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THE NEW YORK ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

Although our Kappa sisters have heard little about the New York Alumnae Association of K. K. Γ. since its organization last December, we old Kappas of New York have not been idle nor has our association ceased to exist. The second meeting of the year occurred on February 5 at the home of Mrs. Hepburn, of Beta Beta, in The Osborne. Mrs. Hepburn received us with charming hospitality, and after a few hours passed in singing Kappa songs, talking over Kappa affairs and listening to a very interesting account of the life of women students at German Universities, given by Miss Kingsbury of Phi, we thirty alumnae who attended the meeting decided "it was good to have been there."

Two months later, on Saturday, April third, our Alumnae Association held its third meeting. This time we met for a luncheon at the St. Denis Hotel. It happened to be the time of spring vacations for many of the Kappas and so, while we missed some of the alumnae who were out of town, we were fortunate in being able to welcome Miss Miller and Miss Simis of the graduating classes of Swarthmore and Cornell. Miss Clementine Tucker of Beta Epsilon presided at the luncheon, and after calling for "talks" from Miss Haviland and Miss Miller, she asked each one of the twenty-two Kappas present to give some account of herself and of the work that she was doing. These little autobiographies, aided by typewritten lists of the names and addresses of the New York alumnae, sent by Miss Cassidy for distribution among the members, made us feel that we knew each other very much better than before.

We shall have only one more meeting this year. That is to take the form of an excursion in June to some interesting place outside of New York City.

The Alumnae Association has become a permanent organization. Its meetings will be continued next year and it is hoped that the membership will be increased by the addition of other Kappas who may come to New York next winter and of those who will join the ranks of college alumnae in June. Any alumna of the fraternity who will send her name and address to Miss Romer, 144 Garside St., Newark, N. J., will receive notices of the meetings of the association and will be gladly welcomed should she find it possible to join its members.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

A call to teach Latin at Vassar College has been extended to Miss Winifred Warren, daughter of the president of Boston University. She has a brother who is a professor in that institution. Miss Warren received the Latin fellowship from Bryn-Mawr College in 1893, and is now in Europe under the provision of the classical traveling fellowship of the same college.—*Harper's Bazar*.

PSI.

In June, Jennie N. Angell, '93, ex-Grand Treasurer, was married to Mr. Herbert W. Mengall, of Louisville, Ky. They are to make their home in Louisville.

Grace N. Dolson, '96, sailed for Rotterdam, July 3. She is to spend a couple of years abroad studying philosophy at Heidelberg and Leipzig.

Amy Otis, '89, has given up her position as teacher of art at Drexel Institute, and sailed for Europe July first. After another year of study in Paris she expects to return to Philadelphia and open a studio, making a speciality of portrait painting.

XI.

Neva Hughes and Albert Steele, A. T. O., were married at the home of the bride's parents, Uniontown, Pa., March 29.

Gertrude Milne and Harry Shanks were married at the bride's home, Washington, Pa., February 18.

Adelene Wilson and Andrew Ward were married at the home of the bride's parents, Ohio, Ill., April 29.

Myrle Tyler, '93, who took post graduate work here last year, was married to Merret Ivens, May 12, at Washington, D. C.

BETA ZETA.

MARRIED.

Anna Camille Mast and Dr. B. D. LaForce, Feb. 5, 1897, at Ottumwa, Iowa.

Stella Helen Price and Mr. Walter Brown, June 2, 1897, at Iowa City. At home in Springfield, Mass.

Effie Luella Marquarát and Mr. William Frederick Elliott, June 7, 1897, at DesMoines, Iowa. At home after Oct. 1, in Indianapolis, Ind.

UPSILON.

Miss Katharine Sharp of Armour Institute will leave that institution in September, and will take her school of library instruction to the University of Illinois. Miss Margaret Mann, instructor in cataloguing, will also go to Champaign at the beginning of the next school year.

Miss Sharp is the founder of the school of library instruction in Illinois. The *Evening Post* presented weeks ago a review of the work which has culminated in the establishment of such a course of study. A number of the eastern states, notably Massachusetts, have long had an established system of state supervision of public libraries, and have cheerfully spent money in the training of librarians and the consequent improvement of public libraries. Wisconsin was one of the first states in the west to follow the excellent example of New England, but Illinois lagged somewhat in the rear. A number of well-trained men and women began the work years ago, which has latterly culminated in a state association. In this work Miss Sharp of Chicago, has been one of the foremost workers. The present legislature has made a small appropriation, and has authorized the appointment of a library board, whose advice and assistance may be secured by any local library officials in the state.

Miss Sharp has added to her work in Armour Institute as librarian a deal of labor in extending the influence of library instruc-

tion. She has finally established a school of library instruction, which is one of the most valued adjuncts of the Chicago school. But quarters at Armour are cramped, and as her work has grown she has found the surroundings not exactly adapted to her plans.

The value of her work has been recognized everywhere. The University of Wisconsin has tried to secure her and her school, but the Illinois University has offered more flattering inducements, and the library school will go there.

The new library building at Champaign will be dedicated June 8. Professor Melvil Dewey, director of the New York state library school, will officiate at the dedication. The first course at Champaign will begin in September.

At Champaign every facility for thorough work will be afforded. In the first place, there are three libraries on the campus. The main library challenges comparison with similar investments anywhere in the west. Then there is the library of the agricultural experiment station, and a third in the natural history section. Besides, the state legislature has provided a fund of \$20,000 for the purchase of new books to be added to the various departments in the next two years. At present the main library at Champaign consists of 30,000 volumes and 6,000 pamphlets. The appropriation will, by the end of the century, make the Illinois State University a splendidly equipped institution, so far as the library interests are concerned.

At present there are ten regular students at Armour, and these will accompany the library school to Champaign. The library course will extend over four years, and only students who have had two years' general and two years technical instruction will be admitted to the new course.

Aside from Miss Sharp and Miss Mann the instructors have not yet been decided upon. This is the only school of its kind west of the Alleghenies, and its addition to the state university will make Champaign a center of library work throughout the west. The time has come when trained and especially instructed librarians are in demand. Their worth is recognized. Books are treasure houses, and libraries are palaces with secret passage ways. The untrained miss much of the wealth and beauty that might be unlocked for them. To the end that the greatest available good may be attained this new system of instruction is es-

tablished. And students and library officials now recognize the value of an expert librarian.

Miss Sharp is without exception recognized as the most thoroughly equipped woman librarian of the country. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago, and left that institution with the highest honors. She has been a lecturer both at the University of Chicago and at the University of Michigan. At Champaign she will be librarian as well as instructor.

President Draper is delighted with the outcome of the affair. He says that, in his opinion, it is one of the greatest strokes Illinois has yet made and it gives her a department which no other institution in the west has.—*Chicago Evening Post*.

BETA ETA.

Invitations are issued for the wedding of Blanche Mae Freeman to Mr. Lynn Smith Abbott, Tuesday evening, July 20, at the South Congregational Church, Drexel Boulevard and Fortieth Street, Chicago.

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ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Bertha P. Marvel, '96,
 Katharine Chamberlain, '97,
 Marion Chamberlain, '97,
 Winnie W. Russell, '97,
 H. Gertrude Crosby, '97,
 Ella L. Chase, '97,
 Pearl C. Chase, '97,
 S. Marion Chadbourne, '97,
 Esther S. Dodge, '97,
 Emma F. Ripley, '97,
 Annie C. Hatch, '97,
 Lena B. Pool, '97,
 Florence E. Eveleth, '97,
 Grace L. Griffiths, '97,

Amy H. Wales, '98,
 Ethelwyn Wallace, '98,
 Helen Forbes, '98,
 Bertha F. Hirschberg, '98,
 Irma L. Brown, '98,
 H. Edith Bradbury, '98,
 Cora Lee Templeton, '99,
 Blanche A. Bagley, '99,
 Katherine A. Currier, '99,
 Marie Young, '00,
 Frances W. Jones, '00,
 Demetria Simmons, '00,
 Edith M. Parker, '00,
 Elizabeth P. Palmer, '00.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 28 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 130 ; number of year's initiates, 8. Honors : Ella Chase, alternate speaker and senior proctor ; Esther Dodge, editor-in-chief of *Beacon* ; Irma Brown, local editor of *Beacon*.

University :—Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 27 ; number of students in collegiate department, 426. Men's fraternities : Beta Theta Pi, 26 ; Theta Delta Chi, 35. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 28 ; Alpha Phi, 29 ; Gamma Phi Beta, 22 ; Pi Beta Phi, 15 ; Delta Delta Delta, 23.

CHAPTER LETTER.

When we read the July number of *THE KEY*, most of the girls will be in their various homes, perhaps in some cases, far distant from any of their Kappa friends. This will double the interest with which each girl reads the magazine, which now has to serve in place of her chapter meetings ; and she will find it not only a meeting of her chapter but of all the chapters. It seems to Phi to be an excellent opportunity to explain her plans for a Province Convention.

Having heard the delightful plans of Beta Province for its Convention, Phi caught their enthusiasm and wished to invite the

Alpha Province girls to see the chapter life in Boston. Phi decided that the last of May would be the most convenient time for herself as it was far enough before examinations so that she could feel she might spare the time. Accordingly she wrote to the other chapters, asking them if they could come then. Only five out of the seven chapters were able to send delegates, and as she wanted all to be present she decided upon the second week in June. But this was still worse, for only three chapters found it possible to be represented then. Phi's courage is still undaunted and she hopes that at some time not far distant Alpha Province may have her convention.

Phi celebrated her Fifteenth Annual Banquet, May 21, at the Hotel Bellevue. Among our alumnae were our Grand President, Miss Richmond, and Miss Don Bowersock, both well known to the girls who attended the last convention.

We all look forward with much pleasure to our summer vacation, and we hope it will be equally enjoyed by all the chapters. When Phi chapter meets again in the autumn a great change will have taken place in her numbers which will have been reduced from twenty-eight to twelve.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Mary Bergman Dobbs, '97,	Anna Emilie Helene Meyer, '98,
Louise Brisbin Dunn, '97,	Susan Isabella Myers, '98,
Louise Shaw, '97,	Eleanor Frances Osborne, '98,
Adaline Caswell Wheelock, '97,	Virginia C. Gildersleeve, '99,
Maude Wilcox, '97,	Alté Stillwell, '99,
Clara De Lisa Berg, '98,	Cerise Emily Agnes Carman, (sp.)
Ella Roselle Lathrop, '98,	Helen Cole, '00,
Agnes Crawford Leaycraft, '98,	Marjorie Jacobi, (sp.).

Chapter:—Active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 43; number of year's initiates, 8. Honors: University honors and prizes not awarded till Commencement.

College: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, including professors whose courses at Columbia are open to Barnard students, 63; number of students in collegiate department, 203. There are no men's fraternities at Barnard. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Alpha Omicron Pi (local) 7.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Examinations began at Barnard the middle of May and practically brought an end to chapter life. For two weeks we looked at everything through a maze of question marks, which thrust far back in dim perspective the dances and receptions and jolly good times with which April had been crowded full. Up to the last moment, however, fraternity affairs were absorbing, for the open meeting was held on May 1 and our initiation on May 8.

At the open meeting we entertained the undergraduates with a presentation of Bang's farce, "The Bicyclers." The afternoon ended with informal dancing, and the whole affair was exceedingly pleasant. Beta Epsilon's conservatism in regard to spring initiations gave way this year, to the enthusiastic election and initiation of two new members,—Cerise Carman, a special student, who expects to rejoin '99 in the fall, and Helen Cole, of 1900. We ask for them the cordial welcome of the fraternity.

We lose five members this spring, but two of them, at least, expect to return next year for post graduate work, and the others will be in or near New York, so that we hope to see a great deal of them all, and be really re-united.

Perhaps it is not too much to say that next year means a great deal more for Beta Epsilon than any other next year ever has meant or ever can mean. When we gather in the fall Barnard will be established in the beautiful new buildings up-town that we have talked about so long. There will be changes in every way; some of us will try the experiment of dormitory life, and great things are prophesied in every line. A fine room has been set apart for Kappa Kappa Gamma—a piece of courtesy on the part of the "Powers that be", of which we are tremendously proud,—and we are looking forward with great pleasure to furnishing it, and making it truly and distinctly our own. And yet, however magnificent it may prove to be, it can never hold pleasanter, or funnier, associations than the modest little snug-gery on Madison Avenue that has seen so many good times this year.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Grace N. Dolson, P. G.,	Edith Read, '98,
Hallie S. Poole, P. G.,	Charlene A. Tobias, '99,
Ellen B. Talbot, (B. N.) P. G.,	Edna M. McNary, '00,
Emily Dunning, '97,	Beulah G. Morgan, '00,
Elizabeth M. Rhodes, '97,	Allegra Eggleston Seelye, '00,
Mabel V. Root, '97,	Amy C. Shanks, '00,
Mabel Simis, '97,	Sara G. Shanks, '00,
Christabel F. Fiske, '98,	Helen W. Whipple, '00,
Cora L. Barber, (sp.).	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 17; total membership from chapter establishment, 102; number of year's initiates, 9. Honors: Fellowship in Philosophy awarded to Ellen B. Talbot.

University: Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 171; number of students in collegiate department, 1763. Men's fraternities: Kappa Alpha, 24; Zeta Psi, 19; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 28; Delta Upsilon, 27; Alpha Delta Phi, 19; Sigma Phi, 18; Psi Upsilon, 23; Sigma Chi, 19; Chi Psi, 26; Chi Phi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 24; Kappa Sigma, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 23; Alpha Tau Omega, 28; Delta Chi, 27; Delta Phi, 13; Theta Delta Chi, 22; Phi Delta Theta, 25; Phi Gamma Delta, 27; Phi Sigma Kappa, 19; Phi Delta Phi, 22. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 24; Alpha Phi, 18; Delta Gamma, 21; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last letter two new names were added to Psi's roll: Edna Martin McNary and Amy Chamberlain Shanks. The initiation was held May 9 at the office of Dr. Melotte, who is the father of one of our girls. To those of our alumnæ who have attended former Kappa revels in that historic spot, we need only say that its adaptation for "swings" is not lessened by years.

During the term we have been visited by Mrs. Charles Mack, better known to us as Anne DeWolfe, '90, and by Anna L. VanBenschoten, '94. We were also pleased this spring to meet Miss Bowersock of Omega, now a student at Wells College, and Miss Hempstead of Gamma Rho.

One of the most enjoyable events of the term has been a reception given by the chapter to its friends in the town and faculty. The evening was concluded by an informal dance, and if our guests had as pleasant a time as we did, we feel that the affair was a success.

The sorrows as well as the joys of Commencement week are fast approaching, but some of us are hoping to meet during the summer vacation, and are thinking, too, of repeating the plan of last year which six Psi girls carried out. Surely if we can again have two such delightful weeks of camp life on Lake George, we will speed the weeks which lie between.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Sybil Eliza Baily, '97,	Alice C. Atwood, '99,
Margaret Helen Currier, '97,	Isabel Ellis, '99,
Annie Louise Eaton, '97,	Amy Lulu Lyon, '99,
Daisy Mabel Jones, '97,	Jessie Thatcher Robertson, '99,
Zoa Magdalene Rowland, '97,	Harriet Elinor Shaw, '99
Jessie Dell Stearns, '97,	Catherine Susan Stallman, '99,
Harriet Elizabeth Robertson, '97,	Margaret Rebecca Austin, '00,
Helen Alsy Clemence, '98,	Ione Alma Jillson, (sp.),
Marguerite Pauline Liotard, '98,	Virginia Langfelt Voorhees.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 8; total membership from chapter establishment, 124; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors: Three members chosen for prize contest to be held Commencement week.

University:—Number of College Faculty, 7; total number of students, 89. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 19; Alpha Tau Omega, 24. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Tri Delta, 12.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The girls of Beta Beta have been busy since last March and feel that their time has been employed to good advantage. On the evening of March 17, a banquet was held at the home of one of the members of Beta Beta and two new girls, Ione A. Jillson and Virginia L. Voorhees entered the realm of Kappa and have since proved themselves loyal members.

Last winter, that is the winter of '96, the society of Calliopeans of the Normal School in the adjoining town of Potsdam, entertained the Kappas and Betas of S. L. U. This year it became our pleasant duty to return the courtesy. On May 7 a reception was given by Beta Beta to the Calliopeans and Franks of Potsdam Normal and the students and faculties of the University. The reception was held in the Gymnasium. Much pains was taken to make the Gymnasium attractive; sofas, easy-chairs, lamps and

screens gave it quite the appearance of a private house. Besides these furnishings there were decorations of palms and ferns, the colors of the two societies and Beta Beta's emblems, Minerva and her owl. The latter chanced, very fortunately, to be the bird venerated by both Kappas and Calliopeans. After the usual reception and social time a short program was rendered, consisting of a vocal solo by Miss Liotard of Beta Beta, a recitation by Miss Foster of Potsdam, a vocal duet by Misses Wallin and Redway of Potsdam, Pantomime, "The Romance of the Ganges," by the Kappas, a farce by Calliopeans, "The Angel" by the Kappa Quartette, the program closing with the Kappa call. Refreshments were then served. Our alumnæ presided, giving the active girls an opportunity to visit with their guests. Music was furnished during the evening by the "Harpists" and during the latter part dancing was in order. The reception meant hard work and much anxiety but we feel fully repaid for it all.

When this issue of THE KEY is out, Commencement at S. L. U. will be over. Our thoughts of Commencement are mingled with anticipation and regret. This year there is to be a reunion at St. Lawrence and many of our alumnæ will be here and this promises to make the Kappa banquet of Commencement week a most enjoyable affair. But Commencement will also be a time of sadness, for seven of our girls will leave us and we cannot feel that their places can be filled. Beta Beta would send her greeting to all her Kappa sisters. The picture she sends does not do all her girls justice, no picture can, but it may give some idea of what the girls of St. Lawrence are like.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since the last letter to THE KEY, Beta Tau has moved. Following the time-honored custom, we chose the first of May on which to "tear up" and move across the street. For many reasons we prefer our new home, though we still have an attachment for the old house, as it was the first and only one in which we had lived. However, home is wherever Kappas live.

Commencement has with all its other pleasures two events especially interesting to Beta Tau; our annual banquet, which occurs June fourth, and the marriage of our '99 sister, Eugenia Baker, to Professor Berwald, of the University. Our banquet

will be held at the home of one of our alumnae, and we expect several of our former members to be present with us.

Two 1900 girls have recently pledged and we feel sure that they will make strong Kappa sisters after their initiation.

As soon as Commencement is over and college closes, the chapter are to spend two weeks at Sylvan Beach. Then we expect to have a glorious time. More than that, when the two weeks are over we shall know each other better, for all college cares will be laid aside, and each girl will be herself rather than a "bundle of duties."

Beta Tau hopes that every chapter may enjoy the vacation and receive much benefit from it.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Active Members.

Mary E. Pennington, Ph. D., Fellow,	Annie B. Sargent, '99, Emma N. Fraser, '98,
Mary D. Griffith, '93,	E. Quintard St. John, '97,
Lucy C. Gendell, '95,	Bertha E. Yocum, '96,
Elizabeth Gendell, '95,	Sara D. Chambers, '97,
Sarah P. Miller, '99,	Helen M. Pennington.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 11; total membership since chapter establishment, 39; year's initiates, 3.

University: Number of faculty, 109; number of students, 917; number of women approximates 100. Men's fraternities: Delta Phi, 22; Delta Psi, 38; Phi Kappa Sigma, 36; Zeta Psi, 29; Phi Kappa Psi, 27; Phi Delta Theta, 24; Alpha Tau Omega, 21; Phi Gamma Delta, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 10; Sigma Chi, 30; Delta Upsilon, 39; Psi Upsilon, 31; Kappa Sigma, 30; Beta Theta Pi, 35; Alpha Chi Rho, 23; Phi Delta Phi, 14; Nu Sigma Nu, 17; Phi Alpha Sigma, 23; Alpha Mu Pi Omega, 27; Delta Sigma Delta, 32; Mu Phi Alpha, 20. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since her last chapter letter Beta Alpha has had her seventh birthday and on that evening was most delightfully entertained at the home of Emily Atkinson, our alumnae member.

Our winter's work is over and we will have our last meeting for the spring on June 7 when we hope to take into full sisterhood one new member.

Many of the present members cannot be active next year and

there will be necessarily much change in our chapter. We feel the sorrow of parting and realize we may not all ever be together again yet we rejoice anew in the Kappa bond which is ours forever and we cannot lose it if we are true.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Warmest greetings from Beta Iota to her sister chapters.

Since the last number of *THE KEY*, Beta Iota has been unusually busy. During the latter part of May we were engaged in the same kind of work as all college students are at that time of the year—taking examinations. Commencement came a little earlier this year than formerly and it proved much more satisfactory to the students as we had such cool weather whereas heretofore the heat has monopolized a part of the student's thoughts.

Probably the most pleasing part of the Commencement exercises to the members of Beta Iota was the announcement that our one '97, Laura Cecelia Miller, had been elected a member of the *Phi. B. K.* fraternity.

After the close of college a party of Kappas and a number of the college men spent a very delightful week at Brown's Mills in the Pines, New Jersey. Hon. George Pfeiffer Jr., of Camden, N. J., kindly gave us entire possession of his cottage there and he and Mrs. Pfeiffer spent the week with us. Boating occupied most of our time.

One evening Mrs. Pfeiffer gave us a charming little dance at Birmingham Inn. It was really a straw ride and dance combined. We all rode over in a large hay wagon, dress suit cases occupying a part of the wagon.

A course of Bible lecture was given at the College this spring by Prof. Sanders of Yale University. These were most interesting and instructive and we hope to have something of the same kind next year.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Nell E. Laffer, '97,	Gertrude Hasting, '00,
Elizabeth McCracken, '97, music,	Della Greenland, '00,
Margaret Cooper, '98,	Mary Florence Courtney, '99,
Louise Hempstead, '00,	Mary C. Colter, 98,
Norma Cutter, sp.	

Chapter :—Number of active members, 9 ; total number of members since founding of chapter, 45 ; number of year's initiates, 7.

College :—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 22 ; number of students in collegiate department, 309 ; number of women in collegiate department, 70. Men's fraternities, Phi Kappa Psi, 12 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 13 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17 ; Delta Tau Delta, 16 ; Phi Delta Theta, 14. Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, 16 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 9 ; Alpha Chi Omega, 18.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Gamma Rho has not been idle since her last letter, but has done a number of things for her own amusement and has turned her attention for two evenings at least to providing amusement for others.

Before proceeding any further, however, we wish to tell of a new sister, Della Greenland, only pledged as yet, but prepared when she enters next autumn to come into the ranks as an enthusiastic Kappa.

When Gamma Rho heard of the proposed province convention to be held in Boston with Phi, she immediately made up her mind to send a delegate, even though her coffers were empty and her members well nigh bankrupt. What then was her disappointment to learn that the convention had been given up.

Last night a banquet was held in honor of the two Kappas who are to become brides this June. Two hearts pierced with an arrow formed a center piece for the table, while tiny hearts, with four leaf clovers and appropriate quotations were to be found at each place. The banquet was apparently merry, but there was an undercurrent of sadness which we all felt. We hope that we may find new sisters in the autumn to take the places of those we lose. We hope so, although now we feel that their loss can never be replaced. At any rate we rejoice in the closer bond of interest and sympathy which would never have existed had not Kappa Kappa Gamma welded us so closely together, and we can rejoice, too, at the thought of the new sisters we shall meet in the busy world beyond the home chapter.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Margaret James, '97,	May Foote, '99,
Blanche Widdecombe, '97,	Ella Memner, '99,
Elurie Warner, 97,	Nellie Dague, '00,
Edith Mallison, '98,	Carrie Showalter, '00,
Metta Dague, '98,	Clementina Barber, '00,
Bertha Huston, '98,	Helen Brewster, '00,
Celia Mallison, '99,	Esther Frank, '00,
	Rhea Hugill, '00.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 15; number of members since chapter establishment, 127; number of year's initiates, 6. Honors: Margaret James, alumni prize scholarship; Blanche Widdecombe and May Foote, second honors in Ashton contest; Celia Mallison, first honor in Ashton contest; Elurie Warner, editor of *Buchtelite*; Blanche Widdecombe, president of senior class.

College:—Number of faculty, 9; number of students, 98; number of women students, 65. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Delta Gamma, 16.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, Lambda has had several pleasant experiences. Three of our girls tell of the delightful time they had at the Kappa party in Wooster, and during all their stay with the Beta Gamma girls. And we who visited the convention came home full of enthusiasm and of pleasing reports of the other chapters and their representatives. The delegate, upon being chosen, felt selfish to think all those pleasures were to be hers, and this feeling was more deeply impressed during the convention. I wished all the girls were delegates, instead of sending one poor sample. Many questions of interest to the fraternity at large were discussed by the girls of Beta Province. Upon hearing the reports all regretted the lost opportunity of meeting their sisters, but expressed their hope of going next year.

We are rejoiced in having with us one of our last year's graduates, Carrie Bell, who is spending the summer with another sister alumna, Miss Herriff. Miss Nutt, formerly of Gamma

Rho, also visited our last meeting, and we are always glad to see visitors from other chapters.

We are now arranging for our annual picnic and also a reception to the college students, so anticipate more good times before we separate for the summer.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Fannie E. Dysert, '97,	Emma J. Rowe, '99,
Cora D. Altman, '97,	Gypsy J. Taylor, '99,
Olla M. Allmendinger, '97,	Minnie L. Griesemer, '00,
Edna E. Pennell, '97,	Anna W. Axtell, '00,
Mary M. Jones, '97,	Nellie E. Arbaugh, sp.,
Inez L. McKee, '97,	Mary E. Mateer, '00,
Frances A. Glenn, '98,	Gertrude M. Vollrath, '00,
Edna M. Bittenbender, '98,	Myrtle E. Fraser, '00,
Alice B. Smith, '98,	Clara K. Jackson, '00,
Agatha G. Hard, '99,	Fannie Chamberlain, sp.,
	Carrie Chamberlain, sp.

Chapter:—Number of members, 21; total membership since chapter establishment, 145; number of initiates, 11. Honors: Edna Pennell, first honors in her class; Mary Marshall, second sophomore prize for scholarship.

College:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 16; number of students in collegiate department, 243. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 10; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 10; Alpha Tau Omega, 18. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 21.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement time is almost upon us with all its excitement, pleasure and bewildering hurry. What shall I say of Beta Gamma? We have had our joys, and griefs, and triumphs. We are so proud in telling you of our first honor girl. Edna Pennell, '97, is to take the highest honors in her class, with a grade never before attained in this institution by a woman, and not by a man for many years. Beta Gamma takes great credit to herself that her keen perception selected this bright girl for a Kappa way back in the time when the Ninety-Sevens were known to the world as Freshmen.

We look back to the visit from three of our Lambda neighbors, from Akron, as one of the pleasant memories of the term. Belle

Armstrong, Metta Dague, and Ella Memner added to the gayety of our Kappa party on May 12, and to the merry company at the Remenyi Concert to greet Florida Parsons, another Kappa. Miss Parsons is the successful pianist of Remenyi's company, and her coming to her old home was the signal for great enthusiasm among a host of friends.

As to the rest of our history—most of us are hard at work on the last hard pull before vacation; two have dropped out on account of illness, another is in the midst of wedding preparations, but I must leave some news for the next letter.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Lucy Allen, '97,
 Marietta C. Cole, '97,
 Florence Corner, '97,
 Imogene Ingram, '97,
 Mabel E. Lisle, '97,
 Flora McCarter, '97,
 Winona Schwier, '97,
 Marion Twiss, '97,

Mabel E. Rice, '98,
 Anna Faye Howard, '99,
 Lillian S. Huffman, '99,
 Maud Raymond, '99,
 Nellie E. Slaughter, '99,
 Eliza Barcus, '00,
 Dorothy Canfield, '00,
 Tallmadge Rickey, '00.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 52; number of year's initiates, 3.

College:—Number of faculty, 85; number of students, 1000. Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Sigma Chi, 11; Phi Delta Theta, 18; Chi Phi, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 28; Sigma Nu, 10; Alpha Tau Omega, 18; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21; Delta Tau Delta, 16; Kappa Sigma, 13. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16; Pi Beta Phi, 15; Delta Delta Delta, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

To all sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Beta Nu sends greetings and best wishes for the summer vacation. Summer vacation! How can we believe it so near! The year seems very short, filled as it has been with work and pleasure. Gayeties of all kinds have relieved the usual humdrum of college work. This term we have had the annual Senior and Junior Proms. and the Freshman hop. May 20 was High School Day, a fête day which has been introduced by Dr. Canfield and which is looked forward to with pleasure both by the students of the University and of Ohio High

School. This year Beta Nu found increased pleasure in the day because all her graduates of '96 and Miss Talbot visited her. Though they all live in Columbus it is only on rare occasions that we have the pleasure of seeing them go about the campus together as of yore.

But every sweet has its bitter and it was amid the pleasures of High School Day that we realized that our seniors are to leave us. The gong which at ten o'clock announced the seniors' last recitation over and their vacation begun awakened us to the fact that eight of our girls were going to graduate. They are all girls who have held Kappa standards high and made themselves loved and respected at college.

To live up to the standards already set and to raise them still higher, the eight girls who will return next year have looked for an inspiration from the Province Convention which is being held with Beta Nu. We are surely not being disappointed for we have learned to love Kappa more, if possible, from meeting the many charming girls which it is our pleasure to entertain.

These four days of enjoyable intercourse will have to be followed with many of hard work and then Commencement week,—a week so full of gayeties yet subdued by many good-byes.

Once more greetings and good wishes.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Active Members.

Mabelle Turner, '97,	Mildred Weed, '99,
Bertha Barney, '96,	Mabel Gillette, '99,
May Boutelle, '98,	Mary Herrick, '00,
Nell McKay, '99,	Gertrude Kennedy, '00,
Laura Rinkel, '00,	Charlotte Kennedy, '98,
Bertha Wright, '00,	Erie Layton, '98,
Florence MacIntyre, '99,	Sophie St. Clair, '00,
Genevieve Broad, '00,	Florence Walker, '00,
Lucile Morris, '00,	Alice Thorne, '99,
Susanne Macauley, '98,	Madge Layton, '00.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 20; year's initiates, 12. University of Michigan gives no honors.

University:—Collegiate faculty, 80; members in collegiate department, 1269. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, 14; Alpha Delta Phi, 28; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 25; Sigma Phi, 17; Zeta Psi, 17; Psi Upsilon, 36; Beta Theta Pi,

34; Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Delta Upsilon, 28; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 27; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 20; Theta Delta Chi, 21; Sigma Chi, 30; Phi Delta Phi, (Law) 22; Kappa Sigma, 16; Delta Chi, (Law) 26; Nu Sigma Nu, (Medical) 23; Delta Sigma Delta, (Dental) 27; Xi Psi Phi, (Dental) 28; Phi Chi, (Pharmacy) 13; Mu Sigma Alpha, (Medical) 10. Women's fraternities: Gamma Phi Beta, 14; Delta Gamma, 18; Sorosis, 27; Pi Beta Phi, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Alpha Phi, 23; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11; Delta Delta Delta, 12; Alpha Epsilon Iota, (Medical) 20.

CHAPTER LETTER.

With June, we lose one of our most enthusiastic and best-loved members, Mabel Turner. Our '97 will not be missed by her Kappa sisters alone, but by all the college circles, as she is a great favorite.

Dr. Eliza Mosher, the delightful Woman's Dean, gave a novel party recently, to which each University student was invited. Its purpose was to afford an opportunity for the students to meet on common ground and become acquainted with each other. Both gymnasiums were thrown open for our use thus giving ample room for dancing. Each of us brought as many pennies as we were years old and the four hundred dollars thus obtained is to be used as a fund for future parties of the same kind.

The great musical event of the year is the May Festival. The Festival of this year far surpassed those of preceding years. The Calvé concert was the great concert of the series. Campanari is also a great favorite in Ann Arbor.

Mrs. Carrow entertained all of the professional girls recently and the Kappas assisted her in receiving. We also presented Bang's play, "A Proposal under Difficulties" that evening.

The social gatherings of the last two months, however, have been few. With ball games, track meets, and wheeling we have had very little time for them.

We have almost completed arrangements to keep our house next year. It has become so much of a home to us this year that we are highly pleased that it is to continue to be one. The house will accomodate ten girls; the aunt of one of the girls is to matronize us and, as every Kappa will board in the house, you may imagine what a jolly table we shall have.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Lora De Forest Perry, '97,	Carrie Ethelyn Wilson, '00,
Mildred Bishop Moore, '97,	Mary Taylor Cole, '97,
Sara Luella Huntington, '00,	Jennie Goesuch Gilkey, '99,
Addie Wellesley Chase, '99,	Florence Louise Reynolds, '98,
Emma Sophronia Davidson, '97,	Mary Belle Webster, sp.,
Bessie Jayne Fickes, '97,	Florence May Wilcox, '00,
Helen Elizabeth Fickes, '00,	Maude Metcalf, '99,
Mary Frances Fickes, '00,	Grace Vernon Thomas, '97,
Anna Elizabeth Milne, '98.	

Chapter :—Number of active members during year, 16 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 99 ; number of year's initiates, 6.

College :—Number of faculty, 15 ; number of students, 175 ; number of women, 75. Men's fraternities : Alpha Tau Omega, 13 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17. Women's fraternities : Delta Delta Delta, 12 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16.

CHAPTER LETTER.

One of our recently pledged girls, Ethelyn Wilson, was initiated into the fraternity, Saturday evening, May 1.

Alpha Tau Omega gave their eighth annual banquet at Hotel Emery, April 2. It was one of the pleasantest events of the college year, and many of Xi's members were guests on this occasion.

Grace Thomas and Ethelyn Wilson will attend the convention of Beta Province at Columbus, Ohio, and are looking forward to it with much pleasure.

March 9, the chapter gave an "Initial Party" in our new Chapter hall to Tri Delta and the lady members of the faculty. This was the first time our hall was opened to visitors, and we were proud of it and the double blue, which met the eyes of each one as she entered. The first part of the evening was spent in an informal reception, then followed the initial game and refreshments. Much merriment was caused by answering the list of questions for the game, and Miss Cairns of Tri Delta was rewarded with a volume of Tennyson's Poems, for the most humorous answers.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Grace I. Dewey, '97,	Cora Bailey, '99,
Nellie Montgomery, '97,	Rose Langworthy, '99,
Alfrieda Mosher, '97,	Alice Newcomer, '99,
Bessie Mosher, '97,	Emily Sage, '99,
Mae Selden, '97,	Zoe Smith, '99,
Florence Stetson, '98,	Harriet Storrs, '00,
Julia M. Turner, '00.	

Chapter :—Active members, 13 ; total number since chapter establishment, 110 ; year's initiates, 4.

College :—Number in faculty, 27 ; number of students in collegiate department, 313 ; number of women in collegiate department, 136. Men's fraternities : Phi Delta Theta, 9 ; Delta Tau Delta, 7 ; Alpha Tau Omega, 15. Women's fraternities : Pi Beta Phi, 8 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Though the gods have sent us cold days and dark days and rainy days in this so-called merry month of May, yet the hearts of Kappa's girls are warm and bright. The term has been, and is, busy for us, as we know it is for all of you. But it seems so lovely to see the flowers and all the joyous things that spring brings, that we think we can afford to work harder since there is a bright sun to help out with its shining.

And now four more girls at Hillsdale are wearing the double blue, and Kappa is proud of them. The new pledged girls are May and Ethel Guernsey, Lizzie Palmer and Mabel Smith, and they are daily showing their interest and proving their loyalty. The last named we called our "May Basket," for it was on the first day of this month that she took the vows at Sarah Putnam's home in the country where twenty of us spent the afternoon and evening in that happy heart-to-heart way known to college girls everywhere. On coming home our cup was made full to overflowing for we found awaiting us another basket, a real one, filled with the loveliest of flowers—all for the Kappas ! You may imagine something of our gratitude to the two friends who remembered us in such a lovely way.

Our Senior girls, five in number, we are loath to lose and at chapter meetings we cannot keep back the touch of sadness which

we know we shall feel when they do not come to meet with us Saturday nights. But we feel sure of their success wherever they go, for they are all true Kappas !

We have been entertained by all the fraternities of the college, and now, with all the receptions, banquets, recitals, anniversaries, and the festivities of Commencement time, we shall be filling every moment full of things to be always remembered.

The first week of June will occur the Inter-Collegiate Field sports in our city and we hope for a good time and some glory.

We await with much eagerness the arrival of our girls,—Rose Langworthy and Nellie Montgomery,— from Beta Province Convention in session at Columbus, Ohio, for we know they will be filled with ideas that will be helpful to us.

We wish you all a most joyful Commencement and a happy, useful summer-time.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Elizabeth Hewson, P. G.,	Louise Loughry, '99,
Wilmina Wallace, '97,	Ida Cox, '99,
Florence Hawkins, '98,	Eliza Keyes, '99,
Francis Hawkins, '98,	Antoinette Duncan, '99,
Gertrude Munhall, '98,	Grace Triplette, '99,
Sara Rettger, '98,	Lena Triplette, '99,
Elizabeth Wilson, '98,	Maude Belts, '99,
Mary Kolb, '98,	Grace Marquis, '99,
Lola Kewson, '98,	Eva Worrell, '00,
Emma Zeis, '98,	Mary Meek, '00,
Mary Kelley, '98,	Mary Lyne, '00,
Sara Bracken, '99,	Clara Vierling, '00,
	Mattie Lacy, '00.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 25 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 195 ; number of year's initiates, 11.

College :—Number of faculty, 59 ; number of students, 950. Men's fraternities in order of establishment : Beta Theta Pi, 20 ; Phi Delta Theta, 26 ; Sigma Chi, 19 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 20 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 13 ; Delta Tau Delta, 15 ; Sigma Nu, 15. Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, 34 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25 ; Alpha Zeta Beta (local), 17 ; Pi Beta Phi, 19.

CHAPTER LETTER.

A few weeks more and all the examinations will be over and we will be separated for the summer. We have but one senior, Wilmina Wallace, but her presence among us will be greatly missed. Several of our girls will not return next year but will spend the year teaching.

We are looking forward to commencement for it always brings a number of the old girls back. It is such an inspiration to have them with us and to hear how much Kappa means to them.

Instead of having the usual month's contract between Kappa and Theta we have had a contract to offer no proposition to a girl who has not been in college one term. It has proven very successful.

On April 24 we entertained our college friends and the following Saturday evening we received the faculty.

Our Panthygatric was a very pleasant affair. It was held in the Sigma Chi Hall. Kappa Alpha Theta acted as hostess. These meetings with our Greek sisters help us to unite in closer bonds of friendship.

While we have not rushed new girls this term we have had several spreads. Kappa Alpha Theta entertained us and two of our own girls, Anna Loudon and Antoinette Duncan have invited us to their homes.

The Child Study Congress was held here during the first week of May. Stanley Hall of Clark University and Colonel Parker were the principal lecturers.

Our chapter house is to be entirely refurnished next fall. We expect to see a new house in appearance when we return.

Delta wishes every wearer of the key a pleasant vacation.

IOTA—GREENCASTLE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Harriet Harding, '97,
Mary Ewing, '97,
Mary Linebarger, '97,
Elizabeth Mahan, '97,
Ada Frank, '97,
Myrtle Madden, '98,
Mary Mitchell, '98,
Bertha Reed, '98,
Ethel Campbell, '98,

Myrtle Switzer, '98,
Lena M. Byrd, '99,
Stella Hawkins, '99,
Ocie Cook, '99,
Harriet McCoy, '99,
Gertrude Larimore, '00,
Lora Reed, '00,
Marion Wood, '00,
Dessie Ross, '00.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 18 ; total membership since chapter establishment, 220 ; number of year's initiates, 13.

College :—Number of faculty in college, 30 ; number of students in college, 710 ; men's fraternities in order of establishment : Delta Kappa Epsilon, 19 ; Beta Theta Pi, 23 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 18 ; Delta Tau Delta, 12 ; Phi Delta Theta, 16 ; Sigma Chi, 16 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 26 ; Delta Upsilon, 20 ; Sigma Nu, 22.

Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, 30 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18 ; Alpha Phi, 20 ; Alpha Chi Omega (music), 10 ; Phi Mu Epsilon, (music), 12.

CHAPTER LETTER.

It is hard to realize that another year is closing and that soon the chapter girls will be widely separated, but not in thought we trust, for the interest in our fraternity will still remain.

The year in many ways has been a most happy one for Iota. Some of our new girls have been compelled to leave school on account of ill health, but we hope to have them with us at the beginning of next term. Despite these disappointments we feel that the prosperity of the past year bids us look forward to an auspicious future, and with the new year and new duties there will come a new spirit and new strength which will promise as much for the coming year, and more than in the past.

Many of the old girls will be with us for commencement week and Kappa enthusiasm will run high. We wish for you all as pleasant a vacation as we are planning for ourselves.

MU—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Active Members.

Lulu Brevoort, '97,	Bertha Mason, '99,
Carrie Howe, '97,	Anna Williams, '99,
Bona Thompson, '97,	Bess Campbell, '99,
Nettie Sweeney, '97,	Anne Butler, '00,
Edna Wallace, '97,	Ethel Cleland, '00,
Emma Stradling, '97,	Effie Blount, '00,
Mary Marsee, sp.,	Edith Kaey, '00,
Mary Deputy, '99,	Mary Eddy, '00,
	Nelle Green, '00.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 17 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 100 ; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors : Nettie Sweeney, Carrie Howe, and Bess Campbell on Collegian staff.

College:—Faculty in collegiate department, 27; number of students, 136.
 Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 7; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Delta Tau Delta, 10.
 Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Alpha Phi Psi (local), 11.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Again with the springtime Mu sends her greeting to her sisters and introduces to you her two new members, Ethel Cleland and Edith Kaey. The initiation was held at the home of Mary Mar-see in Indianapolis. It was the first time we had used the new ritual, which made it all the more enjoyable. After the usual banquet, Grace Smith of Iota recited several selections.

This has been a busy time at Butler, especially in a social way. The Sigma Chis gave a party in their fraternity hall in April, and the Phi Delta Thetas entertained their friends with a reception at the home of Mr. Hilton Brown. On March 11 we had our annual party at the home of Emma Johnson. Fleur-de-lis formed the principal decoration of the evening. Many of our alumnae were present and a delightful evening was spent. On the night of May 29, Mrs. Kautz, one of our alumnae, gave us a delightful party at her home in Irvington.

We are sorry to hear that one of our girls will not be back next year, but are glad to know that she may be in the Ohio State University where she will be among Kappa sisters.

June 10, the undergraduates are going to give a lawn party for our seven honored seniors. We regret much to lose our dear graduates, but we feel that although they leave us now they will come back often to help and to receive help, from their sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma, and we others who are left behind, part with the hope of meeting again next September to take up our old delights in our fraternity life.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Active Members.

Annie Pitman, '97,	Jenny Ogilvie, '99,
Fay Parkinson, '97,	Ferne Ryan, '99,
Helen Pray, '97,	Myrtle Adams, '99,
Bertha Gardner, '97,	Eunice Susan, '00,
Grace Merrill, '98,	Helen Warriner, '00,
Lizzie Houghton, '98,	Mabel Fletcher, '00,
	Grace Challoner, '00.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 13; total number of members from chapter establishment, 141; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Annie Pitman, Scholarship in Latin and Greek.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 82; number of members in collegiate department, 126. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Phi Delta Theta, 25; Beta Theta Pi, 24; Chi Psi, 25; Sigma Chi, 17; Delta Upsilon, 26; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Phi Gamma Delta, 21; Theta Delta Chi, 22; Psi Upsilon, 23; Phi Kappa Psi, 14. Woman's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Delta Gamma, 24; Gamma Phi Beta, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 16; Alpha Phi, 12.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last chapter letter Eta has lost one of her number, Katharine Pray, whose health made it necessary for her to return home, but we hope to have her with us again next year.

The University has been rather gay this year with Military Hops, Athletic Meets, class parties, etc. Then there have been several very pleasant little Kappa teas at the home of Annie Pitman. Just now the interest of all is centered on the race between our crew and Yale, which takes place on the 29th.

On the 14th we gave our annual party, and enjoyed very much having one of our '96 girls with us, Edith Robinson. We are at present rejoicing over the fact that the faculty have awarded Annie Pitman a scholarship in Greek.

Yet with all our good times some of us cannot help a feeling of sadness at the thought of Commencement Day and the separations which it must bring. Dear as our fraternity must always be to us, we only fully appreciate how much it means, and how closely our lives have been united with those of our sisters in the fraternity when we think of parting from them. With heartiest greetings to her sister chapters and wishes for a pleasant summer for all from Eta.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Myrtle Dixon,
Anna Drew,
Nelle Fisk,
Winifred Gray,
Theodora Irvine,

Katharine L. Janes,
Harriet L. Morse,
Elizabeth Raymond,
Louise M. Taylor,
Louise Whiteside,

Laura C. Whitlock.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 11 ; total membership since chapter establishment, 97 ; number of year's initiates, 4. Honors : Theodora U. Irvine, Shaffer Oratorical Prize, Class Poet and Class Vice-President ; Louise Taylor, *Syllabus* Board.

University :—Number of faculty in College of Liberal Arts, 27 ; number of students, 500. Men's fraternities : Sigma Chi, 16 ; Phi Kappa Sigma, 13 ; Beta Theta Pi, 10 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 15 ; Delta Upsilon, 18 ; Phi Delta Theta ; Delta Tau Delta, 12 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 14. Women's fraternities : Delta Gamma, 10 ; Alpha Phi, 14 ; Omega Psi, 18 ; Gamma Phi Beta, 17 ; Delta Delta Delta, 12 ; Pi Beta Phi, 7 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 14 ; Alpha Chi Omega, 14 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17.

CHAPTER LETTER.

All has been well with Upsilon since last we met. Commencement is foremost in our minds now, though with its joys we mingle the pain of parting with our three seniors.

Our chapter has lived unto itself of late, for we are the busiest of busy Kappas. But we have not forgotten to be sisterly even if we have confined our festivities to teas and spreads and cozy times when we were together. Our only appearance was when we helped Nelle Fisk and her mother at a charming reception. Several times this term we have been favored with calls from our Grand Secretary, and we are all helped and encouraged by her visits.

As regards University life this had been an unusually lively term. Of course the new Music Building was fittingly dedicated with a series of excellent musical programs ; the Glee Club gave its home concert, after its wanderings had ceased ; several oratorical contests have given us opportunities to win glory, if not victory in every case ; and last of all came the Junior Play. We have still another pleasure to anticipate, for the annual, *The Syllabus*, has not yet appeared.

Social life too, has had its claims upon us. In fact, the members of the Faculty consider that society claims too much of our time, and they have taken the matter in hand, since the students did not profit by their opportunities for self-government. Our " Kindergarten Rule " has brought us some undesirable newspaper notoriety, but we still find joy in living.

A new local fraternity has appeared among the men of Northwestern, and we understand that the organization will soon receive

a charter from a national fraternity. There is always room for one more, and we are glad to welcome the newcomer.

A happy vacation to all.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Nelle Parritt, '97,
Maude Kilgore, '97,
Clara DeMotte, '97,
Leona Miller, '98,
Gertrude Shreve, '98,
Luella VanLeer, '98,

Idelle Kerrick, sp.,
Clara Burke, '99,
Margaret Cole, '00,
Flora Jones, '00,
Virginia St. Clair, '00,
Alma Hamilton, '00.

Chapter :—Active members, 12 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 158 ; year's initiates, 3.

College :—Number of faculty, 12 ; number of students, 400. Men's fraternities : Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Vive la Kappa Kappa Gamma ! The long looked for debate between Iowa Wesleyan and Illinois Wesleyan occurred on May 28. We are proud to say that Illinois was unanimously given the victory.

Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi both gave box parties at the debate and at both the Kappas were represented.

On the eve of May 25, eight of Epsilon's girls took part in a little farce entitled "My Aunt's Heiress." The entertainment was given under the auspices of the college Y. W. C. A.

The Kappa Club, of Bloomington, delightfully entertained the active girls at the home of Mr. Prince, May 27, the last meeting of the club for the year.

March 5, Gertrude Shreve's home was the scene of festivities given by the Kappa Kappa Gamma girls. It was our first party of the term and if our friends who were present are to be believed, it was not a failure.

We must not forget to tell you of what we consider the event of the season, our Pan Hellenic banquet, given March 22. In the words of our city papers, "One hundred ladies and gentlemen, all young in spirit, though some well advanced in years, sat down together at the first annual Pan Hellenic dinner last even-

ing in Mrs. Cooper's parlors. Fourteen different societies were represented. Some by only one member, others, as in the case of those having chapters in the Wesleyan, by as many as ten or twenty." The Kappas present, active and alumnae, numbered eighteen. Ex-Vice-President Stevenson acted as toast master, and Leona Miller responded to Kappa Kappa Gamma's toast with the subject "Gallantry, par excellence, the Greek man."

Epsilon sends best wishes to all her sisters for a pleasant and profitable vacation.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Active Members.

Helen Horace Austin, '97,	Julia Anna Gallup, '99,
Agnes Emily Belden, '97,	Bessie Adelaide Williams, '99,
Flora Elizabeth Brewer, '97,	Georgena Frances Kennedy, '99,
Jessie Gale Eaton, '97,	Mabel Perrin Stone, '00,
Anna McDonald Hawley, '97,	Eliza Young Marchand, '00,
Harriet McDonald, '97,	Ruth Myers, '00,
Katharine Kennedy, '97,	Susanne Helmer Watson, '00,
Mabel Robinson, '97,	Florence Harrison, '00,
Jessie Lightener Schulten, '98,	Clare Crose, '00,
Eleanor Darlington Mitchell, '98,	Helen Annette Higbee, sp.,
Elizabeth Laura Baldwin, '99,	Gertrude Louise Hale, sp.,
Alice Evelyn Craig, '99,	Helen Hanna Dewart, sp.,
	Sarah Belle Perry, sp.

Chapter :—Active members, 25 ; total membership since chapter establishment, 99 ; number of year's initiates, 8. Honors : Flora Brewer and Katharine Kennedy, Phi Beta Kappa, honors in English and Latin. Philosophical Oration, Anna Hawley. Jessie Eaton, honors in Latin.

University :—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 56 ; in university, 134 ; number of students in collegiate department, 819 ; in university, 2,467. Men's fraternities in order of establishment : Chi Psi, 22 ; Phi Delta Theta, 16 ; Delta Tau Delta, 15 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 16 ; Sigma Chi, 9 ; Beta Theta Pi, 23 ; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 17 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 18 ; Delta Upsilon, 23 ; Alpha Delta Phi, 14 ; Theta Delta Chi, 18. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25 ; Delta Gamma, 11 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 18 ; Alpha Phi, 20 ; Delta Delta Delta, 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Many pleasant memories of the last three months crowd around

Chi, not the least of which is a visit from one of our alumnae, Miss Susan Olmstead, who for several years has been a teacher in the Women's College of Constantinople. She attended several of our meetings, and told in a most delightful manner of her work. Miss Olmstead arrived just in time to attend Chi's annual banquet, at which she gave a most inspiring toast.

Commencement week was, of course, very gay, starting on Monday with the class play, one of the leading parts being taken by one of the eight Kappas, who became alumnae on Thursday morning. Two of these eight are Phi Beta Kappas, and half the number take honors in different branches.

Vacation will be free from care for us, as already we have seven pledglings.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Helen Noyes Currier, A.M., '97,	Bertha Marie Blum, '98,
Rita Estella Stewart, '97,	Ida Elizabeth Kriechbaum, '98,
Beulah MacFarland, '97,	Helen Clapp, '99,
Elena MacFarland, '97,	Eula De Voll, sp.,
Margaret VanMetre, '97,	Winifred MacFarland, '99,
Ruth Paxson, '98,	Alice McGee, sp.,
Milfred Myers, '98,	Minnie M. Farrington, '00,
Mary Lytle, '98,	Ellen Cecelia Green, '00.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 85; number of year's initiates, 6. *Honors*:—Beulah MacFarland, fall president of Erodelphian, senior class play; Margaret VanMetre, senior class play, Hesperian orator; Ruth Paxton, President, Y. W. C. A., President Erodelphian; Milfred Myers, Y. W. C. A. delegate to Geneva, Corresponding Secretary of Y. W. C. A., editor S. Q. I. Quill; Mary Lytle, June orator for Erodelphian; Bertha Blum, winner of Literary Societies' Oration Contest, editor Vidette; Ruth Paxton, Milfred Myers, Mary Lytle, Ida Kriechbaum, members of '98 "Hawkeye" board of editors; Winifred MacFarland, Helen Clapp, members of '99 "Hawkeye" board of editors.

University:—Faculty in Collegiate department, 49; members in Collegiate department, 644. *Men's fraternities*:—Beta Theta Pi, 19; Phi Delta Theta, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Xi Psi Phi, (dental) 22; Sigma Nu, 20; Theta Nu Epsilon; Phi Delta Phi, (law) 24; Pi Kappa Tau, (Medical) 11. *Women's fraternities*:—Pi Beta Phi, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Delta Gamma, 7.

CHAPTER LETTER.

There is one subject that lies near the hearts of all of us now and that is commencement. We would like to talk about it but first there are other things which Beta Zeta must tell her sister chapters.

This term has been a busy and delightful one. It began pleasantly with a week's visit from our chapter sister and fraternity treasurer, Annabel Collins. During her stay we were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Cannon, a graduate member, and at an evening party at the home of Sophie Moore. We held an especially interesting fraternity meeting at our rooms and a reception at the pretty home of Alice McGee.

Tau chapter of Delta Gamma entertained the Pi Phi and the Kappas at a card party at the home of one of their members. We had a delightful time and it showed the kindly spirit existing between the chapters.

Beta Zeta held its annual picnic a short time ago. It was a jolly picnic and it showed that at the end of the year Beta Zeta still had funds—not in the treasury but in originality in the invention of games.

We lose by graduation this year three members. They are dear helpful girls whose places it will be hard to fill and yet we have cause to rejoice for one of them, Beulah MacFarland is to teach mathematics in the Iowa City High School next year.

We wish for every Kappa a happy vacation.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Active Members.

Laura Long, sp.,	Emily Guitar, '00,
Jessie Blair, '98,	Edith de Bolt, '00,
Susie Alexander, '98,	Mary Turpin, sp.,
Ida Howard, '99,	Zenna Bush, sp.,
	Maud Tannehill, sp.

Chapter:—Number of members, 10; total membership since chapter establishment, 103; year's initiates, 7.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 38; number of students in collegiate department, 356. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 22; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21; Sigma Nu, 19; Beta Theta Pi, 12; Phi Delta Phi, 22; Kappa Alpha, 24; Sigma Chi, 19. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement day, the light prelude to the deeper tone of after life is upon us; a mile stone in life's journey has been reached and we call a halt. Which road to take is the question that is now confronting all our students. Before this our lives have been planned for us, but now we must take the delicate work into our own hands and leave the after years to prove our success or failure.

The past year has been a prosperous one for Theta. For the first time in many years we have numbered ten members. We have done nothing in a social way, but we feel that we at least know each other and from this knowledge we have gained strength. Life at college is a rush from the beginning, and in our hurry we sometimes fail to become well acquainted with our fraternity sisters, and after leaving college we wonder why we did not know them better. We have found it a wise plan to lay everything else aside at our chapter meetings this year and just enjoy each other. Every girl, however timid she may be, has valuable ideas if she is drawn out, and with a little effort we find much that is beautiful in every one.

Theta has one original chapter meeting to look back upon, when each member came prepared to tell some pleasant thing she had heard about the others. It was so much pleasure to us that we would advise our sister chapters to try this scheme next year.

When this letter reaches you all Kappas will be scattered for the summer and we wish each and every one a delightful vacation.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Active Members.

Jessie Jury, P.G.,	Isabel Richards, '99,
Anna Broady, '97,	Adelloyd Whiting, '00,
Nelly K. Griggs, '97,	Clara Hammond, '00,
Ellen B. Gere, '98,	Eleanor Raymond, sp.,
Francis C. Gere, '98,	May Colson, sp.,
Cora C. Cropsey, '98,	Dora Harley, sp.,
Stella M. Elliot, '98,	Nell Lau, sp.,
Naahmah E. Lowe, '98,	Laura Houtz, sp.

Chapter:—Active members, 16; total membership since establishment of chapter, 69; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors: Nelly Griggs, Phi Beta Kappa; May Whiting, Fellowship and Phi Beta Kappa; Jessie Jury, Phi Beta Kappa.

University.—Number of faculty members, 32; instructors, 25; number of students in collegiate department, 1,653. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 21; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Beta Theta Pi, 20; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 20; Delta Tau Delta, 13; Phi Kappa Psi, 21; Phi Delta Phi, 22; Kappa Sigma, 11; Alpha Tau Omega, 6. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Delta Gamma, 15; Delta Delta Delta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 21; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11.

CHAPTER LETTER.

At the close of her busiest term Sigma sends greetings. Of course we are not busy "cramming for exams." but every one knows what the end of the year means.

Since you last heard from us, Sigma has had a birthday. We celebrated it on May 19 with a banquet at the home of Eleanor Raymond and we all unite in declaring it the pleasantest banquet we have ever had. The dining room was a bower of roses with the two-blues and fleur-de-lis in evidence. Two center-pieces of fleur-de-lis decorated the table and even the linen had a design of conventional fleur-de-lis. At each plate was a silver fleur-de-lis pin as a souvenir. The name cards were a surprise and Dora Harley and Nelly Griggs deserve the praise for their beauty and originality. In the corner of each card was a miniature of Grace Leming and an appropriate verse.

Nelly Grigg responded to a toast with some verses which I shall give:

(To be sung to the tune of "Auld Lang Syne.")

We come with eyes aglow and bright
And pledge our vows anew.
And so, rejoiced, we'll sing tonight
With you, and you, and you.

Refrain.—With you, and you, and you, and you.
With you, and you, and you.
And so, rejoiced we'll sing tonight
With you, and you, and you.

And here, though eve has veiled the west,
We'll breathe no sad adieu,
For soon we'll meet by fortune blest,
With you, and you, and you.

Each grasp within our mystic fold,
Shall e'er be warm and true
And ne'er may heart be strange and cold
Toward you, and you, and you.

And all our ways are sweet with cheer,
 And blooms of love we strew,
 Nor shall our skies be dark or drear,
 With you, and you, and you.

The banquet made us all better Kappas, I know. The only thing to remind us that it was our thirteenth anniversary was a storm which came up about six o'clock and continued through the evening. However it did not dampen the ardor of thirty loyal Kappas.

May 22 was Competitive Drill day, the day when the four companies of the Battallion compete for the cup. We had a coaching party and our tally-ho looked like a flower-bed with all the bright hats and spring gowns.

Sigma closes the school year stronger and firmer in the bonds than ever before and wishes you all a very happy vacation.

OMEGA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Daisy Starr, '97,	May Landis, '00,
Gertrude Spaulding, '97,	Virginia McCrory, '00,
Julia Righter, '97,	Ethel Luthro, '00,
Lou Nash, '97,	Eva H. Brown, '00,
Alta Stanton, '97,	Mary Riddle, '00,
Maude Landis, '97,	Agnes Hanson, Sp.,
Ella Anderson, '98,	France Havens, Sp.,
Essie Potts, '98,	Effie Proud, Sp.,
Mary Addison, '98,	Katherine Addison, Sp.,
Florence Coon, '99,	Maud Crowder, '00.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 20; total membership from chapter establishment, 100; year's initiates, 11.

University.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 57; number of students, Men's fraternities in order of establishment:—Beta Theta Pi, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Sigma Chi, 14; Sigma Nu, 15. Women's fraternities in order of establishment:—Pi Beta Phi, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The fraternity examinations are over and Omega breathes freely again.

Commencement festivities have begun and the music girls are

giving their graduating recitals. Omega has three girls graduating in the Music School: Daisy Starr, Julia Righter, and Gertrude Spaulding and three in the School of Arts: Maude Landis, Lou Nash, and Alta Stanton.

We have been much pleased with the honor which one of our girls carried off in the musical contest at Hutchinson,—Alice Shepherd received first prize in violin.

The last Kappa party of the season was given last week at Mr. Bowersock's residence. Dancing in the pavillon occupied the evening.

We are enjoying a visit from Daisy Orton, '95.

Omega has met with a great loss in the death of Alice Mason, one of our most active resident members. There is no one to take her place and we do not know how to make our plans without her.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Friday, May 21, saw the end of our college year and the beginning of the Commencement festivities which continue until May 26. Seventeen weary Kappas would hail this season with rejoicing, were it not for the many sad farewells that must be said. But this cloud also has its silver lining, for next year,—thanks to you all—we shall have Kappa sisters at the University of California. Then, too, we have rented a house on the campus. We are to live in it all by ourselves and it is large enough to accommodate fourteen girls. Now that we dare think of something besides examinations we are busy making plans for the furnishing and this proves an absorbing occupation.

Last, though by no means the least, in importance, is the catalogue, on which the work will be at an end. Beta Eta sincerely hopes that it will be work successfully and satisfactorily completed.

The evening of May twenty-fifth is set aside for the Promenade Concert which is to be held in the Quadrangle of the University, and seven of the future U. of C. Kappas have planned to participate in its delights and will help us receive in our booth.

Three of Beta Eta's members graduate this year: Bertha Braly, Emma Martin, and Fanny Mitchell. We shall also lose our three P. G.'s: Bertha Chapman, Mabel Coombs, and Anna Martin who takes her A. M. in History.

A California greeting and a pleasant vacation to you all.

Editorials.

There are several questions which must be decided by next Convention and the sooner we know our minds about them, the better. The one which occurs most readily to us all, perhaps, is "What is to be done with the fine arts and special students," special students in this connection signifying those who do less work than is required in one of the regular courses. The question touches nearly half of our chapters but touches them so slightly that the exclusion of fine arts and specials would not permanently affect their well being. On the other hand it is of vital importance to one or two chapters in institutions where the fine arts department ranks with the liberal arts, and the chapters rely upon the fine arts students to give them prominence in the college life.

Shall we allow these chapters special privileges in regard to membership because of their peculiar circumstances or are we to say that all chapters shall be on the same basis and governed by the same rules regardless of their varying conditions? Ought we to regard the policy of other women's fraternities in this matter or ought we to allow these chapters to be placed at a disadvantage by the fraternities which allow special concessions to certain of their chapters.

This is a question of moment to all of us for the exclusion of fine arts and specials would be sapping the vital force of some chapters, yet even the chapters most closely concerned wish the highest good of the fraternity. It seems to us that the question should be decided by the sentiment of the majority of the active members and that it would be wisdom for the chapters to find out now what the prevailing sentiment is. THE KEY's pages are open to all who wish to discuss the matter.

Orders for the Song Book have not come in as rapidly as could be desired. It is now eight years since the last Song Book was issued and that edition was so soon exhausted that for nearly seven years it has been necessary to resort to bribery or theft to obtain a copy. In the light of this experience, the announcement that the Song Book is ready should bring orders pouring in and the new edition should be sold at once.

Song is peculiarly valuable in fraternity life since it fosters enthusiasm and is one of the best known antidotes to the ailment of "nerves" to which college girls are susceptible. A certain number of books have been ordered for each chapter but beside that, every member should have her own copy to keep among her fraternity treasures and sing from when the tide of enthusiasm breaks over her.

It seems odd that while entertainments consisting principally of singing and story telling are in vogue among college men, they are almost unknown among college women. Pi Beta Phi has instituted a form of amusement, all her own, known as the cookey shrine, and if one may judge from glowing descriptions in *The Arrow*, it is a wholesome sort of relaxation for college girls. Let us hope that Kappa Kappa Gamma in time will evolve some order of entertainment which shall consist largely of singing and which will express the much talked of Kappa spirit. In the meantime, let every member buy a Song Book, learn the songs and sing them.

So much confusion has arisen in the minds of the Secretaries who have been trying to harmonize the *Corresponding Secretary's Manual* and the *Standing Rules*, that it seems best to remind them that the *Manual* is now out of date and the gray covered *Standing Rules* are to be strictly followed.

The Public Annual Reports might serve as a text for a sermon on the inadvisability of judging the policy and standards of other chapters by the policy and standards of our own. The policy of any chapter is, for the most part, the result of the experiences of its earlier members in trying to adjust themselves to the conditions existing at their colleges, and its standards are also modified by these conditions. Chapters are governed largely by tradition and the successes and failures of early members, in after years determine the policy of the chapter.

An examination of the figures will show that the chapters conform to the custom at their colleges and that where large chapters are the rule, the Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter swells to bounds which excite the wonder of the advocate of small chapters. In the same way election to class offices, college publications or lit-

erary societies confer a real distinction in some of the colleges, and are mentioned with pride by the chapters while other chapters fail to note anything of less importance than election to Sigma Xi or Phi Beta Kappa. One honor may seem greater in the eyes of the world, but any honor earnestly worked for and honestly won is a matter for congratulation.

Our point of view is largely influenced by our circumstances, and broad-mindedness is not the certain product of any college large or small. It is well to remember this if we ever feel inclined to criticize each other.

With the sincerest regret, THE KEY realizes that the editor of *Anchora* has resigned. Miss Firkins is the veteran among the women's fraternity editors. For nearly ten years she has taken an active part in all fraternity discussions and, while loyal to Delta Gamma, has always shown the utmost courtesy and broad-mindedness toward her rivals. THE KEY has often had the benefit of her kindly criticisms and has profited by her suggestions.

When the king dies it is customary to lose no time in wishing long life to his successor. We wish Miss Murdock long life and much success, but we regret the former editor none the less.

This number of THE KEY has been delayed by the difficulty experienced in obtaining the illustrations. The original idea was to issue a special number with pictures of the seven Grand Presidents and of all the chapters. Although every effort was made to have the pictures in time, the magazine is at last compelled to go to press without some of them.

Exchanges.

In fraternity journalism it is not the eternal feminine that rules, but the eternal freshman. If he can be treated judiciously for the first few months, the success of his later career seems to be assured. One of the best recent discussions of the subject is found in *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

We are all agreed that our Freshmen should not be used as "subs" and forced to perform the menial duties of the fraternity. But there is danger of erring in the opposite direction, a mistake which we are far less apt to appreciate but which is none the less hurtful to the fraternity. I refer to the danger of pushing our Freshmen forward too rapidly, and allowing them to assume responsibility too early. Perhaps our system of rushing leads us into this fault. Our eagerness to obtain a desirable girl and the consequent devotion to her, our wish, as soon as she has become one of us, to make her at home with our friends on the faculty and elsewhere, sometimes cause us to make our Freshmen seem the most important members of our fraternity. Influenced by all this attention, the Freshman is apt to overestimate her own importance, to assert herself and her opinions in meeting, even to criticize her elder sisters and the policy of the fraternity as a whole. In this, it seems to me, lies a menace to our fraternity life, and the cause of the frequent change of policy in a chapter as the membership changes from year to year.

The initiate has but stepped across the boundary line into the new life which is to be hers. She knows practically nothing of the hopes, the aims, the ideals and the policy of her fraternity. We think the first year of her fraternity life should be devoted mainly to learning these things. She cannot learn them as she sits to commit to memory the chapter roll. The process is a slow one, and the spirit of Alpha Phi must grow with the growth of each member, much as a child from constant association becomes imbued with the spirit and beliefs of the parents. In accordance with this idea, it seems to me that the Freshmen should, in a certain sense, be kept in tutorage. She should be made to feel not only the inspiring influence of Alpha Phi, but its guiding and restraining influence as well. No responsible office should be given her. She should look upon the Seniors as the embodiment in a measure of what Alpha Phi means. On no account should she be allowed to criticize in any way either a Senior or the fraternity. If her advice is asked in meetings it should be given only in the way of impressions. For judgment on the question under discussion, we look to our upper classmen.

It is not only the freshmen that are to be educated, however.

The Rainbow has an article entitled, "The Training of Alumni," from which we quote the opening paragraph:

It will be apparent to any one who considers the matter that our chapters vary widely in their power to bring up an alumnus in the way he should go. The more active of our graduate workers come from a small minority of our chapters. The question, therefore, becomes a fruitful subject for thought; for surely a good test of a chapter's impression upon her members and a good test of her value to the fraternity will be found in the transient or abiding interest of her alumni.

The Kappa Alpha Theta is still discussing secrecy. A portion of the last article on the subject is given below:

When our founders started the society, their conditions must have been very different from ours, and secrecy may then have been necessary, but an institution to continue useful, needs to keep pace with the changes in life of those for whom it exists. And what now is the use or benefit of this secrecy to us? It is certainly a most annoying restriction to some members. It seems very foolish not to be able to answer any ordinary little questions that one's family may ask. Then, does not so much secrecy separate us farther from the rest of the student body? Exclusiveness being ever a danger to fraternities. But leaving those objections, is it right, is it just, to ask and expect any one to join an organization without telling her all that is expected of her, without informing her that she has to pledge herself and what the pledges are? Is it fair to suddenly pounce these obligations upon her unprepared, when, if she objected, the situation, to use a mild term, would be decidedly awkward; but we lay ourselves open to this predicament.

Why should not our constitution be open and free for any one to read? What secrets have we that would harm us if divulged? If we are to take vows, but to my mind it would be preferable not to take any, why should not the world know what those vows are, and if the world did know, would those promises not carry more weight with us and mean much more to us than now?

The current number of *The Sigma Chi Quarterly* contains an interesting discussion of the advisability of incorporation. Arguments in favor and against are given due place; and other fraternities who may happen to be considering the same subject, would do well to consult the articles in question.

The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon has a new editor, who is exhibiting revolutionary tendencies. Witness the following:

Now that this subject is opened, we should like to call the at-

tention of our own eminent correspondents that we shall insist on an absence of boasting in all future letters to *The Record*. It is well enough for a chapter to claim that it has its share of honor, but it is neither dignified nor honorable to belittle other fraternities. It is directly contrary to the motto of Σ . A. E., a part of which is, "Gentlemanliness."

What could be more radical than this? To think that any chapter of any fraternity should be prevented from publishing to the world its own greatness? There never was a chapter that was not by far the best in the college, and that had not just secured the cream of the entering class. An attempt to curb so widespread a tendency is as hopeless as it is heroic.

The same number of *The Record* contains an unusually good account of the recent Sigma Alpha Epsilon convention. The writer puts in all the interesting little things that are usually omitted, and succeeds in making a readable article, even for those who are not Σ . A. Es.

The June number of *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is a fiction number. Leaving out of consideration the question whether a fraternity magazine is the proper place for miscellaneous stories, one is obliged to admit that the six published here are unusually good of their kind. *The Quarterly* contains also the following dainty bit of verse :

Ah, Delta Upsilon! That trusty blue and gold,
Has stood the loved insignia of virtues manifold ;
 Thy gold is free from dross,
 And honest is thy blue,
Prosperity be with thee—beloved Delta U.
Thy symbols' fairest like, the close of summer yields,
And crosses gold with azure in autumn tinted fields.
 Let then thy gold be bright,
 Thy azure ever true,
As is thy children's fealty—beloved Delta U.
Then in thy gay processional the autumn blossoms bind,
Of golden-rod and gentian thy victor wreath be twined.
 A never fading coronal
 Of glorious gold and blue,
And so our hearts are with thee—beloved Delta U.

We quote the following from the April number of *The Arrow* :

It has always seemed to me that the fraternity, like beauty "is its own excuse for being," and that it is quite unnecessary for it

to lay claim to any special mission in the world, beyond that which all fraternities profess, the promoting of wise, helpful and permanent friendships among college women. If the fraternity fulfills this end, it has a sufficient object and a sufficient recompense, and need apologize to no one for its existence. The idea, advanced from time to time that the general fraternity or chapter take up some special line of activity, educational, philanthropic, or sociological, seems to those who view the subject most wisely, I think, both superfluous and unsuitable. The college girl has work enough, lines enough already provided along which her activities may and ought to spend themselves, and such alien interests should be left till college days are over.

There must be something inspiring in the University of Virginia, the descriptions of it are so much better than those of the other colleges. Their writers know how to put in the touches that make the student life seem real. The last addition to this honorable list is found in the last number of *The Scroll*.

The Beta Theta Pi contains two articles that claim comment. One of them is an account of the nature of the different fraternity badges. The other is a story by "a Beta girl." One is tempted to question the wisdom of contributions by anyone outside the fraternity, but it must be confessed that as a story-writer the Beta girl has done better than the Beta boy. To decide whether or not such a confession constitutes praise, one need only glance at any of the stories published in *The Beta Theta Pi* during the last two years.

The following is taken from *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

This brings up my idea of the two standards. One standard should represent the character of a man when he is taken in, the other that of the same man when he becomes an Alumnus. The standard of the man when he leaves the active Chapter must be of the very highest—must be unimpeachable. The standard when he is taken in should be lower, and the difference in their level is a correct measure of the ability of the men in his Chapter to turn kids and Freshmen into men. The more able a Chapter is to do this, the safer it is in setting a low level for the standard of admission. Therefore, we come to the final summation: The abler a Chapter is, the lower the low standard may be safely set, and the lower that standard is set the more men can be taken in; in conclusion the more able a Chapter is the more men it can safely take in. Some men claim that we cannot set too high a standard. This is a great mistake. The standard of entrance must be low in comparison with our other standard; just so low that the

character of the man that enters, when developed by the men in his Chapter, will reach the highest standard by the time he becomes an Alumnus. Some of our men won't take a man in unless he is as good as they are. If he, before entering Phi Psi, is as good as we are after having been in three or four years, it is equivalent to saying that Phi Psi has done nothing for us. This is a base falsehood, as you all know. If we are what we are and Phi Psi has done for us what we know she has done, it is a clear proof that we were not as good before we came in as we are now. If we are looking for men as good as we are now it is equivalent to taking in men a great deal better than we were when we were taken in. If we refuse men because they are not as good as we are now, it is equivalent to refusing them because they are not better than we were when we were taken in. This is unjust to the men, unjust to us, and unjust to Phi Psi. Set your high standard as high as possible ; set your low standard lower ; and rely on the ability of your men to do for that man what Phi Psi has done for you. And above all, remember this, we are none of us infallible, we all have our faults, and all our virtues, and we are all but a shadow of what we really should be.

It is impossible to express too strongly the fallacy contained in these statements. It is perfectly true that the fraternity should help its members, that a chapter has the right to ask its men to improve ; but when these points are conceded, to say that the more able a chapter is, the lower it can set its standard, does not follow. The whole discussion overlooks the difference between possibility of change and possibility of growth. It is never safe to take in a member in the expectation that certain objectionable features in his character will be removed by chapter life. On the other hand, it is always wise to allow a freshman a certain amount of immaturity, in the assurance that when he has become a senior he will have outgrown it.

The Kappa Alpha Journal has introduced small pictures to serve as divisions of the "Current Topics." Illustrations may be a good thing, but comic sketches of this sort seem hardly worth while. We quote the following from an article on "The Drama of an Initiation."

I take it that our initiation *is* a drama and a drama in the very best sense. It is not, therefore, a *comedy* but a *tragedy*. My observation is that in too many cases this tribute to our ritual is denied by our chapters. I think the intent of our initiatory ceremonial is too apparent to call for argument. If the assuming of the

responsibility of knighthood can be construed into an occasion for low comedy, then have I become very much mixed, not only in my interpretation of the purposes of our order, but also as to the meaning of words and phrases. In going to the length of calling our initiation a tragedy, I don't mean to advocate killing anybody, or even the spilling of more blood than the ritual calls for. If any one is disposed to take me too literally, I shall fall back upon the derivation of the word *tragedy*, and defy my persecutors to come on. We are told that it is derived from two Greek words which mean respectively, *a goat*, and *that which is in accord*. At any rate, I am very certain that without involving myself in a logomachy, I can assume that every loyal Kappa Alpha will assent to the proposition that our initiation is a drama in the best sense of the word. This being true, it seems to me to be worthy of some thought and pains how, as such, it should be presented in the most impressive manner.

Just at present the question of honorary membership is of great interest to certain fraternities, and *The Shield of Theta Delta Chi* takes no uncertain stand in the matter.

It is to be deplored that some fraternities must seek reputation "even at the cannon's mouth." There is perhaps no class of societies in which the condition of honorary membership is so absolutely precluded as in the college fraternity. The very first principle involved in the founding of a college fraternity excludes all idea of membership *per se*. No man can be a real true fraternity member unless he be the college companion of his fellows. While it is clearly evident that nearly every college society in the land has at some time in its career overstepped the bounds of its contemplated policy and initiated men who were not lawfully entitled to membership, it seems to be the sentiment of some of the older and more conservative ones that the practice is most pernicious to the fraternity system.

Every member of Sigma Nu must take a keen interest in the article in the March number of *The Delta*, entitled "Sigma Nu Down to Date." For outsiders, however, the centre of attraction is found in a unique bit of advertising, which tells its own story.

Miss Dottie Brogan, of Greenhill, O., has our thanks for a copy of her beautiful "Sigma Nu waltz," which she dedicated to Beta Iota chapter. It is a meritorious composition, for piano or cabinet organ, and should be in every chapter. Sent prepaid on receipt of 25 cents, to any address.

Every editor will say "Amen" to the following paragraph from *The Anchora*.

Whoever read a chapter letter without feeling that the writer might have been a little more entertaining, and a little less stilted in style; that she might have written more news and fewer platitudes, with satisfactory results? Who ever writes a chapter letter except at the most inauspicious moment? Last term one imagined it such an easy thing to do, and the editor's suggestions and criticism seemed very much to the point, then—when some one else wrote the letter. Now they seem a little sarcastic and really in rather poor taste. Of course one does not like to write a poor letter, but when one is busy and has nothing to write about (it is queer how many things do not happen in three months) a hurried letter, with an apology, ought to be excused, when one happens, oneself, to be the associate editor. Of course the other correspondents have more leisure and they write more readily, and anyway, one hasty letter will not be observed among a dozen delightful ones. The associate editor remembers how she felt when the last ANCHORA came out, and her letter, singularly enough, was the most conspicuous article therein. Then she wished that the journal would not always open at that page, and wondered if in the course of a long life this humiliation could be lived down. She then resolved to write a letter for the next issue which should be a revelation to her friends, a reproach to other correspondents and an example to future generations. But this is not the next time.

The Alumnae department of *The Trident* contains the first of a series of articles upon the educational opportunities for women in different parts of the country. The article upon "The Delta Type," a portion of which is given below, is interesting, but one is rather amused at the conclusion that Tri Delta is the only woman's fraternity without a definite type.

It is comparatively easy to recognize the types of the other fraternities; one feels almost instinctively in what group to put a girl after becoming a little acquainted with her; and often her mere appearance,—what constitutes her personality in distinction from her individuality,—determines her place in the fraternity world. But with Tri-Delta it seems different. It is very difficult to describe the representative girl of our own fraternity, and this difficulty does not arise, I think, from the fact that one recognizes so many varying characteristics in the girls one knows intimately.

Look at the girls in your own chapter. There is your artist girl, with her dainty ways, her intense love of the beautiful, and her recognition of it not only in things material, but also in fraternity ideals and friendships; and there is your mathematical girl, with her exactness, her strict adherence to truth; her ability to serve successfully on finance committees, her dry wit, with which

she can convulse an audience, while, save for the solemn twinkle in her eye, her own face is calm and impassive; there is your society girl, who helps to keep a chapter from being narrowly a college organization; there is your star scholar, who, though by no means a "grind," assists in gaining the favor of the faculty toward the society which an especially satisfactory pupil represents; then there is your "popular" girl; she isn't an extraordinary scholar, she isn't particularly anything, but she is so sunny and bright and sympathetic and interested in everyone's puzzles or hobbies or joys that everybody loves her. It is useless to name all your girls; you know them; they come from all walks in life, they have different natures and varied interests, and yet they have some traits in common, and are all congenial and eager to be loyal to the same fraternity ideals.

The very fact that one has so much difficulty in picking out the characteristics of the average Tri-Delta seems to me to be one proof of the *broadness* of the type. Tri-Delta girls are quick to recognize worth in those who are quite different from themselves, and is not this a great point gained in proving the value of a fraternity? There is a certain mobility among our girls that demands careful cultivation, lest it degenerate into narrowness on the one hand, or, on the other, heedlessness in selecting girls who will best realize our ideals.



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