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The Value of an Ideal

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Still, like Moses building his tabernacle, we are required to make our life after the pattern shown to us in the Mount, to translate into terms of daily doing the vision of what, in our best moments, we conceive life ought to be. To the mind of the great law-giver the building existed only in possibility. The gold and silver shone in no earthly sunshine and the incense sweetened no earthly air. The thing was not a fact, only a vision, an ideal. And yet, though still an ideal, it was true; and, though its foundations were not yet measured upon the ground, the fair proportions of the unbuilt tabernacle rose before his mind, and he believed and wrought.

And true that is of every life. Our years are only the effort to make real the highest thing we think life should be. It is the transference from the realm of the ideal to the realm of the real of the perfect and beautiful image which rises before the soul and claims its allegiance. To live with it as our moral masterpiece is to be transformed into its likeness, like the lad who dwelt with the majestic likeness on the mountainside in Hawthorne's story of the Great Stone Face. And however life may sometimes dim the hope of a great calling, still the image stands clear, as shines the beacon light however tempestuous the sea. For our wretchedness comes not so much from exhausted as from unfulfilled ideals. We yield ourselves to the mood of self-accusation; we sit down to realize our failure instead of rising up to redeem it. The ideal is a flying goal, the vision is a tormenting vision. But that is what redeems individual life from stagnation and also makes the history of the race, not an eternal plodding on the dead level of animalism and materialism, but a continual renewal and a constant ascent. The only way to be content is to make your ideal mean enough. He who reaches his mark in life has a low aim. The artist who

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attains his ideal boasts not the perfection of his genius, but confesses a deterioration of his thought.

The ideal is indispensable to the richness and efficiency of life. Wordsworth has sagaciously described the commonplace mind to which everything is commonplace, in his poem of "Peter Bell,"

"A primrose by a river's brim,
A yellow primrose was to him,
And it was nothing more."

And Tennyson has described the higher order of mind which does see "more" infinitely more, because the impression of everything in heaven and earth is conditioned by the eyes we see with.

"Flower in the crannied wall,
I pluck you out of the crannies,
I hold you here, root and all, in my hand,
Little flower—but if I could understand
What you are, root and all, and all in all,
I should know what God and man is."

The unideal and the ideal correspond closely to sight and vision. How vast the difference! A great many people have sight who still possess no power of vision, no ability to get at the inner and higher meaning of things. Sight makes a man a pessimist; vision makes him an optimist. Sight dragged the driftage from the Atlantic tide and called it weeds; vision beheld through and beyond it a new continent. Sight feared the peril and mystery of the sounding sea and staid at home in comfort and disgrace; vision, in brave men and women, saw beyond unspeakable hardship a commonwealth of freedom. Sight shows the sin and sorrow of the world in all their vast accumulation. It notes the unspeakable misery of the poor from which there seems no escape but death and whose toil seems to bear no fruit but tears. Vision discloses the hopes and aspirations of the world realized and its torment and discontent transfigured into certain triumph. Capital and labor in ceaseless and bitter antagonism is the scene presented to our sight. But vision shows love at last reigning in custom and ruling in law and the practice of the Golden Rule bringing the golden age. Sight sees only a block of marble; vision an Apollo Belvedere. Sight estimates humanity by its actuality; vision by its possibility. Sight says we must make the best of things as they are. Vision creates a divine unrest which suffers no satisfaction with conditions as they are. The ideal is the holy

evangel of discontent. Sight thinks earthly cities are tolerable—vision wants them to become like the New Jerusalem. Sight fixes its attention upon the lowest actual; vision, upon the highest possible. Imagination, the ideal—this is what enriches our civilization, for it fashions our constitutions, paints our pictures, rears our churches, constructs our ethics, and gives us our friends again where love's lips shall speak their sweetest message in a blessed immortality beyond the grave. It is prophecy, it is faith, it is serene confidence that God will realize to us all the best that we have dreamed. Victor Hugo said, "I am persuaded that I am the backbone of an archangel." Without some such persuasion as that, in place of Hugo you have Zola. Instead of Thackeray you have Du Maurier, instead of Scott you have Hall Caine; instead of George Eliot you have Marie Corelli, and in place of Shakespeare you have Ibsen and Bernard Shaw.

It is through the ideal also that all work becomes sacred and every calling divine. Through it a man masters his business instead of being mastered by his business. Through it the rich man knows how to be rich. Through it property is glorified and becomes the servant of humanity, a thing divinely ordained for the distribution of comfort and beauty and intelligence and righteousness amongst men. Through it we come to speak of the divine work of a railway, a factory, a bank, a polling place or a legislative hall. Through it we come to understand that labor is a divinely ordered force which makes a man a laborer with God, no matter what department of earthly toil it may be his lot to engage in. Some one has said the world is divided into two classes, drudges and dreamers. The ideal saves the drudge from the dull routine of his toil and the dreamer from being an impractical and useless sentimentalist. No matter whether a man make sermons or shoes, paints houses or portraits, makes bricks or books, shoves the plane or traces the orbits of the stars—he is a drudge unless some vision of his connection with that God who is the Eternal Toiler becomes his compelling thought, his master passion. If he is a physician he works to get his patients well again, and not merely for his pay. If he is a lawyer, he is in the business to be a minister of justice, and not a mere earner of fees; and he is glad to remember that these laws for whose rightous administration he stands are, in their final intention and deepest purpose, the effort to secure justice and equity amongst men. And as that is also the purpose of the divine government,

his calling is at the heart of it an exalted one. And I say this remembering that Oliver Wendell Holmes declared that the millenium would not be far away, "When lawyers take what they would give, and doctors give what they would take." My contention is that to be content to work for the lowest instead of the highest reward is to be less than a man—it is to be a bondman. If you are a teacher, you will remember that the man who was impressed in boyhood, not with the knowledge but with the genius, with the personality, with that illusive and unexplainable something which defies definition but which goes to make the real teacher, may have been unable to become a great scholar. But some power, he could neither understand nor explain has changed his life and made him the possessor of something of infinitely more value than money because he came under the influence of a teacher with a great soul in him who lifted up his pupils into splendid enthusiasms and worked in them as a great and gracious personality. This principle rules throughout all life. We need the vision for the workshop and the plow. The kitchen also must transact the Father's business. The shepherd's fold must have the light of Bethlehem. We do our most commonplace task by the light of the morning star. The old idea was, Earth is given to prepare for heaven. The new idea is, Heaven is given to prepare for earth.

An ideal is a great idea accepted as a moral imperative. It is this which has been the stay of thousands as they have discovered continents, led armies, organized laws and evangelized nations. Reformers have endured the scoffs of the press and the counting-room, Puritans and Pilgrims have spread their white sails to a stormy sea because God was the most real being in the universe. They have learned to suffer and to wait. They have keyed their thought to universal truth and through the night steered onward by the star of duty. Idealism has never been atheistic. As atheism never sings, never composes music, never paints pictures, never builds temples—has no pattern in the Mount—so atheism never imagines, never has ideals. No literature has been so great as English literature, and no literature is so full of idealism. Milton, Tennyson, Browning, Longfellow, Lowell, Whittier, are all devoutly Christian, full of great affirmations. When this faculty dies, art becomes mere photography, not the creation of ideal forms. Music, the language of heaven, becomes simply a combination of tones without any soul. Without this the poet becomes the man who patches words together in jingling rhyme and manipulates

phrases to tickle a corrupted taste instead of the man who beholds flashes of resemblance, heavenly analogies, heroic and angelic thoughts hidden in common things, finding

"Tongues in trees, books in the running brooks,
Sermons in stones, and good in everything."

It inspired that liberty hymn the Marseillaise in Roget de Lisle, and in Luther "Ein feste burg" in which is heard the shout of nations coming to their spiritual birth. Behind all high endeavor stands the ideal. All mountain souls have yielded to the fascination of its appeal and, as Froude declares, "In the companionship of the illustrious natures who have shaped the fortunes of the world, we escape the littlenesses which cling to the round of common life, and our minds are tuned to a higher and nobler key."

Away there in Florence lies the old hero Savonarola in his dungeon. Because he has been ready to die for the liberties of the city of the Arno, he is in prison. And while he sleeps and the scaffold is being erected in the great piazza for tomorrow's spectacle, the jailer notes a rare, sweet smile upon his face. "What is it?" the guard asks gently. "I hear the sounds of falling chains, and their clangor is like sweet music in mine ears." What but that great ideal went singing in the soul of the reformer and monk as he passed to his martyrdom! It is the light of the ages, this spirit. And if our Americanism means anything, it means just that—the ideal, faith, vision, the idea of liberty and opportunity, the enthronement of the soul above the body. That is Concord and Lexington and Valley Forge and Gettysburg in their higher interpretation—all the meaning which runs along every bar and shines out of every star on our National banner. It is the soul of history. Of the individual life it is the light and glory. No dolorous old age is possible to any human being who keeps it clear and who lives in the comfort and inspiration of it. Because then life is seen not as a fragment, but as a part of a plan, an intelligent factor in that divine movement which is the force and the glory of history. The man who has done his best, who has followed the gleam, who has hitched his wagon to a star, who has found this elixir of life, who has discovered this fountain of youth, who has bound his life back to the moral purposes of the Eternal, can sing triumphantly,

"I doubt not through the ages one increasing purpose runs,
And the thoughts of men are widened with the process of
the suns."

Advantages of Sorority Membership

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Criticism of sororities and fraternities is too often indiscriminate. There are some good people who think that for a girl to join a sorority, or a boy to join a fraternity, is to enter upon a path marked out by the Evil One; while others, themselves, perhaps, having enjoyed the advantages of sorority or fraternity life, are likely to overestimate them and paint them in too glowing colors. As usual, in matters in which there is an extreme difference of opinion, the truth lies in a happy middle ground. No one who has not herself been a member of a sorority can appreciate fully the advantages that such association offers, and no one can tell better than a thoughtful alumna of such an organization, the dangers and difficulties that the association sometimes occasions. The truth is, that the character of a sorority chapter, while it is colored in part by that of the national organization of which it is a branch, depends, in the main, upon the characters, ideals and ambitions of the members of the chapter.

It is true that nearly every college secret organization professes to have high standards of life and scholarship, and most of them try, in form at least, to adhere to these. But in these constitutions, as in other written constitutions, there is always present the possibility of "liberal" construction or interpretation, which may adapt the written words to views of the members of a particular chapter. This is the real occasion of the great diversity of standards and conduct in the different chapters of the same sorority.

To one who has watched the workings of sororities in a co-educational institution like the University of Illinois, certainly, the advantages of membership are very obvious. The conditions and requirements of life for girls in a coeducational institution differ considerably from those in a woman's college. The students in a woman's college have to learn many things bearing on their social relations to the other sex in large measure as they learn their Greek or their philosophy, from classroom or preceptorial instruction; and they must put what they learn into practice on occasions provided for the purpose, like laboratory experiments. The girls in a coeducational institution are in daily contact with young men, and need, and are likely to get more quickly, a true perspective of what should be their attitude and conduct in those relations. Mem-

bership in a sorority is a great help in this education. The older members have, through membership of from one to three years, learned to know, appreciate, and, in a measure live up to, the standards of their organization, and they have gained experience which is invaluable to their younger sisters who are new members.

When a group of young women live together in the same house, it is a benefit of no small moment for a girl who has just come to college to get the benefit of the experience, advice, and constant companionship of these older girls. The newcomers are less likely to make mistakes. They are less likely to get into wrong company. They are more likely, on the other hand, to have their crudities pointed out early and to get that individual advice and encouragement for improvement which young people are much more ready to take from one another, when associated in a sorority, than they are from older people whose connection with them is official or even only friendly.

The benefits of association with the older girls whose influence is brought to bear so early upon the career of the newcomers is of advantage in an intellectual as well as a social way. A freshman girl, like a freshman boy, is likely to become unduly interested in the incidents of college life and to forget that the real purpose of her presence at college is to study. Very few cases have come under the observation of the writer in which the sororities did not interest themselves in the scholarship of their members. Indeed, it is not an uncommon practice for the sororities to send older girls to members of the faculty to inquire about the standing and behavior of their younger sisters. Wise members of the faculty meet these inquiries in a friendly spirit and do what they can to give the older members of the sorority a lever, so to speak, with which to influence the members. The result is usually, if not always, an improvement in scholarship. A good many girls have been saved from ultimate failure in their college course by just such means.

In the next place, the same spirit of responsibility for one another reaches out into the moral and religious life. At this institution, certainly, most of the sororities try to promote growth in these directions. Not only do the members themselves attend religious meetings and take part in the religious life of the girls in the University, but in many cases they encourage weekly meetings in the chapter houses. The influence of this upon the new members is uniformly good. While no

compulsion is exercised, the new girl is very likely to fall in with the practice of the older girls in these matters, as in others, and to get from them a great deal of good.

It is obvious, then, that the sorority girl has a great advantage over the girl who is not a member. She is earlier trained in the social amenities of college life. She has the advantage of individual suggestion and friendly advice from those with whom she lives as a member of the same family, and whose interest she feels is real. She thus becomes more quickly adapted to the new conditions of her life. The sorority girl, under the advantages of her associations, usually gets started right and keeps straight in the educational path, acquires a better poise, and shows a sounder judgment, on the whole, as a result of her surroundings. Her social conduct and her social and intellectual ideals, about which she is constantly being advised, become conscious, definite aims in her life earlier than they would be otherwise, and she emerges, therefore, a woman of better poise, more correct instincts and larger influence than she would have been without her sorority associations.

It must not be forgotten, however, as has been said already, that the sorority woman is turned out of college with the benefit of all these advantages only if her chapter lives up to its standards and its ideals. It is entirely possible, and, indeed, occasionally happens, that young women suffer physically, morally and educationally from membership. She will get distorted social ideals if her sisters in her chapter over-emphasize social life and fail to surround themselves with that reserve which commands the respect of their young men associates. There is a danger that they will hold themselves too cheap in the matter of social engagements. It is hard for girls to learn that their male associates in social life will seek after them all the more ardently the higher they set their own standards of conduct and the more they insist on the right to direct their own social engagements. No girl, and no sorority chapter of which she is a member, ever loses in the long run by letting it be understood that they reserve the right to decline any and all invitations which, for their own reasons, they do not think they should accept.

Some critics insist that the sorority girl comes out with an exaggerated notion of the social side of life. It must be admitted that this will be true if the chapter is not on the proper basis. It is entirely possible for any group of girls in or out of a sorority to become society butterflies and to neglect the more important matters of their college life. It is doubtful,

however, whether this is a frequent occurrence, and more doubtful whether it happens more frequently than it would if sororities did not exist.

To sum up, the balance of advantage is very greatly on the side of the sorority. The graduate of a college or university who has spent two or three years of her life in such an association is much better fitted to assume her duties as a member of society after her graduation. She has had wider opportunities for the exchange of views on important matters. She has had the benefit of the experience of many friends intimate enough to talk confidentially with her; she has been kept up steadily to some kind of standards of conduct and study, and she has, as said before, learned in some degree habits of obedience and regularity. A girl subjected to these influences goes out a better balanced woman, with finer and truer instincts, with a better perspective of life, and with a keener sense of the seriousness of life's problems. It is by no means true, of course, that many non-sorority girls do not go out from the universities and colleges with all the advantages just urged for the sorority woman. The point is, however, that the non-member who gets this training gets it less easily and with less help than if she were associated with a group of other girls with common purposes and ideals. The sorority girl, therefore, has the advantage. More should reasonably be expected of her, and her failure to be all that her standards call for should merit severer condemnation.

If there is one thing more than another that is lacking in the life of the American people, it is standards in every relation of life—better moral standards, in the ordinary affairs of everyday life, better standards of business, better standards of study, and so on. The sororities have a peculiar advantage in helping on the work of establishing standards among the young people who are their members. We claim to be a very practical people, but no people, and no individual, can live without ideals. The establishment and inculcation of high ideals in all the duties of life is a duty to which the sororities, and, indeed, the fraternities, of the colleges of the country should more seriously set themselves, and for the carrying out of which they have a peculiar advantage. It would be rash to say that the sorority graduate is the best type of college graduate. We may say, however, with entire truth, that she ought to be. In so far as she is not, the sororities are not filling their sphere and realizing their ideals.

The Marketable Value of Enthusiasm

By Irene Sargent

Professor of the History of Fine Arts, Syracuse University

When we turn to the history of the Greek drama, we meet at the beginning a most suggestive figure of speech. The early worshiper of Bacchus, destined after a long period of evolution, to become the actor, was said to be "filled with the god." And it is this phrase which has given to us our English terms "enthusiasm" and its derivative adjective, "enthusiastic," as is evidenced by the structure of the syllables therein contained.

If, then, the meaning of these words might be daily impressed upon those who are active in the world of education—upon the teachers, as well as upon those who are taught—we might await encouraging and inspiring results: first of all, greater, more available acquirements on the part of the students; second, the establishment of a more perfect community of interests between those who impart and those who receive; consequently, a more vitalized, more vivifying intellectual atmosphere.

Now and again, through the medium of the public prints, we are afforded keen amusement by the absurdities recorded in examination papers chosen no more frequently from the primary school than from the college and the university. We laugh at the errors made, scorn the crass ignorance of those who made them, and are prone to go our way, without even pausing to imagine a means by which to save from such waste the time, energy and ability of the instructor and the instructed.

It is plain that the writers of these papers were not, if we use the classic phrase, "filled with the god"—that is, they did not understand the value and significance of the subject which they were called upon to treat. They failed to seize the relations existing between the subject treated and their own needs and advantages. In short, their efforts were forced, unintelligent and devoid of all spontaneity.

As a concrete example of such devitalized, uninspired work, we may cite certain results obtained from an examination in preparatory English to which recently were subjected the sophomores of an American college. The results proved that a noticeably large percentage of these students

were absolutely ignorant of the periods of Shakespeare and Milton, while a few of them had even placed one or both of these writers in the twelfth century; thus showing no conception of historical conditions or of progress, and proclaiming the fact that for them the centuries had no meaning beyond that of Roman or Arabic numerals. Furthermore, one student, in answer to the question as to the name of the work of literature in which the character of Launcelot Gobbo appeared, replied that he was the lover of Elaine in Tennyson's "Idyls of the King."

The discouraging results of this test were but the effect of a cause neither remote nor occult. The students who betrayed such unpardonable ignorance, were victims of a great wrong, which may have been self-inflicted, or may have been due to the carelessness of some former instructor. Either through their own, or another's fault, they had failed to receive into their minds the light required to reveal the *milieu* in which Shakespeare and Milton lived and thought. Nor had their light been sufficient to enable them to recognize and fix the features of the most familiar romantic and dramatic personages. In other words, they had not gained enthusiasm for their subject.

This want of fervor is an evil which, varying from an almost inappreciable to an alarming degree, saps the vital quality from the intellectual atmosphere of the classrooms in our schools and colleges. It is a negative evil and, therefore, it is the more insidious, the more difficult to cope with and to conquer. To eliminate it as an element of waste and of destructive force would demand the closest, most perfect co-operation of the teacher and the taught. And even if such complete reciprocity were established, the all-pervasive material tendencies of our day would arise to threaten the birth and to arrest the development of enthusiasm, since the money-changer, disguised in cap and gown, is found even in the temple of learning, where he constantly questions the marketable value of the treasures which it contains. The student whose heart is set on the "position" which awaits him beyond the confines of the campus, is an enemy of the ideals of education. He furthermore defeats his own purpose. For no refining, purifying flame of enthusiasm comes to touch his acquisitions, and, often to his chagrin, he finds that he has mistaken the essential process by which to turn his baser substance into a far nobler medium of exchange.

In the event of his non-success, the mercenary student will not fail to make comparison between his own work and that of others in which he can discover traces of the divine fire of enthusiasm. And if he be discerning and of alert mind, he will distinguish between the products precisely that difference which separates the Hermes of Praxiteles from a Roman copy of a statue by the same master. The original is eloquent, convincing, and, in the true sense, "filled with the god." It testifies to the exalted, inspired mood of the great creative artist who produced it. The copy is but an empty shell, containing no vital principles, and corresponding exactly in terms of art to the dull, commonplace efforts of the student who regards the acquisition of knowledge, or of technical skill, as a commodity with which he may in future stand merchandizing in the market-place. If he did but realize the truth, this same student would know that the elusive, imponderable, inexplicable element of enthusiasm, whose value can not be expressed by the dollar mark, whose essence defies the analysis of the tradesman, is always the conqueror in the material world, as well as in the unseen universe. Without the divine afflatus of enthusiasm, Columbus, Morse, Edison, Bell, and Marconi would have labored in vain for the millions whose prosperity and progress are to-day the outward and visible signs of the inspiration which guided the discoveries or the inventions of these leaders in the march of humanity. Enthusiasm, despised habitually by the materialists, holds hidden in the folds of the prophet's mantle, the pass-key to the mysteries of Creation. Enthusiasm penetrates the crux of the scientific problem, and having mastered its subtle principle, proceeds from the theoretical to the practical, by turning potential value into active capital, and by drawing from the new source of knowledge and power some means or device with which to increase the ease, the pleasure, or the beauty of existence.

To possess enthusiasm, is to have mastered the last secret of the scholastic life. Owning it, the student no longer shows the dull eye, or the wandering attention, those hateful symptoms of a mental narcotic. Through its stimulating power the instructor bursts through the barriers of method and system, so that those who follow him, ignoring all hindrances, advance to the possession of "the thing in itself." To-day the school has need of the devoted, exalted spirit which once drove through field and forest the Nature-worshiper aflame with fervor and "filled with the god."

Unearned Increment

By Mary J. Hull

Some time ago I was talking with one of the leaders of the Ethical Culture Society of New York City. He was a man who had been prominent in college life and had been invited to join several fraternities, but had declined on the ground that they were undemocratic. He said that since leaving college he had met many fraternity men and had invariably asked them what their fraternity meant to them and had as invariably received the reply, "It means so much to me." This is a familiar phrase. We have all heard it often. He, however, considered it inadequate, and insisted that if a fraternity meant much to its graduate members, they should be able to express the feeling in some more definite manner.

In my nineteen years of fraternity life, I have frequently been asked this same question, and I am always turning it over and over in my mind and wondering whether it is possible to find a single phrase which will express what the fraternity means to the alumna. I have come to the conclusion that it can be described by a well-known term of the economists, the term "unearned increment."

Without any effort on our part, we alumnae are reaping a profit of kind thoughts, generous ardor, loving respect and deep sympathy arising from the general conditions of fraternity life and out of all proportion to the interest which we put into the chapter during our active membership. We invested a small portion of good fellowship and joyous co-operation and we brought away a large holding of that unselfish enthusiasm which has been and is being stored up from day to day by thousands of girls bound together by the same aspirations and belief in the same ideals.

We are like the farmer who cuts up a potato and buries it in the ground and later digs up a wagon load of potatoes, or like the man who scatters a handful of wheat and reaps an acre of golden grain, or like the person who, by the mere touching of a button, sets in motion a great power or lets loose a flood of light.

These are crude ideas and somewhat incoherent, but it is a good thing for the undergraduate to reflect upon such things and to know that in her fraternity she has a sort of spiritual treasury, a mystical wealth stored up for her future enjoyment and happiness.

Parthenon

**The Young
Women's
Christian
Association**

I dislike to head this, The Young Women's Christian Association, for that name is apt to mean merely an organization to some, while in reality it should mean the finest and biggest thing in life. Joining the association is more than paying a dollar, and perhaps being assigned to a committee. It is joining our lives to one of the most far-reaching and respected organizations in the world, and joining our interests with that of the finest women of the world. Associations are found in every country on the globe, and the leaders are among the most influential women the world knows. For the girl in college, membership in the Young Women's Christian Association brings three advantages. The first is the opportunity for forming friendships. In the association all girls meet on an equal basis, and all are judged for what they, themselves, are worth. Girls of all temperaments are thrown together and joined together by a common tie, Christian love; and this forms the basis of numberless deep and lasting college friendships. Here fraternity, club and non-fraternity girl, freshman and senior, find a common interest and make many strong friendships that might never have been formed. Through association work we know girls more intimately than we ever can in ordinary college communication, which is so apt to be superficial. We discover qualities that we never suspected in girls that may have been in our classes for years. There is nothing more inspiring than to find a great many girls openly professing and living up to the ideals which we secretly cherished. I hope I haven't implied that association friendships are unnatural, for they are the most spontaneous and natural in the world, and association friends do not "talk ideals" all the time any more than any other girls do. Some of the jolliest and cleverest girls I have ever known have been leaders in the association. It gave me a new idea as to what "being religious" really meant, to find the girls, I considered the most thoroughly worth while, members of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Besides forming friendships, the association offers an opportunity for work of almost any kind, for the committees range from Bible study to finance. Every gift of temperament can be used in association work. The keenest executive ability is necessary to carry on the chairmanship of one of the large

committees, and girls with a gift for speaking are sought to lead the religious meetings. The fine thing about all forms of association work is that it is thoroughly unselfish. Everything we do, is for some one else. While most of the committees do their work among college women, the social service committee carries its work outside of the college. This work is extremely interesting, and it is important both to the people among whom it is done and to us who are doing it, for it takes us entirely out of ourselves into the world outside, which college people often forget. I think one of the biggest things the association has done for me is to make me realize what a small part of the world college life is, and how very much there is to be done in the outside world. Training received in the college association opens a vast number of fields for work to graduates. There is the secretary work, which is paid as well as school teaching, and which is infinitely more broadening and interesting. There are the numberless branches of city and mill work which offer places of service to busy married women as well as to professional workers, and there is the foreign work with all its fascination. There is no excuse for college graduates to languish for lack of something to do.

The last and most important benefit of association membership is the spiritual growth which it encourages. Of necessity, in State universities, and often in private universities, the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations are the only religious influences. College people are supposed to have every opportunity for development, yet we could not help but be one-sided if our spiritual life does not grow equally with our intellectual. It is the exceptional girl, who, in the rush of college life, carries on any definite religious study or work by herself, and a vacation of four years is about enough to wipe out whatever religious life one might have had. Again, it often happens that a girl who has been thoroughly drilled in Sunday school in a dogmatic way, is entirely upset by the new ideas she receives in college. The Bible and mission study classes, conducted by experienced and broad-minded leaders, are as up-to-date as the science and philosophy in the curriculum and serve as a sane connecting link, reconciling the new ideas with the old. College women are bound, whether they will it or not, to be looked upon as leaders in whatever society they are thrown. So it is the duty of every college woman to make herself perfectly sane and broad-minded, and to pay just

as much attention to her spiritual growth as to her intellectual, so that she can not be branded as "cold and unwomanly."

BESSIE YATES, Pi.



**The Aims
of a
Fraternity
Girl**

The fraternity girl in her life while at college, should have three aims foremost in her undertakings, which will broaden and develop her character and make in her an example to younger Kappas.

She should maintain a standard of scholarship which is not only a credit to herself, but to her chapter. We seldom find a "grind" who is alive and broad-minded, therefore, she must not do this to the exclusion of all else, and while she should keep up her scholarship, she should take an interest in and support all college affairs. Secondly, she must be aggressive and ready to aid her University in its various undertakings. She should be an active worker in its organizations, because not only does she herself receive a benefit, but in giving them help, she strengthens her college.

We sometimes wonder why other girls do not take an active part in the college functions and perhaps why people do not give proper support to our institution. Then let us stop and ask ourselves if we are holding to the standards which we expect others to maintain. The underclassmen follow the example of the girl who has had more experience, and, if we expect our college to strengthen and grow, which means a stronger and better chapter, each girl must interest herself in the things which are for the welfare of her institution. A college can not live and grow without the co-operation of each student, and, if each of us gives what little good she can, others will catch the spirit, and, when we are gone, step into and fill our places.

Lastly, a "true Kappa" must develop such traits of character as will not only win for her a place in the hearts of her Kappa sisters, but also in the hearts of other fraternity and non-fraternity girls. Above all else, a fraternity girl must be invariably unselfish, generous, and possess a true spirit of forgiveness. If she is to enjoy the friendship of others than her fraternity sisters, she must, in most cases, go more than half way in becoming acquainted and gaining the confidence of the outside girls.

We are very apt, especially if our chapter is large, to become too interested in things concerning and common to

our chapter, to the exclusion of our other college mates. People think us self-centered with a high and unapproachable air, if we do not find things to interest us in our associates. So in order to have friends, let us give to them what we wish in return.

In fulfilling these three things, a girl not only strengthens her chapter, but develops her own character, better fitting herself to fill her position in life.

MARY J. ELROD, Beta Phi.



Week-Night "Dates"

In great educational institutions, especially in state universities, the social life is one of the greatest problems. For the very reason that the presence of secret organizations contributes in a great measure to this condition, it seems to me that the solving of the question should depend largely upon the members of such bodies. The girls especially can have great influence in such a matter, and although the question of week-night "dates" may not seem of much importance in a consideration of the whole question, it is a good point at which to begin.

The authorities in our own University are endeavoring to restrict social functions and all university activities to Friday night and Saturday, so that the week may be more uninterrupted for study. The students have also been asked to make no week-night "dates," and the appeal has been made especially to sorority girls, for they as representative women set the standard to a great extent for the student girls as a whole. This rule is not so restrictive as it may seem, for there are certain exceptions made: a girl may have company to or from the library; she may attend any function connected with the university, or of general interest; she may be present at any rehearsal of a university production. These points illustrate the nature of the exceptions, and serve as a strong incentive toward the voluntary enforcement of the rule. If a girl wishes to ignore the matter, she may, of course, do so; but Omega decided at the first of the year that it was against the policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma to make week-night "dates," and that the chapter as such would not be responsible for any member who chose to do so.

It seems to me that it is for our best interests personally that the rule be observed. The purpose of a student in enter-

ing a university is to gain knowledge from books and from association with men and women. The intellect alone should not be developed. It should, however, receive the first consideration, and it can not do this while other interests are crowding in. If the school-week proper were devoted entirely to study and the remaining days were spent in relaxation and enjoyment, the results in each case would be much more satisfactory than they are at present.

Ought we not, then, as representative girls, to consider the general welfare, though the week-night "date" rule may seem a limitation upon our pleasure, especially since we ourselves shall profit in the end?

FLORENCE M. PAYNE, Omega.



**"When Good
Fellows Get
Together"**

In a few months many loyal Kappas will be buying tickets for Bloomington, Indiana, to attend the Twentieth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Some of you may think February is very early to begin planning for August, but if you really expect to go now is the time to start things. Keep a special Convention bank for all small change, and by August, the money accumulated will be a great help. If you are too far away to make this plan work for this Convention, just let the fund run on for the next time.

It sometimes seems a pity that we do not have District Conventions, but because we do not have them we should make the most of our National Convention, as it is the only opportunity we have to all be together. Convention is for business first, but there are so many to help that the responsibility is divided, and the pleasure hours are enjoyed more, for having something to do. The work of the Grand Council often runs into the "wee sma' hours," but even with their responsibility they are always ready to take part in the good times. From one point of view Convention may appear all fun. A great deal of it is fun—fun of the very best kind, for with it you are getting much more than you realize out of the association with these sisters from all over the United States.

Whether you leave home alone, or with a party, you can not go very far until you see a Key. Do not worry about being alone. Others will be going the same way. Write to your neighboring chapters and make arrangements to meet

some of their members. "The more the merrier." Just try it. At Convention the time passes only too quickly. The girls from the North, the West, the East and the South, all learn from one another. Through the week, little groups and big ones talk about chapter affairs; parties, rushing, policies and plans for the future, and in this friendly, easy manner we learn many valuable things, and so combine business and pleasure.

The chapter that entertains Convention plans many social affairs for the guests that are always appreciated, but after the regular parties and rides there are those enjoyable midnight frolics, where, dressed in gay kimonas, delicious things are made in chafing dishes and over gas jets. Digestion never bothers one, for that is helped by the singing. After dinner we join together in singing the old songs and learning new ones. The different airs float out in the evening from groups on the campus, but they are "all tuned together into just one key."

This will be the first Convention for Beta Phi, and may we all be there to welcome her.

Finally the last session is over and the night of the banquet is at hand. This last night will never be forgotten. The whole spirit of Convention is in it, and you take it away to keep with the wealth of happy recollections and joyful memories. Come!

ELIZABETH T. BOGERT, Mu.

Editorial

As the February issue of The Key goes to press, a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma is being installed at Lexington, Kentucky. Gradually the educational centers of the South are asserting themselves, and even the most conservative members of our fraternity are beginning to feel the necessity of entering these institutions of learning, with their splendid type of women students.

To Beta Chi chapter we send our greeting and a hearty welcome into Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our next issue will contain an account of the Installation service, and of the University where our new chapter is located.



The twentieth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma will be held with Delta chapter at Bloomington, Indiana. The location is central and it is hoped that the attendance will be large. One cannot afford to miss the great advantage of this gathering, if there is a possible way to be present. We want the active girls, but we want the alumnae also. We need the maturer advice and inspiration of our graduates and we hope a large number of our Alumnae Associations will send delegates. The requirements for sending an alumnae delegate are in the Standing Rules and the editor will be glad to give any further information desired. A list of the voting Alumnae Associations, who have the privilege of sending a delegate, will be published in the May issue of The Key. This number will also contain the names of all delegates with the chapters and associations they represent, the Convention program, a time table of trains, and other information that will be helpful and interesting to those expecting to attend Convention.



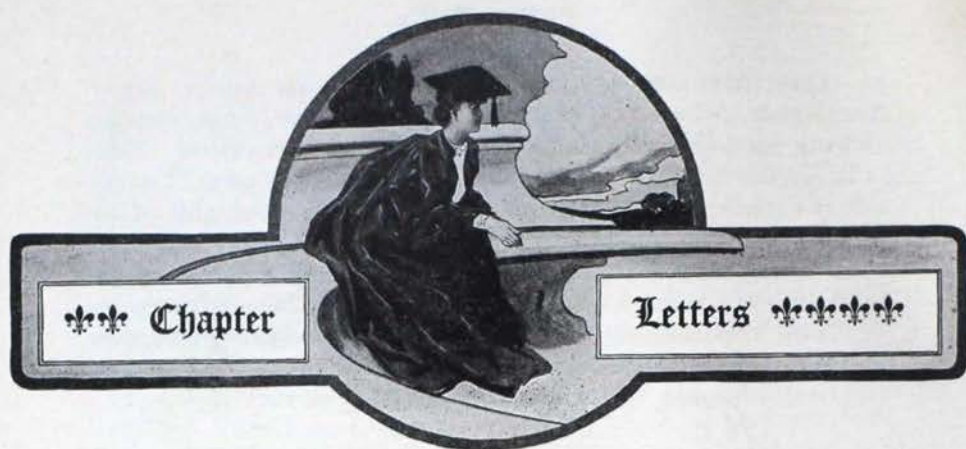
It is with regret that we take up the time-worn subject of the chapter letter, but with the election of the new Key Correspondents so many inquiries have come to the editor, that we are forced to answer them through the pages of The Key. A news letter is due from each chapter for every issue of the magazine, and should reach the editor on the first of January, April, September and November. This must

be typewritten on one side of the large size official paper. Remember, when you are writing this letter, that you are writing for publication and put your best effort into it. Make your letter broad. Tell of improvements in your University, of some unique college or fraternity custom and of the honors that have come to your members. Above all, make your letter interesting, so that it will be enjoyed by all our readers, even though some are not members of our fraternity.

With the exception of news letters, chapters will be notified when manuscripts are due The Key. Everything sent for publication must be typewritten.



We wish that the frontispiece could have contained all of the Kappas elected to Phi Beta Kappa during last year, but in some instances it was impossible to obtain a photograph. Among those lacking are Elizabeth Jackson of Phi chapter and Amy Merstetter of Omega chapter.



Alpha Province

Phi—University of Boston

Dear Kappas: First of all, let us introduce to you a prospective sister, Laura Smith, '13.

Initiation was held December fourth, at the home of Mrs. Boyd, in Jamaica Plain. We had with us, besides many of our own alumnae, Margaret Ridlon of Upsilon, and Josephine Shryock, both of whom are attending Simmons College, and Emily Chynoweth of Eta, who is at the Faelton School of Music.

Social events have been few at Boston University this semester; every one seems to be just "grinding." Unless the social calendar in the dean's office deceives us, however, next semester will bring a different tale; so it may be fully as well that we are studying hard now, as a sort of bank account against the time when hours for work will sometimes seem to be almost at a premium.

The only thing Phi has done in a social way has been to have little "Kappa times" at the rooms, with no one but the chapter and one or two alumnae present. At Christmas we had a tree laden down with gifts of all sorts, some really-truly ones, but mostly "slams," each accompanied by an appropriate bit of original poetry, which the receiver was required to read aloud to the company. Some, who at first showed signs of hesitation, we were obliged to discipline for insubordination, even though they were "grave and reverend seniors"

or alumnae. We were very happy to have with us that evening Helen Knox of Beta Xi. It makes the other chapters, especially the far-away ones, seem nearer when their girls visit us. We wish that more might come.

Two of us, Louise Evarts and Florence MacArdle, were especially glad to meet Miss Knox, for she went to the Rochester Student Volunteer Convention, to which they were delegates. They returned, it might be added, with not only a convention report and enthusiasm, but also with a Kappa report, and an enthusiasm that was overflowing.

FLORENCE MAC ARDLE.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

Pledge day came on Monday, December sixth. The chapter received acceptances from six girls, all members of the sophomore class. According to Panhellenic ruling, there has been no rushing.

Initiation, planned for Saturday, December eighteenth, was postponed until January eighth, owing to the death, December seventeenth, of Janet McCook Whitman, '02.

Because of the postponement of initiation, Beta Epsilon departed from its customary procedure in holding a pledging service for the sophomores.

KATHARINE GAY.



Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

To Kappas All: Beta Sigma is leading the simple life, "far from the maddening crowd." A great calm has settled down upon us. It may be that it only seems so to us, as we look back over the past months and are inspired by vivid recollections of the rumble and storm of those early weeks to rehearse again sundry stirring emotions. Those were days of constant excitement and trouble, of continual friction and strife in Panhellenic. At present all appears quiet and amicable.

On November nineteenth, Katherine Everts read the "Hour Glass" and other selections to a small but appreciative and sympathetic audience in the college hall. The honor of Kappa was well maintained that night. Alumnae and actives shared in the duties of ushering. What Miss Everts gave to her audience in the little time that she was with them will long be remembered and felt; but especially the hour or two that

she was privately with Beta Sigma in the chapter room, reading from Browning and other authors, did she make most felt the beauty of her gift and her wonderful personality.

Our first informal rushing party was held December eighth, at the home of Juliette Hollenbach. There were but five freshmen invited. We put them through the tortures of a Salamagundi, but ingenuity triumphed, and we had a "good time." Supper followed. Dessert, ice cream in the form of fleur-de-lis and owls, was ushered in to a stirring chorus of, "An Owl sat on a branching tree."

For a week vacation scattered us far and wide, but we were again united in a number of Christmas festivities. Monday, the twenty-seventh, occurred the sophomore college tea and dance, the most thrilling social event of the year in the lives of the great "More Wise."

Elsie Kraemer gave a dance at her home on the evening of December thirtieth. Then there were two afternoon parties, a Beta Sigma Christmas tree, grown and cultivated by Jean Marks, the tempting fruit of which, in the form of small knocks, was distributed among all those present. Another afternoon, we are anticipating a visit with all the Psis in Brooklyn, at the home of Grace Broadhurst. We shall be most happy to come into closer touch with the chapter from which so many illustrious members have gone forth into the world.

And now we have talked so much and so long about ourselves, we will leave you with all best wishes for the New Year. Success and prosperity in all things.

DOROTHY COOKE.



Psi—Cornell University

Dear Kappa Sisters: Since our last letter, we have all enjoyed our Christmas vacation and are now back, hard at work again. Examinations begin in a few days and we are all very busy studying our numerous branches. After Block Week, comes Junior Week, a time of festivities, and then the new term begins.

Before we went home for our vacation, we had a Christmas party at Alice Holbert Gordon's, '08. Supper was served about half after seven and we certainly did justice to it. Then, sitting before the open fire, we sang some Kappa songs and the gifts were distributed. The "poems" that accompanied

each gift were read aloud, and were greeted with shouts of laughter. The little pink and blue stockings that were hanging over the fireplace were distributed and each girl received a "surprise" package. Then we all went home, voting Alice the best hostess we ever knew.

Mariana McCaulley was appointed chairman of the Christmas fair, given by the Young Women's Christian Association, to pay for the expenses of Cornell's delegates to Rochester. We are glad to say that it was a great success.

Wilhelmine Wissmann was recently elected vice-president of the Sports and Pastimes Association.

With best wishes to all the girls that wear the Golden Key.
MARIANA McCAULLEY.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University

Beta Tau entertained in honor of her freshmen in Westminster Hall, November seventeenth. Palms and many colored butterflies were used as decorations.

Flora Wright, '09, spent a week-end with us since our last letter.

Marion Brainard, '09, and Marion Wright were here for New Year's.

Among Beta Tau's Christmas presents were a large mahogany chair from the '02 girls, and an electric dome for our library from Mrs. Wallace.

On December seventeenth, Beta Tau enjoyed a fraternity Christmas tree. Each girl had previously drawn another's name and she sought to give an appropriate ten-cent "take-off."

Mrs. Grace Parce entertained the alumnae and active members at a Christmas party and supper, Thursday, December thirtieth. A special feature was the disguise of each part of the supper.

Our formal fraternity dance was given January eighth in Westminster Hall. The hall was prettily decorated with southern smilax, mistletoe and Christmas bells.

BLANCHE LOOMIS.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

February has plenty of excitement and interest for us crowded into its twenty-eight days. The beginning of the

new term, University Day, and, most important to us, initiation, are all in February.

On pledge day, December tenth, we asked Mae Laramy, '13, to join the chapter. She accepted the invitation.

We were invited by the alumnae to their December meeting at Josphine Reed Hopwood's. It was strictly business in the beginning of the evening, but ended in games and things to eat, to the particular delectation of the active chapter.

The students at the University are having unusual chances to hear good music, because the Philadelphia Orchestra has been giving a series of Monday night concerts in the College Gymnasium, for which the price of admission is extremely low. Besides these, free musical lectures on the operas are given in Houston Hall every Thursday afternoon. Most of us are doing college work until after five, and the Thursday concerts are over at five, so we can not give our own opinions about them, but we hear that the public enjoys them immensely.

The women among the graduate students and the wives of the members of the faculty, have rented a house, to use as a Graduate Clubhouse, and we have a very attractive room here.

HILDEGARD E. RODMAN.



Beta Iota—Swarthmore College

It was with great relief that the members of Beta Iota welcomed the Christmas holidays and a short rest from work. The courses have grown so difficult during the last few years, with the constant demand for high scholarship, that the students have very little time for any outside interests.

Sophomore pledge day is now on trial for a second time, having shown itself thoroughly successful this year with gratifying results, both to the fraternities and the faculty.

After a year without inter-collegiate football, Swarthmore again took up the game last fall, and developed a very good team. The chief victory of the season was the winning of the last big game, which was played against Bucknell.

Beta Iota's active chapter and her alumnae entertained at tea at the Strath Haven Inn, Swarthmore, on Saturday, December eleventh. The guests included the women of the faculty and the wives of the professors, together with all members, active and alumnae, of the chapters of the women fraternities represented at Swarthmore.

Beta Iota has had the pleasure of several short visits from Mary Wyman Lawrence of Wabasha, Minnesota, Chi and Beta Iota, who has been staying in the East for awhile.

A Kappa Five Hundred Club, consisting of alumnae of a few years' standing and the active senior girls, meets once a month. This has proved to be a very pleasant way of keeping in close touch with the alumnae.

MARIE SELLERS.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College

Since the last issue of the Key, we have received three new sisters. A large number of the alumnae were back for initiation.

The week following initiation, Miss Stoner made us a delightful, but short, visit. While she was with us, we gave a reception, in our rooms, to the other sororities and faculty ladies.

Bernice Hatch, '10, the president of the Student Government Association, was a delegate to the Student Government Association Convention, which was held at Cornell University in November.

Elizabeth Ling, '12, has been elected a member of Quill Club.

Josephine Shryock, Meadville, Pennsylvania, who was in college last semester, is continuing her work, this year, at Simmons College, Boston.

Verna Lauffer, '10, who is out of college this year on account of her health, was back for a visit of two weeks after Thanksgiving.

The three freshmen entertained the chapter at a turkey supper, given by the ladies of the Methodist Church, on December ninth.

BESSIE EMERY.



Beta Upsilon—West Virginia University

Greetings Sister Kappas:

Thanksgiving week was very festive in Morgantown. The attraction of a much-talked-of football game drew a number of alumni and visitors to town. One of the celebrations of the week was the reception given by the chapter in honor of our alumnae and incidentally of our recent bride, Anne Jones

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Fowler. On Wednesday night about two hundred people came to Marjorie Patterson's home, there ate, were trampled upon and escaped with a feeling of thankfulness most appropriate to the season.

Mrs. Anne Jones Fowler, who has been visiting her parents, has returned to her husband and us.

Nell Steele and "Bobby" Reiner were visiting in Pittsburg last week, attending grand opera. Nell has gone to New York to visit her brother and spend some time with Elsie Kraemer, while "Bobby" has her nose meekly to the grindstone of school routine.

On Friday, January twenty-first, we gave a tea at Mrs. Moreland's. PEARL REINER.



Beta Province

Lambda—Buchtel College

Dear Kappa Sisters: We announce as our pledges, Laurine Wanamaker, May Rinehart, Ethel Davies, Martha Seward, Mary Brown, Adele Carpentel and Evelyn Church.

Most of the girls spent Thanksgiving in Akron, so we had a breakfast together in our fraternity rooms and attended the football game later.

On Buchtel's senior speaking contest, Helen Harter received first place. The active Kappas and alumnae of last year, with the pledges, had a "spread" before the contest.

We had a delicious Christmas "spread" this year, just before vacation. The active girls made a present to the fraternity rooms of a new chair and the pledges gave us a beautiful clock.

KATHRINE OTIS.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University

Dear Sisters: The last days of nineteen nine were filled with many memorable events. But there was no event which gave Beta Gamma greater pleasure or for which she was more sincerely grateful, than for the visit of Miss Stoner. During her stay with us we initiated Mable Smiley. We fully appreciated the honor of having Miss Stoner conduct the initiation ceremony and perform those rites, which, because they are symbolic of all to which we aspire, are so precious to us.

On December second we entertained the new girls at a banquet given at the American House. Covers were laid for

twenty-eight, and the two blues were used effectively in decorating the table.

Although the rules drawn up by the Panhellenic Association set the date for pledge day early in November, an action taken by the trustees of the University has determined that it shall be no earlier than the first week of February. So our rushing season will still continue, though not strenuously, for some weeks.

ELSIE E. MACHLE.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University

The chapter entertained with a spread during vacation, honoring the girls home for the holidays.

The marriage of Ruth Sherman, '07, and George Schoedinger, Delta Tau Delta, took place on January twelfth.

The annual formal will be given on the evening of February fourth. It will be a "Snow Ball."

The Girls' Glee Club presented "Habdilon" on the evening of January fourteenth. It was an original musical comedy, written by a graduate of last June.

FLORENCE HUDGEL.



Beta Delta—University of Michigan

Beta Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters, and introduces to them her seven freshmen.

On the Friday just before Hallow-e'en we gave a Hallow-e'en dance for our freshmen. We decorated the house with jack-o'-lanterns, some of them carved with goblin faces, some with the Kappa Kappa Gamma monogram, and some with the sigma in delta.

The Michigan Union comic opera, "Koanzaland," was presented with great success the last week before the Christmas holidays. Beta Delta gave a theater party Friday night, and on Saturday night we had a vaudeville show of our own at the house.

At present we are busy with the plans for our new chapter house, which we hope to have ready for occupancy next October. We have had to rent a house for so long, that we are all delighted with the prospect of having a home built especially for us.

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The engagement of Myrtle White, '10, to Dean Godwin, '09, was announced last April.

The engagement of Pauline Martin, '09, to Robert Ford, '09, was announced in October.

ELEANOR WHEELER.



Xi—Adrian College

It is with the greatest of pleasure that we introduce to the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma our five new pledges: Helen Baker, Myrtle Brown, Elma Ellis, Katherine Hill and Josephine Newkirk.

One Saturday in November, three of our girls, Maebelle Price, Josephine Newkirk, and Edwinea Windrem, attended the Adrian-Hillsdale football game at Hillsdale, and were very delightfully entertained by Kappa Chapter in the fraternity rooms.

On the thirtieth of October occurred the big "Sells and Forfeit Brothers' Circus," which was a great success. The circus was complete, from the marvelous wild snake eater to the "record-breaking fat girl" gowned in pink. The spectators, too, were typical characters, including the old farmer and his wife, and the little lisping girl who asked a great many questions. Perhaps the most novel feature was the side show, in which Mrs. Jarley displayed her wonderful collection of wax figures. The list included Mrs. Nation, "Madam Nellie Melba Nordica Eames," Mrs. Winslow of Soothing Syrup fame, and two wandering minstrels. Each figure carried out its appropriate stunt.

Two numbers of the College Concert Course have been given. The first was the Detroit String Quartette, with Mme. Ruegger, 'cellist, and second, Marion Green, basso cantante, and Urban A. Deger, organist. The concerts met with high appreciation, and the Choral Association has been much complimented on its being able to secure these artists.

Our five pledges were the guests of honor at the annual pledge banquet given by the active chapter and the alumnae association, December eighth, at the home of Mrs. Florence Swift Morden. The table was very beautiful in the soft glow of many candles, and ribbons of the "double blue," arranged in sigma and delta, carried out the desired color scheme. Miss Blanche Van Auken presided as toastmistress, and the following were the toasts: "The Old Girls," Miss Mae McElroy;

"The Kappa Out in the World," Miss Cora Palmer, dean at Beloit College; and "Our New Girls," Lucile Goucher, of the active chapter. After the banquet Kappa songs were sung, among which a solo by Helen Brittain was very much enjoyed.

Bertha Moore spent Thanksgiving vacation with Florence Atwood, ex-'11, at Caro, Michigan.

MARGARET MATTHEWS.



Kappa—Hillsdale College

Greetings to Kappa Sisters:

Several of the girls of Kappa Chapter called upon our Beta Delta sisters.

We are very glad to have as pledges Grace Van Aken, Marie Clement and Grace Stewart, all three of whom will make strong Kappa girls.

There was a Literary Society play before Christmas, in which two of our girls take important parts.

We enjoyed very much meeting and entertaining some of our sisters from Xi chapter.

Delta Tau Delta entertained at the home of Mr. Paul Chase. All but three of our girls were there.

The captain of basket-ball for this year is Faith Elliott. Three of our other girls will make the team.

NETA SAWYER.



Gamma Province

Delta—Indiana State University

We of Delta chapter want to extend to you all a hearty invitation to convention this summer. Since we are so centrally located we hope for a large attendance. Surely we can plan to see a great many Kappas here.

We want to introduce our three new pledges: Laura Benedict, Jesse McNamee, and Mabel Gant. We are all proud of them, and think that they will add a great deal to Delta chapter.

We also want you to know we have just purchased a chapter house. It is three doors from the house we are living in now, so we will not feel as if we were in a new neighborhood, when we move into our new home next fall.

Marguerite Neutzenhelzer, ex-'11, and Bess Williams, ex-'12, were back to visit a short time ago. Elizabeth Davidson

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also visited us. Emma Batman is coming home from Visitation Convent in Washington, D. C., for the holidays.

RUTH EDWARDS.



Iota—De Pauw University

Dear Kappa Sisters: A trifle late in the season to be wishing all of our Kappa sisters a "Happy New Year," but it is none the less sincere. Most of the chapter are back this term, which, although it is the shortest of the whole year, promises to be the fullest.

President McConnell is holding this week a series of "one hour" talks, which are so good that we all feel that we are losers to miss even one of them.

Our alumnae banquet comes the twenty-ninth of January, in Indianapolis, at the Columbia Club. Most of the active girls will attend. The Grand Council has been invited and we are in hopes that some of them at least will be there.

We give our big party in February. It is our usual "stunt," a minstrel, and we are working hard on it now. Our chaperon, Miss Smith, who is a sister of one of our alumnae and whom we feel is almost one of us, gave a delightful party after regular fraternity meeting last Saturday night, just for us girls. It was a fancy dress affair, with prizes for oldest, youngest, cutest, and most historical make-ups.

Sophomore pledging is a certainty next year, which means of course no freshmen for a whole year. Nevertheless we all approve of it and realize the benefits it will bring.

Since Thanksgiving we have pledged four new girls: Marguerite Carnegie, Emily Charles, Janet Grey, and Emily Warner.

Beginning in February, we are going to have an "at home" the third Monday of each month, for the town ladies, ladies of the faculty, and alumnae.

The chapter is in splendid condition, and we are looking forward to great things, especially from our freshmen.

NAOMI GREGG.



Mu—Butler College

The Mu girls have been very busy since our last letter, as our contract just closed, January fifteenth.

November twenty-first, we gave a dinner-dance, at the home of Ruth Allerdice. The tables were decorated with candles and pink rosebuds.

Near the close of winter term, we gave an informal chafing-dish party at Mary Cravens's.

The last party before the "spike" was a small dance at Gertrude Pruitt's. January fifteenth was pledge day. Mu pledged Martha Brown, Haidee Forsythe, Bernice Porter and Lucile Scott. Two of these, Martha Brown and Haidee Forsythe, have Kappa sisters. We are planning to have initiation in about two weeks.

This term promises to be a busy one. On Founder's Day, February seventh, the Dramatic Club will present "Esmeralda." Marguerite Hubbard is to be leading lady. Ruth Hendrickson also has a part.

The annual Junior Prom is to be given February twenty-first.



Eta—University of Wisconsin

Dear Kappas: At the time of the Wisconsin-Minnesota football game, we were very happy to have with us five of our Chi sisters: Alice Tillotson, Louise Strong, Mercy Bowen, Josephine Dayton and Grace Stellwagen.

Miss Ruth Paxson, Beta Zeta, spent a few days with us.

Miss Edith Stoner was here for a few days during the first part of December. We all enjoyed her visit immensely. The freshmen gave a very clever operetta called "Look and Queery," or "Who Got There First," in her honor.

On December fifteenth we gave our annual student-faculty reception.

Miss Cora Wallace, Beta Lambda, took dinner with us at the Kappa house shortly after Christmas vacation.

President Lowell of Harvard spoke at convocation on January fifth.

Helen Greely, a graduate of Bryn Mawr, who is attending the short course in agriculture, was initiated into Kappa on January eleventh.

January twenty-ninth Jessie Corse is to be married to William Kachel, Sigma Nu.

Fay Adams, ex-'11, is to be married to Charles Chambers on February sixteenth.

Bess Smith, ex-'06, was married on December eleventh, at home in Hinsdale, Illinois, to Blaine Everenden.

Eta sends best wishes to all Kappas.

DOROTHY ROGERS.

Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

Dear Sister Kappas: After all the fun of the Christmas holidays and the excitement of "Junior Prom" are over, Beta Lambda is hard at work studying for semester finals, which are only two weeks away.

The "Prom" was unusually exciting for us this year, as Mary Waddell, one of our juniors, led the grand march. Then, too, several of the Epsilon girls, as well as some of our graduates, attended.

Genevieve Rohrer, who graduated last year, and who is now teaching in Clinton, Illinois, has visited us twice this fall, and Helen Webb, who is superintendent of art in the schools of Franklin, Indiana, spent a week end with us before Christmas. Miss Edith Stoner spent three days with us and we gave a small informal tea for her one afternoon.

We girls had our usual Christmas tree this year, and one of the seniors, dressed as a Santa Claus, made it seem more like an old-fashioned Christmas at home than ever, as she passed the presents around to us as we sat on the floor.

We have just had the second of a series of afternoon teas which we give each month to non-fraternity and fraternity girls, as well as to the old Kappas and patronesses. In spite of bad weather each afternoon we have had a large number stop in from classes, and we feel that the plan is going to be unusually successful.

We are just beginning to plan for our "annual" which is to be in March this year, but you will hear of that in the next Key.

RUTH LLEWELLYN.

**Upsilon—Northwestern University**

Dear Kappa Sisters: Upsilon is proud to present the following girls who are wearing the double blue: Margaret Mather, Margaret Firey, Mary Hard, Leonora Brunner, Gladys Powers, Lois Williams, Dorothy Sage, Margaret Raymond, Anna Fox and Ethel Templeton.

During the first semester we are having "spread" every Monday night after fraternity meeting and "cozy time" every Thursday, in order to see more of our pledges.

The freshmen entertained with a clever little play at the home of Dorothy Sage, shortly before Thanksgiving.

Upsilon was proud to entertain our Grand President, and received some very helpful ideas.

Miss Pryor, of Beta Mu, made us a pleasant call while passing through Chicago.

Alice Bright was married to Mr. Roscoe Parker in October, and Mabel Scripts, an Upsilon pledge, to Mr. Moore, Phi Kappa Psi.

The engagement of Clara Williams to Frank Earle Smith, Sigma Xi, is announced.

Helen Adams and Gertrude Carter are members of the Syllabus board.

We all enjoyed the holidays but are glad to be together again.

May you all have a most happy and prosperous New Year.

MARY C. HOTCHKISS.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

Epsilon sends her wishes for a very happy New Year to all.

Since our last letter to The Key, the most important event has been our initiation, which was held at the home of Myra Jarrett, November twentieth. Following the initiation we enjoyed a banquet at the Illinois Hotel, where over fifty Kappas were present. Our initiation was made doubly important by the visit of our Grand President. We were also very pleased to have with us, Lena Beem of Xi Chapter, who is now teaching at Mansfield, Illinois.

The active chapter and Miss Stoner were entertained at dinner the following Sunday at the home of May Johnson.

December eighteenth we enjoyed our annual Christmas tree at the home of Louise Leaton. Each girl was remembered with some little gift.

GLADYS MINER.



Delta Province

Chi—University of Minnesota

Chi Chapter has a new pledged girl, Hazel Edison. She is our twelfth freshman and we are very proud of them all.

Mercy Bowen, Alice Tillotson, Louise Strong, Grace Stellwagen and Josephine Dayton, of Chi, enjoyed a visit with Eta

for three or four days in November, at the time of the Minnesota-Wisconsin football game at Madison.

After the Michigan-Minnesota football game, Chi Chapter held "open-house" at its apartment for many of our town and college friends.

Our freshmen entertained the rest of the chapter delightfully one evening by taking us on a glorious bob ride after meeting. Then they brought us back to our house again for supper and a good Kappa "sing."

We are very sorry to lose three of our girls, Claudia Gowan, Genevieve Swain and Laura Coons who are unable to return to college.

JOSEPHINE DAYTON.



Beta Zeta—Iota State University

Beta Zeta takes pleasure in introducing two pledges to the Kappa world: Marie Ramsey of Davenport, Iowa, and Agnes Russell of Omaha, Nebraska.

Another Kappa Beta wedding went down in the annals of Beta Zeta Chapter when Alice Remley and William Ruthrauff were married on the night of January fifteenth, in the First Baptist Church of this city. The affair was distinctly Kappa, as active girls and the alumnae chapter formed the largest part of the audience, and Marie Lynch, who is now teaching in Sioux City, acted as maid of honor, and Anne De Sellem sang before the ceremony. This marriage is the culmination of a most romantic courtship, and is particularly interesting to Kappas, because the two met on the train when Alice Remley was returning from the convention at Madison, Wisconsin, to which she was a delegate. They are to live in Chicago. Several of the graduates were back for the occasion. Among them were: Alice Mueller, Hilda Brodersen, Mary Helen Letts, Caroline Mabry Christie, Alice Clapp and Anne Felkner Hall.

Out of six delegates from the University sent to the Student Volunteer Convention at Rochester, N. Y., three were Kappas: Pearl Bennett, Grace Fall and Marie Ramsey.

We have been glad of the opportunity of meeting Miss Starkweather of Lambda chapter. Miss Starkweather, who is now Young Women's Christian Association State Executive Secretary of Iowa, was here for a week of meetings held recently by the local association.

We started the new year with a week of enforced vacation, which, of course, was welcomed by the girls and which was the occasion of a veritable Kappa house party. The cause of this unprecedented event was a "coal famine" which visited the University immediately after the holidays.

LETA E. TOWNER.



Theta—Missouri State University

Dear Kappas: Theta is beginning the year with the anticipation of a visit from our Grand President, Miss Edith Stoner. She will be here soon and spend at least a week with us. We expect to receive great help and inspiration from her visit.

We are working for a late pledge day in Panhellenic and advocate a pledge day in May, the second semester, as an experiment for next year.

The first semester is nearing its close, and between semesters we are looking forward to the visits of several of last year's girls, Faith Pearse, Georgia Sturges, and Florence Helm. Edna Williams, who has been out of school the first semester, will be back again, we are glad to say.

The great topic of discussion among Kappas here is the building or buying of a new chapter house. It is merely a matter of discussion, as no definite steps have been taken yet. We live in great hopes that we can do something towards having a house of our own.

With best wishes for a prosperous year.

REBEKAH HARRIS.



Omega—Kansas State University

Dear Kappa Sisters: Omega sends greetings to all loyal Kappas.

During the past month Gladys Sharp and Mildred Otis were forced to leave school because of sickness. Mildred Otis hopes to be able to attend school in the East this spring; her work here was really a preparation toward that end. Helen Phillips was voted inactive, so Omega has lost three loyal sisters for a time.

The annual Kansas-Missouri football game is played on Thanksgiving, in Kansas City, and on the evening before the game the fraternities hold their yearly banquets there. This

year seventy-four Kappas, active members from Theta and Omega and alumnae from all over the State, were entertained at the Coates House. We had the large dining hall, which was beautifully decorated with ropes of smilax, the two blues, and flowers. Between courses we sang songs of Kansas and Missouri and dear old Kappa Kappa Gamma. We felt very proud of Josephine Walker and Maude Browne, as they responded to toasts in behalf of Omega. Miss Stoner had expected to be with us, and we were very much disappointed when she could not attend the banquet.

The regents of Kansas University have been considering the fraternity question, and have decided to enforce the second-term pledging rule this fall. This same matter was brought up in Panhellenic last spring and received Omega's hearty support, so we are ready to uphold the new ruling when it goes into effect. We think that the plan will be more advantageous in every way for all concerned than the present system. At the beginning of the second term the freshmen have become more settled in their college work, and every one is better acquainted than at the first of the year.

The Kappas held a reception for the other sororities, our alumnae, and the ladies of the faculty, on the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The afternoon was very stormy, but we had a delightful time.

The holiday season is almost over and we are ready for work again. To every sister Omega sends heartiest wishes for a happy and successful new year.

FLORENCE M. PAYNE.



Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

The girls of Beta Mu have returned again, after spending very pleasant Christmas vacations at home. Our annual Christmas tree, which was held the Wednesday night before vacation, was the most enjoyable one we have ever had. Each active girl had drawn the name of one of the other active girls and had brought her a present which was especially appropriate. The town alumni had done the same with each other. At seven o'clock the candles were lighted and Santa Claus appeared and distributed the presents, reading aloud the limricks attached. We all had a good laugh at the expense

of each other. A picnic supper was then served, after which we danced, and each girl carried home with her the remembrance of one of the jolliest evenings which she had ever spent with her Kappa sisters.

On New Year's Day the Denver Kappas, active and alumnae, held a reception for their men friends at the Potter home and it was a great success.

The Saturday night after college opened we gave an informal dance at the chapter house, which was a very enjoyable affair.

The most novel dance of the year was given on Saturday afternoon by the Panhellenic Association. Half of the girls of each fraternity were to act as men and choose their partners from another fraternity. Much excitement was caused by making dates for the dance. The girls who were to be the men wore dark skirts and tailored waists, while their partners were in party dresses and carried flowers sent by their escorts. After the grand march there was much confusion filling out the programs. In the middle of the afternoon the "men" gathered in the center of the hall and gave the rousing Colorado yells. After the dance a light supper was served and each one left hoping that there would soon be another Panhellenic dance.

Our chapter has an "at home" for the faculty, town ladies and our girl friends, on the second Thursday afternoon of each month. We find this an excellent way in which to become acquainted with the friends of the fraternity.

Beta Mu has been showing her dramatic ability. Alice Downing and Edna Potter took leading parts in "The Moon Goddess," a light opera, given last November. The Dramatic Club is going to present "The Times" during junior week, and three Kappas, Alice Downing, Edna Potter and Maude Dawson, will be among the most prominent characters.

KATE NELSON.



Beta Xi—University of Texas

Every one in the Texas University looks forward with a great deal of pleasure to the last of November, for it is on Thanksgiving Day that the most exciting football game of the season is played. Beside this, Beta Xi had the pleasure of having a number of the old girls back. Some of them staid several days, and then they left us to hard work, for we were

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getting ready for the first term examinations. By the twenty-second of December all had left for the holidays. Beta Xi sends all good wishes for the year.



MATTIE G. GOOCH.

Zeta Province

Pi—University of California

The new semester has only just started, but it promises to be a very busy and successful one. We expect a visit from our grand president, Miss Stoner, shortly, and anticipate a very pleasant time.

A new custom of holding chapel service has been inaugurated in the University, under the auspices of the Young Women's Christian Association and Young Men's Christian Association, and is looked upon favorably by the faculty. Bessie Yates, '11, is now president of the Young Women's Christian Association, and we all hope to give her our heartiest support in this matter.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters for a successful year.



ANITA EBNER.

Beta Eta—Leland Stanford, Jr., University

On the tenth of January, 1910, Beta Eta chapter was back at Stanford, ready to begin the second semester. All were back with the exception of Miriam Harris, who was a Christmas graduate, and Edith Coombe, whose wedding is to be an event of the near future. Helen Starr, from Seattle, is here, and will graduate with the class of June, '10.

The announcement of Jess Wilson's engagement to Mr. O. P. Shelley was an interesting surprise to her many friends.

After four days of informal rushing, three freshmen were pledged.



HELEN WHITE.

Beta Pi—University of Washington

Greetings from Beta Pi!

This year started out well for Beta Pi, for we moved into a new house, and pledged seven fine girls at the end of our two weeks' rushing season: Laura Taylor, Lottie Treuholme,

Claribel Nourse, Lucile Thompson, Lucile Eckstorm. Maud Wells and Marguerite Gage.

There was a Kappa wedding this month, when Hazel Bragdon, '06, was married to Glenalvin Noyes, Phi Gamma Delta, an attorney. They will live in Fairbanks.

We had a large reception in November, as a sort of a housewarming, and entertained about five hundred guests.

E. F. HOWE.



Beta Phi—University of Montana

Now that we have all returned to college after a delightful vacation, we are very busy planning rushing events, as pledge day is the second of February.

At the first convocation after returning, the football men were awarded their "M" sweaters, and as they won the championship of Montana this year, we are quite proud of them.

Our college is somewhat enlarged by having forty-two forest rangers register the first of the year, for a special extension course which has just been added.

December sixteenth the annual "Hi Jinx" was held in the gymnasium. The affair was entirely in charge of the women of the University, and was very successful, a little play being given, in which a number of our girls took part.

Roxana Howell, a charter member of Delta Sigma, was pledged November eleventh, and became a member two days later. After the initiation Thula Toole gave a supper.

Thula Toole was married to George Weisel, Delta Upsilon, Minnesota, on November thirteenth, at her home on Gerald avenue. All the Kappas attended, and it was a very pretty wedding. She is our first Kappa to be married.

This week we entertained informally at a tea at the home of Marjory Ross, for the freshmen girls of the University.

Beta Phi extends best wishes for a very happy and successful new year.

CAROLINA WHARTON.

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New Members

Phi

Louise Anderson, Ruth Butler.

Beta Epsilon

Grace Coffin, Eleanor Doty, Eleanore Myers, Pamela Poor, Florence Rees, Margaret Watson.

Beta Alpha

Mae Laramy.

Gamma Rho

Virginia Beyer, Rose Williams, Ethel Bayard.

Beta Gamma

Mabel Smiley.

Beta Delta

Marjorie Macdonald, Grace McGeoch, Emily Holt, Irene Murphy, Marie Steckettee, Mildred Holznagle, Ruth Davis.

Xi

Helen Baker, Myrtle Brown, Elma Ellis, Katherine Hill, Josephine Newkirk.

Iota

Marguerite Carnegie, Emily Charles, Janet Grey, Emily Warner.

Upsilon

Ethel Hard, Frances Steever, William Parks.

Pi

Anita Crellin, Juliette Perrin, Marie McHenry, Camilla Clarke, Marjory Gardiner, Lenore Salsig.

Beta Eta

Marjorie Emmons, Ila Coombe, Ethel Thorndyke.

Beta Pi

Alice Shelton, Eloise Newlands.

Beta Phi

Roxana Howell.

In Memoriam

Janetta McCook Whitman

Whereas, Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity, in the death of Janetta McCook Whitman, '02, has lost one of its strongest members; and,

Whereas, Janetta Whitman was well known among us for her high ideals and for her influence for good upon many; be it

Resolved, That we, the Beta Epsilon Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma, signify to her family the sincere respect and esteem in which we hold her memory, and the deep sympathy which we extend to them; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, and that they be also published in the fraternity magazine.

JEAN DUNBAR EGLESTON, President.

EDITH P. STRIKER, Vice-President.

JEANNETTE CLENEN, Secretary.

Ethel Foster Bourne

On New Year's eve, Ethel Foster Bourne passed from our earthly life to the life eternal.

She entered Boston University in 1897 and was initiated into Phi in her sophomore year. She left college before completing her full course because of the serious illness of her father.

Since that time she has been an active and devoted member of the alumnae association of Phi Chapter and a sincere well-wisher and firm supporter of the active chapter.

Possessed of a fine dramatic talent, she gave pleasure to many by her readings and by her appearance in amateur theatricals. She was a woman of rare charm of manner, discriminating intellect and sweet nature. To those who knew her intimately she was a staunch and loyal friend and to all whom she met a gracious and delightful companion.

Ackrah Hiller Eddy

Mrs. Ackrah Hiller Eddy died December twenty-second, 1909. She was initiated into Beta Delta October thirty-first, 1890, and her loss is deeply felt by all her friends.



Alumnae ❀❀❀ ❀❀❀ Personals

Gamma Rho

Married—Ethel Fowler, '05, and Rev. Samuel Robinson, '05, August fourth, at the home of the bride, Meadville. Rev. and Mrs. Robinson are living at Greenfield, New Hampshire.

Married—Isabelle Howe and Mr. William Beazelle, September, 1909, at Meadville. Mr. and Mrs. Beazelle will make their home in Pittsburg.

Ada Palm, '03, and Dema Bard, '02, toured the British Isles last summer.

Helen McClintock, '04, spent the summer in Germany and Switzerland.

Louise Hempstead is teaching at Briar Clift Manor, at Briar-Clift-on-the-Hudson.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hastings (Phlinda Gaston), October, 1909, a daughter.

Among the alumnae from out of town, present at initiation, were: Bess Rist, Dawson; Grace Henderson, Pittsburg; Jennie Fowler and Mae Fulhart, Tidioute; Helen McClintock, Beaver; Mary Nichols, Sharon; Edith Fugate, Union City; and Mary Robinson, Warren.



Beta Gamma

Born to Mrs. Mary McKinley Rathbon, November twenty-fourth, a son.

Born to Mrs. Anita Boyce Billman, December eleventh, a daughter.

Beta Delta

Married—Ruth Harrison, '07, to Parrish Lovejoy, '06; May Bennett, '07, to Jack McCarthy, '07; Anna Broomhall to LeRoy Stevens, of Port Huron.



Xi

Mrs. Mattie Burr Hood expects to start the first of January on an extended trip through the Orient, to be gone till October. Mrs. Hood has been spending the past year in Adrian.

Announcements have been received of the wedding of Olive Neer, ex-'09, to Mr. Van Cartwell Tullis of Catawba, Ohio. On their wedding trip, Mr. and Mrs. Tullis visited Mrs. Edna Neer Davison of Danville, Ill., and Mrs. Nila Link Winn and Tatt Link of Paris, Ill.



Kappa

Ruth Mauck spent a week visiting friends in Chicago.

Maude Terwilliger spent several days in Reading, Michigan.

Fannie Northrop has returned from a trip in the East.

Mrs. Homer Lash (May Gurney) has moved to California.

Violia Auger, one of our charter members, was with us for a short time.



Mu

The engagement of Hallie McKern, ex-'11, to Hugh Niven, Beta Theta Pi, has been announced. The marriage will take place in April.

Suzanne Davis, '08, is traveling in Europe.

Flora and Marie Howald have just returned from an automobile tour of Europe. They are now living in Columbus, Ohio.

Elizabeth Brayton, '09, who has been teaching in Basin, Wyoming, will return to Indianapolis in February.



Chi

Mrs. A. E. Dickey (June Clark) and her little daughter Jean will leave the first of the year for California, where they will spend several months.

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"Little Chi," an organization of St. Paul Kappas, meets informally once a month at the homes of its members.

The Minneapolis Kappas have organized a club which meets once every two weeks. At these informal parties bridge and "500" are played, while some of the members prefer to sew. At 5 o'clock, tea is served, when an additional number usually drop in for a little chat. Each one who attends these parties brings twenty-five cents for the house fund.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Walker (Eveline Sammis), a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Erle David Luce (Hazel Brown), a son, December eighth.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harker B. Spensley (Elsie Tilestone) of Dubuque, Iowa, on November twenty-fifth, a daughter, Anne Tilestone.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Schuman (Martha Rogers), on December twenty-fifth, a son, John Rogers Schuman.



Pi

Varina Morrow has announced her engagement to Mr. Ralph Merritt, Alpha Delta Phi.

Edith Hatfield, '06, is engaged to Mr. Sylvanus B. Marston of Pasadena.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald (Edna Wemple), a daughter.



Beta Phi

Thula Toole was married on November eighteenth.

Helen Whitacker, '10, is teaching at Stark, Montana, but expects to return next semester to graduate.

The engagement of Roxana Howell to Mr. Julius Derge, Wisconsin, '04, has been announced.



Falls Cities Association

Lalah Ruth Randale, Iota, who was in New Albany last winter, and was a member of the Falls Cities Club, is now at home in Decatur, Illinois, assisting in High School work.

Sally Mark Barclay, Beta Alpha, is instructor in Biology in a branch school of the Louisville Girls' High School.

Bloomington, Illinois Association

The Kappa Club is glad to be an alumnae association again, after a lapse of one year. They are glad that they made the sacrifice, for they have raised a one thousand dollar perpetual scholarship with the active chapter, the conferring of which is to be left with the club. They have also furnished a room in the College Girl's Hall. This year closes our second and a most successful one, with the study of Germany. Several of our own members are or have been in Germany recently, which make the meetings all the more interesting.

Miss Letta Brock conducted a party through Europe last summer and expects to sail again June 11th, from Montreal with a party of fifteen, among them several Kappas.

Hazel Funk has spent the winter in Switzerland and Germany.

Hilda Buescher has been in Berlin the past year.

Charlotte Clay Probasco returns this month from an extended visit in Paris and other European places.

Lucy Soper is in Paris until summer.

Mable Brock is teaching at New Smyrna, Florida.

Louise McIntyre is spending the winter at Miami, Florida.

Grace Parker is doing graduate work at Columbia University.

Myra Sinclair is studying kindergarten work at Teacher's College.

Zola Green was married in September to Leonard Jeffers, and is living at Decatur, Illinois.

Maude Ayres was married in October to Dr. Ziegler, of Mason City, Illinois, and they will make their home at Mason City.

During the pledging season the Kappa Club held their first meeting at the home of Elizabeth McClure. They entertained the active chapter with their pledges by presenting a farce, "The Three Lovers."

The Club has felt a great loss in the death of Mrs. Sinclair, the mother of Virginia and Myra. Virginia is at her home in Normal, Illinois, having given up her work as State Secretary of Kentucky in the Young Women's Christian Association work among the colleges.

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Texas Association

May Mason Jarvis, '06, is attending Bryn Mawr this year. Florence West Stalnecker is living in Porto Rico, Dr. Stalnecker being stationed at Ponce.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George T. Gosling (Mary McCormick) September twenty-second, 1909, a daughter. Mrs. Gosling is spending the winter in Dallas, Texas, and goes in February to make San Francisco her home.

Helen Knox, '08, is attending the Bible Training School in New York, preparatory to joining her brother, Robert Knox, and Mrs. Knox (Maie Borden, '07) in missionary work in Korea.

Christina Littlefield, '07, returned from Europe in the autumn.

Anne Stratton was married December sixth, 1909, to Mr. Robert Gardner Miller, of Jalfurrias, Texas.

Mary Stedman, '05, and Leland Graves, were married October twenty-seventh, 1909.



Denber Association

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Westermann (May Whiting) on December tenth, a son.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of *The Key* are asked to send exchange copies to Miss Edith Stoner, 1529 Wabash Avenue, Kansas City, Missouri; Mrs. Frederick W. Potter, 758 Tenth Street, Oakland, California; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 262 Cherry Street, Fall River, Massachusetts.

Acknowledgment is herewith made, with thanks, of the following exchanges:

October: Beta Theta Pi; *The Mask* of Kappa Psi (Medical and Pharmaceutical).

November: *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega, *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu; Alpha Xi Delta, *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, *Garnet and White*, Beta Theta Pi, Delta of Sigma Nu.

December: *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

Alpha Chi Omega, the musical fraternity, is raising a scholarship fund to build an Alpha Chi Omega studio in the artist colony of Peterboro, New Hampshire, which is identified with Edward MacDowell.

The *Alpha Phi Quarterly* issues its fraternity catalogue as a supplement to the November issue.

Kappa Alpha Theta is the first fraternity for women to enter the University of Oklahoma.

Pursuing its editorial policy of devoting each number in turn to one of the professions and the achievements of Pi Beta Phi women therein, *The Arrow*, for November, has an article on Pi Beta Phi in Medicine. In its list of thirty-five physicians, twenty-three of the thirty-nine chapters are represented.

From *The Arrow's* department, "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks," we quote the following items:

The last few years, it has been the custom of Iowa Gamma to have her pledges write limericks on each member of the active chapter. These are set to popular airs and sung by the new initiates at the informal social meeting after initiation. They often disclose amusing anecdotes and have proved to be a source of great fun.

In order to bring alumnae and active members into closer touch Nebraska Beta has decided to invite two of the alumnae to Sunday dinner each week. Thus we hope all will become better acquainted.

It has been the custom with us for several years to keep a file of examination questions. This idea was first put into effect by our

older girls who are now alumnae, and since then it has been kept up by all succeeding members of the chapter. It has proved to be very helpful to girls taking up courses of study under professors with whom they have previously had no work. Most of all, it is helpful to the freshmen, for it gives them an idea of what kind of work the university expects from students.

The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma makes the following appeal against Sunday rushing:

I remember house parties planned for the week-end after a strenuous week; how on Sunday we were so tired that it was an effort to be entertaining, and for the moment we wished there were no such people as freshmen. Can you not recall similar instances? It does seem that the girls, both the chapter and the freshmen, need a little time for rest in the hurry and confusion of rushing season. Are we not now in a position to accomplish this reform? Few, if any, of our colleges are without a Panhellenic or some similar organizations; and I feel sure that if we urge the abolition of Sunday entertaining as an article of the next rushing contract, it will meet the approval of all, as it is a matter which will benefit not us alone, but all.

The following is quoted from the *Kappa Alpha Theta*:

One of the things by which a chapter is judged is the manner in which the girls sing their songs. You know this is true when you think back to the time when you were an unpledged freshman and were trying to decide which fraternity you liked best. It is not strange that one of the things which helped you to make a decision was the enthusiasm with which girls of a certain fraternity sang their songs. Whenever a girl knows the songs and sings, no matter if she is not a vocal major, there is an impression given of joy in fraternity. So learn a lesson from your own experience and remember that one of the best and most effective "rushing stunts" is good singing.

Sigma Chi has recently installed a joint chapter at Western Reserve University and the Case School of Applied Science.

The Yale chapter has amused itself during the year by issuing a little chapter periodical called *The Fi-Ki*. It is printed in octavo size of four pages and is full of local hits and chapter fun. The chapter periodical has had its turn with nearly all our chapters. For a time, while it is a novelty, every one takes an interest in it and it serves a purpose in keeping the alumni informed and affording an outlet for undergraduate energy. Then the chapter tires of it and it dies out, only to be revived as a novelty by a future generation.—Beta Theta Pi.

The following excellent discussion is taken from *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma:

A few weeks ago I had a rather enlightening experience. As our pledge day approached, the mother of one of our freshmen wrote to ask me the following questions: "Was a girl more useful to the college," and "Did she secure a better individual development in or out of a sorority?" In order to answer her letter more intelligently I gave the subject to my junior class in rhetoric as a topic for an essay. The sorority girls in my class were all on the defensive; Sororities did not injure a girl's scholarship; they did not isolate a girl from the

student body; we should have cliques anyway; and look at the friendships formed in sororities! From the non-sorority girls I had some more interesting results. These girls were juniors and seniors, many of them prominent in college, and most of them freed by time from the bitterness which they may have felt as freshmen. Those of them upon whose judgment I placed most reliance felt that in only two respects were sororities helpful: they are permanent organizations to which the graduate returns with pleasure when she re-visits college; and (so these students said) prominence in the social life among the college men and girls is almost impossible to any but a sorority girl.

And there, in my opinion, you have the fact. In spite of the phrases of our rituals, and in spite of our efforts to make our individual chapter stand for something fine, the cold fact is that our sororities are social clubs. Their standards are of social clubs. Good looks, pretty, tasteful clothes, charming ways; these are the marks of the sorority girl. It is not in the classroom or in the mass meeting that the sorority girl especially shines, but at the junior ball, at the fraternity dances, and in the grand stand at the football games. I do not make this statement as a denunciation. Social clubs are not necessarily harmful. They are often helpful in developing the social side of our natures, they aid us in the making of friends; and many virtues may grow in their kindly atmosphere. But such clubs can not—so long as they retain their nature—make scholarship their aim; nor can they make a wide helpfulness their aim. So long as their real aims and activities are social they will—and experience, I think, bears me out—choose many members whose social qualities obscure the fact that they are poor in scholarship and deficient in what we call college spirit.

Now what I would like to urge upon Delta Gamma is a definite decision in regard to our nature and aims. Are we a social club? If so, let us drop all insincere pretensions to a loftier aim. Do we really endeavor to embody and to develop an ideal type of college womanhood? If so, let us make our practice more reasonable and more direct. If the sororities continue to be purely social clubs, electing their members on a basis of mere social presentability, in the shallower sense, they are bound to diminish in importance, to the point, perhaps, of final extinction. Where by snobbishness or irrational rushing they make themselves a nuisance, this process will be accelerated. If, on the contrary, sororities desire to become a really integral part of college life they must change, I think, their character. They must become, to some extent, honorary societies, gathering under their standards the students who represent the best things in college, and encouraging their members to still better college citizenship. To make my opinion on this point more specific, I will state some of the lines of action which, it seems to me, sororities would do well to follow:

1. A large chapter unit would improve the sorority in its catholicity of spirit. A chapter of thirty members seems to me none too large.
2. The standard by which incoming students are judged should be less personal. A whim or a snobbish objection on the part of one member should not bar from a chapter a girl of character and ability.
3. Sorority houses should not be established in colleges where there are dormitories.
4. Every chapter should strive to include girls of several types—fine students, girls of literary, dramatic, musical, or executive ability.
5. No student who is below the average in scholarship should be taken into a sorority.

6. Accordingly, new members should never be received before the end of the first term or semester; and, preferably, they should be admitted no earlier than the beginning of sophomore year.

7. Rushing must cease to be the chief concern of the sorority. It ought to cease altogether.

8. Some kind of helpful study or discussion should be a regular part of sorority meetings.

In short, if the sorority becomes in a large measure an honorary society, it may regard itself as helpful to the college, for it will then uphold a worthy standard. If, however, its standard is shallow or silly or artificial, how can it hope to endure?

The American College—shall the sorority be a parasite, living upon it but contributing nothing—or shall it be a living, helpful member of the organism?—Ada Comstock, Dean of Women, University of Minnesota.

The *Delta* of Sigma Mu gives an interesting account of a unique custom practiced by one of its chapters:

I went to a fraternity meeting last night. Customs change with the different sets of boys, and the sessions are not always the same. Last night, following the literary program, the presiding officer announced "Knocks." This was new to me.

Immediately the electric light was switched off, and we sat in darkness. Apparently conditions were all right for a spiritualistic seance, with spirit rappings! But the knocks were of another sort, and the darkness was intended as a merciful provision for the benefit of the knockee, if I may so term the recipient of the knocks. Likewise it enabled the knocker to calmly close his eyes, and in deep concentration and singleness of purpose proceed to think out loud! Caesar's ghost! the way those youngsters proceeded to knock each other was a caution! And the knockee had no chance to answer back. He just had to take his medicine like a man and mentally resolve to reform. I believe they have this sort of a seance about once a year, and every member in turn around the room is knocked by every other member. Freshmen alone were not allowed to knock, but had to take the criticisms of all others. This sort of a session if improperly handled would disrupt any chapter.

But though the criticisms were both direct and full, it was all done so kindly, affectionately, good-naturedly, that however much it may have cut at times, there was no resulting ruction. Of course answering back, sarcasms, discussion, explanations would have been fatal.

Before closing, one or two of the boys asked to say just a word, and it was that they did not wish any of the fellows to think at any time that they did not wish to be told when they made errors. On the contrary, they would accept all criticisms with thankfulness and try to rectify their faults. I then closed the session with prayer.

There was a serious and quiet hush for a moment, then the lively spirits of the youths reasserted themselves, some one turned on the electric lights again, we all shook hands, chatted together, and a pleasant, and I believe, profitable evening for all of us came to a close.

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

In the engineering courses at Wisconsin there are three women registered.



A club for Japanese conversation meets weekly at the University of California.



Cornell is the one university in the country which is privately endowed and at the same time receives any support from the State. President Schurmann, in his annual report, advocates making it purely a State university. The Cornell Alumni News is decidedly opposed to this move, as are many of the individual graduates and local alumni associations. It is argued that State control would probably mean control by party politicians, and would not necessarily mean adequate support by the State.



Probably the record for large membership among fraternity chapters is held by the Yale chapter of Beta Theta Pi, which, it is reported, returned to college this fall with sixty-three active members.



A hint to show how educators feel about woman suffrage may be gleaned from votes recently taken. Of the seventy-nine Northwestern University professors who voted, fifty-seven favored giving women the ballot, and those who were adverse to her enfranchisement were largely so on account of a reluctance to women plunging into the filth of present-day politics. Among one thousand educators recently interviewed by a Boston suffrage advocate, forty-nine per cent favored the enfranchisement of women, twenty-three per cent were non-committal, and twenty-eight were opposed. At the University of Chicago ninety professors were asked to state their position on the question of municipal suffrage for women. Sixty-five replied, and all but two favored giving woman the right to vote.—From "American Educational Review," in *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

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For the first time in the history of the University of Missouri, or perhaps of any university, a father and son are candidates for the same degree, and will stand in the same class this year and be awarded a diploma and the degree of bachelor of science in agriculture. They are E. E. Vanatta of Vandalia, Missouri, forty-five years old, and son, Earl S. Vanatta, twenty-two years old.

Vanatta Senior, as the students call him to distinguish him from his son, was a student in the University of Missouri in 1883-4, but did not finish his course, because he fell in love with and married a girl in Stephens College. Both left school and bought a farm at Vandalia, Missouri. When their son Earl had finished high school they sent him to Columbia to take the agricultural course. Earl's letters proved too great a temptation, so they sold their farm, moved to Columbia, and university students experienced the sensation of having a father and son both students in the university. Furthermore, the son was a sophomore and had to enforce the rules against his freshman father. Earl was a member of the committee that compelled all freshmen, including his father, to wear the regulation "dinkie" caps, and in the class rush they fought on opposite sides.

However, when it came to studies, the "old man" got the better of the contest, for before Earl knew it, his father had caught up with him. Such things as student "hops" and "co-eds" did not bother Vanatta, Sr. He got special permission to carry extra work and made the highest grades in the freshmen class. This entitled him to extra credit and now, after three years, they are in the same class and will be graduated together. He is pointed out on the quad as the only freshman who was good enough in chemistry, the hardest study, to be exempted from the examination.—*The Scroll*.



The Commencement oration of the University of Minnesota was given by Prof. Maria L. Sandford. This was probably the first Commencement oration delivered in this country before a great university by a woman. Professor Sandford is seventy-two years of age, and after twenty-nine years of service and fifty-three years of teaching, is now retired on the Carnegie Foundation.—*Outlook*.



Miss Laura Drake, chairman of the educational committee of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, announces the conditions of the \$1,500 scholarship at Oxford which the federation will award for the year beginning 1910. Each state has the privilege of submitting a candidate and in case of a tie the state which has contributed toward the scholarship will get the preference. Every candidate must be the graduate of an American college in good standing, unmarried and not over twenty-seven years of age.—*New York Sun*.



For the first time a woman has obtained the degree of electrical engineer in Germany. She is a graduate of the Berlin Polytechnic Institute.



These are the registration figures this year at the largest women's colleges: Smith, 1,609; Wellesley, 1,319; Vassar, 1,039; Mt. Holyoke, 1,752; Bryn Mawr, 412.



Old diplomas of Yale College with green ribbons under the seals have raised the question of the time and causes of the adoption of blue as the Yale color. Investigation indicates that the color does not much, if at all, antedate 1860, and until much later no definite tint of blue was used. In November, 1904, the corporation voted that "the shade of blue, known as the color of the University of Oxford, be officially adopted as the color of Yale University."—*New York Evening Post*.



The students of the University of California celebrate Labor Day by all turning out to beautify the campus. The civil engineers superintend the grading of roads and cutting of new paths—the arbor culturists, the planting and trimming of trees and shrubbery; a season of general clearing out and putting to rights—a working day of socialistic brevity, for shortly after noon the boys are called from their labors to a bean feast prepared by the girls in the gymnasium, and the afternoon and evening are spent in sports and merrymaking. The value of the work done last Labor Day was estimated at \$2,800, but the greater gain to the University in the development of an interest in the looks of the campus can not be estimated in dollars. This Labor Day, however, comes only once in four years, the date being February 29.—*Independent*.

From the Magazine World

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Good Housekeeping sounds a note of warning in an article on "Some College Girl Follies," by "A Mother." To judge from this and similar articles, the non-collegiate public might well believe that college girls have no interest in a college education, if only they can experience "college life"; and that the average college girl is entirely lacking in common sense and serious interests. As a comment on the follies on some, not all, college girls, the article is outlined by the following excerpts:

The faults toward which college girls incline are three: extravagance in expenditure and dress; carelessness of health; and lack of preparation for wise adult living.

The amount of eating of foolish things between meals is incredible.

The dress of many a girl is far from being hygienic.

But worse than these two physical handicaps is another—that of the nervous strain the college girl lives under.

This brings us naturally to the third point; that these things in college unfit a girl for mature life. That is, that the restlessness and extravagance produce a certain state of feverishness incompatible with simple, earnest living afterwards. Either a desire for perpetual excitement and change is the result or else a reaction toward nervous exhaustion and languor. A lack of poise is noticeable in many a college girl who has for four years led a life of over-stimulation and exertion, and since the girl of to-day is the home maker and mother of to-morrow, this last is the most serious fault of the three.

So much for the situation, and it is not exaggerated one whit. Where lies the responsibility? At first thought the parents of the students with one voice would answer, "With the faculty."

"It is impossible for us to interfere," the faculty reply. "We admit all you say; many students are extravagant in spending money and in dress; many overdo physically; some leave college unfit for life. But the fault for these things lies not with us, but with the mothers."

The aim of a college course should be, first character; second, health; third, an education. We want our daughters to graduate strong in body, clear of mind and with ideals and purposes healthy and hopeful. Who is to start them on the right track to bring this about? If the faculty can not do it—and they can not—does not the responsibility lie with the mother behind the girl?



"What is a College For?" is the title of an article by Woodrow Wilson, president of Princeton, in the November *Scribner's*. He answers the title question thus:

"The college is meant to stimulate in a considerable number of men what would be stimulated in only a few if we were to depend entirely upon nature and circumstance. It is for the training of the men who are to rise above the ranks. The object of the college is intellectual discipline and moral enlightenment.

"The man who comes out of college into the modern world must have got out of it, if he has not wasted four vitally significant years of his life, a quickening and a training which will make him in some degree a master among men. If he has got less, college was not worth while."

His article is a serious study of the present condition, wherein student activities, good in themselves, have assumed an importance out of all proportion to their real value. While he defends the fraternity, he pleads that the social side of fraternity and of college life should be duly subservient to the "more serious and lasting interests" of college education.



In the *Review of Reviews* for December, Albert Shaw discusses present tendencies in American colleges. He says that the trustees and faculties of our colleges and universities, preferring to stand for "simple, faithful, quiet, obscure school and college methods," are driven by the force of undergraduate sentiment in this "transitional period in American life, to the blaring leadership of movements for the aggrandizement of their institutions at the expense of what makes for real success."



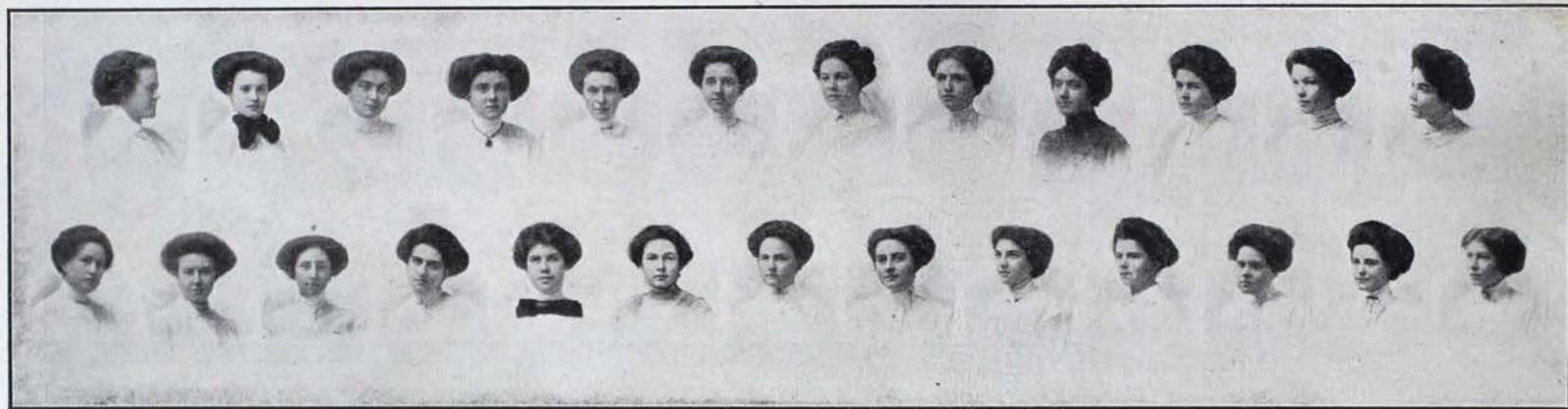
Under the title, "The True College Fraternity," a writer in the *Christian Science Monitor* says:

Social distinctions militate against the chief benefit of college, which is the bringing together of all sorts and conditions of boys into a great democratic brotherhood. The exchange of influence is needed quite as much by the boys who belong to the exclusive sets as by those excluded. The college experience should, moreover, fit a man for knocking up against his fellows in the world outside. If he picks and chooses his friends to be those of his own former predilections—and the fraternities classify the boys so closely that to know what society a man belongs to is to know the stamp of man he is—the college youth enters his career quite out of relation with men of another bent. Successful life in business to-day means the ability to live with all one's fellows successfully. In a thousand ways the touch of a true brother feeling works for a man's advancement. His college training should teach him brotherhood. It should not be an aggregation of separate fraternities, but itself one great fraternity.



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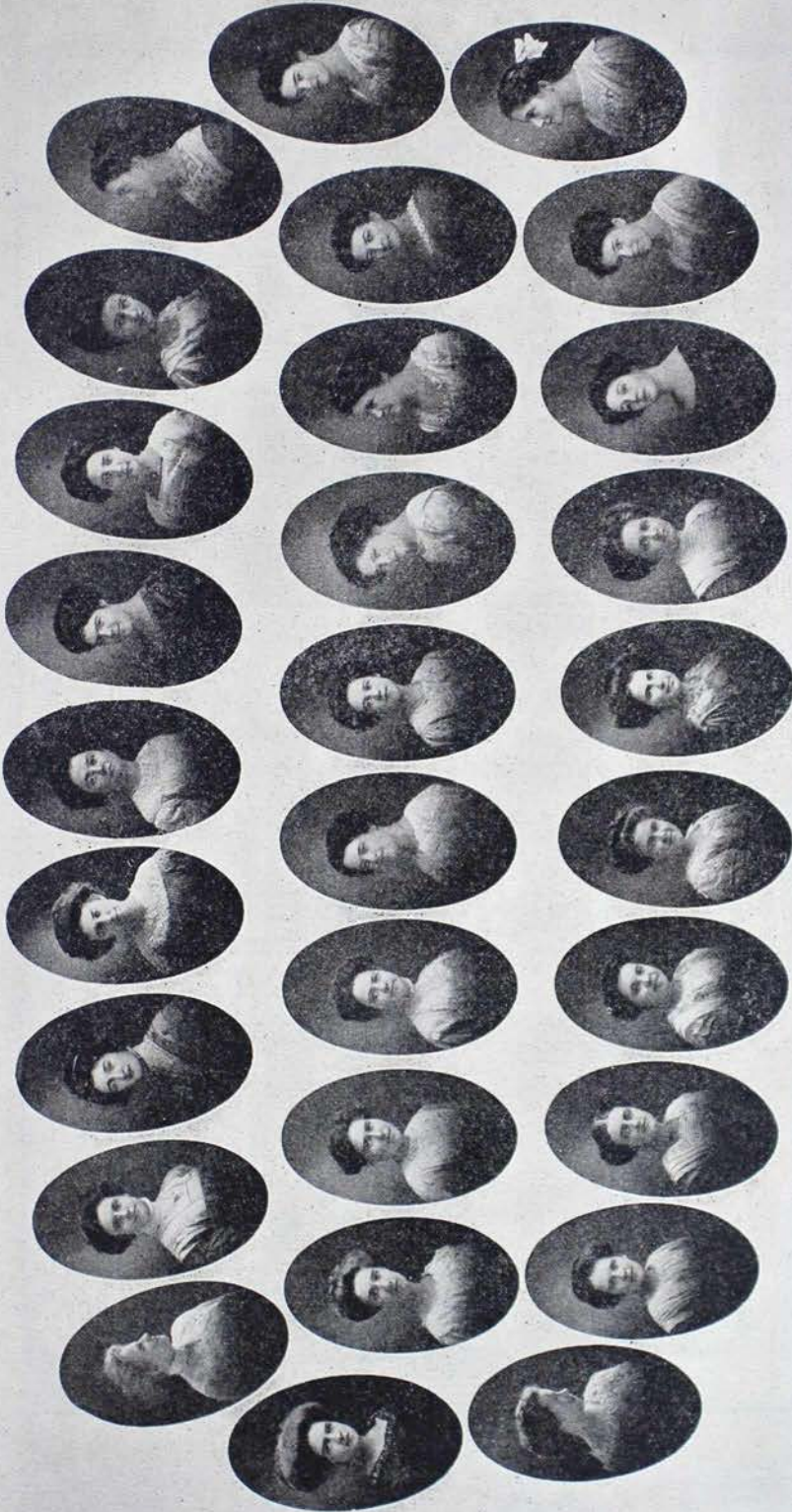


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