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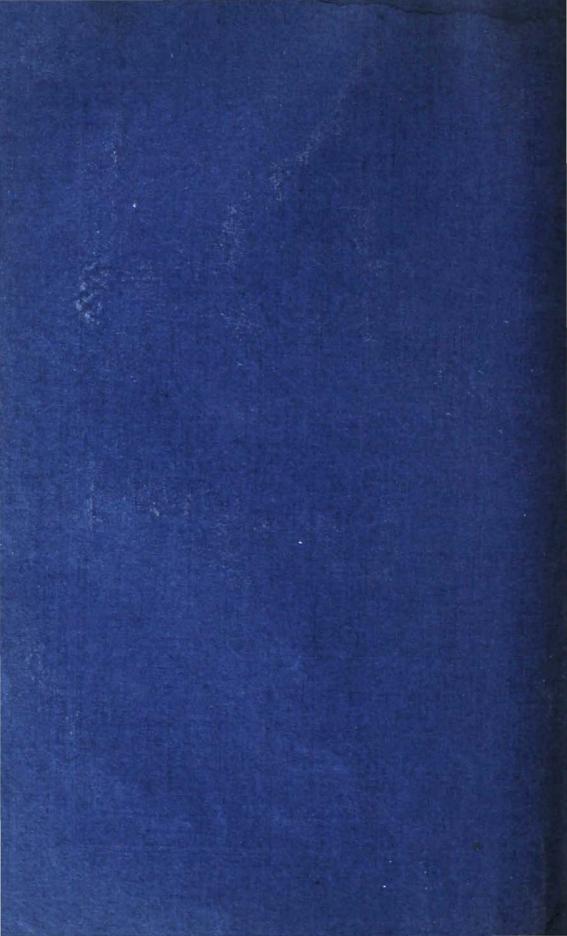
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The Young Woman's Opportunity

By Charles Reynolds Brown

For every young woman there is today a new intellectual opportunity. The colleges no longer tolerate her, they welcome her. The president and the professors are glad to see her on the campus for she has abundantly proved her right to be there. The ungracious term "co-ed" and the tone in which it is uttered oftentimes by some man who has been outclassed in his studies by the girls across the aisle serves only to indicate a lack of good breeding.

And in the women's colleges, Vassar and Wellesley, Smith and Bryn Mawr, Mt. Holyoke and Mills, hard, serious work is being done today by hundreds of clear-headed, royal-hearted young women. The sneer that in girls' schools they are taught nothing except to make Battenburg and to play the Strauss waltzes, with a smattering of French and of literature, is a belated joke. In studies which have to do with life and service, as well as with personal culture and charm, there is an opportunity today for every young woman who has a mind for it and thousands of high school and college girls are entering that open door.

The intellectual opportunity reaches far beyond the school. The weekly papers of the better sort and the magazines are being edited more and more with reference to a multitude of feminine readers who a generation ago were not reading widely—they were not interested in a hundred and one questions which possess the attention of the thoughtful woman today. Women's clubs are sometimes places where great numbers of women go to drink tea and to show each other what nice clothes they have, but they are also places where thoughtful and aspiring women go to hear and to speak, to think and to plan touching

matters more vital than tea and clothes. In all directions the intellectual opportunity of women has been enlarged.

She also faces a new social freedom. She moves about with less convention, less restraint than formerly. She travels more widely at home and abroad when she has the means—and as often as not her own efforts in some useful service have won her the means. We find women by twos and threes and half dozens going abroad to receive what the cathedrals and the madonnas, the Rhine and the Rhone, the Jungfrau and the Matterhorn have to offer. The modern woman is also privileged to meet socially those of her own sex and of ours, with less artificial restraint. She is there ready to talk or be talked to, by any one who knows enough to make it worth her while, not because she is feminine but because she is human. The whole quality of the interest we feel in her has been enlarged and ennobled.

In saving all this I do not suggest, even in the most remote way, that she has surrendered or should surrender one jot or one tittle of her purely feminine charm. May the good Lord deliver us from the mannish woman and the ladvlike man! It is a sad day when any girl imagines that it would be well for her to eliminate or at least obscure the fundamental fact of her sex by wearing mannish clothes, talking sporty talk and smoking cigarettes. We have enough of men of that type already without adding any feeble imitations. What a dreary world it would be if all the people in it were men and feminine imitations of men-"half portions" of men one might say! The woman becomes supremely human only as she becomes in the largest possible measure womanly. But bearing this principle in mind, the twentieth century has given to women everywhere a new social freedom, attended with certain perils indeed as all good things are there was a snake you remember crawling about in the Garden of Eden-but with the promise of surpassing good. The modern woman is indeed

> "Free to look at fact, Free to think and act, Free to come and go."

There has come also a new recognition of woman as a civic factor. I have no word to speak either for or against woman suffrage—that is another story as Kipling would say. But with or without the ballot in her hand, a woman the country over today is a citizen as she was not thirty years ago. If the voice of any community is raised in some public interest for a better system of parks and playgrounds in the interests of health and decency quite as much as for the pleasure of the people, or for better housing or wiser sanitation, there is sure to be the clear soprano note mingling with the heavier bass when that demand is heard. The housekeeper has become a city-keeper, using that same practical intelligence and sympathetic insight in the interests of the communal life. Her valued service along these lines in New York, in Chicago, in San Francisco, has been reognized privately and officially with a growing sense of gratitude.

If any community undertakes to array itself against serious evil, the plague of tuberculosis for instance, how much of the credit is due to the increased sense of civic responsibility among our intelligent women. The health of her husband and her children is still her first concern as it is for every good wife and mother, but her heart is large enough to take upon it also the burden of responsibility for the city's health. Science and sympathy are acting in conjunction. The medical men and the laboratories are furnishing the scientific data and direction while the warm hearts and the unselfish devotion of the women are in large measure responsible for the enthusiasm which becomes the driving force of the whole movement.

"I am a citizen," the apostle cried when he was haled before an unjust official, and he added with a touch of local pride, "of no mean city." "I too am a citizen," the woman is saying everywhere today, "and my city shall not be mean if it lies within my power to avert it."

In the new intellectual opportunities standing before her like wide open doors, in the large measure of social freedom accorded her for her advantage and for ours, and in the larger recognition given her as a civic factor, every girl as she moves toward her maturity sees her chance to be and to do. Who knows but that she has come for a service more highly significant and far-reaching than anyone would dare to indicate! If she meets and matches her opportunity with those fine womanly qualities

which are within her reach, the service rendered to her race by Esther of old will indeed be surpassed.

It must all be done in feminine fashion, for we cannot afford to sacrifice the woman to the social service. Now women are consumers rather than producers. In economic life the woman who finds herself a breadwinner does not alter the principle—she thinks of herself as standing in an unusual relation to society. What Mrs. Warren said in Bernard Shaw's play holds good—"The best way for a woman to take care of herself is for her to be good to some man who can afford to take care of her."

And the woman who is found in the ranks of what is called "productive scholarship" does not alter the principle, for the larger part of that work is done by men. Women as a class are consumers rather than producers of knowledge, and they are the more eager and more conscientious consumers. When you go to a prize fight or to the penitentiary you find the men outnumbering the women a hundred to one, it may be a thousand to one. But when you go to a lecture or a symphony concert, to an art gallery or a public library, or to a church where the preaching is thoughtful and the music good, you find the women outnumbering the men. This is all true, yet the fact remains that the lectures and the sermons are being delivered by men, the music was composed, the pictures painted, and the books written ninetenths of them by men. When the Boston Public Library was built they carved upon the frieze the names of the eminent authors of all the lands and all ages, five hundred and eighty-six of them. Six of these names were the names of women and five hundred and eighty of them were the names of men. Women are consumers rather than the producers along these lines.

But even so, where the consuming end of the business is carried on with wisdom, conscience and skill, it has quite as much to do with human well being as to have the producing end of the business similarly conducted. The consumer decides what shall be produced by his own compelling demand. This is true in economic life and it is true all the way up, all the way down and all the way in. If the consuming of papers and books, of music and of plays, of paintings and of architecture be dominated

by that taste and conscience which belongs to womanhood at its best, how mighty will be the influence for good!

Let me apply this principle in several practical lines. Let woman use her intellectual advance to demand a higher article in the quality of the daily paper she reads or admits to her home. Every publisher in America would take notice! Four-fifths of the advertising space—and this is the source of revenue for the paper—has to do with articles which women will buy. The advertiser has in mind the feminine eye and the money in the woman's purse. Take your foot rule and measure the advertising space in many metropolitan daily and you will find it so. If the women of the country should demand that the daily paper should be clean, true and wholesome to an extent that most of the papers are not today, we should witness a swift return to what might again be called "journalism."

We may apply the same principle to books. The novels which are a little off color are bought and read by more than twice as many women as men because women are doing a Benjamin's portion of the reading of books. Every author and every publisher knows this well and governs himself accordingly. When higher standards, both literary and moral, are resolutely insisted upon by the reading women of the land, we shall rejoice in a new renaissance.

Let the woman use her social freedom in demanding a better class of play upon the stage. The theatres absorb a vast amount of money and they are uttering some sort of message every night in the week to many impressionable people who hear nothing better. It is of vital importance that the taste for dramatic presentation be vastly improved in the interests of our moral health.

Not only the mature woman but the young girl goes to see plays today which would have caused her grandmother to hold up her hands with horror and then to walk out of the door. The plays and musical fantasies where all the finer instincts of young girls behind the foot-lights are being sacrificed for the spectacular embellishment of some suggestive performance exist only by the sufferance of good women. In all the theatres a large percentage of the seats are filled by women or by men who are there because women have accompanied them. The husband takes his wife to the theatre, the young man escorts the young

lady to witness some play. If the woman did not go, the man would be somewhere else, at home, at his club, in the lodge or possibly in the saloon. In the consuming of public entertainment, the woman is the influential factor. If the women of the land should say, "We will see those plays which are clean and fine and enjoyable consistent with the best instincts of womanhood, and we will not see those performances where feminine modesty is being sold for so much a week." the stage would be elevated at an astonishing rate. Who knows but that woman has come to this new social freedom for such a task as this!

Let the woman use the larger recognition given her as a civic factor for arousing, inspiring and directing those communal activities which have to do with improved health, better housing, scientific sanitation, the recovery of the defective and the delinquent, as only good women can, and the impetus given to the work of social restoration would bring the doxology to all lips!

It was a wise man who said, "Men must be judged by the work they do and forgiven for what they are not. Women must be judged by what they are, and by the happiness which radiates from their presence. Even where they add to what they are, specific performance, we still esteem them most not for the work done, but for the love and joy which shines through their work."

You are college women. Your opportunity for becoming a presence from which that higher happiness will steadily radiate is hereby greatly enlarged. The cap and gown, pretty as they are, will be speedily replaced by the less picturesque garb of the work-a-day world. The academic accent, fine and choice as a page of Homer, will give way to the speech with which the world lives its real life. On Commencement Day there will not be Phi Beta Kappa keys enough to go around, and it is just as well, for the great doors of opportunity are unlocked for the most part with another sort of key. But if as a result of special training you can bring to bear upon some group of human lives a fuller measure of physical vitality and charm, a broader outlook and a keener insight, and above all a spirit of unselfish devotion then you have indeed come to your chance at life for just such an end as this. By the consecration of the finest and the fairest that is in you to the highest purposes you know, you will secure for yourself and those you serve life abundant and eternal.

The Social Life of Convention

By Juliette G. Hollenback.

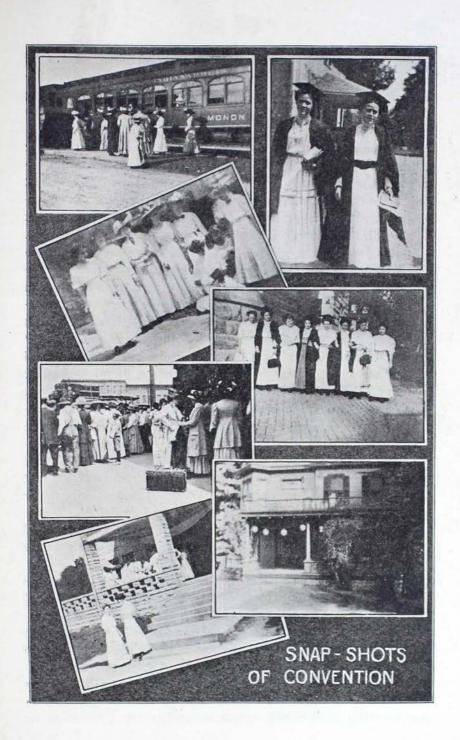
The business of Convention is duly set down in black and white, for the perusal of Kappas present and to come, but the no less characteristic social side, with its hours of "joy and mirth" that fill our Convention days with color and life, this lighter side finds no record save in the memories of those fortunate enough to have enjoyed it in person, and so, for the benefit of those unlucky ones who could not come, this article is written.

I think the fun of Convention began when, after many dusty, cindery hours-or days-of travel, we were whirled through the streets of Bloomington, catching glimpses, as we went, of large tissue-paper fluers-de-lis, and golden keys, prominently displayed in shop windows, for apparently the whole town had hospitably draped itself in double blue in our honor. Very soon, the end of our journey being reached, we were deposited in cheerful automobile-loads at the Student Building to register, and later escorted across the picturesque campus with its stately treesscores of them-and over the historic boardwalk to our rooms in the dormatory or in one of the fraternity houses, which had been obligingly scrubbed and vacated and loaned for the occasion by their masculine owners. Presently groups of Kappas might be seen strolling toward the chapter house, easily distinguished by its gay strings of colored lanterns, for the informal evening reception. Here one found rooms packed with strange faces, soon to become familiar, and echoing with every known style of American accent, as North, East, South and West held animated converse. Joyful cries and wild dashes proclaimed the meeting of old friends, eager greetings heralded the making of new ones. Travel-weariness was forgotten, the anxious delegates even stopped worrying for a little while about those terrifying oral reports, due next morning, and every mind was occupied only with the thought that the twenty-third of August and Convention had actually arrived.

Wednesday morning found the black, gowned officers and delegates waiting solemnly outside the door of the big gymnasium, where business sessions were held, while perturbed deputies rushed about trying to get the procession formed, and showing everybody else into the gymnasium. Sharply at nine the long line filed in, looking properly dignified and impressive, and the business of Convention began.

In the evening, arrayed in our next-best gowns, the grandest being of course reserved for the banquet, we all gathered again at the gymnasium, to enjoy the very fine musical program arranged by our hostesses, and afterwards adjourned to the large auditorium of the Student Building for the formal reception. Here, owing no doubt to some pleasant form of sorcery, walls and ceiling had vanished, and we found ourselves moving in a softly-lighted bower of cool green leaves. In this attractive setting Kappa gladly made the acquaintance of Bloomington, and Bloomington cordially welcomed Kappa, to their mutual pleasure. As the crowd began to thin out a little, the rythmic strains of music, heard more plainly, caused numerous eyes to glisten longingly-what rightly constituted young person can contentedly stand and talk through a perfectly good waltz?but the hour was late, so we took a reluctant departure, consoled by the thought of the informal dance scheduled for the following night.

And so on Thursday evening all youthful Kappas-and some not quite so youthful-might have been seen hurrying gaily across the campus admiring each other's gowns, and blessing the weather-man for having turned off his sprinkler just in time for the dance. The astonishing rumor had been circulated before hand that there were to be plenty of men at the dance, but we could hardly credit this information, it being well understood that in a university town men, like oysters, are out of season in August. Yet sure enough, when we arrived, there they were, regiments of them, looking anything but bored at the prospect in store. How Delta did it we never knew, but we soon grew accustomed to miraculous achievements upon the part of our capable hostesses. Tonight, cheerful and serene, they seemed to be everywhere at once, introducing people, dancing with their guests, sternly forbidding each other to dance with men, politeness dictating that these precious commodities be reserved for us, serving countless glasses of delicious nector to the thirsty souls, and altogether conducting them-



selves in accordance with the best conception of the ideal hostess. Of course everybody danced, and of course nobody wanted to stop, but the thought of nine o'clock in the morning and business session, arriving arm-in-arm and inexorable, finally turned us homewards.

In point of decorum, our methods of recreation seem to have followed a steadily declining scale so far, for whereas an informal dance is less dignified an occasion than a formal concert and reception, "stunt night," which came next in order, is shamelessly hilarious and nothing more. Dignity, after a few rude shocks, directly withdrew, leaving a clear field for the spirit of mirth, and the stunts proceeded, before a vociferously appreciative audience. Who will ever forget diminutive Lochinvar and his towering bride, as they made a hasty but glorious exit upon the prancing broom stick, at the point of a murderous-looking nail file, wielded by an irate parent? Or who can restrain a reminiscent chuckle of the joy at the thought of that dramatic star at one end of the minstrels, who achieved sudden and lasting fame by the single means of an expressive countenance, very rakish head gear-consisting chiefly of one large emphatic ostrich plume-and native genius The spontaneous burst of applause which greeted the dignified alumnae delegate from Milwaukee when she rose to report, on the following morning, must have warmed her dramatic soul. After the program was over we of course all agreed that this was the best stunt-night we had ever had; that the costumes were more amazing, the jokes funnier, the plays and tableaux cleverer than they had ever been before. To be sure, most of us had never seen another stunt-night, but we were none the less firmly convinced of the truth of our conclusion.

The next day being Saturday Kappa put on her hat for the first time since coming to Convention, climbed into a special train—the engine looked rather bored in its double blue streamers, but it was not consulted in the matter, and departed right after luncheon to spend the afternoon and evening at French Lick and West Baden, two famous resorts not far from Bloomington. Here we walked, drove, gingerly sampled various odoriferous mineral waters, explored caves, bought picture postals—who ever heard of an excursion unaccompanied by

picture postals?—and finally gathered in the dining-room of the big hotel for dinner. Afterwards we wandered about in the huge rotunda under "the biggest dome in the world," and danced in the ball-room until time to leave for the train, which brought us all safely back to Bloomington, dead tired, but happy and tuneful.

On Sunday morning everybody slept the sleep of the weary, everybody, that is, but the August inmates of the chapter house, whose sweet dreams were shattered at the pleasant hour of five-fifteen A. M. by the clarion tones of the "wash-lady," who had arrived with the "wash." Poor Grand Council! "Wash" is of course necessary, and even highly desirable at times, but not at all times. That morning some of us went to church, in the afternoon most of us attended the special vesper services, and in the evening all of us crowded into the chapter house, where we sat socially on the floor and sang all the Kappa songs we could think of, for an hour or two.

Monday came all too quickly bringing with it the excitements of the last day of Convention, with the banquet as the chief and final one. As the shades of night began to fall the campus became deserted, and all good Kappas betook themselves to the congenial task of making themselves beautiful. The relative merits of cornstarch and talcum-powder were heatedly discussed as well as the advisibility of assuming rouge and patches—"I don't mind powdering my hair, you know, but I do draw the line at rouge." "Well, but if everybody else does it."

By eight o'clock visions of beauty began to arrive at the Student Building, and presently the doors of the banquet hall were thrown open, and we caught our first glimpse of the long shining tables, looking very charming with their shaded lights and clusters of pink roses. We all thronged in, two hundred and fifty strong, found our places—marked by dainty menu-cards in the form of light-blue leather cardcases, and the banquet began. Before it had proceeded very far our toastmistress, Mrs. Buskirk of the Bloomington Alumnae Association, rose and graciously bade us welcome, afterwards introducing the speakers of the evening at intervals between courses. The toasts included one from our "baby" chapter at Lexington, on "The Blues in the Heart of the Bluegrass," by Mary Sweeney, one to

our out-going President Miss Stoner, by Helen Ross of Theta, one on "Expansion in the West" by Ellen Howe of Beta Pi, and one by Mary Morgan Brewer of the New York Alumnae Association, and a member of Delta chapter, on "The Point of View." After the regular toasts had been given—every one of them well worth hearing—some kind soul started calling for impromptu remarks from the various dignitaries present, and the shuddering victims were forced to rise and respond. The hours flashed by so quickly that we were amazed to find that it was long past midnight when the last toast had been given and the last song sung. Many of us had to bid each other a reluctant farewell that night; others, who were taking the same train in the morning, could postpone their leave-taking until later.

Tuesday found us, bag and baggage, again at the station, perhaps not quite so joyful as we had been a week ago, when the fun of Convention was all before, and not behind us, but still quite cheerful. Trunks and suitcases were everywhere; so was our capable Marshal, serene and unperturbed as ever. At last the train arrived, goodbyes were said, and trunks, bags and Kappas were hastily assisted on board. Off we steamed, to talk Convention, in steadily diminishing groups—as changes of cars lessened our numbers—and to snatch a welcome nap or two. No more strolls across the campus; no more trips to the "Book nook" for soda and postal cards; no more animated discussion of fraternity policy and kindred subjects with congenial spirits; no more impromptu spreads in the dormitory, for Convention, with all it meant of joy and inspiration, was over, and had become just one of that long list of happy "Kappa memories, that last our whole life through."

Some Extracts From Old Records

By Katharine Swift Doty, Historian

Since the historical number of The Key was published, in 1907, it has been our good fortune to hear more from some of our early members about the beginnings of Kappa Kappa Gamma. One of these, Mrs. McMillan, who was the first secretary of Delta, has brought to light a group of letters written to her more than thirty-five years ago by Alice Pillsbury, the secretary of Alpha. These letters and the minutes of meetings found in Delta's oldest record book take us back so realistically to the chapter life of those days that a few extracts from them may not be unwelcome.

Still earlier than these Delta records, however, is a notice found in the Monmouth College Courier of October, 1870, which introduces us to Kappa at her first public appearance. For some months before that time the society had been organized. Mrs. Pattee, one of the four original members, thought that they had made a beginning in March. But getting the pins was a lengthy process; and without pins, how could the girls "come out?" So it happened that they did not make public their existence until October 13, the date which has come down as that of the establishment of the fraternity. The Courier welcomes them thus: "The long-expected ship hove into sight some days ago, and came into port with the Admiral's pennon flung to the breeze amid the shouts of the multitude—'a sail, a sail!' When the crew came ashore among us islanders the dignified mien and grace which marked their presence evinced the residence of authority; but we are glad to note that so far no concealed weapons have been seen, and we are hoping the beauties of our natural scenery, and the mysteries of our learning will induce the crew to permanently take up their abode with us. They wear a little gold key, sometimes on their foreheads, sometimes on their little blue or red jackets which very much become them." (Any present-day Kappa who is puzzled by the problem of wearing a key on the forehead may refer to the photographs on page 18 of THE KEY for December, 1907.) "It has three letters on it, K K T, and also A. V. O. (?). We have been able to count only six of them, and, as has been intimated, they are on a voyage of discovery."

This "voyage of discovery" led, before many years had passed, into difficult waters. In 1873, or thereabouts, the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church seems to have passed a law that no college under its care should have Greek letter fraternities any longer. Monmouth was one of these colleges. After a time, therefore, all the fraternities there were summoned before the faculty and instructed to take in no more members. Alice Pillsbury of Alpha writes to Delta: "And now I have some very serious and melancholy news to relate-something that we have been expecting for sometime. The college senate has made a law that, after this, students on entering college must sign an agreement not to join a secret society while in school. Do you think this is going to finish us? Do you think we are going to subside? Not by any means! It only puts us to the trouble of putting in our members before they enter college." Although we may not wholly approve of the attitude toward college regulations here shown, we must admit that the position was a difficult one. Later she writes: "They are trying hard to keep us from taking in any this term. Several have been taken into the different fraternities, though, and no fuss raised, only they keep saying, 'Don't take in any more this term—just wait a little while." Apparently these anti-fraternity laws were not enforced with unvarying severity; it is difficult to tell just what the status of the fraternities was. Some of the later members remember entering college without being required to take any pledge, and wore their keys openly; at other times the girls "wore their pins carefully concealed, which they flashed on the friends they could trust." Finally, about 1880, the fraternities were definitely ordered to disband entirely. This they seem to have done shortly after.

Nothing shows the informality and irregularity of procedure in those early days more than the establishment of chapters. Things were decidedly in the experimental stage, so perhaps it is not remarkable that several of the chapters founded by Alpha failed to grow. In The Key for January, 1899, is Mrs. Boyd's account of the founding of the second chapter, at Knoxville. This can hardly be said to have flourished, since the two original members never added even one to their number, and to the best of their recollection, "never had a meeting!" Gamma, at Logansport, was another chapter whose existence was of the brief-

est. Alpha writes to Delta about it: "We did get somewhat out of patience with the Logansport girls for not taking in more girls, but on hearing their reason don't blame them. They say if they took the ones they wanted and left out the ones they do not want, it would be sure to raise a fuss. The college is quite new-and this, I think, the only fraternity there, and upon the least appearance of trouble about it the president and faculty would forbid them to wear the pins-instanter." The third "dead" chapter, Zeta, at Rockford Seminary, was for years completely lost; we could not find even the name of a single member. All the Rockford graduates of the period insisted that there had never been a chapter at that college. Once our hopes were raised by an Alpha member who thought she remembered the name of one Zeta, only to be dashed again when the lady in question, on being cordially greeted as a long-lost sister, denied most emphatically that she had anything to do with any fraternity. At last the discovery of Miss Pillsbury's letters solved the problem, for in one was found the account of the establishment of Zeta chapter—not particularly like an installation today. "I am happy to say that the chapter at Rockford, Illinois, is in running order started with four members, Kittie Shelby, Carrie Preston, Alice Davis and Flora Frazer. We sent the charter to the Zetas yesterday, enclosed in a box containing some trifles to help them celebrate—as girls shut up in a seminary sometimes have difficulty in obtaining the essentials. I was at that school myselfso have an appreciation of the difficulties." Did the new members enjoy the "celebration?" We do not know. After this brief emergence, Zeta disappears again; the present names and whereabouts of these four girls are as hidden from us, apparently, as the rest of the chapter's career.

To keep in touch with other chapters must have been difficult in those days of no conventions and no Grand Council. The early members of Delta and Alpha never saw each other, although they corresponded for years, and lived not so very far apart. "Thank you," writes Alice Pillsbury of Alpha to Ida Woodburn, of Delta, "in the name of all the girls for your cordial invitation to visit you during your commencement. It was all talked over yesterday—how much we would enjoy it—if it were only possible! But you know how it is with girls! If we were only boys, wouldn't we be independent!" Even corre-

spondence was irregular. Alice Pillsbury writes again: "I have received a lively letter from Bloomington (Illinois). They have a new secretary, and from her accounts they are still alive. Said they had written several letters to your chapter, but had not heard from you—would like to correspond with you, and desired the name of your secretary." No wonder that with intercourse so informal the traces of some short-lived chapters are hard to find.

Of the chapters established by Alpha, two, Delta and Epsilon, flourished from the first. To Delta, our oldest living chapter, founded in 1872, belongs the oldest record book in the fraternity. Here we find the early constitutions, the first initiation ceremony, and, last but not least, the minutes of those meetings long ago. Literary exercises were then a part of every meeting, and included recitations, debates, essays or reading aloud. Here are some characteristic extracts from the minutes. "Sister favored us with one of her beautiful declamations, delivered in her fine style." "Miss ---- had an essay, but was hardly familiar enough with it to read it well." "----- spoke a declamation which was duly criticized. - was kind enough to remark that enough criticisms had been offered." "---- read her essay to be read on the following morning at 'public,' which was, as all of her productions are, splendid." "Sister - read an essay which was very good, but the conduct of some of the girls was very bad during the reading of it." "Miss - and —— had quite an interesting debate. Subject —— Resolved, that a country college is more beneficial than a city college." Evidently some subjects of discussion can last for thirty-five years. Against their choice of subjects no charge of narrowness could be brought if the following list of essay topics is a fair example: "Habit," "The Shunamite," "Eternal Justice," "Hope," "Night," "Methods of Burial," "The First Dinner I Cooked." "Death." This literary work in such a startling variety of fields, accompanied by criticism which appears to have been quite freely expressed, seems to have produced most desirable results. A By-law of 1876 requires that "the standard of scholarship to wear the badge shall be 90 in college and 85 in Prep.;" nor do more than a very few members seem to have been obliged to stop wearing their keys. How many chapters reach such an average today?

Alumnae Associations as Seen at Convention

C. Edna Bramble, Beta Alpha.

After graduation, the fraternity girl, even though she has planned during her college life to take an active part in fraternity affairs, finds that broader interests, and once in a while narrower ones, absorb more time and energy than she had expected. Frequently before she realizes it, the years are slipping by and carrying with them her knowledge of fraternity affairs. Almost invariably membership in an Alumnæ Association belonging to the National Organization will prevent this. That such Associations are remarkably well informed on general fraternity subjects was proven at the Twentieth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, by the interest of alumnæ delegates in discussions and their intelligent work on the various committees.

There were present at Bloomington delegates from nine "voting" Associations as well as representatives from various organizations of graduate Kappas. On Alumnæ Day the most important business related to the government of Alumnæ Associations. The work of reconstructing the Standing Rule involved was done by a committee of alumnæ delegates appointed by the Grand President. The rule as finally recommended to and adopted by Convention makes few changes. Alumnæ Associations need not send news letters and personals to The Key; the duties of the officers of the Associations are more clearly stated; the Supervisor of Alumnæ Associations has the privileges of an officer of the fraternity; and provision is made for a distinction in the directory in The Key between Associations belonging to the National Organization and Kappa Clubs or groups of alumnæ not belonging to the national body.

The reports of the various alumnæ delegates were interesting because they brought out very plainly the difference in existing conditions and the consequent problems of the Associations. Alumnæ Associations may easily be arranged in three groups:

- I. Associations composed of members of but one chapter.
- 2. Associations near a chapter, composed of many members from one chapter and a few from other chapters.

3. Associations composed of members from various chapters. Associations belonging to the first group, being interested in the one chapter are interested in the general fraternity but particularly in fraternity rulings which concern the particular chapter. Such Associations aid their chapters financially and socially, and usually find some method for keeping members who live at a distance informed of chapter affairs. Associations belonging to the second group very often face a serious problem. The majority of members being alumnæ of the nearest chapter, are particularly interested in that chapter, while the other members contribute to the support of their own chapters, and do not care to divide their support. The problem is to keep these members in the Association and yet give substantial assistance to the nearby chapter. In order to solve such a problem the members of Beta Alpha chapter in the Philadelphia Alumnæ Association have formed the Beta Alpha Auxiliary, to which all graduates of the chapter may belong. The Auxiliary works for Beta Alpha chapter while the Philadelphia Alumnæ Association remains a general association interested in general fraternity work and once in awhile doing something particularly for Beta Alpha chapter. In the third group the question is usually that of keeping in touch with fraternity affairs. The members of such an association must utilize much of their actual meeting time in getting acquainted with each other, and when there is no active chapter near it is not easy to know what the active fraternity is doing.

All the Associations, irrespective of conditions, want to work, but in order to do this must know what is going on in the fraternity world. This knowledge can best be acquired through the officers of the National Alumnæ Association. Organization means information, and information means efficient work. This was illustrated by the work of the alumnæ delegates at Convention, and proves the value of belonging to an Alumnæ Association which is a member of the National Organization. We are undergraduates for but four years, graduates for many years. Each year out of college as well as each year in college means a strengthening of fraternity ties. It should at the same time bring a broader knowledge of the fraternity and a desire to work for and with the active fraternity body.

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The times are such that the fraternity system must justify its existence. It is a thing worth while or it must go the way of all useless things in the progressive age. No one can dispute the justice of this judgment of the day. "Usefulness," in this successful era, is a key-word and that which is not conducive to a bettering of conditions in the midst of which it is existing is a thing not to be tolerated and, peremptorily, it is removed to give place to a something which seems better and more efficient. The fraternity system, then has before it the task of proving to the world that it has a right to exist, and, because of the attitude of the modern mind, the proof must come in terms of usefulness.

The sphere of this usefulness must not be narrow. If the fraternity fulfills its mission it must give more than present pleasure to its fortunate membership; it must reach out; it must better and beautify everything with which it comes in contact. The fraternity member must be broadened, she must be given wider interests, she must reach more people or she must become more efficient in dealing with those with whom she already is associated, else the fraternity is meaningless and a farce, or, she is an unworthy member of it.

The cry has been "Back to first principles" and it is a good cry. The hurry and the bustle of American life has carried us all far beyond original intentions. As in the outside world, so too, is it in the college world. In the early days to quote from the "Sorority Handbook" "the crowded class-room, the ascetic dormitory, the cheerless boarding-house gave birth to the fraternity." Thus, we see how the fraternity system came into being. It was the outgrowth of a sorely felt need. There was a call for social life and for greater social advantages and the fraternity was the answer; there was a lack of college spirit which had to be met and the fraternity came in, giving that about which love for the college could grow, thereby inculcating love for Alma Mater. The fraternity of the early days was extremely useful; it satisfied the exigencies of the times and, little by little, attaining better organization, it rose to its present place as a no mean factor in college life.

In the years that have gone by since the founding of Kappa, conditions have changed. The advance in social life, which was the specific reform which our charter members sought to work, has given place to other needs. Today, the social need is minor. In our colleges, now, greater advantages for social life are given, better dormitories and more comforts are provided for the students which, in some measure, make up for the loss of the homelife. Those in authority in the great institutions of learning in our country have kept pace with the times in this respect and are daily filling the student needs. Yet, in spite of this fact, the fraternity of today, not in theory, but in actual practice, has pursued the same aim which has been striven after for years. It has gone on to greater lengths to make its members leaders in society and to give them increased advantages. We have forgotten that we have gone far enough for our advantage and for our success and there are other fields in which we ought to be expending our energies. It is high time for the fraternities to get back to first principles; to hunt through musty archives, if necessary, in order that they may ascertain the basic principles on which and for which they were founded.

For Kappa what are some of these basic principles? When the founders of our fraternity laid their plans and drafted their -our-constitution they must have weighed carefully their A thorough study of that document will show a world of meaning behind each group of words and, in analysing the preamble there may come the fullest realization of what Kappa Kappa Gamma is and ought to mean. Take, as a slight beginning but one phrase. What means "the finer feelings of the heart?" Is it more than mere Kappa love within the fraternity? The love which reaches only so far as those who return affection is a meagre sort of love; it is poor, indeed, and scarcely worthy that the name of the best thing in the world should be bestowed upon it. There is a greater love which reaches out to the unlovely things and beautifies them through its own radiance. There is a love, not blazoned forth in words of fond endearment nor in demonstrations of affection which subtly makes its presence felt by little words of encouragement or in a pleasant "passing of the day," by little acts of thoughtfulness done for the love of the doing. After all it is the little things which

count. As Dr. Halsey of New York, aptly puts it, it is the doing of a "plus," a little more than is absolutely required and doing that willingly, gladly, which counts more than all the rest of the deed.

"Take time to speak a loving word
Where loving words are seldom heard,
And it will linger in the mind,
And gather others of its kind
'Til loving words will echo, where
Erstwhile the heart was poor and bare.
And somewhere on thy heavenward track,
That music will come echoing back
And fill thy soul with melody.
Such is Love's Immortality."

To make this practical, it seems to me, because we have known Kappa life and Kappa ideals would surely be to prove that Kappa is worth while and that so far as we are concerned that the existence of the fraternity is justified.

MARGARET BROWN MOORE, Beta Gamma.

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The finner the Honor System during the last few years and many methods have been tried by different colleges with varying degrees of success. Recently the students of the University of Nebraska have been particularly interested in the means used by other colleges and are at present struggling to find some adequate method of lessening the "cribbing" evil. The Pan-Hellenic Councils of the college have met and the men have adopted a set of rules which have been taken by the college organizations and thoroughly discussed. The code of honor consists of the following:

- 1. It is an action incompatible with honor to cheat or assist in cheating at any test or examination.
- 2. Any trick, fraud or false report which contemplates credit is dishonorable.
- 3. It is not a mean or unworthy act for one to privately apprise a fellow student that such student has been detected in a violation of the provision of the code; nor is it a mean or unworthy action for one to report to the board of Honor, any

student who continues in his infringement of the code after having been privately apprised of detection.

The main objection to this system seems to be in the last article of the code. While all right minded persons thoroughly believe in honor in examinations, an enforcement of principle does not seem to be exactly what would be called placing one on his honor. One can be responsible for his own honesty of purpose and action but can one govern the honor of others? Is not honor a quality of the individual?

The only solution which has presented itself, at present, is the adoption of the pledge system, by which each person pledges his or herself to neither give nor receive help during tests or examinations. This will place the responsibility on one's self alone. The success of the system will depend upon the willingness of the entire student body to co-operate. It is well worth note that the Greek letter societies are leading the movement to remedy a common evil—their endeavor to keep the standards of integrity and honesty being a common cause.

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Suggestions for Advancement in Scholarship In the midst of the many exactions of our college life, we sometimes forget that the primary object of our university course is scholarship and that all else should take a secondary place. But this is

recognized by the college authorities and an attempt is frequently made to limit the number of social affairs so that the student may have sufficient time to satisfactorily carry on his college work. Yet it is impossible for the faculty to have a vigilant eye on a thousand or more students, and so other means must be resorted to. Phi Beta Kappa is presented as a goad toward which all should strive, but this is four years ahead and few keep it constantly in mind.

Here is where the well organized fraternity should begin its work and do what the college cannot. After a girl has spent two years at the University she seldom fails to make satisfactory grades and thus juniors and seniors can help their younger sisters to profit by their experience. As a special inducement to good scholarship we have a loving cup in our fraternity rooms, on which is engraved the name of the girl having the highest marks during her freshman year. But frequently there are a few who are satisfied if they merely pass, and for this reason printed blanks are given to the professors with the request that they write on these the grades of each freshman. These marks are read in fraternity meeting twice a year and it is humiliating to a girl to have her grade close to the failing point. One more means, which has proved satisfactory, is that of having a committee composed of three girls who are good students, tactful and personal favorites, with the duty of investigating the daily record of any girls whose marks show that they have not been doing satisfactory work. Such a committee has the power to grant or withhold consent for such a person to attend any social affairs.

CLAUDIA ARMSTRONG, Iota.

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What the Convention Means to the Entertaining Chapter The school of experience is acknowledged to be the best means of fitting us for the future. There, we gain the actual practice, the lasting impressions. The varied experiences furnished by the convention to the entertain-

ing chapter are of such nature.

For the chapter, the convention means an amount of good advertising, in its own college and state, especially, and in the country at large. With this advertising goes appreciation which is no mean asset.

Preparation for the convention means hard work. Opportunity is furnished for the exercise of all the abilities of the members. Arrangements are to be made for the comfort and pleasure of the visitors. To do this frequent meetings are necessary. Much discussion and planning must precede the work which finally brings all to pass. Just what all this entails, one who has not had the experience can hardly dream. But the chapter is thus brought into a better understanding, and appreciation of the worth of the members. There is a growth of sympathy, a broadening of capabilities and a strengthening of confidence in one another.

The sessions of the convention afford opportunity to the chapter to observe closely the conducting of a well-organized legislative assembly, which usually, only delegates may have and so gain an insight of fraternity affairs. A better grasp means that Pan-Hellenic relations are made clear. What before was vague becomes plain; what seemed capricious becomes reasonable. So the convention means information.

The power of initiative is developed and made strong. Some of us have little of this power; but the opportunities to use what we have gains for us greater power and in some instances we have been surprised and pleased that we have been able to do what at one time would have seemed impossible.

The convention means friendship.

The chapter, as well as the entire fraternity become acquainted and are drawn into pleasanter relations. The numerous social meetings are for this purpose and have this effect. The contact with so many strong, noble women at their best steadies us. We take on something of their calm, judicial manner of seeing things in true proportions. The instances of courtesy, patience, fairness of judgment, and poise charm us and curb the tendency, sometimes among us, to act impulsively. We see the beauty of character. We see our deficiences. We lose some of our self-esteem perhaps, and we aspire to higher ideals. We are stimulated as never before to worthy earnest effort.

Along this same line, a new kind of loyalty springs from the new ideals. This loyalty is akin to patriotism. We are proud of our fraternity. We rejoice that we have been chosen. This is our "esprit de corps" without which no good work can be accomplished. Everything in fraternity life depends upon the possession of this spirit. The entertaining chapter is the chief recipient of it. The great meaning of the convention to the entertaining chapter is the strengthening of the bonds and the rich increase of the spirit of Kappa.

Kate M. Hight, Delta.

Editorial

If the work accomplished by Convention could be set down in the pages of The Key, then it would hardly have been worth while to have gathered together members from all parts of the United States. It is not the changes in the constitution, not the tangible results set down in black and white by which Convention should be judged, but the inspiration given to delegates and visitors, the incentive toward finer and broader womanhood which, through them should be carried to every member of our active chapter and alumnæ associations. If Convention has made our members, more earnest useful and lovable women then it has fulfilled the better part of its mission. The result recorded here is the mere skeleton of our meetings and we leave it to our delegates and visitors to make Convention a living force in our American colleges.

It has well been said that the best way to enjoy money is to invest it in some person, and Kappa Kappa Gamma proved its belief in this statement by heartily endorsing the Undergraduate Student Aid Fund. An alumnæ committee was placed in charge of its money, with power to loan it, without security or interest, to any member of the fraternity who had successfully completed her freshman work.

Among the essential things of College life scholarship was not forgotten and the chapter reports told of many ways tried to advance the standing of the members. Some depend solely on the advice and assistance of the upper classmen in keeping the younger members up to the standard while others suggested that a loving cup bearing the name of the freshman receiving the highest mark, was an incentive which met with great success.

The importance of bringing the alumnæ and the active chapter into closer union was emphasized and it was advised that annual letters containing matters of college and fraternity interest be sent to the graduates and that the alumnæ show their thought of the active chapter by informing the members when desirable girls were entering College.

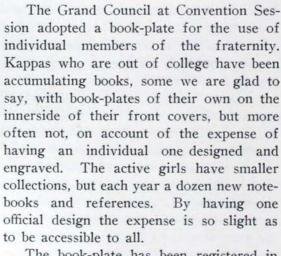
The local and national Pan-Hellenic was discussed at length and it was recommended that there be no rushing before matriculation and that Sunday rushing be abolished. Also that the Sororities be asked to give their delegates, to the National Pan-Hellenic Conference, legislative powers.

By the raising of the annual tax it was made possible to allow the overworked officers more clerical assistance and to extend the activities of the fraternity in many directions.

Convention went on record as favoring internal development rather than external expansion. Since we already have thirtyfive chapters situated in all parts of the United States there seems no need to enter any new colleges except those of high standing and where the petitioners are of unusual merit.

To our ex-Grand President, Edith Stoner, we extend heartfelt thanks for the faithful service she has so cheerfully and ably rendered the fraternity, and to our present Grand President, Florence Burton Roth, we give our loyal support, and express our confidence in a wise and successful administration.

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The book-plate has been registered in the copyright department at Washington, and is ready now for the use of every Kappa in the land. Uniform in design it is individual because each one writes her own name in. We are glad to have one more

little thing in common.



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Notice

Convention ruled that the names and addresses of National Alumnæ Associations only be printed under "Alumnæ Associations" in The Key. All other organizations will be placed under the heading Kappa Club and the name and address of any secretary will be inserted on application to the Editor.

Chapter Letters

Alpha Province

Phi—Boston University

Kappa lost three seniors at Commencement, Ethel Kirkton, Beatrice Gair, and Ruth Baker. We are happy to announce that Ethel was elected to Phi Beta Kappa.

On Saturday May seventh our alumnae gave the active chapter a luncheon at Riverdale Court, Cambridge. The luncheon was followed by a social hour, very pleasant for us active girls, who were enabled to renew old friendships and make new ones among our cordial hostesses.

The Kappa picnic was held at Marblehead as usual on Saturday, June fourth. The girls who went reported a jolly good time and were quite satisfied with their day beside, on, and in the ocean.

What shall I tell you about the house party? First of all, it was held at Louise Evart's cottage, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts. For anyone who has visited that unique town, there could be no doubt that we were very fortunate in our choice of a place to spend two weeks. To our minds the dearest cottage on the island was our cozy abode, "The Sign of the Golden Key." It was situated in a grove commanding a fine view of the sea. We had several rainy days the first week, but the weather could not dampen our enthusiastic spirits. Cooking, marketing, tramping, and bathing filled up our time most delightfully until June twenty-first, when we were once more separated.

In April Louise Evarts, '11, was elected president of the college Young Women's Christian Association. She attended the conference at Silver Bay. Margaret South, '12, has been chosen chairman of the Young Women's Christian Association missionary committee.

Flora Norton, '12, who was kept from college by ill health the greater part of last year, is to be with us again this fall.

The new system of pledging is now on trial, and we are waiting with interest to see the results. Pledge day is the third Monday after registration day of the second semester. Although Phi was hoping for sophomore pledge day, with no rushing, we are

glad for this change and feel that having second semester pledging is a step in the right direction.

Phi extends to all best wishes for the coming year.

Louise Anderson.

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Beta Epsilon—Barnard College

The last few weeks of our college year were comparatively quiet and uneventful for, of course, examinations were paramount in the minds of us all. Our undergraduate elections, however, proved most satisfactory, for Mary Polhemus, '11, and Katherine Gay, '11, were elected undergraduate president and vice-president respectively, for the coming year.

At one of the Pan-Hellenic meetings, the Kappa delegate brought up the question of the non-rushing policy which prevails at Barnard. Our suggestion however, to give two rushing parties during the sophomore year, instead of having none, as has been the case this year, was not approved of by the other fraternities, and the matter has consequently been dropped, for the present, at any rate.

Miss Kate Doty will be assistant in our Department of History next year, in place of Miss Juliet Points, who expects to spend several years abroad as the winner of the fellowship for foreign study offered by the American Federation of Women's Clubs.

The Beta Epsilon "spreads," one given by the alumnae to the undergraduates, the other, by the undergraduates to the alumnae, helped to relieve the monotony of the last few months of the year.

A most delightful and jolly week at "Camp" on Lake Waramaug, Connecticut, was thoroughly enjoyed by about twentythree graduates and undergraduates, and served as a most fitting close for a year of hard study.

CHARLOTTE VERLAGE.

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Beta Sigma—Adelphi College

Beta Sigma returned to the East with none of the jubilant spirits in which we had left. It was all over, this Convention that we had talked of to the exclusion of all else for so many months. It seems hard to term it a thing of the past but we place it among the happiest of our Kappa memories. At this great big houseparty, we all had a beautiful time and our love and pride in Kappa has grown to be a thing beyond all estimation.

To have lived and worked for a week in such close contact with the central organization makes us realize, as nothing else, the nationalism of our fraternity. That it is a great body with serious and definite aims beyond those of present social intercourse we can never doubt. Our Grand Council is in itself an inspiration. To see and to know them was to love them and to believe in the loyalty and devotion of each member to Kappa. The meeting together with representatives from all our chapters north, east, south and west, was a pleasure and an education. We all differ one from the other but we are all united by a common bond and a devotion to one ideal.

Our Convention week was a blending of the most interesting work and the most enjoyable play. Those many good times will never be forgotten, and we shall live them over and over again until another Convention makes possible their renewal.

To Delta we extend our deepest appreciation for their farreaching hospitality and our heartiest congratulations for the perfect success of their Convention.

To our Ex-Grand President, Edith Stoner, Beta Sigma joins with all other Kappas in love and thanks for the loyal service she has given us, and to our new Grand President, Mrs. Roth, we send congratulations and greetings.

DOROTHY COOKE.

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Psi-Cornell University

As soon as we returned from our Eastern vacation, we began to plan for our annual formal dance. It was held May second, and proved very enjoyable and successful. The rest of the month soon sped away, and the final examinations came; the very final ones for two of our number, Margaret H. Riggs and Sara F. Burns, who were both graduated with honors. Sara F. Burns, as member of the class day committee, was one of the two "women" marshalls on Class Day.

On Spring Day, our yearly frolic, we were glad to have back with us for a few days, Caroline C. Crawford, ex-'10. The Spring Day this year was a great success, and brought in several thousands of dollars for the athletic fund.

Charlotte Baber, '08, also visited us for a few days. She is another favorite of the chapter's.

Just before the close of college, notice was received that the recent alumnae of the chapter were going to present us with a new desk for our chapter room. We all greatly rejoiced, because the old one is both unsightly and awkward.

Katharine E. Eaton, ex-'10, Geraldine E. Watson and Jane D. McKelway were all at summer school this vacation.

We are looking forward with some trepidation to the fall term, as we are going to have an entirely new system of rushing, or rather non-rushing; for the first term is to be a non-rushing season, with pledge day, to be fixed by the local Pan-Hellenic at some time in the beginning of the second term.

With wishes for success in the next year, to all our sister chapters.

MARIANNA McCaulley.

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Beta Tau-Syracuse University

Commencement week was a jolly one in Syracuse, for many alumnae were back to join in celebrating the fortieth anniversary of the college's founding. The week began on the fifth of June with the baccalaureate sermon delivered by Chancellor Day. Class Day came the sixth, a special feature of which was the winding of four May Poles by undergraduates. This was the first of the old folk festivals held in the Stadium, but it is planned to hold one in connection with the Commencement exercises each year. The seventh was Alumni Day given over to class reunions and the Ben Greet players in "The Palace of the Truth" on the Teachers College grounds. On Wednesday, the eighth, was held the Commencement of all the colleges; the address given by Dr. Charles C. Albertson of Rochester.

Beta Tau loses seven active girls by graduation. Hazel Hall has accepted a position in Stony Point, New York. Marion

Lusk has one in Binghamton, New York, and Ruth Adams will be at Newport, New York. The other seniors will spend the year at home.

The day after Commencement, ten Beta Tau girls went to Tully Lake for a houseparty at the week's summer home. While there Ethel Andrews announced her engagement to Henry Dexter, '07, Phi Delta Theta.

Our Round Robin of this year is a plump, jolly success, and has now reached the twenty-fifth girl.

During the summer, the University has installed a large tank in connection with the Applied Science College. It cost about \$15,000 and is for the special study of hydraulics.

The Alpha Phi Chapter house has been purchased by the University for about \$9,000. It is planned to build a dormitory for women upon this and the adjoining property.

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Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania

During the last busy week before "finals," we of Beta Alpha still managed (like true Kappas) to make time for play as well as for work. Lively and thoroughly enjoyable were our meetings. "Convention" and "Our Party" were the all-absorbing topics of conversation. Dorothy Keeney, as you know, was appointed our delegate to Convention; several others of us, also, were expecting to go to Bloomington in August. Those who had no idea of being able to go, looked at and listened to the more fortunate ones, and "thought long thoughts, and longed long longings." "Our Party," which we had on the afternoon of June second in the Graduate Club Rooms, was a little farewell entertainment for a number of our friends in "Biology" and in the Teachers' Courses. The guests seemed to enjoy it; the hostesses certainly did.

Just after college closed the girls of the chapter planned a week-end party at Avelon—a little sea-side resort. Not all of us were able to be of the company, but we hear that those who were, enjoyed themselves thoroughly.

On June fifteenth, our two seniors, Catherine W. Beekley and

Mabel A. Purdy were graduated. Catharine was awarded the prize of two hundred and fifty dollars offered to the student in the fourth-year class in "Biology" who, having taken the entrance examination without condition, had the highest standing in the class. Mabel Purdy, after passing successfully the teachers' examination held at Easter, was appointed assistant in Biology at the William Penn High School in Philadelphia; Catharine Beekley, also, has received an appointment as assistant in Biology in the Girls High School of Philadelphia.

The second prize for excellent preparations illustrating the anatomy of a vegetable was divided between our two sisters, Alice Rodman and May Laramy.

During the summer a number of the college girls, who have been in town, have taken pleasant day-trips to near-by places of interest—Trenton, Brandywine Springs, and Collegeville.

Improvements and additions are constantly being made to the University. Recently there has been much planning for a Zoological Building. There has likewise been much talk of providing better accommodations for the women of the college, and we are devoutly hoping that it may all amount to more than mere talk.

The last few months of the past college year, we sisters of Beta Alpha were in possession of a good-sized, comfortable, "Kappa" Room in the Graduate House. The climb to it was long—very long—but the end was worth the climb. It seems now, that in the fall the room will no longer be at our disposal, and, in consequence, we must again "go hunting." Do wish us success in our search!

We are looking forward to having Dorothy Keeney back with us at college this year, and we are also hoping to have Catharine Beekley and Mabel Purdy remain "active" in Kappa.

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Beta Inta-Swarthmore College

We have all been scattered during the summer, spending happy vacations at our homes and visiting each other, and we look back almost with regret when we think that one more college year has passed. We feel that it was a successful one for Swarthmore Kappas and we know only too well we will miss our five seniors who have held many offices and honors in the past year.

Margaret Leiper, '04, who was with us last year for a postgraduate course entertained us beautifully at a tea just before college closed. We all enjoyed the informal afternoon together at her attractive Colonial home near Swarthmore.

Beta Iota's annual house party was held the second week in June at Brown's Mills in the Pines, New Jersey. This place is our favorite haunt for the seven happy days together before we separate for the summer. Not only a large beautiful lake affords pleasure of both canoeing and swimming but there is the additional charm of pine trees, with most attractive walks. There were sixteen of us and as many college men came for Sunday.

While our thoughts have been centered in our convention one of our Sister fraternities has been holding its convention at Swarthmore. Soon after college closed Pi Beta Phi members gathered here for the business and pleasure of a convention. Among their social functions was a garden party on the college campus, given to the active and alumnae members of the women's fraternities at Swarthmore. Scenes from "A Midsummer's Night's Dream" were given by the Swarthmore chapter. A great many of our girls enjoyed the pleasure of meeting Pi Phis.

The senior class on Class day afternoon presented "The Tempest" in which four Kappa seniors took part, Marie Sellers taking the part of Ariel.

Morris L. Clothier on behalf of the class of 1890 presented the Swarthmore College with a set of Westminster Chimes and a clock to be placed in the Library tower.

Juliette Points a Beta Epsilon Kappa gave a most interesting and convincing talk on the subject of woman's equal suffrage shortly before college closed. We enjoyed meeting her and having her with us very much.

Beta Iota sends to all Kappas best wishes for another successful college year.

ELIZABETH W. CADWALLER.

Gamma Rho-Allegheny College

The success of Gamma Rho during the term completed on June twenty-second, was due, undoubtedly, to the unusually fine spread in the chapter rooms, after the Easter vacation. The enthusiasm and energy displayed then was not all expended in safely stowing away food and shining the silverware—which might have served for mirrors—but lasted till all the excitement of Commencement Week was over.

June fourteenth, Ruth Baldwin, '13, was pledged and will be initiated soon after we return in the fall.

The Pan-Hellenic rules have been changed completely, for the coming year, and we will try the experiment of a second term "bidding" day. During the first semester there will be no rushing whatever, but the three sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Chi Omega, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, will unite and give a party for all of the freshman girls. "Bidding" day will be the first Saturday of the second semester. We are looking forward to the carrying out of this plan and are quite confident in its success.

Dr. and Mrs. Lee entertained the juniors and seniors of Kappa Kappa Gamma at dinner at their home, on May twentyseventh. A large bouquet of fleur-de-lis was used as the center piece, and the table was prettily decorated in the double blue.

All the active alumnae chapters attended the wedding of Harriet Kraus and Mr. Curtze, on May twentieth. As the parents of both are German the ceremony, performed by the bride's father in the church of which he is pastor, was in German. Following this ceremony, the vows of the bride's parents were renewed, as it was the twenty-fifth anniversary of their marriage.

The annual Pan-Hellenic Banquet was held at Saegertown Inn, May twenty-first. About seventy-five were present.

President Crawford, who spent the past year in Europe, returned in time to preach the baccalaureate sermon, as usual.

Dr. Smith, who has done his best, for some years, to enlighten Allegheny students concerning the history of the past ages, will continue his labors at Princeton, next year. He was also interested in the history of the future and had charge of the college mission study class. He will be missed at Allegheny.

Mary Smith, '11, was elected president of the Student Government Association for the coming year.

The new rustic bridge, across the ravine, was completed just in time for use during Commencement Week.

The Commencement exercises were held on Wednesday, June twenty-second. Kappa was represented by Bernice Hatch, Leone McLean, Hazel Emery and Emma Gillette. The annual Commencement Week banquet was held Wednesday evening at the Unitarian Church. Mary Nicholls, '09, Anna Hayward, '09, Mary McLaughlin, '09 and Carrie Sowash, '08, were among the alumnae present.

Jean MacKenzie, '11, Margaret West, '12, and Ruth Baldwin, '13, attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet at Chautauqua this summer. Of the twenty-nine present, ten were Kappas.

Rose Williams, '13, underwent an operation for appendicitis, the first week in August. She is recovering rapidly and expects to return to school in the fall.

BESS EMERY.

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Beta Apsilon—West Virginia University

Margaret Buchanan, Cilda Smith, Elizabeth and Harriet Stalnaker, Mrs. Stathers and Mrs. Neal, a pledge from last spring, have returned from Europe with feathers and gloves, a broadened outlook on life, and an increased idea of the greatness of Kappa, since they met charming Kappas at Naples and London, where a fraternity meeting was held.

We are in the midst of the rushing season of five weeks and are planning a week-end house party at Mt. Chateau, a summer resort not far from town. After which we expect even the most wavering to capitulate to the charms of our delightful personalities and graciousness!

We have ordered our usual quota of Tiffany spoons in celebration of Luch Chilton Wilson's wedding to Garnett Bayliss, K A, on November second. The wedding will be a large church affair. They expect to make their home in Wheeling. We wish that our alumnae would be more considerate in the selection of husbands, and confine their choice to those whose business necessitates living in Morgantown. Mrs. Haven Babb and Mrs. John Nuttale,

however, have received the proper inspiration, and have returned to town this year.

Our alumnae are planning a reception in honor of the chapter and friends.

We feel deeply the loss of Marjorie Patterson, one of our strongest girls, who, with her family, has moved to Boston. She is attending Tufts College.

Professor Thomas Hodges, the uncle of our bride-to-be, has recently been elected president of the University to take the place of Dr. Purinton, who retires at the end of the year. Professor Hodges was formerly a professor of physics in the University, and until his election to the presidency was a member of the State Board of Control. He was one of the most popular professors with students and fellow instructors who has ever been in the faculty. His agressive nature in combination with his clear insight into the needs of the University promises well for future growth.

PEARL REINER.

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Beta Province Lambda—Buchtel College

This has been a short but very pleasant summer. It is hard to realize that all our happy times spent together last June have long since passed.

On May the thirteenth the annual spread was given in the rooms in honor of the mothers of the active girls.

On the twenty-sixth of May the active girls gave a reception at the home of Kathrine Otis in honor of the Grand Council of Delta Gamma.

Saturday, June eleventh, Mrs. Reasoner, of Barberton, entertained the active girls at six o'clock dinner.

Commencement week began on the twelfth of June with the baccalaureate sermon, after which the girls took tea with Laurine Wanamaker. The "senior prom" and the President's reception were very enjoyable affairs. Wednesday morning the graduation exercises were held in the Crouse Gymnasium. Thursday Lambda held her annual banquet at which forty-seven were present.

Mrs. Hunter, of Tidioute, Pennsylvania, acted as toastmistress, while Mrs. Voris, Mrs. Reasoner, Blanche Olin and Laurine Wanamaker responded to toasts.

A very delightful house-party was held at the cottage of Mary Conner over the eleventh and twelfth of July.

On August the first a spread was held in the rooms in honor of Mrs. Kolbe's return from abroad.

Helen Knight delightfully entertained the girls at Oak Crest Thursday, August the eleventh. The chief topic of interest was convention and many plans were made.

Martha Ford invited the whole chapter to spend the week following convention at her home in Milledgeville to a house-party, and we greatly enjoyed this reunion.

Our Pan-Hellenic meeting was held just before Commencement and the contract for next year made. Rushing season begins October the fifth, this year.

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Beta Nu—Ohio State University

Ten Beta Nu girls spent the first three weeks of vacation at a house party at the Carrolls' summer home in Indiana.

The chapter was very sorry to lose three girls through graduation this year. Clara Newlove and Florence Welling received B.A. degrees and Marie Carroll an M.A. degree in History. The latter was awarded a scholarship for Bryn Mawr where she will spend this winter.

Ohio State University is trying an interesting experiment in the matter of pledge day this year. Rushing will be legitimate only for the two weeks previous to matriculation, September thirteenth. After that date each fraternity entertains with one large function and pledge is set for October ninth. Provided this contract is in no matter broken, sophomore pledge will be given a fair trial next year.

Many will be surprised when they return this fall and find University Hall, the oldest building on the campus, completely remodeled. By the end of the coming year Ohio State University will be able to boast of a very handsome new library building and a set of chimes, the latter being a memorial of the past four graduating classes.

Beta Nu extends greeting and best wishes to all the chapters for a successful year.

FLORENCE HUDGEL.

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Beta Delta—University of Michigan

The past year has been a very successful one for Beta Delta. We have been able, with the generous aid of our alumnae to have a chapter house of our own built. This new house will be ready for occupancy when school opens in October.

Three of Beta Delta's seniors of last year were chosen to membership in Mortar Board, the Michigan girls senior society. They are Betty Ince, Sarah H. Sutherland, and Blanche Martin.

Two sophomore girls were elected to Wyverin, the junior society, Margaret Kolb and Florence Rogers.

On August thirty-first in Ann Arbor, Persis Martin, '06, was married to Mr. Karl Good Schairer, and Pauline Martin, M.A., '09, to Mr. Albert Robinson Ford, '09, Eng.

At the annual senior dinner in June, four Beta Delta engagements were announced: Edith Taylor, '10, to Mr. Elmer Adams, '08; Clara Trueblood, '09, to Mr. Mellen Martin, '10; Blanche Martin to Mr. Laurence Johnson, '10; Alice Louise Barnes, '10, to Mr. A. B. McCain.

The year is starting well as the chapter already has five new pledges.

BLANCHE MARTIN.

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Xi—Adrian College

By the time we again receive the KEY we will nearly all of us have returned to college. It will be a very happy reunion, but I fear that we will miss some of the familiar faces, and, doubtless, the absent ones will be just the least bit lonesome and homesick for Kappa's halls.

The week preceding Commencement, Josephine Lambie and Helen Baker each gave a dinner party for the chapter. The close of the year was a very pleasant one. Several of the old girls returned and were present at our annual banquet which was held June fourteenth at the "Colonial Home." Covers were laid for twenty-eight. Among those that were from a distance were Josephine Hall; Mrs. Ethelyn Wylson Metcalf of Glendive, Montana; Lena Beem of Richwood, Ohio; Florence Atwood of Caro, Michigan; Palmyra Conaway of Fairchance, Pennsylvania; and Lucy Jennings of Woodsfield, Ohio.

Xi Chapter lost at least two very strong girls last year, Vera Swift, '10, who will teach the coming year; and Edwinea Windrem, '10, who is spending the summer studying at Chautauqua,

New York.

Margaret Matthews, who is the president of the Young Women's Christian Association, was a delegate to the summer conference at Granville, Ohio.

Xi wishes all Kappas a very pleasant year.

ELMA ELLIS.

Kappa-Hillsdale College

The last weeks of college were full of examinations and social events; and we were busy redecorating and refurnishing our rooms, getting ready for the college reunion, which comes every five years.

June fourth, we had a linen shower for Fanny Northrope, who was married the third of August.

Kappa chapter was entertained by Pi Beta Phi at an afternoon tea in honor of their Province President, Mrs. Johnson.

On the seventeenth of June, Fanny Northrope entertained the active chapter and alumnae; refreshments were served on the lawn. June eighteenth Delta Tau Delta also entertained us at a lawn party at Dr. Martindale's. The twenty-second of June we had our annual luncheon on the campus. There were fifty Kappas there. The first president of Kappa Chapter, Hattie Knight Moffatt, was present. Mrs. Mauck acted as toast-mistress for the impromptu toasts and speeches and our alumnae endeared themselves more than ever to us, by giving us two hundred and fifty three dollars. After college was out most of us staid for

the annual Kappa house party at Baw Bees Lake, spending five days there, with Mrs. Mary Stone as chaperone.

We are going to try second semester pledge day this year and we feel it will be very successful.

NETA SAWYER.

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Delta—Indiana State University

All that Delta chapter has thought about during the past year has been the convention. Ever since early last fall, when we first learned that we were to entertain convention, each one of us has striven to make the twentieth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma the most successful in her history. On our marshal, Margaret Laughlin, the work has been especially heavy, and very much of the success of the convention is due her and her assistant, Mrs. Holland.

About two hundred and seventy delegates and visitors, including our own chapter and alumnae, attended the convention, representing nearly every state in the Union. The program for convention was: Tuesday, arrival of guests and informal reception in the evening at the chapter house; Wednesday, musical and reception; Thursday evening, a dance in the Student Building; Friday, stunt night; Saturday, trip to French Lick and dinner in the West Baden Hotel; Sunday, an address by Dr. Lindley in the afternoon and singing in the evening at the chapter house, and Monday evening, the banquet. The mornings and afternoons were taken up with business sessions. We feel that our enthusiasm for Kappa has been strengthened so much by meeting our Kappa sisters from all over the United States, and we hope that every chapter has received the help from convention that we have.

Our "rushing house party" was held at Noblesville, at Mr. E. E. Neal's summer home on White River, during the last week of June.

MARY E. CRAIG.

Iota—DePaum University

To be within a few hours ride of the National Convention and to have nothing to do but to go and enjoy it all is a pleasure seldom experienced. But such has been the luck of Iota this summer. Almost the entire chapter was able to be present and we certainly enjoyed every minute of our stay. Never did we feel our fraternity spirit surging so fiercely through our veins as we did the night of the banquet. It certainly is inspiring to be able to look down long rows of tables and see at each place the face of a sister bound to you in the bonds of Kappa. It is a pleasure that we wish every one of you could have enjoyed.

This fall Iota expects to start in with the sophomore pledge. This is its first trial at DePauw and it is the nucleus of all our hopes for an ideal "spike." How strange it will be to come back and start into school without the usual "rush." And stranger still will it seem to go a whole year without having any little freshmen to occupy the floor during fraternity meeting, or to send on errands or to answer the telephone. We will especially miss this class on whom we always bestow so much sisterly advice, for they always make things so fresh and new and exciting. But we are all willing martyrs to the cause and we are coming back with our hopes high for the very best year of all.

The girls of Iota are feeling particularly jubilant for nearly all of our splendid freshmen expect to be in school this fall. This is rather unusual and we are just as proud as can be, for sophomores usually make seniors.

Another event which has caused much excitement at DePauw is the change from the term system to the semester system, college not opening until the twenty-eighth of September.

KATHARYN MOORE.

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Mu-Butler College

In the early part of the second semester, the Butler students gave "The Sky-Scrappers," a comic opera, in which several Kappas took part.

A comet party was given on May 26, 1910, under the auspices

of the Christian Associations. Kappa had charge of one of the booths.

Along with the usual commencement festivities, we enjoyed very much a delightful party given at the country home of Bernice Porter, one of our active girls.

Among several of the summer functions which we gave were a house party at the home of Mrs. C. B. Coleman, and a camping party on White River. We invited several of the incoming freshmen to these.

College opened September twentieth, and after a short rushing season, we pledged the following girls: Ruth Longley, Katharine Brown, Cordelia Kautz, Dorothy Kautz, Pauline Calhoun, Mary Brandon, Dodo Paddock, Portia Pearcy, and Louise Orcutt.

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Eta—University of Wisconsin

Eta had a small houseparty over the week-end of April thirtieth at a cottage on Lake Mendota. As room was limited only about twelve of the girls stayed all night and a great deal of hilarious excitement was caused by one of the girls rousing several others to look at what she imagined was Halley's Comet. To confirm their belief, they dragged from her bed, sleepy and protesting, the one and only astronomer among them. The authority on stars, after taking one look at the heavens, announced in disgusted and irate accents that it was only Venus and not the Comet at all.

During May, four girls who live in the house changed rooms for a week with four Kappa freshmen who live across the street in Chadbourne Hall, the Women's Dormitory. It was a splendid idea, for it gave the house girls an opportunity to become better acquainted with the Hall girls and the freshmen had a taste of chapter-house life.

On May twenty-first, we gave a house party for rushing. To entertain our guests, we went on a boat ride Friday night, to the matinee Saturday afternoon and that night we had our formal party. Sunday morning Janet and Hilda Van Hise entertained the chapter and guests at a breakfast. Dinner at the house and

coffee later in the afternoon at Edith and Helen Swenson's home, completed our rushing festivities.

A week or so later Eta entertained the members of our town girls and several of our alumnae at an afternoon tea.

June first, several Kappas took part in the annual Women's Fete held on the upper campus.

The Crew race June fourth, between Wisconsin and the University of Washington, was won by the Badger oarsmen. It was an intensely interesting event for every spectator.

Mrs. Irma Hale Fundt was at home to the chapter on June fifth, and Mrs. Bertha Taylor Mead was at home on June seventh.

Eta enjoyed visits this last spring from Ethel Wright, '07, Laura Elliott, '07, Elvira Wallis, '07, Lee Elliott, '08, and Jeanne Kirwan, '09.

Examinations began the eleventh of June and our anticipatory thoughts of the approaching vacation would have been brighter if we had not known that we were going to lose eight seniors on Commencement Day.

HAZEL BABCOCK.

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Beta Lambda—University of Illinois

Helen James, '10, attended the summer session of Columbia University, and is now registered in post graduate work at Northwestern University. Margaret Herdman, '10, holds a position in the library at Normal, Ills. Annebell Fraser, '08, is in the library of the Commonwealth Edison Co., Chicago. Nell Perry, '09, and Ruth Felmley, '10, are both teaching English, one in Epworth College, Oklahoma City, Okla., and the other in the High School at Carrolton, Ills. Clara Lee Webb, ex-'12 is to be married November 23 to Everett Murray, Φ Γ Δ '08, in Kansas City, Mo.

We have with us this year Miss Katherine Martin of Mu and Miss De Vol of Delta, who is in the library school, Miss Taggart of Beta Gamma, in the biology department, and Miss Bruner of Upsilon, who is at present residing here.

Beta Lambda sent five girls to convention, all of whom, with one exception, are back to swell the list of active members with Orma Inne as rushing captain. Aside from mentioning a freshman pledged last spring, and two sisters who put on the colors immediately upon arriving this fall, no announcement of pledges can be made.

As regards Beta Lambda's activity in general university life, Mary Patchin is back as General Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association and Eva McIntyre is President of the Women's League. General interest is aroused just now over the institution of Fall Home-coming for the Alumni of the University, to be held Oct. 14 and 15, under the management of the Students' Union, which is creating funds and enthusiasm by the unique and original method of Tag Day.

ELIZABETH PARR.

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Upsilon—Northwestern University

We all have convention on our immediate horizon, and those of us who were unable to be of the fortunates, hold our breath and await the return of our sisters with impatience and with longing.

But beyond this pleasant prospect lie visions of "rushing"—of sleepless nights and endless days. And then to our studies once more! Mary Hotchkiss is our "Rush Captain" for this year, with Sarah Harris as assistant, and with a fine big chapter, and plenty of loyal alumnae to back her up. I am sure we will score a great success. But oh, that we might look into the future of a month hence! And oh, for a Sophomore "Pledge Day!"

Behind us lie the memories of three happy vacation months and back of them, two more college tasks and pleasures, with Upsilon's full share in it all.

Helen Adams brought great glory to Kappa and to her chapter by her remarkable interpretation of the leading role in Penaro's "His House in Order," given by the Junior Class at Ravinia Theatre on April second and Lieta Murdock filled our hearts with pride when we heard her violin recital at the Music School, on the evening of April seventh. On the eighth the chapter was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McCarroll at an informal dance at Wilmette. A reception to our alumnæ on

April twenty-first, at Gertrude Carter's, was followed by one given for us by the alumnae, on the twenty-ninth at Mrs. Shuman's.

Freshman "Trig," was presented at Ravinia Theatre on May fifteenth and was received with great enthusiasm.

May sixteenth brought the senior "Prom.," long suffering and long waited, and Clara Williams of Upsilon, '12, led the Grand March with Frank Smith of Sigma Chi, '10.

We draw a veil over most of the time between May twenty-fifth and June third since those days brought the dreaded "exes." But the North Shore Music Festival which was held in our New Gymnasium, shed a ray of dazzling light over the first, second and fourth, and the celebration of University Day, with a torch light parade to crown it, made quick work of our perplexed frowns.

In the meantime, one of our 1909 freshmen, Augusta Wallace, was married to Dr. Laff Alander, at her home in Maryville, Missouri, on the evening of June the first.

While we were enjoying ourselves at our farewell informal for the seniors, we received the announcement of the engagement of Helen Adams, '11 to Hassel Smith, Phi Kappa Psi, '11.

On the evening of June sixth, which was Class Day, the Dramatic Club gave a very creditable performance, "Pirotte and Pirrette," and two Upsilon girls, Mary Hotchkiss and Marion Burnette were among the cast.

June seventh was a very busy and a very happy day for Upsilon, although some of us did look the worse for wear when it was over. In the first place, we had a "slumber party" in the Kappa rooms at Willard Hall, and arose at five in the morning (after a refreshing sleep) to betake ourselves, by the six o'clock car, to the beach at Winnetka, where we had our annual Kappa Breakfast. Later we returned to Evanston and in the afternoon our Kappa hearts were made glad by the initiation of Anna Fox. Then came Commencement on the eighth and in the evening the informal for our seniors.

Edith Foster spent her summer in Europe and has just returned. Sarah Harris visited Margaret Mathee and Marion Burnette in Aberdeen, South Dakota; Gertrude Carter was in Canada for some time, but is now visiting Ethel Templeton on Long Island; and so it goes. But, of course, convention crowns it all.

And along with all the other happy events, there comes to this chapter a little Kappa son, Robert Edwin Elbertrom, who was born to Eva Roberts Elbertrom, ex-'11, on August sixteenth. But here my tale must cease, until Upsilon's future activities shall bring some further material with which to continue it.

CLARA E. WILLIAMS.

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Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan

Epsilon was very proud to be able to send ten active girls to convention this year.

We know they will come home with enthusiasm for the coming rushing season. Only eleven girls will be back to begin rushing, five having graduated. Our rushing season is quite different from other years in that, by the Pan-Hellenic ruling, there is to be no rushing until two weeks after matriculation. As yet there have been no special parties planned but we will probably have our annual chicken fry at the home of Mae Stover.

May twentieth we had our annual dance at Miller Park Pavillion.

Our school year closed with our two annual events, the Breakfast at Miller Park June seventeen, and picnic June eighteen at Mrs. Benjamin's, east of town. The last event is looked forward to from year to year for it is a reunion of all the Kappas, both alumnae and active.

This year we hope will be one of our best and most successful years, especially so after having so many girls at convention.

The second week of July was spent at the home of Mae Stover north of Towanda, with a camping party. We certainly enjoyed true camp life and it was with regret that we broke up camp.

The wedding of Elizabeth Roe and Dr. G. E. Thoad, Beta Theta Pi, of Burlington, Iowa, will take place September fourteenth.

Elsie Welch enters Simmons college at Boston, Mass., this year.

Ruth Green will teach English and History in the High School at Fairybury, Illinois. Irene Cunningham has a similar position in the High School at LeRoy, Illinois.

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Chi—University of Minnesota

After Commencement last June, Chi chapter had its annual house party at Prior Lake. From fifteen to twenty girls were at the cottages all week and we were very glad to have Gladys Breazeale, Beta Omicron, and Margaret Elston, Theta, with us part of the time.

Formal rushing began on the first of July, and in the midst of it Alice Anderson, Josephine Dayton and Mercy Bowen left for Bloomington, Indiana. They came back just before registration week filled with glowing reports of the convention and overflowing with enthusiasm.

Registration week we were very busy rushing and are glad to be able to report thirteen pledgelings.

We are also very fortunate in having with us this year two Kappas from other chapters, Francis Helms, Eta, and Elizabeth Deming, Delta.

The girls'dormitory is nearing completion and is going to satisfy a long felt want at Minnesota.

The Women's League, with Elizabeth Ware, one of our Kappas, as its president, is doing some interesting things for the freshmen girls. Aside from the parties the League has given, it has made up little sight-seeing excursions through the Twin Cities for the purpose of acquainting out-of-town girls with interesting places in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

RUTH ELIZABETH JACKSON.

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Beta Zeta, Iowa State University

The 16th of June found us with Commencement over and the girls scattered for the summer. It was hard indeed to say good-

bye not only to our two loyal seniors, Leta Tonner and Barbara Cornwall but to others too who would be unable to return in the fall.

Among the many pleasant memories of last spring is the picnic at which we enjoyed alumnæ hospitality and also took part in a "record breaking" Field Meet.

The Annual May Musical Festival which was just inaugurated a year ago proved a rare treat to all music lovers and plans are being made for a still more attractive one next year.

During August occurred the marriage of Catherine Green, '08, to William Riley, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Several of the girls were present at the wedding and the rest of us who were not so fortunate are looking forward to visiting them some day at their home in Des Moines, Iowa.

Rushing is to be restricted in many ways this fall. All afternoon dates must end at five o'clock and in the evening at eleven, only calling and taking freshmen to church will be allowed on Sunday.

With fifteen enthusiastic girls in our active chapter we have prospects for a happy successful year and in the next issue we hope to introduce to you a goodly number of true blue Kappas.

GRACE WHITTEY.

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Sigma—Nebraska State University

Sigma chapter has just completed a most successful rushing season, and feels that she is justly proud of her thirteen pledges. According to our new Pan-Hellenic rules our invitations were written and our rushing season extended only from Wednesday noon to the following Friday at six P. M. Our pledges signified their acceptance by appearing at the chapter house at four o'clock on the next afternoon.

This year almost all of our pledges were conflicts, some of them with three other sororities.

The three rushing days were very strenuous ones, but our girls were certainly worth it. One of the prettiest parties we gave was our matinee cotillion. The chapter house was decorated in the two blues, and large hats and fluffy boas in the same colors were among the favors given out.

We are planning an informal dance at the chapter house for next Saturday evening to introduce our freshmen.

Several of the girls are looking forward with much pleasure to the Kansas-Nebraska game at Lawrence, the fifth of November. The Kansas Kappas have invited us to be their guests, and we are hoping to be able to accept their hospitality.

We expect to see one of our last year girls, Mrs. Fred Albertson, formerly Hazel Hanna, at the game. We will be entertained at her home in Kansas City and will go from there to Lawrence with her. Mr. Albertson is a Kansas Phi Gamma Delta.

Sigma sends best wishes to all Kappas for a most successful year.

MAUDE BIRKBY.

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Omega—University of Kansas

Now that the time for returning to school has come the members of Omega are becoming more enthusiastic and our prospects are good for a successful rushing season. Although eight seniors were graduated last June, we hope to have them back for the opening of the fall term.

We have planned three parties, a luncheon at the chapter house on the sixteenth, a reception at the home of Miss Perkins on the twenty-first, and on the twenty-third, the night before pledge day, a dinner dance at the house.

The amount to be expended for rushing has been regulated by Pan-Hellenic.

The "Hiawatha Girls," Anna McCoy, Mary Bechtol and Rose Mitchell, entertained the active chapter and a few alumnae, at a house party from July thirteenth to the seventeenth. Every minute of time was taken up with parties, dances and motoring. We are indebted to the girls for five of the most enjoyable days of our vacation.

A department of domestic science will be established in the University of Kansas this year.

We are negotiating for the purchase of a lot on the Fort Thatcher site, and expect to build next spring.

Anna Williams and Gladys Sharpe attended convention and

were much pleased with the hospitality shown them while in Bloomington.

Omega wishes all chapters a most successful rushing season.

MARYZITA CAHILL.

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Epsilon Province

Beta Mu—Colorado State University

With the beginning of September our thoughts turn to college and we look forward to being together again. We think of Miss Stoner's visit to us and the benefit we derived from it. We had not had a Grand Officer visit us for four years and we certainly enjoyed her visit. We gave a reception for her on May ninth and decorated the house in fleur-de-lis and the two blues.

We have had four members launch their boats on the sea of matrimony this summer. Helen De Brisay was married to W. E. Jones the day after she graduated. Sally Sheperd married Hal Logan on August tenth. Grace Brown was married to Robert S. Tate on the twentieth of August. Kate Green, an affiliate from Beta Zeta, was married the twenty-third.

We held initiation August nineteenth at the home of Estelle Kyle in Denver for Katherine Gill and Margaret Swartz, who were pledged in May. Ten active girls were present to welcome the two girls into the mystic of Kappa. After initiation we had a lunch at the Tea Cup Inn, and then a theatre party at the Orpheum.

We had initiations in the summer because of the new Pan-Hellenic rules that there shall be no initiations before second semester. Some of the other rules have been changed and we hope that this will lesson the strenuousness of rushing. No rushee is allowed to stay over night at a fraternity house or at the house of any one interested in a fraternity. Each fraternity draws a night for a formal dance, and on that night the other fraternities are only allowed to have informal parties which end at ten o'clock. This allowed us to get a good night's rest away from rushees.

The Denver Kappas have been making plans, place-cards,

programs etc., for rushing. Several of the old girls will be back for rushing and some married Kappas from other chapters, so the outlook is very bright for Beta Mu. Marjorie Ford, and Ada Kesner, who have been attending Mount Holyoke College, will enter school again.

Beta Mu sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them the best success possible for the coming year.

KATE NELSON.

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Beta Xi—Texas State University

About the first of May there was great rejoicing in Beta Xi; for two of our four seniors, Herma Uiffy and Mamie Searcy, made Phi Beta Kappa. We were especially proud of them as they were the only fraternity men or women out of thirteen that made it. In honor of them, our chaperon entertained the whole chapter with a lovely dinner. Jean John and Mary Broad, freshmen, and Mary Batts, sophomore, were honored by invitations to join the Ashbel Literary Society. Quite a number of the old girls were back for Commencement. The annual Kappa breakfast was held at the Driskell Hotel. Mary Shelmire announced Annie McCormick's engagement to J. C. Muse, Phi Delta Theta.

Mary Battes and Marjorie Jarvis spent the summer at Chatauqua, New York; Vivian Smith and Lucille Law, in Mexico; Maydelle Campbell and Helen Harrison, at summer school in Austin.

The Texas Kappas visited around with one another this summer, and great times were planned for the coming school year.

The faculty requested the men's fraternities to organize a Pan-Hellenic association last spring. As a result no freshmen can be initiated into men's fraternities until after the first term, and not then unless a certain average has been made.

Next June the new library will be completed. It is to cost \$250,000.

A new heating plant and building for mechanical engineering was finished last spring.

It was with great regret that we gave up our chaperon, Miss Lockett, who had to resign on account of ill health; but we feel that we are fortunate in securing Mrs. Hill as her successor. Luck to the Kappas in rushing season.

MARY BROAD.

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Beta Omicron-Tulane University

Commencement this year at Tulane, and especially New-comb college, was the prettiest and most elaborate we have ever had. Beta Omicron had four graduates, Marion Monroe, Clifford Drake, Florence Crouse and Gladys Moulton. They are all strong girls and we shall miss them in the chapter.

In April we welcomed a future little Kappa, Alice Blanc Logan, whose mother was Gertrude Monroe before her marriage to Mr. Samuel Logan.

We had our annual banquet on May eleventh. It was an unusual success and we had with us several visitors, Ada Hilton Green coming over from Pensacola, Fla., and Hester Craig from Vicksburg, Miss.

Mary Minor has announced her engagement to David Pipes, Kappa Alpha. They are to be married on Nevember second.

Beta Omicron wishes for success to all the capters during the coming year.

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Beta Chi—University of Kentucky

Beta Chi is anticipating a very bright and encouraging year. We feel sure that this, our inceptive year, will mark a most happy period in our life as Kappas.

Our first Kappa wedding was celebrated on the evening of September first, at Lexington, Kentucky, when Isabella West Marshall became the wife of Dr. Graham Edgar of the University of Virginia. The wedding guests included many Kappas and former Chi Epsilon Chis. Among the prenuptial events were a beautiful linen shower given by Mary Rodes and Sara Chorn and a kitchen shower by Sallie Bennett.

Sallie Bennett is with us again after a delightful trip through the West.

Sara Carter, Sara Chorn and Mary E. Sweeney have just returned from convention after a very enthusiastic and thoroughly enjoyable visit. They brought back with them many helpful and interesting suggestions relative to fraternity interests. Even if some of us were not so fortunate as to be able to attend convention, let us hope our "long distance" enthusiasm helped a little.

Miss Anna Hamilton, former president of the Semple Collegiate School at Louisville, Kentucky, has recently been elected Dean of Women of the University. Dean Hamilton is a woman prominent in educational circles well fitted for her new position.

MIRIAM COULTER TAYLOR.

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Zeta Province

Pi-University of California

We are all glad to be back and see each other once more after a most enjoyable summer and to start hard work not only in our studies but also in rushing. After an informal rushing season with pledging any day after registration day, we have pledged eight girls, Margarite Amoss, Helen Bannan, Elva Christy, Beatrice Mesmer, Lowis Vaswinkel, Dorothy Parker, Myrtle Watus and Georgia Wiseman.

We are very sorry to miss several of our last year's girls this term, Marion Mitchell, Helen Weston, Marie McHenry and Camilla Clark, being unable to return to college. Juliette Perrin expects to come back after Christmas when she will return from a trip abroad with Martha Chickering, '10.

The whole active chapter as well as many of the alumni attended the wedding of Marianna Mathews and Justus Von Loben Sels which took place in the latter part of August.

Helen Dickenson ex-'11 has announced her engagement to Jay Booth, Phi Psi.

Bessie Yates gave a very interesting talk on convention at meeting the other night and made us all wish that we could have been there.

ANITA CRELLIN.

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Beta Eta—Stanford University

Beta Eta sends the best of greetings to all the chapters. We are back at college full of enthusiasm and spirit for the ensuing year.

For the first time, we are trying a long rushing season of ten weeks. And we are in hopes that it will eventually lead to the sophomore pledge day.

We lost nine girls with the last graduation, of that class one has announced her engagement, Adeline Wright, prominent in college dramatics, and W. Parmer Fuller, Jr., of the same class. It is the culmination of a college romance, so of course we are all greatly interested.

Our whole chapter attended the initiation of Pi, California. We were proud to be present, and such Kappa spirit as we did show at the banquet!

EDITH A. BULL.

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Beta Pi—University of Washington

Beta Pi has been very busy this last semester. Shortly after the spring vacation we learned that Miss Stoner was on her way to visit us. She came about the middle of April and spent four short days with us. From her we learned many interesting things about our sister chapters.

Miss Paxon visited us at the same time, and, though she spent much of her time at college, we certainly got well acquainted and only wished we could have kept her with us. She talked to all the sorority girls in a body. Her talk was most inspiring and if followed out would greatly aid the sorority problems of today.

The last Saturday we were at college we gave a farewell luncheon at the chapter house. Marion Graves announced her engagement to William Finn, Kappa Sigma, which came as a surprise to the entire chapter.

We have had several visitors this semester from other chapters. Sallie Bennett and Mary Rhodes from Beta Chi had luncheon with us and we greatly enjoyed hearing about our new chapter and its installation.

Everybody in college the last month was greatly interested in the outcome of our crew, and the possibility of sending the boys to race with Wisconsin. After the boys beat Stanford by a good many boat lengths, the entire student body was called upon to help raise the required sum for the Eastern trip. The sororities banded together, sold tags, served ice-cream and made candy.

The last of May we had our annual Pan-Hellenic dance at Ravena Park and in spite of an unpleasant shower, we had a good time. Each girl went with a girl of another sorority, one paying the carfare, the other bringing the luncheon. In this way good feeling was brought about between the different sororities.

After college closed we gave an informal dance in town, which was in its way a rushing party. It was very successful, especially since one of our alumnae sent us refreshments, which we had decided to eliminate on account of extra expense.

The fall semester opens with two weeks rushing for which we have many interesting "stunts" planned.

MARGUERITE GAGE.

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Beta Phi—University of Montana

The crowning event of the school year was the visit which Miss Stoner paid us during the latter part of the term. During her stay, which was all too short, several affairs were given in her honor, the first of which was a luncheon at Bonner. The following afternoon we had a tea at the home of Ethel Wilkinson and the last evening a little supper in our rooms, after which Miss Stoner gave us a talk that will long be remembered by all of us.

Two members of Beta Phi graduated this year, Edna Fox and Helen Whitacker. Our annual senior breakfast was held June fourth. Several of the alumnae were present.

We may again be proud of our athletic achievements as Montana obtained the state championship in track.

CAROLINA WHARTON.

Alumnae Association Reports

New York

The New York Alumnae Association will celebrate its 14th birthday this December, having been organized in 1896 by Miss Caroline Romer, Beta Tau, its first President. It has grown steadily and the past two years have been prosperous ones with Minnie Royce Walker as president.

During this time the meetings have taken the form of informal luncheons at the homes of the various members when a committee of ten acts as hostess. One hundred and thirty-two different Kappas from twenty-five different chapters attended the meetings; the following chapters being represented: Epsilon, Beta Tau, Beta Sigma, Psi, Beta Iota, Delta, Beta Nu, Phi, Theta, Chi, Epsilon, Iota, Beta Eta, Beta Xi, Gamma, Lambda, Omicron, Beta Delta, Beta Gamma, Alpha, Beta Lambda, Gamma Rho, Beta Zeta, Sigma, Eta. The largest attendance at a single meeting fifty-seven and the smallest twenty-four. This does not include the annual February Luncheon which is held at one of New York's large hotels. Notices for these luncheons are sent to all Kappas in and around New York whether or not they are members of the Association, and to the active chapters of Beta Sigma and Beta Epsilon. The last two annual Luncheons have been held at the Ansonia. Seventy-six Kappas from twenty-three chapters attended the 'oo luncheon, and seventy-five Kappas from twenty-two chapters attended the '10 luncheon.

At the regular meetings of the Association luncheon is followed by a business meeting at which Mrs. Walker improves the time by urging us all to subscribe for "The Key."

The business meeting is followed by reports from different chapters and often the Association is addressed by one of its prominent members.

At one meeting Mable Potter Daggett, Beta Tau, one of the editors of the Delineator read her little book on Riley; at another Miss Stecker, Psi, gave us a talk on "Conditions Surrounding Working Women and Children."

This was based upon a report prepared for the Government,

and since published. One of the most exciting meetings was a Suffrage meeting at which the Association was addressed by E. Jean Nelson Penfield, ex-Grand President. Alice Duer Miller, Beta Epsilon, and Caroline Lexow, Beta Epsilon, all ardent and active suffragists. The opposition was taken by Mrs. Weaver, Beta Nu who, however, became converted at this meeting and joined the ranks of the suffragists.

The last meeting of the year (April '10) was held at Adelphi when Miss Romer, Beta Tau gave us a most interesting illustrated lecture on "life in the Selkerks." The lecture was based upon a two summers' sojourn in the Selkerks and illustrated by original photographs.

The New York Alumnae Association is anxious to enroll in its membership the twelve other active chapters and to increase the number from those chapters already represented. Will the active chapters please look over their card catalogues and send the names of all members in and around New York to the secretary of the Association? By so doing they may increase the efficiency of the Association and hasten the time when the Association is able to support a Kappa scholarship.

MARY MORGAN BREWER.

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Beta Inta

Beta Iota Alumnæ Association has at present members from Beta Iota Chapter only, twenty-eight in all.

Beta Iota Alumnæ Association holds four meetings during the year.

In January of 1909 our meeting was held in Philadelphia at the home of one of the members. Committees were appointed and appropriations were made. There was not much business to come before this meeting.

Our next meeting was held in March before our annual banquet. At this meeting there is usually a good deal of business to be taken up. The treasurer's report is audited, the officers elected. Usually there is a greater attendance than at others and the members who live at a distance and can not get to the other meetings have discussed for their benefit the active chapter, and the affairs of the fraternity in general. The June meeting was held at Swarthmore College. At this meeting the Alumnæ Association decided to buy an archive cabinet for the active chapter.

In October the meeting is on or near the fraternity birthday. At this meeting the new cabinet for the active chapter was discussed and it was decided to change the date of the annual banquet from March until May.

ELIZABETH LANE VERLENDEN.

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Syracuse

The Syracuse Alumnæ Association at present numbers twentyeight—eighteen active and ten associate members.

Three chapters are represented: twenty-six from Beta Tau, and one each from Beta Gamma and Psi.

We meet once a month during the college year. Thus far we have had three meetings combined of business with pleasure, and two entirely social affairs.

One of these was a thimble party at the home of Mrs. Irving Smallwood in Baldwinsville.

For the annual Christmas party we were entertained by Mrs. Parce at her new home in East Onondaga. A genuine old-fashioned Christmas supper-party—the holiday idea being carried out in a Christmas tree, open grate fires, and in the holly decorations.

We find the plan of having one of our own alumnæ as chaperon at the chapter house a very desirable one. It is of mutual advantage in keeping up a lively interest in the active chapter on the part of the alumnæ and at the same time the chapter comes into closer touch with its alumnæ.

GRACE FRANC WIGHT.

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Philadelphia

The Philadelphia Association is composed of twenty-three members from Beta Alpha and one from Delta chapter.

Our regular meetings were held during the year with an average attendance of eight members. The meetings are held either at one of the member's houses or in the chapter room of

Beta Alpha. In nature the meetings are business meetings followed by a social time. Annually on February 12th the alumnæ banquet is held, to which all Kappas near Philadelphia and the active chapter of Beta Alpha are invited.

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Pittsburg

The association has at present twenty members who represent Beta Tau, Iota, Beta Sigma, Beta Gamma, Gamma Rho, Beta Lambda, Beta Zeta, Omega, Delta, Lambda, Xi, Beta Nu.

Hereafter the association plans to hold four meetings during the year, including the banquet which takes place in October. The plan is to meet at McCreery's for luncheon on Saturdays, as a great many members of our association live in the suburbs of Pittsburg and cannot meet at any other time. We transact whatever business there may be and the rest of the time is spent in a social way.

The Pittsburg Association has been a member of the National Association since it was first organized. Clara E. Howard.

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The Falls Cities

The "Falls Cities" are the cities of Jeffersonville and New Albany, Indiana and Louisville, Kentucky. The Falls of the Ohio, around which these Cities are situated, although hardly distinguishable at high water, are of sufficient importance to give their name to the Kappa Alumnæ Association.

There are only twenty members, representing the following chapters; Psi, Delta, Iota, Beta Mu, Beta Alpha, Beta Xi.

All are justly proud of the average attendance of fifteen. Most of the members live in the "Cities," but one or two come twelve or fifteen miles to the meetings which are held five times during the year. Every other meeting is held in Louisville and the alternate one in New Albany or Jeffersonville.

Two years ago when the Association was first formed, most of these Kappas had never met. So during this time little has been attempted except to get acquainted, and to see that the requirements for becoming a voting alumnæ association were fulfilled. Both of these efforts have been most successful.

One of the best ways to keep an alumnæ association in touch with the active fraternity life is for the association to become identified with an active chapter. The chapter nearest to the "Falls Cities" is our Kentucky Chapter, Beta Chi, and without ever asking if we may, we are depending upon their help this winter. The means of identification has not been decided upon, perhaps it will be in marking table linen, perhaps only in hemming dust cloths. At any rate the Falls Cities Association has adopted a chapter which has not a single representative in the association. We hope Beta Chi will have a favorable report to make at next Convention.

Sally Mark Barclay.

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A Suggestion to the Alumnae

The importance of keeping alumnæ in touch with the activities and growth of their Alma Mater is being more and more realized by the heads of all colleges and universities throughout the country. In many of our Universities this is being accomplished in a large measure by quarterly letters sent to every graduate, telling her of changes in the different departments—athletic honors—changes of address of other graduates, and events of interest. University graduates are, or should be, busy women, and even those of us who are fortunate in having the general college news come to us, have not the time to keep in touch with the friends formed during college life,—and what is to be regretted most of all, find those who were in the same active fraternity chapter, slipping away from us.

Fifteen Alumnæ of Beta Alpha Chapter have been most successful in solving this last problem. Three years ago those who left the active chapter started a "Round Robin Letter." The letter goes to each member in regular order. Each time it comes the girl takes out her old letter and substitutes a new one. Because of the great distance this package of letters must travel,—from Massachusetts to Nevada down to Kentucky and a number of points between, each one is allowed to keep it only forty-eight hours. By this arrangement all the delightful news from so many

sources—illustrated by numerous snap shots—comes to each member about every six weeks, and each time the package comes it is more splendid than before.

Last June the first triennial reunion was held in Philadelphia and eleven "robins" assembled. Little was attempted—it was sufficient just to be together once more and to meet the active Beta Alpha. An historian was appointed to keep a record of things of especial interest discussed in each round of the letter. This is a plea for more "robal letters"—once started they make a place for themselves,—and hold it!

SALLY MARK BARCLAY, Beta Alpha.

In Memoriam

Jean Dunbar Egleston

WHEREAS, Kappa Kappa Gamma, in the death of Jean Dunbar Egleston, has lost one of its strongest and most devoted members, and

WHEREAS, Jean Egleston was well known among us for her high ideals and her work for the good of many,

Resolved, that we, the Beta Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, signify to her family the respect and esteem in which we hold her memory and the deep sympathy which we extend to them and be it further

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

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Alumnae Personals

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On June 9, Louise Dyer, '08, was married to Gorham Harris Harvard, '08. Mr. Harris is an instructor in Chemistry at Simmons College.

The engagement of Helen Wright, '06, to Mr. Harold Maritt, an alumnus of Boston University, has been announced. They will live in Coronado, California.

Marion C. Butterworth, '09, is spending the summer in Europe.

Eleanor Cummings, '08, has completed her course at the Wellesley School of Gymnastics, and is to take a position in Dayton, Ohio, as first assistant in the city Y. W. C. A. gymnasium.

In the recent campaign to increase the Boston University endowment, Mrs. Eva Phillips Boyd, '03, was captain of the most successful of the teams. Mrs. Elsie Tucker Kenway, '04, was also a member.

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Beta Epsilon

Miss Juliet Stuart Points of New York has received the English scholarship of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. This is the first scholarship ever granted to an American woman under the exact forms of competition by which Rhodes scholars are chosen. While officers of the Rhodes trust were generous enough to examine candidates for the Federation scholarship, they have no responsibility for the scrutiny of the final credentials.

Eight candidates entered for the competition, and six took the full examinations—one from each of the States of Alabama, California, Iowa, Minnesota, New York, and Ohio. Miss Points received an award of \$1,500 for a year's study in England. Second in standing is Miss Mary Treudley of Athens, a graduate of Ohio University in the class of 1900 and at present a graduate student in the University of Chicago. The third in standing is Miss Lillian Matherson Lotspeich of the University of Alabama.—New York Evening Post.

Beta Iota

Beta Iota Alumnæ Association and Active Chapter held their annual luncheon May 14, at the home of Lydia Biddle, at Lansdowne, Pa.

In June Pi Beta Phi held its convention at Swarthmore. The Swarthmore chapter gave a delightful rendering of "Midsummer Night's Dream," on the college campus. The alumnæ and actives of the other sororities at Swarthmore were invited to attend. Twenty-two Kappas were there, and passed a pleasant afternoon. They will not soon forget the extremely cordial welcome given them by Pi Beta Phis from far and near.

'94. Born to Frederick H. and Mary A. (Hayes) Gawthrop, a daughter.

'96. Born to C. C. and Aida T. (Evans) Highley, a son.

'98. Born April 10 to Jonathan A. and Edna Marion (Nicholl) Rawson, a son, Jonathan Nicholl Rawson.

Ex-'99. Married, Helen Southwick Marshall to Mr. Potter.

'02. The engagement of Ethel Beardsley to William Muschert, Delta Upsilon, is announced.

'02. On June 4 Amelia E. Himes was married to Mr. Robert Hunt Walker, Delta Upsilon.

'04. Agnes Hallowell Sibbald has been traveling in Europe for the past summer.

'04. The engagement of Mary Louise Bartlett to Mr. Skipwith Peyton Coale is announced.

'05. Born on August 9 to Walter S. and Winifred (Craig) Gee (affiliate from Beta Alpha) a son, Neville Craig Gee.

'o6. Mabel Cheyney has been appointed a teacher of history at the William Penn School, Philadelphia.

'07. Married June 15, Mary Wyman Lawrence (affiliate from Chi) to Mr. William Blaine Webb.

Elizabeth Lane Verlenden ('07) and Rebecca Lewis Verlenden (ex-'10) have been traveling in Europe this summer.

Married, October 4, 1910, Ethel Beardsley, '02, to Mr. William Moon Muschert, Delta Upsilon.

Mrs. Effingham Cock Murray, '05 (née Marie de Montalvo) is traveling in South America.

The engagement of Rebecca Lewis Verlenden, '10, to Dr.

Hugh Lenox Hodge Dick, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Jefferson Medical College, is announced.

Edna Clayton Jones, '10, is finishing her course at college this year. Owing to illness, she was forced to leave in mid-term last year.

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Gamma Rho

Married:—May 5, Harriet Krauss and Edwin Curtze. Mr. and Mrs. Curtze are living in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Married:—June 28, Erma Rogers, '03, and Mr. Waid. Mr. and Mrs. Waid are living in Cleveland, Ohio.

Ada Palm, '03, took a special course at the Summer School of Cornell University. She is now teaching in the Pittsburg High School.

Mrs. Florence Appleby Barnhurst and children, of Catasauqua, Pa., are spending a few months in Meadville.

Bess Rist, '08, is spending the year abroad.

Born, August, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Robinsin (Mary O'Donough) a daughter.

Sarah Breene, '04, and Mabelle West, ex-'04, have spent the summer in Europe.

Louise Hempstead has returned to Briar Clift on the Hudson to resume her teaching there.

Jessie Marvin, ex-'03, has a position in Boston, Mass.

Born, July, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Moore (Louise Bolard) a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard English (Mary Colter) a daughter, August, 1910. Mr. and Mrs. English have recently moved to Flint, Michigan.

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Lena M. Beem, '09, will teach again in the high school at Mansfield, Ill.

Palmyra Conaway, ex-'11, will teach at her home at Fairchance, Pa. Lucy Jennings, ex-'10, will teach at her home at Woodsfield, Ohio.

Mayme Hearson, ex-'06, expects to spend the winter in California.

Maebelle Price, '09, will be the instructor of music in the public schools at her home, Paris, Ill., the coming year.

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Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rowe (née Della McIntosh) a boy.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Cummings (née Grace Campbell) a girl.

Mrs. Francis Ball Mauck spent a few weeks at Ocean Park, Maine.

Ruth Gurney spent a month with her sister, Mrs. Ethel Gurney Chapel, at Buffalo, New York.

Zoe Sawyer, of Central City, Iowa, visited the Kappas.

Fanny Northrope was married to Leon B. Reynolds, August 3, 1910. They will live in Kansas City, Mo.

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On Tuesday evening, September 15 Maude Beatrice Fargo was married to Dr. Lowell M. Green, Beta Theta Pi. They will be at home after November 1 on 329 E. Sixth St., Rushville, Ind.

Mrs. Lou (Baer) Miller and her mother, Mrs. C. S. Baer, will spend the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Ione Hanorth is spending her second winter with relatives in Yonkers, N. Y.

Mayme Trueblood and Lalah Randall are teaching in Decatur, Illinois.

On September 14, at her home in Mt. Vernon, Ill., Alice Pavey was married to H. B. Emerson. They will reside in St. Louis.

Several alumnæ Kappas spent the summer traveling in Europe: Mrs. Edith (Kline) York, Mrs. Anna (Payne) Aider, and Odessa Zeis. Alice Switzer and George E. Halstead were married August 21, 1910. They are at home at 2019 E. Kin Ave., New Albany, Indiana.

On September 19, Mildred Pyke sailed for China, where she will join her father in the missionary work of that country.

Married, June 22, in Petersburg, Indiana, Martha Poucher (Iota) and Ralph W. Bridges (DePauw, Sigma Nu). Mr. and Mrs. Bridges are living in Copper Cliff, Ontario, Canada.

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Chi

The engagement is announced of Elizabeth Merrick Bullard, ex-'10, to Mr. Ernest Kohlsaat, Delta Kappa Epsilon, formerly of Chicago, now residing in Minneapolis.

Alice Dougan and Percy Williams Donovan, Delta Upsilon, were married June 18. Mr. and Mrs. Donovan are at home in Brainerd, Minn.

The engagement of Helen Brown, '10, to Mr. Oscar Wood-rick, Sigma Chi, was recently announced.

The engagement of Florence Hardrick, ex-'10, to Mr. James Gardner Lawrence, Jr., Phi Kappa Psi, of Sault Ste. Marie, Canada, is announced.

Ruth Nichols, ex-'10, is at Madeline Island, Wisconsin.

The marriage of Ruth Wyer, Sigma and Chi, to Russell Greer, Beta Theta Pi, took place at Lake Minnetonka, June 17.

Elizabeth Shepardson has charge of the Kindergarten at Nashwauk, Minn. this year.

Mary Wyman Lawrence, Chi and Beta Iota, and Mr. William Blaine Webb. Delta Kappa Epsilon, were married June 15. Mr and Mrs. Webb will make their home in Wabasha, Minnesota.

Mrs. Herbert Chandler Ide of Mt. Vernon (Harriet Mc-Donald) and her two small sons have been spending the summer in Minneapolis.

Among the Smith College graduates this June were two Chi girls, Marjorie Roberts and Martha Washburn.

Kate Kellogg Fairchild has recently returned from a trip through the Yellowstone and to the Pacific Coast.

Alice Webb is making an extended trip through the West.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Horace Klein (Grace Trask) a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Dickerman (Mabel Stone) a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas L. Brown (Ellen Janney) a daughter.

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Arthur C. Strachauer, July 29, a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frederick B. Chute (Elizabeth Hawley) August 20, a daughter, Margaret McDonald.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whitman (Edith R. Moore) a son.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Lyon (Harriet Brearley) a daughter, Anne Frances.

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Omega

Nola Ayers, '09, and Ben Young, Phi Delta Theta, were married at the home of the bride's parents, in Horton, Kansas, on August 11th.

Mrs. Lyman, Mrs. Ridge, Grace King and Marguerite Smith spent the summer in Europe.

The marriage of Bertha Kilworth and Sam Ainsworth, Phi Kappa Psi, will occur in the early fall.

The engagement of Della Peck to Allen Wayne Dodge has been announced.

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Beta Xi

Grace Prather, '05, resigned her position as assistant librarian and is at home in Waco.

Eleanor Brackenridge, 'o6, was married in March to John La Prelle, Kappa Sigma. They are now living in Austin.

Eva Sodeckson, '03, and Charles Nertzog of Ithaca, Mich., were married in June.

The engagement of Annie McCormick, '09, to J. C. Muse, Phi Delta Theta, has been announced.

Helen Knox, '08, who has been studying in New York, is State Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Texas. May Jarvis, 'o6, who spent the past year at Bryn Mawr, is assistant instructor in Zoölogy in the University of Texas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rose (Margaret Runge, '09), a daughter.

May Shelmire, Jessie Lee Rembert and Geils Adoue spent the summer in Madison, Wisconsin.

Fanny Dealy spent the last three months in Europe.

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Falls Cities Association

The marriage is announced of Anne Heaton (Nu) and Prof. Zenor Scott, of Moores Hill (Indiana) College, October 15, in Jeffersonville. Indiana.

Miss Jessie Janes will teach in the Louisville Girls' High School.

Mrs. George Lewis (Julia Hodge, Beta Alpha) spent some time in the East this spring and visited her chapter in the University of Pennsylvania.

Sally Mark Barclay (Beta Alpha) visited the active chapter three weeks, bringing one of her former chapter sisters back with her to attend Convention.

Mrs. George Halstead (Alice Switzer, Iota) who was married August 21, will live in New Albany and will become a member of the Falls Cities Association.

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Bloomington Association

Ruth Steele, '09, was married August 30th to Alfred Mansfield Brooks head of the Art Department of Indiana University. Their wedding trip was abroad and they will be at home in Bloomington after February 1.

Mary Baker, '07, was married October 12 to Leroy Crockett Gould, a lumberman of Indianapolis.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Stonex (Jeff Reeves, '09) on August 25, a little Kappa.

Librarian and Mrs. Jenkins (Charlie Moore, '96) have returned from a two year's residence in Paris.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Orr (Harrye Branham, '03) Muncie, Indiana, on August 18, a girl, Margaret Caroline Orr.

Chicago Association

Nina Lovejoy Stoddard (Beta Lambda) was married to Ralph Putman Morrill of Los Angelos, Cal., August 9. The wedding was an afternoon affair with many Kappas present. The young couple are making their home at 1038 W. 43rd Street, Los Angeles, and the Chicago Alumnæ Association feels that the Los Angeles Association will find in her a treasure.

Mabel Hayward has just returned from a European trip.

Ann White has severed her connection with the Association for this year, at any rate, as she has accepted the position of librarian at South Bend, Ind.

Emily Nichols Trees, Ruth Abbott and Lucile Jones have made separate and extensive tours of the west this summer.

Mrs. D. D. Otstott will, after January, make her home in Dallas, Texas.

Exchanges

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson

Exchanges that receive three copies of The Key are asked to send exchange copies to Mrs. A. H. Roth, 262 West Tenth Street, Erie, Pa., Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 58 Bedford Street, Fall River, Mass. and Mrs. Howard Mullin, 842 Ackerman Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

The receipt of these exchanges is acknowledged with thanks. March: Rainbow, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Record.

April: Sigma Kappa Triangle, Caduceus, Kappa Alpha Journal, Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly, Anchora, Beta Theta Pi, Lyre, Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

May: Record, Deta Upsilon Quarterly, Eleusis of Chi Omega, Angelos of Kappa Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, Garnet and White, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Caduceus, Themis, Kappa Alpha Theta Delta of Sigma Nu, Aglaia of Phi Mu.

June: Crescent, Delta Chi Quarterly, Beta Theta Pi, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Adelphean, Caduceus, Kappa Alpha Journal.

July: Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly, Sickle and Sheaf of Alpha Gamma Rho, (Agricultural), Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly, Themis, Lyre, Sigma Kappa Triangle.

August: Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

Alpha Chi Omega now allows 50% of its membership to be chosen from among literary students, instead of 33 1-3%, as formerly. The remaining 50% must be music students.

With the intention of putting senior members "into touch with diversified fields which attract College women," Kappa Alpha Theta gives articles on library work, editorial work, dramatic coaching, high school tutoring, nature study, positions in the new agricultural education, medicine, nursing, diatetics, advertisement writing, arts and crafts, decorative painting, law the school savings system, philantropic work, and the Christian Association.

The Arrow announced that a prize loving cup was to be awarder at the Convention of Pi Beta Phi to the chapter with the largest delegation, including these points: percentage of total enrollment of the chapter, age of same, the greatest number from the active chapter, and percentage of miles covered.

The chapters of Pi Beta Phi contribute chapter customs to the Arrow, for mutual help. Here are some of the items given:

One chapter gains greater familiarity with the songs, and arouses fraternity enthusiasm, by singing Pi Phi songs at the table, between courses.

A chapter roll match, with two sides competing, and a prize offered, is a suggestion for keeping the chapter roll in mind.

A chapter officer called the monitor is entrusted with the duty of watching each member of the chapter in every phase of college life, and reporting delinquencies in chapter meeting. "It is also her duty to see that our girls 'go out' for those college activities for which they are best suited. The monitor has an able committee to help her."

Another chapter reports, not a monitor, but a "fraternity mother" appointed for each pledge.

From another college chapter comes a custom of keeping a complete file of examination questions given in all of the collegiate departments.

One chapter gives a silver spoon, another a college seal, another a Pi Phi ring to each graduate.

In order to investigate the standing of members, one chapter mails to the various professors, with a stamped return envelope, a card for each student with printed spaces for the name of the student, the subject, her attendance, daily recitations, mid-term examinations, and remarks. The cards are filled out at leisure, by the professor, and later are read in fraternity meeting.

A hopeful sign in the fraternity world is the growing tendency of the fraternity magazines to dwell less on competitive rushing methods, and more on coöperation between fraternity and fraternity, and between fraternity and faculty. The two following clipings are helpful along these broader lines:

The plan which I think is most successful in establishing intersorority friendship is one that has been made this semester by the local Pan-Hellenic. This is that on Tuesday each sorority shall entertain two girls from another sorority at dinner. A schedule has been made of the order in which the different sororities shall alternate, and this plan is to be continued until each sorority has entertained every other. We do not go to any extra trouble and therefore, in the informal atmosphere, it is easy to become well acquainted. The visitors must not stay after seven thirty as it is supposed there is studying to be done.—Alpha Xi Delta.

Faculty night is a regularly organized institution. At the beginning of each semester every girl makes out a list of her instructors, or at least of those that she wishes to entertain. Space in our dining-room only allows us to entertain four guests comfortably at a time, so we decide on inviting either three or four unmarried men, or two men and their wives. At meeting we decide which ones are to be entertained next. The girl who has these men on her list is responsible for their presence and must invite them, call on their wives and see that all the girls meet them. Promptly at six on Thursday all the girls are dressed and waiting for the guests. When they arrive we have a little informal reception at which they meet our chaperon and all the girls who are strangers. Our dinners are the same simple, wholesome meals that we have six nights in the week. The girls who are in a man's class always claim the right to have his "best side" at dinner, and so those that are most actively interested in the guest are at the first table, regardless of class precedence. As usual, between courses we sing our fraternity songs and the beautiful melodies that make Alpha Chi songs exceptional are always heartily appreciated. After dinner we adjourn to the living-room and here our amusements vary. Almost invariably our musical girls sing and play, giving a little impromptu program; sometimes the girls do stunts, and if the guests are young and will join in dancing, we roll up the rugs and dance until about eight or eight-thirty. Being faculty, they realize that we are students and so leave early, although sometimes they stay until ten, which indicates how enjoyable these evenings are to both parties concerned.

Thus far no comprehensive method of enlisting fraternity pride and assistance in classroom matters has been devised, tho a few colleges have succeeded in developing it along certain lines. Perhaps the most conspicuous single instance of it was developed at Amherst some years ago under the late Professor Frink, head of the department of rhetoric and public speaking, and this has constituted a model for other institutions which have tried it.

In this case the course in public speaking was, in very large measure, a fraternity course. While a regular college course, practically all of its coaching and training was in the hands of the fraternities. Each society had, in its senior delegation, a "superintendent," as he might be called. Under his direction, or the direction of assistants whom he appointed, every freshman and sophomore was rigorously trained by seniors or juniors in the work of the course, and the sound of husky-voiced freshmen heavily struggling for oratorical fitness under the direction of critical seniors came from behind closed parlor doors at all hours of the day and many hours of the night.

The fraternity "superintendent" reported directly to the professor and consulted with him frequently, often giving liberally of his time, as did his assistants, for the upbuilding of the course. And yet the work was entirely voluntary, inspired solely by the interest in public speaking which Prof. Frink had been able to arouse and the loyalty of his students.

"There seems to be no reason," said a student of the fraternity

problem a few years ago, "why the system should not to some extent be adopted as the model for all college work. Direct coaching in other studies is of course, not necessary or wanted, as it is in public speaking. But the same interest, the same loyalty to the college through the fraternity, might well be encouraged."

Here is the comment of Beta Theta Pi on the report of the National Pan-Hellenic Conference:

On the whole it does not seem as though the organization had accomplished much. The difficulty seems to lie in the fact that everythingproposed has to be referred back to the several fraternities for action. The Conference can not legislate. It can only recommend and consequently it is a rather spiritless organization. We believe that if the men are to succeed better they will have to give legislative power to their delegates and that the conference will have to be governed by less than a unanimous vote. An organization of this kind must have the power to punish. Many local pan-hellenic organizations have been formed and have made admirable rushing rules. One of these rules always is and ought to be that pledging shall not take place before a prescribed date. The rule possibly works well for a year or two and then one fraternity disregards it and unfairly takes advantage of those who keep it. If the fraternities under such circumstances could invoke the aid of the college authorities and prohibit a chapter breaking a rule of that kind from initiating any man pledged in such an unfair manner it would accomplish much. And the fraternities themselves could expel such a chapter or expel it from the local pan-hellenic organization.

Another difficulty to be met with is the ratio of representation. Shall a fraternity with 10 chapters have the same vote as one with 70? It ought not to. The voting power ought to be based on some multiple of a minimum number of chapters necessary to admission. If five is taken as such a number, each fraternity might have one vote for each five of its chapters.

These are only a few of the matters to be considered. The women have had more experience than the men, and from what they have accomplished we make the deduction that it is going to be difficult to accomplish anything. But let us try with all our might.

The Chicago Tribune "B. L. T." in his column "A Line o' Type or Two" has been running for some time a Cannery, his purpose being to hermetically seal all thread-bare, boresome, bromidic expressions. The more frayed and commonplace the expression the deeper and saltier the brine must be in which it is to be pickled, and the tighter the Mason jar.

After reading some 1200 chapter letters the idea of a Greek Cannery to run at least in one issue of the Tribune appeals as a delightful novelty.

Perhaps it would be more symbolic for Tri Delta to pickle them instead of in cans in a fathom or two of Poseidon's realm, in which case tie the heaviest stone to

"of whom we are justly proud."

Then add heavy enough ones to these so they will sink to utter oblivion:

"the pick of the Freshman class."

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"Greetings to sister chapters."

"it does not seem possible it is time for another letter."

"time for the terrible ordeal of midyears."

"dainty refreshments were served."

"of the true Tri Delta Spirit."

"glad and proud to introduce to you."

"secure our share of college honors."

"all voted it the best party of the year."

-The Trident of Delta Delta Delta.

As a child I used often to wonder what the Bible words: "A house divided against itself," meant. Growing older I reasoned that they probably referred to family dissensions. As a college girl, the phrase applies itself always to fraternity life. The gravest reproach that can be cast upon a chapter is that within it there is a lack of unity, a failure to co-operate, petty jealousy and strife. Usually this condition arises from misunderstanding.—Lyre A X Ω .

The Record heads its chapter letters with this brief paragraph:

Elect as your correspondent the man who can write, and whose sense of duty and personal responsibility is such that it is certain that he will write. No man should have this post because of his mere popularity.

The following advice is given in the Anchora:

Do not elect a girl for president because she is a senior or because she is the oldest in the chapter, elect her because you feel that by her good judgment and tact she can help the chapter the most. Put girls into all of the offices who will do not only that which is required of , them, but who will see and do those little things which help girls individually and as a chapter. The corresponding secretary and associate editor should be chosen with especial care. They represent the chapter in the general fraternity and in the Greek world. The corresponding secretary should be a girl who is systematic and who will attend to matters on time and not just any time she happens to think of them. associate editor should have some ability to write interestingly. She also must be one who will do things when they should be done. The recording secretary and treasurer should be girls of practical business ability. The election of these officers means a great deal to your chapter and to your initiates next year and even more to your standing in the general fraternity. Therefore the need of a great deal of thought and care can not be too strongly urged.

College Notes

By Elizabeth Rhodes Jackson.

The Ladies' Home Journal is offering prizes amounting to \$2,250, for the best short stories written by girls' college alumnae The contest closes November 30.

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This year at the University of Wisconsin, each upper classman was given the names of two Freshmen to call upon, this being done to broaden the social life of the students.

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An estimate of the social expenditures of the fraternities and sororities was made at Northwestern University and it was found that on an average of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year was spent for parties. The faculty are now planning to make some readjustment.

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There is a custom at Champaign, Ill., of setting aside one day each year for trolley day, when the conductors are all girls, mostly university girls, and the proceeds go to the Burnham Hospital.

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By a vote of eleven to ten the congress consisting of twelve undergraduates, twelve alumnae, four faculty members and President Hazard, which was selected to decide the future of the six secret societies of Wellesley College, decided that the societies should be opened to any eligible student on application without any voting on the part of the societies. It was voted that opportunity for membership in the societies should be limited to three classes of diploma grade students, these grades to consist of those of high academic standing, those showing unusual excellence in any department and those who have given evidence of public spirited service in aid of the college. The latter qualification is to be determined by a committee or organization other than the

societies alone. Each society will continue its own fraternity house.—New York Sun.

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The name of the Woman's College of Baltimore has been changed to Goucher College. This is intended to be a recognition of the devotion and high minded service of the founder of the College, the Rev. John Franklin Goucher and his wife. Mary Cecilia Goucher. Dr. Goucher besides being founder of the college was president for seventeen years.—The Anchora.

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Theta Sigma Phi, which is designed to become a national journalistic honor society among college women, has been organized by six women students at the University of Washington. Its membership is limited to upper classwomen, of the department of journalism, who not only have shown ability along literary lines, but who also intend making journalism their life work. It is the intention of the founders to establish chapters in other colleges. The pin is a reproduction of the linotype machine matrix, with a torch and the Greek letters for emblems.—Rainbow.

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Great was the rejoicing among the women of the University of Wisconsin when, at the beginning of the second semester, Lathrop Hall, the new building for women, was opened for general use. For many years there has been urgent need of such a building, and at last it stands completed, the finest of its kind in the country. It is not to be a dormitory, as was originally planned, but rather a building for all the women of the university, a center for all their activities.

The ground floor is occupied by a large dining room where the majority of the university women board, and a cafetaria, which will be the delight of the town girls, or of any one who may wish a lunch or even a cup of chocolate. Here, too, the domestic science department has its recitation rooms, laboratories, and kitchens with all the equipment necessary for the course. The second floor is the sacred realm of the "gym" large enough for all, and including a running track and a swimming tank.

The greater part of the third floor is devoted to a large assembly room, and the dean of women hopes that all parties attended by University girls will be held here. This ball room can be changed on short notice into a small theatre, for at one end there is a large stage, which will probably be the scene of many amateur performances. On this floor there are offices for the dean of women, the physical director, the nurse, and other college officials. Here, also, the Young Women's Christian Association, the literary societies, the glee clubs, and other organizations will at last find a suitable haven.—Alpha Xi Delta.

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Columbia has added a new organization to its long list. It is a women's suffrage club called "The Men's Equal Suffrage League of Columbia," Officers have been elected and a set of resolutions passed favoring the enfranchising of women.—American College.

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Representatives of twelve different nations among the students at the University of Chicago, under the auspices of the Cosmopolitan Club, have organized what for want of a better name is termed an "international chorus." The members of the chorus will be trained to sing the national hymns of all the countries represented by the members of the Cosmopolitan Club. A program of all the national hymns will be rendered by the chorus at the Peace Day Exercises to be held in Chicago on May 18 which will, it is thought, provide a unique and appropriate feature of the occasion.—University of Chicago News Letter.

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In the University of Missouri a Home Economics Course has been instituted in which the women are graded by the amount of money spent by them. At the end of each month every girl is required to hand in an itemized account of her expenditures.— Lyre.

A new alliance of university men is to be found in the recently organized American Universities Club of London. The purpose is to form a social centre for graduates of American and Canadian colleges who may be visiting England. At present the club has the privileges of the New Oxford and Cambridge Club, so that there graduates of North American universities will meet men from the oldest universities of the mother country. The club is primarily a social centre.

While the club, however, is to be a real club, it will also have a much wider influence. It will minister to the extension of the great conception that has found such splendid expression in the Rhodes scholarships. It will make for a better understanding among students of these three great English-speaking countries. It has within its power a deepening of a sense of friendship which is not equaled by many organizations whose avowed purpose is the same. This new club is one of these organizations which make invisible treaties—treaties that are abiding because founded upon mutual esteem and the sympathy of comprehension.

The club proposes to furnish special advantages to its members who wish to participate in the important social events which make the London season so attractive. A houseboat at Henley, a yacht for Cowes' week, coaches for the Derby, Ascot, and Goodwood, celebrations of Fourth of July and Dominion Day, will combine to make the club a most attractive social rendezvous. It is proposed also to publish a journal which will deal with religious, social, political, and other subjects having relation to universities in all parts of the world.

The New Oxford and Cambridge Club, which is now the home of the organization, is located at 68 Pall Mall. This is in the heart of "Clubland." The house immediately adjoins St. James Palace and Marlborough House. The club was formally inaugurated on March 31 last.—Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

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