to the life of the community, and seek by every means to link learning with life...

The municipal university will need the usual equipment of the lecture-room, the laboratory, the library, and the shop; but it will find its best equipped laboratory, its largest library, its best forge, anvil, and bench, in the city in whose heart it has its being. There are unsolved problems of the city as well as unsolved problems of the desert; they might well be a challenge to the bright and eager minds of the college. Why should not these engage the attention of students and faculty in the municipal university? It is possible, too, that they would find that service so interesting that much of the criticism now lodged against the impracticability and inefficiency of college life would fall to the ground.

The highest service which the doctor of medicine can give to the families under his care consists in helping them to prevent disease, and in training them to promote good health. Some such service as this the medical college can render the city. Intimately related to the city's Department of Health, Education, and Board of Public Works, it should co-operate in maintaining sanitary conditions; in developing parks, playgrounds, public bath-houses, floating hospitals, free hospitals and dispensaries; in shaping and upholding pure-food laws; in investigating methods and sources of gathering meat, fruit, and dairy supplies; in affording special clinical advantages for the physician who is engaged in practice, giving him the latest results of clinical research; in advising the people as to the proper course to pursue when a threatening emergency arises, such as an unusual heat-

wave, or a severe blizzard, or a devastating epidemic; and, by aid of the city's Board of Public Welfare, provide, for those not otherwise able to secure them, the means whereby these instructions may be followed. We hear much of the conservation of natural resources; our greatest natural resource is the good health of the people. The city's heaviest losses come through impaired health, disease, and death, the result of improper living; the medical college in a city might well become the city's most efficient agency for the conservation of the vital forces of the city.

It may not be so apparent how a school of theology can be of practical help in solving the problems of the city; for this very reason therefore, I choose it to further illustrate my theme. The Master, who loved the city and wept over its downfall, certainly desires that those who are being trained for His special service should be a vital constructive force in the life of the city. Such a school might well have the same relation to the moral health of the city that the school of medicine should have to the physical health of the city. In both there must be accurate learning and scientific scholarship devoted to the service of the people. The school of theology might well suggest ways and means, not alone for the cure of moral disease, but also for its prevention; and particularly will it find efficient means for the promotion of public moral health. It will direct in developing an attractive, sensible religious opportunity and training for all the people; it will seek to systematize religious endeavor, to conserve religious energy, and to direct the same to greater efficiency; it will study educational psychology, and its application to moral and religious training. Not forgetting that its great purpose is to culture religious devotion, by which religious character grows, it will cooperate with every other department of the municipality that looks to social uplift, and to the promotion of the common welfare. Perhaps, too, such a school might diligently inquire whether we are doing most efficiently our foreign missionary work. Not that we should do any less beyond the seas; but should we not do more of the foreign missionary work here at our very doors, and thereby, perhaps, do far more beyond the seas? An alumnus of this institution is a missionary in Albania, among a people whom he has come to love very dearly.

He has suffered with them all the tortures of martyrdom. He needs reinforcements of men and money. The same week that his appeal came to the Board there sailed from New York city twenty-five hundred Albanians, of whom five hundred were from Boston; they were returning to their native land to join the home army in resisting the tyranny of the Turk. Suppose that Christian America has made the right impression upon these twenty-five hundred young Albanians! That lone missionary would have all the reinforcements he needs, and the glad evangel would soon be proclaimed, not only by word of mouth, but by the example of twenty-five hundred transformed lives. If we are neglecting the Albanians who come to our shores, or if we are not able to bring them, while in our midst, to the Christian program of life, why send missionaries to Albania? Perhaps a school of theology in the municipal university can find an illuminating answer to this very natural and reasonable question.

Thus might every department of municipal service be related to a corresponding department in the university; the instruction in the lecture room would thereby be vitalized, and, in turn, the city would have skillful, intelligent, scientific, unselfish cooperation for every agency that has to do with the welfare of the city. In every department the principle is the same as that illustrated by the medical school and the school of theology. The work before us is not alone to cure the evils which are already upon us, but to anticipate their coming; to set up a strong, positive current of civic health which shall prove a bulwark of defense against whatever endangers its life. Cure disease where we must; prevent its coming where we can; but above all, promote always, and by every means, a vitalizing, overcoming, resistless civic health—physical, intellectual, social, moral. Cure, prevent, promote; these should be the city's watchwords; these should be the watchwords of the university in the city; and such co-operative endeavor by the university and the city, if positively and intelligently enough directed to insure confidence, will ever bring rich reward, challenging the enthusiastic, devoted, and aggressive support of the people.

No greater opportunity for the combined effort of the city and a department of fine arts is offered than that in the city of Boston, where so much fine and noble work has been accom-

plished. If the landscape gardener, the architect, the painter, the sculptor, were to unite in planning the "City Beautiful," the results would establish a model for the cities of the world. If the departments of science were closely related to the various scientific activities and industries of the city, untold vitality and reality would come to the laboratory, and greater economy and efficiency would come to the various industrial shops and factories, adding to the wealth of the city profits manifoldly beyond the cost of the equipment and maintenance of such a university. Boston and Massachusetts lead the nation in educational equipment and service. Yet, we doubt not, great advances would be made if the university and the board of education were unitedly working at the city's educational problem, making a scientific study of existing ills and their remedy, preventing possible evils, and promoting a sound, educational policy for the city. Likewise, we may well claim that Boston leads all American cities in public library service. It is possible that this noble service could be multiplied if student, college professor, and librarian were brought into a still more intimate co-operation. The departments of history, literature, languages, psychology, and even philosophy—crown of all learning—rightly related to the life of the city, would bring untold values to the city.

The municipal university could also make an invaluable contribution to the material wealth of the city if its scientific spirit were cordially available to its manufactories, its business organization, accountancy, industrial organization, banking, finance, and transportation. The efficiency of city government would be increased, too, by the departments of political science, economics, and sociology, in connection with the practical experts in business management and finance; such a co-operative committee, consisting of high-minded, patriotic citizens, should be glad to give themselves in a patient, patriotic, scientific spirit, to the city's problems, giving a scientific forecast of the same for generations to come. City planning and city building are vast problems, demanding not only the most honest, but the most intelligent and most competent service. When we consider that, in most cases, the vast business interests of the city are committed to inexperienced and incompetent hands, with frequent elections, and consequent frequent changes to ever new hands, indefinitely

a college man has not been connected. Over against this, however, we must place what was said by one of our most distinguished, efficient, and incorruptible statesmen:

"If we were to eliminate from political life the college man, I fear we should go to the dogs rapidly; the college men, who are doing splendid work for the community, are found in all lines of effort. They bring to their work a breadth of view, a disciplined judgment, and a capacity for analysis and patient consideration which make them peculiarly efficient as public servants. It would be an improvement if we could eliminate some astute and well furnished rascals who have turned to ill purposes their superior training, and too frequently furnish the brains and skill for corrupt undertakings."

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Taft have declared that, in every fight they have made for righteousness, they have always found the college man in line, hitting steady, straight, and true for the good cause.

The remarkable growth of colleges and universities has been due, largely, to the fact that they have, in the main, encouraged a rational religion, a sane morality, and lofty ideals. To these ideals the municipal university must ever be devoted. With the increased testing that comes to moral character in our ever-increasing complex life, there must be a clearly determined moral code, an unflinching moral integrity, an unfailing moral strength, and an ample, eager, and alert moral efficiency. The battle of the future will not be in the realm of material things, but in the realm of moral ideals; the patriotism of the future will not be tested by shot and shell, but by onslaughts upon personal devotion to moral ideals, and by the steadfastness of resistance to these onslaughts. He who betrays a moral trust is guilty of high treason, and his name should take a far lower place than that of him who betrays his country on field of battle. Our foes are not in China, or Japan, or Germany, or England; our foes are here, within our borders, among ourselves. They are the men in public life who are lacking in truth and moral earnestness. Whenever we fortify righteousness we are building forts for the defence of the republic; whenever we inspire moral earnestness we are fostering patriotism. If the universities fail in moral training, they fail utterly. An eminent authority,

speaking of the decay of certain universities of the past, says: "The departure of moral earnestness was the signal of the departure of all sound education in all other subjects," adding, "All educational institutions must die which do not directly and conspicuously promote either the spiritual or material interests of men." And he might well have added, that to be saved from that inevitable death they must, in promoting the material interests of men, so train them that they will conduct their material interests honestly, and use the results thereof to promote spiritual ends.

I make bold to say that the university cannot reach its highest moral efficiency unless grounded in a broad, wholesome, sane religion. You will understand me to mean by this quite a different thing from sectarianism. There is no blight so withering to intellectual growth and development as narrow thinking in matters religious. We mean a religion that thinks and lets think, and devotes itself to character and conduct. It is a burning shame that we are so small in our religious conception and so narrow in our view of the Bible that our children are denied religious instruction in our public schools, and the world's noblest literature is barred from the subjects of study in the public schools. Let us hope that we shall soon outgrow such narrow sectarianism and its consequent death. . . .

Boston University faces the future under the conviction of a great opportunity. The past is secure in a noble record of worthy and efficient service. The old ideals shall be retained, and brought to the service of the new day. Knowledge shall be sought in the Hellenic spirit, in world wide implications, without fear or favor of men, in an eager desire for truth, goodness, strength, and beauty. Democracy shall here be nourished in the spirit of the finest Roman ideal, seeking to train our people in the high duties of unselfish citizenship. We shall follow the Great Teacher, Master of us all in our loyalty and devotion to the Father and to the Brotherhood. While we thus cling to these noble ideals worthily dominant in the past, we shall continue to seek the best modern equipment, to employ the best new methods, and to secure for our faculties the highest available scholarship and teaching power.

When we have passed another forty years let us hope it can

be said of Boston University that we have begun to build wisely upon this well constructed foundation; that friends have gathered about us counting it a privilege to see that material needs have been generously provided for our high spiritual task; that our educational standards have maintained all that is best in the educational history of the race; that our spiritual vision continues undimmed and grows ever clearer; that our moral earnestness is unabated, and becomes stronger with the passing years; above all, that we have proven the reality and worth of our work by the service we are rendering the city and commonwealth.

A KAPPA SONG

BY FLORENCE DU BOIS REES, *Beta Epsilon*.

TUNE:—"Sing me a song of a lad that is gone."

Sing me a song of a key of pure gold,
Letters of deepest blue,
Emblem of friendship stronger than steel,
Helpful and clean and true.

Loyal of soul, close do we stand,—
Let the swift years fleet by!
Kappa's strong bonds hold to the end,
We shall be friends for aye.

Friends who demand the best of their friends,—
So shall the weak attain
Infinite strength that those whom they love
Look not for worth in vain.

Sing me a song of a key of fine gold,
Letters of deepest blue,
Symbol of noblest blessings of God—
Friends that are staunch and true.

THE STUDENTS' AID FUND

BY CHARLOTTE POWELL GODDARD, MU, Chairman.

"Can anyone suggest how an alumnae association can be useful outside of its own chapter, in the college world, or outside?" This question from an alumnae association appeared in the May number of *THE KEY*. Does anyone need go looking for an outside interest with the Students' Aid Fund at hand to work for?

I am afraid, however, that few of the alumnae know anything at all about this fund and that many of the active girls, who are its sole source of support, do not know that last year two Kappas could not have received their degree without its assistance.

In 1906 I was made chairman of a fund of a little more than one hundred dollars, known as the Woods' Holl Scholarship Fund. When this fund should have reached a sufficient sum, without any regular source of increase, the interest was to be used for a competitive scholarship in Woods' Holl for graduate women students. At this point the fund remained for several years, accumulating a few dollars of interest. Then came the happy suggestion that the crying need was not means for the graduate student's advanced work in a special line, but for means to enable the undergraduate to complete her course in her chosen college without having to stop a year or two and earn enough money to do so. This need is becoming more urgent each year, as the teacher's market is becoming more overstocked with applications of women with degrees, making it almost impossible for the undergraduates without the bachelor's degree to obtain a position in this, the best field open to her. Acting at once upon this idea, permission was requested and granted by the founder of the Woods' Holl Fund to change its name and object to an undergraduate Students' Aid Fund. Next came the question of its support and I am sorry to say that there was no plan of obtaining a regular income except from the active chapters. Here, however, we may give credit and thanks to the Denver Alumnae Association, who contributed fifty dollars to the fund from a dramatic recital by Rachel Bauman Greelee, Epsilon, and to Minnie Royse Walker, Iota, whose sale of Kappa pillows netted fifteen dollars for the fund.

Until last year, then, the fund had not even reached the experimental stage, but it was ready for the first applicant. And you can readily imagine the delight and enthusiasm of the few whose especial interest the fund has been, when they were called upon to investigate what proved to be a most worthy case and they were able to grant the first loan. The second loan went soon after, and was a most acceptable Christmas gift to the splendid little Kappa who would not have been able to return to college for graduation the next semester, had it not been for the assistance of the fund. This Kappa is now teaching and from her very first month's salary came a payment on her note. And right here let me urge every alumna to look up in her Standing Rules the regulations governing this fund. Be able to discuss it intelligently and send new suggestions to the committee which is so anxious to improve if possible, its efficiency.

Remember that the fund is a real institution now and it is going to live and grow and do good, even if the active girls are forced to be its only contributors. But are we alumnae going to stand idly and disinterestedly by and see them shoulder this responsibility, and cheat ourselves out of a share in the joys of its splendid results? There may come an unfortunate time when some girl is obliged to ask the Council to cancel her debt before she has been able to repay even a small amount of it. Isn't it just such an emergency that the alumnae should like to meet? If we alumnae cannot become a regular source of income to the fund through our lack of close organization, let us do our best through special contributions which have been the results of enthusiastic desire to do something for the Fraternity. And then, think of the benefit to ourselves, who, working as individual associations for a common splendid cause, are bound to be brought into a closer and more interested relationship.

Consider the opportunity that we may give to that Kappa who is,—as most of us were,—just the usual sort, the kind that is not so brilliant as to inspire friends to open their purses for her education and not poor enough, apparently, to make her appealing to persons who like to lend money to worthy young people.

This year the fund is obliged to lie inactive and one most worthy Kappa is forced to forego the completion of her course with

her proper class because of this. Are we alumnae going to allow this to continue? Some day the active girls may not need our support after they have struggled through the difficult period alone. Do we ever want to feel that we are not missed and needed in our Fraternity? We *must* be interested and we *must* be enthusiastic and we *must* make ourselves needed by the active girls. The only way is to be concerned about the thing the active girls like and want, and not to busy ourselves selfishly about the thing *we* think they ought to like and do. Don't let us find ourselves in a rut, let us cultivate the fraternity spirit and be up and doing for our active girls through the Students' Aid Fund.

A FAVORITE SONG FROM UPSILON

BY CLARA E. WILLIAMS, *Upsilon, ex-'12*

TUNE:—"There is a Tavern in Our Town."

I.

There is a little golden key, golden key,
That bears the letters K. K. G., K. K. G.
To wear it is an honor, you can plainly see.
It's very, very dear to me.
'Tis a symbol of devotion,
And you ne'er can have a notion
Of the pride I take in wearing it,
My Kappa key.

CHORUS

So here's to Kappa and her key, and her key,
To all who wear it, let it be, let it be
The highest symbol of true love and loyalty,
In every land, on every sea.

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There is a bond in K. K. G., K. K. G.,
That binds us sisters, you and me, you and me.
In bonds of love and trust and Kappa loyalty,
To ever true and faithful be.
So rain or shine we'll stick together,
Joy or sorrow, we will weather
All the storms of life together
In our K. K. G.

CHORUS

POSITIONS FOR COLLEGE WOMEN

Compiled by the Publicity Committee of the Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations at the Request of Ethel Stebbins, Psi.

Each year the graduates of our colleges for women are searching for their work, work that shall fit the capabilities of each one whereby she may earn a necessary living, or if the living is already provided, an occupation in which she may express herself by using her powers to add to the beauty of life, or by helping in the solution of social problems. For decades the chief work of educated women outside of the home has been teaching until it has seemed inevitable that the college graduate who wished to make use of her education should enter the teaching profession. But many felt that they were better fitted to deal with life practically as it is met outside of the schoolroom, and they asked their friends and the agencies what positions other than teaching were open to the educated woman. They asked to such purpose that in the spring of 1911 the Smith College Club of New York City decided that it was a necessity to have a Bureau of Occupations that should investigate positions open to women and bring together employers and workers. To make this bureau successful financially and to put it on a permanent basis the New York alumnae clubs of the larger eastern colleges were asked to send representatives to an intercollegiate conference. There were found to be eight such organizations in the city, all of whom sent representatives, and assumed their portion of the responsibility for the experiment. The interesting fact was then discovered that several of the organizations had appointed committees to consider the vocational problems of women, without having heard of the Smith idea, and that for a year Barnard had maintained an employment agency of her own, managed by a purely volunteer staff.

The eight cooperating organizations behind the Intercollegiate Bureau are: The Associate Alumnae of Barnard College, the Alumnae Association of Bryn Mawr College, the Cornell Women's Club of New York, the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association of New York City, the Radcliffe Club of New York, the Smith College Club of New York, the New York Branch of the Associate Alumnae of Vassar, and the New York Wellesley

Club. Although these associations assisted by their respective colleges have furnished the money to finance the bureau for a year, no favor is shown to the graduates of their own colleges, except in the small matter of rates. In the two months of its existence, however, the office force in charge of Miss Frances Cummings of Smith College as Manager, has had to be increased over what was expected to suffice for the year, and it is hoped that by the year's end the Bureau will have become so important that there will be no trouble in finding friends to finance it for a longer period, until—if possible—it becomes self-supporting.

The board of directors of the Bureau is composed of members from each of its eight cooperating organizations, with an advisory board composed of the deans and presidents of their respective colleges. The officers of the Bureau are:

President, Miss Mary Van Kleeck, Smith College;

Vice-President, Mrs. Charles Farnsworth, Wellesley;

Secretary, Miss Ethel Stebbins, K K Γ, Cornell;

Treasurer, Miss Antoinette Putnam-Cramer, Smith;

Manager, Miss Frances Cummings, Smith.

The office is located in Room 1504, at 38 West 32nd Street, and is open daily from 9-5; Saturdays, 9-1.

The objects of the Bureau, as stated in its Constitution, are:—

I. To secure employment for college or other specially equipped women.

II. To investigate, and do all in its power to develop opportunities for women, and to increase their efficiency in occupations.

III. To establish close connections with the colleges, especially in advising and informing undergraduates concerning occupations.

IV. To insure in every way a free wise choice of occupation.

Although statistics have been gathered for only three months they are already interesting, and are all being carefully tabulated, so as to be available for the foundation of future recommendations as to the choice of vocations among college women.

Thus far the Bureau has found that the greatest demand made upon it is for specially trained secretaries. There have been demands for private secretaries, publicity secretaries, financial secretaries, every conceivable kind of secretary—those who know scientific German and stenography, those who are proficient in

various languages. The Manager of the Bureau is impressed with the demand for and scarcity of college educated women who are proficient in typewriting and stenography. These subjects are distinct assets and if the investigations of the Bureau ever modify the college curriculum, one subject that will be required for college graduating will be typewriting and stenography. Positions demanding typewriting and stenography pay small salaries at first, the same that is ordinarily paid for a stenographer, but the college educated woman finds that her salary advances by leaps and bounds because of her special training. Accident insurance companies and charitable organizations have asked for statisticians; social workers have been called for—some with special qualifications, such as ability as nurses. An insane hospital wanted some one to fill a position in which there was "no danger, but scenes calling for nerve and sympathy." All kinds of unexpected highly specialized services have been sought; such as someone to take the civil service examination for stewardess in a state institution paying a large salary, also one to take a civil service examination for tenement house inspector working in connection with the School of Philanthropy. There seems to be a particular demand for women who can take full charge of a hotel, club, or large establishment; but although these positions are very well paid, the sagacity acquired in the school of experience will often bring a higher salary than will preparation in a college.

Steps towards affiliation with other similar organizations have already been taken and Philadelphia now has its Intercollegiate Bureau of Occupations and Los Angeles is making plans which it hopes to put into operation within the year. It is hoped that the success of these pioneer associations will be such that college women in all our large cities will band together to study the place in modern life that can be filled by the educated woman and to suggest to such women the training that is necessary to fit them for constructive work.

HISTORY OF THE DESIGNING OF THE KAPPA ARMS

BY MARGARET BROWN MOORE, *Beta Gamma*

During 1909-10 Miss Stoner appointed a new committee on coat-of-arms. The vicissitudes of the committee were many, for member after member found it, for good reasons, impossible to serve. Finally a committee was formed, and undertook the work. This committee composed a circular letter, and sent it to the chapters asking that a study of correct heraldic usage be made, and that designs, according to heraldic law, be submitted. In response to this request thirteen designs were offered. These drawings displayed good execution, and were pleasing to the eye; but each one violated, in one particular or more, the custom-honored rules of heraldry.

Since no real coat-of-arms could be secured from the chapters, the chairman of the committee went to Pittsburg, Pa., to study the subject of heraldry in the Reference Department of Carnegie Institute, with a view to combining the symbols of K K T into a pleasing, yet technically perfect coat-of-arms. Through the courtesy of Miss Joanna Strange of Beta Zeta, who was Head of the Reference Library, and with the advice of the designer of the Sigma Nu coat-of-arms, the work of making the Kappa device progressed rapidly.

The design was submitted to the Bloomington Convention for adoption. Since no recognized heraldic expert had passed upon the design, it was decided that the final vote concerning the adoption of the arms should be taken when the endorsement of an authority should be upon the design. The same committee was re-appointed, and again took up the work. It was found that Mr. Marc Rowe, for many years consulting designer with the well-known jewelers, Bailey, Banks, and Biddle, was the best authority in the country upon matters heraldic. The design was submitted to him, and came back with his approval. His opinion upon it was noted in the *Key* for December.

The last step in preparing the design to go before the chapters was the printing. This required almost endless proofing. The little details so essential to the meaning of the arms seemed trivial to the printers, and this necessitated repeated changes and

corrections. In order to present the design in color, five plates were necessary,—a key plate or outline printing plate; a plate, each, for printing the light, the dark blue, the silver and the gold. A casual glance at the frontispiece of the December KEY may give to one a favorable impression; to another, the opposite. The design may mean to some little more than a picture printed with more or less skill; yet, in the course of its construction, it has passed through the hands of nineteen different people, and it represents two years of thought and labor.

INITIATE'S SONG

BY CHARLOTTE BELKNAP, *Upsilon*

So long I've worked and yearned for thee,
My own my dearest Kappa Key.
To honor and serve you I'll always try,
And I will love you till I die.
Then we'll pledge to you
Hearts that are staunch and true,
Friendships that last for aye
In this love that we show each day.
Kappa dear for you, nothing we would not do.
We wear the Key,
We're bound to thee,
Our fraternity.

THE DECATUR PAN-HELLENIC SOCIETY

BY LALAH RUTH RANDLE, Iota, 1907.

Decatur is the home of the James Millikin University, a comparatively new but a growing school in Illinois, and as this college has even now a strong school spirit and moreover is possessed of three local fraternities for men and four for girls, Decatur has already imbibed the real college atmosphere. In addition, a great number of Decatur's young people, have gone and are still going away to school, and when in the fall of 1910 several of us thought of and tried to plan a Pan-Hellenic Club, we found no difficulty in finding members, and the plan was greeted with enthusiasm. The first meeting was very informal, as have been most of the later ones, but sixteen fraternity women were present, and we soon had a membership of twenty-five. Last year the majority of our members belonged to Pi Beta Phi, but we had seven Kappas, one Theta, two Delta Gammas, five Alpha Chis and one Alpha Gamma Phi, and our average attendance was between twelve and fifteen.

We met once a month at the homes of the members, and the list was so divided that each member entertained or assisted in entertaining once during the year. We took our sewing and the main purpose of the meetings was social, but each time we learned something about some one sorority, taking each one represented in turn. On Kappa day, we Kappas armed ourselves with Kappa's Record, the Song Book, and the last numbers of *THE KEY* and with them furnished the program. We told the main general facts concerning the fraternity, what some of the more recent interests were, what was done at last Convention that might be of interest to outsiders, sang Kappa songs and tried to stir up a genuine Kappa enthusiasm. It was really great fun, and you've no idea how much we learned! Then the hostess served dainty refreshments, using Kappa colors as far as possible, and we had a real Kappa time.

The next time was Pi Phi day, then Theta, and so on. Our members were quite diverse as to age for we had one member who had belonged to the old I. C. Sorosis before it became Pi Phi, and her huge arrow was an object of great interest to us all.

We had two officers, Lalah Ruth Randle, Kappa, Iota, 1907,

President, and Emma Anderson, Pi Beta Phi, Baltimore, 1909, Secretary; but the duties of the offices were far from arduous and the offices were created merely to hold the Club together by at least the semblance of a form. We did have delightful times, however, and I have no doubt but that other cities too small to support a Kappa Club might have a really enthusiastic and interesting Pan-Hellenic Society. It broadens us all and keeps us who are past the days of college activity in touch with that life and with our fraternities.

PLEDGE'S SONG

BY CHARLOTTE BELKNAP, *Upsilon*

TUNE:—"Under the Yum Yum Tree."

Under the Kappa Key,
That's the happiest place to be.
Soon those mid-year ex's will draw nigh,
Then I'll have a feeling that I'm goin' to die,
Still I will cram each night
Until the day brings light.
With ten credits you see
Then a Kappa I'll be.
And then—no more—troubles for me,
When I'm wearing that golden key.

THE CONVENTION LETTER-BOX

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Maybe you do not realize it, you little take-it-easy Kappas, that many sleepless nights are being spent by the work-hard Kappas, just to make plans for a happy Convention for you next August. In every corner of our Kappa world are busy people spending hours and hours on Convention programmes. From the Grand President down to the newest freshman Kappa they are working for you. Everything is being done to make this the biggest, busiest and best Convention. But if you have done nothing for Convention as yet, there is one thing you can do next August—you can board a train for Evanston, Illinois, and join the Kappa throng.

It is now time to elect your delegate. Choose a girl—you know the kind—who will best represent you, and of whom you may be proud when she rises to answer roll-call. In the May number of THE KEY, a full list of delegates will be given.

If you have any ideas on how a chapter house should be built, please send them in. One of the Convention committees will be a chapter house committee, to gather information on financial ways and means, from those chapters that have built or are planning to build houses. And the Grand Officers have taken up the architectural side of it with an architect who is going to draw plans for a model chapter house, to be shown to you at Convention, embodying exactly the things that the girls themselves wish, to make their four years' home as complete and appropriate as possible. Think of living in a chapter house planned exactly for the needs of your own fraternity family. But in order to have the chapter house a model one, the chapters are asked to state their needs and preferences to be embodied in the plans. Send your suggestions to the editor.

And now let us open our letter-box. Among the letters, official and unofficial, we are glad to see first this one from Mrs. Roth, our Grand President. She is the busiest of us all.

My dear Mrs. Mullin:

Convention plans are slowly but surely progressing. The committee who will have in charge the model initiation will be as follows:—Juliette Hollenback, Grand Registrar, Chairman; Cleora Wheeler, Custodian of the Badge; Chi; Pi; Beta Gamma; Beta Delta.

I want to emphasize as the spirit of this Convention, that we hope to have more time for personal acquaintance, more informal discussions along the lines of fraternity ideals and the best that fraternity stands for. We believe that there will be less technical business to transact than in former years, and that more time can be given to the really "worth while" things. We hope to make Convention especially interesting and attractive for the *alumnæ*. We hope to have some informal teas for the promotion of better acquaintance, and we are endeavoring to have a programme made up of our most talented and gifted Kappas. We should be very glad to have the *alumnæ* communicate with us (either Miss Curtiss or myself) if they can suggest any one who would be especially interesting or helpful on such a programme. In fact we should be glad to receive suggestions concerning any way in which Convention might be made more valuable to those who attend it. The function of the 1912 Convention we hope will be, to bring about a closer union among the chapters and *alumnæ* associations and the establishment of greater uniformity throughout the fraternity. We wish to make the national bond closer. Perhaps Miss Curtiss will be able later to give you her plans for *Alumnæ Day*. They are not definite yet however, for I heard from her very recently. If this gives you any idea of the spirit of Convention, I shall be glad.

Very sincerely yours,

FLORENCE BURTON ROTH.

And these are just scraps from personal letters, but they have so much of the Convention spirit that I shall give them to you.

From a committee chairman:—

It will not be long before the girls will be with us, and how we do want to see them all! The plans for this Convention have brought us into close touch with so many Kappas! But how much better it will be when we meet them all in August.

Besides the business sessions there are to be,—a dance, a water carnival, a matinee, a picnic, a "sing," a "stunt night" and best of all, the banquet on September second. Mrs. Roth has emphasized the fact that we are not going to spend much time on technical business. So don't let the girls think that Convention means uninteresting business sessions. They are only incidental in one of the best weeks of your life.

An alumna writes:—

You're going, aren't you? To Convention I mean. Of course you are. After all that fun we had at the last one, you wouldn't miss it, would you? I know I wouldn't miss it for worlds! Will you ever forget "stunt night?" Really I haven't laughed as hard since then? Will you ever forget Juliette? I hope that just because she's a grand officer she doesn't think she has to be dignified all the time? And do you remember that cute youngster from Ohio, and Little Pi? Dear me, I hope they'll all be there again, with new "turns."

This is rather early to talk about it, but I can hardly wait. We old ones who've been there before know how great it is, don't we? See if you can persuade Helen to go. She has never been to a convention yet. If she only knew what she has missed! She really doesn't know what it is to be a Kappa.

This from a freshman:—

Really, I've persuaded mother that I must go to Convention in August. We have our same cottage at Chautauqua for the summer, but mother has at last consented to let me run away for a week. She has met some of our alumnae who are going and she was so impressed with their common-sense and "dignity" that she has said I may go, if I stick close to Mary. Wouldn't you think I was about ten years old?

I am crazy to go, aren't you? I thought when I was pledged that I was the happiest human being in the world, then when I was initiated—you know what that means—and now Convention seems best of all.

A young Kappa mother makes this suggestion:—

I suppose the active girls wouldn't enter into the spirit of it, but I wish we could have a photographic Kappa baby-show. You know the exhibits they always have from each chapter. I wish we could have pictures of all the chapter babies; little and big. Since I've had one of my own, I love to see other people's. My idea would be to have each visitor entitled to a vote for the most attractive baby, and have first, second, and third prizes given. Perhaps KEY subscriptions for the mothers. Do you think this feasible? Will you suggest it?

A CHAPTER SONG

BY CHARLOTTE BELKNAP, *Upsilon*

TUNE:—"Gypsy Sweetheart."

We'll sing one song of Kappa Kappa Gamma
And of the girls with the Golden Key.
So when college days are past and over,
Still our hearts will turn back to thee.
And when things look—Oh, so dark and dreary,
When my way I cannot see,
Still those thoughts will ever help to cheer me,
Thinking of you, K. K. G.

PARTHENON

*Beta Delta's
Housewarming*

For a long time Beta Delta has had a cherished dream, and that dream has just been realized; for it has been permitted her to throw open the doors of her *own* home and to hold a house warming for her alumnae. To Beta Delta also was given the added pleasure of entertaining Kappa's Grand President, Florence Burton Roth, who, however, came—so she said—"simply as one of Beta Delta's own girls."

On Friday morning, December first, the "old girls" began to arrive. Many were the strange faces and equally strange names, but hands were eagerly extended and active and alumnae each felt as never before, the strength of the tie that makes all "sisters" in the loving bonds of Kappa.

The old girls forgot for the time being the outside interests which had carried them so far away from college life and interests and gladly reentered, if only for a few days, that care-free realm "where no one asks the who or why" and where that dear sense of gay comradeship abides.

The active chapter had determined that no one should be given an opportunity to "wonder why she came," but that all should be made to feel that they were having the very best time that a lot of Kappa girls gathered together in a Kappa house were capable of enjoying.

Friday morning and afternoon were spent visiting college classes, calling and sight-seeing. In the evening the Kappa Comedy Club presented "Billiken," "Little Chamois in the Shoe," and "The Evolution of the American Girl." The actors had posted themselves with all of the thrilling bits of information obtainable, concerning the alumnae, and continual bursts of laughter and applause rewarded the various hits.

Saturday morning, Beta Delta Association held an open meeting so that all might learn just how the chapter had earned its new house. That afternoon, Miss Crocker, a sister Kappa, entertained the chapter and guests at a reception held at the home of her brother-in-law, President Hutchins. Concluding a musical program, Mrs. Mallory, former Grand President, welcomed

Mrs. Roth in a charming little speech, presenting her with a large bouquet of violets, the chapter flower.

Saturday evening witnessed the crowning point in Beta Delta's welcome when her grand reunion and initiation banquet was held—at which seventy-five loyal Kappas gathered. The dining room was beautifully decorated with yellow chrysanthemums and smilax and the tables were arranged in the form of a horse-shoe. The dazzling lights and flowers, together with the dainty evening gown of the girls, all served to frame a picture which will long be cherished as one of Beta Delta's dearest remembrances.

The freshmen were made to feel that they were equally honored guests with the alumnae, while the latter were formally welcomed by the chapter. In the heartfelt responses to the toasts the chapter was made to feel that her house warming had indeed accomplished its mission,—that of making the "old girls" feel the love and sympathy which ever awaits their return to the fold.

And when at last the loving cup was passed around and all joined in singing "Kappa's Old Sweet Song" there was not a girl present but felt she had come to a truer and deeper realization of the real meaning of fraternity and above all of that dearest and best of all fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma.

All too soon came Sunday afternoon and the inevitable good-byes. Many were the promises to "come again soon," and best of all each went away sure that Beta Delta's latch string was ever hanging out and that the new house was in very truth a Kappa home.

MARJORIE MACDONALD.

*The Fraternity and
The Community*

A short time ago our Barnard undergraduate president put the following question to the members of Student Council—our board of self government—: "If fraternities include not more than one third of the undergraduate body, are they of benefit to that body as a whole?" We were asked to lay aside our personal and individual feelings and to give our honest opinions for the good of the college. It was a serious moment in the meeting; Alpha Phi looked at Kappa; Kappa looked at Non-fraternity, and the little freshman member who knew nothing at all

about fraternities, pricked up her ears and looked quizzical. It was a very serious moment and our president laid the question on the table that we might have ample time to think. The question has not yet been answered. We must go back to college after the Christmas holidays with our minds made up, and an honest opinion on our lips. If we can say from our hearts: "Yes, although they include but one third of its members, fraternities *are* a definite benefit to the college as a whole"—well and good. If we cannot honestly say that, something is wrong, and there is great danger of another question's following: "Have fraternities, then, a reason for being in the college world?" Perhaps you wonder that we hesitate to answer. If you were a Barnard girl and thought honestly and impersonally upon the subject, you would not wonder—and I have an idea that Barnard conditions are not very different from the state of things in other colleges. That is the reason I am discussing this question now in the Parthenon.

Of course, no fraternity member, and especially no Kappa, will fail to acknowledge the unnumbered and immeasurable benefits derived from a fraternity—when one is in it. But how about the two-thirds outside? If fraternities benefit the one-third inside and do no harm to the two-thirds outside, they at least have an excuse for being; but that is hardly satisfying. And can we *honestly* say that they do no harm to those outside? In almost every college there exists a more or less unpleasant non-fraternity spirit. Why is it? Is it merely "sour grapes" or are we fraternities to blame? I think in part we are. We should be a little more careful to keep fraternities entirely out of our conversation in the college halls; we should make our rushing a little less conspicuous; and we should make people realize that we are absolutely loyal to our college. We are apt to "rub it in" too much, that we are members of a fraternity and thus make people think (no matter how unjustly) that that which binds us together as a fraternity, binds us away from the rest of the world.

It is at election time that the non-fraternity spirit is most evident, and most unpleasant. We find a capable girl defeated by a very inferior one, for no reason at all but that she is a fraternity girl and the other is not. That is not right. But it is worse for a fraternity girl to vote for her own fraternity mate, if she

knows in her heart that another nominee is more efficient. Every time she does that, her fraternity is doing harm to the outside two-thirds.

Another evil is that often a non-fraternity girl is lonely and friendless because her natural friends are in fraternities, and there is "an inexplainable bar" between them. That bar is imaginary in almost all cases, and it is part of a fraternity girl's responsibility to the community to show that it is imaginary, and that she can be just as "good friends" with the girl outside the mystic circle as with the girl inside.

Another evil to the college community is the undignified scramble for girls which goes on in almost all fraternities, with or without rushing, prior to pledge day. Barnard has tried to solve that problem by a non-rushing policy and a mid-sophomore year pledge day. The policy is good, but many of the fraternities have only kept it in letter—not in spirit—and the scrambling goes on. What are we going to do? That is a very real evil. How are we to cope with it? We do not know, but keep hoping an older and wiser head than ours will suggest a remedy.

Now let us turn to the good things fraternities bring a college community. In the first place, they hold the alumnae to their college by stronger bonds than any the college itself can make. That is an inestimable benefit. In the second place, fraternities improve the scholarship—not only of their own girls, but as a rule of the whole community. And finally, does it not benefit the whole undergraduate body to have one-third out of its three-thirds filled with the high ideals, noble inspiration, and strength that the right sort of fraternities instill in their members?

I have attempted a big subject—too big for a short article and my inexperienced head—but it is a subject we must all think about now and then. It seems to me that, however, we weigh and balance the good and evil of fraternities in the college world, one thing is self evident. As fraternity members, and especially as Kappas who love and believe in our fraternity with all our hearts, we are under a heavy responsibility—to make our fraternity life so big and pure and strong and true that its influence will be felt, not only among ourselves, but to the benefit and good of any community in which we are.

ELEANORE MYERS, Beta Epsilon.

*A Brief for the
Sophomore Pledge*

In the short interval between my hasty-pudding promise to contribute something to the "Parthenon," and my subsequent session with the typewriter, I take a hurried glance at the evening paper. There, like a saucy, subject-suggesting imp, I see peering up at me the appropriate (or otherwise) headlines, "SORORITIES DISSOLVE TO PRESERVE COLLEGE SPIRIT."

To be sure it was the action of only two chapters and they of only semi-prominence nationally; (their local importance, however, may be assumed from the statement that one of the chapters was formed in 1846.) It occurred in only a small and only a woman's college. It is published in only a news paper report. It may not even create a ripple on the sunny Hellenic sea. The mere fact is indeed quite negligible. But the reason behind the fact is of stimulating significance. As given, it was because "of the humiliating and discouraging effects which they, (the two sororities) had on school life. . . . Sorority discrimination developed cliques, which not only affected the registration, but there have been cases where the humiliation has driven first and second year students from the college." It is interesting to note that this action was entirely voluntary and had the approval of the alumnae members of both; the faculty of the institution had no part in this decision, though President McKenzie has known for a long time that the sororities were injuring the work of the college.

This is really one of a number of straws that not only indicate the prevailing direction of the wind, but breezily intimate its probable increase into a deck-sweeping hurricane. From these it becomes undeniably evident that the whole fraternity organization is on the defensive.

The question is reducible to a statement of relative values: internal benefit versus external injury—whether the one is so valuable as to be worth the price of the other. And that is best considered in connection with another deduction that reveals itself, namely that the indictments are for the most part brought against first year conditions and would be largely mitigated if not entirely quashed by the operation of the insistently looming scheme, known as the Sophomore Pledge.

How would it work? The freshman would have one year at

least in the college world at large, a time to be devoted to wide acquaintanceship, cultivation of class and college spirit, concentrated study, and a general finding of herself and her place in the cosmos. Incidentally, she should have developed enough personality to be immune to the "type" germ, while retaining sufficient plasticity for amenability. The chapters, meanwhile, would be pursuing their own foot paths to peace freed from the excursion into the "fraternities' annual fit of insanity." The selection when made should be more judicious and congenial. For froth rises on the whipped surface; cream only on the quiet. Elections made after long testing would surely be deemed an "honor" in fact, as well as in name. The passed over ones would at least feel there was a little more justice in the situation. The poor pedagogues would rejoice in a modicum more of attention given to their own shy demands; underclassmen, upperclassmen, Greeks and Goths, students and faculty would all partake of the benefits conferred; consideration of the radical step of entire dissolution would be eliminated. In such a movement as this, is not the place of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the van?

THERESA RUSSELL, Stanford University, (Beta Zeta, '95).

*Fraternity
Ideals*

We hear much concerning fraternity ideals and purposes, of what the fraternity does for development of the individual, and for what the fraternity stands to its members.

The influence of a group of girls banded together for any purpose whatever, is necessarily great. The question is, for what is this group, the fraternity, to stand? What influence in the fraternity is to be the predominating one? Is it to be the best influence of the strongest girls and the highest ideals, for which it stands; or will that be a standard accepted for special occasions rather than for every day use? Should it not be the endeavor of the fraternity to measure in all things, the large as well as the small, the common as well as the exceptional, from the standpoint of the highest ideals rather than from the idea of "That will do for a beautiful theory, but for practical use it is entirely lacking?" There is much in many theories which is beautiful although it fails in practical adaptation, but it does not necessarily follow that all ideals are impractical.

In truth, we may and will fall far below the standards which we set for ourselves, but in so far as we have striven toward their attainment, just so far have we progressed. The difference between our ideals and the reality is great indeed, but it is the possession of the high ideals which accomplishes, even in so small a degree, the ultimate ends toward which we are striving.

"A man's reach should exceed his grasp,
Or what's a heaven for?"

Should it not therefore, be the endeavor of the fraternity to stand for the best and highest interests of the university, the fraternity and the individual, for we cannot attain the first two ends independently of the third.

If we, as a fraternity, strive earnestly and honestly to represent that which is best in the University, we would do away with much of the non-fraternity criticism, severe, but often-times merited, that fraternities are but social, shallow, selfish organizations, formed merely for the pleasure of their members.

HAZEL MURPHY.

Freshman No phase of fraternity life can be productive of
Criticism greater good or greater evil than the custom known
 as freshman criticism.

The true purpose of this criticism is to help the freshman meet her new problems and to correct her faults in as sweet and motherly a manner as possible. The success of the whole plan depends upon the manner in which such criticism is made. We do not advocate that the obstreperous freshman should always be handled in a "kid-glove" fashion, but certainly great tact is necessary to make her feel that kindness and helpfulness are your only motives when she might suspect less noble reasons.

A chapter should use judgment in its choice of critics. No girl should be allowed to criticise others for the very faults of which she is the most guilty. Some girls are naturally leaders, tactful, helpful and inspiring. These girls can tell others of their shortcomings in such a manner that they will take it to heart and profit by it, while if a less tactful person had criticised them they would only become embittered and not try to make any improvement.

Don't nag! Be forceful, firm and forbearing, in season, but not out of season. There is a time to refrain from speaking. Don't work criticism over time. There is nothing that can kill fraternity spirit as much as adverse criticism given in a tactless manner.

Above all we should make the freshman feel that we criticise her not from any feeling of superiority, but for her own good and the good of her fraternity, that we are trying to make her a true Kappa, womanly, kind, and pure.

Each stone in our Kappa stronghold has its individual place and responsibility. One crumbling stone weakens the entire structure. We must have polished stones, cemented together with that strong fraternity spirit which bears and forbears. We cannot err if we keep always before us that one little clause in our beautiful Kappa symphony:

"To strive only for what I believe to be highest and best, holding others to no standard which I cannot attain for myself."

MARY E. CRAIG, Delta.

*Are We Setting
the Right Example
for Our Freshmen?*

Certainly during the rushing season we give the freshmen our attention and appear to be interested in their welfare, but after they are pledged, we look out for our own interests and let the freshmen go their own way, never thinking that probably they have individual problems which are often very discouraging and that a little help or interest from an upperclassman would be very welcome. If the freshmen live in the house, we are liable to keep in close touch with them, but often they only take their meals in the house so that we only see them on rare occasions, unless we go out of our way to bring them into close touch with all the girls.

When girls enter college they are usually in the pliable state, and when they leave college, their characters and ideals are more or less formed. The most important years of a girl's life are spent in college and we must make the freshmen make the most of these years by setting the best possible example before them.

After a girl is pledged, fraternity life is new to her and she

is apt to act and do just as the upperclassmen do. We tell the freshmen they should always place scholarship above every thing else, and have systematic methods for study, but unless we abide by these same principles, the pledges will not. If we associate only with Kappas and do not take any interest in student activities, they are liable to think these are the ideals of Kappa.

We are hoping for success for the freshmen and for success for the fraternity, but we must realize the importance of our influence in the making of their success and the success of Kappa. We must always live up to Kappa's meaning and Kappa's standards, so when these pledges are initiated they will realize what Kappa means to college life.

BETA MU.

*The Trials
of Rushing*

How to rush, is the one great problem of the sororities in the new western universities. The panhellenic association governs in much the same way that the Republic of Mexico governs, only, perhaps the local association changes its systems a little oftener. In the last four years panhellenic has tried six different systems of rushing and it is even now struggling over a new set.

At Washington there are eleven national sororities represented: the oldest is six years, the youngest, a few months.* Most of them are not yet firmly on their feet. Many girls who belong to these organizations, see in them nothing more serious than a badge and perhaps a social position. They appear to feel no deeper obligation. When rushing season comes, they rush, but how often in the mad haste to "get girls" do they forget the honor and dignity of the fraternity back of them, and through lack of principle not only reflect unfavorably on their chapter and fraternity but on the university itself for allowing such a system to go on. Of course, it is not the fault of the university. Honor is not a thing that can be forced on a sorority. There is only one power over a chapter and that is its national, and when it demands fair play, only then has the chapter any chance of becoming square. All the rules that panhellenic could make would not help matters until all the sororities will play square.

What is most responsible for such a state of affairs here is

hard to say, but a partial explanation may be found in the fact that sororities are so new in this region that the majority of people outside of the university and many students within it do not know what real fraternity life means. Time alone can change this notion and show the public that fraternities are needed and are really worth while.

We have tried rushing of all sorts at Washington: matriculation pledge, three weeks rush, (limited and open) and a two weeks rush. No matter how we do it, both the rushee and the sorority girl are completely played out and the faculty are disgusted.

This year we are working on an entirely new set of rules which Theta and Kappa offered to panhellenic. These rules will not appeal to the eastern chapters as particularly conservative, but if we succeed in getting them through that, we have accomplished something both for the fraternity system and the University of Washington. The main features of the rules are a limited three weeks rushing season with three functions during the school week and Saturdays open. Invitations will go out Friday night of the third week to be answered by the rushee's going to the house of her choice Saturday evening, no communication of any sort to take place on that day.

It is a most trying task to come to any understanding about the length of the rushing season. Some sororities are strong for "the ideal method" sophomore pledge, several others persistently demand matriculation pledge, and as a result we always have a short season the first few weeks of college and get it all over with. Sophomore pledge is undesirable because the sororities have their own houses and they simply do not feel able financially to run the house a whole year without freshmen. Aside from this one subject, the chapters at Washington are all that could be asked. They are foremost in scholarship, honor and all around efficiency, but their rushing is certainly not desirable. But since they themselves realize their short comings and are trying hard to correct them, there is still hope that they will have a rushing system at least as good as those followed by the eastern chapters. We will continue to work until we have found the very best method and we hope it may be found soon.

LUCILLE THOMPSON, Beta Pi.

The Teaching of Geography We Americans are justly proud of our public school systems; in many respects they lead those of the whole world. We ought not to think, however, that they are by any means perfect, for such countries as France and Germany, with their national officers of education and highly centralized systems, excel us in many points. Of all that we might learn from these countries, nothing is more urgently needed at present than a method of teaching geography modelled after the admirable one used in Germany.

Here in this country, the system is very crude and unsatisfactory in results, the pupil beginning the study between the ages of eight and ten and leaving it about fourteen or fifteen, never to take it up again unless under his own direction, should he proceed through to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. It is not surprising, therefore, to find ignorance of the commonest facts of the subject very prevalent.

There are many reasons why this method fails. In the first place the child begins too young,—the age at which the study is laid aside is really about the age at which it should be begun. Geography is bigger and broader in its scope and more intangible than anything that most of us study; broad because it treats of everything from conditions, not only natural, but even commercial and political, and from the nature of the interior of the earth to the causes of eclipses; intangible because not one of us, not even the most imaginative or most widely traveled, can grasp the simplest fact about this earth,—its size. Yet we try to force a conception of such an object upon an eight year old brain, meager and undeveloped as it is, and wonder when the attempt does not succeed.

Then besides, it is a mistake, if we must make the child begin geography so young, to have him continue it for only five years. Why give to such an important subject a miserly share of what might be called the experimental stage of his education, when the same amount of time at a more mature age would still be insufficient to devote to it?

Another great fault of our system is that the study of geography has been discontinued and forgotten long before the pupil begins to feel a real need of it. When he is young, it makes no vital difference to him whether Rome is on the Po or on the

Tiber, whether the Rhone flows into the Arctic Ocean or into the Mediterranean Sea, but, when he comes to read Caesar, an intimate knowledge of such facts would help wonderfully in his understanding of the matter. He can also get along very well at the age of ten if he is not sure of the courses of the North American rivers, but what do the stories of Ichabod Crane and Rip Van Winkle mean to him, if he thinks as did our high school student, that the Hudson River flows north into Hudson Bay? A deep-rooted knowledge of geography would be of great value to the student in language, in literature, in history or in sociology, yet when the time comes for him to enter upon these subjects nothing but a few scattered geographical facts remain to him from his grammar school days. In other words, we treat the subject as if it belonged, like kindergarten games, purely to the realm of the child and not at all to that of the man.

In everyday life, too, the child of fifteen should be commencing to take an intelligent interest in the affairs of the world and the fact that he is studying geography could be made an incentive to watch current events more closely and to form the habit of reading newspapers for the good they contain. On the contrary, his knowledge of the outside world instead of increasing from this time on frequently grows less, so that it is not surprising to find a class of sixty college students who do not know where the Hottentots live.

It is evident that under such a system there is great deal of time and effort being wasted and that the best way to go about curtailing the waste is to copy Germany and introduce geography, not only into the high schools, but also into our colleges and universities. It would not do, of course, to remove the subject entirely from the grammar school curriculum, for there are many phases which can easily be taught a young child, and then, besides, the many children who never go beyond the grammar school should not be deprived utterly of the opportunity to learn something of the subject; but it should be begun as are literature and history and developed side by side with them throughout the student's whole course.

The greatest good that would come from such a change would be the broadening of the American's mental attitude. It is too bad to be obliged to admit that he is narrow, but he really is;

with all his excellent qualities he remains narrow, bigoted, prejudiced, and it is bound to work for his harm sooner or later. Let us hope, however, that, before that time shall come, we shall see this change introduced into the schools and that the next generation shall hear no more criticism of "American provincialism."

FLORENCE E. MACARDLE, Phi.

The Other Girl

The world has read articles for some time about the Other Fellow, and now I am going to say just a few words about the Other Girl.

In your town, your college, your fraternity, are other girls. Perhaps you have forgotten; perhaps you are longing for the friends who left last year or the year before, and have forgotten the new girls or the younger old girls that are looking up to you, craving your advice and your sympathy.

I ask you to remember that once you were the Other Girl, once you wanted advice and sympathy; and some upperclassman came to you and gave you the greatest of all human gifts,—her friendship.

Love and friendship are the very queerest and most mysterious of all human relations. When you owe a debt of love, you can never repay it to the person or persons to whom you owe it. For friendships drift with the tide, our intercourses cease, and only happy memories remain to remind us of our debt.

Then our debt is cancelled you ask? No,—this is a peculiar attribute of love, the next generation claims payment by the law of association.

So pay your debts. Help the Other Girl—Give her your love and your friendship, and remember that the more you give the more you will have to give.

BOB MARY LINDSEY, Theta.

EDITORIAL

"Lemuel Murlin, Boston University's new president, strikes a ringing note in his reference to the opportunities for a need of a municipal university, a university with the usual equipment of the lecture room, et cetera, but which will find its best equipped laboratory, its largest library, its best forge and anvil and bench in the city whose heart is in its being! So he opens the gateway into a wide field, and one worth cultivation. He would make the higher education a vitalizing force rather than a process of intellectual distillation. For he thinks our doom is certain if knowledge, culture and power are to form the basis of a new aristocracy rather than to give life and health to the democracy. That is a very clear vision. Construction on these lines may mean much."

This is the *Boston Advertiser's* comment on the noteworthy address of Dr. Murlin at his inauguration, which is published in part in this number of THE KEY.

Dr. Murlin was graduated in 1891 from DePauw University, where he was initiated into Phi Kappa Psi. He obtained the degree of S. T. B. from DePauw the following year and of B. D. from the Garrett Biblical Institute in 1899, and followed post-graduate courses at the University of Pennsylvania and in Europe. He holds honorary degrees from Cornell College, and the Universities of Denver, DePauw, and Vermont. After nine years in pastorates in Indiana, he accepted the presidency of Baker University in 1894; and of Boston University in 1911.

The photographs of the inaugural procession are taken in Copley Square, and illustrate the fact that Boston University's campus is the city itself, as, Dr. Murlin contends, its laboratory should be. The two buildings in the background of the pictures are Trinity Church, associated with the name of Bishop Phillips Brooks, and the Boston Public Library, with its famous interior decorations by Abbey, Sargent, and de Chavannes. The college of liberal arts of Boston University adjoins the Library, but is not shown in the picture.

In telling the story of the Students' Aid Fund to Kappas, Mrs. Goddard brings to her aid a tremendous enthusiasm for the Fund and a close acquaintance with the business of the national fraternity. Since 1899, when she entered the freshman class at Butler College right down to this year of grace, she has had a continuous interest and activity in the fraternity, first as a convention dele-

gate, afterwards as Grand President's deputy during Mrs. Mal-lory's administration, and later as president of the Denver alum-næ association and chairman of the advisory board to Beta Mu chapter. Her principal fraternity interest is the co-operation of the alum-næ and undergraduates so that the alum-næ will become a necessity in the lives of the active chapters. Mrs. Goddard is remembered at Butler as Charlotte Powell, president of 1903 in its senior year, and associate editor of the college weekly. After her graduation she taught German in Wolfe Hall, and the Denver public schools. In 1908 she was married to Mr. Richard Hewitt Goddard of Denver. In writing of Convention in a personal letter to the editor, she says:

"At the Convention of 1900, I was known only as little Mu with a pigtail down my back and an ever ready apology on my lips because my chapter had sent a freshman delegate. However, young and inexperienced as I surely was, I was determined to let nothing escape me and to make no mistakes before the older girls. And I firmly believe that my being so early thrust into the thick of fraternity affairs was and is accountable for an ever increasing enthusiasm in work for and with the fraternity both in the active chapter and nationally. Ever since that convention, my ardent plea has been, 'Urge the freshmen to attend Convention.'"

It is hoped that the article on the Bureau of Occupations will be of practical value to the girls who are to graduate this June, and will interest all Kappas as an evidence of co-operation and organized usefulness of college women. Kappa Kappa Gamma is represented in this movement by the Secretary of the Bureau, Ethel Stebbins, who is chairman of the vocational committee in the Cornell Women's Club of New York, and by Martha Dodson and Nora Blatch de Forest, as members of the Cornell committee. Ethel Stebbins, to whom *THE KEY* is indebted for this statement of the work of the Bureau, is a member of Psi chapter, of the class of 1895 at Cornell; and she and her sister, Mabel Stebbins Mitchell are well remembered by those who attended the Ithaca Convention. Since graduation, she has been teaching the natural sciences in private schools in New York, and is now teaching in the Brearley School.

The designer of the new coat-of-arms, Margaret Brown Moore, tells in this number, how the arms came into being. She has contributed so generously of her time and effort for the sake of the fraternity, that Kappas everywhere will be glad to get better acquainted with her, through this brief paragraph from one of the Beta Gamma girls:—

"Margaret Brown Moore graduated from Wooster University with the class of 1911. Faculty and students will agree in saying that there was never a girl at Wooster who had her finger in more pies—and always, to the great improvement of the pie. She was Y. W. Secretary, and later Treasurer. While holding the latter office she worked out a most complete system of accounts, which has since been used by the Association with great success. When a Sophomore she was elected to membership in the 'Quadrangle,' a literary society limited to fraternity men and women. The Holden Hall Library Association, which has proved itself a source of great pleasure to the dormitory girls, was organized chiefly through her instrumentality. In her Junior year she was chosen to a position on the *Index*—the Wooster college annual—board. Numerous class offices and important chairmanships were creditably filled by her. For two years she was leader and teacher of one of the Y. W. Bible classes. In scholarship she ranked among the first of the class. During her senior year she did assistant work for the professor of English at the university, and because of the excellence of her work, was strongly recommended by him for a regular position as assistant in English. In 1909 Margaret Moore was made chairman of the committee for coat-of-arms, and in August 1910, went as delegate from Beta Gamma chapter to the Kappa Convention at Bloomington. Since her graduation last June she has been the college representative of certain publications made by Dodd, Mead and Company.

"Truly an efficient, all round, girl—and therefore a real Kappa!"

Wanted:—verse, light or serious, for the pages of THE KEY. Every chapter has its poetical members and every one of them has a collection of verses in manuscript, which the Editor would very much like to examine. As the Editor is not a professional Editor, but only in the aspiring contributor's class herself, her

criticism will be sympathetic, and her selection inclusive rather than exclusive.

Every chapter has its own songs, written as occasion demands, and exchanged with other chapters at convention or on visits. We are glad to give a few of these in this number. Let us have some from every chapter! Of the "Initiate's Song," the chapter correspondent of Upsilon writes:

"I am sending a song that Charlotte Belknap wrote to the music of one of the freshman 'Trig' songs last year. Norman Wells, an Alpha Phi freshman last year, and Charlotte Belknap, a Kappa Kappa Gamma freshman last year, wrote the music and lyrics for 'Trig' play, an annual original play given by the freshmen men.

"Charlotte was ill last year so could not be initiated until this fall because she did not have credits. She did work so hard to deserve her "key" that we all love this song that she wrote as her "Initiation Song" this fall. She was initiated when Miss Powell was here.

Under the caption "Soph Show Announced," *The Phoenix*, Swarthmore's weekly, says in part:—

Both the words and music of this year's play were written by "Dos" Fitch, '14. The music is said to be exceedingly pretty and catchy and the whole play is of a decided local character and is full of Swarthmore interest. January 6, 1912 is the date for which the comedy is scheduled. This is the first Saturday evening after the Christmas vacation. The girls in charge assert that "The 1914 House Party" will be the best show ever given in Parrish Hall. The cast in the play will be composed entirely of Sophomore girls. It will, therefore, be purely a class affair, written, arranged, staged, managed, and acted by class members.

Miss Fitch, the sole author of the comedy, is an enthusiastic and loyal member of 1914, and has always shown true class spirit. As a Freshman she wrote the words and music of 1914's first Founder's Day song. She is a daughter of Judge Joseph Fitch, '79, of Flushing, L. I., one of Swarthmore's most loyal alumni. Miss Fitch wrote the comedy in her spare hours last summer. She is now putting in some hard work at rehearsal to make the show a success.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Phi has leased a very pleasant suite of rooms at 65 Westland Avenue for this year, and we look forward to many jolly gatherings. Come in and see us any time. We will promise you a good time! Mrs. Basher, Wilma's mother, is our chaperon.

The rushing season this year at B. U. has been pretty strenuous, and we have been troubled more or less by petty Pan-hellenic rules. Each fraternity was allowed two parties, but all other social intercourse with the new girls, outside of the college affairs, was forbidden. We held our first rushing party at Helen Mackintosh's in Sharon on the fourteenth of October, when we entertained about twenty freshmen. December sixth was the date decided upon for the final and conflict party. Louise Dyer Harris, '07, was kind enough to invite us to her home in Brighton and we had a most delightful time.

December eleventh was pledge day and Phi presents to you six new girls: Helen Brownstein, Christine Evarts, Ellen Coles, Dorothy Fletcher, Dorothy Richardson, and Dorothy Rand, '14, increasing our chapter to twenty-five members. Helen Brownstein is the sister of Fannie Brownstein, Beta Tau, and Christine Evarts, of Louise Evarts, '11.

We gave a tea to our new president's wife, Mrs. E. Murlin, Kappa Alpha Theta, at the rooms in November, and we were more than glad when she accepted the invitation to become chapter patroness.

The men at college under the direction of Dr. Weyssse presented "The Time of His Life" for the benefit of the athletic association. Some of the girls entertained friends at dinner and at the play.

In the all-star cast which gave the senior play, "Out of Town," Margaret Smith and Helen Mackintosh, both '12, shone brilliantly. We were very glad to have Marjorie Ross, Beta Phi, with us on that day.

Gladys Powers, Upsilon, is completing her course at Leland Powers school this year. We have had Faith Elliott, and Joy

Mauck, Kappa, with us at the chapter meetings, and hope to see them often as well as the other Kappas, who, we hear, are near us at Simmons College.

The Y. W. C. A. extension committee, of which Nina Gilley, '12, is the chairman, gave "Alice in Wonderland" in the Jacob Sleeper Hall, for the benefit of the Daily Vacation Bible School. Dorothy Rand, '14, a Kappa pledge, coached and Dorothy Fletcher, '15, another pledge, took the part of Alice. Mabel Sargent, '14, and Helen Macintosh, '12, were the two charming flowers.

The afternoon of December twenty-second, Phi, '12, entertained the pledges and the rest of the chapter at a Christmas frolic and spread. We were very glad to have Louise Evarts, '11, who is now on the Northfield Seminary faculty, with us again.

MAY L. LOWDEN.

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

Our first business and pleasure is to introduce to the Kappa world seven Beta Epsilon "babies." Two are from the junior class and one from the senior, and the other four from the sophomore. They are: Ruth Guy, '12; Adelaide Gostenhofer, special '13; Margaret Kelley, '13; Ruth Guernsey, '14; Dorothy Fitch, '14; Sidney Miner, '14 and Edith Mulhall, '14.

Ruth Guy is taking her college course in three years, not an easy thing to do in Barnard, and Edith Mulhall is president of her class, while Ruth Guernsey is secretary. Altogether, they are very fine girls indeed. Initiation took place on December ninth, five days after pledge day, and was more beautiful and impressive than ever. It truly seems that every time we go over the good old service, we find something new and lovely about it, that we had not noticed before.

Our weekly lunches at the apartment are proving a great success. We would recommend to all other non-resident chapters this plan of ours. Once every week we leave college and all its distractions behind us for the noon hour, and go off to our apartment for a jolly lunch with ourselves and, better still, with the grads.

Most of our festivities took place in November. Early in the month, we gave a spread to which came grads from far and

near; later we gave a faculty tea, a most successful one. At the end of the month came a dance, one left over from last spring when we were too tired to give it. We were not too tired this time, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed it.

Barnard entertained the Intercollegiate Student Government Convention this fall, and we all drew much inspiration and profit from meeting so many girls from different institutions. It gave us a hint of what Kappa Convention must mean and made us all more anxious than ever to attend this coming one.

ELFANORE MYERS.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE.

The college event of most importance just at present is the senior play. Beta Sigma is well represented in that by Jean Marks, Helen Brady, who takes the part of the leading lady, and Chloe Skilton, the leading man.

The Adelphi Kappas are very much in favor of the new coat-of-arms which was explained in the last edition of *THE KEY*. Those of us who were at the luncheon of the New York Association and saw the original designs, which Miss Powell explained, are especially enthusiastic.

Beta Sigma announces one pledge, Elizabeth Trundle, who has come all the way from Centerville, Maryland, to be one of us.

The fortnightly teas, which we mentioned in our last letter, have been discontinued for the holidays, but we hope to resume them very soon. The last one, given to the faculty, we considered a great success, for they not only turned out in large numbers, but threatened to remain for supper and meeting, judging by the late hour they stayed.

Our annual Christmas party was, as usual, a very jolly affair. It was held at the home of Elsie Kraemer, where many of our good times are spent. Best of all was the huge tree, with myriads of twinkling candles, from which Santa handed down a fitting "knock" to each. Everyone agreed it was a very "Kappy" time when we sat around the tree with the lights turned low, singing our songs.

AGNES A. ENGLAND.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

At present Psi is rejoicing over seven new freshmen: Emily Clark, Owego; Lucy Park, Nyack; Louise Ormsby, Oswego; Marian Sturges, Brooklyn; Evelyn Thorpe, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; Cornelia Mallet, Middletown; Edith Griscom, Plainfield, New Jersey.

The rushing season, so successful for us, closed on the seventh of December. On the fourteenth, initiation was held at the home of Julia Melotte, after which we had our annual banquet at the Alhambra. Nearly all of our town alumnae were present. Among others were Mary Cass Spencer, who is taking advanced graduate work in the university, and Mrs. Leon B. Reynolds (Fannie Northrup) of Kappa chapter.

Wilhelmine Wissman, '11, is taking a winter course in home economics this year. Mariana McCaulley, '12, is taking graduate work.

The girls' new dormitory, Prudence Risley Hall, is now well under way, and our upper classmen are hoping to see its completion before leaving college.

By the time this letter reaches you all, we shall be in the midst of our much dreaded mid-year finals. So to all Kappas who are anticipating that same event, Psi sends wishes for the best of luck.

JANE D. MCKELWAY.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since we last wrote to our Kappa sisters, we have enjoyed several calls from Kappas from other chapters, and from the mother and brother of one of the Toronto Kappas.

Syracuse celebrated a victory over Carlisle in football on November eighteenth. Basketball is being enthusiastically supported by the women this year. Helen Slade, '12, plays center on the senior team and Agnes Davis, '14, made the sophomore team.

December sixteenth, the junior prom was held in the gymnasium, which was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

In the class elections Mildred Goodell was elected secretary of the freshman class. Dona Wilber, '15, Martha Reed, '14, Elizabeth Lowry, '12, have been appointed to their class executive

committees. Mabel Rounds, '14, and Grace Potteiger, '13, have been chosen for the women's glee club.

Just before vacation Beta Tau enjoyed her usual Christmas party. The sophomores presented the house with needed dishes for the table, and one of our charter members gave us several things for the table and kitchen. A Christmas party was also given for the alumnae and we were glad to have about fifty present. The chapter girls gave a sketch from "Mrs. Wiggs" which was thoroughly enjoyed. The alumnae presented the chapter with a grand new rug for the library.

Beta Tau wishes each chapter a very successful and prosperous Happy New Year.

AGNES L. DAVIS.

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

The fall term has passed all too quickly this year. The holiday season will no doubt with greater speed fade away into the dim distance, but then the New Year gives promise of much happiness in days equally as joyful. Beta Psi wishes all her Kappa sisters unequalled success, and the greatest joys in the new year we are entering.

College closed for the Christmas vacation on December twenty-first, but most of the girls left for home nearly a week earlier, as there was fear of a diphtheria outbreak in the Residence. Excitement ran high, for at one time the prospect was far from hopeful, as we feared this would be a quiet and homesick Christmas, spent within the four walls of Annesley Hall. Cheerful faces were rather at a premium with such an outlook, but fortunately the quarantine was raised, and our sorrow was turned into great joy when we were sent home a week earlier than usual.

Lexa Denne, '09, during a trip through the western states last summer, had the pleasure of meeting Miss Sackett of Beta Pi, when spending a few days in Seattle.

Our winter sports are as yet something to anticipate as we have been enjoying weather more nearly resembling that of California than what is usual in Canada in December. The splendid rink just beside the Hall is most popular with all the students. It is especially enjoyable Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons when we have an excellent band in attendance.

We are all very proud of our magnificent new building for the department of household science, which is fast nearing completion. Besides being a triumph of architectural beauty, it will be fitted up with the most modern apparatus, which will make the building the finest of its kind in Canada, and one of the best on the American continent.

BEATRICE M. BARRY.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

The most important event last year for our chapter was initiation. Once more we accepted the generous hospitality of Catherine Beekley and held our service at her home in Media. The service is very simple, and for that reason most dignified and impressive. The initiates were Mildred Goshow, Olive Haldeman, and Helen Gilmore. After initiation, instead of our usual banquet, we had a little chafing dish supper. Initiation came so early this year, and there seemed a possibility of another later on in the year, so we decided to have just this informal supper. Now we are glad for we seemed closer together than we had at more formal affairs.

Our university owns many splendid buildings where laboratory and lecture room facilities are of the best. The only department that seems to have been neglected is the graduate school. Up to the present time, its classes have been held in any stray corners of college. Now work has been begun on a splendid new building, a graduate hall, where it is hoped every aid for research and comfort will be found.

Pledge day has come and gone, and we have not yet invited any of the freshmen to join us. Let us hope that the New Year will bring to us all several new and loyal sisters.

SOPHIE E. FOELL.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

On November twenty-third, we initiated four freshman girls into Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are Reba Camp, Sarah Shepard, Catherine Pugh and Isabel Pugh.

David Starr Jordan of Leland Stanford University gave a lecture here on December fourth, on the subject of the peace movement in Japan.

Our new telescope which has been in the process of construc-

tion for over two years, is at last set up ready for use. Its aperture is twenty-four inches, the tube thirty-six feet in length, and its total weight is about sixty-five thousand pounds, so that it is one of the largest telescopes on the eastern coast.

The Sunday night before we left for Christmas vacation, we had a Christmas tree, as we did last year. There was a present for each girl, together with a great deal of fun.

The following night we had our annual Christmas dinner, and after it, the dance. This year no couples or programs were allowed. The men and women all went separately so that everyone would have the same chance for dances. The evening was a great success.

PHEBE LUKENS.

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Gamma Rho has been very successful this year. All our bids were accepted, and on December ninth we pledged six of the finest girls in college. They are: Mary Barkley, Frances Barnhart, Hazel Duffy, Katherine Fowler, Margaret McLean, and Sarah Wiley. Everyone is very enthusiastic over our present panhellenic contract, and there are prospects of using it another year. This contract fixed December ninth as bidding day. We were pleased that Theta Sigma, the local fraternity here, appreciated the panhellenic rules, and carried them out in part at least. After the pledge service Kappa gave an informal dinner in the fraternity rooms for the new pledges.

On December second Mrs. Swartley entertained the active chapter at a turkey dinner to which Gamma Rho did justice.

We were very glad to have a visit this fall from Mrs. Phillips of Beta Alpha.

This winter we are having a series of sermons. They are given once a month on Sunday afternoons in the College Chapel. For these we are indebted to Mrs. Cochran, one of Allegheny's most generous friends. We have had the Reverend Dr. Tipple of Drew Seminary, Dr. Knudson of Boston Theological Seminary, and the Reverend Mr. Stuart, editor of the *Garrett Biblical Advocate*.

During this season of non-rushing we have been fortunate in having visits from many of our alumnae. We had with us;

Carrie Sowash, Mable West, Jean McKensie, Bess Emery, and Mrs. Elsie Ball Stone.

Gamma Rho is trying very hard this year to bring up the marks. Though we ranked first among the fraternities here in scholarship, there is still room for improvement. We are trying to take part in all the college activities and to make Kappa's influence felt throughout the entire student body.

MIRIAM SHRYOCK.

BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Beta Upsilon is proud to introduce three new pledges, Katherine Kearney, and Katherine and Louise Kumler, both of whom came to West Virginia University from Lake Erie College.

On December fourteenth at her apartments in the Hotel Madeira, Mrs. C. Edmund Neil very graciously entertained the chapter with an afternoon coffee.

Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Fowler of Morgantown are the parents of a fine new Kappa boy.

Vaun McMinn was elected to the English Club, an honorary society.

Mr. and Mrs. Havan Babb and their little daughter Katherine of Morgantown, have gone to New York City where they will reside in the future.

We are glad to welcome Mary Reeves of Phi to our chapter.

IDA WELLS SMITH.

BETA PROVINCE

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Examination week is near at hand and the girls have been busily preparing for it since they returned after Christmas vacation. Of course, every one brought back glowing descriptions of the good times they had at home.

We are sorry that we are going to lose two of our seniors at the close of the semester. Marguerite Bange and Elsie Machle have completed their courses and will leave us at that time. They will probably return in June to graduate with their class. Mildred Foss, also, will not be in school second semester, as she is going abroad the first of February for two months.

After examinations are over we shall be busy planning and getting ready for initiation. It will probably be held some time during the latter part of February.

We were very glad to have with us Mrs. Roth, the Grand President, early in December. She gave a very interesting and helpful talk to all the fraternity girls of the school, while she was here. We only regretted that she couldn't stay with us longer. She also talked to us about Convention, and a great many of us are hoping and expecting to go.

MILDRED FOSS.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

We pledged Margaret Beardsley of Findlay, Ohio, last month. The engagement of Bess Taylor to Walter Barrington, Delta Upsilon, has been announced.

February the sixth is the date set for our formal dancing party. Plans for it are being completed and we are looking forward to it with very great pleasure.

Helen Gardner, '13, and Helen Hayward, '14, have been elected to membership in the Browning Literary Society.

The annual co-ed prom is to be held in the gymnasium, January the nineteenth. The woman's council of the university have charge of it and it is a great factor in bringing the girls of the university closer together.

Under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., a series of twilight concerts are given in the chapel. There are four concerts this year, two of which have been given and were very delightful.

HELEN HAYWARD.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta Delta chapter has had a very busy and successful year. Aside from the fall rushing we have had several delightful parties, a dinner dance on Hallowe'en and a week end house party at the time of the Michigan Union opera, "An Awakened Ramesses."

We initiated eleven girls on the eleventh of November, withholding the pleasures of initiation banquet until the time of our reunion when the alumnae could join us in welcoming them. We

were happy in having Mrs. Roth back with us and many other "old girls" of whom we had heard so much but had never seen.

Our freshmen are: Lois Townley, Kathleen Holznagle, Irma Hutzel, Helen Clark, Betty Platt, Lenore Haimbaugh, Marianne Williamson, Marie Loomis, Elizabeth Sargent, Alice Cornwell, Frances Arnold.

IRENE MURPHY.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

The entire chapter visited Hillsdale last month and attended the football game. We were very pleasantly entertained at supper by the girls of Kappa chapter.

On the evening of December second, the annual pledge banquet was held at the home of Helen Baker on Toledo Street. The house was decorated with ribbons, candles, and flowers, carrying out the fraternity colors. Covers were laid for thirty-three, including the alumnae, the active chapter, the pledges, and visiting guests, Mrs. Alberta Oakley Kreisler, Miss Shepherd, and Miss Barbara Hitchings. Miss Cora Palmer very ably acted as toastmistress. Miss McElroy responded to a toast to the "New Girls" and one of the pledges, Irene Jennings toasted the "Old Girls." "To Kappa Kappa Gamma" was responded to by Helen Baker, and Mrs. Kreisler favored us by an impromptu toast, telling of her experiences in Alaska. After the banquet was served, we retired to the parlors where a very pleasant evening was spent singing college and fraternity songs.

The active chapter entertained at an afternoon tea in the fraternity rooms in honor of Mrs. Kreisler, one evening in November.

Helen Brittan gave a vocal concert at Paris, Illinois, November twentieth. This is her second appearance in Paris.

Mrs. Moore and Miss Frances Moore of Fairchance, Pennsylvania, spent a week end with Bertha Moore.

Edwinea Windrem's mother, Mrs. Moon, of Bay City, Michigan, made her daughter a short visit.

Xi chapter was very much delighted to have the opportunity of entertaining the Grand President, Mrs. A. H. Roth, for a few days. The local chapter of Delta Delta Delta very pleasantly

entertained the active chapter and their alumnae in honor of Mrs. Roth in their fraternity rooms at an afternoon luncheon.

LENA CHRISTY.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

The Kappa chapter entertained their friends at an informal party at the home of Mr. L. D. Woodworth, November sixteenth. It proved to be a very enjoyable evening.

The dramatic club of the college recently gave the play "Quality Street." Three Kappas were in the cast.

Kappa entertained twenty members of the Adrian chapter, on November sixteenth. It was a great pleasure to have them here.

The junior class is putting out a college annual.

The "Mikado" was given in the opera house on November twenty-third and twenty-fourth, under the supervision of Professor Woodhams, of the vocal department. The leading parts were well taken and the chorus was a credit to its leader.

Sarah Hamilton, of Fremont, Ohio, who was in college last year, visited Hillsdale friends during the Thanksgiving recess.

The New York Club gave "Mr. Bob" in Alpha Kappa Phi Hall, December first.

The athletic association gave a roller skating party recently for the benefit of the football team.

Kappa enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Roth, the Grand President, December third and fourth. We were very glad to have her with us. Kappa entertained the Pi Beta Phis in honor of Mrs. Roth at the home of Mrs. J. W. Mauck on December fourth.

A few Kappas entertained several of the freshmen girls at a dinner party at the Smith house, a short time ago.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Fall term has ended very satisfactorily for Delta chapter in every way and the New Year finds us with our house over half paid for, a fact of which we are very proud since it was purchased only two years ago this January.

Delta is also extremely proud of the fact that one from her

ranks, Daphne Hoffman, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

Our initiation is to be held Monday, January eighth, in order that the freshmen may wear their keys to our winter term Open House which is to be held Saturday evening, January thirteenth. It is to be a Japanese dance, and the dancing hall and parlors of the student building are to be decorated in cherry blossoms. Fancy Japanese dances are to be a feature of the evening and everyone is expecting a good time.

We are proud to introduce our new pledge, Elizabeth Griffith, of Toledo, Ohio.

Mary Craig, Ruth Trueblood, Helen Barbour and Marie Bowles are out of school this term on account of sickness. We certainly miss them but expect to have them with us for the spring term.

Delta has indeed lost a dear and loyal alumna in the death of Mrs. Harriet Caspar Rhetts, which occurred Sunday, December thirty-first, 1911.

HELEN BECK.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

The chapter initiation was held November twenty-fifth, and we initiated all eleven of our pledges at that time. We are so glad to at last have them in our fraternity meetings and feel that our circle is complete. A little later, Mrs. James Nelson, one of our town alumnae, entertained us most pleasantly at a Christmas party at her home. The fact that we had an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with some of the older town women made the affair particularly pleasing for our girls.

DePauw is rejoicing these days over the fact that on January first, 1912, we had a half a million dollars added to our endowment fund. This means quite a great deal to us and the whole college world has been looking forward to the completion of the campaign with the greatest enthusiasm.

But the event which is by far of the greatest interest to the sororities here is the fact that it has been made a university rule that all the sororities shall have sophomore pledge. This holds good, beginning next fall. Of course it is going to make everything lots harder for us because there are eight sororities here and none of us know much about the management of this new

order of affairs. We would be so glad to receive any advice from the chapters where the rule of pledging only sophomores is observed.

Right now the fraternity social affairs are commencing in real earnest. The college carnival is the event that we all look forward to the most. It will be held the first part of February. Each fraternity has a show or "stunt" of some kind, and Kappa, as usual, is busy practising for her minstrel. Our party will be held just the week before and our minstrel is really our party "stunt," so it makes it quite convenient to have the carnival come immediately after. An innovation in social stunts is going to be given next Friday night. The student council is going to give a regular old-fashioned "box-social" and we are all planning to go and make it as funny as possible. We probably will get acquainted with part of our fellow students here that we could meet no other way.

But although we are so busy planning for good times our professors remind us that our final semester examinations are perilously near, so we are working hard to maintain our present position in scholarship.

ETHEL MCGREW.

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

With the Rose Poly game on Thanksgiving, Butler's football season for 1911 ended and "Cully" Thomas, Butler's star and all state man for four years, played his last game. Since he first entered college he has taken an active part in every form of athletics and to show their appreciation of his faithful and unselfish work the students presented him with a handsome gold watch.

On November twenty-seventh we held an open house in our new sorority rooms for our alumnae and friends. The rooms were attractively decorated with ferns, smilax and chrysanthemums, and were lighted by candles. Our faculty chaperon, Mrs. Gelston, and our six patronesses, Mrs. Pruitt, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Darrah, Mrs. Howe, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Davidson assisted us in receiving the guests.

We wish to announce our new pledge, Verna Sweetman.

On December seventh we had a most interesting chapel ex-

ercise. Mr. Norman Hackett spoke to us on the appreciation of Shakespeare and the elevation of the modern drama. He gave several dramatic readings from Shakespeare's plays and ended his talk by an appeal to American college students for the best use of the English language.

Our pledges beautifully entertained the active chapter with a Christmas dance given at the home of Clara Nelson.

On December fifteenth the sorority girls gave a very informal panhellenic dance at the Sigma Chi hall.

Mu sends New Year's greetings and best wishes to all the chapters.

RUTH LANGLEY.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The greatest interest in our college life this winter has been the new spirit which has awakened in the local panhellenic. We have always been interested in it and have lived up to its laws, but never before has there been such a spirit of co-operation, such unity among its members, or such an enthusiastic desire to make it a powerful organization for the good of the college. The custom has been instituted of having two girls from each fraternity go to some other fraternity house for dinner every Wednesday night. We hope that in this way the fraternity girls will become better acquainted and that this in turn will lead to a more democratic spirit among all the girls of the university.

In our first local panhellenic meeting, which was, by the way, attended by nearly every fraternity girl, Miss Perkins, an Alpha Phi grand officer, told the girls of the work in other colleges, information which was most welcome since we are trying to solve the same problems here. Last year the faculty passed a rule for sophomore initiation but left the pledge day for us to determine. Eta has always stood for sophomore pledge day and, if there is only sufficient agitation this year, we feel sure that it will go through.

Mrs. Matthews, our new dean of women, is proving herself a splendid influence and we are already wondering how we ever got along without her. She is so heart and soul in her work, and

so earnest and sincere in her desire to help all the university women that she cannot fail to bring forth our hearty co-operation.

The famous Minnesota game was played here on November the eighteenth and we were so glad to have four Chi girls, Josephine Dayton, Jeanette Lynch, Margery Simmons, and Helen Robertson, spend the week end with us.

Along with the awakened interest in the state suffrage campaign in Wisconsin there has come an awakening in the college league. Those girls who were most interested in the subject got a new inspiration when they saw at their first meeting a large audience of students who had come, not to sit and listen to a suffrage talk, but to show their willingness to do their part in this great struggle on the part of hundreds of men and women to raise the economic status of women. Harriet Grimm, a graduate of Chicago University, has been here speaking to all of the fraternities and has succeeded in arousing an interest among students that we had no idea existed.

On December twentieth we had our faculty reception. We all feel that this is most worth while as it brings us into much closer contact with our professors and lessens the unnatural breach between them and the students.

At six o'clock on the morning of the twenty-second we had our annual Christmas tree which to us is half the fun of Christmas. We always have a blazing fire in the grate, and have the chapter room decorated in holiday attire and a good old Christmas tree with slams for everyone. Ruth Davies made a jolly Santa Claus, and we all sat around the fire laughing at our ridiculous presents until it was time to tear off to our last classes before vacation.

JULIA HEATON AUSTIN.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

In October, after three weeks of rushing, we pledged seven girls; Betty Boyers, Genevieve Dupuy, Harriet Gates, Florence Hall, Pauline Halliwell, Amelia Kellogg, and Fannie Noyes. Although the restriction of second semester initiation was removed this year, we decided to wait. As it is, I believe we are the only sorority which has not initiated.

We are quite proud of the showing our girls are making in school activities. Four sophomores, Bernice Wright, Beth Knowlton, Carrie Herdman, and Betty Baines, are new members of the Athletic Association. Only thirteen girls are chosen for this honor. Carrie Herdman was also made a member of the Scribblers' Club, an achievement in the literary field. One of the girls was given a part in the student play, "The Lion Rampant," performed the two nights of our Home-Coming.

Our second annual Home-Coming was a great success. The University was decorated into a small city of Orange and Blue. The game with Minnesota was exciting and splendid, if not successful from our standpoint. Indeed something was happening every moment. However, the question has arisen as to whether it is advisable to attempt a fall Home-Coming with the spring reunion at commencement as well.

The week before the holidays was a red-letter time in religious work here. There was a campaign week for men, with John R. Mott as the principal speaker. With him were "Dad" Elliott, E. C. Mercer, Dr. Garland, and several other noted religious workers. The Y. W. C. A. was fortunate in having Mrs. Harriet E. Monroe of Washington for the girls' meeting.

Margaret Herdman, '10, is in the library this year. Mae Bengal, Epsilon, who is teaching domestic science in the Urbana schools is living at the Kappa house. Marie McCabe, Beta Zeta, was with us until Thanksgiving vacation, when she was forced to withdraw on account of illness.

Betty Baines and Carrie Herdman were bid to Yo Ma, the sophomore inter-sorority society.

The marriage of Lilah Richmond, ex-'13, to Bruce Baldwin has been announced. In October, Orma Innes, '10, was married to Chester Smith, Sigma Chi.

The announcement has been made, also, of the wedding of Genevieve Rohrer, '09, to Ward Fisher, Phi Kappa Psi.

A little daughter was born in October to Mrs. Emily Nichols Trees of Chicago.

Mary Patchin, for several years Y. W. C. A. secretary here, is at Barnard, where she is secretary.

MIRIAM KNOWLTON.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

At the close of the panhellenic conference, which was held in Evanston the first of November, a panhellenic luncheon was given at the Northwestern gymnasium. Over three hundred fraternity women were present, and each chapter sang a favorite song. Toasts were given by delegates to the conference and, following a toast by President Harris, we all stood and sang "Quaecumque Sunt Vera," the university hymn.

Upsilon had the honor of entertaining both Mrs. Roth and Miss Powell, who stayed in Evanston several days after the conference. Needless to say, we talked "Convention" most of the time while they were with us, and received many valuable suggestions.

On November sixth, while Miss Powell was with us, we had the pleasure of initiating Charlotte Belknap.

Upsilon is fortunate in having so many enthusiastic alumnae near. Both the Chicago and the "North Shore" associations are very much interested in the coming Convention, and have already offered their assistance.

On December thirteenth the North-Shore Alumnae Association entertained the active chapter of Upsilon, at the home of Mrs. Wilcoxon in Evanston.

The Upsilon freshmen gave a "stunt" for the older girls, December eighth, at the home of Gertrude Carter. They "took off" each one of the girls, and then sang some very clever original songs. We felt that we had cause to be proud of our freshmen.

The annual college carnival, given by the Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. at the gymnasium December ninth, was under the chairmanship of Mary Hard.

Junior prom, probably the most successful of all proms ever given at Northwestern, took place on December fifteenth.

Miss Coila Sargeant has announced her engagement to Prof. H. F. Fisk, Professor of Pedagogy at Northwestern University.

MARY HARD.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Epsilon held her initiation and banquet on Saturday afternoon and evening, November eleventh, and they were pro-

nounced by all, the best in years. Miss Eva Powell, our Grand Secretary, was here and completely won our hearts. It was she that helped make our initiation such a success. Initiation was held at the home of Bernice Welch, followed by the banquet at the Illinois hotel. Over seventy attended the banquet. Mrs. Belle Marsh Augustine, president of the Bloomington Alumnae Association was our very able toastmistress. Mildred Felmley of Beta Lambda was present for initiation.

Thursday, November sixteenth, the Kappa Club entertained the active girls at the home of Myra Sinclair in Normal with a comedy sketch which was extremely clever. The Club, consisting of about forty alumnae, entertain us twice a year.

We celebrated our thirty-eighth birthday at May Johnson's on November twenty-fifth with an indoor picnic. This is an annual party with us and one which we enjoy more every year.

During our Thanksgiving vacation, Helen Stautz, one of our freshmen, delightfully entertained us with a party at her home.

We held our annual Christmas party at the hall on December twenty-first. The tree was especially pretty this year and, with the toys that were on it, was sent to some poor children.

Vacation ends Sunday, January seventh, and then all the girls who live away from here go into our new dormitory. Wesleyan is truly proud of this last acquisition, the dormitory, which is a beautiful building just one block from the school.

Epsilon hopes that all the chapters are as excited about Convention as she is and that everybody will try to go.

CONSTANCE FERGUSON.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Chi chapter wishes you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The annual New Year's reception, given by the chapter for the alumnae and friends, this year has been postponed until one week later, as college does not open until the ninth of January, and many people would be out of town. In the evening after the reception there is a dance for the active girls.

We are exceedingly glad that once more we have a pledgman,

Ardelia Bisbee. It always seems so good to have a pledge in the spring, after the freshmen have been initiated.

On December fifteenth, the freshmen gave their annual party for the upper classmen. All plans were kept so very secret that each detail was a grand surprise, and the whole evening full of fun.

At Christmas time this year the chapter decided to take care of five poor families instead of sending gifts or Christmas cards to each other. The plan was carried out with great success, and no one could regret the experiment.

GLADYS PATTEE.

BETA ZETA, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

Just as I was starting to write the "February letter from Beta Zeta," the December number came containing the cut of the proposed coat-of-arms. Of course, this being Christmas vacation, the chapter can not join me in wishing for its speedy adoption. However, from the enthusiastic reception Miss Powell's description received, back in November, I am sure all the girls will feel as I do, that the sooner we formally accept it the better, and that a big vote of thanks be offered Miss Moore.

While Miss Powell was here we combined business and pleasure, and learned from her delightfully informal talks many interesting things about the chapter life in other universities and colleges. We tried our best to keep her over the week end but our neighbor, Sigma, had claimed that time and we were very much disappointed. Miss Powell was here only long enough to meet our friends informally, and to attend the regular monthly dinner of the alumnae.

Initiation was held November the twenty-seventh for fourteen girls. Panhellenic ruling this year was that no freshmen should be initiated unless they passed the examinations at the end of the first quarter. Helen Turner, who was compelled to leave school in October after an operation for appendicitis, was the only one not initiated.

DOROTHY MUSSER.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The long desired Christmas holidays have come and gone! Christmas meant much to Theta this year, for did we not receive

nine fine Christmas presents? Pledge day was December twentieth, the day after our formal dance. At eight o'clock, we sent out nine spikes, all of which were accepted by eight thirty.

As none of the freshmen can live in the house, we feel that something must be done to make them feel the importance of the relation between their fraternity and their university life. We are now trying a plan which we think will be very successful. One evening of each week is set aside for a short meeting for the pledges. Each girl is given charge of a pledge whom she is to regard as her protégée.

Francis Yeater, Isabell Barnhart, Margaret Moss, Gladys Garrett, Mary and Caroline Southern, Katherine Smith, Marie Bryden, and Elizabeth Saer are those girls whom we pledged on the twentieth of December. But in writing the names of the pledges I want to add another,—that of Anne Thuner—who comes last but not least, for we are very proud of our Anne, who has a Theta sister, and whom we could not persuade to put on the double blue until after she had “talked things” over with “sister” during the holidays.

MARION SANDERS.

SIGMA, NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY

Christmas vacation and good times were welcomed by all the girls. Monday night before vacation began we had a Christmas tree at the fraternity house, on which Santa Claus had put appropriate gifts and rhymes for each of us. This was followed by “eats” and a general farewell good time.

The Saturday night before, December sixteenth, we had given our annual Christmas party at Walsh Hall. Several of our alumnae came back for this, which added considerably to the jollification. Irene Bailey, Theo. Hansen and Etta Mae Gravell from Fairbury, Ann Dennis and Ola Belle Hervey of Omaha, Mercia Stout and Nell Givens, all came back to share in the Christmas celebration.

From November sixteenth to nineteenth we were favored by a visit from Miss Eva Powell and we only hope she enjoyed her visit as much as we did. Among other things that she told us about were the coat-of-arms and the Convention. We were quite enthusiastic about the Convention before, but now we can hardly talk of anything else but plans for going.

On November twenty-third, Ethel Burket, who returned last spring after studying two years under Leschetizky in Vienna, married Dr. Marion Fore Russell of Great Bend, Kansas. Dr. Russell is a graduate of the University of Kansas and a member of Phi Delta Theta.

Mary Evans, of Beta Tau chapter, is now living at the chapter house. She decided to stay here during the winter and take work at the university conservatory of music, so we persuaded her to stay at the house.

It has been definitely settled at last to try a different method of pledging next year. Beginning with next September, there will be no pledging until the second semester. This was decided upon as a compromise instead of sophomore pledging. The rules as to how much or how little rushing there shall be during the first semester have not been settled.

Best wishes to all Kappas for a very happy and successful New Year.

LORA SMITH.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

We certainly did enjoy Miss Eva Powell's visit, especially in hearing about the other chapters and about what is to happen at Convention next summer. When she left, we felt as if she really belonged to Beta Mu. Sunday evening we had a little tea for her to meet the alumnae. Monday afternoon we gave an informal reception for her to meet all the faculty and other fraternity girls.

November eleventh, we entertained our pledges at an informal dance at the house.

We have been discussing next year's rushing rules and at last have decided on having pledge day, the second day before Christmas vacation. Rushees are not to come into the fraternity houses except on three occasions, a reception, an evening party, and to one meal.

The Woman's League's first vaudeville show was a great success. Each fraternity girl and some of the non-fraternity girls gave stunts. All the girls who did not take part came in full evening dress.

The Dramatic Club gave "What happened to Jones," December twentieth, for the benefit of the Woman's League. Maude Dawson, one of our girls, had one of the leading parts.

The sophomores entertained the rest of the fraternity at a beefsteak fry.

We had our annual Christmas tree, the Thursday night before vacation. Everyone received a gift with a little verse, and each freshman had to recite an original poem before receiving her present. We received many beautiful presents from the alumnae.

Gladys Allen, one of our freshmen, is to entertain the whole chapter at her home in Denver at a dance January sixth.

MARGUERITE NELSON.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY

None but my Louisiana sisters can appreciate the statement that since for the past two months we have had a continual down-pour of rain, nothing worth recording has happened at college. Rain is the great event. We are drenched repeatedly simply in walking from building to building. Most naturally this state of affairs breaks up all the delightful plans we may make and is generally most discouraging to college activities. Therefore Beta Omicron is leading a quiet, uneventful, studious life.

However, we did not fail to celebrate Christmas worthily. We had our annual Christmas tree at our last fraternity meeting before breaking up for the holidays. Besides our gifts for each other, everybody made some present to the room. We all rejoiced over such acquisitions for the room as a new china tea set, a tiny electric stove on which to heat water for afternoon tea, knives, forks, can openers, nut crackers, brooms, table covers and many other things equally useful or ornamental. The requirement that each present should be accompanied by a short jingle added greatly to the fun of the afternoon. This was the first party this year at which only the active chapter was present. Freed from the irksome necessity of entertaining rushees we could all truly enjoy being together and have a real Kappa good time.

During the Christmas holidays we are all scattered at our various homes. Everyone in the chapter deeply regrets the

fact that Mary Sistrunk, our only academic senior, will not be able to return to college on account of ill health.

Best wishes to all Kappas in the New Year.

DOROTHY HEBERT.

BETA CHI, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

Beta Chi chapter sends greetings to her sister chapters and hopes that none have been enduring a continued cold spell with no gas for fuel, as she has been enjoying the first part of 1912. The chapter house has been so cold and heating facilities so poor that the last two meetings have been held at Patterson Hall. These meetings proved very enjoyable—a little different from the usual order of affairs.

Beta Chi has very little interesting news to write, not even New Year resolutions. An uneventful life has been hers since October, marked only by the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas and the day of the inauguration of the new governor of Kentucky. It may be a little unusual to have a new governor, but it is not out of the ordinary to have Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

State University has scored a point by adopting the honor system, which went into effect with the beginning of the New Year. It has been an agitated question among students and faculty since September.

The Strollers' Dramatic Club of the University, of which several Kappas are members, are rehearsing the play, "When We Were Twenty-one," which they are to give in February. Panhellenic is planning a tea for February ninth. Invitations will be issued to the University girls and the other fraternity girls in town. On January twenty-sixth the girls of the University will give a leap year dance at Patterson Hall.

Marjorie Hart Wyld, of New York, whose marriage was celebrated in the fall, spent Christmas with her parents near Lexington. Anna Rogers is spending the winter in New York and Sara Chorn, Mary Rodes and Helen Lowry made holiday visits to New York.

LOULIE LOGAN.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

The most important event for Pi chapter this year was the fair, which was given for the Kappa house fund. It took place at the Kappa house on the twenty-fifth of November. The house was decorated with greens, and in the front room was the fancy-work booth, to which three pieces of fancy-work were contributed by each of the alumnae. The fortune-teller's tent and the fish pond were very popular, and also the candy and ice-cream tables. In one corner was a cozy little tea-table, presided over by several of the girls in Japanese costume, and this proved a great attraction to the older members of the chapter. And the very best part of all was the fact that we made over two hundred and fifty dollars for our new Kappa house!

On November third, the Treble Clef opera, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," took place, and several Kappas were included in the cast.

Carolyn Teichert was re-elected president of the Treble Clef Society.

Junior day was on December the first, and most of the girls went to the farce in the afternoon, and to the prom. in the evening.

Two of our members, Carolyn Teichert and Mildred Porter, were elected members of the Prytanean honor society.

This Christmas, Margaret Witter, one of our seniors, graduates.

We are all very busy with final examinations and Christmas rushing, for there are a number of freshmen coming to college in January.

Pi sends greetings and best wishes to all the chapters for the coming year.

HELEN G. BANNAN.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Beta Pi chapter house is deserted, all the girls having left for their homes in various parts of the state to spend the long looked for and much needed Christmas holidays.

The children of the Washington Orphan's Home were invited to be guests of the Kappas at a Christmas party, Thursday, December twenty-first. The first part of the entertainment was a "theatre party" at the college moving picture house, a great

treat in the estimation of the twenty-six small guests, varying in ages from three to twelve. This was followed at the chapter house by a Christmas tree, with a real live Santa officiating. Each child was given a present and candy enough, as they said, "to last for a week." The alumnae did more than their share to make the affair a success, contributing roller-skates, toys and candy, and decorating the house in festive Christmas greens. The chapter house received a great many useful and pretty gifts from the active girls, alumnae and friends. Thus was Christmas celebrated at Beta Pi, and a happy Christmas it was.

Elizabeth Fox of Beta Epsilon, Y. W. C. A. secretary to the Northwest, spent several days at the chapter house last week. An invitation has been extended to all Kappas spending the holidays in Seattle to a tea to be given at her apartments December twenty-eighth.

Maude Wells of this chapter and Harry K. Lear were married November twenty-eighth. Mr. and Mrs. Lear have just returned from a wedding trip to Honolulu.

It would be omitting a very important item, important at least to us, if we did not tell you that the University of Washington has this year won its fourth consecutive football championship of the Northwest.

Colonel Alden J. Blethen, the father of two Kappas, has presented the University a wonderful Christmas gift in the form of a valuable set of chimes.

Greetings to all from Beta Pi.

HAZEL F. RANDOLPH.

BETA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Perhaps one of the funniest entertainments ever given at the university was a "mock wedding" which the girls gave in the parlors at Craig Hall on the evening of November eighteenth. Such an exhibition had never been given to the public before, and from the shrieks of laughter that interrupted the ceremony at frequent intervals we judge that everyone thoroughly enjoyed it. Florence Leech, one of our senior girls, was extremely popular in her role as pseudo-bride. After the wedding reception Dorothy Sterling, one of our pledges, entertained the eleven active

Kappas at a delightful "week-end" party, given at the home of her uncle, Senator Dixon.

The annual co-ed prom, under the management of Florence Leech, turned out to be a great success. On this occasion all of the women of the university give a dance at the gymnasium. Half of them dress as men, the other half, as women. The costumes were of all styles and of all ages, from babies with their bottles to decrepit old men. On this night three girls who dressed up to resemble "The Three Twins" attracted the most attention.

The Christmas "Hi-jinx" was given over to the management of the girls this year, and Mildred Ingalls, a Kappa, was chosen as chairman of the committee. The first part of the program was an Irish minstrel show, given at Main Hall. The idea itself was clever, but the local hits in the Irish songs and jokes made the performance all the more ludicrous. At the close of this number the crowd adjourned to the gymnasium for the Christmas tree and the Christmas stocking. Here presents were distributed to the students and the evening closed with an informal dance.

At a special meeting of the men's and women's panhellenic councils, called late in November, it was decided by the fraternities and the sororities to have the sophomore pledge day. This rule will go into effect September, 1912.

Thursday, December twenty-first, the Christmas holidays will begin, and the out of town girls will leave for their respective homes. The members of Beta Phi wish all other chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma a happy and prosperous New Year.

FARRAR KENNETT.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

BY ELMIE WARNER MALLORY

GREETING TO THE ALUMNAE KAPPAS:—

With the advent of 1912 comes Convention year again and it is not too early to begin planning for a trip to Evanston the fourth week in August. A special invitation is extended to alumnae Kappas all over the country to attend the twenty-first national Convention. It has been the province of Kappa Conventions for a number of years to evolve a suitable body of law by which the fraternity may be governed, but that work has been well accomplished, and our Constitution and Standing Rules as they now exist, will need little alteration or correction at the next Convention. Therefore we hope to have considerably more time this year for subjects of less technical interest, and we are planning some new and unusual features as part of the program for Convention week. It is our aim to get the broadest possible view of what fraternity means, and we intend that Convention from first to last shall be as interesting and entertaining to the alumnae visitor as to the active delegate.

We should like to have your coöperation in preparing a worthwhile program for Alumnae Day of Convention week. An effort will be made to secure some of our most talented and gifted Kappas who will contribute to the program of that day. If you know of any such who might be persuaded to attend Convention and assist us we should be most grateful for the information, or if any of you have any suggestions which will lead toward making Convention of greater interest to our alumnae, please send the name to Miss Harriette Curtiss, whose address appears in the directory of this issue, or to me. The social side of Convention is being elaborately arranged by Upsilon chapter, who is to be our hostess, and under the direction of Mrs. Mullin, who is conducting the Convention Department of *THE KEY*, you will be kept fully informed as to the delightful program in store for those who can arrange to meet with us in Evanston, August twenty-seventh.

Cordially,
FLORENCE BURTON ROTH.

Thirteen out of our nineteen alumnae organizations are represented in this issue by contributed personals, or letters, thanks

to the effort of Mrs. Mallory. That the proportion of letters has hitherto been so small, is not due to lack of interest or effort on the part of the associations. Ever since her appointment, the present editor has been trying to find an *alumnæ* editor. Of course the able people are always the busy ones, so the office is still vacant. The present number illustrates the possibilities of an *alumnæ* department under good editorship; it makes no pretense of fulfilling them. Asked to take charge of the *Alumnæ* Department on very brief notice. Mrs. Mallory wrote to all the *alumnæ* secretaries for material. It should be noted here that some of the associations, notably New York, Beta Iota and Franklin Nu, have regularly contributed personal items, and doubtless all the organizations would have been equally interested and active in contributing to *THE KEY*, if there had been any regular system for notifying them when the manuscripts were due.

The Editor feels that *THE KEY*, to live up to its duty and privilege, should hold the interest of the *alumnæ* as well as the undergraduates, should be representative of the sisterhood outside as well as inside college walls. The ideal *Alumnæ* Department would include a letter from each association and club in each number of the magazine; a Parthenon for *alumnæ*, where the problems of college and fraternity, and those that confront the fraternity woman and the college woman after graduation, might be discussed with the broader view that *alumnæ* should have by reason of their age and experience; and a closer acquaintance with the *alumnæ* whom we are proud of because they are taking a notable part in the world's work. Such an *alumnæ* department should develop a system of coöperation between Editor and *alumnæ* readers such as now exists between Editor and chapters: the Editor should be able to look to the *alumnæ*, widely scattered as they are, and of widely diversified interests, for suggestions for articles of general interest written by our Kappa sisters who are specialists in their lines of work, or who have taken up comparatively new professions, or who are contributors to the general magazines.

To make *THE KEY* thus representative of the *alumnæ*, an *alumnæ* editor must be found. Who is she? Somewhere she must be waiting to take up this work, for the work is waiting for her. Mrs. Mallory has made a beginning in this number. That other

duties claim her time and make it impossible for her to develop the department is our great loss. But she writes:—

“I’m sorry, but I can’t reach out my hand to take this work. ————You don’t know how sorry I am. I’m really disappointed. I have the work planned in my head. I think with a few hours’ work I could work out a system for you by which the whole thing might be managed by a deputy or by some active chapter girl who would like the opportunity. I shall be glad to give the time to perfecting the scheme if you wish me to.”

Perhaps, Kappa sister, while you have been reading this, the very person needed to make this department a success has come to your mind. Won’t you, then, send that suggestion at once to the Editor and thus do your part in strengthening the bond between older sisters and younger sisters in our fraternity?

ELIZABETH RHODES JACKSON.

The alumnae supervisor and secretary are receiving the Association reports which are due before February first. These reports give number of members, chapters of members and number of meetings per year.

HARRIETT ARMS CURTISS.

The following Alumnae Associations have paid 1911 dues: Western New York, Beta Iota, Syracuse, Philadelphia, Falls Cities, Franklin Nu, Chicago, Denver, Pi.

The payment of dues for the two years preceding Convention is one of the requirements for alumnae representation at Convention and I hope the dues for 1912 will be paid promptly.

Sincerely,

RUTH FITZGERALD.

THE RELATION OF THE ALUMNAE TO THE ACTIVE CHAPTERS

It was my privilege to be present at the last panhellenic luncheon given on November fourth, at Evanston. At this luncheon there were over three hundred women present, representatives from seventeen national fraternities. It was a very enthusiastic assembly, composed for the most part of the alumnae of these organizations.

It gave me much pleasure, when—the luncheon over—Dr. Harris, President of Northwestern University, the only man

present, rising to speak, he spoke of our organizations as women's *fraternities*, saying he liked that term *fraternity* and would be glad to have the term *sorority* done away with. This met with such hearty applause I think we may hope that the term *fraternity*—which is a comprehensive one—including both men's and women's organizations, will once more be used to apply to both.

So you will notice that I use the term *fraternity*, as I have always wanted to do, and have done, except for a few times when with forethought and effort I have tried to accept the term *sorority*.

It has, for a long time been an interesting study to an older alumna—the attitude which our various chapters take toward their own *alumnæ*, and toward the *alumnæ* in general. And to me—the aforesaid alumna—that attitude has seemed to stamp a chapter, as well as the *alumnæ* of that chapter, as to its appreciation of and its loyalty to the principles upon which Kappa Kappa Gamma is founded.

To the founders, Kappa Kappa Gamma meant the development of the *nobler* qualities of the mind, the *finer* feelings of the heart and *mutual* helpfulness. I know to the older generations of Kappas, that did not refer to members of the chapter alone, but to every member of every chapter and to every member of the great *fraternity*. This then must mean—if this is the proper interpretation of the language of our founders—this must mean every girl or woman, who accepts for herself membership in our *fraternity*, binds herself to helpfulness and loyalty to every other girl or woman who has accepted this bond.

Naturally, each Kappa has a greater interest in her own chapter through the closer relations which chapter life and proximity engender, and therefore it seems natural for *alumnæ* to give their first and best thought and help to the needs of their own chapter.

Girls away from the close intimate relations of home and mother, need the older friends. Even when they come to be grave juniors and reverend seniors, when they are expected to be self-controlled, self-reliant, independent, even the reverend seniors long for and *need* the helpful older women, the experienced women—not to take the place of the mother—but to advise and

encourage in those matters of college and fraternity life which only those can do who have gone through like experiences.

And here is where a chapter is fortunate, if it can have such women, of broad education and experience, women with the "nobler qualities of the mind and finer feelings of the heart," to whom the girls may go in perplexity, in trouble, in any of the many situations which present themselves in the years of college fraternity life. How many times disagreements, petty quarrels, heart-aches and disillusionments could be quietly settled through the kind, wise and unprejudiced alumna, who counsels forbearance, sisterly love, and loyalty.

I know, through personal experience, what it means to a chapter to have *no* alumnae, to have indifferent alumnae— and I know what the thought of such alumnae as Kappa Kappa Gamma should develop, can be to the chapter fortunate enough to possess such.

I believe the most important offices of our Alumnae Associations are, to keep alive fraternity enthusiasm and Kappa love among the alumnae; to keep our alumnae in close touch with all the activities of the general organization, and of conditions in chapters; and to develop and strengthen the feeling among Kappas out of college that they still have and always will have so long as they are Kappas, a responsibility for helpfulness to any and every Kappa with whom they come in contact, any and every chapter, wherever they are needed.

And to every chapter it seems to me a necessary adjunct in their proper development, their usefulness, their loyalty, that they take an attitude of respect for their alumnae, that they recognize the right and privileges, in the chapter, of the alumnae, and that they encourage the alumnae to visit them, to advise them and to keep in close touch with them on fraternity questions.

Then to the alumnae is the responsibility of standing for the highest and best, for loyalty to the fraternity, for loyalty to each other, for loving kindness and forbearance.

Only these relations and these standards can make it possible for chapters to attain to the ideals set them by the founders of Kappa Kappa Gamma. And it is only the attaining to these standards that can make that existence of fraternities in colleges

to be desired, and thus answer the objections of those so strongly opposed to them.

KITTIE PARSONS HANNA.

In the May number of *THE KEY* appears the inquiry:—How can an *alumnæ* chapter be useful outside of its own chapter? The following suggestions may prove helpful.

1. By adopting for educational purposes a worthy high school graduate who is financially unable to continue her school work.
2. By establishing a fund for the schooling of a woman for one, two, three or four years.
3. By instituting a loan fund for college women or for high school girls.
4. By offering a cash prize, large or small, for superiority in scholarship.
5. By providing occupation for women who wish to work their way through college.
6. Above all, by supporting the Kappa Students' Aid Fund.

An open question among *alumnæ* and among the officers of the various women's fraternities is:—Has the National Panhellenic organization outlived its usefulness, has it, in forming the local panhellenic associations, served its purpose and is it now receiving from the fraternities represented a disproportionate amount of time, strength and money? Every one recognizes the good that has already been done by the National Panhellenic board.

The proposed coat-of-arms for the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity seems to have met with general approval. There is a feeling, however, that the regular lettering should be placed upon the key which appears as a conspicuous part of the design. Surely by special dispensation this could be arranged.

Is the public wearing of fraternity ribbons at pledging time an undignified procedure in which an old and well-established fraternity has no business to indulge? Should the more conservative pledge button take their place?

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

New York Kappas were greatly pleased at being able to meet the Grand Council in our own city. In spite of the fact that October seventh is very early for New Yorkers, seventy-six Kappas attended the reception and luncheon held at the Hotel Gotham. After a reception, all repaired to the ball room, which was decorated with Kappa banners, Kappa ribbons, and flowers. The arrangements were in the hands of Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer, which fact vouches for its success. Twenty-two chapters were represented, Beta Epsilon leading in numbers. Greetings were extended to the Council by an active representative of Beta Epsilon and Beta Sigma for the active girls, and by Mrs. Jean Nelson-Penfield in behalf of the alumnae. Mrs. Florence Burton-Roth, Grand President, responded. Miss Eva Powell, Grand Secretary, spoke, chiefly explaining the coat-of-arms; Mrs. Lydia Voris Kolbe spoke on the treasury; Mrs. Harriet Blakeslee Wallace spoke on the scholarship of the fraternity. Mrs. Minnie Royse-Walker, president of the New York Alumnae Association, presided.

Many regrets were expressed at the absence of Mrs. Elizabeth Rhodes-Jackson, Editor of *THE KEY*, and Miss Juliette Hollenbach, Grand Registrar. All were delighted to greet particularly Mrs. Wallace who came from Syracuse for the occasion, and Miss Caroline Romer, who has returned after a year at Chicago University. To many the luncheon flavored of Convention. After songs by the active chapters and our closing song, we adjourned to mingle, greet, and visit more informally.

MINNIE ROYSE-WALKER.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

'00. Mrs. Francis L. Brendel (née Edna Johnston) is now living in Connellsville, Pennsylvania.

'10. The engagement of Katharine Berga Kessler to Mr. Matthew S. Q. Corbin is announced.

Helen Lukens has moved from Swarthmore to Philadelphia, 1439 Cayuga street.

The engagement of Florence Estelle Wallworth to Mr. Charles Nesbit Ulrichs is announced. They expect to be married in February.

'11. Helen Roderfield Parker is now teaching in the Swarthmore public school.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

Born to Dr. and Mrs. J. Percy Moore (Kathleen Carter) a daughter.

Amy Otis (Psi) is now at Miss Capen's School, Northampton, Massachusetts, in charge of the department of art. At the same time she is keeping up her miniature and portrait work.

Clara Custer Miller is spending the winter in California.

During November, Dr and Mrs. Everett Franklin Phillips (Mary H. Geisler, '02) of Washington, D. C., visited Toronto. While there they were entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Faull (Annie Sargent) of the University of Toronto.

Catharine Beekley, '10, is to sail in February for Europe to remain until next autumn.

Dr. Sarah P. Miller and Edna Bramble of the chemical department of the Philadelphia High School for Girls were in New York City during the Thanksgiving recess attending the meetings of the Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges of the Middle States and Maryland.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

Helen Morrison, '12, was married September fourteenth to Dr. Harry Tilstone, Jr., of Lexington, Kentucky.

Florence Hudkel, '11, was married October third to Mr. Fred Caskey, S A E, Ohio State University. They are living in Marietta, Ohio.

Gladys Sapp, '07, was married December twenty-fifth to Henry Beam, Beta Theta Pi, of Kenyon College and Ohio State University. They will live in Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spence (Nell Daugherty, '11) have moved to Dorchester, Massachusetts.

Bess Taylor, '13, will be married January twenty-fourth to Walter Barrington, Delta Upsilon, Ohio State University. They will make their home in Fairmont, West Virginia.

Mrs. Mary Follet Ortne, '03, of Massachusetts, was in Columbus in December with her twin son and daughter, visiting her mother.

MARIE J. CARROLL.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

The marriage is announced of Eugenia Carson, Beta Mu, to Dr. Charles K. Beck.

Mrs. Roscoe Willett (Philura Cumnock, Upsilon) has a small daughter.

Mrs. Edwin D. Wood (Lucie Poucher) Iota, is in Louisville for the winter.

Mrs. Samuel Mitchell (Sally Barclay, B. A.) is active this winter, in creating a public interest in the forestry bill, which, it is hoped, will be passed by the Kentucky legislature.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

The Association was well represented at the recent inauguration of Dr. E. A. Hanley as president of Franklin College, and a goodly number of Kappas gathered about one of the banquet tables following the inauguration. Just now the institution is increasing its endowment a half million.

We are much interested in the coming Convention and have been sending out many letters to the women of the different cities asking the question, "Can't you attend the Convention at Evans-ton?" We are planning a reunion at Franklin after the Convention adjourns.

This fall we have been conducting a campaign for subscribers for *THE KEY* and have met with fair success. Our midwinter meeting occurs the latter part of January.

The women of Franklin Nu who are planning trips to southwestern California will please take the address of two women of Nu who live in that vicinity:—Mrs. James Kemp (Nannie Hodges), 637 Seventh street, San Bernardino, California, and Mrs. J. L. Mathews (Eady Mugg), Banning, California.

Mrs. J. W. Wallace (Kate Mothershead) can be addressed at 7327 Marietta Avenue, Maplewood, St. Louis, and Mrs. W. T. Williamson (Frances Torrance) is living in Lexington, Illinois, and has a fine baby boy.

Will Kappas knowing Cora Casper Harvey, 201 East Franklin street, Liberty, Missouri, write her. She is a loyal Kappa, lost her husband some time since, and letters from friends of former days will be gladly received.

Mrs. Frank Gulley (Allie Jones) with her family has recently

made an extended trip over the western part of the United States. She can be addressed at Mt. Nord Avenue, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Mrs. J. D. Thornburg (Annie Studebaker) has moved from Bluffton to Muncie, Indiana.

Mrs. Walter Howe (Bertha Frazier) will spend the winter in Florida.

Mr. J. W. Erther, husband of Claude Keely Erther, has been seriously ill at their home in Indianapolis.

Mrs. Alice M. French (Cinna Moore) who has been so seriously ill in a hospital in Indianapolis has recovered sufficiently to be taken to her home at 901 M. D. Woodruff Place of that city.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

A formal Kappa dance was held at the Chicago Automobile Club, Friday evening, December twenty-ninth. About thirty-two couples were present, consisting of Northwestern and Champaign Kappas and several guests. The hall was attractive with holiday decorations and a buffet supper was served. The party was such a success and everyone was so enthusiastic that hereafter it is to be an annual Christmas event.

Our treasurer, Miss Jessie Truesdell Peck, Beta Tau, '88, expects to leave in June for a month's trip in the East, after which she will travel in Italy, Switzerland, France and Germany, spending the winter in the latter country, probably in Leipzig or Berlin, returning via Great Britain.

Her object is to study, to teach, perhaps; to travel, surely.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Pruitt, (Laura Keely of Greencastle) expect to leave January eleventh for an extended trip to the coast. They will return before the graduation in June of their son Raymond, from the law department of Northwestern University.

The said son carried off the honors in the recent debate at Los Angeles between Northwestern and the University of Southern California.

Visitors are warmly welcomed at the monthly luncheons of the Chicago Association, and at every meeting we have several visitors.

Just before Christmas, Mrs. Charles Heater, (Alla Lautz) Sigma, visited us.

In November, Mrs. Douglas of Aurora, Illinois, was with us. October brought out the largest number of the year. Mrs. A. W. Moore (Ella Adams), Iota, came, also Mrs. Cowdery, (Jennie Van Fleet) honorary member of Kappa chapter. Mrs. G. E. Thode (Elizabeth Roe), Epsilon, of Burlington, Iowa, attended the October luncheon with Mrs. Hiram Sibley Bicket (Elizabeth McClure) of Beta Lambda and Epsilon.

Our former secretary, Miss Lucile Jones, Beta Lambda, left in July to meet her fiancé, Mr. Bion B. Howard, in London, where they were married. Their present home is in Paris, France.

Mrs. Emily Nichols Tree, Beta Lambda, was made happy by the arrival of a little daughter, Katherine, in November.

Mrs. Grace Lloyd Hathaway, Beta Lambda, '05, died suddenly on December twenty-third. She was not often with us but was a loyal Kappa.

Mrs. Ralph Merrill, formerly Miss Nina Stoddard, Beta Lambda, one of our enthusiastic members and at one time our secretary, is living in Los Angeles.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

Born, to Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Lichliter (Gertrude Larrimore, I) on April 28, 1911, a son, James Marcellus.

Miss Helen Vandiver, Θ, spent the summer abroad.

Miss Elizabeth Rose, I, who is teaching in Monticello Seminary near St. Louis, attended our May meeting.

Miss Alice Pavey, I, is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. J. B. Emerson, and is gladly welcomed to our meetings.

Miss Margaret Hull, Y, is teaching in Granite City quite near St. Louis, and we hope to induce her to meet with us.

Mrs. S. M. Bass (Ada Rudd, Θ) has recently moved to St. Louis and joined our Association.

Miss Hazel Carter, Θ, is attending Washington University.

Mrs. J. T. M. Johnston (Florence Brooks, Θ,) is now living at The Baltimore, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mrs. Don Gates (Edith Semour, Θ) has moved to South Pasadena, California.

Miss Ada Lefever of Columbia has announced her engagement

to G. Horton Blackman, K Σ of St. Louis. The St. Louis Alumnae Association extends congratulations.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

Christmas time found the members of the Kansas City Association entering with much enthusiasm into the Good Fellowship movement, in which Kansas City has become greatly interested in recent years.

About one hundred and twenty-five children were provided with warm clothing, food, toys and candy by the alumnae.

Mrs. E. L. Moses of 3629 Warwick Blvd., has removed to Great Bend, Kansas, for a permanent residence.

We mourn with Theta chapter the loss of Jessie Alice Woods, 4446 Main, who died recently after an operation for appendicitis.

Meetings for 1912 will be buffet luncheons to be given monthly.

AMY MERSTETTER.

NEW ORLEANS ASSOCIATION

Married, December fourteenth, at her home in Pensacola, Florida, Hilda Blount, '05, to Mr. Dowdell Brown of Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. W. B. Gillican, (Lucille Vardell), Mrs. Lawrence Williams (Phoebe Nixon), and Hester Craig were members of the wedding party.

Florence Crouse, '10, of Citronelle, Alabama, spent a few days in New Orleans during December.

Marie Breazeale, '07, passed through New Orleans on her way to St. Louis, where she expects to spend some time.

Mrs. George Williams (Adèle Monroe) of Pensacola, Florida, spent the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. Frank A. Monroe.

Born to Mr. William Birch Lee and Irene (Drake) Lee a son, William Birch Lee, Jr.

Born to Mr. T. N. Logan, Jr. and Gertrude (Monroe) Logan, a girl, Virginia King Logan.

Mrs. Monn-Lanier (Katherine Leach, '07) spent the month of December with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Leach.

Married, June seventh, 1911, Janet Ford to Mr. Charles Thorn.

Married, Hazel Ellis to Dr. Joseph Woodward.

Married, June sixth, 1911, Adèle Monroe, '08, to George Williams, Σ X.

Dorothy Thompson will spend several months in Baltimore this winter and make her *débüt*.

Maude Flower is visiting in New Orleans.

Hilda Blount was married in the fall to Mr. Dewdell Brenn of Atlanta and has gone there to live.

Gladys Moulton has taken up a course in jewelry at the Newcomb art school.

Marian Monroe has charge of the Junior Auxiliary of Trinity Church.

PI ASSOCIATION

1911 has meant much in the history of Pi Alumnae Association for it has marked the culmination of the object for which the Association has been working so untiringly for the past few years—the purchasing of a home site for the active chapter. We have raised enough money by donation from our members, to buy a large lot in the choicest residence district in Berkeley, and we hope by the end of this year to have the active chapter established in their own home, as plans for the construction of the house are now being drawn.

Our meetings this year—six in number—have been unusually well attended, due probably to the united efforts of all the girls to secure our own home. Our first meeting, in February, was held at the home of Pattie Chickering where the plans and policies for the ensuing year were discussed.

In May, we had our annual picnic luncheon on our new lot. This was in the nature of a celebration for the newly acquired lot, as well as to entertain any resident Kappas from other chapters who could be with us. The members of the graduating class were also received into the Association at this time.

We gave a reception at the home of Helen Lillis in June, to meet any Kappas who might have come west, to attend the Federation of Women's Clubs in San Francisco. Several eastern Kappas came, as well as many of the Beta Eta girls, so we spent a most enjoyable afternoon together.

Our August meeting is always an entertainment of some description for the active girls, and their prospective freshmen.

This year we had a tea at the home of May Downey, entertaining about forty of the active girls, including their "preps."

We held a business meeting in October at the home of Mrs. Henry Tomlinson and in November we held a Christmas sale, at the Kappa house to help to raise the last few hundred dollars on our lot. Let me add that it was very successful, for everyone had a good time, and at the end of the afternoon we had \$260 to our credit.

For the benefit of bringing us into closer touch with those of our number who reside in other parts of the world, our December meeting is devoted primarily to the reading of letters from our absent members to the Association. This meeting, which is always preceded by a luncheon, was held at the Key Route Inn, in Oakland. There were thirty-five Pi girls present, and as the delegate to Convention was chosen at this time, they were a very enthusiastic lot, for at least six of that number are planning to attend the coming Convention at Evanston.

Besides these regular meetings, and to bring the girls together more frequently, we have been meeting on the last Thursday of every month very informally, for tea at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, at four o'clock. This affords an excellent opportunity for the Pi and Beta Eta girls to be together, and we are indeed glad when any new girls chance to come. We sincerely hope that should any Kappas wander so far west, they will not fail to be with us at this time, for they will always find a most cordial welcome awaiting them.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Winifred Humphrey (ex-1910) to Leonard Bartlett Landsborough in Sacramento, December twenty-fifth.

Gladys Buchanan (ex-1910) has recently returned from an extended tour of Europe.

Beatrice Simpson (ex-1908) has returned from a year's residence abroad.

Born October fifth to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Russell Hallett (Gladys Meyer, '06) a son.

MARY DOWNEY.

IOTA CLUB

Marion Wood, '00, has moved to Decatur, Illinois. Her address is 214 Crea St.

Mrs. B. B. Cannon (Estelle Ham) is living in Brookline, Massachusetts.

Mayme Trueblood, '04, is teaching English at Lagrange, Indiana.

Sue Davis is spending the winter in Colorado.

On Wednesday evening, November the eighth, Ione Haworth, '01, was married to William H. C. Holstz, of Yonkers, New York. Mr. and Mrs. Holstz will live in Lafayette, Indiana.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Green (Maud Fargo) of Rushville, a son.

On November fifteenth Nellie Switzer, '03, was married to Prof. G. C. Shook of the State University of Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Shook are residing in Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Giltner (Achsah Fargo) have moved to Portland, Oregon, their former home.

Mabel Pavey, '00, and her mother are living in St. Louis this winter with Mrs. J. B. Emerson (Alice Pavey).

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Preston (Helen Hurst) are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Lou Baer spent eleven weeks this fall in Boston and Brookline.

Recently a daughter, Elizabeth Cantwell, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Stewart (Hazel Cantwell) at Von, New Mexico.

BETA TAU

The Kansas Equal Suffrage Association has asked for permission to use Mrs. Mabel Potter Daggett's article "Votes for College Women," published in *THE KEY* for October, as equal suffrage literature in the campaign now pending in Kansas.

LAMBDA

Married, on January seventh at Akron, Ohio, Helen Gertrude Harter, Grand Treasurer's Deputy, to Mr. Reginald William Hay. They will be at home after the first of February at 117 Adolph Avenue, Akron.

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Mrs. Alberta Oakley Kreisler, one of our alumnae, visited the active girls for a few days in November.

Miss Lena Beem, '09, made the chapter a short visit.

Miss Josephine Hall and Miss Edwinea Windrem entertained informally in the fraternity rooms in honor of our Grand President.

Miss Tatt Link, '06, has accepted a position as organist in the First Presbyterian Church at Paris, Illinois.

LENA CHRISTY.

KAPPA

Fanny Northrop Reynolds is now in Ithaca, New York, where her husband is taking advanced work in engineering.

Belle Ammorman is teaching in St. Johns this year.

We received a letter a short time ago from Edith Cold, '06, who is now in Turkey, saying that she is about to make a tour of the villages, starting soon from Hadjin, Turkey in Asia.

Mrs. Fisher, formerly a member of Beta Gamma, recently visited her daughter, who is the domestic science teacher in the college this year. She gave a delightful dinner party for the chapter.

Joy Mauck was at home for the holidays from Simmons College, where she is studying.

Mrs. Albert J. Walrath, of Macomb, Illinois, came on December nineteenth to spend a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mauck.

Edith Shephard has been spending a few weeks in Chicago, Ohio, and in New Castle, Pennsylvania.

MINNIE HAWES.

THETA

Miss Caroline Jesse is studying at the Academy of Music in Paris.

Miss Edith Stoner is in Oakland, California.

In Memoriam

EVERETTA ROE KUHN

Epsilon Chapter,

Born September twenty-ninth, 1885,

Died January first, 1912.

She was of the perfect flower of women—capable, unselfish, loyal, with a rare sweetness of character that made her loved by everyone. And since she was so needed and so beloved, her place among her friends and in her home can never be filled. Our loss is one that even time, the great healer, can not lessen, and our hearts are with the little daughter who will never know her mother's love.

EXCHANGES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Exchanges that receive three copies of THE KEY are asked to send exchange copies to Mrs. A. H. Roth, 262 West Tenth street, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, "Hearthstone," Dighton, Mass; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 842 Ackerman Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

To us have come the following, which we gratefully acknowledge:

September, *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho.

October, *Beta Theta Pi*, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *The Phi Chi Quarterly*, *The Mask* of Kappa Psi.

November, *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi, *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma, *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Sigma Kappa Triangle*, *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, *The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, *Beta Theta Pi*.

December, *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

January, *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu, *Beta Theta Pi*, *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho, and *The Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*.

Said the editor, "Isn't it strange!
Of the books that we get in exchange
Every one in the stack
Has a front and a back!
I repeat it,—now isn't it strange?"

Incidentally the astonished editor might have remarked that they have words, words, and words. Some have nothing but words, some have words with but a single thought, and some have at least several thoughts. This is interesting,—the birdseye view of the fraternities of the country through their publications. It is in the chapter letters that you can tell what the fraternity

is, more than in the editorials. There might be an editor with the "gift of gab" who could mislead the reader and give a wrong impression of the fraternity, but the chapter letters as a whole are accurate pictures of the average daily life of the members in college. Therefore if you want to judge a fraternity, find its publication and read its chapter letters. In them you will learn whether the dominating thought as a whole is athletics, society, studies, usefulness, spending money, eating, sleeping, or neurasthenic activities. We might proceed to name them under these heads, but we prefer that this shall not be known as a "muck-raking" department.

The January *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta is a Convention number, and contains a good article on "Historic Boston," with illustrations. It was in historic Boston that the Gamma Phis convened in November. A dainty little slip in Helen pink with trimmings of black ink goes with this January number inviting all good members to pay up subscriptions.

Phi Mu, a women's fraternity, most of whose chapters are in the south, has just entered the University of New Mexico. In the January number of *The Aglaia* are shown some interesting pictures of buildings of this university. Most of them are in Indian style of architecture. The girls' dormitory is known as the "Hokona," and is a peculiar building with ladders reaching from the ground to the second story piazza, and from that to a balcony on the third floor. We are wondering if the fair co-eds scale their ladders every time they want to run home for a handkerchief, or whether the illustration shows the "Hokona" in an unfinished state. We hope it is the former. We like unusual things.

This from a chapter letter from Lynchburg, Va., Randolph-Macon College. Leave it to those southern girls!

On Thanksgiving night we entertained in our bungalow the bachelor members of the faculty. The affair was quite informal and proved quite a gay and enjoyable evening. Refreshments in rose and white were served.

A Delta Gamma writes in the *Anchora* of the fitness of college women for trained nursing. In her article she says:

Given the woman of the right qualities of mind, well educated and sound of body, there is no work for women which affords such opportunity for usefulness and is so altogether worth while as that of the trained nurse. Hard work? Of course, it is hard work. Work that satisfies and counts is always hard work. Work that makes a woman coarse and unsympathetic? Never. A nurse learns to distinguish between true and false values. If she is the right sort every year of her service, she grows gentler and more sympathetic. And there is no grace of manner, of refinement or character but adds to the success of her work and life. It is true she learns not to carry her heart on her sleeve. An unruffled manner cloaks a broad sympathy free from all hysteria and sentimentality, a poise and self reliance which is the salvation of herself and all who depend upon her.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta still has the distinction of being the fattest of all our exchanges. It is three times as fat as our December KEY. It contains lots of interesting reading matter too. Some Karnea Banquet Notes which it contains are the most interesting notes of the kind we have ever read. They were written by one Louis W. Tobin, and they sound like Samuel Blythe.

The Rainbow devotes several pages to a discussion of the Honor System which is so much in the limelight among collegians at present. It says that in general it is a success. As to its extent it says:

Among the colleges and universities in which the Honor System is in force, in the broad and narrow sense of the term, we find: Virginia, Washington and Lee, Vanderbilt, Sewanee, Texas, Western Reserve, Kenyon, Lehigh, Princeton, Washington and Jefferson, Stevens Institute, Williams, Wesleyan, etc.

The University of Virginia is the Alma Mater of the Honor System, and the faculty and students alike are enthusiastic in their assurance that it is an unqualified success. The System here has a lineage of some seventy years, and to this one factor, rather than to any other one cause, is success to be ascribed.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon contains several things which are of interest to the reader who has not the good fortune to be a Σ A E. These are a letter from one Rudolph Anderson who is exploring up in the Arctic Ocean, and an account of life in Korea by F. E. S. Williams, who is a missionary.

In discussing its exchanges, *The Record* says:

For downright serious discussions of the fraternity problems we al-

ways read our feminine friends. When they don't take it so seriously as to be depressing, they are delightfully suggestive. And what picture books they do produce, and what long marriage and birth lists they publish. Who was it said that college women do not marry and make homes?

The "exoteric publication of Alpha Chi Rho," is with us again, known as the *Garnet and White*. It publishes some pledging rules adopted at the University of Pennsylvania which are of interest to all fraternities.

PLEDGING RULES AT PENNSYLVANIA

After a series of agitations which have lasted over a period of eight years, the fraternities at the University of Pennsylvania have adopted radical rules governing the rushing and pledging of candidates for membership. This agreement has been signed by all of the important fraternities in the University.

There are seven articles in the new code of regulation. They are as follows:

No chapter will entertain a sub-freshman candidate for membership before noon of the Thursday previous to the opening of the University in the fall.

No invitation to join a chapter will be extended to a candidate until noon of the first Monday in December.

No acceptance from any such candidate will be received until noon of the second Monday in December. The acceptance must be made in writing.

Until the second Monday in December a candidate will at no time be allowed to remain in any chapter house over night.

Hereafter, no chapter, or committee of a chapter, will entertain any man, neither will they cause him to be entertained, on their behalf or in their interest in any place except upon the campus of the University, and at the quarters of the fraternities.

No withdrawal from this agreement will be made by any chapter except upon three months' written notice to the signatories hereto.

Upon the written request of any three chapters the signatories hereto agree to send delegates to a meeting of all chapters to confer upon any questions that may arise in connection with this agreement, and that the number of delegates be limited to two from each chapter.

Hitherto there have been no rules whatever regarding the rushing of candidates by the various fraternities. In many cases boys while in their last year at prep school were pledged to join fraternities. In most other cases the moment an eligible freshman put foot upon the campus he was snatched by some enterprising fraternity and whirled away in a rush of theatre and dinner parties until before he knew what he was doing he was wearing a pledge button. *The Pennsylvanian*, the *Red and Blue* and all the other publications of the University students have for some time been criticising the evils of this system.

The agreement was signed by the following fraternities:

Alpha Chi Rho; Alpha Tau Omega; Beta Theta Pi; Delta Kappa Epsilon; Delta Psi; Delta Tau Delta; Delta Upsilon; Kappa Sigma; Phi Gamma Delta; Phi Kappa Psi; Phi Kappa Sigma; Phi Sigma Kappa; Psi Upsilon; Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Sigma Chi; Sigma Nu; Sigma Pi; Sigma Phi Epsilon; Sigma Phi Sigma; Zeta Psi; Phi Delta Theta.

A new word appears in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for September. It is "freshette." Judging from the context we have decided it means a member of the first year class at college, but it sounds suspiciously like a breakfast food.

Something pretty in rhyme:

FRATERNITY

If I could write one little word
 Upon the hearts of men,
 I'd dip into the fount of love
 And write with golden pen
 One little word and only one,
 And feel life's work on earth well done;
 For every heart would speak to me
 That one sweet word "Fraternity."

—ANON.

Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

It was interesting to read in *The Record* for September of Henry Sydnor Harrison, the author of the popular novel, "Queed". "Syd" got his start editing *The Record*, later was editorial writer and paragrapher on the *Richmond Times-Dispatch*. "Queed" is his first book. There were four editions of it in the first four weeks.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Journal for November contains several readable accounts of convention in California, from different viewpoints.

Do not kill your chapter!

Indifference is the greatest drawback that any fraternity has to contend with and it is the quickest death for a chapter.

This indifference I believe, is started by a lack of form in chapter meetings, and especially by the failure to collect dues within a reasonable time. I have seen some of the very finest men in the fraternity cause

no little trouble because of their negligence, first, in paying dues, and second, in attending meetings.

No man can take an interest in his chapter's welfare if he owes money, and has to be frequently giving excuses for his negligence, for if such be the case he will soon find something very urgent to do just at the time of meeting, and if, by coaxing, he consents to attend once, and a difficult problem is presented and demands immediate action, he is ready to say: Oh well, what is the difference? What do I care? etc. This indifference gradually increases until he leaves college; then you will find him dodging around and trying to avoid his fraternity brothers.

Phi Chi Quarterly.

The October number of *The Caduceus* has a marvelous cover, comprising all the colors of a brilliant sunset in cloudlike effect. *The Caduceus* always has liked to change its coat, now it has one of seven colors. Inside the contents are just as varied. There are descriptions of Louisville, Ky., Pete Duffy, the poet, cobless corn invented by a Kappa Sigma, and a chapter house at the University of Virginia. Besides there are ten pages of personals and six pages of weddings. Kappa Sigs are doing things.

The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, never fails to lead off with a good story about some woman's work. In the last number it is the really interesting tale of Kate Goddard Jones, who with her husband is doing missionary work in Ningpo, China. This is in the district affected by the Chinese rebellion. In this book are four pages of attractive good-time houseparty pictures illustrating an account of a province houseparty.

An Iowa correspondent of *Pi Beta Phi* tells that panhellenic houseparties are given at Simpson College.

Here are some good strong words for the chronic black-baller:

"When all but one or two members of a chapter want a girl these should yield if they recognize that the girl is desirable fraternity material—not if they like her, but if they realize that the girl has fraternity possibilities. Close friendship develops only with time. That we must not expect at first sight, but we should learn to size up the possibilities of candidates and be fair-minded enough to recognize potential towers of strength. Seniors especially should weigh a black ball carefully. In fact if the rest of the chapter, who will live later with the candidate are unanimous in desiring a girl, and the seniors recognize that she is good fraternity material, the chapter should agree to her admission. When chil-

dren born of the same parents differ so widely in "habits, customs, and manners," how can we expect fraternity sisters to be cut from one piece? In fact logic compels us to admit that where twenty members of a chapter desire a girl, and the twenty-first blackballs her it is the blackballer, not the candidate who is truly uncongenial. No one should cast a blackball without recognizing that in so doing she is exercising power greater than that of a Czar. It is not that her vote is as good as that of any other member of the chapter. Rather, in blackballing a candidate, her vote outweighs the combined votes of all the other members of the chapter. Hence there is the greater reason for her to state "the reason for the faith that is within her," and for fairmindedness.

Beta Theta Pi for November contains a six page story, with illustrations, with the exceedingly cheerful title "Beta Tombstones." It is something new in fraternity literature. The photographs all show what the title suggests.

Perhaps the youngest fraternity pledging in the world belongs to the Oklahoma chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon. He is Rudolph Little, aged five, grandson of Col. John Rudolph, one of the founders. At the death of his grandfather last year, little Rudolph was formally pledged, and now wears his pin always.

Delta Tau Delta announces the installation of Beta Delta chapter at the University of Georgia, Athens, Ga., and Gamma Phi chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

John Grier Hibben has been elected president of Princeton University. The *Syracuse Post-Standard* gives the following:

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 11.—The trustees of Princeton University elected Prof. John Grier Hibben, '82, president of the University to-day at the annual winter meeting.

Princeton has been without a president since Governor Wilson resigned in October, 1910, to become the chief executive of the state of New Jersey.

Dr. Hibben has been one of the most popular lecturers of the university for years. Among the students he has long been loved as a friend. He knows most of the students of the big university by name and never passes the humblest freshman without greeting him. He has the reputation of being very democratic in his views and fearless in expressing them.

John Grier Hibben was born at Peoria, Illinois, in 1861. His father was a clergyman. Professor Hibben took his A. B. degree at Princeton in 1882 and his Master's degree three years later. He became a Ph. D. in 1893, this degree being also conferred by his alma mater. Lafayette College conferred upon him the degree of LL.D. in 1907.

Between 1883 and 1886 Professor Hibben studied at the Princeton Theological Seminary and at the University of Berlin, and in 1887 he was ordained into the ministry of the Presbyterian Church. For the four years following he was the pastor of the church at Chambersburg, Pa., at the conclusion of which time he became an instructor of logic in the university. Since 1893 he has been professor of logic.

Professor Hibben's work has dealt with the subject which is of primary interest to him. His published works include:

"Inductive Logic," 1896; "The Problems of Philosophy," 1898; "Hegels Logic," 1902; "Deductive Logic," 1905; "The Philosophy of the Enlightenment," 1909. Since 1905 he has been editor of "Epochs of Philosophy," a great work of twelve volumes, by authors in the United States and Great Britain.

Honor System at Barnard College.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Barnard College decided yesterday to adopt an honor system. The entire college by a two-thirds vote decided to take this step in its self governing career.

Every student shall consider it a matter of honor to report any violation of the above resolution to her class president or to any other member of the student council.

The honor system will go into effect immediately, and the coming mid-year examinations will test its efficiency.—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

Dean Gildersleeve of Barnard, says further in regard to the honor system:

"College girls do not cheat in examinations, athletic games or anything else," said Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of the fashionable Barnard College, in commenting on the honor system that is now in force among the students. "It is because they are too honest," she continued. "Honesty and fair dealing permeate the college life in women's colleges, as in men's colleges. Women will no more abuse the honor system than have the men." The honor system does away with the instructor in the examination hall for the purpose of detecting cheating, or what in the college vernacular is called "cribbing."—*New York World*.

Shoe-shining industry at Mount Holyoke.

Following the example of Wellesley College girls, the students at Mount Holyoke College are in readiness to open their stands tomorrow morning and start shining the shoes of their schoolmates in order to swell the \$500,000 fund which they are raising for an alumni building.

Hearing of the success of the Wellesley students who turned bootblacks to secure money for the student building they hope to erect, some of the girls of one of the Mount Holyoke dormitories decided to try the plan at their own institution. The charge for a shine is to be 10 cents.—*Syracuse Herald*.

85 students farming at St. Lawrence University.

Canton, N. Y., January 17—There has been much talk about the present movement "back to the farm," and one of the very best concrete examples of the tendencies in that direction can be found in the State School of Agriculture of St. Lawrence University. There are in this institution eighty-five boys trying to fit themselves for various branches of farm life; and the remarkable fact is that 32 per cent of them come from cities. Eleven of these are from Brooklyn, and New York, Syracuse, Watertown, Troy and Schenectady have representatives.

Various influences have been at work to take these boys out of the city, and many have given up chances to go into professional life or enjoy a regular college education. Most all of these students in the Canton school have been interviewed by a representative of *The Eagle*, and the consensus of their opinions is that the place which presents the largest opportunities at the present time is the country.—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

The School of Journalism at Columbia University will open at the beginning of the academic year in September. The endow-

ment for this was left by Joseph Pulitzer, and the advisory board was named by Mr. Pulitzer in his will.

This board met recently, but the plans are not definite as yet. One of the themes of discussion was in reference to whether or not the school should be fitted up as a newspaper plant or whether the course of study should be mostly academic. Mr. Pulitzer's opinion is interpreted as favoring a combination of the mechanical and academic factors. Lectures will also form an important part of the curriculum.

The board consists of the following prominent men: Whitelaw Reid, principal owner of the *Tribune* and ambassador to the Court of St. James, who was made chairman; Dr. St. Clair McKelway of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle*, who was made vice-chairman; Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia; Melville E. Stone, general manager of the Associated Press; Samuel Bowles, editor of the *Springfield (Mass.) Republican*; Edward P. Mitchell, vice-president of the Sun Printing and Publishing Association; Charles R. Miller, editor of the *New York Times*; John L. Heaton of *The World* and George S. Johns of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

Bryn Mawr College, by the will of the late Miss Emma Carola Woerishoffer, a graduate of the class of 1907, will receive a bequest of \$750,000.

CORNELL

The exhibit of Cornell university at the industrial exhibition, which is being held at Turin, Italy, has been awarded the grand prize.

RADCLIFFE

It is in memory of a great benefactor of the college that Radcliffe's newest dormitory has been named Sarah Whitman Hall. This building is now under construction.

The new dormitory is costing \$75,000 to build and, though only half of this sum is at hand, the college is going ahead with the construction work. It is hoped to complete the fund in the next few months. The money already received has been raised by subscription.

OBERLIN

The college department at Oberlin has 1,004 students registered. This is not only the largest enrollment this department has ever had, but also the largest college department of any institution in the state of Ohio.

Many of the most important eastern hockey games of the season were played at a new skating rink at Syracuse, N. Y., which is said to be the finest in the country. Yale, Princeton, Cornell, St. Lawrence and others besides the local Syracuse University team have contested there.

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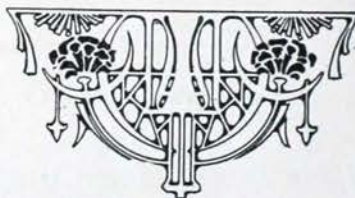
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