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CROCHERON GILDERSLEEVE, Ph.D.,
AT HER INSTALLATION AS
DEAN OF BARNARD
COLLEGE

Mr. Chairman, Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

As a daughter of Barnard, long familiar with her traditions and her circumstances, I can appreciate to the full the significance of the cordial greetings expressed on this occasion by the representatives of the different bodies which constitute our college world. * * * * *

It must seem to most of my audience idle and unnecessary to present, at this opening of the second decade of the twentieth century, any defence of the higher education of women. But I do not believe that, outside of the academic circles, New York City yet accepts the idea of college for women calmly and as a matter of course, as many other sections of our country accept it. The conservative tendency of the East has caused, I find, a widespread survival here in our city of certain ancient misconceptions concerning the education of women, with the result that, as a rule and on the whole, New York women do not go to college, as New York men do.

There seems, in the first place, to survive in some quarters the antique idea that a woman who is graduated from college is thereby necessarily and inevitably a portentously learned and scholastic person, quite removed from the ordinary run of human beings, an inspirer of awe in the breast of the common world. Yet I have never discovered that the young man just graduated from Columbia or Yale or Harvard is looked upon as necessarily a paragon of learning. Rather, the opposite. And I fail to see why substantially the same process should produce such a dif-

ferent effect upon his sister. Though I may appear to be disparaging college education, I believe I am not actually doing so when I say that a real acquaintance with college women would convince the sceptical New Yorker that, improving though a college course is, it does *not* make the average girl a profound scholar, or indeed learned to any *alarming* degree whatsoever.

Granted that the learning bestowed is not excessive, most people in New York will admit that the college training is a good thing for women who expect to engage in a professional career,—teaching, law, medicine,—just as it is good for men who pursue such work. As more and more women, even those who are not faced with the necessity of earning a livelihood, are now engaging in regular and remunerative careers, feeling that they can in that way serve society better than as occasional and amateur workers in lines of philanthropy, our generally admitted field of usefulness is thus already large. But comparatively few people here in New York perceive that college is as good for the average woman as for the average man, for the woman who normally spends her life in the management of a household and the rearing of children. With a highly exaggerated notion of the importance of sex in matters of the intellect, many observers fail to see that there is no reason why the average woman, with the opportunity and the intelligence, should not profit at least as much from college training as the average man who seeks the bachelor's degree.

Of the advantages to be derived by any human being from a college course, by no means the least is the fact that it makes the world a more interesting place to live in, that it opens the windows of the mind to new delights and stimulations. Even if the knowledge of Greek and geology does not help a woman to cook a better dinner—and I am not at all sure that it does not—college education should not therefore stand condemned. There is another side to life besides the strictly practical and utilitarian. Is there any reason why a woman whose daily occupation is superintending a household should not derive as much aesthetic pleasure and noble inspiration from the *Iliad* or the *Divine Comedy* or *King Lear* as does a man whose daily occupation is running a bank? Or as much lively and stimulating interest from following the progress of discoveries in the natural

sciences, or the development and solution of the absorbing social and economic problems of the day? Vastly increased appreciation of such sources of aesthetic and intellectual interest and pleasure is one of the gifts which college education can bestow alike on men and women.

From the standpoint, also, of practical efficiency, the knowledge acquired at college and the training of the mind are of as much value to the normal and average woman as to the normal and average man. The ability to think straight, to weigh facts quickly and soundly, a knowledge of chemistry, say, of economics, of psychology,—are these not as practically valuable to the woman who runs a household and watches over the minds and bodies of her children, as to the man who passes his days as stock broker or lawyer?

A side of woman's life of rapidly growing importance at present is the work of social service carried on so earnestly by women of some means and leisure. A hundred and more organizations here in New York, in civic, political, economic and social lines of activity, show the generous interest of our women in causes outside their immediate households, in service to the community. Is there not in such work today great need for the informed and disciplined mind? This is the age of the trained and skilled professional. There is little room today for the well-meaning but ignorant amateur. Philanthropy itself, formerly a recognized occupation of the leisure hours of any wealthy lady, who regarded herself as fulfilling her duty to the community if she indiscriminately distributed soup and blankets to the poor,—in even philanthropy, and especially in philanthropy, we realize today the immeasurable harm which may be done by the blundering interference of the amiable but untrained amateur, and we require the guidance of the trained economist, sociologist, and practical social worker.

All who labor at present in these fields of social service, in politics, in civic affairs, are in need of knowledge concerning the past and methods in use at present, and of minds trained to weigh and balance facts and to think straight. A college course is certainly not the only way of acquiring these attributes; but it is *one* way, and probably the surest and most convenient.

A third benefit derived from college is undoubtedly of more

value to women than it is to men. I allude to the social training, the broader social outlook gained through intercourse with the wide variety of mankind to be found in any college, and especially in a great metropolitan college like our own. The essential truths of democracy can be learned only from intercourse with many kinds and grades of people. From such association most women, by the circumstances of their education and life, are largely cut off, unless they gain it in college; and this accounts partly for the narrow prejudices and restricted views with which our sex is often charged. Breadth of view, high social ideals beyond her own immediate circle and personal pleasure, a conception of her duty to the community and to the nation,—these things a college education can help to develop in a woman.

What I have been rehearsing is, of course, merely a repetition of the old idea—old, yet still persistently misunderstood here in New York—that the purpose of a college like Barnard is to give a liberal education; not primarily to train scholars and academic specialists,—though we do develop some and are proud of them,—but rather, like a man's college, to train intelligent, open-minded human beings, sensitive to high ideals, appreciative of their duties to the community, with a sufficient knowledge of the past to have high hopes for the future, interested in many lines of human effort, able to think straight, to subdue prejudices, and to extract the best sort of happiness from life. We aim by our process of liberal education to train happy and useful citizens, and certainly the world needs as many of one sex as of the other.

This great work Barnard, like other colleges for women, is endeavoring to carry on. The circumstances under which she is working are, however, peculiar, and will differentiate her forever from nearly all her sister institutions. Much as she may admire them, she cannot in many respects copy them. She has peculiar problems which she must work out along her own lines. Though preserving her internal individuality and independence, she is affiliated with a great university, and this, as I have said, gives her an immense advantage on the scholarly side. She is, also, situated here on the acropolis of the vastest, most complex, most bewildering, most inspiring city of the western world. She is in New York, of New York, and New York it is her first duty

to serve. Though eager to enlarge the growing number of students who come to her from distant parts of the country, appreciating that their presence is of the greatest value in broadening her outlook, and preventing her from falling into that "provincialism" with which we New Yorkers are often charged, she realizes that the great majority of her students will always be drawn from this city and its immediate vicinity, that they will come to her merely for the day and return to their own homes at night. There are many advantages in this situation. Our students remain in touch with their families and home interests; there is no break which must be mended when their college course is over. They live in the normal, natural life of home relationships, and avoid the danger of aloofness and selfish narrow-mindedness which may occasionally develop in an isolated community made up of one sex,—an abnormal form of life at best. They are in touch with the social, artistic and musical advantages of the metropolis. Moreover, lost from public view as we generally are in the multitudinous mass of interests in a great city, we are not in danger of gaining an exaggerated view of our own importance.

But there are, of course, many difficulties in our situation, and these are largely physical ones. Living at home as most of our students do, they must spend a considerable portion of their time on the journey to and from college. A few of them consume over three hours a day in travel,—a heavy drain on their time and vitality. Moreover, while they are at college, from morning till late afternoon, in the intervals of their work, they have no room of their own to which they can retire for peace and rest and study, as at dormitory colleges; they have nothing but the public rooms which the college furnishes. These circumstances place on Barnard a heavy responsibility towards the physical welfare of her students, and the meeting of this responsibility is the chief and crying problem which at this moment confronts the college. We should watch carefully over the health of our undergraduates, but we have no gymnasium of our own in which the department of physical education can care for them. Through the generous hospitality of Teachers' College we enjoy temporarily the partial use of the excellent Thompson Gymnasium, but the accommodations there are rapidly becoming too

restricted even for the Teachers' College students, and ours must soon be excluded. Nor have we adequate space in our own buildings for rooms of rest and study. Constructed originally for about five hundred students, our buildings are now forced to care for nearly eight hundred. Sadly cramped for lecture rooms and laboratories and instructors' offices, we can give but scanty space to studies and reading rooms. The so-called study assigned to the freshman class for their headquarters—where they keep their books and papers and where they are supposed to rest in the intervals of their work—is, for a class of about one hundred and forty members, a room about 25 feet square, containing one table, a settee and twelve chairs. Excellent as are the buildings which we owe to the generosity of our benefactors in the past, they have become inadequate for our present needs. We are bursting through their walls. Land we have in abundance, through the princely gift of one of our trustees, Mrs. Anderson; instruction we have of a quality second to that of no college in the country; but unless we soon obtain additional halls in which to house our work we may be forced to conduct our courses in tents pitched upon the quadrangle. Yet these difficulties, I feel sure, cannot long endure. New York is too wealthy and too generous to allow the education of her daughters to go on under such material and physical handicaps.

All the difficulties which may arise from our situation are, however, of small importance in comparison with the magnificent opportunity for useful work afforded us by our location here in this vast and mighty city. Great is our responsibility as the chief representative in New York of the higher education of women, as the institution which should train the daughters of the metropolis in lines of sane thought, high ideals and social service, and which, in a broader way, should serve as a fountain-head of inspiration and helpfulness for all those of our sex in this great city who crave guidance in lines of sound scholarship.

Barnard has just come to her majority; she has reached the age of twenty-one. Her maturity lies before her. Great as her achievements have been in this brief academic life, she has naturally accomplished, as yet, but a small part of the vast work which she can perform. The future is bright before her. Surely there can be no nobler task than to train in lines of honorable

and intelligent thinking those who are to be mothers, teachers, leaders, in the greatest city of the American nation, who are to grapple with problems of municipal welfare and social progress as complex as have ever faced our sex. Nowhere, on no battle line of the far-flung armies of education, is there opportunity for a worthier campaign than that which confronts Barnard.

I accept the office of Dean, Mr. President, with a keen realization of the glorious possibilities which lie in the future. If I fail to render such service to the college and community as at this moment my gratitude and affection for Barnard make me long to give, it will be because my own powers are inadequate, not because there is any flaw in the splendid opportunity that lies before me, or any lack of noble inspiration in the traditions that Barnard, in her short career, has already created in the hearts of her daughters.

FRIENDS

A SONG FROM BETA ZETA CHAPTER

(TUNE: "DREAM FACES.")

Sometimes when memory dwells upon the thought
Of friends and faces we have loved to know,
We sigh to think how widely lead the paths
By which our path through life must some day go.

CHORUS

Friends of life's springtime, when its skies are blue,
Friends we have known best, loyal hearts and true;
By time and distance parted though we be,
Still will we cherish friends in K. K. G.

Oh who can ever know us like the friends
With whom we've shared our happiness and tears?
What other friendship can compare with this
In which we've passed these happy golden years?

CHORUS

CORA CALL WHITLEY.

THE INSTALLATION OF MISS VIRGINIA
CROCHERON GILDERSLEEVE, Ph.D.,
AS DEAN OF BARNARD
COLLEGE

It is not often that a college has the opportunity of installing as dean one who has been reared in its halls, and who has been loved and admired there as undergraduate, graduate, instructor and professor, by all who have come under her influence. Yet Barnard is thus singularly fortunate in the acquisition of Miss Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve as the new dean. Miss Gildersleeve was a member of the class of 1899, received her M. A. from Columbia the next year, and in 1908 took the degree of Ph. D. From 1900 on, she taught English in Barnard, rising quickly from assistant to professor until now she steps into the highest place and becomes dean. She has also been for some time the first and only woman to give a graduate course in Columbia University.

The installation took place on the afternoon of February sixteenth in the Horace Mann Auditorium, which was filled to its utmost capacity with guests and members of the university. Shortly before three, the academic procession left Barnard and filed across the street to the auditorium, headed by the undergraduates marching by classes. Next came the members of the Barnard faculty marching in ascending rank, and behind them, the official representatives of other colleges, among whom were: Miss Mary E. Wooley, president of Mount Holyoke College; Miss Mary Coes, dean of Radcliffe College; Miss Margaret Sweeney, dean of Adelphi College, and Dr. C. H. Levermore, its president; Professor Davis of Normal College; Professor Lewis Mott of the College of the City of New York; and Miss Marion Reilly, dean of Bryn Mawr. Members of the Columbia University Council followed, which is composed of the deans of the various colleges under Columbia. Next came the Barnard trustees and the speakers of the afternoon, and finally Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, and Miss Gildersleeve.

When all had assembled in the auditorium, the Rev. Dr. Wil-

liam M. Grosvenor, rector of the Church of the Incarnation, opened the ceremonies with a prayer.

Dr. Silas B. Brownell, chairman of Barnard's board of trustees then made the opening address, in which he said:

"In the twenty-one years of her existence, Barnard College has at least educated a leader for her work—a dean born and bred in New York, a graduate of Barnard who has won in our own Columbia University the highest degree for women, and been promoted through various ranks to her present leadership. She has won the highest confidence of the president, the trustees and the faculty with whom she has served, and the alumnae and undergraduates who have come under her influence."

He then introduced Provost William T. Brewster who spoke on behalf of the faculty. He told how the faculty had watched over this pupil, becoming more and more interested in her until now they saw her reach the highest place.

"Many and great," he said, "are the responsibilities of maintaining the standard Barnard has hitherto held, but to you, Miss Gildersleeve, all elements of the teaching and student bodies look with confidence. For you are a graduate of the college, one of its well-tried and carefully nurtured members, well fitted to know its needs, even as you know its traditions."

Dr. Brownell then introduced Miss Alice Chace, president of the Alumnae Association, who conveyed the hearty greetings of that body, and told how proud they were to have one of their own number made dean.

When Dr. Brownell arose again, he said:

"At family gatherings, it is always very interesting to hear from the elders, and learn about the greatness of our ancestors, but after all, the chief interest and charm center about the youngest member of the family, and so we shall take particular pleasure in hearing from the latest comer, Miss Mary Polhemus, president of the undergraduates, who will tell us what they think of Miss Gildersleeve."

Mary Polhemus (Beta Epsilon, 1911) then gave a short speech telling how the undergraduates have been inspired by Miss Gildersleeve, how they have grown to know and love her as a friend, and how absolutely fair minded they have always found her.

President Butler then formally invested Miss Gildersleeve

with her new office by turning over to her a bunch of silver keys "in token of the protection you are to give to the college, and as symbols of the doors of knowledge and achievement which we look to you still to unlock."

"These manifold expressions of confidence and regard which are ringing in our ears," he continued, "give you your title to this post. That title could not have been conferred upon you by mere act of the authorities. As voiced by these expressions of esteem, the choice had already been made by the college itself, and was merely ratified by the trustees."

Miss Gildersleeve took the keys and turned to the audience to speak but was prevented for some moments by the thunder of applause which greeted her. Everyone in the auditorium rose involuntarily and remained standing until she asked that the people be seated. She then expressed her thanks to each of the bodies that had welcomed her, and especially to the undergraduates, than whom, she declared, "no more inspiring body of women is to be found in the academic world."

After her speech, which was of intense interest to all present, Dr. Grosvenor pronounced the benediction; and the academic procession, followed by the guests, proceeded back to Barnard, where a reception was held to welcome the new dean.

ELEANOR MYERS.

PROFESSIONAL OPPORTUNITIES IN HOME ECONOMICS

FLORA ROSE

Until very recently it was regarded as heresay to advocate the idea that culture and skill could find a harmonious union in our educational system. The well educated woman of a hundred years ago was the one skilled in the performance of household tasks. Skill was the standard by which her education was measured, skill unrelated to culture. Industrial conditions were such that her ability to do the practical thing well made her work of economic importance, and she earned her living in the home in a way that had the sanction of the times.

In the course of events the key note in education changed. Skill ceased to be the all important consideration and so-called culture became the dominant factor. The value of skill was depreciated and culture, detached and unrelated to anything practical, governed all teaching. Higher education no longer concerned itself with instructing women in practical things, at a time when these had been degraded and cultural training had become so compelling. Industrial conditions had been so transformed that skill in household affairs did not equip the well educated woman to earn a living in a manner which had the sanction of society. The home no longer offered professional opportunities when women had ceased to be of great economic importance to the home. Yet to earn a living was still the human problem.

As a result, the well educated woman of yesterday, justifying her economic existence by her skill in performing household tasks, was supplanted by the woman of to-day, versed in cultural subjects, having no need of practical knowledge and frequently earning her living by teaching, the only profession for which the college or school especially fitted her.

The hour has struck, when culture and skill are no longer regarded as isolated, detached ideals in education, one at antithesis to the other. We have awakened to the realization that when science and art are applied they lose nothing in cultural value and gain much in human interest. Important work which had fallen under the stigma of menial has thus been lifted to a

high cultural plane. New vocations and professions are being developed through this type of education and woman is beginning to find her field of professional opportunity greatly enlarged.

Fate has here played one of her ironic tricks and the modern woman in search of a profession may find herself returning to her old household tasks,—a task which has been repolished, given a different name and new setting, but which is still the same old task. Where once it was dull, it now begins to shine with all the glory which applied science and art can give, for it has been reclaimed from the menial.

Home Economics, otherwise known as Domestic Science, Household Arts, and Household Science, is only an example of the new education which is beginning to revivify the curriculum of school and college. It is in its infancy as to developmental possibilities but already it gives golden promise of opportunity for both the home keeping and the wage earning woman.

The purpose of home economics is to develop and redirect woman's work, to train her for what now may be regarded as the profession of home making and at the same time to give full consideration to her probable necessity of earning a living. This object is accomplished through a broad general training in all home economics subjects with specialization in some one of these.

Although many of the possibilities of home economics are still in the speculative stage the present development is already such as to afford a variety of professional opportunities.

1. Teaching.

The teaching of home economics subjects is and probably always will be the profession chosen by the larger number of home economics graduates. A broad field of specialization is open to them, and since harder and more systematic training is required of specialists, their financial regards are usually greater. At present the demand for teachers of home economics is greater than the supply.

2. Institutional Management.

The woman who has executive ability may enter the newly opened field of institutional management. The capable well-trained woman may find a splendid opportunity to succeed as a dietitian in some hospital, sanitarium, or public institution, or

as purveyor, steward, manager or matron of some dormitory, hospital, hotel, or other institution.

More and more the public is feeling the need of applying scientific methods in places where numbers are being housed and fed. This is, perhaps, next after teaching, the best opening for home economics graduates. It is a field which should not be entered without thorough consideration, for already it has been marred by the inrush of the over-confident and inefficient. Only a woman of force and executive ability, one clear sighted and self-controlled and having some understanding of people should attempt specialization in this line of work. For such a woman the promise of a successful future is greater than that afforded by teaching.

3. Business Enterprise.

The business enterprise where home economics is practically applied has already been sufficiently developed to show that it has varied, original and undoubtedly successful possibilities.

Tea rooms, lunch rooms, cafeterias, small hotels, and inns have been started and successfully managed by women. The untrained woman has sometimes been successful, but training, as in other business, has been a short cut to success.

The baking industry offers twofold opportunities,—first, as a possible commercial enterprise; second, as a laboratory for the scientific worker. Laundry management, already accomplished by women, promises good professional opportunities. Both the centralized bakery and laundry may be regarded as possible solutions for some of the present day rural problems. The right woman well trained should find here a splendid field.

Fruit canning as an industry is promising. This has already been begun in a small way on some farms and in a large way by an occasional woman capable of carrying through big schemes. Even the small farm industry would in many cases afford at least as good a living as could be obtained by teaching.

4. Inspectors.

Food and market inspection is increasing and women have already entered this field.

5. Purchasing Agents.

Expert buyers of fabrics, textile, clothing, and house furnish-

ings are already in demand. A course in home economics should enable a clever woman to be successful in this field.

6. Designing.

Artistic millinery, expert costuming and costume designing should furnish great possibilities to the artistic woman of practical inclination.

7. Research Work.

A growing field for the scientific woman, desiring neither to teach nor to be thrown where executive ability has a commercial value, is afforded in the laboratory.

8. Care of Children.

Expert care of children is also promising. The realization is growing that 'just anyone' is not good enough to care for the child. The future must see women cultured, refined, versed in the psychology of childhood, learned in their physical needs, understanding how to feed them, care for them, and cure small bodily and spiritual ills.

8. Modern Philanthropy.

In no field is there greater need of a knowledge of how to merge science and skill. The woman able to do this will be invaluable in philanthropic work.

10. Care of the Individual Home.

Last, but not least, the profession of home making demands training. It is no longer sufficient for the woman who is to assume the responsibility of a household to know something of everything under the sun save the problems over which she is to spend a good part of her life. A knowledge of nutrition, of sanitation, of the care of the child, may not increase her wage earning capacity in the home where she is wife and mother, but the welfare of the family, the benefits of their increased efficiency, are worthy of consideration.

For these occupations, training is contemplated in the proposed new home economics building at Cornell of which the first rough drafts have already been made. It will embody the effort to meet the demands of a home economics training.

There will be a cafeteria which will be used as a laboratory for students specializing in institutional management, a small bakery and laundry commercially equipped where the problems

of these two industries may be studied systematically, a laboratory equipped for a study of the problem of canning fruit, food laboratories where the student may learn the fundamental principles of food preparation, a laboratory of biological chemistry where some of the intricate problems of human nutrition may be studied, a textile laboratory where fabrics may be studied and tested, dyes examined, and methods of dyeing experimented with, sewing laboratories, rooms for drawing and designing, a small apartment for a closer study of the household problem, various class rooms, offices, and rest rooms, and a small auditorium where occasional meetings of groups of women may be held to consider home economics problems.

The question is often asked, just what comprises a course in home economics? First and foremost, fundamental instruction in the sciences and arts which underlie the various branches of home economics; then, chemistry, physics, and various biological sciences for those specializing in human nutrition; chemistry, physics, and drawing for those specializing in problems dealing with clothing, whether of textile or of designs for a dress; economics for all, but most of all for the social worker; courses in education for the teacher; and so on.

Perhaps the greatest good accomplished is that women are beginning to take a very vital interest in science, because they are finding that science bears a close relationship to the things about which women must concern themselves most. Home economics itself is the meeting point of all the sciences and arts, as these apply to the welfare of the human family.

THE KAPPA TOUR

The Kappa Tour of Europe as outlined in the last issue of the *KEY* is now an assured undertaking. So far fifteen definite registrations and deposits have been made with Akers and Folkman, World Tourist Agents, of Cleveland, and the many letters of inquiry and interest indicate that several other Kappas are contemplating the trip. It is not to be wondered at that so many have eagerly taken advantage of such an ideal and novel opportunity of combining the delights of foreign travel with the pleasures of fraternity friendship and intercourse. The close association of girls from different chapters for a period of seventy-five days will help to cement Kappa bonds for those who are so fortunate as to participate in the tour, in the same way that all inter-chapter gatherings serve this purpose. In a large organization such as ours, with the chapters so widely distributed, every event which brings members from different chapters together, makes for unity, and is of value to our organization as a whole.

No doubt almost every Kappa hopes sometime to travel in Europe. The broadening which results from such a journey helps to round out our individual education. With this in view we have made our itinerary as comprehensive as possible, especially from the cultural standpoint. We will get a birds-eye view, so to speak, of Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France, England, and Scotland, and at the same time a long enough stay in the larger cities for a brief survey of things characteristic and worth-while in national customs, architecture, art, sculpture, and historical interest. The trouble with the majority of European tours is that they allow of too little latitude for the exercise of a college woman's individual tastes and interests. In order to overcome this difficulty the Kappa Tourists will not be required to sight-see in large groups unless they so desire, but each one may follow in a large degree her own particular bent under intelligent supervision. This individual independence will add variety and charm to the journey and secure us against monotony.

Some who, for various reasons, cannot accompany the party throughout the entire itinerary are arranging to take a part of the trip with the Kappa party. Kappas and their friends may

arrange to join the tour on the continent and return in company with them, or on the other hand may arrange to sail eastward with the party and then plan for either a more or less extensive trip on the other side. Those desiring to make such arrangements should address Akers and Folkman, 733 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, Ohio, as soon as possible, in order that steamer reservations may be made.

The following is a list of persons registered in the Kappa party up to April 10th, with a further list of the hotels to be patronized by the party, which addresses will be available for the receipt of mail while abroad.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Roth	Erie, Pa.
Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Lamb	Cleveland, Ohio
Miss Mabel M. Reid	Bay City, Mich.
Mrs. J. E. Burton	Erie, Pa.
Mrs. Charles Quarles	Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss Ethel Quarles	Milwaukee, Wis.
Miss Lucille Carter	Ironwood, Mich.
Miss Alma Osterberg	Cleveland Ohio.
Miss Sadie Smart	Hancock, Mich.
Miss Florence Sprague	Toledo, Ohio
Miss G. W. Elliot	Cleveland, Ohio
Miss Sophie St. Clair	Duluth, Minn.
Miss Maude Willis	Erie, Pa.

LIST OF HOTELS AND PENSIONS

Sorrento	Hotel Syrene
Naples	Hotel Bourbon Quisisana
Rome	English-American Pension, 12 Barberini
Florence ..	Pension Jennings Riccioli, 37 Corse Tintori
Venice	Casa Petrarca, Grand Canal
Zermatt	Hotel Victoria
Interlaken	Hotel Simplon
Baveno	Hotel Simplon
Munich	Pension Washeim
Nuremberg	Fremdenheim Schmidt Von Ditfurth
Dresden	Pension Kuhlmann, 3 Münchner Str.
Berlin	Pension Von Lubtow
Cologne	Pension International
Amsterdam	Hotel Milles Colonnes
Paris, Villa Chateaubriand, 11 Rue Balzac, Champs Elysees	
London, W. C.	White House Hotel, Woburn Place
Edinboro	Darlings Regent Hotel
Glasgow	Hotel Osborne

PARTHENON

*True**Pan-Hellenism.*

It is a lamentable fact that in many colleges organized Pan-Hellenic relations do not extend beyond the appointment of an inter-fraternity committee which sets the date for pledge day, places necessary restrictions over rushing, and possesses more or less arbitrary powers during rushing season. In short, Pan-Hellenism generally signifies nothing more than coöperation in the regulation of rushing,—an organization, actuated by more or less selfish motives, whose activity ceases after pledge day.

The aim of the National Conference seems to be to impress the local organizations with the fact that any thing beneficial to the college as a whole must necessarily be beneficial to the various fraternity chapters within that college. Likewise any thing detrimental to the college must have its evil effects upon the fraternity. Hagglng over offenses and penalties should be a decidedly minor function of Pan-Hellenic in the light of its primary object,—the promotion of all fraternity activities conducive to the best welfare of the college, and the suppression of all those in any way harmful. When the "Greeks" realize their full obligation to alma mater and begin to coöperate for her greater good, proper inter-fraternity relations will be a natural consequence. The general adoption of the model Pan-Hellenic constitution recommended by the Ninth National Conference will, it is hoped, eventually accomplish this end.

But in the meantime there are many ways in which we may promote inter-fraternity friendship. Where there are chapter houses, a plan which has proved successful is that of inviting to dinner a few from each local chapter every week, until all have been guests at some time during the year. If this is not possible, a monthly Pan-Hellenic tea or reception may be given at the expense of the association. In many places it is the custom for a chapter to entertain informally for Pan-Hellenic, whenever a grand officer or prominent alumna is its guest. But one of the most ideal plans is to arrange a series of Pan-Hellenic affairs,—dances, dramatics, et cetera, each chapter taking its turn in entertaining the rest. What can be more conducive to inter-fraternity friendship than inter-fraternity good times.

Surely true Pan-Hellenism is not only coöperation in the regulation of rushing, but coöperation in every college activity,—and inter-fraternity friendship.

OLIVE DEAN HARMEL, Beta Gamma.

*A Broader
Fraternity Life.*

How often do we hear the criticism from outsiders that life in a fraternity does not broaden its members as it claims to do, but rather narrows their horizon to their own particular chapter, and their circle of friends to just their fraternity sisters. While this as a whole is an exaggerated statement, yet there is some truth in it. There is just enough to make it harmful to the reputations of all fraternities, and to make it profitable to study how we can best break down any barriers and unwarranted prejudices against other fraternities, and through friendship with them profit by the best they have to offer.

Sometimes it almost seems that freshmen are made to feel that in joining a fraternity they are uniting themselves to a group of girls who are to be their only friends through their college life. The close bond within the fraternity rather shuts them out temporarily from other bonds instead of teaching them how to improve themselves in the light of its fuller meaning and benefit by friends in other organizations. Of course, it is the natural thing to feel more closely drawn to those we are living and working with. On the other hand, however, it is too bad to let this crowd out old friendships and to let those in other fraternities, who have been close friends all through high school, degenerate into mere acquaintances. Even the older girls are often forced to admit that they know little about certain others because they belong to some other fraternity.

It is with this desire of renewing old friendships and making new ones, that the women's fraternities in the University of Nebraska have tried a scheme to give each fraternity a chance to become better acquainted with the girls of all the others. Each Tuesday evening four of the girls of each of the ten fraternities take dinner at some other fraternity house, the two couples going to different houses. Tuesday evening was chosen because it would not interfere with other engagements, and as

the girls return home about eight o'clock, there is no need of the next day's lessons suffering on account of it. Not only are the girls broadened and enriched by new friends in meeting representative girls from each of the other organizations, but the visiting girls can profit by being so intimately associated with the others in their fraternity home. They can benefit by the way others meet and solve certain problems, or by example they can see and avoid many little difficulties.

We have found that this is promoting a more united school spirit and a closer feeling between fraternities. We see more of the others' good qualities and less of their faults. The older girls, as well as the freshmen, are learning to appreciate more fully the entire fraternity life of the school of which ours forms only a part. We do not claim to be the originators of this plan, but we find that it is working so successfully, that we wanted all our Kappa sisters to know about it. We hope that Kappa may be the one to introduce it somewhere else and to be the leader in a bigger, better and broader fraternity life.

LORA SMITH, Sigma.

*What the women
are doing at
Michigan.*

An article appeared in *THE KEY* in 1907 concerning the Woman's League of the University of Michigan telling of its organization and aims; it may be of interest to college women at large to know what has been accomplished here since that time toward improving conditions and toward increasing the opportunities for the best development of the girls.

Before 1908 the girls had no outdoor ground exclusively their own for recreation and our present girls' athletic field has been a gradual evolution. At first the girls were allowed to use the men's tennis courts on the campus during certain hours, but these were crowded out by new college buildings. Next a court in a near-by field was rented, which could be used at certain stated times by college girls. This arrangement was very inadequate but it was not till 1908 that the chance came for a change.

In the spring of that year Ex-Regent Peter White, just a few days before his death, gave \$1500 toward the purchase price

of the girls' athletic field. If the intention of Mr. White was correctly understood it was his purpose to see the purchase completed, but he thought the girls would appreciate the recreation grounds more if they helped in procuring them. His sudden death left to the girls the undertaking of raising sufficient money to complete the funds. Cards were sent out asking all college girls to bring back one dollar after the summer vacation: this brought in quite a sum of money. During the school year of 1908-09 various means were resorted to, to raise more money. Skating carnivals, band dances, a valentine party and candy fairs were given.

During the year a natural amphitheatre known as Sleepy Hollow (only a three minutes' walk from the gymnasium) was purchased for an athletic field with a large mortgage. In the summer of 1909 Miss Myrtle White, a college junior and treasurer of the league, was sent to the large cities of the state to raise money for the debt. Due to the combination of her business ability and savoir faire and the generous response of the University alumni, the debt was raised. (Beta Delta is proud to claim Myrtle White as one of its seniors of 1910.) The largest gift was secured from Ex-Senator Palmer of Detroit, for whom the regents named the field as an inadequate token of appreciation.

The regents fitted up a small house to be used as a temporary club house until a new one could be built. May twenty-fifth, 1910, was a gala day for the university girls. It will be remembered as the day of dedication of Palmer field and as the first field day celebration for the women of Michigan. In the afternoon there were tennis, hockey and archery contests and at supper time the slopes of Sleepy Hollow were covered with groups of girls heartily enjoying picnic lunches. After lunch each class gave a stunt. The freshmen gave a folk dance, the sophomores a May pole dance, the juniors a Riegan, and the seniors made an effective picture in their caps and gowns, forming their numerals and the block "M." In the evening a huge bon-fire was lighted and after the installation of the new officers of the league all joined in singing college songs around the fire. The success of the first field day shows that a popular precedent

has been established; no doubt each year will bring forth new developments.

Encouraged by Miss White's success during the summer of 1909, the league has this year sent her out as financial secretary on a salary of \$1000, to get money for the girls' residence halls, a project which is now being undertaken by the league. She first visited the cities in this state, going in November to New York City where she spent four months. While there she made visits at several of the large girls' schools of the East, where she investigated the dormitory conditions. Sufficient gifts have already been secured to warrant the erection of the first hall. This will be begun within the year. To have such homes for the girls has been our ideal for some time, but not until this year have there been any chances of immediate realization. Of more importance than the actual money so far subscribed is the interest aroused among the older alumni for conditions at this largest Middle-West co-educational school. The new hall is to cost about \$100,000. Not only comfort but architectural beauty will be considered in the erection. The accommodations will be for less than a hundred and student government will be the basis of administration. All agree that the Woman's League in its twenty-five years has proved itself a decidedly energetic and capable organization.

BLANCHE MARTIN, Beta Delta.

Initiation Requirements. In the last convention, the question of requiring pledges to complete a definite amount of college work before initiation into Kappa Kappa Gamma was discussed. I am not sure whether this was made a permanent rule of the fraternity, or merely suggested for trial, but I should like to tell of our experience with it. This rule had already been made by the Pan-Hellenic Association here, last spring, and we made our first trial of it this fall. The rule here was that each pledge should have fifteen hours of credit, (a regular term's work in Indiana University) before initiation into her chosen organization. After trying this plan, our chapter feels that it is distinctly advantageous. In the first place, it gives the pledges something to strive for. Often when they are

initiated in a week or two after they are pledged, they feel that they have nothing else to work for, and perhaps they may neglect their college work. Then, too, when a girl knows that she must make all her credits before she can be initiated, it makes the initiation mean more to her, and she will wear the key proudly, as an honor won by conscientious effort, and not freely bestowed upon her. Sometimes, perhaps, the freshman may think that the fraternity does not care about her college work, if she is popular and represents it socially; but this rule shows her that while scholarship is by no means Kappa's only aim, she does stand for it and regard it as very important. She feels, too, that she must prove herself worthy of Kappa's choice of her.

Surely, no Kappa absolutely has to have this stimulus for the mere making of her credits,—Kappa standard should be, and is, too high for that; Kappas will not have to fear that they may be disgraced by their pledges' failing; but both to the girl who, while fully capable of good work, is too prone to give all her attention to other things, and to the conscientious girl who would do her work well under any circumstances, it gives the fraternity a dignity it would not otherwise have. A girl who acquires good habits of study her first term will probably keep them up during her whole college course, and scholarship should be one of the goals of Kappa if she is to serve a vital purpose in college life.

To the older girls the sight of the freshmen striving for the right to wear the key, gives a deeper sense of their obligations in wearing it and their responsibilities to the girls who though joined to them by binding pledges have not yet entered Kappa's inner shrine. They feel during the term preceding initiation that they must make the fraternity the best possible, that it may fulfill the high expectations of the "new girls" when they are allowed to take a part in the chapter meetings. To outsiders the fraternity is given a dignity which it otherwise often lacks in their eyes and they see that it has higher ideals than they had before attributed to it. So it seems to me that this plan is from every aspect a good one, and it is an honor to Kappa that she has been the first to have the idea of adopting it as a permanent policy, independently of other fraternities; for Kappa has always been a leader in the fraternity world, and it must be our aim always to keep her so.

DAPHNE HOFFMAN, Delta.

Post-Pledge The severest trials of a fraternity are
Day Reflections. popularly and warrantably supposed to fall
just before pledge day, but following the successful pledge day comes a test that may easily take the chapter unawares.

It needs no Pan-Hellenic regulation to keep a Kappa girl, or any self-respecting fraternity woman, from running down another fraternity. But when "the battle's lost and won," when we are suddenly released from a score or more of rules that bound us, and when the first exaltation of success is upon us—oh then, let all devout Kappas pray that they be saved from the abomination of gloating!

In the week that follows pledge day, when the alumnae keep dropping in to hear how the chapter has fared, no doubt it is the most natural thing in the world, to tell how many bids the other fraternities have lost to us, and to each other, and how some of our freshmen had as many as four bids—as if after all it was not the girl we wanted, but the triumph of winning her from another fraternity. The suggestion of such a charge makes us indignant, and yet have we never laid ourselves liable to this accusation? Does the freshman, who is with us so much, watching us, and listening to us, in those first days after pledging, realize that it is herself and her friendship the chapter wants, regardless of whether she has one bid or five?

Then too, there is, perhaps, among us a freshman who has had a hard time choosing between Kappa and some other fraternity. Having once decided to "come our way," she is as loyal as the one whose heart was fixed on Kappa from the first. But she has made friends in that other fraternity whom she loves and admires, and she wants to be loyal to them too. They may be altogether worthy of her friendship, but it makes us a little uneasy all the same. We are apt to tolerate rather than endorse such relationships, and by our attitude to make the freshman feel our lack of approbation. How short-sighted it is not to see that such friendships will be a strength to the fraternity! How unworthy of our avowed principles, not to know that the glory of Kappa lies not in self-aggrandizement, but in the recognition and acceptance of *all* that is fine in character and human relationships!

The same principle applies to the freshman we have lost—trusting that there was not more than one such. She is as worthy of our friendship, or at least of our friendly interest, as she was when we invited her to membership. For the sake of her future opinion of Kappa, and of our own freshmen's conception of the fraternity, let us not treat her like the proverbial "hot potato."

So much for ourselves, and our freshmen. The final test of the successful fraternity's greatness is its broad-minded attitude toward other fraternities, whether they have lost or won. Success in pledging, while undoubtedly indicative of the health of a chapter, is by no means the criterion of its worth. It is well to remember that, in judging ourselves and others, possibly less fortunate.

It may seem altogether superfluous to suggest that wearers of the Golden Key must needs be keepers of the Golden Rule; nevertheless, it is possible for fraternity girls to meet disappointment with real pluck and nobility, and yet to fail in the midst of victory,—forgetting that it takes as much true grace to bear success as to endure defeat.

LOUISE EVARTS, Phi.

*The Senior's
Viewpoint.*

I find that the senior's viewpoint is a difficult eminence to discover, for there are so many ways of looking at it. The freshman, for instance, thinks of it as a hill,—or perhaps merely a rise of ground—from which a girl may scold, command, preach, advise and sometimes help. To the senior, on the other hand, it does not appear so clear or with such definite outlines. She finds that indeed the top itself seems to be hazy and obscure in the clouds. There are several routes by which she may come to the observatory at the top.

There is the route that leads round and round the hill, winding upward, to be sure, but with numberless deviations and by-paths. Then there is the path that starts with a great black opening and tunnels straight underneath, seeming to undermine the whole. And, lastly, there is the broad shining road leading straight from the plain to the very top with no turns or side-

streets. Here the sun seems to shine brightest, the hedges look most green and the way most smooth.

Let me explain my three routes. The first one—the one that winds round and round, seeming to get nowhere, stopping at a brook here, or a shady spot there,—is the path of everyday life in Kappa. It is the path of daily vexations, starting off now and then at the first on a tangent, but quickly brought back to the main line; going on to enjoy a flower of this plant, and putting a bit more dirt about that one's roots till the end is reached. To explain further, the senior looks at the freshman class and thinks that never since she has been in the chapter, have they had such a fine, harmonious, happy group of girls; and then she thinks of that same group the next year without the guiding hand of the all-wise seniors, and she thinks "Alack and a-day, wrecks and ruin!" Perhaps her pet hobby has been that a chapter in order to be strong must be strong in college activities—not that Kappa must have those honors, but that Kappa must have girls capable of holding places on the Y. W. Cabinet, Woman's League Council, dramatic club, literary societies and all the rest. She knows perfectly well that there are girls in that group who will be leaders in all these departments and yet she goes worrying along, scolding and preaching; and that is the road that the freshman sees.

The next path—the one leading straight under the hill—is the path of regret for the things left undone in Kappa, the extra kindnesses neglected, the chapter archives left unknown, the help ungiven. It is not sorrow for the things done, for there she is kept reasonably straight, but for those things left undone, which she tries to hurry into the last two or three months. And as this shadowy, rocky path goes further under the hill, it becomes darker and narrower, and this is the path which will seem most important at the last, but which she avoids now—the way of grief that her active life in Kappa is so near its close. For the senior knows that in spite of resolutions to the contrary, the ties will be bound to relax at the close of the year. She knows that many other interests will take her attention; she knows that too much interest is interference; she knows that her acquaintance with her chapter will be more casual—it cannot be helped. But now she tries to forget all this.

The third road, and the last, is the long shining, beautiful road that leads so straight to the summit—the wonderful never-to-be-forgotten road of Kappa love. This one does not stop at the first year, nor at the second, nor at the third, but urges her on to the very top, growing wider, shinier, smoother all the way. It is the Kappa love that is all-inclusive: the mother-love of the older girl for the younger; of the older girls for each other; and the love that is so true that it gives her “greater love for all.”

And when the senior has come to the top she turns and looks back. And now the road that winds round and round is barely discernible—already the grass is beginning to grow in the ruts, (and yet who will say that it is not important?) the path underneath seems only a tiny hole in the side, though it sometimes shakes the hill, but the broad, straight road is broader, straighter, shinier than ever. And now she turns to the other side of the hill, and her eyes,—made more discerning by the four years’ climb—look out over the hills and valleys to come, a bit more fearlessly, a bit more enthusiastically, a bit more seriously—and way out at the horizon, she catches a glimpse of the very last hill, from which she knows that some day she will see the most beautiful land of all.

HELEN E. ADAMS, Upsilon.

The Blasée Does not that seem a strange combination,
Fraternity Girl. “blasée” and “fraternity girl?” But do not
 be too startled; we do not mean blasée with
 regard to dances, teas, and social gatherings, but with regard to
 college activities. There is a growing danger among loyal fra-
 ternity girls of letting their fraternity spirit eclipse their college
 spirit.

Now the average fraternity girl will be quick to deny the accusation of lack of interest in college life. “Why,” she will say, “Alice is captain of the junior team, Grace is in the dramatic club, Margaret is president of the sophomore class, etc.” We admit that this is all true, and that they may be doing efficient work. But, we should like to ask, is *each* girl in the fraternity taking a lively interest in one or more of the activities of the

college? If not, is it a right state of affairs? If asked to go to a class meeting, except where officers are to be elected, does not the average fraternity girl too often reply, "Oh, who wants to go to those things? They're so stupid! You go, and tell me what they do." Or if basketball game, where only girls are admitted, is mentioned, "Oh, I'm disgusted with basketball games! They bore me stiff!" Because she is a fraternity girl, and there are already representatives from that body in the various activities, is she any less responsible for the activities of the college and class to which she belongs?

The fact that she is a fraternity girl should keep her from becoming estranged from the university or college life. It is true that the girl who takes an interest in outside things is much more capable of being of use to her fraternity in the college world, and will represent the organization more creditably after her college course is over. However, we are not making a plea for more college spirit for the good of the fraternity. While all loyal Kappas love the fraternity, and want to promote its interests, this plea places fraternity ahead of college—a place it has never pretended to hold. But when we say that fraternity girls above all others should be interested in college activities, it is because the very fact that they have bound themselves together for mutual helpfulness should enable each girl to be of service not merely to her fraternity sisters, but to the college as a whole. The fraternity is an organization to bring together the highest type of *college* women; to help, and certainly not to interfere with or usurp, the college life. The fraternity is only a means to aid a girl to get the most from her college life, and is not to take its place. We then would have it said of our ideal Kappa in her college course, "She liked whate'er she looked on, and her looks went everywhere," and not, "Oh, she's a fraternity girl. She has no college spirit!"

ADELINE JESSE, Theta.

EDITORIAL

The article on Home Economics in this number was solicited from Miss Flora Rose, in the hope that it might broaden the vocational possibilities of some of our readers. Miss Rose, who holds a diploma from the department of household arts of the State Normal School at Framingham, Massachusetts, the B. S. degree from the Kansas Agricultural College (1904) and the M. A. degree from Columbia University in the department of pure science (1908), has been since 1907 an instructor in home economics at Cornell University and, together with Miss Van Rensselaer, head of that department. (No woman at Cornell has as yet achieved a professorship, the title of lecturer being so far the highest conferred.) Miss Van Rensselaer organized and began the work in home economics at Cornell University about eight year ago. The department was organized by Miss Van Rensselaer and Miss Rose in 1907. It has the unique distinction of having two heads in perfect harmony with equal authority. Miss Rose's special work in the department is in nutrition. She is developing that side of the work at Cornell. Her other duties in the department are those as organizer, student adviser, writer of food bulletins for the reading course for farmers' wives, which is a part of the department's work and of which Miss Van Rensselaer is supervisor, and general utility woman for many of the odds and ends which arise in connection with a department which is in a state agricultural college.

This question comes from the secretary of one of our voting associations: "Can anyone suggest how an alumnae association can be useful outside of its own chapter—useful in the college world, or even outside? An interest, something to work for, would promote a greater enthusiasm among its members."

NOTICE

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CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Here we are at the last letter before summer vacation! Where does time fly to? Or if you prefer grammar to the vernacular, whither does time fly?

We have had several interesting and important happenings. Among them, first and foremost, is initiation, when we proudly pinned the golden key upon nine freshman girls at the home of Mrs. Myron H. Clark in Malden. The date was March eleventh, and the girls are:

Wilma Bashor, Florence Calder, Marion Dondale, Mabel Felton, May Lowden, Elsie Putney, Eleanor Robinson, Mabel Sargent and Virginia Thompson.

The weather, for a wonder, was propitious, and the gathering was large, with many alumnae and visiting Kappas present, so we enjoyed every minute even if the freshmen didn't.

Our toast-mistress was Louise Anderson, '12, and the various toasts and "toasters" were as follows:

Kappa Reminiscences.	Mrs. Emily Burnham, '90.
The Alumnae Association.	Miss Evelyn Fischer, '07.
"National" Kappa.	Miss Gladys Powers, Upsilon
Convention.	Miss Nina Gilley, '12.
Kappa Expectations.	Miss May Lowden, '14.

We are now the proud possessors of nineteen members, nearly double our former enrollment.

On February sixteenth, Phi gave a Pan-Hellenic party at the home of Miss Alice Quirin, West Somerville, at which there were present representatives from each class.

One of our pleasant times was the mothers' tea, at our rooms, 17 St. James Ave., on April seventeenth. The freshmen entertained with our newest songs, while the others added their mite in the shape of an "upper-classmen stunt."

Moreover, we have some honors to enumerate. At Klatsch Collegium, the "big" reception of the college year, on March seventeenth, two of our girls, Laura Smith, '13, and Marion Don-

dale, '14, acted as hostesses. Then, Nina Gilley, '12, has been elected treasurer of the junior class and Virginia Thompson is vice-president of the freshman class. Florence McArdle has been chosen to guide the junior prom. to success as chairman of the committee. In the election of Y. W. C. A. officers for the coming year, Virginia Thompson, '14, was chosen secretary.

Theatrically, too, we have "stars" who are "shining brightly" in Boston University. Helen Mackintosh, '12, is to take the part of Nerissa in the junior play, "The Merchant of Venice," while Mabel Sargent, '14, played a leading role in the Gamma Delta play, given at the college on the evening of March tenth.

Mrs. Harold Morgan Mariett, (née Helen May Wright), '06, has been visiting us the past month. Of course, we are always interested to see our alumnae, but we must confess that they are especially interesting when they appear for the first time as "madame" instead of "mademoiselle."

LOUISE ANDERSON.

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

Of course the great interest and excitement of the year, and of many years past, and probably to come, has been the installation of Miss Virginia Crocheron Gildersleeve, '99, as dean of Barnard. Beta Epsilon has been able to think of nothing else, and is so happy about the great event, and so pleased that everybody else is so happy about it, that no apology seems necessary for the temporary oblivion of the rest of the world, to the minds of Barnard Kappas. Our graduates joined with us in giving a big "spread" in Miss Gildersleeve's honor, and to it flocked graduates from far back in the beginning of Beta Epsilon's history to the latest addition to their ranks—1910. Everybody was there, and everybody had a glorious time in spite of the tight squeeze necessary to get our vast numbers within the small space of a little New York apartment. The active members served everybody and then sang songs to Miss Gildersleeve, while the graduates "did stunts" in imitation of the installation ceremonies. The evening flew by and before we realized that it had fairly begun, people began to go. Then came the tail end of the party—which is always more fun than all the rest of it put together—when the undergraduates sat in an admiring circle on

the floor around Miss Gildersleeve's feet, and had the jolliest talk in the world!

But now the time for jollifications to welcome the new dean is over, and Beta Epsilon is very busy with other things. In the undergraduate play, "Jeanne D'Arc," which is to take place about the middle of April, Katherine Gay, 1911, is to play the rôle of D'Alcencon and five other Kappas are to take lesser parts.

Florence Rees, 1912, has just been elected editor-in-chief of the "Bear" (the college quarterly) for next year; Mary Polhemus, 1911, has been elected valedictorian for the coming commencement, Kate Tiemann, 1911, has written the class poem for that time and Katherine Gay is to deliver the steps oration.

Alpha Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained each other with teas not long ago; besides these, there has been little going on, and Beta Epsilon has been jogging along very quietly, saving up strength and energy for the excitements of commencement week.

ELEANOR MYERS.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

During the past two months Adelphi, and all connected with it, have been greatly agitated over an attempt to raise the endowment fund of the college, which has hitherto been painfully inadequate. Three hundred thousand dollars is the required sum; and half of that has already been pledged. On March twenty-fifth, a mass meeting was held at the academy of music for the purpose of showing the city's great need for more educational facilities and of arousing enthusiasm in the people of Brooklyn for a college—eventually a university—that would supply this need. The speakers were very eloquent and the response was far greater than had been expected. The faculty and trustees have been extremely generous and the students have banded together with one purpose—to raise money for Adelphi. A daily bulletin shows the progress of the students' campaign, which has been very successful so far. With so many working toward the same end we hope to have the endowment by next year.

"The School for Scandal" will be given by the dramatic association on April eighth. Marie Allison will play Lady Teazle.

Jean Marks, Helen Brady, Agnes England and Jeannette Comstock will also take part in it.

Initiation was held at the home of Jean Marks on January twenty-eighth. On March thirty-first we initiated Marie Allison, a freshman who entered in February.

On Lincoln's birthday Beta Sigma had a house party at Wilton, Connecticut. There was just snow enough to make the country particularly attractive and it was a very sad chapter that boarded the early morning train for the city after three days of unalloyed fun.

The New York Alumnae Association luncheon was greatly enjoyed and appreciated by the nine Beta Sigmas who were able to go. For those of us who had been at convention it was especially enjoyable to see the familiar faces and meet friends of the summer.

We are all looking forward now to our May banquet, the last big chapter event before the annual house party.

JEANNETTE COMSTOCK.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

First we want to introduce our new sisters, of whom we are all very proud: Vera McGrew, '11, Eva Haigh, '14, Margaret Merriss, '14, Elisabeth Banks, '14, and Clara Howard, '14. This brings our number up to fourteen.

At present there is much discussion over the location of our new dormitory. Mrs. Russell Sage has given us \$300,000 for a new hall to be called "Prudence Risley Hall," after the late Russell Sage's mother. The gift was most welcome, since the number of women students has long exceeded the capacity of the present dormitories.

We enjoyed the visits of Bertha Van Aiken and Mercy Bowen, Chi, very much and were sorry they couldn't stay longer.

On Friday night, March thirty-first, the English department presented "much ado about nothing." Geraldine E. Watson, '11, had one of the women's parts.

Since the university gives us but four days for our Easter vacation, most of us expect to remain here, but we are nevertheless looking forward to the time with much pleasure, as Sara

Burns, '10, Margaret Riggs, '10, and Katherine Eaton, ex-'10, have promised to spend the holidays with us.

Wilhelmine Wissmann, '11, Mariana McCaulley, '12, Louise Townsend, '13, and Lucy Crawford, '13, expect to attend the Y. W. C. A. convention at Syracuse next week. We are very anxious to meet all of Beta Tau.

The basketball finals are now the cause of much excitement. The freshmen and sophomores and the juniors and seniors play each other, then the victors struggle in the final game to decide upon upper or underclass supremacy. Eva Haigh, '14, was elected captain of the freshman basketball team.

The chapter was very delighted to renew its acquaintance with Martha Dodson, '05, who spent a few days in Ithaca during the last of March.

In the recent senior election, Wilhelmine Wissmann received the largest number of votes for the most popular girl, Caroline E. Merry for the best dressed girl, and Geraldine E. Watson for the class Venus. We all look forward with regret to the time when we shall lose our three seniors by graduation.

GERALDINE EGGLESTON WATSON.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

The spring rushing of city girls is now at its height in Syracuse, attended with very keen contest among the fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, however, appears to have the best possible prospects for a successful season.

For the last two months Beta Tau has been trying a plan that may be of interest to the other chapters, namely, that of inviting two girls from another fraternity to dinner on a certain night of each week. We have found this to be an admirable plan for arousing our interest in and for keeping in touch with the other fraternities.

The chapter has sent out about four hundred invitations for a reception to be given at the chapter house April sixth. In the afternoon we shall receive our alumnae and city friends, and in the evening the college faculty and their wives, and the other women's fraternities.

A Y. W. C. A. convention is to be held in Syracuse April the

eighth and ninth. The delegates represent colleges and preparatory schools all over the state. Beta Tau is planning to entertain several delegates.

Our formal dance was given January the thirty-first. Owing to a new college rule prohibiting the renting of down town halls, the dance was given in the chapter house which was beautifully decorated with cut flowers and smilax. It was a very pretty and enjoyable affair.

On February the third, the engagement of Helen Beattie, '11, to Leslie Wiles, '11, a member of Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, was announced.

At the recent class elections three of our girls, Bess Hefner, '12, Mary Baily, '13, and Martha Reed, '14, were each elected their class secretary.

Elizabeth Lowry, '12, was chosen as the new vice-president of the Women's League.

JEAN CAMERON.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

On February fourth, initiation took place at Media at the home of Catharine Beekley. Many of the alumnae and one or two visiting sisters were with us during the service and the banquet which followed, and you may be sure the gathering was a true Kappa one. The new sisters whom we now wish to introduce to you are Sophie Toell, Gretchen Carow, and Achsah Lippencott.

On February eleventh, just one week after our banquet, the alumnae banquet, to which we of the active chapter were invited, was held at the home of Mrs. Wilson (May Soley) in Frankford. The initiates were just in time for it, and one might have thought them Kappas of old standing, so heartily did they enter into the enjoyment of it.

Shortly after that, Beta Iota chapter invited our chapter out to Swarthmore to their initiation and those of us able to attend enjoyed the visit thoroughly.

The baseball season with its accompanying excitement opened here at college two weeks ago. To the delight of everyone

present at the first game, Provost Smith pitched the first ball,—needless to say, Penn. won that time.

Recently there has been some agitation on the part of the women of the college, for another house next year to be known as the undergraduate house. The graduate students at present have a house, and they have been very kind indeed in sharing their rooms with us for parties and festivities and the like, but a house of our own is what we undergraduates want, and what we hope sooner or later to have.

Just now we are all looking forward to the Easter holiday and our spring vacation, and then, in a few short weeks, to the long vacation.

S. EVELYN MILES.

BETA IOTA, SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

The college year is now almost over and soon commencement will be here. Six of the Kappa girls will graduate this year.

President Swain, who has been away since October, arrived home on a late train, February second. Everyone was down at the station to welcome him and speeches were made in collection hall afterwards. The following Monday night we had a big dinner, and flowers were presented to him and Mrs. Swain.

On February fourth the girls' glee club gave a concert. It was exceptionally good and well attended. Six of the Kappa girls took part and two had solos.

The circus, one of the largest events of this year, was held on February tenth. The first part of the performance was given in the boys' gymnasium and was followed by parodies on "Lucky 13," the sophomore girls' play, and the "Knight of the burning Pestle," one of the college plays in collection hall.

William Jennings Bryan lectured here the following night. His lecture was one of the best we have had this year.

On February sixteenth we initiated Marguerite Reeves into Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity. Several of the Kappas of Beta Alpha chapter from the University of Pennsylvania were there.

The college reception was held on February seventeenth. An entirely new feature this year is dancing at college affairs. The dancing was a great success and the gymnasium was crowded.

The boys' glee club gave their concert on February eighteenth. A plan for next year is to have the two glee clubs combine and give their concerts together.

On February twenty-third we gave our chapter dance. We carried out the idea of spring by decorating the hall with daffodils and having refreshments in little picnic baskets. The next day we went home for the spring recess.

MARTHA A. SHARPLES.

BETA UPSILON, WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

Beta Upsilon has had very few rushing "stunts" this term, but since last fall has doubled the number of her active members. Our new pledges, of whom we are very proud, are: Ida Smith, Vaun McMinn, and Bess Bell. We are planning to have the initiation the beginning of spring term, with a large banquet following.

One of the greatest "hits" of the season was a play, "My Uncle from India," presented by the university dramatic club. Susan Smith, one of our juniors, had one of the leading parts.

Margaret Buchannon, one of our alumnae, has been chosen to take the place of Professor H. S. Green, who has recently resigned as the head of the Greek department.

Lida Six, one of our active members, has just been elected president of Y. W. C. A., for the year 1911.

We are very much delighted with our new fraternity room, which we have just succeeded in procuring, and have been busy for the last week or two in furnishing it.

Best wishes to all chapters.

LOUISE STEALEY.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, BUCHEL COLLEGE

It seems strange to think back as far as January seventh, but that is the date on which the pledges gave their "never to be forgotten" banquet to the active girls. On this occasion, Grace Harpham, ex-'11, announced her engagement to Mr. Russell Belden, II K E.

The Woman's League gave a very enjoyable picnic supper

and costume dance on January thirteenth, in Crouse Gymnasium. There was much mirth and good fellowship over the various "make ups" and characters.

Founder's Day, January eighteenth, was duly celebrated by dismissal of all classes after chapel, and a special entertainment in the evening at the gymnasium. Before the entertainment the chapter gave a farewell spread for Ruth Lee, who left on the following Saturday to spend the winter in Florida.

Something unusual occurred on January thirtieth when the freshman and sophomore classes joined arms and gave a poverty social and dance. This was largely attended and proved to be very comical.

Martha Ford, '10, and Mary Brown, ex-'13, came back March eighth to attend the "hop" given by the junior class, March tenth.

On February seventeenth and eighteenth the college girls gave a jubilee to raise money for the Woman's League five hundred dollar endowment fund. This was a difficult but successful undertaking.

Helen Harter entertained the alumnae and chapter at tea on February twenty-second and the active girls at supper, in honor of Martha Ford and Mary Brown.

The Buchtel branch of Y. W. C. A. held a reception February twenty-third in Curtis Cottage.

Initiation was held March eleventh at the home of Evelyn Church, and we announce Harriet Hotchkiss, Marion Voris, Ruth Harter, Pauline Risch and Mary Waters as new members of Lambda chapter.

On March sixteenth a farewell spread was given for Martha Ford in the fraternity rooms.

All are looking forward to the spring vacation, which commences April eighth.

MAY RINEHART.

BETA GAMMA, WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter Beta Gamma has received a valuable addition of nine new members,—Florence Forman, Cara Lehman, Harriet Bretz, Clara Louise Barret, Lenore Hattery, Clementine Taggart, Mildred Foss, Carmine Boyce, and Adelaide Voorhees. The Friday after bid-day the chapter had supper in the fraternity

hall in honor of the new girls, after which the pledge-service was held, and all "made merry." One week before initiation our new "preps" gave the chapter a "show" in the Kappa hall. This was a comic play of three acts, and was exceedingly clever and original throughout, proving to us our good fortune in having won several girls of marked dramatic genius.

Our initiation took place on February twenty-fourth, and was one of the biggest events of the kind in Beta Gamma's history. The new girls were initiated in the fraternity hall, after which all adjourned to the university banquet hall below, and enjoyed a sumptuous feast. Covers were laid for fifty Kappas. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. Lamb, Grand President's Deputy, of Cleveland, and Miss Leta Towner, of Beta Zeta. The following evening Miss Miriam Hard entertained the chapter and visiting Kappas in her home. Among the pleasant social events which we have enjoyed lately were an announcement party given by Bernie Boyce, and a reception by Lucy Kinny, both Beta Gamma girls. We are busy at present making plans for a big progressive dinner to be given soon after the opening of the spring term, at which we expect to entertain a good many of our friends.

The girls of our chapter have been taking an active part in the various college activities this year—as usual—and as a result we have captured the three chief college honors open to girls at Wooster, namely, the presidency of the Y. W. C. A. for this coming year, the presidency of the Holden Hall house committee, and the first honors of the graduating class.

The big endowment fund for our university, which we mentioned in our last letter, was duly completed by January first, and now the foundations are already laid for a fine men's dormitory, and plans are being drawn for a much-needed new gymnasium. Several new professors are to be elected for next year, also—all of which goes to show how rapidly Wooster University is growing in size and importance. We are proud of our college, and glad for our share in its activities and progress.

MARY ELESÁ COMPTON.

BETA NU, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Beta Nu held initiation at the home of Helen Gardner, February fifteenth, followed by the banquet at the Chittenden Hotel. Fifty were present.

We were very sorry to lose Edith Rodebaugh, who returned to Wooster this semester.

Nelle Malloy is to be married April sixth and the chapter will entertain with a spread and linen shower in her honor.

A carnival will be given April sixth and seventh by the students, the proceeds to be used for furnishing the Ohio Union Building. Each fraternity and organization in college will give a stunt, about five hundred people taking part. Beta Nu will present a little play by the name of "Sister Masons,"

Helen Gardner and Hazel Zellars were elected to the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for the coming year.

We shall have two representatives in the play "Mid Summer Night's Dream" which is to be given on the campus in June.

The annual May day fête will be given May nineteenth.

BESS TAYLOR.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta Delta chapter introduces to all Kappas a new sister, Emily Burrows, initiated by us February twenty-fifth. After the initiation we held a small informal banquet at which one of our alumnae, Myrtle White, '10, was present.

On March third our spring rushing party took place. It consisted of a number of vaudeville sketches, entitled, "Human Furniture;" "Pyramus and Thisbe;" "Tuff and Ruff in Del-sarte;" "Owl Songs;" and "Mabel Townley" in several delightful readings. During the intermission two of the girls dressed as bell boys distributed cracker jack and candy among the spectators. The day following the vaudeville we entertained our guests at the Majestic Theater in the afternoon, and at a "german" in our parlors in the evening. The next morning we pinned our colors on Betty Platt of Flint, Michigan, Edith Muzzy of Detroit, and Florence Boden of Duluth. Needless to say we feel well rewarded for our trouble.

March thirty-first our Woman's League banquet will be given

in Barbour gymnasium. Myrtle White will be back to give a toast to the girls.

The annual junior play, written and acted by junior girls of the university, will be given soon in Sarah Caswell Angell Hall. Two of our girls, Lyle Noble and Grace Stuart, have leading parts. Grace McGeach also has a prominent part in the German play, "Der Dummkopf," given by the *Deutscher Verein*.

As the result of internal injuries sustained in a bob-sled accident several weeks ago, Lillian Scott has left college and gone home. In this same accident Lyle Noble and Polly Witwer were slightly injured, and Ruth Moffett's arm was fractured in three places.

The freshman card club met at our house March eighteenth. The card club consists of the freshmen of all the sororities in the university.

We are proud to announce that we received no "cons" in the sorority at the end of last semester.

JESSIE DUCKWALL.

XI, ADRIAN COLLEGE

The seven pledges of Xi chapter entertained the active girls at a six o'clock dinner January twenty-eighth, at the home of Mildred Armstrong. A delicious four-course dinner was served. The table was decorated in the double blue, and candles in Sigma in Delta formed the center-piece. The evening was spent in singing. All acknowledged Miss Armstrong's charm as a hostess.

The chapter entertained at a Kappa mothers' party on the evening of February eleventh in the chapter rooms. Those present were Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Lambie and Mrs. Anthony of the city, and Mrs. Jennings of Woodsfield, Ohio.

We held initiation February twenty-fifth, and are very glad to introduce to you six new Kappas: Helen and Marian Hitchings, Mildred Armstrong, Lena Christy, Ada Elson and Belle Peters McKee. A number of the alumnae were present at the initiation.

February twenty-eighth, four of the chapter heard Nordica at Toledo, Ohio.

One evening in March, Mrs. Howard Taylor and Miss Blanche Van Auken entertained the Kappas and a number from the Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega fraternities at the former's home in the city.

It was necessary for our pledge, Ruth Anthony, to leave school on account of ill health, but we hope to have her back again soon.

During the past month we heard the Russian Symphony Orchestra and Ellen Terry.

The college quartet are making a tour through Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania. Edwinea Windrem, '10, is traveling with them as reader.

ELMA ELLIS.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Pledge day was Saturday, February eleventh. We were very successful, though we only asked three girls,—Cylinda Sheldon, Minnie Hawes, Lorah Hamilton.

We pledged Saturday afternoon and in the evening had a chafing dish party at the home of Fern McLeod. Our pledges entertained us by reading their autobiographies.

Saturday, February eighteenth, we were given an informal party at the home of Mrs. Bates.

Alpha Tau Omega entertained the Kappas by a reception and banquet March seventeenth.

March eighteenth, we had initiation services in the chapter room at four o'clock and our annual banquet at the Keefer House at seven. A number of our alumnae were present. After the banquet we had a slumber party at the home of Joy Mauck. Maude Terwilliger, who is taking post-graduate work, has been elected to the active chapter.

We gave an informal supper in the chapter room in honor of our patroness, Mrs. Van Buskirk, of Chicago.

March first was the college banquet, which was postponed from February twenty-second on account of the death of one of the students.

The State Peace Contest will be held here April sixth.

Hillsdale has organized a dramatic society, to which most of

the students belong. They are preparing a number of farces to be given later.

NETY LAWYER.

GAMMA PROVINCE

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

The series of entertainments under the auspices of the Men's Union is proving a great success. Some of the best talent in the country is in the series. The Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra played to a large and appreciative audience on March eighth. Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, the well-known reader, a Kappa from Chi chapter, was here the last part of March, and gave two lectures and four readings in the Student Building. Miss Everts' charming personality and interesting readings have made her very popular with university audiences and she will always meet with a hearty welcome.

Miss Helen Jane Waldo, contralto, an aunt of one of our senior girls, Marguerite Griffith, gave a concert on February sixteenth, under the auspices of the local chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. In the first half of her program she gave difficult selections from Rachmaninoff, Macdowell, Strauss, Linding and other well-known composers in an easy and delightful manner. The last part was devoted to children's songs. Miss Waldo appeared in the costume of a little girl of twelve, and sang many juvenile lyrics which captivated old and young alike. Her splendid voice and charming interpretation won enthusiastic applause.

A movement has been started by the university girls for an organization similar to the Men's Union. The Y. W. C. A. rooms in the student building will be furnished with a piano, divans, chairs and tables in mission style. All the good magazines will be kept on the tables, no study hours will be enforced, and the girls will be free to come and enjoy themselves.

The university was recently saddened by the death of Miss Louise Goodbody, who had been the dean of women for five years. Her kindness and sympathy had made her a friend to all the university girls, and her loss is deeply felt. A loan fund to help needy girls through college is to be established as a memorial to Miss Goodbody by the students and faculty.

March fifteenth, we gave a reception at the house, to which alumnae, faculty, and members of other sororities were invited, to meet our new chaperon.

Our fall term pledges all successfully completed their first term's work, as required by a new Pan-Hellenic rule, and were initiated the second week of the winter term. They are,—Marie Bowles, Agnes Klotz, Ruth Trueblood, Genevieve Chapman, Gertrude Brady, Agnes Brady, Myra McClelland, Helen Barbour, Cecile Hanna, Mabel Erwin, Alma Swan, Ruth Telfer, Mildred Wadsworth, Helen Andrews. At the beginning of this term Martha Gregory of Bloomington and Suza Biermann of Stettin, Germany, were pledged to Kappa.

Mildred Stonex of Goshen paid a short visit to her brother, Professor A. B. Stonex.

Lucy Ruh, ex-'13, visited the house this term.

MARY CRAIG.

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

On February twenty-first and twenty-second the students of DePauw University gave a carnival in the gymnasium to raise money for band suits, etcetera. Each fraternity and sorority put on some show or "stunt." Booths were arranged along each side of the "gym," and down the center was what we called the "midway," swarming with students and the air thick with confetti. A "queen of the carnival" was elected at the end of the second night, and Naomi Gregg, one of our seniors, had the honor of carrying off these laurels. We also received a big DePauw skin for being the organization that took in the most tickets.

On the evening of February twenty-fifth we gave our big formal party. Mrs. Donner, one of our alumnae, opened her beautiful home to us. The third floor is a great long hall with small rooms opening into it. This we converted into a small theater. There we gave a play called "The Mere Man." The play was a great success and lots of fun. Afterwards we took our guests down stairs for the social part of the evening, which lasted until eleven o'clock.

February twenty-eighth, the college glee club gave their annual home entertainment. The program was splendid, and the boys more than fulfilled our greatest expectations.

The evening of March the fourth, was given over to the Y. W. C. A. Panthygatarian. All of the college girls were invited and they came dressed in every kind of costume imaginable and everybody had a splendid time.

Although we have had many interesting diversions this semester, Iota still has studentship as one of her goals, and from the splendid grades which came in last semester we feel that this is really worth trying for. We wish all other chapters the same success.

KATHARYN MOORE.

MU, BUTLER COLLEGE

The second term started January third, and on the fourteenth eight freshmen were initiated at the home of Ruth Alderdice, one of our alumnae.

When the average of the scholarship of the first term was determined, it was found that Kappa stood the highest of any organization in the college.

At the beginning of the winter term we pledged the following girls: Edna Trueblood, Frank Brown, Pauline Hoss, Ethel Devaney and Margrette Boyer. Initiation for these girls will be held April third.

The annual Kappa dance was given at the Woodruff Place club house, February twenty-fifth. The hall was attractively decorated with apple blossoms, violets, smilax and palms. A great many out-of-town guests attended the party.

The following day we held open house for our out-of-town guests at the home of Mabel Felt.

On February twenty-second Edna Trueblood entertained the active chapter and pledges with a dinner party.

The active chapter entertained the alumnae club at the home of Mrs. Howe, on March fifth. A play entitled "Engaging Janet" was given. The cast was composed of Marguerite Hubbard, Ruth Hendrickson, Gertrude Pruitt, Mabel Felt, Katherine Brown, Mary Brandon and Ruth Longley. A musical program followed, given by Portia Percy and Martha Brown.

The dramatic club is preparing to give its annual play about the middle of April; the title is "For the Honor of the School." Two Kappas are in the cast, one of them taking the leading part.

The faculty has made a new rule requiring each fraternity and sorority to choose a permanent chaperon from the faculty. The Kappas chose Professor and Mrs. Moore, the professor of chemistry.

In all, the winter term was very successful and pleasant. We expect to open the new term with a dinner dance at the home of Katherine and Martha Brown.

RUTH LONGLEY.

ETA, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

In spite of the glorious winter we have had here at Madison with the wonderful tobogganing, ice-boating, skating and skiing, we are all very much thrilled by the early spring we are having. The lake opened three weeks earlier than usual this year, and the crews have been out on the water morning and evening.

On Thursday, March ninth, the chapter gave a rather belated birthday-party for Eta to our alumnae. The evening was spent (pray notice that I refrain from saying we entertained them) by the chapter's presenting an operetta entitled "The Isle of Hair-tonica," the perpetrator of which was Eta. Ruth Davies—everyone who went to convention remembers the Milwaukee alumnae delegate—took the leading role and her rendering of it was truly aesthetic. But the best part of the party was the splendid new sofa (our alumnae will not let us say "davenport," for all connoisseurs on antique furniture know that a "davenport" has drawers and you write on it) which the alumnae gave the chapter.

On March tenth, Vera Veerhusen, ex-'11, had a tea for the chapter at her home.

We enjoyed visits from Ethel Wright, '07, Winifred Swift, ex-'12, Ruth Davies, ex-'13, Mary Cornell, ex-'13, and Helen Cutter, ex-'11.

On March thirteenth Flora Mears gave an alumnae tea at her home.

On the first Wednesday of each month, the alumnae are going to meet and mend the house linen and then all come to the house for dinner. We are all delighted with the plan, for it will keep the chapter and alumnae in much closer touch.

On Tuesday, March fourteenth, there was a hearing for woman's suffrage at the legislature and almost all the university

girls went. It was extremely interesting as some splendid women spoke, but the man who spoke against equal suffrage converted some of the most rabid "anti's."

On March twenty-seventh, Elizabeth Helm, '14, and Ethel Tremain, '13, were initiated.

On Friday evening, March twenty-ninth, the girls gave an informal party at the chapter house.

Two of the girls who live at the house have changed rooms for a week with two of our freshmen who live at Chadbourne Hall, the woman's dormitory, so that the freshmen might have a taste of chapter-house experience.

On the evening of April first the self-government association gives a masquerade party to which all university girls are invited.

Edna June Terry, '09, was married to George Pickrell in January.

On January twenty-seventh a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Chapman. Mrs. Chapman was Alma A. Peterson, '03.

ROWE WRIGHT.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Seldom in the history of Beta Lambda have her members looked forward with such eagerness to the second semester; for that was the earliest date at which freshmen could be initiated. Our suspense was ended February tenth with the initiation of nine new sisters. The second semester also brought several newly registered girls to Illinois, among whom we found two worthy, and of course, willing pledges.

The annual formal party of Beta Lambda chapter was given as a dinner dance March seventeenth, and attended by about fifty couples—members of the chapter, visiting Kappas and friends, and faculty and town guests.

The recent annual election of officers for the Y. W. C. A. accorded the presidency to a Kappa, Margaret Dupuy, '12.

Beta Lambda also feels herself honored in having had two sisters, Ruth Llewellyn, '11, and Eva McIntyre, '11, elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa.

The most important festivities of general interest among the girls are the dance given March eleventh, by the Pan-Hellenic girls to the non-sorority girls, and attended by some three hundred

out of seven hundred co-eds; and the costume party, with fancy dances and exhibitions by gymnasium classes, to be given April first by the Woman's League. An earnest endeavor is being made by the leading girls of the university to make the league at Illinois hold as important a place in the girls' lives as it does at other institutions, and this is one of the means of bringing it to the appreciative attention of our co-eds.

ELISABETH PARR.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Upsilon held its annual initiation and banquet on February twenty-fifth. We initiated ten splendid girls.

On March fourth we had our annual informal dance. The plan of combining the dates of Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Kappa proved impracticable so we gave our dance alone.

We began our rushing season with an enjoyable card party at Ethel Templeton's.

It has become the custom of Northwestern sororities to give an inter-sorority dance every year. This year it was held on Saturday afternoon, March eighteenth. It is a splendid idea, for nowhere else do the sororities become so thoroughly mixed.

On March twenty-fifth, five rushees were entertained at a luncheon at Field's and then in the afternoon Mrs. Parker gave a card party for us.

The freshmen gave a dance to the older girls the evening of Easter Monday.

The alumnae chapter gave a delightful tea to the active chapter on March twenty-ninth.

Ethel Hard led junior "prom" with Mr. Merrill.

May Hotchkiss, who came back to Upsilon after a half year at Wisconsin, had the leading part in George Ade's play, "The College Widow," which the junior class presented April first.

Mabelle Perrin is engaged to John Manly, Beta Theta Pi.

DOROTHY SAGE.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Epsilon decided early this year to entertain the three men's fraternities in college during the year. The first party was given for the Sigma Chi fraternity in honor of Mae Stover, '10, and

John Dameron, '10, who were married February eighth. The idea of valentine day was carried out in all the refreshments and decorations. The second was a St. Patrick's party given to the T K E fraternity at the home of Myra Sinclair. The Phi Gamma Delta party was an "April Fool" party, given by Mae Ayers-Griffin. The girls changed houses so that the men did not know whom they were going with, making a unique form of pastime. The refreshments were served in the wrong way and in the wrong order, to carry out the idea.

On March third Leah Kraft was initiated at the home of Myra Sinclair. After initiation, the Kappa club served a spread. About fifty were present. Marie McCabe, Beta Zeta, a guest of Ruth Green, and Charlotte Griggs-Turner of Mu, were guests.

Several showers were given for Mae Stover-Dameron.

On February eighteenth we gave an informal dance. The girls dressed in masquerade, not letting the men know until they saw them at the dance. Several "stunts" were given during the evening.

The basket-ball tournament was held in Bloomington the first of March. Millikin University won first place and Wesleyan won second. The Wesleyan team has had a very successful season.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

Chi chapter had its regular New Year's reception to the faculty, Kappa alumnae, and friends on January second at the home of Janette Lynch. After the reception the active girls had an informal dancing party.

On the sixth of March we gave a musical and informal reception for our alumnae at Alice Shevlin Hall.

Tuesday, March twenty-first, after our regular meeting, Chi chapter entertained the Kappa Alpha Thetas at supper at the chapter house. We spent a most delightful evening together.

We are delighted to be able to announce that on the twenty-third of March we pledged Helen Drew, a freshman prominent in college activities.

Some of our Kappas are prominent in the movement for a

new women's gymnasium and we are glad to be able to say that three Chi girls, Emily Simmons, Alice Anderson, and Helen Drew are appointed on the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for the coming year.

The university is planning a May fête, somewhat in the nature of the old English tournaments, masques and pageants.

Our new president, Dr. George Vincent, is to assume official duty on April first.

RUTH ELIZABETH JACKSON.

BETA ZETA, IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

We are already beginning to make preparations for our annual banquet May first, and are hoping we can have a goodly number of alumnae back to help make this reunion of Kappas the very best one we have had.

The Irving-Erodelphian literary societies gave the play "The Man in Command" at "The Coldren" March ninth, and two of our girls had important rôles.

Initiation was February thirteenth, and we were fortunate in having with us Helen Weber, Theta, and Coleen Johnson, ex-'13.

The junior prom on February nineteenth was a very brilliant affair and brought many out of town girls back, among them several Kappas: Ruth Mabry, Grace Fall. Barbara Cornwall, Laura McCarroll, and Coleen Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Musser and Dorothy Musser gave a delightful dancing party at Majestic Hall on February seventeenth. American beauty roses were used as a decoration, and the tables where supper was served in the balcony were lighted with quaint Japanese lanterns.

We are glad to welcome our new president, John G. Bowman, an S. U. I. graduate, who comes in August to take up his new duties, but more so since his wife, formerly Florence Berry, is a Beta Zeta girl.

Next year we shall have a new Kappa house. We have rented the Foster home on Jefferson Street, and are busy planning to make it as attractive as possible.

Everyone is glad of the approaching spring vacation, April eleventh to nineteenth, when we shall have a short week of rest.

GRACE WHITLEY.

THETA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Theta spiked only one girl after the second semester rushing—Rachael Curry of Kansas City, Missouri. We consider this one of our greatest victories. She was initiated on February fourteenth as our valentine.

One of the most exciting events of fraternity interest here was an "Inter-sorority Relay Race," which took place March third. Each sorority chose four men to represent them on the track by carrying the sorority colors. There was great rivalry in selecting the best runners and although Kappa's team was chosen rather late, we succeeded in winning the cup. A university picture was also awarded our chapter, with a ten pound box of candy. Alpha Phi came second, and Pi Phi third.

A Y. W. C. A. convention was held in Columbia last month and as most of our girls are members of the organization, we were very much interested in the meetings. We entertained two of the delegates from Forest Park University at our chapter house. Miss Chapman, the Y. W. C. A. secretary has been holding a series of interesting lectures in Bible study at each of the chapter houses during Lent. These are held on Monday evenings just before fraternity meeting so all of the girls can attend.

The faculty has just passed a rule here that no student who has not twenty-four hours toward graduation, can be initiated into a fraternity or live in a chapter house. This rule has created a great deal of excitement, as there will be difficulty in filling some of the houses next year. However, we are not much alarmed, as so many of the girls are coming back next year, that we think with our freshmen of this year, we shall easily be able to fill our house.

A new honorary fraternity, $\Pi \Lambda \Theta$, has recently been organized in the school of education. Helen Ross, one of our seniors, was elected a charter member. Ruth Eversole, another of our seniors, has been offered a scholarship at Wisconsin University in the department of mathematics.

A new stadium is being erected on our athletic field. We are looking forward to the Thanksgiving game between Kansas and Missouri, which has formerly been played at Kansas City, but will be held here next fall.

We are very much interested in a musical comedy which is to be given here, April seventh. The music and the play have both been composed by students of the university. Elsie Warren, one of our girls, has the leading rôle. Several of our members are to take part in the chorus.

Rachael Curry has left the active chapter and returned to her home in Kansas City Missouri on account of the death of her mother.

Our scholarship records have not yet been completed, but from the grades which have been received we feel sure that Kappa will stand very high this semester.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

On March seventh Sigma held her initiation, and on the eleventh we held our annual formal party. Many of our alumnae were with us, and also a few rushees. We were especially glad to have Hazel Hanna Albertson, '10, with us, and were fortunate enough to keep her for the following week.

We are planning to give our twenty-seventh banquet the twentieth of May.

One of our most enjoyable house parties this year was our valentine party. Red hearts formed a very attractive decoration. Our chaperon presided over the post office, and during each intermission issued envelopes to the men, containing the names of their next partners.

Our present rushing rules are now being discussed by the inter-sorority council, with the idea of increasing the time. At present, our rushing is done in three days. A great many are in favor of extending this to six weeks, but no definite decision has been reached as yet.

MAUDE BIRKBY.

OMEGA, KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

Preparations for the May fête are now in progress. The celebration of May day at Kansas is the only one of its kind in the west. It consists of folk dances, open air plays, and the crowning of the May queen on the campus. The four sororities will have booths, the proceeds from which will go toward the establishment of a scholarship. Among the Kappas chosen to

attend the May queen are Brownie Angle, Maryzita Cahill and Fay Chisham.

There has been great interest taken in dramatics this year. The Thespian Dramatic Club recently presented, "The Bachelor" in which Brownie Angle and Ethelyne Williford had the leading parts. Josephine Rushmer and Fay Chisham have parts in the sophomore farce. Ethelyne Williford and Brownie Angle have been assigned parts in the junior farce which will be presented at the junior prom on April twenty-eighth.

A number of alumnae are expected back for the spring party which will be held April twenty-first.

Next fall will see us in a new house on Mount Oread overlooking the campus. We have leased the house for one year only, as we hope after that to have one of our own, the plans for which are now well under way.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

Success has been with Beta Mu this year from start to finish. We realize this when we introduce another freshman to our sister chapters, Kathryn Strong, who attended Smith the first semester. She entered second semester, and after a strenuous rush week, during which everyone in the university was excited, it seemed too good to be true that she was really wearing a Sigma Delta pin. Following this victory came initiation on February eighteenth, the best we have ever had. Never were more loyal freshmen welcomed into the mystic bond of Kappa with more enthusiasm. Many of the Denver alumnae and our own Beta Mu alumnae came up for initiation and the banquet which followed was a reunion as well as a rejoicing of Kappas, old and new.

We have been taking quite an interest in dramatics lately. Estelle Kyle, Mae Potter and Ethel Adams were elected to membership in the dramatic club. In "The College Widow" which was given by the club on March seventeenth, Alice Downing, Ethel Adams, and Estelle Kyle had leading parts, and Beta Mu has just cause to be proud of them. The Y. W. C. A. gave a circus in the gymnasium February twenty-second, and it proved a decided success.

We have been having our share of good times as well as success. Mrs. J. W. Read and her daughter Margaret, one of our freshmen, entertained the active chapter at a beautiful reception in honor of their daughter and sister, Mrs. Bass, a Kappa from Theta chapter. The day of initiation, Ruth Ferguson, another freshman and the first Kappa daughter Beta Mu has ever had, entertained the other freshmen, during their exile from the house, at a luncheon at her home on Mapleton Hill. The Alpha Tau Omegas entertained the Kappas at an informal house dance on March eleventh and we vote them royal entertainers.

We are glad to have Geneva Huntoon, an affiliate from Beta Lambda, with us this semester. Hattie May Thornton, who was forced to leave school on account of ill health, leaves a vacant place in the chapter which will be hard to fill. The night before she left, the chapter gave her a farewell dinner which we will long remember for its Kappa enthusiasm and fun. Every girl wrote her a train letter to shorten the hours between Boulder and Chicago.

The Pan-Hellenic rules for next year are now just in the making. There will be some decided changes this year. All the dances and elaborate functions will be given on Friday and Saturday, and the rushing during the first week will be limited to certain numbers. We find the rule of second semester initiation a decided success, and we hope the new rules will be also. Our own house rules have been changed and we have adopted the plan of quiet hours on school afternoons and evenings except Wednesdays.

We are all excitement over our first formal, which is to be given in Sternberg Hall, April twenty-eighth. We are full of plans and anticipations and are expecting many of our alumnae back for the event. High school day comes May twentieth and we are planning our usual day of rushing.

With best wishes to our sister chapters for success such as Beta Mu has had this year.

KATE NELSON.

BETA XI, TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

On January twenty-fifth, Beta Xi held its annual initiation banquet at the Driskill Hotel. The girls taken into our bonds

are, Annette Hardwick, Mae Belle Wallace, Josephine Brown, Katherine Redd, Ella Boyles, Lorena McDermott, Margaret Clarkson, Jeannette Bennett, and Nell Morris.

The engagement of Mae Mason Jarvis, '08, to George Newel, Michigan, '08, of San Antonio, was announced. There will also be two Kappa weddings in April. Fannie Dealy will marry Dr. Henry Decherd of Dallas, and Mary Stephens will become the bride of Elias B. Van Zandt of Fort Worth.

We are glad to have with us Irene Blair, Theta, who is a librarian at the University.

Kappa has taken an independent stand at Texas. We are the only sorority which requires a C average for the term before our pledges can be initiated. Our four new pledges are Julia Leygate, Anna Ludlow, Leila Broyles, and Essie Grant.

As the result of an unfortunate accident which occurred during the hazing of some freshmen by some sophomores, the student body met on March third, and by a unanimous vote advocated the abolishment of all hazing and class rushes at the University of Texas.

If the bill before the legislature providing for a special tax for the support of the university passes, that institution will be made independent of the otherwise necessary appropriations of the legislature. This tax would be of great benefit to the university.

JOHANNA RUNGE.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY

We recently had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Virginia Sinclair, Epsilon, who was here visiting local Y. W. C. A. She addressed the Y. W. C. A. twice during her stay here and succeeded in awakening a good deal of enthusiasm. We gave her an afternoon reception, inviting alumnae, patronesses, rushees, and delegates from the other fraternities. We enjoyed Miss Sinclair's visit very much and wish she could have stayed longer.

Beta Omicron has a new member, Dorothy Hébert. She was initiated in the beginning of March.

The annual inter-class championship basketball games are just over. They did not prove very exciting this year, as the

seniors had a team which seemed invincible and so succeeded in beating all the other classes with an overwhelming score.

Newcomb college had the great honor of a visit from Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, who was in New Orleans playing at the Tulane Theatre. She would not give us a long talk when she came, but only spoke a few words thanking us for our appreciation of her. She carried away a piece of Newcomb pottery and a Newcomb pennant as souvenirs of the occasion. We were all pleased to have such an opportunity of seeing the great actress off the stage.

There is little to record about our rushing except that it keeps us well occupied and constantly busy.

BETA CHI, UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

On Saturday evening, February the eleventh, Beta Chi celebrated her first birthday with a banquet. Mary Rodes presided as toastmistress and gracefully introduced Anna Rogers, who responded with a beautiful toast "Ideal Kappahood," and Miriam Taylor, who responded with "Our First Birthday."

We are very glad to have Mattie Cary back with us after an illness of many weeks.

We have a new Kappa sister whom we wish you all might know—Margaret Van Meter, of Lexington, Kentucky. She was initiated March the eleventh.

On Wednesday, March twenty-second we gave an informal tea at the chapter house. The house was thrown open from four to six to the various fraternities and sororities here.

Pan-Hellenic is now discussing the regulation of pledge day. Much interest is felt in the issue, which is as yet undetermined.

The students of the University of Kentucky are rehearsing for "Brown of Harvard," which is to be given in the near future. One of our Kappa girls, Cary Williams, has a prominent rôle. Beta Chi is to give a box party at the first performance.

The faculty and students are also planning for a spring fair to be given for the benefit of a small student hospital. We shall be represented by a Kappa booth.

MIRIAM COULTER TAYLOR.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

First of all, we want to introduce our six Christmas freshmen, Florence Yock, Lucile Wickson, Winifred Jewett, Camille Adams, Lillian Barnard, and Ruth Griffith. We had the initiation on February second, and about sixty sat down to the banquet which followed.

Last month Helen Lillis entertained the girls at a tea at her home in San Francisco, and Margaret Witter gave a card party to which all of the active chapter was invited. Marjory Stanton went down to Los Angeles to attend the wedding of Helen Dickinson, ex-'11, who was married to Jay Booth on March fifteenth. Olive Trask, ex-'12, was one of the bridesmaids. A few days later, Helen surprised us by appearing at the Kappa house, as she is up here on her wedding trip.

Marion Gay was elected president of the junior class this term, and Carolin Teichert is president of the Treble Clef Club. Mabel Cowell, Beta Phi, has entered the university as a sophomore. She stayed at the house for some time, but as her family is living in Berkeley now, she is living at home. On March twenty-second, Pi gave a faculty dinner to Professor and Mrs. Barrows, of the education department, and Professor Scholtz of the history department. The chemistry department of the university has as an assistant this semester Miss Edith Stoner, Kappa's late grand president.

The under-classmen gave a dance at the house on the evening of St. Patrick's day. All of the decorations were in green, and the refreshments carried out the Irish idea. After the supper, we had an impromptu musicale, which was enjoyed about as much as the dance.

On March twenty-third the university celebrated the anniversary of its founding. Colonel Theodore Roosevelt gave the charter day address in the Greek Theatre in the morning, and in the afternoon President and Mrs. Wheeler had sent out twelve or fifteen hundred cards for a reception in honor of the speaker of the day. Colonel Roosevelt is also to give the Earle lectures in the Greek Theatre this year.

And last, but decidedly not least, Pi chapter is the proud

possessor of a brand new lot upon which to build a new house! A great big vote of thanks is due to our trustees, as well as to Mr. W. H. Chickering for advice and help. The new lot is in the best possible locality, and is only three blocks from the campus. Just how soon the house will come we do not know, but at any rate, it will not be so *very* long before we can gaze with pride upon a house that is really all our own.

JULIETTE PERRIN.

BETA ETA, LELAND STANFORD JR., UNIVERSITY

With the end of the semester comes the drawing up of the Pan-Hellenic contract, over which we are just now having a great deal of trouble. After the satisfactory outcome last year, in bringing us eight very fine freshmen, which showed our ability in informal rushing for twelve weeks, we naturally desire a long rushing season this year. We are still working with the sophomore pledge day in view. This time Theta and Kappa seem to be the only crowds that are willing to stand out for a long season. The others in some cases think that three or four days is enough.

Gift day has come and gone bringing with it, many useful gifts from faculty members, alumnae and classes. As usual it was a very great success.

Spring has helped in bringing back to us some of our alumnae for short visits,—Helen Starr, '10, Frances Burkhalter, '10, Mrs. Parmer Fuller, Ruby Kimball, Mrs. Wat Guiberson and Mrs. F. B. Griffith.

One of our members, Helen Dean White, '11, has been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa, for which we are all justly proud; and Florence Wendling has been elected to Cap and Gown.

Every one sends best wishes to all Kappas.

ILA COOMBE.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Beta Pi has twelve initiates to present this month. Hazel Randolph, Leila Parker, Blossom Devlin, Frantzel Coe, Margaret Thaanum, Lois Bronson, Doris Bronson, March McGlaufflin, Beatrice Tozer, Florence Day, Stella Brady and Ursula Hughes were initiated the twenty-fifth of February.

Following the initiation we held our annual banquet, at which sixty Kappas were present. As last year, the seating was arranged so that the odd numbers changed seats after each course. One of our alumnae originated a little scheme by which each was given a card with the first line of a verse written on it, about one of those present. The card was passed around the table until the four lines were completed, then it was given to the one for whom the verse was composed. This created lots of merriment and some of the verses were very clever.

Our chapter house is not large enough to entertain the whole active chapter at dancing, so sometimes we are obliged to separate. The freshmen and sophomores gave an informal dance the first of the semester, and on St. Patrick's day the upper-classmen celebrated with a dinner-dance.

The Woman's League gave another vaudeville this semester in which several Kappas took part.

Maudé Wells, '12, and Lucile Talbot, a pledge, have been obliged to leave college.

Leila Parker made a short trip south the first of this semester, but is back in college now.

Laura Taylor, '13, Aryeness Roeder, '12, and Lucile Eckstorm, '13, are traveling through California.

HELEN T. HARDING.

BETA PHI, UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Beta Phi initiation was held February fourth at the home of Evelyn Polleys.

During the last session of the state legislature an appropriation of \$296,000 was made for the use of the university in the next two years. This includes funds for the establishment of a law school. The appropriation marks a decided growth in the university and means much for its future in a financial way.

On Friday night, March twenty-fourth, the Kappas at Craig Hall entertained those residing in town at a slumber party. There were twenty-two in all, including hostesses and guests, and the time was spent in rather too lively a manner to be called altogether "slumberry."

Monday evening, March twentieth, the third annual banquet of Beta Phi chapter was held at the Shapard Hotel. Covers

were laid for twenty-three members, including several of the alumnae of Missoula.

After a year's absence Alene McGregor has resumed her studies at the university.

FLORENCE LEECH.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION REPORTS

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

The annual New York luncheon of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held at the Hotel Latham, March eighteenth with sixty-seven Kappas present.

Mrs. Florence Corner Sellenings, Beta Mu, was chairman of the committee on arrangements, and her work was most successful. Kappa banners and ribbons added to the naturally attractive dining room. Spring flowers decorated all the tables. The toasts as usual were more or less informal and impromptu. Mrs. Tade Hartsuff-Kuhns, our first Grand President, has just returned from two years in Europe, and spoke on the place American women were expected to take by the foreign women. Those who had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Kuhns at the Madison convention will know what a treat it was to have her at the luncheon.

Miss Harriette Curtis, Beta Tau, alumnae officer, came from Syracuse and spoke on the place of the alumnae in the fraternity. Miss Juliette Hollenback, Beta Sigma, Grand Registrar, told of the last convention.

Miss Harriet Fox, Beta Epsilon, spoke on recent events at Barnard.

Mrs. Mary Morgan-Brewer, Delta, spoke on "The Point of View."

The Beta Sigma girls sang several songs.

Nineteen chapters were represented. Among those present were: Mrs. Mary Kingsbury-Simkhovitch, Phi; Miss Susan Olmstead, Chi; Mrs. Elizabeth Goudy-Baker, Alpha; Miss Katherine Doty, Beta Epsilon, and Miss Virginia C. Gildersleeve, Beta Epsilon, Dean of Barnard.

Mrs. E. Jean Nelson Penfield, Iota; Miss Katherine Eggert, Chi, and Mrs. Harriet Blakslee-Wallace were among those who "regretted."

The luncheon closed with the mystic circle and our parting song.

Twenty-one chapters have been represented by the fifty-two tax-paying members of the association; and eighty-four different people, representing twenty-five chapters have been present at the meetings throughout the year.

The last meeting of the year, a picnic, will be held with Mrs. Blanche Abbott, Beta Eta, at Pompton, New Jersey, on May twentieth. The first meeting next year will be held on October twenty-first with Miss Hallie Prentiss.

The officers for next year are,—President, Mrs. Minnie Royse-Walker, Iota; Vice-president, Frances E. Hall, Phi; Secretary, Jeannette Clenen, Beta Epsilon; Treasurer, Mrs. Monta Kelso-Dunning, Delta; Executive Committee, Florence Armstrong, Beta Lambda, Mrs. Sarah Harbine-Weaver, Beta Nu, Charlotte Baber, Psi.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

The St. Louis Alumnae Association has lived a happy, care-free life for the past eight years, meaning all the time to be an orthodox association, but finding itself periodically lacking in some of the essential characteristics as laid down by the standing rules.

Seeing our name regularly in the directory of the *KEY*, we scarcely realized our shortcomings, but when a recent number appeared without us we began to consider our position.

Ever since our organization early in 1903, we have held monthly meetings with no more definite object than to keep alive some degree of fraternity interest. Our meetings have brought together a constantly changing group of a dozen women, each with a distinct circle of friends and each crowded with varied duties and interests, yet willing to give an afternoon once a month to meet with others who wear the key.

Perhaps the interest had become personal rather than fraternal when Mrs. Ida Bonnell Otstott, 1891, Sigma, came to St. Louis to spend the winter. Anyone who knows Mrs. Otstott, with her record of seven conventions attended and her many Kappa house parties, knows that her name is synonymous with Kappa enthusiasm. It is almost needless to say that she aroused

the St. Louis Alumnae Association to a realization of the fact that it was living far short of its privileges, and we hereby introduce to you our reanimated selves with all requirements necessary for full fellowship fulfilled.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

The Association held its second meeting January twenty-first in Lebanon, Indiana, with Mrs. Jessie Grubb Coons. A majority of the women were present and were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Coons with a dinner.

The third meeting was held April twenty-seventh, in Indianapolis, Indiana, with Mrs. Bertha Frazier Howe. This meeting was a happy occasion also. A large number of the women of Nu were present. Mrs. Howe served a luncheon.

Mrs. Nora Whitesides Essex with her husband and daughter will sail for Europe May sixth, for a prolonged stay abroad. She will carry with her a small silk U. S. flag, the gift of Claude Keely Erther, and a package of steamer letters, to remind her of Franklin Nu.

On June thirteenth the fourth meeting of the year will be held in Franklin, Indiana. On this day a large reception will be given by the Association in connection with the Franklin College Commencement. All the women Nu from all over the United States will be invited and many will be present. Fraternity and sorority people of Franklin with many other friends will also be guests.

Nannie Stanley Kennedy is head of the Domestic Science Department in Cottey College, Nevada, Missouri.

Nannie Hodges Kemp's address is 630 F. St., San Bernardino, California.

In Memoriam

RUTH ELIZARETH WORKS,

Born April 28, 1882,

Died March 6, 1911.

She was a member of Beta Tau chapter from 1901 to 1903, when ill health necessitated her leaving college.

During the past eight years she has undergone five major operations. Her fortitude and cheerfulness during long periods of severe pain were a source of admiration to her friends, and developed a character of great beauty and nobleness.

She was deeply devoted to her fraternity and intensely loyal to its every interest.

BERNICE HAVILAND GUERNSEY,

Psi Chapter, 1896,

Died March 9, 1911.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

Miss Clara Westbrook, Beta Zeta, who was graduated from Pratt Institute in 1909, is now teaching in Pratt and doing interior decorating.

In addition to Miss Virginia Gildersleeve's being elected Dean of Barnard, Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey (Mary Harriman,) '05, has been elected to the board of trustees, Miss Anna Meyer, '97, who has been secretary, has been appointed registrar, and Miss Katherine Doty, '04, has been appointed secretary.

Born to Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey (Mary Harriman,) '05, a son.

Mrs. Elizabeth Goudy-Baker, Alpha, is exhibiting several of her portraits at Knoedler's Gallery. Mrs. Baker's work is in water colors and her method is peculiar to herself. Among her recent works are portraits of Edwin Markham and Mrs. James Stillman, née Cynthia Roche.

Miss Margaret Bachelder, Beta Gamma; Miss Elizabeth Rose, Iota, '91, and Miss Ola Bartlett, Iota, '94, will spend the summer abroad.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

Margaret Knapp, '10, has a fine position teaching at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

Bessie Scott-Gray has a second son, born in December.

Ruby Bryan, '09, who has been ill in the hospital of the Good Shepherd, will probably be able to return to her duties at Racquette Lake in the Adirondacks in a week or two.

Eva Bryan, '98, of State Normal College Greensboro, N. C., spent the holidays in Charleston, S. C.

We are glad to welcome Mrs. Alice Roddy Applebee, Gamma Rho, to Syracuse and to our association. Her husband Rev. John H. Applebee is now pastor of May Memorial Church.

GRACE FRANCE WIGHT, *Secretary*.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

The engagement of Miss Nell Malloy to Mr. Richard J. Develin of Johnson City, Tennessee, has been announced.

On January seventeenth Miss Ethel Bryce was married to Mr. Justin Jason Stevenson, of Columbus.

Miss Lilian Huffman, '99, was married to Mr. George Rose of Columbus, on July second.

Miss Maude Raymond, '99, and Dr. Earl Taver of Columbus were married in September.

The marriage of Miss Ella Sullivan to Mr. Robert McDowell D. K. E.—, of Medina, Ohio took place in Columbus in October.

Miss Marie Carroll, is at Bryn Mawr this year, having been awarded a scholarship in English and history.

Miss Nell Deatrich, ex-'11, is spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kurtz (Maybelle Bradley) announce the birth of a son, Charles Jewett Kurtz, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Burr (Nell Crawford) are the parents of a little son, born in January.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Schoedinger (Ruth Sherman) a son, who has been christened George Schoedinger, Jr.

Mrs. Ernest Merrill (Faith Welling) of Beckley, West Virginia, spent December and January in Columbus. A number of social affairs were given in her honor.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

It was our pleasure to have with us at the February meeting Miss Virginia Sinclair, Epsilon, former grand treasurer, who was in the city for a few days in connection with her work as student secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Mrs. M. Louise Thomas, Theta, Principal of Lenox Hall, a school for girls, has been very generous in extending to the Kappas the hospitality of her beautiful new building in University City where she entertains charmingly.

Mrs. Charles Heater, (Alla Lantz,) Sigma is spending the winter in San Antonio, Texas.

Two Kappas who are not yet identified with us are at Monticello Seminary, at Godfrey, Illinois, not many miles from St. Louis. Miss Elizabeth Rose, Iota, on the faculty and Miss Winifred Lind, Chi, a student. We hope that we can tempt them to visit us at least.

Mrs. Daniel DuShane Otstott (Ida Bonnell,) Sigma, has gone with her family to Austin, Texas to live. She will be missed by

the Chicago and St. Louis Associations, but we predict that an association will be formed in Austin very soon.

Born, February 10, 1911, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collins, (Madeline Branham,) Theta, a daughter, Camilla Mary.

PI ASSOCIATION

Alice Rising has gone abroad to visit her sister, Signora Menicanti, in Rome.

The marriage of Ethel Dulin '08, and James R. Brehm will take place at the home of the bride in Los Angeles on April twenty-sixth. They will reside in Wilkeson, Washington.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph P. Merritt (Varina Morrow) a daughter.
MARY DOWNEY.

PHI

Helen May Wright, '06, was married on December twenty-eighth to Mr. Harold Morgan Mariett, B. U. '07. Mr. and Mrs. Mariett are living in Chicago.

BETA EPSILON

Elizabeth Freeman Fox, 1908, is general secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association at Northwestern University. Next year she is to student secretary for the association in the Northwest territory, including Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana.

Dorothy Kirchwey, 1910, is assistant in economics at Smith College.

The engagement is announced of Comfort Tiffany, 1910, to Henry DeKay Gilder, Harvard, of Boston son of the late Richard Watson Gilder.

PSI

Born to Dr. and Mrs. Benjamin S. Barringer (Emily Dunning, '97) a son, Benjamin Lang Barringer, December, 1910.

Born to Ralph T. C. and Elizabeth Meserole Rhodes Jackson, '97, a son, Foster Rhodes Jackson, May 14, 1911.

BETA IOTA

'97. Born to A. U. and Grace W. (Stevenson) Chapman, a daughter, Anne Stevenson Chapman, on the fourteenth of December, 1910.

'99. Born to Charles N. and Mabel Clare (Gillespie) Evans, a son, Gillespie Stevenson Evans, on December thirty-first, 1910.

'03. Born to James Bacon and Hallie Gundaker (Hulburt) Douglas, a son, James Bacon Douglas, Jr., on January fourteenth, 1911.

'06. The engagement of Emma Jane Wilson to Mr. Walter Rodman Shoemaker, Haverford College, is announced.

Adelaide Bruce Halkett is studying to be a kindergartner.

'07. The engagement of Rosalie Middleton Painter to Mr. Roger Wood is announced.

'10. Florence Estelle Wollworth has recently been traveling in Florida.

Edna Clayton Jones in February completed her course in college. She was prevented by illness from graduating last year.

XI

Blanche Van Auken was one of the patronesses at the freshman law dance at the University of Michigan.

Tatt Link, '06, of Paris, Illinois, has been taking a course at an art school in St. Louis.

Josephine Hall is visiting at Columbus, Ohio.

KAPPA

Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps has joined her husband in Japan.

Mrs. Frances Ball Mauck attended the Hillsdale College Association banquet in Chicago.

Ruth Mauck is spending her spring vacation at home.

Mabelle Stewart Buell of Union City attended the chapter banquet.

Della McIntosh Row of Camden was here for the banquet.

MU

Mrs. St. Clair Perry is touring South America.

Mrs. Mark Howard Reesner and her husband have been in Indianapolis this winter with Mrs. Reesner's mother, Mrs. Craig.

Mrs. Tade Hartsuff-Kuhns, our first grand president, returned in February from two years in Europe. She left New York March twentieth for another two years in Japan and Australia.

EPSILON

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Forman, (Elizabeth Welty), '01, a son.

The wedding of Lucile Hodge and Lyle Johnstone, Sigma Chi, took place March eighth.

The engagement of Elizabeth McClure to Hiram Sibley Bicket, Chicago, has been announced, the wedding to take place early in June.

Letta Brock is now in Europe for a spring and summer trip. About the middle of June, Elsie Welch, Eulalia Robinson and Mabel Brock will meet her in Europe and accompany her on her summer tour.

The wedding of Mae Stover, '10, and John Dameron, Sigma Chi, took place February eighth.

UPSILON

The North Shore Alumnae Association of Evanston which began such a short time ago, now numbers twenty members.

THETA

The marriage of Mary Logan of Hannibal, Missouri, to James Lawrence (K Σ) took place in February.

SIGMA

Mrs. Fred Albertson, 1910, of Kansas City, attended our big party March eleventh, and visited us the next week.

Edna Baker was married to Howard Brainerd, Phi Kappa Psi, March fifteenth. They will make their home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Betty Penny has returned from Florida, where she has been spending the winter.

Isabel Hervey is visiting her sister in Chicago.

Ethel Burkett is expected home the first of June. She has been abroad the past two years studying music under Leschetitsky.

Nell Givens, of Seward, has been visiting us and attending junior prom.

OMEGA

The marriage of Della Peck, '10, to Allan Wayne Dodge of Salina, will occur in June.

Mrs. Benjamin Young (Nola Myers), '09 of Halstead, Kansas, visited us for a few days during the high school basketball meet.

Maud Olander, '08, who is teaching in the Kansas City, Kansas, high school, paid us a short visit while the teachers' convention was in session here.

Lillian Dribblebis, '09, visited the chapter a few weeks ago.

Amy Merstetter, '09, came back to attend the Phi Delta Theta annual.

Maud Browne, '10, and Miss Celia Kimball of Smith, visited us for the Sigma Alpha Epsilon annual.

BETA MU

Louise Smith, ex-'10, was married to Royden Campbell Philpott, March twentieth, at her home in Cripple Creek, Colorado.

Gertrude Border, ex-'10, has been visiting the chapter.

BETA CHI

Aubyn Chinn, who is at the head of the domestic science department of the University of Kentucky, has made extensive improvements and additions to her department.

PI

Helen Dickinson, ex-'11, was married to Jay Booth, Phi Kappa Psi, on March fifteenth, in Los Angeles.

Gladys Buchanan, '10, is still traveling in Europe.

Margaret Griffith, '10, is visiting in New York.

Alexine Mitchell has returned from a trip abroad.

Lillie Sherman, '09, and Pattie Chickering, '10, attended the Y. W. C. A. conference at Capitola.

EXCHANGES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

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

We gratefully acknowledge these thirty-two:

November: *To Dagma* of Alpha Omicron Pi; *Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

December: *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *The Lamp* of Delta Zeta; *The Circle* of Zeta Psi.

January: *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta; *The Anchora* of Delta Gamma; *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi; *The Mask* of Kappa Psi; *The Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *The Garnet and White* of Alpha Chi Rho; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *The Aglaia* of Phi Mu; *The Circle* of Zeta Psi.

February: *Alpha Xi Delta* of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority; *The Angelos* of Kappa Delta; *Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *Beta Theta Pi*; *Kappa Alpha Journal*; *Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

March: *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

April: *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

And the fattest of these is the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; the thinnest is the *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; the youngest is Delta Zeta's publication, *The Lamp*; the oldest is *Beta Theta Pi*; the most interesting, *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; the gayest cover belongs to the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*; the plainest to Delta Gamma's *Anchora*.

"Vol. I, No. 1" on the title page of *The Lamp*, published by Delta Zeta, a comparatively new sorority, tells that another Greek

letter magazine has been launched. Judging from this first number, it will hold its own. It is a small, publication, but is well edited, contains some interesting material, and has an attractive cover. Ruth Lockwood Gaddis is editor-in-chief.

The Kappa Alpha Journal is featuring a new department called "Kappa Alpha Families." The Candler family written up in the last number has contributed thirteen members to the fraternity.

Freshman pledging is thus condemned in the Kappa Alpha Theta Journal:

On the whole, the entire system of freshman pledging seems to carry us away from the true fraternity ideals. It tends to detract from the dignity, poise and true purpose of our fraternity. It demoralizes college work. It places an undue nervous strain upon the entire personnel of the chapter, and most of all upon the freshmen, at a time when they can ill afford to be distracted from their college work, which after all is the true purpose of higher education. Sophomore pledging truly seems to be more rational, more sensible, more dignified and more normal.

From the table of contents of the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, this title smites the eye: "The Cold Water Habit." Rest, rest, perturbed spirit, she means the habit of throwing metaphorical cold water on other people's enthusiasm; but she gave us a shock for a little while. The February *Key* contains a "story" of the suffragette movement in England, which would be worthy of a place almost anywhere, and an account of German university life which also commands attention. Indeed, the quality of the contributed articles in all the well-established sorority and fraternity magazines is far above the amateur or the sophomoric standard.

Thank you Mr. Kappa Sigma.

Phi Kappa Psi, in the March number of the *Shield* displays thirty-three stalwart heroes of the gridiron, all looking very husky and manly in their foot-ball togs.

Alpha Phi suggests having an alumna appointed as "guardian angel" for each chapter who will lend the weight of her superior intellect to the chapter's questions.

Let each chapter appoint as its counsellor or advisor a resident alumna, of say five years' standing; it would be the duty of this advisor to be conversant with all the transactions of the chapter and to be all that

the title implies—advisor or counsellor. As such she would be, in a way, responsible for the chapter to the alumnae of her chapter and to the fraternity.

Theoretically, this is what every alumna should be, and it would be Utopian if such were the case; but unfortunately there are all sorts and conditions of alumnae, just as there are of undergraduate members. Often those who are best fitted can not give the time necessary to such a position, and more often we find it the reverse.

The advantages of such a relationship are many. The chapter would be strengthened in having some one who can be relied upon to give advice based on broader experience and maturer judgement; the fraternity would be benefited by the strengthening of the chapter, for a chain is never stronger than its weakest link; the advisor herself would be repaid in full measure by the privilege of close contact with the joyous enthusiasm of the younger girls and the right to serve the fraternity in this important position.

Can it be that our little Kappa sisters treat our noble editorial efforts in this wise? It can.

The unpalatable truth is sometimes forced home on an editorial staff that very few subscribers really read the magazine. The contributor usually turns the pages hurriedly until he finds his own article, and reads it critically with a view to misprints and its general effect in type. The rest of the magazine he runs through in search of some article of especial interest, or closes the book until some more convenient day. The non-contributor follows much the same course, with the exception that he may reach the chapter letter from his own chapter, or the personal notes, before he finds anything which holds his attention long enough to interest him in the substance of the article. Some read the body of the magazine attentively, and find all the chapter letters of interest, but close the reading with the page first in front of the exchanges and college notes.

Much time has been spent upon the preparation of material which is calculated to be of profit and interest to fraternity circles at large, probably to our own in particular. Much of our apparent disinterestedness is merely ignorance of the workings of fraternities aside from our own college. Perhaps this lack would be practically obliterated if we gave earnest thought to the ideas and suggestions of our sister-Greeks as expressed in the journal. No fraternity girl can afford to confine herself within one chapter, college, or state. The exchanges from other magazines are copied especially to give us an insight into the doings of our fellow organizations in Greekdom, and into the policies of other colleges. Do you read the exchanges?

Many of us have experienced the peculiar feeling of elation which comes when an introduction to a sister is followed by the remark "I have seen your name in *THEMIS*. I feel that I have known you a long while." Your sisterhood is national. Of course we all can scarcely hope to meet in person representatives of all our chapters. Read the chapter letters

and personals, and you will find your unknown sisters become more real to you, than if you confined your acquaintance with them to the catalogue. Be a consistent reader of magazine. You will find your fraternity a vital power of which you did not conceive before.—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

The January number of *The Circle* of Zeta Psi devotes twenty-seven of its fifty-four pages to an exhaustive account of its chapter at Columbia University, New York City. Good reading for the Columbia boys, but, we should say, not enough local interest for the lads in California or Canada.

Jane Sherzer, president of Oxford College for women, one of Gamma Phi Beta's alumnae, has written an interesting article on "Why Educate the Daughter?" in the *Crescent*. Among her good reasons she says:

Then a commercial reason I would give as the first for educating the daughter. If it is a question in the family between the girl and the boy I would say educate the daughter. The boy, if necessary, can take care of himself, but who is so helpless as a girl without an education, thrown upon her own resources? Of course she can always clerk in a store or take up domestic service or work in a factory, but would any mother with a knowledge of conditions feel ready to thrust her daughter into such occupations where the wage is so small that if she desired to do more than exist she must purchase her pleasure with her character? If she has an education the higher fields are open to her where she can make a comfortable living and have a good, pure life among cultured people. Wealth and station should never excuse one from an education. Even royalty learns a trade. The Emperor of Germany is a glove-maker. Doubtless King Manuel of Portugal has some respectable way of earning his livelihood or wishes he had.

The second reason is social. There are constant demands upon every woman now in society for papers and addresses. Unless one is well-read and well-educated she must take a back seat in any circle that is worth while. No mother aspires to such a place for her daughter.

The third reason is aesthetic:—having to do with our own joy in life. The training of the ear increases the appreciation of beautiful music. The training of the eye increases our appreciation of all that is beautiful in art and in nature. I have an artist friend with whom it is a delight to walk. She is constantly seeing things that other eyes do not perceive. For her the tints of the trees are more brilliant, the sunshine is more golden, the atmosphere on the distant hills is more purple, there are more colors lying on the landscape. Everywhere there is a picture for her. What if your children were born deaf and blind and a physician would offer to restore sight and hearing? Would any parent refuse his aid? But we are all born intellectually deaf and blind and only the angel of

knowledge can open our ears and eyes and lead us up the hillside until we can see and hear and appreciate the beauties of the world around us. With such enrichment and with simple tastes the material things grow less and less important and we can lead a life of serene happiness such as no society butterfly can even conceive.

The fourth reason may be called sociological or utilitarian. The better the instrument the finer the work it certainly can perform. Our superintendent used to say "Sharpen the ax for then you can cut down the tree." Education sharpens the ax—the intellect—makes it more capable of service. And what is life for? Happiness; How can we best obtain happiness except in working for others; The very climax is reached when we have been able to make of ourselves the greatest instrument of good to others. Thus, too, we secure our highest spiritual development and learn the greatest commandment—to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves.

Then for commercial, social, aesthetic and utilitarian motives should every daughter receive the highest obtainable education.

One of the most interesting features in all our contemporaries' magazines is the array of pictures of Gamma Phi babies in the *Crescent*. Fourteen little folk, varying in age from seven months to three and a half years fill two attractive pages. If a reader should open the book at those pages, without knowing it was a fraternity publication, she might suppose it was an advertising book gotten up by a baby-food company.

And another deceptive page is one in the Delta Theta Upsilon Quarterly for March. It is adorned with samples of beautiful ribbons with alluring color combinations. One would expect to find the contents a symposium on fashionable spring colorings for the frocks and bonnets of the D. U. sister. No, they are merely fraternity hat bands. We admit that one or two of them are rather good combinations. There are no women's fraternities among them.

Don't think you have to love a girl because you love her sister. That's what the *Angelos* of Kappa Delta says, and warns its chapters against the "sister evil." It says:

For the improvement of the race there must be the infusion of new blood into each generation. For this reason the law forbids the marriage of close relatives, as such a thing would bring into existence a race both physically and mentally deficient. So in choosing members for our sorority chapters kinship should be totally disregarded. No girl wants to join a sorority because her sister was a member. She wants to come in on her

own merits. That she has these merits and still is not asked to join may be the fault of no one in particular. But it is not altogether impossible that sisters may possess some bad qualities altogether incurable and detrimental to any sorority chapter. Sometimes dangerous policies and imprudent ideas run through a family like a contagious disease. The less of such in any chapter, the better.

There was once a chapter, six of the eight members of which were sisters or cousins. Every relative of every member was pledged unconditionally. What was the result? Torpor, sluggishness, inactivity, disinterest and lack of diverse ideas. Fortunately the situation was comprehended before it was too late and the day saved. We do not mean to advocate that no sisters or relatives be asked to join a sorority, but rather that they be considered for their own merits alone and that all hard feeling be eliminated if, in the best judgment of the sorority, some sisters may not be asked to join.

The alumnae of the Denver chapter of Sigma Kappa are appealing to the eternal feminine in their active chapter to spur them on to scholastic honors. They give a ring each year a Sigma Kappa seal ring to the freshman with the highest marks. We have heard of giving a loving cup to the most learned freshman, but perhaps this is a better idea, for one can then have the proof of one's brains always at hand. It is so unhandy to carry a loving cup around all the time.

Seventy snap-shots all grouped together in artistic carelessness make the novel cover of the Delta Upsilon Quarterly for December. They are products of a cross-country trip to California to convention last summer. On the same subject is a "Delta Upsilon Travelogue" in this number, very entertaining reading even for a "rank outsider," and illustrated by a score or more of *good photographs*. Somebody's camera worked hard.

Sing, sister, sing!

One doesn't necessarily have to take voice culture to be able to sing. I realize that training is very important, but oftentimes I have listened to music that sounded very sweet indeed, and perhaps those voices that I heard had received but little training. Especially is this true among young girls. I say this because sometimes girls are timid about singing because their voices have never trained. They are so afraid even in chorus singing that they will make a mistake.

Let me appeal to all Phi Mu girls to please learn the Phi Mu songs and sing them everytime they have an opportunity. Sing them especially

at your fraternity meetings, you will feel better after singing "Fifty years or more ago" or some other song. The Phi Mu girls will feel as if there is a spirit and life, and above all enthusiasm in your chapter. Then the other fraternities will hear you singing and know that you are really doing something and that you are in the race to win.

Let me say in closing to teach yourself to appreciate the worth of music in any form, especially good singing, and above all, learn to sing the Phi Mu songs correctly.—*Aglia* of Phi Mu.

Delta Tau Delta in the *Rainbow* tells us not to be lop-sided.

The prime necessity for a successful chapter is a harmonious congeniality among its members. Given this, team work is assured and a healthy, active, satisfactory chapter life naturally follows. For this reason a chapter must be careful not to initiate a man who will be a misfit in its family life. But it does not follow that the most successful chapter is the one composed of men absolutely the same in character and tastes.

Just as a gem has greater beauty when it is many faced, so is a chapter at its best when it is composed of men who possess special abilities in many lines. There must be a basic homogeneity and all the members must hold to certain fundamental, common principles and ideals. But given this, there remains a great latitude for individuality. While molding its men to the same general type in these essentials, a chapter should not seek to have every man run in the same groove. Too often a chapter that has in one generation had several strong athletes bends all its energies to this form of activity and seeks for its new brothers only athletes. The result is that the chapter soon becomes lop-sided, and by laying stress on only one phase of its college life and activities it loses representation in all the others. The well-rounded chapter will be that one in which the men are of so even a type that the ideal brotherhood results naturally, and where each brother is allowed full scope for his individuality. Thus the chapter's life will touch at some tangent point all college activities. In this way each man brings something different to the chapter life, and each man gives something to and receives something from his brothers.

A Philistine, a mere man, who has not outgrown the idea that college girls are drab sort of creatures with spectacles, pale thin faces, hair screwed into a tight knot, and frocks of the vintage of '92, happened to see the first few pages of the last Pi Beta Phi Arrow, and said, "what magazine is that,"—the Green Book? (The said Green Book being a monthly devoted to the pretty pictures and interests of beautiful stage divinities.) He was filled with amazement and admiration when he learned the truth. The photographs of those attractive Pi Phi's are surely good to

look at. They published in their exceedingly good January number pictures of their girls who have been queens of the Mardi Gras festivals (at New Orleans, not Coney Island), and also photographs of girls in various chapters who have been voted the prettiest, the most popular, the ideal university girl, the most representative, and others who have taken part in various carnivals. This "beauty department" is a decided attraction.

Beta Theta Pi is so old that it can't remember just who was its founder, 'way back in '39. There is difference of opinion as to whether it was John Reilly Knox or Samuel Taylor Marshall. According to the records there seems to have been a difference of opinion between John and Samuel, too.

This from the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma:

The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma—what a mercy that the linotype can't run out of sorts, when it comes to these long Italic names—contain half a dozen pages of interesting piffle by one Merle Thorp "from a bulletin shortly to be issued by the Department of Journalism at the University of Washington." Let us hope the department named is a more serious business than this account makes it out to be; otherwise it is devoted largely to teaching what anybody who is ever going to learn it can get in about three days in a real newspaper office. Here is Merle Thorp's idea of the sort of wisdom one may profitably toil to gain in a "Department of Journalism" in a "University:"

"Send the copy to the machine in takes as fast as it comes from the operator, Mr. Kellog," he says. "Miss Ross, will you see that the machine is cleared for this story? Might as well hold over that philosophy club story, and kill that front page story on the eagle carrying away the baby boy. That will give us the necessary room." "A six head, you say, Mr. Kellog? All right. Get it as fast as you can. Mr. Kennedy, we have a six head coming up for second position, page one. Miss Mauermann can set the key lines, while Miss Young turns out the hand-set pyramid."

What a joy it would be to be young again and go to a Department of Journalism to learn how to kill hand-set pyramids!

Yes, of course we know that "Schools of Journalism" are looked upon by "real" newspaper men as in the class with correspondence schools that teach you to swim by mail on the dining-room table. Nevertheless the "smattering" that the young men and women get in this course at the University of Washington must teach in a general way some of the general truths, and surely

the practice in head-writing, and the familiarity with the composing-room must be instructive. Mr. Kappa Sigma says that one can learn as much in three days in a real newspaper office. We have yet to hear of a cub reporter who ever did anything in his first three days but fall down on a few assignments of women's club meetings, chew his pencil, write a few "sticks" to be used on an unimportant page, get lost, and go home. As for writing a head, or knowing anything about the inky composing-room upstairs or the noisy presses down-stairs,—that is all as mysterious and unknown a part of his paper as the nether regions. It is generally conceded that it takes nine years to become an all-around newspaper man, thoroughly familiar with every department of a paper. You can't learn much in three days.

Don't be too fussy, alumnae, says Alpha Xi Delta:

In defence of the college girl, I will say, that as a rule, the alumna expects too much attention. She does not realize that what is recreation for her, is business for the former. She ought not to expect to be treated as a guest. She should not feel obliged to wait for an invitation to a house which has been home to her for four years, and then when she does not receive it, feel slighted. She should look back upon her own college days and see if, in the busy whirl in which she lived, she herself always thought of these things. She will find that she took just as much for granted as the girl of to-day. If there is any point at issue which she does not understand, let her ask about it. She ought not to expect an active girl to come to her, individually, about a topic that, in the chapter house, is a household word. Moreover, if she discovers that some important step has been taken without her knowledge, let her attribute it to an oversight. If, in addition, steps are taken to which she has signified her disapproval, she should not let it rankle but rather look at it in the light that for four years, she helped to manage the affairs of her chapter. Let her give to the active girls that same privilege. She should always feel free to give advice, when advice is actually needed, but she should not feel hurt if that advice is not always followed.

"All-around" girls, take warning!

But after all, the first duty of any person is to herself, and I believe that the all-around girl often very conscientiously looks after the welfare of everything and everyone but herself. As a rule we find that the all-around girl is not a wealthy girl. She is a girl, who after leaving college, expects to make her living by teaching. Therefore, she takes a fairly heavy course and studies hard. She is a very active girl and consequently is fond of going. She is very popular, and there is much demand on her

time for parties, picnics and all the many things that we all love, and do not want to give up.

Then, too, she loves her fraternity, and being a practical, energetic girl, the fraternity needs her. She has always in her home life had considerable practice in making ends meet, and so she is made treasurer of the chapter. Since she is popular with all the fraternity girls, and since she is a girl of influence and staunch in her Alpha Chi principles, who would make a better member of Pan-Hellenic than she? So, to Pan-Hellenic meetings she goes. Then comes the Y. W. C. A. election. The non-fraternity girls like her especially, and want her for some office—of course, her Alpha Chi sisters urge her to take the office for the sake of the chapter. So we find her interested and holding office in all lines of work.

Suppose we look at one day of her life. She rises at six-thirty, dresses, rushes down to breakfast at seven. From here she hurries to her seven-thirty class, keeping eyes continually on her book, because she finds a whole page that she had neglected to read the night before. Thus from one class to another she goes, until thinking she is through for the day, she wearily makes her way homeward to the fraternity house.

While visiting with the girls, she learns that Mrs. R—— who has always been a very kind friend to the Alpha Chi girls, has returned from her western trip. Some one must go to see her. Of course, all of the girls exclaim that she is the one to go, since Mrs. R—— has always liked her especially. So she puts on her best clothes and trots down town to pay bills and call on Mrs. R——.

So this is her day—not only one day—but every day of her college life. I am sure you will agree that this life is too strenuous and too exciting. I do not ask that she shall limit her horizon and her sympathies, but I do ask that every Alpha Chi shall remember that her college life is not the ultimate end for which she lives; that it is the preparation for the real life that she enters after leaving college; and that she shall not use up all of her power and health that were meant to last a lifetime.

The college girl must therefore consider herself and her own good, first—not selfishly, but sensibly, and the interest of college life, second.—*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega.*

Northwestern University is discussing the proposed inter-sorority house. The advantages are here set forth by a member of Gamma chapter of Alpha Chi Omega.

The question of the advisability of separate sorority houses at Northwestern has been a much discussed one. Up till recently, the faculty have opposed any such move, but a new proposition which has just been brought to them seems to have found some measure of approval—that is, an inter-sorority house on the campus.

This plan has been enthusiastically received by a large number of the sorority girls, for the need of some such building has long been felt.

In this building, each sorority would have a room in which to hold their weekly meetings, and the downstairs would be given over to rooms for entertaining and dancing. The building would also become a regular gathering place for many of the girls, thus bringing them in contact with each other as they never would under conditions as they are now.

It is to be hoped that such a building, affording as it would, a place for social gatherings and frequent meetings, would promote a spirit of comradeship and friendliness between girls of other sororities, and between the sororities as a whole. The present system at Northwestern lacks much in the line of furthering sorority life. The girls are scattered and in some cases seldom see their own fraternity sisters. This condition surely is not advantageous to a thorough knowledge of each other, which is one of the best elements of chapter house life. To remedy this latter condition, the inter-sorority house is suggested as a means to an end.

It is to be sincerely hoped that the girls persevere in their plans, and to a certain extent remedy the defects of our present system.

Two interesting departments in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal* for January are "Glimpses of Chapter Life," and "College Customs." They both contain valuable suggestions. They are somewhat on the order of "exchanges" in the women's magazines. Here are a few good hints:

A Mothers' Party

One custom Delta is proud of is her Mothers' party, which occurs every year between the two semesters. There is always a week between examinations and the return to class work. We take advantage of this time to invite all our mothers, who live within a reasonable distance, to come and spend a few days with us at the chapter house. We have something going on all the time they are here: a musical one day to which we ask the patronesses and resident alumnae; and another day a reception for the faculty. We go to the Post Exam jubilee and to the theater, so the mothers do not have exactly a dull time.

An engagement announced

One custom, which we feel has come to stay, is that of the "five-pound box." This means that the fiancé of every bride-to-be, whether she be an active member or an alumna, sends the college chapter a five-pound box of candy as a formal announcement of their engagement.

Seniors' Farewell

Of all Tau's cherished customs probably the one most enjoyed is the final chapter meeting for the year. Each girl must come prepared to do a stunt. One senior writes a legacy in which she bequeaths all that does or does not belong to the seniors, to the chapter they are leaving. One girl prophesies the future for each and every member of the chapter. Some of the girls combine and give short plays characterizing other girls in the chapter and some of their never-to-be-forgotten pranks, while the

genius of others leads to bursts of poetry. This last happy meeting is ended by singing Theta songs.

Brown

In the Women's college of Brown university the announcement of the class flower has become the centre of a pretty custom. The flower is selected during sophomore year, and in the springtime it is presented to the college in an original masque. Until then the flower's name is a carefully guarded secret. The masque is not merely a lovely picture with colored lights and graceful dancing, it is an interesting story as well, and it is at the climax of the story that the name of the flower is disclosed. The flower always harmonizes with and suggests the class color, and its character determines the whole masque. The flower of 1911, for instance, is the yellow chrysanthemum, and about her there arose a masque with a delightful Japanese setting; the flower of 1912, on the other hand, is the lily-of-the-valley, and she was crowned queen of the fairies among the elves and the butterflies in a dainty woodland forest grade.

Syracuse

Syracuse claims moving-up day as an origination of her own. The name arises from the fact that at this time the freshmen move up to the sophomores' seats in chapel; the juniors take the seniors' places, while the latter descend to the freshman row.

Moving-up day comes early in May, and is greeted by the seniors as the first occasion for donning the cap and gown. The freshmen and sophomores hail this time for very different reasons: it is the culmination of a year's feud between them. The preceding night is spent in pasting up or hauling down uncomplimentary posters devised by the fertile freshman brain.

Goucher

In a city college where so many of the students live at home, the college spirit is sure to be a little dull. This was the case at Goucher until some wise head found a remedy. Every month, on a certain Friday night, we have what is called a college spirit dance. It is not a ball; oh no! Simply a "good old time," as the girls say. We gather in our large gymnasium, and girls take turns in playing the piano, while the rest dance. No outsiders are there; only the college girls. Every one comes and every one enjoys it. Sometimes the refreshments are simply lemonade and cake, and often not even that.

COLLEGE NOTES

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Smith college is to publish a weekly paper. This is the first attempt, a monthly being the only previous undertaking in the line of publications.

The department of foods and cookery of the school of household arts, Teachers' College, N. Y., has arranged a series of evening demonstrations in cookery to which the public is invited. These demonstrations will afford the housewife an opportunity for a saving of many of the important items in food preparation. They are given by Miss Shapleigh who recently went to Columbia University from Mrs. Farmer's Cooking School in Boston, where her public demonstrations attracted a good deal of attention.

A fund of more than \$3,000,000 is ready for immediate work on the Princeton Graduate College.

A new woman's college in Connecticut:

New London, Conn.—The establishing of a woman's college in this city was assured by the announcement last night that an endowment fund of \$134,824.41 had been raised by voluntary subscription. The largest single gift was \$25,000 from Morton F. Plant. In order to secure the college the city furnished a site and an endowment of \$100,000.

That women are the best students at Cornell is shown by the following note to the Syracuse Herald:

Ithaca—Although there are but 400 women among the 5,000 students at Cornell University, the former have captured a majority of the Phi Beta Kappa keys which signify membership in the society of highest scholastic standing. The young women won fifteen out of the total of twenty-seven keys this year.

President Schurman of Cornell announced to-day the establishment of a degree of bachelor of chemistry at the university. The course will remain under the direction of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Theoretical and practical work on aviation is to be carried on by an aeronautical society organized by the students of the University of Michigan.

There are twenty-five Chinese students in the freshman class at Cornell.

John Aikman Stewart, president pro tem of Princeton says in his report:

"This year, at least, about 20 per cent. of the freshman class entered from public high schools. It is an interesting fact that this 20 per cent. win more than 40 per cent. of our general honors."

New Haven, Conn.—The movement to introduce optional daily attendance at chapel at Yale has received a setback from the senior class, which has voted in favor of continuing compulsory attendance at morning prayers. Only 29 voted in favor of optional chapel while there were 258 against. Both daily and Sunday chapel attendance have been compulsory at Yale since the college was founded. Till a few years ago the religious preferences of the seniors showed annually that there were more Congregationalists in the senior class than members of any other denominations. For several years, however, Episcopalians have led, and this year their record of leadership remains unbroken. In the senior class, which has 296 members, are 70 Episcopalians, 50 Congregationalists, 46 Presbyterians, 23 Baptists, 14 Catholics, 13 Jewish, 10 Methodists and 8 Unitarians.—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

Some interesting statistics on how ambitious youths finance a college education were given in an article by John Corbin in the *Saturday Evening Post*. In the course of his story he says:

Harvard has usually been thought a rich man's college, but President Lowell estimates that between one-third and one-half of the undergraduates entirely or partially support themselves. In effectually organizing student employment Harvard took the lead. As early as 1886-87, following an example set by Oxford, its secretary, Frank Bolles, established an employment bureau in his office. The primary aim was to find permanent positions for students about to be graduated—as teachers, engineers, chemists, and the like; but he discovered that there was also a demand for undergraduates to do odd jobs and even to fill more or less regular positions, both in termtime and in the summer vacation.

A decade later, in 1897, the work was taken over by a committee on appointments, composed of leading professors in various departments, to whom requests for graduating students usually came; but the work grew very heavy and in 1904 an appointments office was established, with a secretary. The demand for undergraduate labor is now the chief problem of the office, which within the last few months has been renamed in consequence. It is no longer the appointment office, but the employment office. Until lately the office was conducted by men who had other work

to do and could, therefore, give it only a part of their time. Now it requires and receives the undivided attention of its chief.

A similar movement is being felt at most of our colleges and universities. It is especially evident in institutions situated in or near cities—and this is a point of importance to students who intend to work their way. At Yale an ably managed bureau is in close touch with the business affairs of New Haven. Columbia has no less a field than New York City and the University of Chicago is almost equally fortunate. The latest institution to enter the field is Brown, situated at Providence.

At Yale the variegated list of student employments includes the following: fencing instructor; fruit inspector; banner maker; publisher of programs; tester in a rope factory; janitor; lumberman; Pullman conductor; sleight-of-hand entertainer; stage hand; collector of geological specimens; laundry worker; pallbearer; wheeler of an invalid's chair; envelope addresser; agent for spring water. The following portion of the Harvard list is representative: accountant; advertiser; agent; canvasser; cataloger; chauffeur; choreman; clerk; companion; conductor; destroyer of tree pests; draftsman; elevator man; engineer; engrosser; errand man; gardner; genealogist; guard; guide.

This more remunerative work is generally beyond the scope of freshmen and sophomores, preference being naturally given to advanced students, who are familiar with the subject matter and with the ways and means of college life. At Yale the bureau of appointments has published very significant figures. The graduate school heads the list of college earnings with a yearly average of \$534 each for eighty-eight men. The seniors of the Sheffield scientific school come next—fifty-three men earning an average of \$425. In the academic senior class seventy-nine men earned \$375 each. As against this, thirty-five Sheffield freshmen earned only \$291 each, and fifty-three academic freshmen only \$272 each. Of the total earnings of the academic freshmen—\$14,427—only \$843 came from tutoring; and of those of the Sheffield freshmen—\$7,340—only \$795. College scholarships, moreover, are mainly—in fact, almost exclusively—awarded to men in the upper classes.

Beginnings are proverbially difficult and the chief problem of financing a college course is to weather the first two years. Any man of average industry and ability who can see a thousand dollars ahead of him is thoroughly justified in the undertaking. With less than this in reserve the case is problematical.

MAGAZINE NOTES

BY ETHEL GAUVRAN

Miss Wooley, president of Mount Holyoke College, writes an article for the October issue of the *Ladies Home Journal*: Does the college fail to fit a girl for the home?

The question has been discussed at length for a generation. It is difficult to find anything new to reply to it. College women themselves regard it as a self-evident truth that college training prepares women for the home. They are thrown upon their own responsibility, are taught to cultivate inventiveness and adaptability.

The average college student gains a new sense of proportion in her years at college. She learns to place a true estimate on time, money and things. She learns to value the things that are worth while; to set aside those that are only for display. She gets a better appreciation of home and the family life. She sees that not always are the good housekeepers the good home makers and that the things of the household exist only for the comfort of its members.

College life broadens the girl's outlook. She comes in contact with all sorts of temperaments, many different points of view. She has to learn how to adjust herself to the conveniences of others—to consider their interests, to control her own desires and moods—to sympathize with others. All this is excellent training for the home life. Moreover the girl who goes through college, develops many interests in life. There are ever so many cases of husbands and wives who grow apart because the man's interests are so much broader, and more varied than the woman's.

In the July issue of *Collier's Weekly* Miss Sarah Comstock describes a visit to the Mormon College and discusses the Mormon College Girl.

The little Brigham Young University is situated in the mountains at Provo. It is co-educational, as are all the institutions of the Mormon faith. As Miss Comstock passed through the rooms of the college girls she looked in vain for the usual decorations of a college room—but she saw no pennons flaunting on

the walls, no college pillows, no nets of photographs and dance orders, so at last she questioned her guide. "The B. Y. U. girls don't seem to think about much but their education" was the reply. It was significant and sets the Mormon college girl apart from every other college woman. She has few frivolities—few decorations—no societies.

The girls of this small university are healthy and vigorous. They go home to their own farms every week, and when they come back they bring from their homes the provisions for their housekeeping at college. They furnish their own rooms and do their own cooking throughout the college year.

The Mormon girl adjusts her life to the end of wifehood and motherhood. She looks upon her college life not as a period of four years of pleasure nor as a preparation for the keener appreciation of the good things of this world or for a career, but as a sort of religious duty—a preparation for the exaltation of motherhood. Her mind is concentrated upon a religious purpose. She believes that somewhere, outside in the dark unknown, are a vast host of little crying spirits seeking to be admitted to this life, which is the *only* path to immortality—and that only as these little pleading souls are admitted to the world can they reach the wonderful eternity. That explains the earnestness and purpose of the Mormon girl.

The *Biblical World* for October, 1910 contains an interesting editorial on religious education in the colleges. Are the colleges of this country doing their full duty by their students in the matter of moral and religious training? The college should aim to prepare its pupils for life; should at least introduce them to some of the great problems of life and teach them how to solve these problems. Into a large proportion of the most important problems which the college graduate will be called upon to solve there enters a moral and religious element, and for the right solution of these problems are needed a grasp of moral principles, and a willingness to follow the highest ideal and in addition to these—some knowledge of the past experience of men in dealing with like problems.

Such questions as the progressive and the conservative tendencies in religious life—which is more conducive to human welfare?

—questions dealing with existing social institutions and current methods of business life, should be brought before the student for his consideration.

It is the business of the college to create an atmosphere favorable to the development of moral character; to see that its students have every opportunity to make a beginning at least in the study of great moral and religious problems.

A discussion of the rushing question has found its way into the realms of fiction, in the guise of a short story entitled "The Greek Double Cross, or Sorting out the Smiths at Siwash," by George Fitch, published in the *Saturday Evening Post* of March fourth. The story sets forth in racy fashion, the joys and the excitement experienced in a rushing season when the "sport" is quite untrammelled by the rulings of any meddling Pan-Hellenic Council, and when Eta Beta Pis, Alfalfa Delts, and Chi Yis are pitted in rivalry.

Rushing as most of us know it has no attractions for the Eta Beta Pi who tells the story. He is quite certain that if he were to re-visit Siwash under the present regime he would be "run up before a Pan-Hellenic Council in short order, charged with giving more than two fingers to a freshman in shaking hands with him." Here is his definition of rushing as he knew it in the good old days:

Rushing? What's rushing? Oh, yes; I forgot that you never participated in that delicious form of insanity known as a fall term in college. Rushing is a cross between proposing to a girl and abducting a coyote. Rushing a man for a frat is trying to make him believe that to belong to it is joy and inspiration, and to belong to any other means misery and an early tomb; that all the best men in college either belong to your frat or couldn't get in; that you're the best fellows on earth, and that you're crazy to have him, and that he is a coming senator; that you can't live without him; that the other gang can't appreciate him; that you never ask men twice; that you don't care much for him anyway, and that you are just as likely as not to withdraw the spike any minute if you should happen to get tired of the cut of his trousers; that your crowd can make him class president and the other crowds can make him fine mausoleums; that you love him like real brothers and that he has already bound himself in honor to pledge—and that if he doesn't he will regret it all his life; and, besides, you will punch his head if he doesn't put on the colors. That's rushing for you.

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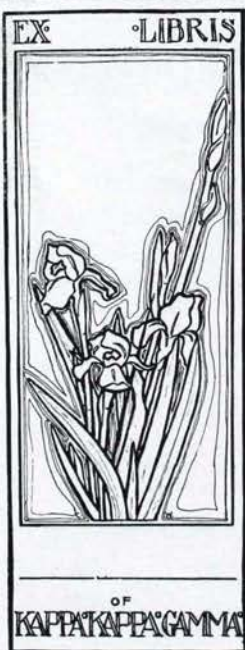
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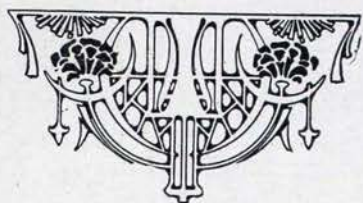
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