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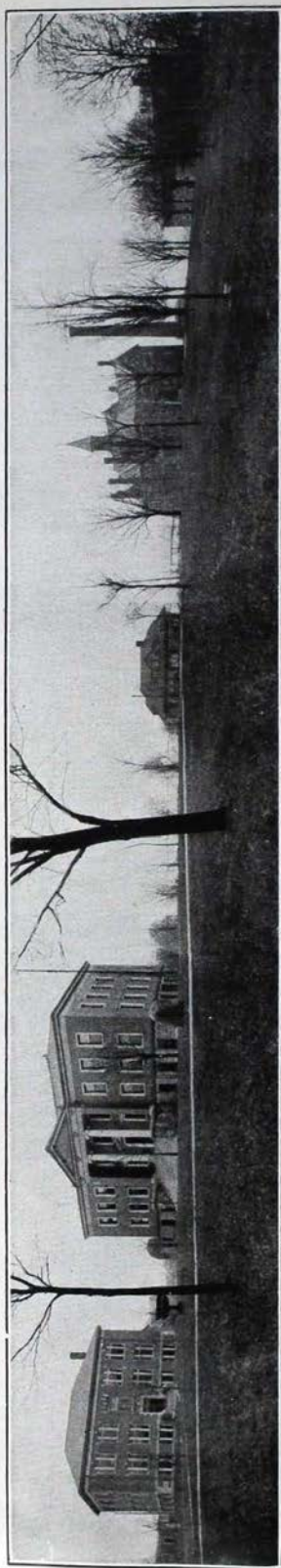
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THE MUNICIPAL UNIVERSITY OF AKRON

BY PARKE REXFORD KOLBE, *President*

Buchtel College was chartered at Akron, Ohio, on May thirty-first, 1870. The original idea of a college for Akron was born in the brain of John R. Buchtel, for many years a prominent citizen of that community. Mr. Buchtel, with the help of the Ohio Universalist Convention, realized his ideal in a comparatively short time and Buchtel received her first class in September, 1872. For many years a denominational institution, she drew students by the strength of this bond from all parts of Ohio and surrounding states. Gradually, however, with the ever increasing size of Akron itself, a largely local constituency was built up and the number of "town students" represent a constantly growing percentage of the total student body. Meanwhile, the ties which bound the college to the denomination had gradually been loosened. It seemed unreasonable to expect that any church could or would support a college whose constituency was drawn entirely from other denominations.

With this condition before them the trustees of Buchtel College turned to the city of Akron and proffered to it the entire equipment and funds of the institution as a nucleus for a municipal university. The idea was by no means a new one; for years municipally conducted higher education had flourished in England and Germany. The Municipal University of Louisville in our own country has existed for nearly eighty years. Above all others, however, the University of Cincinnati pointed out the path toward growth and usefulness for a municipal institution. The city of Akron manifested great interest in the opportunity presented to it. The farseeing beheld visions of a great city university which could co-operate with all municipal activities, and train the young men and women of Akron so that they might be enabled to enter, fully equipped, into the important positions and duties which the growing city offers. On August twenty-fifth, 1913, the Akron City Council passed an ordinance accepting the offer of the Buchtel trustees and assuring the new municipal

university of Akron. The trustees, in their offer, had stipulated that in return for the gift of property and endowment, the city should be perpetually bound to administer the terms of the various funds which had previously been given to the college and should in all respects assume the obligations which Buchtel College had undertaken. Acting under the laws of the State of Ohio, the Council furthermore levied a tax of five-tenths of a mill on the city tax duplicate for the support of the new institution. By this means the income which Buchtel College had formerly enjoyed was trebled and an immense field for extended usefulness laid open before her. On December fifteenth, 1913, the Mayor and City Solicitor of Akron formally accepted the deed of transfer and the new board consisting of nine of Akron's leading citizens, six of whom are alumni of Buchtel College, was appointed.

The Municipal University of Akron is among the first of pioneers in a hitherto largely unopened territory. The head of our Bureau of Education has prophesied that the new type of municipal colleges and universities will, ere long, rival in number and importance even the great state universities. The keynote of success for this new style of institution lies in practical and hearty co-operation with all the interests of the city. The University of Akron has already undertaken the entire work of chemical, biological and physical testing for various city departments. The beginning of a new course in co-operative engineering is planned for the fall of 1914 by means of which Akron boys will combine engineering theory and actual experience in Akron's shops and factories in regularly alternating two week periods. A course in household arts will be offered for women and at the same time the old Buchtel College of Liberal Arts will be maintained intact as a unit of the new Municipal University and its courses will be increased and strengthened. Plans for future years will doubtless include courses in municipal government and in municipal sanitation, engineering, etc. It is hoped that by the co-operative method, students may be brought into actual contact with the life and work of the city in which they live. The possibilities for development are endless. New life is coursing through the veins of the institution and the Municipal University of Akron promises soon to take her stand among the leading institutions of the country.

CHICAGO COLLEGIATE BUREAU OF OCCUPATIONSBY HELEN M. BENNETT, *Manager*

For the ambitious girl with a college degree in one hand and a diploma in the other, trouble has just begun.

She may think the sailing very smooth and beautiful before her, but she does not realize that the little journeys she has made in the bay and among the blessed little island of her college and home domains are but poor prognostications of what she may expect when her little bark gets out into strange waters, and waves roll high, and she must sail an uncharted sea. For the world is not always kind to the college bred man or woman and the old attitude of the fast passing west to the effect that if a college man kept quiet about his degree his neighbors might come to overlook it, is not so far-fetched as it may sound.

Until the last few years there has been but little that the college girl could do with dignity except teach. That profession was admittedly her own. And having struggled, as she did for the mere right to acquire a higher education, woman was willing for a time at least to confine herself—un-Edenlike—to certain specified fruits and not to push her desire of a varied occupation into troublesome fields. But, gradually as a college education for women came to be an accepted fact—no more outré or questionable than the same education for men, women began to question a little.

"Must I teach?" asked the girl graduate. "Am I not allowed to do anything else, or am I not prepared for anything else?"

Public opinion and public experience in its customary anomalous way answered yes and no to both questions. But the discussion was started and a new battle begun. Today the outcome of that but recently precipitated proposition rests entirely in the hands of the colleges, the college students and the graduates. If women can make good in other professions than that of teaching, these professions will be opened to them without reserve; for the demand today, even above the matter of sex-privilege or chivalry, is for efficiency. The work of the world, and its growing multitudinous needs call for efficient service and the person who can perform this service is to be the person to whom the work will come. This person may be man—may be woman; may be college bred, may be self-educated. Into this struggle, the college bred

woman must throw herself with all vim, for she must contest with the other sex and with a great army of people admirably trained in the school of need. One of the gravest and most serious criticisms made today upon the work of college women is that it often fails at a critical point, because the girl does not have to work. It takes character to carry on work successfully to a point of real achievement when there is no financial pressure behind it.

Because of these various conditions which I have tried briefly, rather to indicate than to describe, various bureaus of occupations have been formed throughout the country for the purpose of putting college women and other trained women into occupations other than teaching. Such bureaus are now in operation in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and in Chicago, where the Chicago Collegiate Bureau of Occupations which opened its doors the twelfth of last April is trying to deal with the question of trained women and occupations as it presents itself especially in the middle west.

All of these bureaus have substantially the same ends in mind: to investigate new occupations for women; to put the employer and the employee in touch with each other; and to give vocational advice both to undergraduates and to the girls who have finished their college work but have not yet found themselves vocationally. Thus these bureaus have a threefold function—educational, vocational, and commercial—for in the last analysis the employment part of it must resolve itself into the actual work of an employment agency. This last feature, however, while it may seem to the individual girl who wants work the most important of all, is really less so than it appears; for given the woman who knows what she wants to do—add to that a sufficient training and experience and it is not so hard to find the position. At the same time it must be recognized that the employment feature is an important and necessary one. For all the work is highly specialized today, and time must be saved by the employer at every turn. If he wants a highly specialized woman for a line of work, it may be a matter of months to find her through his own efforts or even through those of his friends, while with the aid of such bureaus as these, he should be put in touch within a very short time with the candidate who has just the quali-

fications which he needs. These bureaus should be in fact, to the woman who does not want to teach, what the teachers' agencies are to the woman who wants to teach.

The Chicago bureau does not of course place women in teaching positions but it does place them in all others with the exception of social service. That work is handled in the city of Chicago through the Chicago School of Civics and Philanthropy. But all other branches of work are asked for from this bureau and are offered to it—both employers and employees bringing their varied needs to this young clearing house. One of the commonest occurrences is to find in the morning's mail from one to three letters, each beginning, "I am that eternal misfit—the girl who does not want to teach but has been crowded into it because she does not know what else to do. Can you do anything for me?"

Often the bureau is able to meet this request for help with a definite offer of some kind—more often it is able to suggest to the girl some way in which she may work herself out of the profession in which she is now unwillingly engaged into something where her talents will be better employed and which eventually will prove to be as profitable financially as the teaching.

The bureau provides for a registration fee of one dollar which registers the candidate for one year, and entitles her to the services of the bureau for that length of time, regardless of the fact of her changing her occupation several times within that specified time. It also charges a three per cent commission for the first year's salary of all applicants placed; or a six per cent commission if the position is for less than one month. If it is for more than one month and less than a year, three per cent is charged upon the length of time which the candidate spends in the position.

Advice as to occupations, necessary training for them, the fitness of the individual and the opportunities offered, is gladly given both to graduates and undergraduates, and there is no fee connected with the interviews. Many girls who are not college graduates are registered with the bureau, though the report for the first six months of its existence shows that of 220 girls registered 162 were college graduates, 36 had had some college training, and only 22 had had none. Among the various kinds of

work for which employers applied to this bureau are the following:

DIFFERENT OCCUPATIONS LISTED

Canvasser	Assistant Housekeeper	Historical Clerk
Filing Clerk	Teacher Textiles	Clerical Worker
Secretary	Companion	Dictograph Operator
Solicitor	Cashier	Manager Tea Room
Office Assistant	Teacher Stenography	Social Worker
Stenographer	Translator	Proof-reader
Bookkeeper	Interpreter	Musician
Invoice Clerk	Reporter	Tutor
Designer	Typist	Dietitian
Artist	Governess	Editorial Assistant
Reader	Director of Hall	Executive
Matron	Law Stenographer	Chaperone
Housekeeper	Librarian	Shopper
Publishing House Assistant	Teacher	Experimental Cooking

UNIVERSITY EXTENSION IN MINNESOTA

BY ELIZABETH ATWOOD

One of the most encouraging features today of our great educational plants is that they, like modern well-organized industrial establishments, aim at the greatest possible efficiency. Their business and their ideal is the education of *all* the people of the commonwealth and they no longer wait with aristocratic aloofness to have the few seek their portals, but offer their wares at night as well as by day, by correspondence as well as in person, in summer as well as in the time-honored nine months, in short sessions, in institutes, by lecture courses, by exhibition and demonstration trains. Traditions are ignored. The university is democratized.

The University of Minnesota, one of the largest and most munificently endowed in the country, is, under the brilliant and forceful leadership of its president, Geo. E. Vincent, developing its extension work so rapidly as well nigh to engulf its present office force.

Its extension work in the past has been in common with that of most universities, chiefly along agricultural lines. Not content

with an agricultural school and college and experiment station at St. Anthony in close proximity to the university proper, it has other state schools of agriculture at Crookston and Morris and various experimental farms. Farmers' short courses are offered each winter at all these schools for men and women and junior short courses each spring. Farmers' institutes are held wherever there is a desire for them. An exhibit train last summer reached thousands of people and created great enthusiasm. There are a number of agricultural high schools scattered through the state, supported by state aid in part, and co-operating with the agricultural college. But the story of agricultural extension is a chapter apart, as it is not under the immediate supervision of the general university extension director.

Other forms of extension work offered are evening courses, a correspondence department, a department of lectures and "university week." The evening class work is given in the Twin Cities and in Duluth. The semester just closed saw six hundred and fifty students enrolled. It has recently been very materially enlarged by the organization of six well attended courses in the college of engineering. Popular business courses are offered in advertising and salesmanship, American railway transportation, business laws, civic and social service and many other business and vocational subjects as well as in regular academic ones.

The correspondence study courses are being enlarged and developed to better meet the needs of those taking them. Their aim is to give all possible encouragement and assistance to each aspiring individual.

Extension lectures, singly or in groups, are available wherever in the state there is a demand for them. Modern developments in science was a course given last winter. The lectures are illustrated by lantern slides, demonstrations, or experiments and give a fascinating insight into laboratory methods. Rural Life Problems, Current Public Questions, The Resources and Economic Problems of Minnesota—these are topics chosen at random from the extension lecture bulletin.

In close connection with this department and yet so distinct as to require separate mention are "university weeks" organized in June, 1912. They are somewhat Chautauquan in plan and yet so unique in conception as to require special description.

Cities that desired a week of university instruction and entertainment and felt equal to managing the local expenses,—all speakers gave their services—were invited to send in applications. Eighteen cities were selected and arranged in three circuits, the southern, middle and northern. With six towns on the circuit, the speakers must make their one or two addresses as the case might be and appear in the next town the next day to repeat their part of the program. It required unusual executive ability on the part of the extension director, Samuel Quigley, to contend with daily jumps of from seventy to ninety or more miles in the northern circuit, arrange time schedules, select capable university students as local managers, arouse local enthusiasm, advertise judiciously, in short to launch successfully this new venture. It speaks well for President Vincent, who conceived the plan, for the management who worked out details and for the participants, that these "university weeks" were so successful that it was planned to enter thirty-six towns the same way the following summer. The day sessions were free to all; season and single tickets were sold for the evening entertainments. The subjects presented were so grouped as to offer the following program: Business Men's Day, Art and Literature Day, Farmers' Day, Town and Country Day, Public Health Day, and Home Welfare Day. Two of the most popular entertainments were given by the university students, the "Merchant of Venice" by the dramatic club, and a concert by the glee club. Dramatic readings proved popular and lightened the programs, which might otherwise have been of too serious content. A trained nurse remained stationary in each town and gave short daily talks and demonstrations. The university itself supplied the greater number of lecturers, but co-operating with them were speakers from the various state departments—the board of health, art society, public instruction, normal schools, library commission and the federated women's clubs. It got to be something of a joke the way the club women speakers were dined and fêted by women's clubs, which only goes to show the loyalty and kinship these sister bonds or sororities engender.

One delightful feature of "university weeks" was the maintenance of out-of-town boys' camps. These were very popular with the boys, affording them a much needed social time, where

games and athletics could be enjoyed; and at the same time there was a definite regular program each day.

The purposes of the "university weeks," to quote from the program were:

1. To emphasize the fact that town and country are one community.
2. To stimulate all the interests and activities of this community.
3. To promote a better understanding between the body of citizens and the men and women who are trying to serve them.
4. To leave in each community influences which will have progressive and permanent effects. That this unique form of university extension met with general favor and that its service and value were felt is evidenced by its continuance with a doubled circuit next summer.

Other projects which are quite dear to President Vincent, I have been told, are the organization of debating clubs and dramatic groups in the rural communities and small towns and villages. Tentative plans for these departments have been outlined. The idea seems to be, to quote from a recent letter of Mr. Samuel Quigley's to me, that "such work would be fruitful of developing the power of self entertainment, and probably through this the capacity of appreciation. Thus, you see, we should be advancing toward the solution of the real rural problem, which is spiritual rather than economic."

University extension carries the university to unorganized groups of people never reached before and gives a "local habitation and a name" to what had been a "fairy nothing". It makes the university the converging point for the educational and cultural currents of the state. It breaks down class distinctions and welds into a common social consciousness. The stigma that colleges are for rich men's sons can hardly survive with these departments reaching out to the remotest district school and hamlet and inspiring and aiding all to know, to think, to live.

THE LEGEND OF THE FOUR LEAF CLOVER

(Being the vision of an active Kappa as to what it all may mean in years to come.)

PHYLLIS BURROUGH, Omega

Alone one evening I sat and turned the pages of an old memory book; one such as all we Kappas of Omega chapter were then wont to keep, and in which from time to time we wrote down and recorded both the serious and the frivolous happenings of our college days, or filled with all those countless mementoes of the gay occasions when we were entertained by the youths of that period. Quaint and fantastic favors, fashioned in all conceivable shapes, were there; dance programs of rich leather, stamped in gold; the charred remnants of once lighted joss-sticks; and odds and trifles almost without end, whose value then to have explained would have sorely taxed both rhyme and reason. In the dim light of the old fire-place were reflected, one after another, the scenes and happenings of what to me shall ever seem the dearest period of my life, and every page awakened memories, now gay, now sad, which I had thought until that moment were forever laid away within the past. I had completed my perusal of its notes and entries; had handled the last treasure of the queer assortment; smiled many times, and I must too admit, had wept a little, saddened by the constantly recurring thought that after all those old days were the best, when from between the pages fell a tiny four leaf clover plucked from the campus in Commencement time. And as I sat there musing on that day, with only the fast fading fire-log and my memory for companions, I must have slept, and sleeping dreamed the legend that the clover told to me.

"I am your four leafed clover, and each of my leaves is a year of your glad life at college as a Kappa. I have been waiting a long, long while to tell you of it, but you were far too busy in these later days to ever unclasp the old memory book and permit me to come out. Perhaps it seems a little strange, but then you must remember that not every clover which you might have pulled so wantonly from its green bed upon the campus that June day would have possessed four leaves; nor every girl with whom you chatted that morning as you marched in line toward the gymnasium been a Kappa. And as I am rare and only to be

had when now and then I choose to be discovered, so is your Kappa key and all it symbolizes a pearl of greatest price, and one not granted merely for the asking.

"This first leaf (there! do not touch it! you forget that time has flown) is your first year at college. The newness and the splendor of it all; the change of scene, associates and habits, and the birth of new ideas that fairly filled your little head to bursting; and all the mad wild joy, the flutterings and heart throbs, when you knew for that first time that the Kappas had chosen you to share with them their life. When Sigma in Delta first was pinned upon your breast, did not indeed the whole world seem too full of joy? Then came, as weeks sped by, the faint awakening to what this thing called Kappa well might be, and with a vague surmise you drew unto your soul a picture of the beauties hidden there. Do you recall how they who were within kept from you carefully their every secret, yet led you on until that night of nights when you were made a Kappa, and all the glorious radiance of her truth and ideality was shed upon you; the sweetness of it all, and not the least by any means the tiny key that nestled next your heart, forever warming there a spot for every sister.

"This second leaf, your sophomore year, of course recalls the glad return after the long summer's absence; the fond renewal of those friendships and associations grown dearer through the months of parting. This was the gayest season of them all, and, I sometimes fear, the far most selfish too. But it is past and gone, and if you could I know you would not change one golden day to less of sunshine and abandon, for other years soon brought their tinge of sadness, and thought new wakened in your heart glimpsed a far deeper meaning in the world about you.

"As sometimes in the midst of gayety we hear the low insistent voice of Duty bidding us to cease in part our merriment and turn to nobler things, so in this coming year, your junior one, you paused amid the whirl of college life and gave to Kappa all that was your best in love, in labor, and in true devotion. Her teachings wove themselves into your daily life and spun a thread of gold through all your actions. Nor were you the less gay or glad, but only truer to yourself and those about you.

"And now we come to that last year, and as we pass it by let us recall the sacred sweetness of that time; the heightened charm

which all things beautiful and good held for you; and how that Kappa more than ever seemed a living breathing entity, a spirit touching all things with her mystic wand, and bidding them be pure; the strengthened bond of sisterhood, and with it that unselfishness which creates love of all mankind, and high regard for humble toil and effort. The last dear days; the partings and farewells, with promises to meet again, and tears held bravely back until the end; and over all the glimmer of a golden key shedding its radiance unto all the earth, and full of promise of the days to be."

1914 CONVENTION

BY KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

"If Colorado is the playground of America as Ex-President Roosevelt has said, then Estes Park is the playground of playgrounds. For here,—seventy miles from Denver, at the foot of grim, scarred Long's Peak,—nature has set her Garden of Eden, a lovely natural park without peer or rival, ramparted with a wall of rugged mountains that encircle it like a gigantic crooked arm flung out from the main range of the Rockies, the Continental Divide."

Such are the flowery words of the optimist who wrote the railroad booklet about Estes Park; but for once this litterateur is outdone at his own game, for descriptions of this "playground of playgrounds" written by Kappas who have been there and who are press agents for the Convention in August, 1914, are more alluring than his.

I rode on a Fifth Avenue 'bus the other day from Ninety-sixth Street to Washington Square, and for once I paid no attention to the shop windows or the fashion parade, because I listened with all interest to the conversation of two women in the seat behind mine. One always does, on the 'bus. One of them was a foreigner who had just returned from a trans-continental automobile trip. She commented most entertainingly on the country from New York to California; but when her companion asked what part of the United States she was most enthusiastic about, she unhesitatingly replied, "Colorado!"

And so, hesitating Kappas, who have not yet decided whether

you will go to Convention, remember what the foreign lady on the 'bus said, and then listen to the call of Convention.

Estelle Kyle, Marshal of Convention at Beta Mu Chapter, Boulder, Colorado, sends this:

CONVENTION NOTICE

Beta Mu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma extends to the Grand Council, to the Officers of the Fraternity, to the Active Chapters and Alumnae Associations—to every Kappa in the land and to the Kappa mothers—a most cordial invitation to the Twenty-Second Annual Convention of the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity, which is to be held at the Hotel Stanley, Estes Park, Colorado, August 25 to September 1, 1914.

You will wonder, no doubt, why we have changed the plans of Convention and have arranged to meet in Estes Park instead of Boulder, where Beta Mu resides. This is the reason:—a wonderful opportunity has been offered by the management of the Stanley Hotel to have the Kappas convene in one of the most beautiful mountain resorts in Colorado, and although we would like to entertain you at our home, we know you will have a better time as Estes because it is such a glorious place, in the very heart of the mountains, with every chance for all sorts of good times, and with excellent facilities in the Hotel for carrying out the business of the Fraternity and the social program.

The Hotel has tennis courts and golf links; there are horses to ride, mountains to invite long climbs and jaunts, and the air is bracingly cool—invigorating both for play and work. The Stanley usually closes the last week in August and sends its guests to the Manor—a smaller hotel run by the same management—but they are going to keep the Hotel open for the Kappas.

Can you imagine anything better—a large, finely equipped hotel to lodge and meet in and the mountains to play in? We are planning a Beta Mu vaudeville for one night, a “fancy dress ball,” picnic suppers and bonfires, stunt night, of course, and the banquet, and some other events that we will not disclose until the bulletin goes out. Miss Powell has promised that we won't have to have so many business meetings as at previous conventions so we can become well acquainted in an informal social way. Miss Powell is enthusiastic about Estes Park and we are too, and we hope you will be.

If you wanted to come to Convention before—imagine to yourself a week in the mountains of Colorado, with a rushing mountain stream, the Big Thompson, at your feet, and the snowy peaks above your head, pine and spruce trees and wild flowers about you, and you will want to come even more than ever. Do come—bring lots of Kappa spirit and we'll promise you won't be disappointed in the Convention. We would like to have this the largest Convention Kappa Kappa Gamma has ever had. Won't you help us make it a grand success?

The Hotel is so large and Estes Park offers so many attractions, that Kappa mothers and sisters who wish to take advantage of the very unusual rates, may join the party and find so much of interest there that they will not feel the least bit "left out", just because they can't go to Convention. We shall all meet in Denver, and leave there together for Estes Park. We shall go first by train a short distance and then by automobiles through a wonderful cañon up to the Hotel Stanley. When we come back, Miss Kyle says, we shall come by another route, as the scenery is wonderful and very different.

The Convention program concludes this February announcement. But in the May number you will see some pictures of this wonderful place and of the Colorado girls who are waiting for us. *Then*, if you still maintain that you will not go, why, send your address on a post card to Miss Kyle, 135 Grant Street, Denver, Colorado, and she will send you a booklet that will convert you.

Tuesday evening, Informal reception; Credentials.

Wednesday a. m., Session; Wednesday p. m., Committees; Wednesday evening, Beta Mu's Vaudeville.

Thursday a. m., Session; Thursday p. m., Session; Thursday evening, fancy dress ball and cotillion.

Friday a. m., Session; Friday p. m. Session; Friday evening, Mountain climb and camp fire.

Saturday a. m., Alumnae Session; Saturday p. m., Denver Alumnae Association entertainment; Saturday evening, Stunts.

Sunday a. m., Convention Service; Sunday evening, Camp fire supper.

Monday a. m., Session; Monday p. m., Session if necessary; Monday evening, Banquet.

PARTHENON

*The New
Dances*

What shall we do in the face of a new and strange situation! Fraternity women are a fun loving and happy crowd, but how ill they handle the new craze that is sweeping the country! "The new dances once more." Are they going to take the high school attitude toward this "new thing" in the midst of our social gatherings, or are they going to demonstrate the fact that they have passed that unthinking age that is prone to identify conservatism and personal dignity with prudishness and a tendency to be on the sober side. Is not the ability to govern oneself shown most plainly in just such occasions as this in which we now find ourselves. In the face of so many instances of approval on the part of genteel folk, are we not apt to coax ourselves into the acceptance of something that goes against our better selves? Let us not be ashamed to stand up for what we think is consistent with our best development and be fearless in maintaining the only attitude that we can take, as refined, dignified and serious minded students. Let us not be untiring in our efforts to bring home to each the value of conservatism in such matters and let our parties thereby reflect the refinement and modesty of our better natures. In the many schools where dancing is allowed let us show our appreciation of the privilege by not abusing it, rather let us manifest our ability to enjoy the social side of college life, in this matter, by demonstrating to our faculty and presidents that we are dignified and modest young persons. Let there not be occasion for a faculty ruling against dancing because any person cannot see the proper side of such a question. In the interests of self betterment I make a plea for greater dignity, modesty and poise at our dancing parties.

DOROTHY KAUTZ, *Mu*.

*Through
Men's Eyes*

The Dean of Men at the University of Illinois gave a very informal, profitable talk to the girls of our university at a recent convocation. His theme was "Women As Men See Them". Strangely enough, we all seemed interested in what he had to say. He stressed merely three divisions of his theme. First, girls are only their best when they are themselves, and no sham of manner, dress or action is going to add to their attractiveness. Although it is a horrible fact to

face, he nearly convinced us that men are particularly apt at detecting shams and criticize women accordingly. He told us men of all classes admire sincerity and dignity which comes from real worth. This idea lead up to his second point, that dignity is one of the effectual protections that women possess. He modernized for us the old idea that familiarity breeds contempt. Even more than that, he made us realize that it is by means of these familiarities, that are engendered so easily, that false and perverted social standards prevail in our relations with men. Lastly he spoke of the dangers of popularity. "Beware of freshman popularity" was the watchword he would send to every freshman in a large co-educational school. It takes time to make worth-while friends.

IRENE LIGGETT, *Beta Lambda*.

Our Yesterday we were freshmen. The college was
Yesterdays our Great World and our chapter was the Fraternity. To us Kappa Kappa Gamma meant ideals attained and dreams realized. Many of us thought with the wearing of a key our faults would be corrected and our short-comings would vanish. Yes, to us of yesterday the older girls were persons of an ideal world, people who were so far above us that only by faith could we ever commune with them in their faultless atmosphere. Our yesterdays were days of ideals, not a place for realities.

But some time yesterday we were initiated, one of the happiest days of our lives. Then began life in a fraternity, in that ideal chapter of our yesterdays. Were we disappointed? No, but soon we realized that the girls were just ordinary girls with good and bad qualities; that many of our faults still clung to us; that instead of its being an ideal world, this fraternity life was decidedly realistic, just as full of sorrows, disappointments, and misunderstandings as had been our days-before-yesterday.

Yet to all of us today is better than yesterday, possibly not in a large measure, but in some small way. In spite of the little unpleasant occurrences which arise, today we know the worth of friendships which we did not know yesterday, the counsel of older girls. Then, too, by the perseverance which every Kappa should have we have corrected some of our faults; we have learned many valuable lessons; we are less selfish; we realize that

our opinions count, but only as a part of the whole; we have also learned that the good, not only of our own chapter, but of the many chapters which make up our great fraternity must be considered. Our ideas of yesterday have been altered, the ideal state which we of yesterday pictured, exists now only as each one makes it.

But what is it that makes it possible for us to reconcile those conceptions of yesterday with these of today? The disparity is great, but love is greater and it is this thing, Love, that makes it possible for us to live in unity, for us to have a chapter which will in a measure attain our ideals of yesterday, our efforts of today, and our hopes of tomorrow. "These three, but the greatest of these is Love". Our yesterdays? Yes, but better our todays and our tomorrows.

GUIDA MARIE HUDSON, *Epsilon*.

*Not Sophomore
Pledge, But
Sophomore Initiation*

Sophomore pledge has been a splendid theory, but the actual working out of the plan has not been very satisfactory. In order to give every sorority a chance in this second-year pledging, Pan-Hellenic councils are forced to bind organizations to so many rules, that freshmen scarcely learn to know the older fraternity women. In many places sororities, and fraternities as well, are using the plan of not initiating their pledges until each one has passed his required work for the first term (or semester). This has proven to be a decided success.

As a rule, initiation comes too soon. After freshmen have put on colors, they are excited over initiation, and before they are aware, several weeks have passed without much studying being done. Often credits are lost, or poor grades received. It is not necessary to keep a freshman from the joys of fraternity life for a year just to find out more about her personality and scholarship. Careful fraternity women will not pledge a girl unless she is well recommended. It is wise, however, to give the girl a chance to prove herself worthy of the honor conferred upon her, by standing the test of a year's pledging.

By means of sophomore initiation, freshmen are given an incentive to study. They realize early that they must work to gain the distinction of wearing a fraternity emblem. Scholarship

will be the first thing they will strive to attain. Any girl working with this aim is sure to be a credit to herself and her friends. Such a purpose will eliminate an over-amount of frivolity. Girls assume responsibilities readily. When they understand how much depends upon their own efforts, they begin to think for themselves. They will realize the necessity of good scholarship the first year.

But scholarship is not the only thing to be considered. It is the guidance and help of the older girls in a fraternity that means so much to the freshman. Through the counsel of the upperclassmen, paths are smoothed for the younger girls. Freshmen need advice and help but, most of all, they need encouragement. Coming to college is usually the first time a girl has left home, so the problems she must meet seem especially hard. Only a few words of encouragement are necessary, to make a freshman feel that college is really "worth while". Sophomore pledge keeps the new and old girls from becoming very well acquainted, and this great factor is lost.

But best of all sophomore initiation will bring many back to college who might otherwise stay for only one year. In this way, a freshman receives many of the benefits of fraternity life, and returns the next year, to her own good, and that of the fraternity.

EDITH FITZPATRICK, *Delta*.

*Sophomore Pledging
at the University
of Texas*

The abolition of fraternities has been a question much discussed and seriously considered in several colleges rather recently. This problem had to be met last year at the University of Texas. Perhaps some of the readers of THE KEY may remember a brief discussion of the fight here, which was given in one of Beta Xi's chapter letters last year. The matter was finally left in the hands of the faculty, and their decision was that we (the fraternities) should have sophomore pledging, and that we would be partially under faculty guidance, a set of rules being drawn up by them for this purpose.

Thus it was that the fraternities came back to the university this year to face a new situation—came back with a good co-operative spirit, and frankly interested in the matter. How strange those first few days at school did seem—no rushing parties, no freshmen sending your heart "now up, now down like

a boket in a well," no air of intense excitement filling the house. It scarcely seemed as if we were awake.

Gradually, however, we became accustomed to this new atmosphere, and now it is those past days which seem almost like a dream. Thus far the new plan has worked very well. Of course, many situations have arisen, and have had to be met, but this has been done agreeably, because of the sympathetic relations of the faculty and the fraternities. We have felt hampered sometimes by the various rules which not only the faculty but the Pan-Hellenic, too, has made. For instance, no freshmen were allowed to come to the house at all until after Christmas, and those new students who had advanced standing were only allowed to come once a month; rushing is defined by Pan-Hellenic as "expenditure of money," and we are not allowed to pay even a freshman's carfare. No doubt some of these rules will strike our readers—as indeed they have struck us sometimes—as stringent and extreme. Perhaps they are, but they were certainly a sincere endeavor, and we can only make better ones by the better knowledge which comes from testing and experimenting.

The freshmen really ought to have a place in this article too. Many of them had heard much about the glory of the university, the excitement of rushing, and sundry tales that are connected with that interesting time had been poured into their ears. Therefore their reception at this very university must have seemed to them extremely calm, and mild. The number of *very* lonely freshmen was certainly large, and I suspect that there were more homesick tears shed this year than ever before.

When we came back after Christmas, excitement waxed high again. Those new students having advanced standing and having made four courses were eligible for a bid. The bids (which were written) had to go through the hands of a Pan-Hellenic committee, and were all sent out at the same time. Half past five on the evening of January the third saw the first pledges of the year being fêted and rejoiced over in the different fraternity houses.

There is one important difference in the rules this term. Freshmen may be allowed at the house once a month. Those who have made four courses in both the fall and winter term will be eligible for a bid in May.

The greater part of the year still lies before us. What the

final consequences will be we cannot say. There are some voices which cry out against the strain of such a long rushing season; there are other voices which say this is a much truer way of knowing and judging a girl than an open season of a few days. Because sophomore pledging has become a subject of interest to fraternities, Beta Xi has felt that this brief résumé of the way in which we have met the situation might be interesting to other chapters.

EMMA LEE, *Beta Xi*.

*Relation Be-
tween Girls of Dif-
ferent Fraternities*

So much has been said about the relationship between fraternity girls and non-fraternity girls, that I think it would not be out of place to speak about the relationship between girls of different fraternities. Too often, while we are striving most earnestly for the ideal of Kappa sisterhood, we are inclined to knock our rivals. I wonder sometimes when we are criticizing others, how much our judgment would be changed if we should stop and ask ourselves:—"Just what would we think of that girl if she were a Kappa?" If we could only adopt a tolerant and kind attitude in discussing our acquaintances, how much we should help fraternities as a whole, help Kappa and help ourselves.

In the general agitation that we are now having against fraternities as a menace to our colleges and even the democracy of our nation, a sincere unity among the fraternities would help wonderfully in presenting the other side of the situation. First and foremost, we need harmony in rush. If I were writing a set of rules to govern this phase of fraternity life, instead of regular prescriptions I should write them like this:

Be fair; trust your rival to have as keen a sense of honor as you have.

Don't knock a rival; if you cannot win a girl without that, then lose her.

If you do lose a girl, admit it, and further, wish her happiness among her chosen friends.

In schools where there is a sophomore pledge, as here at De Pauw, it is indeed hard to be consistent and fair at all times, because the natural antagonism of the rushing season is only pro-

long and sharpened. As college women, however, we should be able to rise above this state of affairs.

I believe that the solution of this problem of fraternities lies within the fraternities themselves. If fraternities are willing to subordinate individual good to the good of the college, the present deluge of newspaper and magazine articles against Greek-letter societies would die away and fraternities would be regarded and recognized, not as a necessary evil, but as a necessary good.

A friendly intercourse between sororities would undoubtedly help Kappa. Of course it is an easy matter to become so satisfied with your friends in Kappa that to seek others outside this circle seems unnecessary. But to invite these girls to the chapter house occasionally, to make an effort to mingle with them between classes and at chapel time, will undoubtedly further Kappa's interests and make her stand for the broad and true in friendship.

It would help you too, Kappa sister, to come nearer to the fulfillment of your ideals of womanhood, if you would stop and think how this applies to you. Did you ever think how much you will have to broaden your friendships when you are out of school? Many of us will live in places where there are no Kappas but where there may be Thetas, Alpha Phis, Tri Delts or many others. If you have met sorority sisters of these girls, you will be able to meet them as friends. Further, your friendship will be richer, because you have laid aside prejudices and are constantly seeking the best in everybody. Always remember that one line of Kappa's Old Sweet Song which says:

"Kappa's love will give us greater love for all".

LILLIAN NEAL, *Iota*.

NOTICE

Will some kind hearted Kappa who has a copy of THE KEY for September, 1906, please send it to Chi? We cannot have our KEYS bound until we get this one copy which we lack.

EDITORIAL

At the risk of resembling a football team explaining why it lost the game, the Editor must offer to subscribers apologies and explanations for the lateness of the December issue. It was unduly delayed, in the first place, by postponing the October number, to include an account of the Pan-Hellenic Congress. Then when the final proof of the December KEY was in the printer's hands and its publication daily expected, word came of a change in Convention arrangements, and the Editor telegraphed the printer to omit the misleading Convention prospectus.

As an unforeseen result the December number was so late that it might almost compete with next December's early-rising issues of the popular magazines.

The next Convention will be an important one in our history. Socially, it will be one of the unusual conventions, with the big possibilities for enjoyment offered by the Colorado mountains, and the unique feature of invitations to the families and friends of Kappas. Legislatively it will probably be marked by some important and progressive changes. The question of life subscriptions will be acted upon. Pan-Hellenic coöperation will be much under discussion. A proposed change in administration that will give us another Grand Officer whose province will be alumnae associations is given in detail in the Alumnae Department of this KEY. It should be read carefully and discussed by the chapters, as the vote on this matter will be their responsibility.

This change is not so radical as it seems; for it is necessitated by the growth and spread of the Fraternity and is a significant indication of our progress and the general desire for unification. Every chapter should give thoughtful discussion to the new legislation proposed in the Convention letter, so that the vote of the delegates may be representative and intelligent.

There is always cause for rejoicing when the colleges where we have sisters open wider opportunities for women. Buchtel College, by becoming a municipal university, has increased its endowment and its possibilities. The University of Pennsylvania, one of the most conservative of eastern colleges in its attitude toward women, is entering on a new era, marked by increased

courses and enlarged accommodations for women students, and Beta Alpha is already feeling the impetus of greater social responsibility. At Cornell, co-education was one of the strongest theoretical planks in the platform of the founders, and women have always had equal educational opportunities with men; but the proportion of men has been much greater than that of women owing mainly to the large enrollment of men in professional and engineering courses. Within the past year the introduction of excellent domestic science courses, and the building of another very beautiful dormitory for women have already increased the number of women in attendance, and the alumnae of Cornell have under special consideration the recommendation of further vocational courses for women.

Hand in hand with the feminist movement in the larger world goes the vocational movement in the woman's world of our colleges. The article by Miss Bennett in this number shows how graduate women in Chicago are coöperating to open wider doors for self-supporting college women. A similar article on the work of the New York Bureau was recently published in *THE KEY*.

This article of Miss Bennett's is one of the fruits of the Editor's conference at the National Pan-Hellenic Congress last October. It was arranged at that meeting that articles of common interest to all fraternity women should be made available for all the fraternity journals. Other articles that have appeared simultaneously in several magazines, because of this arrangement, are, "The Spirit of the Pan-Hellenic Congress," by Miss Fitch, editor of the *Trident*, in the October *KEY*; "The Suspension of Fraternities at Barnard" by the editor of *THE KEY* in the December *KEY* and "Times Have Changed," in the Alumnae Department of this number.

For the article on University Extension in Minnesota we are indebted to a Kappa mother, Mrs. Atwood, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, who accompanied the party on the Extension Weeks' tour in 1912 and lectured on civic subjects.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

PHI, BOSTON UNIVERSITY

So many exciting things have happened since our last KEY letter, it is a problem to know what to tell first. But to be very methodical, I suppose I ought to start where I left off last time. So to continue: we made our second appearance before the freshmen by a party given November tenth at the home of Genevieve Huntington. After delightful "eats" which our alumnae prepared for us, we gathered in front of the "stage" to witness thrilling vaudeville stunts. Every celebrity was there from a most frightful Humpty Dumpty to Mrs. Pankhurst and Caruso! Evidently we did not quite lose our good reputation with our guests, for the next week we were well rewarded. Pledge day brought us acceptances to the six bids we sent out.

Initiation was held December thirteenth at the home of Mrs. Eva P. Boyd. Phi gladly introduces her new Kappas: Rae Carpenter, Elsie Connor, Pauline Dorion, Western Reserve, '16, Katherine Dodge, Emily Glidden, and Doris Olds, '17. Priscilla Fairfield and Olive Hirst, '17, are pledged. We are very proud of our new sisters, and we can truly say that they are exceptionally fine girls. The initiation banquet was held at the Hotel Vendome. We were glad to see so many of our alumnae back, and several girls from other chapters were there also. Above all, we felt greatly honored in having Mrs. Jackson with us. Her talk was both interesting and helpful. Our freshmen sang new Kappa songs which they had composed for the occasion. They were extremely good, the music as well as the words being entirely original.

The Wednesday before vacation our seniors entertained the "Kappa men, declared or otherwise," from the Theological School. We had one of the best social times of the whole year. Many and glorious were the reports we heard of our fair western sisters! And they sang "My little Kappa lady" in approved Iota style—or was it Delta? There were so many chapters represented, I fear I have forgotten. The crowning event was a mock initiation into the mystic order of Boots and Shoes, our initiates performing with the usual grace and eloquence.

The last day before vacation our seniors gave us a splendid Christmas spread. We received everything in the line of presents from a dishdrainer for the rooms to a real little Kappa goat.

The Women's Graduate Club of the University has revived the old custom of holding a Christmas social the last day of school. This year one of our alumnae, Mrs. Eva Boyd, was chairman of the committee in charge, and it was said the success of the social was due in no small measure to her efforts.

Our alumnae association, which has long existed as a local, is now to be affiliated with the national association.

A little while ago we had a surprise call from Miss Powell and Miss Broadhurst. We were very glad to see them, but we regretted that they could not stay longer.

At the annual Gamma Delta banquet May Lowden, '14, gave the toast for the seniors.

Phi chapter announces with pleasure another marriage, Helen Mack, '12, to Morris Shepherd.

Elsie Putney, '14, was recently chosen the prettiest girl in Boston University.

Greetings to sister chapters and a hearty welcome to all new members.

GLADYS C. TIBBETTS.

BETA EPSILON, BARNARD COLLEGE

Beta Epsilon has had its usual number of good times this winter, although owing to the three years' abolition of fraternities, we have only five juniors and six seniors. We meet weekly and have jolly spreads every month. These keep us together pretty well, especially the spreads, as large numbers of the alumnae attend them. We are keeping an apartment. One of the Kappa alumnae lives there so it is very "homey".

We have had a chapter dance. The next thing is to arrange about going to winter camp the week-end following mid-year examinations. These winter and summer camping sprees are a great boon in a non-residence college such as Barnard. And as we have no pledging or active work at college, now, we are looking forward to the camping more than ever.

LOUISE WALKER.

BETA SIGMA, ADELPHI COLLEGE

We in Beta Sigma are having a most delightfully busy year. Wednesday night is a grateful oasis in all this hurried confusion, when we may lay aside our diversified interests, and enjoy our Kappa songs in the soft light of many candles.

On November twenty-seventh Irene McCullough was married to Dr. Edward Swift of Los Angeles.

December has been an especially crowded month, so much pleasure compassed in those short weeks. Early in the month we gave a tea to the faculty and their wives. On the fifteenth we had our first "rushing" tea. Everything was at its best, and while it was distinctly informal it was surely a great success. Our usual bowl of Killarnies stood on the tea-table, and each guest took six as she left. We made no especial plans for entertaining, except that we always sing our fraternity songs.

On the seventeenth, the faculty Christmas tree was given by the college. Gifts were given to each professor; clever hits upon his peculiarities. There was a short musicale preceding the tree, when Ella Dutcher sang several charming songs.

The day after Christmas the freshman-sophomore dance was held and Kappa was well represented.

Dorothea Brommer, '12, gave the annual Kappa Christmas party at her home in Richmond Hill.

The sophomore tea was held at college on the thirtieth, and was a great success. The study hall was massed with evergreens and palms against which the light dresses of the girls made a delightful contrast. There were three Kappas on the receiving line: Dorothy Zehner, Hester Flynn, and Jean Lucas. In the evening, there was a dance for the sophomores and their friends.

New Year's eve, Grace Corey, '13, gave a party to the active chapter, at her home. We played five hundred until midnight, then danced for an hour, when small tables were set for supper. As we rode sleepily home, everyone said it had been the loveliest party!

Now we are all hard at work, with mid-years coming on apace, but we wish all the other chapters a happy new year.

JEAN M. LUCAS.

PSI, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

November and December have been a lull after our strenuous six weeks' rushing season. On the fifth of November we had the pleasure of seeing Kappa pledge pins on six very fine pledges. They are now full-fledged Kappas and we hope they will all go to Convention so you can meet them.

We are very much interested in the progress of our new dormitory, Risley Hall. Although many of the girls are living there now, it is not nearly finished. It will be a splendid building when it is complete. They are sparing neither time,—especially *time*—nor money to make it in every way comfortable and attractive.

On the eighteenth of December we were surprised by a visit from one of our 1911 Kappas, Mrs. F. E. Yoakum, Jr., (Wilhelmine Wissmann). Although she visited with Kappas in town and so did not stay at the dormitory, we were very glad to see something of her anyhow.

MARGARET MERRISS.

BETA TAU, SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

On December fifth we held a very successful Christmas sale of fancy articles for the benefit of the chapter house.

Marie Wood was chosen for the sophomore women's speaking contest, and was selected for the second leading part in the play to be given by Boar's Head, the university dramatic society.

Ernestine Holyoke is going to attend the student volunteer convention, to be held at Kansas City during Christmas vacation.

We expect to hold our initiation on January thirtieth, and our banquet on the thirty-first.

After the Carlisle game we held an informal dance at the chapter house. Owing to the student government rules, our dance had to end at ten o'clock, so we began at half-past five with a buffet luncheon, and the last dance ended promptly at quarter of ten.

We have lately received visits from Muriel Arthur of Beta Zeta and Evelyn Church of Lambda. Also, during the teachers' convention held here at Syracuse this fall, we were glad to have several Beta Tau Kappas make the chapter house their headquarters.

There has been considerable agitation here about the new

dances. As yet no definite action has been taken by the administration, but several of the fraternities and dormitories have voluntarily given them up.

Syracuse is very proud of the fact that the team won the annual debate with Yale again this year.

JENNIE S. MCBURNEY.

BETA PSI, UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Christmas vacation brought to a close a very busy and happy fall term for Beta Psi. The various college entertainments have been very successful, especially the freshman reception at which the sophomores, as usual, contributed largely to our entertainment though not in a way calculated to please any freshman.

Intercollegiate basket ball has also proved very exciting. The series of games lasted until shortly before Christmas. The Victoria team was a close second to the champions. The decisive game, Victoria vs. St. Hildas, was played in the household science gymnasium amidst deafening cheers from the galleries. Victoria was in the lead one minute and a half before time was called, but the final score was 15-13 in favor of St. Hildas. Our hopes are now centered on hockey, which will begin with the coming term.

For some time we have been very busily engaged in preparing a Christmas box for one of the churches of the poorer districts of the city. Stockings of all colors were made, into which we packed candies and nuts; and dolls were dressed which would rejoice the heart of any small girl. The day before holidays began, we merrily wended our way to the home of Eleanor Davis and there spent a happy afternoon packing our box. The stockings filled one section, clothes another, and the fascinating dolls, together with toys and games of every description, filled the last.

Another year is now beginning with all its opportunities for the fulfilment of the best resolutions we may make and Beta Psi extends to every other Kappa her heartiest wishes for a very happy New Year.

DOROTHY LUKE, '14.

BETA ALPHA, UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

Quiet but happy have been Beta Alpha's days since last you heard of her in *THE KEY*. Of course the matter of first import-

ance has been the rushing of the freshmen. In the early part of November we gave a party to a select few of the freshmen at the lovely home of Janet Jamieson in Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. To tell you that we had it there is equivalent to saying that we had a splendid time. Our wish is that the freshmen may have enjoyed it as much as we did. Then Achsah Lippincott and Kate Nowlin offered their rooms in the dormitory again; so our next party was there. It was a progressive party and chafing-dish supper, with lots of original ideas from Janet's and Kate's clever brains, that I wish I could tell you about. We have only two more parties of the five allowed by Pan-Hellenic, yet to give. One is to be at Evelyn Why's on January third and the other is not yet arranged for. There is a splendid group of girls in the freshman class this year. The next time I write I hope to introduce to you as nice a bunch of brand new Kappas or, at least "pledglings," as you will find anywhere.

Our teas on the third Friday of every month have been well attended and, we think, enjoyed. We plan to continue them after the holidays. Any Kappa who happens to be in Philadelphia may feel that she has a standing invitation to come. Aside from the social, mental, spiritual, etc., etc., profit which the chapter has derived from these teas, we were glad to see the material sign of the "inward and spiritual" light, in the form of a silver lemon fork, presented by Anna Ross as a Christmas present to the chapter. She saw we needed one sadly.

On December sixth the alumnae association gave us a party at the home of Mrs. Helen H. Evans. They called it an old-fashioned party because there were children there and because we played old-fashioned games. The children were "perfectly adorable"—you should hear Gretchen say that to appreciate it—and the games were so old-fashioned that they were all new to me at least. We had lots of fun of course.

Evelyn Miles is wearing a diamond ring on the third finger of her left hand. The donor was Franklin Kellar of New York City.

MILDRED GOSHOW.

GAMMA RHO, ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

Our big, Pan-Hellenic party came off on the evening of November fifteenth. As in former years, this took the form of an in-

formal reception and dance at Saegertown Inn, at which all the freshman girls are the guests of all the fraternity girls. This is the only rushing stunt of the year so far as the girls are concerned. The following Friday evening, November twenty-first, the active chapter entertained at a formal dinner at Saegertown Inn. This time, the men were our guests. We always have a good time at the Inn and this was no exception.

But by far the most exciting and interesting event so far this year at Allegheny was bidding day. According to our Pan-Hellenic rules, no new girl can be bid to join a fraternity until the first Saturday in December.

Before this time no extensive rushing is allowed, so things had worked up to a climax. For a while, affairs looked complicated but before the final choice, matters were cleared and very few conflicts resulted. Kappa came out very successful with a fine bunch of seven pledges, the number invited. There certainly was rejoicing that day among our girls, and by the way of celebration we had a big dinner for our pledges in our rooms. Following is the list of pledges: Elizabeth Chase, '17, Greenville; Helen Davison, '17, Oil City; Vivien Diefenderfer, '17, Conneaut, Ohio; Eleanor Gill, '17, Meadville; Helen Kulp, '17, West Middlesex; Ethel Roach, '16, Pittsford, New York; Esther Stone, '17, Butler.

The Monday evening following bidding day, Elizabeth Best, '16, entertained in honor of the sophomore Kappas and our pledges. It might be stated that this was not a "dove" party; we shared our good time with the men. The Christmas vacation did not slacken our social activities to any marked degree. On the afternoon of December twenty-sixth, Miriam Shryock, '14, entertained at a fancy-work party, all the Kappas left in town—which is no small number.

School will open again on January sixth and after two weeks of recitations come examinations. After that ordeal is over we are planning a big initiation for our seven new pledges. We are justly proud of them and expect great things in the future.

BERNICE THOBURN.

BETA UPSILON, UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Semester exams are over. Isn't it fine to start the last half of this school year with a chapter of twenty-two active girls!

Miss Powell, our Grand President, has come and gone. How we did enjoy her short visit. We entertained for her with an afternoon reception at the home of the president of our university. The same evening we held a formal initiation. What an honor befell two of our girls, Bird Turner and Estelle Hamilton, initiated by the Grand President!

Last week, we again held initiation—seven more splendid girls—Lou Lanham, Nell Prichard, Alma Bachman, Harriet Perkins, Hazel Ross, Beulah Posten, and Janet Lambdin.

Beta Upsilon has been honored this year by our Polly's having a prominent part for the second time in the play given by the Dramatic Club, and by the election of Bird Turner and Katharine Kearney to membership in English Club.

At last, the women of West Virginia University have organized and started into operation a Student Government Association. We are all eagerly hoping that this system of governing will be successful, will develop stronger traits of independence, self-reliance, and individuality among our women. And Beta Upsilon is ready to uphold student government and contribute, as far as we are able, to its continuation. We have two members on the executive board, Myra Nefflen holding the office of treasurer, and Katherine Kearney, representing our Fraternity.

MYRA M. NEFFLEN.

BETA PROVINCE

LAMBDA, AKRON UNIVERSITY

We are glad to announce five splendid girls as pledges of Kappa Kappa Gamma: Louise Mignin, Lucile Easton, Helen Farst, Josephine Joy and Julia Hardy.

We had a very enjoyable as well as exciting rushing season this year. The house party, which came first, was held at the home of Minerva Schubert. We had supper at her home on Friday night, and then on Saturday morning went in machines to Cleveland where we took dinner, and in the afternoon went to see "The Firefly." We were very fortunate in having Miss Powell as

chaperon. She was staying with Mrs. Kolbe at the time, but the girls managed to see a great deal of her while she was here. On November fourth we had a spread in the rooms in her honor and she told us so much about the coming conference.

Maggie Cruickshank entertained the active and alumnae girls at her home in the early part of November. It proved to be a shower for Mary Conner, who was married on the following Thursday to Mr. Robert Wilson of Pittsburgh. All the active chapter and some of the alumnae attended the beautiful wedding.

The rushing season came to a close with the progressive dinner on November twenty-second, and on the following Tuesday the four girls were pledged, after which we had a spread in the rooms.

On December thirteenth May Rheinart entertained both the active chapter and the alumnae at her home.

The December luncheon was the largest that has been held so far. More of the alumnae have been out at the last few lunches, and we hope that the attendance will continue to be on the increase.

Lambda sends best wishes for the New Year to all chapters.

INA FLEMING.

BETA DELTA, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Beta Delta received her official visit from the Grand President, Miss Powell, the last week in October. Mrs. Mallory, a former Grand President, gave a tea in honor of Miss Powell at her lovely new home on Cambridge Road. College seniors and faculty women were invited. The next afternoon a tea was given for her at the chapter house to which college girls in general were invited. Beta Delta thoroughly enjoyed Miss Powell's visit. Whereas our Grand President has been more or less a name to us heretofore, we now know her as a very charming woman.

On November fifth the freshmen gave us some good stunts consisting of a district school scene and some clever pantomimes.

Our annual freshman party was given on November twenty-first and seemed to be thoroughly enjoyed. Our Kappa pledges are now really introduced to college society.

Two of our pledges, Ann Benjamin and Amy Ecker were initiated the week following our party. Ann is a junior in college and Amy has advanced credit which ranks her as a sophomore.

A Bible study class has been organized in the house under the leadership of Mr. Diekhoff of the German department. The movement was started at the Y. W. C. A. and is being tried in all the sorority and league houses. The class meets once a week for an hour after dinner and promises to be a success, as a number of the girls are interested.

We gave our Christmas party the Tuesday night before the holidays and had ever so much fun. The rhymes and jokes accompanying some of the gifts caused many hearty laughs. The house received several lovely presents from patronesses and the girls. At the end of the week we scattered to our various homes for the vacation days which passed all too quickly.

We have just had a visit from Elizabeth Helm, a Kappa from Eta chapter, who stopped over with us on her way east. She visited several classes and was kept quite busy during her short stay.

A son was born in November to Elsa Hass Moon, one of our alumnae.

Once more we find ourselves facing exams. and the close of another semester, so Beta Delta is at present clad in her "working togs" getting ready for the fray.

EDITH R. MACAULEY.

KAPPA, HILLSDALE COLLEGE

After a season of almost no rushing, occurred the big day of the fall term on November fifteenth, when we pledged six girls; in the evening there was an informal supper-party at the home of Gladys Hayes. We are glad to see the little blue pin over the hearts of Helen Goodrich, Dorothy Chester, Elsie VanAken, Elsie Lincoln, Helen Austin and Ione Milliman.

Elizabeth Goodrich, '15, has been elected one of the two girls who are to represent the college at the great Kansas City convention.

November twenty-second we entertained our patronesses, pledges, and town alumnae in our rooms.

Whenever we record any entertainment given us by our patronesses, we are perfectly certain we never had so good a time before, but the patroness dance on December sixteenth now holds precedence over all. Except for the programs of light and dark

blue leather, the color scheme was very "Christmassy," red and white and silver over everything. Mr. and Mrs. Galloway led the grand march after the reception—and then the dancing began, only interrupted by very tempting refreshments during the intermission. We were favored with big velvet poinsettias and cunning red and tinsel caps, so by the end of the last dance, when we were all in a gay swirl of confetti, we had so much Christmas spirit that it lasted us over to the holidays.

Dorothy Richardson, Ada Roberts, and Mabel Hodgman were here for the patroness dance.

We are looking forward to a visit from Xi chapter when the Adrian basket ball team has a game here in January.

Though it may be late, Kappa chapter sends her sympathies to you during mid-years, and wishes all that is fine for you for the New Year.

DORIS MAUCK.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOTA, DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

This first semester has been most successful for Iota. We initiated our sophomore pledges on September eighteenth at the home of Mary Lockwood. We felt proud to pledge seven sisters and daughters, Evangeline Coffin, Catherine Cox, Genevieve Moore, Julia Jean Nelson, Helen Sullivan, Mary Tucker, and Blanche Tuhey, immediately after matriculation, and two weeks later, on pledge day, Mona Summers, a junior, and Agnes Steiner, a sophomore.

Iota enjoyed a delightful visit from Miss Rodes, late in October. We entertained our DePauw faculty and our Kappa alumnae, with their husbands, at an evening reception in honor of Miss Rodes. During her stay we also gave our annual banquet for the pledges, at the chapter house.

Our "Old Gold Day" passed with its usual success and the crowning event was, as always, the vaudeville of the evening, in which our girls presented a musical performance.

Our initiation was, if possible, more beautiful and impressive than ever this year, and was held at the home of Kathleen Campbell, November the twenty-second.

The opportunity came unexpectedly, through the success of

Beta Xi in pledging and initiating Alberta Rehm, for us to pledge Freda Rehm, one of our most popular rushees, who was eligible to us only as a sister. We feel that we owe a great debt of gratitude to Beta Xi.

Examination week is near at hand and the girls have been busily preparing for it since they returned from Christmas vacation.

Best wishes for a prosperous New Year, for Kappa sisters everywhere.

ISABEL E. HUGHES.

DELTA, INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY

Being perfectly new to the job and stranded here in Indianapolis without a KEY—which would have to be my substitute for “Hints and Helps to Young People in Business and Social Relations”—I am rather at a loss to know the proper form of salutation expected of me. Is it “Dear Cistern” or “To whom it may concern” or “Kappa Sisters all” or “Most Honorable Editors” (à la Hashimura Togo)? I will leave the choice to the gentle reader and tell you instead all I know about the girls of Delta chapter.

We’ve been patting ourselves on the back this fall for one thing and another. So now I propose to make our girls strut and preen before a slightly larger audience of sisters. Helen Barbour made us all very proud when we learned that she had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Two of our freshmen, Lael Davis and Ruth McCracken are holding the class offices of vice-president and secretary respectively. Elizabeth Griffith too, was made secretary of the junior class. Besides that Edith Fitzpatrick and Alieda Van Vessel were put on the staff of the *Junior Book*; we have three representatives on the Student Council, Bess Williams who is the chapter representative, and Marion Janes and Alieda Van Vessel who are members chosen at large; Ruth Reeves and Doris Hoffman are members of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet; Ruth Morrison and Anna Mary Dye won arm bands in hockey this fall and are fondly looking forward to some day possessing an I. U. sweater.

As for departmental clubs, nine of our girls are in the French Club, four of us in “der Deutsche Verein,” five in the English Club and two in the History Club. (So you can see we are “jiners”

with a vengeance.) The girls take a very active part in the clubs—Hilda Cleveland starred in the play given by the German club this fall, Elizabeth Griffith is secretary of the German Club, Alieda Van Vessem is president of the French Club; Bess Williams is secretary of the History Club. Now that I've shown off the sisters sufficiently I shall rest in peace and tell you instead of the good times we've had together lately.

Mrs. Hoffman, one of our very dear alumnae, invited all the girls in the active chapter as well as the young town girls to her home for our annual Christmas party. We had a very hilarious time together, especially in reading "Spec." "Spec" is our paper and in it you'll find the compressed sense and nonsense of about thirty girlish heads. We were only sorry that our brilliant wit was left to blush practically unseen by the world at large. In the words of the country newspaper "Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all." No, I'm not forgetting the Christmas tree for we did have one with presents pretty and funny for every girl there. At the end of the evening our funny gifts, which ranged all the way from shaving mugs for the masculine girl to jumping jacks for the sedate girl, were tucked into a great bushel basket and given to the Salvation Army. With a rousing cheer for the Hoffmans, the party broke up: but we are still singing the songs that were initiated that night and still making sly allusions to "Mary Jean" the niece of one of our girls who has the proud distinction of being an auntie.

Just at present the house is closed and all the girls are having good times at home with the thought of examinations far behind them.

ALIEDA VAN VESSEM.

MU, BUTLER UNIVERSITY

In my last letter I just mentioned that Miss Mary Rodes, our Grand Secretary, was to visit us from September twenty-second to twenty-fourth. We were delighted to have her with us for even so short a time. She proved to be so charming, and her enthusiasm in telling us interesting Kappa "news" served to bring us all nearer together. Mrs. David Hutchcraft entertained for Miss Rodes one evening at dinner. During the day she visited classes with us, and attended one of our chapter meetings and afterwards a spread at the home of Florence Moffet.

"Lotus Club," an organization including all of the girls in Butler College and promoting their interests, gave for its November party an afternoon dance at the college residence. Programs were filled for dancing, which lasted until five o'clock, after which time, simple refreshments were served. "Lotus Club" gives one party a month at which all unite in trying to get better acquainted.

Editha Newsome, one of our freshmen, gave a week-end house party at her home in Columbus, Indiana, from the Saturday after Thanksgiving until the following Monday. Dorothy Kautz, Louise Rau, June Fry, Mary Elizabeth Howe and Mary Merker were guests. On the first evening a lovely dance, of about forty couples, was given by Editha. The next day, Sunday, she gave a turkey dinner, inviting some Columbus guests. During the afternoon and evening a great number of her friends called to meet the house guests.

But the greatest news of all—Sunday night after callers had gone, the girls very obviously desired to stay up until after twelve o'clock. At exactly twelve-ten, Dorothy Kautz took the clock into Louise Rau's room, while the other girls remained very quietly and anxiously in an adjoining room, ready to rejoice with the necessary encouragement. After a few seconds of trying suspense, Dorothy called the others, telling them to put their colors on! Louise Rau was pledged at midnight, December the first, keeping her agreement, and Kappa keeping theirs. Great rejoicing among the other girls when the happy news reached home later that same day.

The Young Women's Christian Association of Butler College held its annual doll show on December third for the benefit of the Christamore Settlement. A hundred dolls were distributed among the girls, who showed great originality in dressing the dolls. They were put on exhibition in the college residence, to which a small admission for entrance was charged. The dolls were numbered and votes for the most popular "young lady" were cast. A candy sale helped to raise the charity fund. Frieda Haselton was in charge of the affair, which proved to be a success.

Minabel Morris has been obliged to discontinue her college work on account of ill health.

December the eighth, our pledges entertained the active chapter with a dance at the home of Ruth Brayton. The house was

very prettily decorated in pink and white and the color scheme was carried out in the ices. The programs were artistically designed with the pledge pin enlarged.

On December the fifteenth, Mu actives and pledges entertained with a Christmas tree party and spread for Miss Lena Diggs. Each contributed a small gift to the tree. After the spread, the presents were given around amid great merriment. The rest of the evening we spent in singing our favorite Kappa songs to our hearts' content,—a very fitting conclusion for this most enjoyable party.

December the twentieth,—the Indianapolis alumnae club entertained with a similar Christmas party, having as guests the active Mu chapter and freshmen. After this all separated for holidays, carrying brightest hopes for Kappa Kappa Gamma for the New Year.

FAY M. KOSS.

BETA LAMBDA, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Happy New Year:

We hope every one had just as grand and as long a vacation as we did—from December twentieth to January fifth, and such fun as we all had.

Late in October—seems ages ago now—two of the seniors, assisted by one of the freshmen, had a studio tea in their room. Among some very pretty prints were some very sad caricatures but the fun of the evening was that each girl dressed as either a picture or an advertisement. Strange to say, we were nearly all some very familiar "ad" but two of the town girls in some of their mother's girlhood dresses as "Lowney's" and "old maid" took the cake.

October thirty-first to November third, the Alpha Xi Delta convention was held here and all the sorority houses opened their doors for all they could hold. In way of further entertainment, Pan-Hellenic gave them a nice afternoon in the Woman's Building.

The first of November brought us two new pledges, Dorothy Hormel, '16, of Wichita, Kansas, sister of Olive Hormel, Beta Gamma, and Mildred Scroggin, '16, of Mt. Pulaski, Illinois.

November thirteenth to fifteenth was annual Home-Coming and

such a grand one as we had, partly because of our new house and largely because of interest in the new freshmen. Grace Schwarzkopf, "Tony" Schwarzkopf Doncho, Marietta and Gertrude Davis, Ida Gage, Alice Redhed, Fanny Noyes, Harriet Gates, Mabel McIntyre, Ruth Llewellyn, "Trixie" Drew, Letta Brock, Emily Nichols Trees, Emma Rhodes Nicholai, Madge Gundy, Margaret Pouk, Mabel Hayward, Annebell Fraser, Louise and Bessie Hanna, Mae Bengal, Mary Moore, Betty Boyers, Helen Howe, Cora Wallace, Gertrude Taylor, Bertha Schwarzkopf Hess and Charlotte Gibbs Baker were all back. Friday night after the Russian symphony concert, which was here afternoon and evening, the freshmen gave their stunt at the house. It surely was a good one, a very clever take-off on the girls, the perplexities and the exciting results, of rushing and Annebell Fraser added to the joy of the evening by announcing her engagement to Harry M. Gallagher of Welton, Arizona. Saturday night, we had our annual banquet at the Beardsley Hotel. The tables were beautifully decorated with huge yellow chrysanthemums which were used for favors afterwards. Sunday morning we had our annual alumnae fraternity meeting and decided to keep up our quarterly bulletin on what subscriptions we have and, if absolutely necessary, to borrow from the alumnae funds, but we hate to discontinue it entirely as it keeps up active interest in local affairs.

Margaret Washington was here for a short visit in November.

November twenty-second, Mask and Bauble Society gave "The Gentleman from Mississippi" and we surely were proud of Mae Sexauer, who had one of the leading parts, that of Mrs. Spangler, a widow, the result of which was that she was asked to membership in Mask and Bauble.

That same week-end, the teachers' conference was held here and several of the Bloomington Kappas were over besides Mildred Felmley, Madge Gundy and Margaret Pouk.

Laura Bardwell and Pauline Halliwell were elected to membership in the Women's Athletic Association, Laura also to Illiola literary society and Mae Sexauer to Alethenai. Bernice Wright is secretary of the senior class.

December sixth, we had the most wonderful house-warming. It was a lovely day and everyone had their rooms fixed up so

daintily and the house was decorated with tea-roses and smilax. We entertained the faculty, town friends and girls in the afternoon and men in the evening, about nine hundred in all.

December thirteenth, we had a nice little Christmas farewell in the form of a house-dance; but, sad tale, the whipped cream for the salad was stolen, so that made a dry spot in the evening.

But to balance all our frivolities we have some grand news and that is, we stood first again last semester with a record-breaking average of 88.05. Isn't that fine?

HELEN FAIRFIELD.

UPSILON, NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

Mary Ann Dawson announces her engagement to Guy Barr, Phi Delta Theta of Purdue, '13. The wedding will occur during the latter part of February. Mildred Pfeiffer and Edna Harriss are to be bridesmaids.

Mrs. Faerie was hostess to the members of the North Shore Alumnae. Three of the active girls were invited, Fern Reid, Evelyn Guthrie and Katharine Stevens. It is the plan of the alumnae association to have different ones of the active girls with them at their parties so that they will be better acquainted with each other.

Naomi Nicholson has been out of school for two weeks with pneumonia, but was able to be out for classes the last day before the Christmas recess.

The "Witching Hour" given by the dramatic club, in which Gertrude McKown had the leading part was repeated in a charity benefit for the Kenilworth Club.

Miss Evelyn Guthrie entertained the girls at her home on Library Street.

The Kappas in Willard Hall had a Christmas party the Wednesday before the Christmas holidays. The stunt gifts were afterwards given by the girls to the children of the Northwestern Settlement.

The stunt given by the freshman Kappas is to be the evening of January tenth.

ELIZA MAY HONNOLD.

EPSILON, ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Christmas vacation, so long looked for, has now passed and all of us are in college now "eagerly looking forward" to finals!

On the last day of school we had our Christmas party. Helen Stautz, who is editor of our "Kappa Weekly," furnished each member a great deal of amusement by a humorous poem which accompanied each present. Each one contributed to a general fund with which new dishes were bought for the hall and then there were "foolish presents" for each member.

During vacation Louise Leaton, who is teaching at Lombard College, had an informal tea for Miss Emery, a Pi Beta Phi from Lombard.

On January third we held our initiation at the home of Helen Neiberger. Seventy Kappas were present at the banquet held at the Illinois Hotel after initiation. Miss Wood, Iota, Miss Lillian Scrogin, Beta Phi, Mildred Felmley, Beta Lambda, were with us. The initiates were Mildred Nate, Grace Green, Margaret Marquis, Cecile Hanson, Bloomington, Margaret Haywood, Cookesville, Sibyl Kraft, Towanda, and Clara Driskell, Paris, Illinois.

We have been hearing a great deal of the Student Volunteer convention held at Kansas City. Illinois Wesleyan sent five delegates. Miss Mathew, a Y. W. C. A. secretary from Japan, visited Wesleyan part of the sixth and seventh of January. Wesleyan was one of the two schools in Illinois to have Miss Mathew so we felt highly honored.

During vacation, Louise Evans attended the junior prom at Champaign, Illinois, and visited Beta Lambda sisters.

Several of our girls visited Beta Lambda during Home Coming week.

NELLE BEGGS.

DELTA PROVINCE

CHI, UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The last two months have been very busy ones for all of us. For besides the usual parties and the Christmas rush, we have had to spend much of our time rushing the freshmen.

On Hallowe'en night Jeanette Lynch gave us a lovely party at

her home. The active chapter and many of the alumnae were there, and there was much merrymaking.

The first week in November we gave a dancing party in honor of our six new members.

About the middle of November, Kappa gave her first annual Christmas bazaar. It was managed by the alumnae, and was very successful. The proceeds went toward the fund for our much dreamed of home.

The next week we gave our first rushing party. As Pan-Hellenic only allows us four during the year, we tried to make it just as nice as possible.

We are now looking forward to our reception and dance which we always give on New Year's night.

Chi wishes all of her Kappa sisters a Happy New Year.

NELL MOODY.

SIGMA, UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Sigma is proud to introduce to other chapters seventeen freshmen, Esther Wheeler, Margaret Squire, Pauline Ensign, Catherine Denman, Lulu Mitchell, Henrietta Dorland, Hildegard Clinton, Jeane Undeland, Lucille Dennis, Ella Williams, Gertrude Welch, Cecile Butler, Carey Butler, who were Kappa cousins, Dorothy Stevens, whose mother was a Kappa in Beta Zeta, Claire Eiker, a Kappa sister from Illinois, Janet Chase, a sister from Sigma and Phoebe Folsom, whose aunts were members of Sigma some years ago. These girls came to us after a four weeks' rushing season which proved to be eminently satisfactory. Our chapter now by special dispensation has thirty-two active girls.

The girls are not only active in the fraternity but in college affairs as well. Helen Sorenson and Elizabeth Scott, seniors, are on the *Cornhusker* staff. Helen Sorenson is president of the Woman's College Equal Suffrage League. Ella Williams has the leading part in the junior play, an honor which we have had for the past two years. Esther Wheeler and Katherine Denman each had parts in the musical production of *Sparto Styx* which was recently given.

One of the pleasures of this school year was the visit of Mrs. Kolbe, our Grand Treasurer. We were fortunate enough to

have with us at the reception in Mrs. Kolbe's honor, Mrs. Thomas Mauch, province president of Alpha Chi Omega, Miss Anne Stuart, Grand Treasurer of Pi Beta Phi, and Miss Edna Perrin, the Grand Treasurer of Delta Delta Delta. We enjoyed Mrs. Kolbe's visit with us very much and we were very sorry when she left us to visit the Kansas chapter.

One of the most pleasant features of the year was the trip to Kansas at the time of the Kansas-Nebraska football game. Seven of the Sigma girls were in Lawrence and they reported the royal treatment they received at the hands of the Kansas girls, and the beauty of Mu's new home. Another chapter with which we feel particularly intimate this year is Eta. This year we have loaned her one of our girls, Pansy Folmer, who is enjoying the pleasures of being a transfer.

Corliss White, who graduated from the Conservatory of Music here last year, was married to Mr. John Bloedorn, the first of November. Elizabeth Penny was married to Mr. Fred Cox, of Omaha, January twenty-first. The engagement of Miss Anne Dennis to Mr. Donald Neeley, Phi Delta Theta has been announced.

Della Ladd, 1913, is visiting at the chapter house during the week of the junior prom. Verne Stocking is teaching in the Dennison high school. Lucy Harte and Ruth MacDonald are teaching in the Omaha high school.

CAMILLE LEYDA.

OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

It is sometimes a rather broad assertion to say that we know all our pledges will be initiated, but in our case it was true for they were initiated November thirteenth, 1913. The date does sound unlucky but we are not at all superstitious.

The big Kansas-Nebraska game was held at Lawrence November fifteenth, and we were delighted to have several Sigma girls visit us at that time.

December seventeenth we had our Christmas dinner and tree. After the excitement of the tree was over the freshmen gave a farce entitled, "Every Girl." It was splendid and their "take offs" on the upper classmen were especially clever. Then the

holidays, and they are over before we realize it and we are all back studying hard the last four weeks of the semester.

We want to tell Beta Tau how pretty we think their calendars are, and we sincerely hope they sell well.

BEULAH DAVIS.

EPSILON PROVINCE

BETA MU, UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

First of all I want to introduce our pledges, Emily Spray, Olive Morgan, Elfrida Van Meter, Virginia Van Meter, Wilfrida Heald, of Denver; Gladys Low, Helen Hall, Mabel Parrish of Boulder and Helen Taylor of Grand Rapids. Initiation is to be held February seventh.

Marjorie Adams of Upsilon chapter is with us this year.

We were very glad to have Helen Knox a former Beta Xi Kappa spend six weeks with us the first of the school year.

Among our girls represented in school activities this year are Marguerite Nelson, secretary of the senior arts, Katherine Morley, secretary of the junior arts, and Carlisle Thomas, president of the Woman's League.

The Tri Deltas entertained Kappa very delightfully one Monday evening after chapter meeting.

The freshmen gave a very enjoyable sleighing party in December and had as their guests the freshmen of the other fraternities.

On the twenty-first of November we entertained informally in honor of some Boulder preparatory school seniors and juniors.

January tenth we are giving a costume dance at the chapter house for the pledges.

Santa was very good to Beta Mu this year as he brought us many needed gifts for the chapter house. But he was cleverest of all when he selected the alumnae as his agent and through them sent us a lovely set of dishes.

Charlotte Parish was married to Samuel Parken October fifth.

Grace Frawley was married to Clark Welsch, Beta Theta Pi from Minnesota, October twenty-ninth.

We greatly enjoyed having Miss Powell and Mrs. Kolbe with us the latter part of September and received great benefit from their visit as well. A reception was given for them September

twenty-fifth, and the next night we all had dinner at the Alps and spent the evening there. I know very few of you know what or where the "Alps" is, but if you come to Convention in Boulder next summer you will find out all about it and also learn many other things about this "wild and wooly" Colorado that you never dreamed of before. For our mountains are beautiful, to say nothing of our girls and....shall I say it?....(but perhaps no one is interested) and also our men.

So Beta Mu extends a most cordial invitation to all Kappas to be with her next August.

RUTH M. MUSSER.

BETA XI, UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

The Texas Kappas were the happy hostesses of several out of town guests and old Kappas, namely, Mary Broad, Helen Putnam, and Marie Jordt for the Thanksgiving holidays and festivities. Quite a large number of alumni returned for Thanksgiving this year, as we had two days instead of the usual one day holiday. There was a great deal of excitement and interest over the Thanksgiving game between Texas and Notre Dame. Although we lost, we felt that our team did splendid work and every Texan is proud of each and every one of the T. U. team.

On Friday of Thanksgiving week, the Kappas gave their alumnae a tea at the chapter house. During the afternoon, over one hundred and fifty visitors were made welcome within Kappa doors. The house was beautifully decorated in cut flowers and palms, and cheerful grates warmed the chilled fingers of our guests. Miss Lucie Thornton, one of our Kappa sisters, graciously presided at the tea table. This was the only time we were allowed to have freshmen at the chapter house, so we had invited all of our rushees.

Miss Land, a grand officer of Chi Omega, visited Texas in November and the Kappas enjoyed having her with them for luncheon at the chapter house.

We expected the Grand Secretary to visit us the first week in December, but on account of the awful rains during the past week, she was water-bound in Houston. We now look forward to having her with us some time during January.

These rains, which have caused so much disaster, have put all

the railroads out of commission, and the students are wondering if all will get home for the holidays, which commence on the twentieth.

On our return after the holidays, we shall have pledge day and Kappa hopes to be successful as in past history. There are some very attractive girls from other schools in whom we are interested.

The calendars, gotten out by Beta Tau Chapter, are very attractive, and we hope that they proved successful for the house fund.

The Texas Kappa door is always open to each and every one who wears the golden key.

With best wishes for the coming year to be the best in Kappa history, we send New Year greetings to all the Kappas.

ANNIE BRICE ROBINSON.

BETA OMICRON, TULANE UNIVERSITY

Beta Omicron has been busy with the every-day affairs of college, but in the midst of it all has also celebrated some special occasions. Early in November our Grand Secretary, Mary Rodes, arrived, and instead of having a formal visit of a few days, we had Miss Rodes with us for three weeks, while she visited her cousin, Eleanor Luzenberg. Those were, of course, very joyous weeks for us all, and we are more delighted than ever now that Miss Rodes is coming back.

We have had numerous Kappa gatherings,—some for the rushes,—some just for ourselves. There have been Kappa teas at Odelle Milling's and at Earl Richmond's, and every Sunday the whole chapter meets at Eleanor Luzenberg's for "songs and sandwiches." One of our gala occasions is always the Kappa tree; when, just before the holidays begin, we celebrate with a sparkly tree, much noise and excitement, a general exchange of gifts, and a concluding spread. It is an inviolable rule that all gifts shall bear rhymes and the poetic effusions this year showed an abundance of local genius. It is also a chapter custom to give a Christmas tree every year to some of the free kindergartens in the Italian district. The selection of toys is always interesting and we had great times,—with balls and tinsel dolls and drums, gorgeous watches, and candy canes. The joy of the children made it all worth while.

Just before the holidays began, the college completed a most successful campaign for funds to send delegates to the Student Volunteer Convention. Now we go back to a round of college activities. The Dramatic Club's play is to be on January ninth. Practice for the match basket ball games is in full swing; and Newcomb is soon to take part in its first intercollegiate debate,—the debate with Agnes Scott College.

To all our sister Kappas, Beta Omicron sends greetings, and may 1914 bring you all happiness.

ODELLE MILLING.

ZETA PROVINCE

PI, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

A very busy term has just passed. A college student knows what the last two weeks of every college term are. For these two weeks are given up wholly to study for final examinations. The atmosphere has been dense with study—every Kappa working for her fraternity, striving to make her scholarship head the list, doing the best she can.

The house has been full to the brim with girls this term; and next term, with five more coming to the house, we shall be tempted to turn the chapter room into a dormitory. It will be splendid to have five more freshmen come to live with us. For when they are in the house they begin to know the girls better and to feel that they too are part of the fraternity, are a necessary part of the whole. Ruth Sherman was initiated into the Prytanean Society for women who have taken an active part in college activities.

The coming year promises to be a bright one. With a house full of girls, thirty-six active, steady, good workers, we expect to have an eventful year.

Pi sends greetings to the chapters and a happy new year to all!

MARGUERITE AMOSS.

BETA OMEGA, UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

This Christmas we had a "rushing party" at the Orpheum in Portland, followed by tea at the Hotel Portland. We were seated at small tables decorated with red poinsettias. A three-piece orchestra furnished music during the tea.

In addition to our active members a number of alumnae were present, among whom were: Mrs. Orlando Davidson, Beta Delta; Mrs. Robert Tucker, Lambda; Mrs. William E. Jones, Beta Mu; Mrs. Gerlinger, Pi chapter; Miss Gertrude Pierce, Beta Eta; Miss Eva Roche, Beta Omega; Miss Marguerite Rhose, Beta Omega; Miss Olive Donnell, Beta Omega.

We have a new pledge, Rose Seiler, who is entered as a junior from Idaho.

Genevieve Cooper has been elected associate editor of the *Oregana*, the college year book.

Norma Dobie had a prominent part in the recent play given by the dramatic interpretation class.

Norma Dobie, Constance Cartwright, and Marjorie Cogswell were successful in the recent Dramatic Club tryout.

Olga Poulsen is senior representative in the girls' athletic association council.

Marion Reed is secretary of the Triple A society, the freshman girls' society.

Gladys Graybill has been elected a member of the Triple B society, the sophomore girls' society.

Beta Omega was delighted to have as their guest Miss Maude Stinson, an alumna of Beta Eta.

Beta Omega sends best wishes to all chapters.

MARJORIE COGSWELL.

BETA PI, UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON.

November always suggests Thanksgiving Day, and in the thoughts of every loyal Washingtonian that day means a football championship. This year, as usual, our most enthusiastic hopes were fulfilled, since the victory over Washington State College on November twenty-seventh gave us the right to the sixth consecutive championship of the Northwest. Coach Gilmour Dobie, whose remarkable training has been such a considerable factor in making this record, has signed a contract for the next three years, so we expect to see the purple and gold at the top of the list again. The members of the team received their letters at the varsity ball, which took place in the gymnasium, December twelfth. Helene Moore, '15, was on the committee in charge of this successful dance.

Thomas Franklin Kane, who has been president of the university for seven years, resigned in December; the board of regents has appointed Henry Landes, dean of the college of science, as acting president. Another change which affects Beta Pi more closely is that of house-mother. Mrs. Moore, who has been with us during the past year, has gone to her home in Seattle, where she welcomes us most hospitably; we have been very fortunate in persuading Mrs. Bean, another Kappa mother, to preside over our destinies.

Florence Gellatly Means, ex-'15, was with us for a very brief visit on her way to her home in Saguache, Colorado; Gladys Evelyn Carey, '16, was in Seattle during the between-semesters vacation, but has returned to Berkeley.

Our annual Christmas tree for the house was generously laden this year, and the Santa Claus in the red bathrobe and cotton wig flourished a candy cane and announced the presents in an abnormally gruff voice. We were more or less prepared for the brass fire-screen and hearth-set from the seniors and freshmen, the trays and coffee-cups from the practical sophomores and juniors, but the very nicest surprise of all was a beautiful big lamp from Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Tremper. Under its kindly light we expect to be cramming for exams quite soon, and are counting the days on the Beta Tau calendar until the next semester.

CLARA E. NELSON.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is cordially invited to attend meetings of the active chapters.

PHI

meets every Thursday afternoon at 4:45 P. M., at the chapter rooms, 65 Westland Avenue, Suite 2, Boston, Massachusetts.

PSI

meets in room 29 of Sage College, Ithaca, New York, every Saturday evening at eight o'clock.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 718 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

meets every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227.

BETA ALPHA

meets Wednesday evenings at half past seven at the Kappa room, 306 Women's Dormitory, University of Pennsylvania, 122 So. 34 Street, Philadelphia.

BETA IOTA

meets at seven-thirty on Wednesday evenings, in a room set aside as a chapter room, in the girls' dormitories, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

GAMMA RHO

meets every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BETA UPSILON

meets each Tuesday evening at 6:45 at Peabody Hotel, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Tuesday at one-thirty in the fraternity rooms on the third floor of Curtis Cottage, the girls' dormitory, on the campus of Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio.

BETA NU

meets at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio, every other Saturday night.

BETA DELTA

meets in the chapter house, on the corner of Church Street, 1204 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

XI

meets at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

KAPPA

meets every Saturday night at seven thirty in the chapter rooms at the college, Hillsdale, Michigan. Communicate through Marion Willoughby, 225 West Street. Telephone 171 R.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana.

IOTA

meets every Saturday night at seven o'clock at the chapter house on the corner of Bloomington and Anderson Streets, Greencastle, Indiana.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven P. M., at the chapter house, 425 Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 502 Chalmers Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

EPSILON

meets on Monday afternoons at four-thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university. The last Saturday evening in each month Epsilon has a dinner at the Woman's Exchange at five-thirty for all Kappas.

UPSILON

meets on Monday afternoon from five to six o'clock in Room 62, Willard Hall, Evanston.

CHI

meets every Monday at 5 P. M., at the chapter house, 1728 4th Street S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. It may be reached from downtown district in about twenty minutes by the Oak and Harriet Street car. Supper is served after meeting.

BETA ZETA

holds fraternity meetings at seven o'clock every Monday evening in the chapter house, 431 East Jefferson Street, Iowa City.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 330 North 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 1602 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

BETA MU

meets in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA XI

meets on Saturday at two o'clock in the chapter house at 2308 Rio Grande Street, Austin, Texas.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA CHI

meets on Monday afternoon at three thirty o'clock at the fraternity house at 349 South Limestone Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

Pi

meets every Monday evening, at seven fifteen in the chapter room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way.

BETA ETA

meets in the chapter house at Stanford University every Monday evening at seven thirty.

BETA PI

meets every Monday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4504 18th Avenue, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA PHI

meets every Monday at four thirty o'clock in Craig Hall, Missoula, Montana.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS**NEW YORK ASSOCIATION**

meets the third Saturdays of October, November, January, February, March and April at the homes of the members. For places of meeting address Miss Jeannette Clenen, 52 Broadway, Room 834, New York City, New York.

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets in January, April, June and September. For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. Harrison Montague, 97 Adams Street, Rochester, New York.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May and October, on the second Saturday in the month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Elizabeth White, The Marlborough-Blenheim, Atlantic City, New Jersey.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Georgia A. Wells, 234 W. Kennedy Street, Syracuse, New York.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting address Miss Anita P. Schollenberger, 5822 Springfield Avenue, West Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PITTSBURGH ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday of October, December, February and April, at 2:30 at McCreery's in the Tea Room.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

meets monthly, at "The Sign of the Samovar". For further particulars address Miss Augusta Menefee, 274 South Ohio, Columbus, Ohio.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September and November. For places of meeting address Miss Alice Cary Williams, 1387 South Second Street, Louisville, Kentucky.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

meets in the Y. W. C. A. building at Indianapolis. For dates address Mrs. C. E. Goodell, Granville, Ohio.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets on the fourth Saturday of each month from September through June, at Marshall Field's in the East Tea Room at 12:30 o'clock.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

meets for luncheon at one o'clock on the third Saturday of each month from October through June at the homes of the members. For places of meeting address Mrs. Theodore Westermann, 4435 Forest Park Boulevard, St. Louis.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting address Miss Eleanor Beardsley, 3643 Walnut Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday of each month from September to June. For places of meeting address Mrs. Richard H. Goddard, 1100 Colfax Avenue, Denver, Colorado.

BLOOMINGTON (ILLINOIS) ASSOCIATION

meets twice a month from September to June. For dates and places of meeting address Miss Ruth McIntosh, Bloomington, Illinois.

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month beginning with January at a place and time varying according to the convenience of the members; also on the third Monday of each month from four to six, when tea is served, in the Alumnae room of the Kappa House, 2725 Channing Way.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the first Thursday of each month, at 12:30 for a Dutch treat luncheon at Donaldson's tea rooms.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates address Miss Florence Louise Reynolds, 7 Broad St., Adrian, Michigan.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

meets September 21, October 19, November 14, December 20, February 18, April 21, June 16. For places of meeting address Miss Beth Bogert, 2625 E. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

LINCOLN CLUB

meets for luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel at 12:30 on the second Saturday of each month.

OMAHA CLUB

meets the last Saturday of every month at the different homes. Call Lucy Harte, Harney 25, 5016 California St., for definite place.

SEATTLE CLUB

meets the first Saturday of each month at some member's home.

LOS ANGELES CLUB

meets in the tea room of the Hotel Alexandria from four to six on the third Friday of January, March, and May. On the third Saturday of February and April meetings are held at the homes of the members. For place of meetings address Miss Marie Lindsley, 349 E. Avenue, 52, or telephone 39155.

LAMBDA CLUB

meets for luncheon the first Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Portage Hotel.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

LALAH RUTH RANDLE, *Alumnae Editor**"Ai Korae Athenes."*

The alumnae editor can think of no more fitting way to address her readers than to call to them the words that often came to them, arresting their attention, bearing them a message, and calling them to service in the college days gone by. For a mighty project is to be undertaken and the enthusiasm and coöperation of the alumnae are to be the warrant of its success. Believing that the power of the fraternity to justify itself, to prove its value to all the world lies largely in the hands of the alumnae, and that only through their support can the tide of anti-fraternity sentiment be checked, and believing too in the innate power of the fraternity as a means of good in the part of the world's organization where it has found its place, THE KEY is striving to reach those women whose help the fraternity so much needs. Furthermore, knowing that support and help can only arise out of rightly directed interest, and that interest can only come from knowledge, the officers of the fraternity feel that the keystone of the solution of the problem is the publication and wide dissemination of knowledge along fraternity lines. In other words, they feel that the intelligence and enthusiasm of the fraternity-at-large may be partly judged by the alumnae subscription list of THE KEY.

Too little emphasis has been put upon this in times past. In the beginning the chapter was the fraternity—then the *chapters*. Now, however, with our widening view of college and fraternity life and the mission of college and fraternity women in the world, we are realizing that the chapters, and the *alumnae*—unitedly and on an even plane—constitute the fraternity.

Beginning with the first of March, THE KEY, under the direction of the alumnae editor and the business manager, is to open a nation-wide campaign for new subscriptions. By means of the catalogue, which has just been issued, it expects to reach every living member of the fraternity. This it expects to do through representatives of each college generation in each chapter—and it feels sure of the immediate response of those on whom it calls for help. Each subscriber will find, on her subscription blank, a place where she may accredit her subscription to her chapter or

alumnae association—and at Convention in August a prize of ten dollars will be given to the chapter or alumnae association which has succeeded in securing the most subscriptions, and a prize of five dollars to the second on the roll. Will you help your chapter win the prize? All subscriptions are to be sent to the business manager, Mrs. Parke R. Kolbe, 250 East Buchtel Ave., Akron, Ohio. The contest will begin February first and will last until Convention in August. Those sending in subscriptions by the first of May will receive the May number of *THE KEY*, containing full plans of that amazingly tempting Convention, which is to be held near Boulder, Colorado. Subscriptions received after the first of May will begin with the October 1914 number.

A new plan of alumnae control and organization is hereby suggested for consideration to the active chapters and alumnae associations by the Grand Council.

Until the Convention held in Madison in 1906, the fraternity had no plan of national alumnae organization and control. At that Convention, however, an unusually large number of alumnae were present and the question of organization and centralization presented itself. The alumnae present were enthusiastic and eager to help, and ardently undertook and adopted the policy of organization which has continued unto the present time. To be more definite; the alumnae associations have been under the control of a separate body, composed of an alumnae supervisor, an alumnae secretary and a financial officer. They have paid their dues into their own treasury and have been, in theory at least, a separate governing body. At the same time, they have had privileges in the general fraternity, have voted on establishment and withdrawal of chapters, and have had a part vote at Convention. This situation has resulted in complications; the authority of the Grand Council over the alumnae association as well as over chapters has not been clearly defined; a complication of offices and officers has resulted in much confusion; what is too many people's business is no one's; the alumnae have not been able to place themselves and consequently have had little incentive to interest and action; the financial relations of the alumnae associations and the Grand Treasury have not always been clear; and the chapters have not received the alumnae backing and support they should have had. In other words, the whole system, which indeed has not

altogether failed, has suffered from a lack of compactness and centralization, of uniformity of organization and interest.

As a result of these complications, the Grand Council suggests to the chapters and alumnae associations for consideration the following plan: that at the coming Convention, the present system with its three controlling officers be done away with, and that a sixth Grand Officer, a vice-president, be elected, whose duties shall be those of the present alumnae supervisor and secretary; that the dues of the alumnae associations go to the Grand Treasurer; that closer affiliation of chapters and alumnae associations be effected, and that the whole interest of the fraternity be unified by this, a more business-like and logical system of control. Further details of the plan may be obtained from the grand president or the alumnae editor, and it is suggested that the plan be considered by both chapters and alumnae associations at early meetings.

Will secretaries who have no news to report please notify the alumnae editor of that fact by postal so that she will not delay her copy for them?

Time for the yearly editorial reminder! All manuscripts intended for publication must be written plainly on *one* side of the paper only, and should be typewritten if possible.

"Ai Korae Athenes!"

NOTICE

To the Alumnae who were active between 1880 and 1890, Greeting!

When you are doing your spring house cleaning will you be good enough to see if you have any copies of THE KEY issued before 1890 which you are willing to send me? I also wish a copy for January 1895 and for September 1896.

CLEORA WHEELER, Custodian of the Badge,
1376 Summit Avenue, St. Paul, Minnesota.



LYDIA VORIS KOLBE, *Lambda*

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

WIVES OF COLLEGE PRESIDENTS

LYDIA VORIS KOLBE, *Lambda**Grand Treasurer of Kappa Kappa Gamma*

The Municipal University of Akron, formerly Buchtel College, is very proud of its president and very fond of its president's wife. Dr. and Mrs. Kolbe seem to be a part of the institution. He, by birth, is a son of old Buchtel for his father was one of its first professors and when he died, in harness, his son took up his work as professor of modern languages.

Lydia Voris and Parke Rexford Kolbe were fellow students at Buchtel Academy and Buchtel College, chums in childhood, comrades in youth, lovers always.

When Doctor Kolbe became president of Buchtel College in February 1913, the unanimous sentiment was that the college was to be congratulated not only on having a vigorous, capable, brilliant young president, but also on having an efficient, gracious president's wife. In a co-educational institution the wife of the president may have great influence and Mrs. Kolbe has already proved her worth. Both the men and the women of the university are proud of her friendship. Her influence is felt most strongly in the social life. Her home is an index of her personality—dainty, cheerful and refined and its hospitable door is open to all. To be invited to a dinner at President Kolbe's or to have Mrs. Kolbe a chaperon at a dance is a privilege. The most dignified senior and the youngest prep. student sound her praises and she is by far the most popular woman on the campus.

ELIZABETH A. THOMPSON,

*Dean of Women,**The Municipal University of Akron.*JENNY ARMSTRONG HOWE, *Mu*

Mrs. Howe was born at Kokomo, Indiana, and entered Butler College in 1885. In 1886 she became a member of Mu chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. During the next three years she held various offices in the fraternity. At this time fraternities were not looked upon with favor by the dean of women and while Mrs. Howe was a leading officer of the chapter the dean asked her



JENNY ARMSTRONG HOWE, *Mu*

if she would use her influence to get the girls to give up their charter. Mu still has the same charter, so you know her answer! A monthly magazine, *The Collegian*, was the college paper at this time and Mrs. Howe was the assistant editor. She was graduated from Butler in 1889.

In June 1890 she married the former editor of *The Collegian* and the next two years were spent in Germany where Mr. Howe attended the University of Berlin and Mrs. Howe, the Victoria Lyceum, as women were not admitted to the university at that time.

From '96 to '99 the Howes resided at Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they attended Harvard and Radcliffe respectively. Here Mrs. Howe also started her career as a housekeeper. Perhaps it was this dual rôle of student and housekeeper that made the Radcliffe degree in '98 that of A. B. instead of A. M.

Since 1899 they have lived in Irvington and have been associated with Butler College where Mr. Howe has been Armstrong Professor of Germanic Languages from 1890—dean in 1907-1908 and president since the spring of 1908.

Mrs. Howe helped to organize the Parent-teachers' Association of Irvington and was the second president of this organization. She is also a member of the Indianapolis German Literary Club, and the Katherine Merrill Club; president of the Irvington Woman's Club and a member of the Kappa Club.

As the president's wife she has taken an active interest in college affairs but this year brings her into even more close connection with chapter life as her daughter, Mary Elizabeth, was pledged this fall. Her daughter Charlotte has all of high school between her and college, and the boys, Thomas and Addison, are just beginning their educational careers.

One who has known Mrs. Howe as "the president's wife" knows well that she has made her home an "open house" to all students and visiting alumni.

ELIZABETH T. BOGERT, *Mu*.

FLORENCE BERRY BOWMAN,

Beta Zeta, 1903-04; *Beta Eta*, 1906-07; *Pi*, 1907-08

When the news was flashed over the wires that John Gabbert Bowman, secretary of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advance-



FLORENCE BERRY BOWMAN, *Beta Zeta, Beta Eta, Pi*

ment of Teaching, had accepted the presidency of the State University of Iowa speculation was frequent, for some time, at social functions in Iowa City concerning the wife who was to be the ruling spirit of the big white mansion furnished by the State for the president and his family.

President Bowman himself was well known in Iowa City, having done undergraduate and graduate work at the university, and later having been instructor in English there. Mrs. Bowman had attended the University of Iowa only one year, being known then to her Kappa sisters as Florence Berry. Later she became a student at Leland Stanford Junior University and the University of California and a loyal Kappa there as here.

Because of the years which had elapsed since her student days in Iowa City and the many changes in population which occur in a college town few people remained who had known her. It is needless to say the memories of those few became very valuable.

"What is she like?" was heard on every hand.

"A stunning society girl", was the reply from one source.

That sounded interesting, to be sure, but not overly encouraging as the main asset of character to one who was to be an example to the young women students of the state.

"Very brainy", came another response. "I remember", said the same voice, "she used to dote on Emerson and Thoreau".

Society charm and brains,—the characterization was improving.

"Very determined," said a new voice. "I remember that when the —— fraternity delegated a man of questionable habits to take her to a dance she declined to go. On being told that the whole fraternity would drop her if she persisted in her determination she remained firm and was dropped by that one fraternity—but she did not seem to regret her decision."

Society charm, brains and principle. What better combination could exist in one who was called to public life?

The charm is there, for nature has been kind to her. A wealth of soft brown hair, brown eyes, delicate coloring and an illuminating smile are the physical attributes, but back of them all, even with the determination which was credited to her in her college days is a modest unconsciousness of demeanor which puts one at ease at once. The strong character and brains are there with their unyielding adherence to right and justice, yet the first im-

pression is one of pure femininity and womanliness. A very few minutes' conversation shows the seriousness and depth and reveals the fact that she has an almost magnetic personality.

To find one's self seven years after the freshman days the wife of the president of the same great university might well cause even an experienced heart to quail, especially so when one's predecessor was an older woman with much social experience and faultless technique in social manners. If Florence Berry Bowman quaked inwardly her modest, unconscious manner gave no outward sign. A few of those who knew her best thought they traced a shade of disappointment in her face when instead of being permitted to sit with her old girl friends or in some inconspicuous position she was obliged at all social functions to be the guest of honor. The spirit of girlhood is still strong within her and her old friends and associates are extremely precious.

Henry James says that the most interesting thing about a person is his philosophy of life. Just what is Mrs. Bowman's philosophy of life is of paramount importance to the public whom she and her husband serve. No one can be with her long without realizing that her husband's position is prized by her for the opportunity it gives of service rather than for any individual honor or favor which might come from it to themselves. She regrets that she herself has not more time for individual work with the students but her hands and heart are full with her home responsibilities, the care of her children and the social duties of her husband's position. She is the devoted mother of two children, one, a boy of four, John Ridgway, and a baby girl, Jane Alice, by name. Mrs. Bowman's duty to the State she interprets first as giving a mother's individual care to these children, next in helping her husband's work through her home where there is much official entertaining, beautifully done, though her real delight is in having an informal visit as a mother and home-maker with a kindred spirit or two and her babies in the big living room which is fitted up with all things needed for childhood. She is determined that even if her husband was called early to public life their children shall not suffer for it needlessly but shall have an innocent, unspoiled childhood. Hence the chance, or curious visitor never sees the children—an arrangement which the large house makes possible.

Charm, brains, principle—the characterization of her student days! To that add today an unvarying and enthusiastic belief in the power of trained motherhood and the home to solve many of the perplexing problems of the state nation. For this reason she is extremely interested in the fine course in household economics which has been added to the University since she came.

Florence Berry Bowman, Beta Zeta, 1903-4, is a worthy representative of the woman described by the wise King Solomon so many years ago.

“She looketh well to the ways of her household,
And eateth not the bread of idleness.
Her husband is known in the gates
When he sitteth among the elders of the land.”

LAURA CLARKE ROCKWOOD, *Beta Zeta*.

FRANCES BALL MAUCK, *Kappa*

Born in Ohio, August seventh, 1860, Frances Ball registered in Hillsdale (Michigan) College in 1881 from Canandaigua, N. Y. She maintained exceptional ranks in class and laboratory, and was chosen by professors as critic of student papers. Prominent in various student activities, she won the annual prize for essays in her literary society, rated easily first by all the judges for both composition and delivery. She was the peer of any in the social life of the college at large and in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In 1884, while she was Grand Treasurer, she married Joseph W. Mauck, her professor of Latin, then in business in Chicago. Residing in Minneapolis six years, she was one of the organizers and the first president of the city Young Women's Christian Association. While her husband was for six years the president of the University of South Dakota, she was remarkably active in university and town life and introduced several happy customs among the students. Living next in Chicago, she was on the American Committee of the Y. W. C. A. and chairman of its committee on the work in colleges and universities of America, continuing as such a year or two after her removal in 1903 to Hillsdale, where her husband became president of the college. In preparation for that removal, she planned her present beautiful home, known as “Sunny Crest”, and personally supervised its construction and fitting. A conspicuous feature is a large amuse-



FRANCES BALL MAUCK, *Kappa*

ment room designed especially for student parties. Here the young people and citizens are received with notable hospitality, regardless of fraternity or other lines. Her three daughters are Kappas, the eldest being the first grand-child of the chapter. She participates in varied conventions of church, Y. W. C. A., moral, educational and club movements, summer conferences, and the like, including district and national Kappa meetings. She presided one year at the Indiana Y. W. C. A. convention, and is a member of the Michigan State Committee. Having unusual natural powers for readings, impersonation and interpretation of books and plays, she has frequent calls to give entertainments, literary and dramatic, at home and in other cities. She is the president of the central district, comprising Michigan, Illinois and Missouri, of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Mission Society, is diligent as an officer of the board of women commissioners of her college, and prominent in the social life of both college and city.

AMY WILLOUGHBY, *Kappa*.

"TIMES HAVE CHANGED"

At the conference of Fraternity Editors held at Chicago in October, there was much discussion regarding present conditions in the fraternity and college world and those of fifteen to thirty years ago. A number of instances were given where the older fraternity alumnae—those who had not been in touch with fraternities and their present day efforts—had been the cause of Pan-Hellenic eruptions and where their unacquaintance with the present times had caused many serious complications. The opinion among the editors was that these same alumnae would be sincerely grieved if they realized that they were really impeding the progress of their own fraternity and all others as well, because of their lack of knowledge of present conditions and methods. A committee was appointed to write an article to try to state clearly the change in times, hoping that the alumnae especially will make a great effort to see fraternity and college conditions now as they are *now*, not as they were when they were in college. If so, their zeal and intelligent interest will be of greatest benefit to the best interests of fraternity life. The article mentioned is to be printed in all Journals.

The Committee appointed are: R. Louise Fitch, Δ Δ Δ, Editor of *The Trident*, chairman; Frances Perkins, Editor *Alpha Phi Quarterly*; L. Pearle Green, Editor *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*; and Mrs. R. T. C. Jackson, K K Γ, Editor of *The Key*.

THE VISITING DELEGATE FINDS TIMES HAVE CHANGED

My one experience of a Visiting Delegate was when I was head of my chapter. I had to conduct the meeting—dreadful indeed was that ordeal and fearful the nervous headache that followed it. Of course it would have been the last thing that dear visitor would have wished—to frighten a girl into a sick headache. It wasn't her fault. She had only two days to make that visit, she had but just arrived before the meeting, and a Visiting Delegate had been heralded in the chapter as an awesome individual—I was frightened within an inch of my life and that impression has always remained, because in that brief time it was impossible to form another which would replace the first and strongest.

Perhaps I gave the girls a headache when I arrived as a Visiting Delegate, dust-laden, tired and travel-stained, I should think I might, but I hope I remained long enough to dispel the notion that I was an official come to inspect and find fault. Indeed, I think our task in this respect is easier than it used to be. I think the girls look for the friend instead of the inspector. They trust her and confide in her as they didn't use to do. It used to be the thing to hide trouble or dissension from the Delegate, to draw a sigh of relief only after she was safely out of the house without discovering that one of the freshmen was low in her studies, that the popular junior cut the reception and that the town girls would not come to meetings. Now these problems are discussed freely and solutions are often worked out with the help of the Delegate.

Nor is this cordial relationship restricted to the visitor's own chapter. Some of the pleasantest recollections of my trip are these visits with other fraternity girls and their chaperons, for at almost every college where I stopped, courtesies of various kinds were shown me by chapters of other fraternities. I believe these cordial relations are encouraged by the Pan-Hellenic Associations. The approaching visits of inspectors are announced, they are invited to talk to the girls in these meetings, suggestions are cordially received and discussion is free and good natured. Many excellent lines of work are promoted in most of these associations, an encouraging sign, for there are a few still which exist only to make rushing rules.

What a splendid help the deans of women are! How ready

to advise about the chapter, give any information desired or provide the scholarship standings—We didn't use to bother about these standings much *except as individual chapters*, now one of the first duties of every national fraternity is to encourage scholarship in every possible way. Faculty too, show this same cordial desire to assist the visitor and even the presidents of the colleges do not think it beneath their dignity to encourage her in her work.

It was an eye-opener to me to see the way in which chapters encouraged the girls to take part in college activities. Freshmen are brought up with the idea that they are expected to get out and work for the college, else they are not good fraternity girls. It made me consider seriously my own delinquencies in this line for I flatly refused to be interested in class politics and spent much valuable time scheming to get out of gym work. Perhaps if we had had rhythmic dancing instead of dumb bells and a swimming tank instead of Indian clubs I might have been more eager. Moreover, it was a surprise to see the pride that many chapters take in seeing that house rules are rigidly kept. I don't know now how I escaped a reprimand for keeping a caller after hours. Probably those girls knew that I had been out of college long enough to forget all about such rules and were lenient with me. There are such things as study hours too, despite the dubious prognostications of our friend—the enemy.

Whatever the chapters learned from me, I learned much from them. Never can I listen again with any patience to the croakings of the people who decry our present college life and say with doleful shakes of the head "Times have surely changed since our day"—Yes, times *have* surely changed, for the better in almost every particular. The progress is startling and inspiring; the growth in number of colleges, in their size, equipment and courses of study is amazing; the improvement in methods of student administration is marked. Even the social life, so immensely more complex with the increase of the student body, was never so carefully supervised, the girl was never before so closely guarded in our co-educational colleges. What criticism there is along the lines of expenditure and luxury is a criticism which must be borne not only by our colleges, but by our towns, our cities and our whole country. This visitor can only feebly raise her voice in

protest against picture shows, autos, the Boston and that lovely college store right across from the campus, where those delicious sundaes tempt the thirsty student from her books. Perhaps these things were not problems fifteen years ago, but college authorities and student bodies have coped with much weightier ones in the past and I, for one, am quite willing to believe that these questions will soon be settled and our colleges and chapters saved from the "demnition bow-wows" whither some of their decriers think they are hastening.

FRANCES G. PERKINS,
Editor *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

THE FRATERNITY AND THE CHAPTER

Fifteen or twenty years ago, it was the fashion to point out the "star chapters" of one's fraternity, to the comparative detriment of those that were not grouped in constellations. The members of one "star chapter" whispered to members of another "star chapter"—all very confidentially, of course—that Alpha or Beta or Gamma chapter took in "the most impossible girls." There was a very general feeling, shared by all except the victims of the prejudice, that "something really ought to be done about our weak chapters"; and in some cases, chapters in old and small institutions were blithely voted out of existence by the very chapters that owed them charter grants. One of the best signs of the times in fraternity as an expression of real fraternalism, is found in the changed attitude of the general fraternity toward so-called "weak chapters." The qualities that used to make up a "star chapter"—good social placement, a large share in the gaities of college life, leadership in entertaining and dress, and popularity with the local smart set—are yielding more and more to the ideals of scholarship, influence for the best in the college circle, and true womanly character—ideals that find place quite as much in the small and unfashionable college as in the big well-advertised university.

The Spartans helped to keep up their high standard of physique by killing off the weak and deformed among their offspring, but the twentieth century method is to develop the weaklings by "better babies contests"; and the modern Greek is following the same good example and strengthening the weaklings among fraternity

chapters. A policy of refusing charters to petitioners in unpromising institutions is the part of wisdom; but a policy of withdrawing charters from blameless chapters in such institutions is now stamped as unchristian and unfraternal, and is rapidly dying out.

I remember a delegate from one of these "weak chapters" who journeyed to my first convention. There was the usual convention crowd—a rapidly growing snowball of delegates and visitors. We alumnae had had so bad a training in the "weak chapter" viewpoint, that we all pricked up our critical ears when we heard that the delegate from a certain small college was on the train. "What is she like?" we asked of the sophisticated graduate who had discovered her, and the answer was, "Oh, just what you'd expect—terribly provincial—no manner. I wonder how much longer it will be before we'll lift that charter." And another blasé alumna added, "It ought to have been done long ago. Probably it will be, at this convention. Poor child! It's hard on her, isn't it! Perhaps the kindest thing would be to ignore her."

But such was not the view of the undergraduate girls of the party. They greeted the "weak" delegate with the effusiveness only possible to the very young on the way to a fraternity convention.

Yet so thoroughly was I imbued with college recollections of "the impossible girls that that chapter takes in"—("Why, one of them came over for a dance we gave, and positively it was the most ghastly thing!" et cetera) that in a few minutes' quiet talk with the little delegate *en route*, I opened the subject of her college's small and declining numbers, and fatuously and tactlessly asked, "Have you girls ever thought it might be advisable to surrender your charter?"

"Why should it be advisable?" she asked calmly.

"Well, you know," I blundered on, "the college is small, and there isn't much...er.....desirable material, and of course the fraternity mustn't let its chapters run down, and if you are loyal, you would wish whatever is for the best good of the fraternity, and" somehow it was hard for me to find words for what had previously seemed perfectly obvious, but I tried to sum up: "Of course you know that your chapter is more or less on trial."

"I don't know that at all," she replied, quite firmly, quite impersonally. "It seems to me that it is the general fraternity that is on trial. My chapter stands for the ideals of our founders. There isn't a girl in the chapter who doesn't succeed in expressing those ideals, and the chapter is a real help for good in our college. If the fraternity has so far lost sight of its ideals, that it no longer recognizes them in us, why, then——" she paused—"why, then it is the fraternity that should lose its existence,—not my chapter."

Somewhat dazed I found myself realizing that she was right. Something in her look carried me back to the night of initiation, with its sense of exaltation and high intentions. Since that day, how far I had drifted from the true concept of fraternity! The question came,—what does the fraternity stand for now? Does it base its estimate of a chapter on outward things, as I do—or does it recognize realities? Shall I find at convention the soul of fraternity or only the outer shell? To me, it was a matter of interest. To the delegate from our "weak chapter," it was vital. And she was not disappointed. Though there was hostility at first from certain alumnae, who, like me, had persisted in retaining the "star chapter" tradition; though there was of course criticism from the class of mind that bases the success of a rushing season on externals—yet the general spirit of convention was the real spirit of fraternity; and officers and delegates united in supporting the "weak chapters"—weak, perhaps, in material evidence, but strong in true fraternity ideals.

ELIZABETH RHODES JACKSON, K K Γ,
Editor of THE KEY.

THE FRATERNITY AND THE COLLEGE TODAY

On my desk is a letter, received yesterday from the University of Minnesota, enclosing a report on the scholarship of fraternity chapters in that college during 1912-13. The average for every fraternity chapter at Minnesota is given, and the individual grades of the members of my own chapter there. This letter reiterates the desire of these college authorities for our co-operation in their work for satisfactory scholarship. This is the third year of such co-operative effort at the University of Minnesota, and the fact that this year the lowest average of any woman's fraternity is

50 per cent above the passing grade shows progressively good results.

The University of Missouri and DePauw co-operate with us in a similar way, while several other places the faculty formally report grades and averages to the individual chapters at the university.

This fall, a dean of women at a college where the social rules of the women's self-government association were very inadequate, called into conference a number of alumnae to discuss what she desired to establish as social standards for the college. Several of these alumnae chanced to be fraternity women, each of whom a few days later voluntarily, and without the knowledge of the dean, called together her college chapter and discussed the whole social situation with it and asked its aid in setting a better standard. When the dean proposed her new plan to the self-government association these chapters gave it their sincere support and, as a result, wise rules that few thought this independent self-government association would even consider, became part of its code of conduct.

Another dean within the past month told me that she had found that an appeal to the fraternity chapters was always given courteous consideration and never rejected unless for reasons that she herself had to acknowledge as convincing. Also, that once the fraternity chapters were pledged to a cause, the rest of the student body, two-thirds of which is non-fraternity, would fall into line too; while measures first presented direct to a mass-meeting of students often failed of endorsement.

A president of a great university, with many hundreds of women students, recently dined at a chapter house where I was a guest. To me he said, "It is such a relief to know that even twenty of our women students are comfortably housed under wholesome supervision such as this house gives. Without adequate dormitories, which we never can provide if the student body continues to grow as it has the past few years, it is a grave problem to give our women students proper housing conditions. The fraternities have done much to help us solve the problem, not only through their own homes, but, also, because they have encouraged and helped other groups of girls to club together and at least engage all of some fair boarding house, thus making it more or less of a home."

Another college opened its first women's dormitory recently and for its conduct adopted *in toto* the house rules its chapter house fraternities had themselves made and kept for some years.

These actual incidents illustrate the relation of college and fraternity today better than could any of the general statements of policy and action I could so readily set forth; so I leave them to tell their own story, adding but two facts—they are not isolated experiences, neither do they come anywhere near exhausting my knowledge of "actual incidents" of such relations.

Scholarship, high social standards, home living conditions, are some of the things fraternities work for; that their work along these lines is cumulatively successful and of value to the entire college world, can not be gainsaid. They stand ready to work for the college in every possible way and once the college evinces its readiness to accept the co-operation of the fraternities, the university world will witness undreamed of benefits through the combined effort of fraternity and college.

L. PEARLE GREEN,

Editor *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*.

"TIMES HAVE CHANGED"

In studying fraternities for fourteen years and in visiting sixty-five colleges my ideas of the "change" are condensed as follows:

In the "good old days" a fraternity was loosely bound collection of individual chapters, each doing very much as it pleased, and really responsible to no one. The very first fraternity purpose was to secure some sort of recognition of the existence of women at educational institutions. Social recognition being least assured and most desired, emphasis was placed upon that. No fraternity had any real supervision over its chapters save to request payment of dues, chapter letters for the magazines, etc. National officers were names only who had purely business relations with chapters. Individual chapters worked out their own salvation, and some of the methods were most peculiar in the light of the present day ideas. It was "each fellow for himself". There was no co-operation among fraternities at any college and little among chapters of one fraternity. Rushing, pledging, etc., was haphazard and generally a question of "grab," methods being immaterial. To "run down a rival" literally and

figuratively, was entirely legitimate and daily employed. Each fraternity considered itself the best and there were no superiors! This attitude, of course, eventually reached its climax, and women of mature ideas began to consider the matter sensibly and with calm judgment. The weak points, the inane points of the methods employed were discussed, the possibilities of accomplishing something worth while with these groups of students gradually appeared and slowly but surely a change took place. National visitors, interchapter visits, etc., brought chapters into closer touch with one another and with their councils. The isolated groups became a unified whole. Women's position in the educational world was no longer a novelty but an ever increasing common occurrence. There was no lack of social standing and social life. What then should be done with the organization which was gradually becoming stronger and more powerful? Through the exchange of interfraternity courtesies, chapters learned much of good of their rivals, and learned a most important fact—that their own beloved organizations really had not been able to secure quite all the finest women in the country! The worth of other organizations has been clearly recognized of late years, and many valuable experiences and ideas are given and received between one-time most "hated rivals." Some college girls have been surprised to find that members of rival organizations know as much (or more) about their own fraternities as they do themselves, aside from the "secrets" which Barnard claims to find so terrible. Some of us who recall days when to have a chum in another fraternity was unheard of, to work together for any college betterment was unthought of, perhaps find difficulty in realizing the present conditions. Do these sound familiar? A common pledge day, no pledges below full freshman class, uniform chapter house rules, receptions for the officers of a *rival* fraternity, scholarship requirement for initiation, teas for college girls—fraternity and non-fraternity (not rushing parties, but get-acquainted parties), co-operation to secure sensible closing hours for college parties, and for better housing facilities for all college women, upperclass sponsor system in fraternity, and in some instances in college, through Pan-Hellenic efforts, faculty dinners, talks by the dean of women, no freshman mid-week dates, united efforts to secure competent refined house chaperons, co-oper-

ation in college activities, attempts to regulate the college activities of individual members—to curb the over-ambitious, so that her health may not be impaired, to encourage the timid and under-ambitious to cultivate her abilities, curtailing of rushing expenses, and general college social expenses, co-operation with faculty to secure better scholarship, addresses, through Pan-Hellenics, by prominent “Vocational” leaders, etc., etc. The list of things done and being done is almost too long to enumerate. This of course mentions no individual philanthropies, scholarship awards, etc. Most important, to my mind, of all the changes which have occurred is that of the change in the fraternity leaders and their spirit toward their *sister* organizations. (The italicized word is gradually replacing “rival”). Perhaps it can best be illustrated by the family life. Some parents are utterly unable to recognize the faults and failings in their own children. To *them*, their children are perfect, though to an unprejudiced outsider they may be regular “pests”. They are patted on the back, encouraged to believe the neighbor’s child is always the instigator of a fight, has bad manners, and is naughty to throw things at “mother’s pet”, etc. Such parents can’t understand how their children later commit misdemeanors or worse, when they have had “everything done for them”. Such *has* been the attitude of fraternity leaders in the past. The ideal parents recognize their children’s faults and weaknesses, and try to teach them to cultivate self-control, and to curb their disagreeable tendencies. They are ready with advice and counsel, with all the help in their power to teach their children to patch up the weak places, to learn to discriminate themselves between good and evil, to see the good in others, etc. Such is the *general* spirit of fraternity leaders of today. They are earnest, sensible women, who realize the possibilities they have of influencing through their various organizations, the lives of thousands of young college girls to live better,—mentally, morally and physically, because of the fraternity influence in their lives. Our alumnae, old and young, who are, with practically no exception, sensible, high minded women, can aid immeasurably in these efforts by giving their intelligent support to present day methods of a powerful organization—the college fraternity.

R. LOUISE FITCH, Δ Δ Δ.

Editor *Trident*.

A WORD FOR THOUGHT

Fresh from visits with seven chapters and several alumnae associations, fresh from Council Session and Pan-Hellenic Congress, I am so full of Fraternity, fraternity doings and fraternity thoughts that I feel called upon to unload my mind and heart of one word—a word to be whispered especially into the ears of the alumnae.

The word is Loyalty—Loyalty with a capital L—Loyalty to our Kappa Sisters—Loyalty to the girls who were active in our own chapters when we were active—Loyalty to the present active girls in our own chapter—Loyalty to the alumnae of other chapters but most of all Loyalty to the active chapter near which we may be located.

We are too apt to think and say that our own chapter isn't what it was when we were in college; that it hasn't girls of the caliber we had; that they do not display the judgment we did; that they do not have the grades we had; but we do not stop to consider that they are no younger than we were when in college, that from our older years and judgment we see things in a different light from college years and judgment; that entrance requirements are higher and professors "stiffer" in class-room and grading. Why not stop "kicking" and help?

Again we are too apt to think other chapters inferior to our own chapter and say so; someone hears us say so, passes it on somewhat enlarged to someone else, that someone passes it on somewhat enlarged to someone else until finally the first almost innocent comment has grown to a statement somewhat of this order: "Isn't it awful? Blank Chapter is about to be put on probation because it is such a weak chapter. They take in girls there who are no more fitted to be fraternity women that I don't know what! Isn't it terrible?" Now this is no exaggeration, for I was told this very thing not more than a month ago about one of our strongest, best and most loyal chapters and after some little investigation I found that it had grown from an unfavorable comparison of two chapters made by an alumna in talking of her own and a chapter many, many miles from her college town; a chapter which had been kind to her because she was a stranger in a strange land. In the language of etiquette, how ungrateful! In the language of friendship, how unkind!! In the language of fraternity sisterhood, how disloyal!!!

LYDIA V. KOLBE.

ALUMNAE LETTERS

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

To all Kappas—Greeting!

Ada Holmes, '94, who has been teaching in the Fisk Seminary at Urumia, Persia, for the past eight years is at home on a furlough.

Alice Egbert Thurburt of Indiana spent the holidays in Syracuse and the vicinity.

Mabel Allis, '00, expects to spend the summer traveling in England and on the continent.

We are glad to welcome to our association two sisters from other chapters, Mrs. G. W. Thompson who comes from Wooster, and Mrs. Gildersleeve from Boston. Mrs. Thompson's address is 838 Livingston Avenue.

Tuesday evening, December thirtieth, the Christmas meeting of the association was held at the home of Mrs. Robert Burns. The active girls who were in the city were the guests of the alumnae.

We wish all Kappas a prosperous and happy New Year!

GEORGIA A. WELLS, *Secretary*.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

The November meeting of the Philadelphia Alumnae Association was held at the home of Edna and Anna Bramble in Roxborough. Owing to the inclement weather only seven members were present. The meeting, however, did not lack enthusiasm.

In December, in place of the regular meeting, we entertained the active chapter at the home of Mrs. Lacey Evans (Helen Euston) in Lansdowne. Old-fashioned games were played and from the oldest alumna down to tiny Marcella Evans the party was voted a success.

The teas given the third Friday of each month by Beta Alpha chapter at the women's dormitory have been well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the alumnae. At the October tea Mrs. Hay (Helen Harter, Lambda) and Mrs. Hopwood (Josephine Reed, Beta Alpha) poured. Mrs. Evans (Helen Euston, B. A.) and Mrs. Phillips (Mary Geisler, B. A.) assisted the actives in November. In December, Mrs. Fisher (Genevieve Rohrer, Beta Lambda) presided at the tea table.

The engagement has been announced of Evelyn Miles '12, to Franklin Jefferson Keller. Mr. Keller is a graduate of the College of the City of New York and at present is teaching in the DeWitt Clinton High School, New York City.

Dorothy Keeney is planning a "shower" for January tenth for Hildegard E. Rodman whose marriage to Lockwood Campbell will take place in February and for Evelyn Miles whose engagement has just been announced.

Clara Custer Miller, Beta Alpha, was married July thirtieth, 1913, to Murdock Mac Arthur of Harmattan, Olds-Alberta, Canada.

ANITA SHOLLENBERGER, *Secretary*.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

The Columbus Association held its last meeting November fifteenth, at the home of Maybelle Cornell. For the past year it has been more convenient to hold the alumnae meetings at one of our tea rooms, "The Sign of the Samovar" but most of the girls have agreed that there is no place so good as one of the homes for a really informal good time. The month of December always passes by without an alumnae meeting on account of the varied activities of the girls. However, there is always a Kappa spread for the girls who are back for the holidays.

Berry Carrol, Alice Crane and Helen Gardner are home for two weeks.

Mrs. Fred Caskey, Mrs. De Wiess Fuller, Mrs. Walter Klie and her son visited here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kurtz (Maybelle Bradley) are the parents of a son, born December thirteenth.

AUGUSTA MENEFEE, *Secretary*.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

Our last regular meeting was the November luncheon meeting, held at the Vienna, on the second Saturday of the month. Ten girls were present, including Elizabeth Patterson, Theta, who is teaching this winter in the Kentucky Home School. Everybody enjoyed the afternoon thoroughly, for these meetings are always very informal.

Our next meeting comes January tenth, at the home of Alice

Cary Williams, and we hope to have with us two more new Kappas who have never attended any of our meetings.

Edith Stirman, Iota, who is teaching in the Louisville public schools, spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Owensboro. She will be the guest of honor at a reception on Saturday, given for her here, by her aunt, Mrs. Skillman.

Helen Ruthenburg, Iota, who has been teaching in Alexandria, Indiana, this fall, came home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Roscoe Willett, (Philura Comnock) Upsilon, spent Christmas in Evanston, where she saw several of the Upsilon Kappas.

Miss Ada Frank (Iota) was in Baltimore during the holidays visiting Mrs. M. H. Lichliter (Gertrude Larimore, Iota). Mr. Lichliter himself is a graduate of DePauw, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, and is now the pastor of Grace M. E. Church of Baltimore. Miss Frank reported a lovely visit with her college chum and Kappa sister.

ALICE CARY WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

We held our mid-winter meeting on the twenty-eighth of December. We sometimes wonder if other associations get as much real pleasure from their meetings as we do from ours. At any rate it is certain that the pleasure we derive from our organization increases as time goes. No meeting in our history was more enjoyable than this last one. Let no active Kappa imagine for a moment that we are staid and prosaic even though we *are* matrons. It is true that girlhood's pleasure of anticipation is gone, but the matron's pleasure of retrospection is ours, never to depart as long as memory and life last. We laugh, and we tease much as we did in chapter days, though the laughing and teasing result from the memory of past conditions and not because of those at present existing. And, if we derived nothing from our association other than the physical uplift it brings to us, the time would be worthily spent. A laugh in these days has a physical as well as a spiritual value. We leave our meetings with hearts gladdened and bodies and minds rested. After our lunch we attend to routine business and read letters and discuss fraternity interests. At this last meeting a letter was read from our Supervisor, Mrs. Walker. She called our attention to the "wide-spread criticism of the fra-

ternity system". Some of us are in close touch with university life and know that these criticisms are assuming militant proportions. The question at our meeting was, what are we and the fraternity at large going to do about it? The opinion was generally expressed that Kappas having Kappa daughters, and Kappa mothers in general and alumnae associations should "get together" with some well-defined policy to remove the objectionable features of the fraternity system. Someone said, "why not discuss such practical questions at the alumnae session of the next convention?"

Mrs. Chandler (Aurelia Whitesides) reported her recent visit to Monmouth, Illinois. She went as a delegate to the Women's Missionary Convention of the Methodist North West District. She said there were more Kappas at this meeting than representatives of any other fraternity. All of these Kappas went in a body to the home of Mrs. Willis, where Kappa was founded. Mrs. Willis, whose daughter was a Kappa founder, told these visiting Kappa women how it came that Kappas wear the key. She said that after that historic group of Monmouth girls had perfected an organization, a question arose concerning the badge. Mrs. Willis said to them, in this connection, "You have secrets, so you ought to have something with which to lock them up! Why not have a key for your badge". Mrs. Willis is eighty-six years old and it was a rare pleasure to see her and hear her tell of the early days.

Mrs. Erther (Claud Keeley) has been elected president of the Women's Auxiliary of the Sons of Veterans.

Mrs. Thornburg (Anna Studebaker) was in the hospital recently, but is now in excellent health. Her husband, however, is critically ill.

Mrs. French (Cinna Moore) leaves this week for California.

Mrs. Shubrick (Julia Johnson) was quite ill this fall but has recovered. Her daughter Julia, of Iota, is just leaving for the Chase School in New York City.

LAURA OGLE GOODELL, *Secretary*.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

Greetings to all Kappa Sisters from the Chicago Alumnae Association:

The Chicago Association held its November luncheon at the home of the president, Mrs. John Calvin Hanna, Saturday, No-

vember twenty-seventh. A buffet luncheon was served, followed by a short business meeting and a social afternoon. We were all very grateful to Mrs. Hanna for giving us the opportunity to spend so delightful a day together.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Armstrong Elder (Margaret Hanna, Beta Gamma) announce the birth of a son, William Hanna Elder, December thirtieth.

LOUISE HANNA, *Secretary*.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

The St. Louis Alumnae Association tried the experiment of a bridge party at its November meeting which was held at the home of Mrs. Emmett North, Θ (Maude Isbell) who was assisted in serving luncheon by her sister, Mary Isbell, Θ of Washington, Missouri and by Mrs. C. E. Witter, Υ (Katherine Janes). A very pleasant afternoon was spent and three new members welcomed: Mrs. C. A. Windmuller, Ι (Eva Kyner ex-'91), Mrs. Homer Bower, Β Ξ, (Minnie Sanborn ex-'08) and Luella Gilmore, Ι 1913, Φ Β Κ, who is teaching in East St. Louis.

The December meeting was held during the holidays and was our second annual reception in honor of the active members of Theta chapter who live in St. Louis. The hostess was Mrs. Robert Miller, Β Ξ (Anne Stratton) who was assisted by Mrs. Franklin Miller, Θ (Maude Barnes), Mrs. C. J. Walker, Θ, (Gertrude Zoll) and Marie Bryden, Θ. It was a great pleasure to meet Gertrude McLean, Ruth Timberlake, Marion Sanders, Katherine Teasdale, and Gladys Udell and to hear from them of Theta's wonderful new home. The girls sang Kappa songs and brought to us so much of their chapter spirit that we found ourselves actually forgetting how many years had passed since we were active. Another guest at this meeting was Mrs. Geo. M. Hearne, Θ, (Clara Thompson) who was visiting Mrs. Guy Thompson, Θ (Susan Alexander).

MAY C. W. WESTERMANN, *Secretary*.

BLOOMINGTON (ILL.) ASSOCIATION

Christmas has passed! Does it seem possible? And now we have new freshmen to introduce to you! (We *old* ones are al-

ways interested in initiation for it's that beautiful service that reminds us all of our Kappa vows and ideals).

While the active girls are introducing the new pledges we have two new members of our club to present: Sallie Reeder and Helen Roe.

Gladys Miner spent her vacation at home with her mother. She is teaching in Rochelle.

Louise Leaton spent the holidays at home and brought a guest with her from Galesburg.

Dr. and Mrs. Ralph Peairs (Myra Sinclair) spent Christmas with Miss Virginia Sinclair.

Mr. and Mrs. Merle Ainsworth (Bernice Brock) are the parents of a son, born November fourteenth.

Dr. and Mrs. Edson Hart (Louie Howell) are the parents of a daughter, Ruth, born December first.

Dr. and Mrs. Guy Thode (Elizabeth Roe) spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fremont Roe.

Our last meeting before Christmas was a most interesting one held at the home of Miss Sinclair. Miss Felmley was hostess with Miss Sinclair and each member responded to the roll call with an Irish story.

The first number of *THE KEY* was most interesting and we read the account of the Pan-Hellenic Congress with much enthusiasm. (Don't worry, sisters, fraternities will never die and our golden key will always be the link that binds us clear across this continent and Europe.)

The bazaars held early in December under the direction of the Woman's Guild of Wesleyan were most successful and netted about five hundred dollars. Many Kappas helped and all were very kind in opening their homes.

Our club, with the assistance of the active girls, has sold over 40,000 of the 50,000 Red Cross seals we have to sell.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ives (Grace Wills) have moved to Decatur. We shall miss Grace very much as she was always an enthusiastic and loyal Kappa.

Best wishes to you all!

RUTH MCINTOSH, *Secretary*.

PI ASSOCIATION

In November, Pi Alumnae Association met for a business meeting at the home of Juliette Perrin in Claremont. From the windows of her home we could look across San Francisco Bay straight through the Golden Gate, and the inspiration of this view added greatly to the enjoyment of a very pleasant afternoon.

On January third, the annual luncheon of the association was held at the Hotel Oakland. Florence Mason Palmer from London and her nine-year-old son are visiting San Francisco during the holidays. Many were surprised to see her at the luncheon and all were glad to find her unchanged in Kappa spirit and looking "exactly the same". She made a short talk and gave all Pi Association members a cordial invitation to visit her whenever they go to London.

A letter was read from Eleanor Bennett who is visiting in North Yakima, Washington. She will be at home the end of this month. A letter was also read from Irene Hazard Gerlinger, who expects to visit the bay region in February. We were also glad to hear from Micaela de la Cuesta, who wrote from her home in Santa Barbara County.

Emma Moffat McLaughlin was elected delegate to the Convention next summer and Mary Downey and Ethel Catton were elected alternates.

Alice Paine was married to Mr. Frederick Thomas, Delta Tau Delta, on December seventeenth.

Marie Hall and John Harper Derby were married on New Year's Day. Marie is to make her home in New York City.

The engagement of Marie McHenry to Leland Stanford Scott, Delta Kappa Epsilon, has been announced.

Marjory Gardiner has announced her engagement to Lieutenant William Harrison. The wedding will take place in June.

HELEN POWELL, *Secretary*.

IOTA CLUB

The marriage of Marian McCullough Ostrom, '13, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Henry Ostrom of Greencastle, Indiana, and Paul Benedict, B @ II, of Indianapolis, took place at the home of the bride's parents on the evening of December the sixteenth. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, and Miss

Mary Lockwood, '12, was one of the bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Benedict left immediately for an extended western trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton McCurdy (Julia Day) and family have recently moved to Medford, Oregon.

The engagement of Mayme Trueblood to Mr. Thad Whitmer of Cleveland, Ohio, was announced at a luncheon given recently by Miss Trueblood at her home in Medford, Oregon. The wedding will take place on the twelfth of February.

Miss Lotta Thomas, '13, has gone to Ravenna, Nebraska, to take a position in the public schools of that place.

A cablegram was received in Greencastle on Christmas day, announcing the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hamrick (Helen Black) at their home in Rancagua, Chile, South America.

The engagement of Eva Valodin of Indianapolis to I. Leonard James of Atlanta, Georgia, was recently announced at a tea given in her honor.

All DePauw students should and do have an enthusiastic interest in all that concerns her welfare and in all, too, of her loyal alumnae. So it is with the deepest regret that the news reached us, of the death of Doctor Genung at his home in Ft. Branch, Indiana. He was the last member of the class of 1845 and also the oldest living alumnus, having in his possession the alumni cane, which now passes into the hands of Dr. Jeremiah Tingley of Allegheny, Pennsylvania, of the class of 1850. Doctor Genung was in his eighty-seventh year and perhaps next to Doctor Wishard of Indianapolis, who died within the past weeks, he held the record of the longest period of actual practice among the physicians of Indiana. Doctor Genung's enthusiasm for "Old DePauw" never waned and until the past year he availed himself of every opportunity to take a really active part in all college activities. DePauw graduates as well as the faculty and students will surely miss his familiar face at the commencement season.

Mrs. Hedden, a daughter of Doctor Genung, with whom he made his home, is an initiate of Iota chapter.

Plans are being made for one of the most enjoyable Iota reunions in Indianapolis, at the Claypool Hotel on the second Saturday in February. This year the business meeting will be held in the afternoon and will be followed in the evening by a banquet

to which the husbands, brothers and sweethearts are to be invited.

MABEL BISHOP, *Secretary*.

MINNESOTA CLUB

I have been asked to send the news of the Minnesota Alumnae Club for the February issue of *THE KEY* as Harriet Armstrong, our corresponding secretary, is busy with preparations for a four months' trip. She, her sister Adelaide, and their stepfather, Mr. H. E. Stevens of St. Paul will leave for the western coast early in the new year. They expect to make one or two stops on the way, and will sail from San Francisco January fifteenth. Their first stop will be of a week's duration in Honolulu, and from there they will go on to the Philippines, China, Korea, and Manchuria. After a month spent in Japan they will return home in May.

The absorbing interest of Chi's alumnae this fall was the fair which was held November twentieth in the assembly room of the Hampshire Arms, a large family hotel owned by the husband of one of our members, who generously gave us the use of the room for that day. Each one of us had been asked to contribute five articles, and Kappas far and near responded beautifully. We had an attractive stock of Christmas novelties and delicatessen, which sold very readily, the sale adding \$380.00 to our house fund.

The holidays have brought a number of our members, who now live away from here, back to their old homes for Christmas visits. It has been very pleasant to have a glimpse of Bessie Williams Gillette, Elsie Stone Crocker, and Avery Trask Barnard. Jessie Schulten Miner is still in Germany. She and Docter Miner and their little son will not return until some time next summer.

As I write, at 4 p. m., December twenty-ninth, the marriage of Josephine Dayton and Mr. Frederick H. Blair is taking place. Their home will be in Boston for a couple of years, where Mr. Blair is a student of theology.

Before the next letter for *THE KEY* is due, a new Corresponding Secretary will have been elected, and you will receive the news from the properly accredited source.

ALICE C. WEBB.

ADRIAN CLUB

The December meeting was held on the sixth at the home of Mrs. E. T. Morden, with Mrs. Morden and Miss Anna Condict as hostesses. A most delightful afternoon was spent, and at the end a delicious two-course supper was served. These meetings of ours are a source of a great deal of pleasure to us.

We sent a budget of Christmas letters and greetings to Miss May McElroy, who is spending a year in Europe. During most of the winter she will be in Italy.

December twelfth was pledge day for the active chapter, and we are glad to know that they won four splendid girls for Kappa. Marion Seger, one of the pledges, is a Kappa daughter, her mother, Mrs. Margaret Seger, being a member of our alumnae club.

We send best wishes for this new year to Kappas everywhere!

HELEN K. BAKER.

INDIANAPOLIS CLUB

We held a Merry Christmas party, December nineteenth, with Mrs. C. A. Pritchard, (Hettie Adams, Iota), and had the girls of Mu chapter as special guests. The gifts had original verses attached and were piled in two huge baskets. Mrs. Pritchard's little daughter passed these baskets and after removing the usual tissue paper and gay ribbons from the gifts we spent a happy half hour listening to the original verses and admiring the variety of gifts—from shoe trees to Kappa calendars.

Mr. and Mrs. James Peterson (Helen Brown, Mu) announce the arrival of a daughter, Katherine Brown, born December 5, 1913.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Darrach (Maud Huntington, Mu) have returned from a trip abroad.

Miss Rose Elliott (Mu) has sailed for China to be with her brother.

Mrs. Cummings (Carrie Howe, Mu) has been made a director of the College Club of Washington, D. C.

Among those home for the holidays were: Ruth Allerdice and Elizabeth Brayton from Virginia; Ruth Hendrickson, from Winamac; Bernice Sinclair from Champaign, Ill.; Mrs. Hicks (Edna Huggins, Mu) from Bloomfield.

Haidee Forsyth, Mu, ex-'13, has announced her engagement to Carl Burkhardt, Delta Tau Delta, Butler College. Mr. Burkhardt is now in Lexington, Missouri.

Marguerite Hubbard, Mu '11, is now living in Sacramento, California.

Mrs. Robert McKay (Mary Montgomery, Mu ex-'13) is now living in Berkeley, California.

In December Mr. George Guffin, father of Mrs. Chestina Mauszy, and Mrs. St. Clair Parry, (Mu) died at his home in Rushville. Mr. Guffin was one of the first men in Indiana to take up scientific farming.

Mrs. J. E. Higdon (Lilly Cline, Iota) has moved to Austin, Texas.

Lucile Carr, Mu, is spending several weeks in Florida.

"Lest we forget, we'll say it yet"—Convention 1914.

Every day more Indiana Kappas are hearing this news and when the time comes we hope to meet many other alumnae at Boulder.

ELIZABETH T. BOGERT, *Secretary*.

BLOOMINGTON, (INDIANA) CLUB

As we had no letter in the December KEY we take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

The club has been unusually well attended this year and much interest has been manifested. We meet once a month and have often a short musical program or a reading from THE KEY, and our business meeting. We have been especially interested the last few years in the chapter house. We have an advisory board consisting of six, three alumnae and three active girls, with Mrs. N. U. Hill as president, Mrs. J. K. Beck, secretary, Mrs. Holland, treasurer and the three girls, Ruth Telfer, Ruth Reeves and Bess Williams. They have proven themselves most competent in the way they have assisted the girls in financing and managing the house. Also, last but not least, they have personally superintended the decorating and refinishing of the house, which is certainly "a thing of beauty and a joy forever."

Mrs. L. Pachirilla of Boston (Margy Bradfute, Delta) is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Bradfute.

Mrs. Ethel Hobbs (Ethel Smith, Delta) is choirister at the First M. E. Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood Miers (Blanche Wicks, Delta) are receiving congratulations on being the parents of twin boys, Robert and Wyatt, born a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Carol Beck (Ruby Bollenbocher, Delta) of Cincinnati is visiting her parents.

Miss Helen Hicks is spending the winter at Lake Helen, Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. Teter (Nelle Showers, Delta) are now occupying their handsome new home on Walnut Hills. The house was designed by one of the Kappa brothers, an architect of Chicago.

Mrs. H. B. Gentry (Grace Clark, Delta) is spending the winter at San Antonio, Texas, with Mr. Gentry who is there with his famous dog and pony shows.

Miss Daphne Hoffman is teaching in an Episcopal girls' school, in Topeka, Kansas.

Miss Kate Hight, one of our most valuable members is spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona, for the benefit of her health.

MRS. A. V. FARIS, *Secretary*.

LINCOLN CLUB

Everyone has been so busy with personal affairs during the busy holiday season that very little has been done in a general sorority way. The Kappa luncheons and the Kappa Bridge Club have proved a means by which the girls can keep in touch with one another and with the sorority.

On Tuesday night before school closed for the holidays, the house girls had their annual Christmas tree and about twenty of the alumnae surprised the girls by going to the house, laden with canned fruit, jellies and preserves.

The Christmas season has brought various messages from girls from afar. Blanche Edmiston writes enthusiastically from Dresden where she is studying art. Nelle Holdbrook Ball writes from Texas and tells of the death of her husband.

Messages were also received from Margaret Winger Mac Millan of Keokuk, Iowa, and Edna Wetzel Mudge of Kansas City.

Eleanor Raymond who now lives in Evanston, Illinois, has been spending the holidays in Lincoln.

Sigma has a new baby girl—the little daughter of Laura Hautz Rankin, who is now about two months old.

Dr. Louise Pound attended a meeting of literature teachers in New York during the vacation and incidentally visited Adele Lathrop at Wellesley. Miss Clara Conklin of the Department of Romance Languages also attended an educational meeting at Cincinnati.

MRS. FRED C. WILLIAMS, *Secretary*.

OMAHA CLUB

Because of the local Pan-Hellenic luncheon given Saturday, December twenty-seventh, at the University Club, the December Kappa meeting was postponed.

At this luncheon, which proved to be unusually successful, about ten Kappas were present.

Anne Dennis, Sigma, has announced her engagement to Don Neely, a Nebraska Phi Delta Theta, the wedding to take place in the spring.

Betty Penney, Sigma, is to be married to Frederick Cox on January twenty-first.

A daughter was born on November twelfth to Bernice Stewart Porter of Sigma.

Omaha Kappas are glad to have with them for the school year at least, Miss Lovejoy, Upsilon, who is teaching English and Expression at Brownell Hall, a local boarding school.

Mrs. C. W. Russell, Beta Zeta, expects to leave February first for Berlin where she will join her daughters, Agnes and Anne, both of Sigma, who have been abroad since August.

Helen Chase of Lincoln is expected to spend the remainder of the holidays with Omaha Kappas.

Most enjoyable meetings have been held at the homes of Mrs. W. J. Hotz and Margharetta Bourke during the past two months.

LUCY HARTE.

LAMBDA CLUB

After January first, we, alumnae of Lambda chapter, will no longer refer to our Alma Mater as Buchtel College, but as the Municipal University of Akron. The college is to be gradually enlarged and new courses introduced, the chief ones being engineering for boys and domestic science for girls.

Our luncheons, held the first Saturday of each month, are proving more and more successful each time. We hope that any out of town Kappas who may come to Akron will avail themselves of this opportunity to meet the Lambda Kappas.

On Thursday, November twentieth, Mary Virginia Conner, ex-'12, became Mrs. Robert Wilson. Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are making their home in Akron, where Mr. Wilson is employed by the Goodyear Rubber Company.

Lambda extends best wishes for a bright and successful New Year to all Kappa sisters.

MAGGIE S. CRUICKSHANK, *Secretary*.

BETA TAU

Born, on January 10, to Mary Preston Norton, Beta Tau '02, a daughter.

BOSTON CLUB

The Boston Alumnae Club voted to become an official association at a meeting held after the initiation service of Phi chapter.

The annual banquet which was held at the Hotel Vendome was well attended. Mrs. Jackson spoke very interestingly of existing fraternity conditions and the obligations of fraternity women.

GRACE CRANE, *Secretary*.

BETA UPSILON

Mrs. Ralph Thayer (Nita Bartlett) spent the holiday season with her parents in Grafton.

Ethel Ice has returned to Fairmont after a short visit with her sister of Morgantown.

Mae Sullivan and Susan Smith were among the happy home-comers at this Christmas time.

Genevieve Stealey is visiting friends in Washington.

CLARA LYTLE.

KAPPA

Belle Ammerman, '07, returned to Hillsdale for Christmas vacation.

Miss Ella Ball, '83, is spending the winter in New York City.

Mrs. Percy Holliday (Merle McIntosh) '10, spent the holidays in Hillsdale.

Mrs. A. W. Dimmers has recently removed from Hillsdale. We will lose an active and interested alumna.

Born to Mrs. A. L. Walrath, (Ruth Mauck, '07) a daughter, Marcia Joy, on December the eighth.

MRS. A. DIMMERS.

BETA LAMBDA

Rachel Weir was married to Clifford Maxwell, principal of the Macomb, Illinois, high school, on September twenty-third.

Born, on September twenty-third, to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Bickett (Elizabeth McClure), a daughter, Ellenar, named for her two grandmothers. Mr. and Mrs. Bickett are living at 1141 North Church Street, Rockford, Illinois.

Lucy Williams has charge of the branch libraries of the public schools in Bloomington, Illinois.

We note the following changes of address: Mrs. Ralph Cornell (Alice Eager), to 1168 Stark Avenue, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. W. H. Fisher (Genevieve Rohrer), to 158 Sumac Street, Wissahickon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mrs. B. B. Howard, (Lucile Jones), to Avenue 4, Erlanger, Paris, France; and the new addresses of those affected by the new names of Chicago streets, Ann White, 4016 Lake Park Avenue; Ruth Abbott, 5426 University Avenue; Mabel Hayward, 5418 Blackstone Avenue; Mrs. E. W. Donoho, 6100 Kenwood Avenue.

Cora Wallace is doing music and story telling work in the public schools of Gary, Indiana, and also has some playground supervision.

Alice Craig has a very fine position in the household science department of the high school at Long Beach, California, her address being 613 East 19th Street.

Marietta and Gertrude Davis will be visiting in the vicinity of Chicago in January.

Bernice Smock has a position in the Newberry Library in Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Sponsel (Eleanor Aldrich), are now living in Gary, Indiana, where Mr. Sponsel has a position with the American Bridge Company.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Turner (Ladelle Strong) have moved from Deadwood, South Dakota, to Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Marquis (Elizabeth Parr) and their small son have gone to Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Marquis is professor of steam engineering. Their address is 412 West Eighth Street.

Mrs. Emma Rhoads Nicholey of Beirut, Syria is spending a year in this country and may be reached at her home, 727 West Jefferson Street, Ottawa, Illinois.

Fay Armstrong Crosby's address is now Lakeview, Oregon.

Madge Gundy and Margaret Pouk returned for the high school conference the week after Home-coming. Madge is teaching English in the Danville, Illinois, high school, and Margaret is supervisor of music in the East Aurora schools.

Lynda Homeberger is teaching at Minocqua, Wisconsin.

Lillian Arnold was elected president of the Illinois Library School alumnae association in June. She is now librarian in Burlington, Iowa.

On Friday evening of Home-coming Week Annabel Fraser announced her engagement to Mr. H. M. Gallagher of Wellton, Arizona.

Helen Thurston is doing reference work for a large book concern in New Haven, Connecticut. Her address is 316 Crown Street.

Elizabeth Graff is teaching in the high school of Toledo, Ohio.

EVA L. MCINTYRE.

OMEGA

Omega's alumnae have been very busy since the last letter was written to *THE KEY*, in getting ready for Christmas charity. Owing to the fact that so many men were out of employment, it seemed there was an unusually large number of children for whom the Omega Kappas wanted to provide Christmas gifts. In various Kansas towns the Omega girls combined, planned and worked out a lovely Christmas for a large number of children. New, warm clothing was given to the children so that the rest of the year might see them in school. Many of the Omega girls sacrificed their gifts to best friends in order that more children might be remembered. Many substantial checks were given by outsiders who desired to do their share. The names of many needy children were obtained from the school authorities. These children

were sent baskets on Christmas eve anonymously, except for the card of Santa Claus. It is the plan of the Kansas Kappas to continue the custom next year and to look out for the children during the coming year.

Many of the Omega alumnae are planning to return to Lawrence for the Kappa formal party which will be held either before or after Lent.

A number of the Omega alumnae attended the marriage of Ann McCoy, '10, of Hiawatha, to Frank Morrill, December fifth.

Crete Stewart is spending the winter in Oklahoma City.

May Kelley, '13, who is taking a course in domestic science at Manhattan will complete her course in April, returning to her home in Kansas City.

Mildred Pettit, '12, will spend the spring months in California.

Josephine Walker, '12, has returned to her home in Holton after an extended visit in the east.

Jean Horton, '12, of Medford, Washington has been visiting Kansas City Kappas for the last month.

A son was born in December to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rhodes (Gladys Fitzpatrick, '10) of Kansas City, Missouri.

FAY CHISHAM.

BETA PHI

Mary Rankin, '08, teacher of English in the high school at Colfax, Washington, and Mrs. Thomas E. Kinney (Grace Rankin, '12) of Thompson Falls, Montana, spent the holidays with their mother in Missoula.

Mary Elrod, '11, left Christmas Day for an extended visit in Minnesota, Illinois, and Washington, D. C.

Mildred Ingalls, '13, who is teaching at Cyr, Montana, was the guest of her cousin, Annabel Ross, ex-'08, during the holidays.

Alice Mathewson, '13, has returned to her home in Anaconda after a delightful sojourn in California.

Dorothy Sterling, ex-'14, enjoyed a most delightful visit in Butte during December. She was entertained extensively by Carrie Wharton, '12, and Nan Vivian, ex-'12.

Marjorie Ross, '11, who has studied in Boston for the past two years, is spending this winter at her home in Missoula.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Donnally (Helen Whitaker, '10) and their son are spending the winter in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Arbie E. Leech (Ethel Wilkinson, ex-'11) is visiting in Missoula from her home in Dupuyer, Mont.

Florence Leech, '12, and her mother are making their home in Kalispell for the winter. Miss Leech is taking a course in the business college there.

Lieut. and Mrs. Edmond Gregory (Verna Green, ex-'09) are making their home at Fort Lawton, Seattle, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. David Mason, (Evelyn Polleys, '08), left Missoula in December for New Haven, Connecticut, where Mr. Mason will give a course in the Yale Forestry School.

MAUDE B. McCULLOUGH.

In Memoriam

MARION McDERMOTT

Initiated into Psi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, November fifteenth, 1902.

Died at her home in Ithaca, December twenty-fourth, 1913.

EXCHANGES

KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Kindly send exchanges to: Miss Eva Powell, 2703 Dwight Way, Berkeley, Cal.; Mrs. Ralph T. C. Jackson, 29 Oak Square Avenue, Brighton, Mass.; Mrs. Howard B. Mullin, 62 Van Buren Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Among those present were:

November: *The Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega; *The Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta; *The Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta; *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *Aglaia* of Phi Mu; Alpha Gamma Delta *Quarterly*; *Phi Gamma Delta*; *The Bent* of Tau Beta Pi; *Beta Theta Pi*.

December: *The Sigma Kappa Triangle*; *The Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma; *The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi; *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi; *The Phi Gamma Delta*; *The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon; *The Triangle* of Sigma Sigma Sigma; *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta; *Delta Chi Quarterly*; *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

January: *Kappa Alpha Theta*; Alpha Phi *Quarterly*; *Beta Theta Pi*.

Sigma Kappa Triangle, which by the way has seven editors and a great variety of reading matter, in the December number parades its Phi Beta Kappas,—nineteen pages of them. Much gray matter in Sigma Kappa. This brain parade is preceded by an historical account of Phi Beta Kappa, written by the secretary of the "United Chapters" and for the pleasure of our own near Phi Beta Kappas we shall quote the most important paragraph, which is headed "The Admission of Women."

In this respect Phi Beta Kappa is absolutely unique among Greek-letter fraternities. It was not of set purpose that the society thus broadened its ideas respecting membership. It is true that the original charters contained the bold statement that "it is repugnant to the liberal principles of societies that they should be confined to any place, men, or description of men, and as the same should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree and every country;"—but it is scarcely possible that the founders imagined that women would sometime be included among the "wise and virtuous" to whom membership should be extended. However, as scholarship came to be the chief requisite, and as the privilege of pursuing full collegiate courses was granted to women, it was only a matter of time

when their eligibility should be recognized, and they be admitted as a matter of right, not of concession. The problem was first faced by the *Alpha* chapter of Vermont at the University when, in 1875, two women attained the honor grade. As at the first appearance of women it required a deep sleep on the part of man too prepare him to receive his helpmeet, so the Vermont chapter slept over the proposition, and the next day accorded the women the welcome to which they were rightfully entitled. The issue once decided, other chapters had less difficulty in adapting their practice to the changed conditions. In the Cornell chapter, which was organized in 1882, no restrictions as to sex have ever prevailed. As co-education has become established in some Eastern and practically all Western institutions, a large proportion of the chapters now admit women. Chapters also exist in five colleges for women, Vassar being the first of the class to win the coveted honor. Her charter was granted in 1898. The Brown, Columbia, Western Reserve and Hobart chapters have each established a separate section for the students in women's colleges affiliated with the respective universities, and at the council of 1907 President Mary E. Wooley of Mt. Holyoke was chosen a member of the Senate, and by the Council of 1910, Dean, now President, Ellen F. Pendleton of Wellesley was awarded a similiar honor. Several Japanese and at least two Chinamen have become members.

N. B. Consider the magnanimity of Phi Beta Kappa—even Japanese, Chinese and women are admitted!

Shades of John Paul Jones! Also of the man who said "Don't give up the ship!" *The Caduceus* has a perfectly unsensational leading article called "Our Football 'Hee-rows" of 1813"! We should consider this the historical sensation of the age,—to think that brave hee-rows of Kappa Sigma were playing football in those stirring days of which heretofore the best we knew was the Battle of Lake Erie, and the stunts of John Paul Jones, and modestly do they quote a brother from Michigan as saying "Boys, she was a great game"! This echo from 1813 must surely take its place among "Don't shoot till you see the whites of their eyes"; "I'll fight it out on this gray head, but spare your country's flag"—oh, no, I am getting mixed.

Under the head "Student Activities Necessary" Mary Ross Potter, K A Θ, dean of women, Northwestern University, says that health of students is not impaired by having many "irons in the fire" at college.

In the University of Geneva they told me that students break down in health in surprisingly large numbers (and Geneva is probably not

unique in that regard); and the reason assigned was the monotony of hard work without sufficient diversion. Here was food for thought. Our students in America are busy here, there and everywhere, every minute of the day, and it is not the curriculum altogether which occupies their attention. Indeed we of my profession do sometimes question whether studies receive their just share of real contemplation; whether lessons are not too often turned off along the line of least resistance, while the better strength is devoted to the more showy side issues. Perhaps so, sometimes; we are all conscious of our nearness to the danger line, but I venture to say that we have not yet crossed that line; and surely, from the point of view of health, our students are not suffering from their activities during their college course. Thirty odd years ago an English physician of note was asked to what he attributed the improvement in health of English women; whether to their vigorous exercise. He replied: "To that in part; but more—much more—to the fact that they have an increasing number of interests outside themselves."

Student activities are a valuable factor in a college education. I believe that they are good for the health, for the scholarship, for the general development, and for the happiness of the student—indulged in within reason, of course, as every good thing must be taken in order to remain good.

A writer in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal* who has visited many colleges has come to the conclusion that poor teaching is responsible in a large measure for the poor scholarship that is said to exist in American colleges. She says she is being very generous when after two years of "visiting" she designates 25 per cent of the teaching she has witnessed as excellent, and 50 per cent of it inexcusably dull, uninteresting, illogical, or inadequate and out-of-date.

"The Biggest Delt," William Jennings Bryan, leads Delta Chi's "Who's Who" department in the *Quarterly*. Other prominent "Delts" are Dudley Field Malone, collector of customs of the port of New York, and Manton M. Wyvell, private secretary to secretary of state Bryan.

Ex-editor William O. Miller of the *Delta Chi Quarterly* has an "Afterthought" in *Banta's Greek Exchange* for December in which he says that "wasting time" is the cardinal sin of fraternities, and that if that vicious practice could be stopped the too-hoo (what does that mean, Mr. *Banta's Greek Exchange*?) now being raised against fraternities would vanish into thin air. However he has an ex-afterthought in his article which is a post-

comfort to an ex-collegian who used to be accused of wasting time. He says:

The curse of wasting time, moreover, is often forced upon a student who is genuinely interested in his work, but who indulges his more care-free or careless brother. Hardly a college official in touch with student residences but knows too well the complaint of the man who is obliged to move out of the chapter house because he finds it impossible to study or concentrate his thoughts on his work. If he chances to be in his room at work of an evening, some persistent gadfly buzzes in, having and desiring no employment for the time being, and loath to permit another to engage his time more profitably.

Ida Shaw Martin, sorority editor of the *Greek Exchange* has begun an alphabetical series of articles on histories of the sororities. She begins with Alpha Chi Omega in the December number. We learn that it was organized as a musical sorority, membership limited to students of music, but now admits other forms of genius. Maud Powell, Julia Reeve-King, Ellen Beach Yaw, and Fannie Bloomfield-Zeisler are honorary members.

Glancing over the complete directory of fraternities in *Banta's Greek Exchange* we are grieved to find that there are many magazines which never honor us with their presence. We thought we were getting a liberal education reading medical journals, law magazines, books devoted to engineering, pharmacy, and others. But we find we are being slighted, and deprived of an education from books on dentistry, agriculture, "the military," Masonic orders, forestry, forensic matters, osteopathy, and athletics. It seems that there is a fraternity for every art and science. In fact we shouldn't be at all surprised to hear of the magazine "Knife" published by the chiropodists' fraternity.

Then ours must be doubly popular.

COLORS

It is interesting to note the popularity of blue as a fraternity color. (The following percentages were made from 37 societies). 17 out of these 37 have blue as one of the colors. The actual per cents are as follows:

blue, 26 per cent	red, 16 per cent	black, 5 per cent
white, 18 per cent	purple, 7 per cent	
gold, 16 per cent	brown, 5 per cent	

and the rest is taken up in silver, pink and gray.

Out of 22 societies the rose seems to be the most popular. Second is the carnation, and third, the lily-of-the-valley.—*Adelphean* of $\Delta \Delta \Pi$. *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

Pi Beta Phi has offered for the year 1914-1915 one graduate fellowship to be used at any university in this country or Europe. Two points will be considered by the Grand Council in awarding the fellowship: first the scholastic standing of the student and second all-around development of character and the ability to represent the fraternity in whatever place the recipient may be.

Discovered! the word that has probably been applied to alumnae in secret sessions of active chapters. These few lines from a "pome" in the Alpha Phi *Quarterly* will tell the horrible implication.

And a little Golden Rule
Toward our best friends—the alumnae—
Who see things more broadly than we.
Don't think their advice is "old maidish!"
(Next year we alumnae shall be.)

This from a chapter letter in the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*. We are a missionary!

After the usual chapter letter was fully, and more or less satisfactorily, arranged in my mind I chanced to run across the burlesqued chapter letters written by Katherine T. Mullin, Kappa Kappa Gamma, in the September number of the *Greek Exchange*, and forthwith vanished my high sounding phrases and lofty expressions carrying with them the roseate vision of the five dollar prize.

Mr. A. B. Wellar is the auditor of Cornell University fraternities. He manages the finances, supervises the steward's account and the house account of each fraternity, and has put the whole fraternity house system at Cornell on a successful business basis.

Alpha Chi Omega's *Lyre* for November has a page of pictures of Alpha Chi babies.

LOOKING AT OUR NEIGHBORS

The following items were given in answer, respectively to the following questions in the National Sigma Kappa examination, 1912: 1. Name at least five features of Greek society magazines to which you have access that seem worth while. 2. Name at least five customs of other sororities which you consider worth while.

MAGAZINE FEATURES

Pan-Hellenic Congress reports in *Alpha Xi Delta*, Zeta Tau Alpha *Themis*.

"Future of Pan-Hellenism" in Chi Omega.

Feature numbers, such as Senior and Alumnae, in *Themis*.

Articles by professional women on their professions in Alpha Phi and Pi Beta Phi.

Articles on members who have become famous in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Articles by non-frats in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Prize offered for the best chapter letter in Delta Delta Delta.

Pictures of chapter houses with descriptions of the methods of their management in *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

Most advertisements in magazines available in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Articles to help each department of fraternity work in *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

Articles of the above type by alumnae in Alpha Phi.

Tabulated list of losses and gains in chapters during the current year of the national sororities in *Alpha Xi Delta*, Delta Delta Delta.

"Has received a letter from every chapter for thirty issues"—statement made in Delta Delta Delta, February, 1913.

Chapter editorials are inserted after the chapter letters, Alpha Phi.

Compulsory annual published statements of the following: Phi Beta Kappa, other honors, chapter entertainments, whether *Quarterlies* have been bound in Alpha Phi.

Articles of broader non-frat interest in Alpha Phi.

Chapter letters give comprehensive description of the college life in Pi Beta Phi.

Description and accounts of philanthropic work in Pi Beta Phi.

Exchange department gives description of other magazines.

GREEK CUSTOMS

Delta Gamma at Syracuse alone adopted the Sophomore Pledge Day.

Kappa Alpha Theta at Illinois University gives annual house party for mothers.

Junior and Senior Council with advisory and disciplinary powers in Delta Gamma and Chi Omega.

"Mother System," whereby each freshman has a senior adviser with unlimited responsibilities in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Annual Philanthropic Day in Chi Omega.

Settlement school in memory of founders in Pi Beta Phi.

Pin is worn upside down in case of death of sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma. [*This is news to Kappa Kappa Gamma.*]

Colors are worn below the pin on the date of the installation of a new chapter in Delta Delta Delta.

Second semester initiation with weekly meetings of pledges which are reported to the sorority in Alpha Phi.

Alumnae of Pi Beta Phi at Syracuse gives the chapter a silver loving cup engraved with the name of the sophomore with the highest honors.

Prize of \$15 is given for the best paper on philanthropy, open to all alumnae students, by Chi Omega of Colby.

Alumnae-senior banquet, at which all engagements are announced is given by Chi Omega.

Delta Gamma allows underclassmen no mid-week dates and in the case of failures, week-end dates are prohibited until the deficiency is removed.

Pi Beta Phi has national scholarship for members.

Pi Beta Phi at George Washington University has "sings" before meetings.

Editorial from *Banta's Greek Exchange*.

Probably the most unjust thing in connection with the non-fraternity movement is the action taken by authorities at the University of Missouri. It is said that the Dean of Women is responsible for the rule.

The rule is to the effect that sororities must have a higher average in scholarship than non-sorority students before they can initiate a member.

Is there any justice in this? Far be it from us to scoff at scholarship, but when a scholarship rule shows malice rather than an honest effort to improve scholarship, the fraternity element has a right to cry out.

Besides, malice never got anybody anything and did the anti-fraternity people know it, this sort of thing will defeat their ends.

An Alpha Gamma Delta from the Syracuse, N. Y. chapter writes in the *Quarterly* on "Why College Women Should Stand for the Abolishment of Rag-Time Dancing." The "I-am-better-than-you" spirit in her article is not pleasing.

Ours is an era of great unrest. It is manifested everywhere in the forming of new cults, new social and political movements, investigations and inquiries of all kinds. In truth, the decade seems to be presenting a point of interrogation to the civilized world. This restlessness is feverish in its intensity and grasps avidly at every new sensation. Rag-dancing is the latest sensation. It is propagated from the tawdriness of vaudeville and burlesque and must inevitably detract from the natural dignity of a self-respecting girl. The emancipation of woman does not mean necessarily the coarsening of woman, nor should it in the slightest way affect the modesty with which our grandmothers were endowed. We do not want a mannish woman, nor a bold, but that rare product of modern society, a woman who is intelligent, sensible, yet dignified and reserved. This type of woman would not stoop to the vulgar and suggestive contortions of the modern rag-dances.

Our college women, by reason of their immense advantage over less fortunate girls for culture, poise and refinement, should stand for dignity

in recreation as well as in business. We do not pursue a college course to fit ourselves for the ballet. Then why do we bring the ballet into our college life? Surely we do not need the wearying and ungraceful "new" dances when we have the beautiful old waltz, and if we really want a thrill now and then to sustain us through the evening let us do a double-quick two-step. Remember, girls, that we should set the pace and set the pace right, since we are "College Women."

Another youthful man of prominence is Leon R. Taylor, age 31, who is Governor of New Jersey, and a Beta Theta Pi.

In regard to the withdrawal of Alpha Delta Phi chapter from the College of the City of New York, *Beta Theta Pi* publishes an editorial from the *New York Times*, followed by the apt reply of the Beta editor.

The *New York Times* said editorially:

As for the episode at City College, it gains a sort of importance because of the fact that the avowed reason for abolishing the chapter is the Jewish lineage of a considerable number of its members. That gives it a sort of importance, racial prejudices being so much oftener felt than openly confessed. It is true that there are a good many Jews in this college; it is also true that the student body as a whole is described by President Finley—not an incompetent judge—as at least equal in ability, high aspiration, and effective Americanism to that of any other college in the country. If he be not mistaken, it would seem that these young men deserve whatever benefits, if any the Alpha Delta Phi fraternity can bestow upon them. They do, that is, if the society's effort and aim are to sustain and elevate those of our youth who are appreciative of educational opportunities. If its desires are to isolate and segregate the several strains in our wildly heterogeneous population, to create classes and foster prejudices, of course that is another matter, and Alpha Delta Phi is then justified, from its own point of view, in abandoning a college where lessons that must be obnoxious to it are systematically and successfully taught.

It might be said of all this fuss, that it is nobody's business outside of Alpha Delta Phi whether it continued its chapter at the C. C. N. Y. or not. We mention it because the facts are sure to be garbled and misrepresented.

We think Alpha Delta Phi did perfectly right in withdrawing the charter. It was done only after a long and patient investigation and after the chapter and all of its alumni who desired it were fully heard.

The fact is that the college is being filled with students, the sons or brothers of recent immigrants. These men are eager for knowledge, amply equipped with brains and withal manly and much to be commended. But they are filled with old world prejudices and ideals. They do not understand majority rule, they cannot take defeat easily. They are sulky

and revengeful when beaten fairly in any contest. They have no experience in customary American social forms. In the course of time doubtless they will be assimilated, but now they are unsocial and unpleasant. The influx of these students, attracted by ease of access, free tuition and adequate instruction has so changed the personnel of the students, that in the judgment of Alpha Delta Phi, the place was no longer a desirable place for one of its chapters. The alumni of the chapter have taken this action hard and by the simultaneous publication of complaints in several newspapers sought to arouse a public sentiment condemning their fraternity for its action. It might almost be said that they have justified it. A college fraternity must above all things secure congenial men and when an institution ceases to afford a supply of such men, it ceases to be a proper location for one of its chapters. The situation is one which chiefly concerns Alpha Delta Phi, but its right to act as it did can not be questioned, and we believe its action was proper and just and fully and completely warranted.

George Fitch, the humorist, was cited by the Wisconsin agitators as having declared himself against fraternities. When the fact was brought to his attention he denied with much emphasis, not to say heat, that he had either entertained or expressed such ideas of opposition and wound up his denial with this characteristic illustration.

"I spanked my little daughter last night but that didn't mean that I want the legislation of Illinois to abolish her."—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

COLLEGE NOTES

KATHERINE TOBIN MULLIN

Courses in Journalism have "taken" more than any new subject lately.

SCHOOL OF JOURNALISM

A real "city room"—with a "city desk," plenty of typewriters, and telephones for taking and sending stories over the wire—was turned over to the cub reporters and copy-readers of the Columbia school of journalism when college opened this fall. The building, the only one in the country devoted primarily to teaching journalism, has also a big "morgue" and a model reference library.

Journalism is now taught in the following institutions:

Columbia, New York, Indiana, De Pauw, Notre Dame and Marquette Universities; University of Pittsburgh; Ohio State University; Beloit College; Massachusetts Agricultural College; Universities of Maine, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Utah, California, Oregon, Washington.—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

pleased when, with other members, they inspected the new club house at No. 106 East Fifty-second street. There are special facilities for the comfort of suburbanites and women who are in town for a short time.

A part of the top floor of the ten-story building is reserved for members living outside of New York. Here are a series of lockers and small dressing rooms in which they can hastily change their clothes to catch a train or keep a social engagement. And if they arrive with their evening frocks rumpled an electric iron will be ready for use in removing wrinkles.

Adjoining the suburbanites' quarters are hair dressing and manicure rooms, where the details of the toilet may be attended to with quickness and comfort.

Above this is a large roof garden, and in summer tea will be served there. The next three floors below are bedrooms most of which are for one person. Each floor has a trunk rack where the baggage of temporary residents may be kept out of the way and yet be accessible.

The library is on the second floor and occupies the entire front of the house. It is being furnished by Vassar women. There are two fireplaces and plenty of book shelves with excellent light from the high windows facing north. A large assembly room is on this same floor. This will seat 250 persons and will be used for club entertainments and social affairs.

Barnard College women are furnishing the small reception room, which is at the right of the entrance on the main floor. At the right is a cloak room and in the rear a large dining room charmingly lighted by an arrangement of skylights. There are also a few private dining rooms on this floor.

Mrs. Edward Perry Townsend is president of the club. The clubhouse will be ready for occupancy by the middle of February. The furnishings are being selected by a committee whose chairman is Mrs. Ogden M. Reid. Mrs. William Hays, chairman of the Realty Committee, was present at the opening.

Among the prominent members of the club, many of whom were present at the inspection yesterday, are Mrs. Charles L. Tiffany, Mrs. Francis A. Shinn, Mrs. Vladimir Simkhovitch, Mrs. Arthur H. Scribner, Miss Elinor Byrns, Mrs. Charles Cary Rumsey, Dean Gildersleeve—*New York Herald*.

539 Columbia men earned \$56,705.76 during summer vacation. One man was a boot-black for two weeks, was then a mason, and then a farm hand for a month,—netting him in all \$55.

COLLEGE THEATRES

The announcement that Dartmouth is to have a college theater is interesting from two points of view. First, Mr. Robinson left \$100,000 for "some side of college activity other than athletics." If that is an indication of a revulsion from the almost fanatical devotion of the colleges and their supporters to sports it will be welcome. It is quite time that the tide turned from an interest which has been badly overdone.

If sports were to be excluded from the benefit of the money it is quite natural that it should have been used for a college theater, although that would not have been natural a dozen years ago. But Harvard already has a college theater, although it is known in the college merely as "The Forty-seven Workshop," "English Forty-seven" is the designation of Professor Baker's course in the drama and the workshop is the stage upon which the plays written by the students are acted by students and then criticised by the large audiences which attend the performances. Princeton is raising a fund for the same purpose, and Yale is working toward the same end, so that in eight or ten years the drama will be the most vital English course taught in several colleges, as it already is at Harvard.

The effect of this upon the American drama and the commercial theater must be helpful, even to the point of revolution. We see how the thing will work out from the experience at Dartmouth. These Dartmouth actors have put on plays which the professional managers ignore, and they have repeatedly drawn audiences of 1,200 paid admissions. How long will Forty-second street allow all that good money in a one night stand to get away from it? Forty-second street will get another hint after Easter, when the Dartmouth actors are coming to Broadway for a week to present a repertory of plays which have never been seen in New York, but which will include several masterpieces of contemporary literary drama. They will have audiences that the commercial managers cannot get with "Oh, I say" and "High Jinks."

Heretofore managers have ignored plays which did not have a promise of a two years' run. Fortunes have been made from long runs and anything less than a long run could not find lodgment in the manager's mind. The moving pictures are humbling that haughty spirit somewhat, however. It looks as if some managers might soon be content with the modest profits possible to a stock company which made frequent changes of bill and depended upon its local audiences rather than upon long road-tours. The interest in college theaters indicates that such audiences will soon be available, if they are not already waiting to be assembled. But before they can be secured the man who bids for them must have an intelligence that extends to something more than spot lights, scenery, costumes and the personality of his actresses. If intelligent people are to go to the theater they will demand that the theater shall be intelligent and, with a few honorable exceptions, the current theater is both ignorant and vulgar. There is and always will be a public for innocent fun and even for coarse fun and for the sort of filth to which desperate managers have resorted this winter. But there is also another public that wants something else, and the development of college theaters will tend to meet that want and to organize audiences about it.—*Brooklyn Daily Eagle*.

Dr. Dana attacks our school system.

Dr. Charles L. Dana, the neurologist, told the members of the School-masters' Association at their dinner at the Yale Club last night that he could answer with authority the much-discussed question, "Is the American schoolboy overworked and likely to break down because of the tasks imposed on him by the present methods?" And then forthwith he gave his answer.

"Overworked!" he said. "Why, he isn't even educated. In the course of thirty years' practice I can remember only one boy who suffered because of overwork, and he had weak eyes. That in fact, was his principal complaint. I don't know any group of human beings, unless they are the college students, who find themselves less overtaxed."—*New York Times*.

Dr. Carolyn Geisel of Shorter College, Georgia, condemns girls' colleges as nerve wreckers.

Battle Creek, Mich., Jan. 10.—Bitterly condemning girls' colleges, Dr. Carolyn Geisel of Shorter College, Rome, Ga., in a speech last night before the National Conference on Race Betterment said:

"Girls are turned out from girls' colleges unfit for achieving livelihood or motherhood. They are nervous wrecks, with their poor heads crammed full of a lot of fancy information that sounds very well at a club meeting, but doesn't get very far when it comes to ordering a round steak.

"Bachelors often remain bachelors because women are spendthrifts, and many women are spendthrifts because women's colleges fail almost completely in training their students for the problems of life."—*New York World*.

In reply to this attack many educators defend graduates of women's colleges.

Virginia C. Gildersleeve, dean of Barnard College, denies the truth of Doctor Geisel's assertion. She wrote the following to *The Sun*:

"The extracts printed in the papers from Dr. Carolyn Geisel's speech on college women at the National Conference on Race Betterment show a complete misapprehension of the work being done by the leading colleges for women today. Every institution of this sort realizes, I am sure, its responsibility in training the mothers of the race and endeavors in various ways to impress on its students the sacred obligations of motherhood.

"The courses in physical education, hygiene, biology, chemistry, psychology, economics, sociology, ethics and literature given in the women's colleges seem to me excellent training for motherhood of the highest order. I believe that they give to college women a very intelligent appreciation of their duties to their children. Most certainly the college graduates whom I know show in this matter a high ideal of devotion and sound sense.

"As for the effect of college on the health of girls, prolonged observation has conclusively demonstrated, I believe, that on the whole women leave college in much better health than they had when they entered.

"I do not in any way recognize Doctor Geisel's description as applying to the graduates of the women's colleges. There must be some mistake. She was probably speaking about some other class of women."

VIRGINIA C. GILDERSLEEVE,
Dean of Barnard College.

MEN'S FIELD INVADED

Women are Forcing Concessions, Says Syracuse President.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 10.—I am not acquainted with the inside life of women's colleges, but from my acquaintance with the workers in them and the products of them I am certain that Doctor Geisel, if correctly reported, is mistaken about them.

The women study practically the same curriculum of the men's colleges and are serious and in earnest. They compare most favorably with men in scholarship and have forced concessions by their ability everywhere from men until they are found in hundreds of useful pursuits not conceded to them a generation ago. Although I have known many graduates of women's colleges frivolity has never impressed me as a characteristic of such women.

If they are not responding to motherhood it is not because their colleges unfit them, but rather perhaps because their marriage standard is higher and they are not finding men conspicuously fitted for fatherhood. That whole question, however, is not a college question.

Many men seem disturbed in these days about higher education and some good and strong educators get discouraged, but the substantial work is going forward. While there are many fads there is solid merit in the principles and practical efficiency in the methods of the colleges of both men and women.

JAMES R. DAY,
President, Syracuse University.

VASSAR IS INDIGNANT

Doctor Geisel's Statement Is Called Preposterous.

Poughkeepsie, Jan. 10.—If such a statement was made about our women's colleges it must have been said in ignorance, ignorance of their work and that of their graduates. It is so preposterous as to be ridiculous.

J. M. TAYLOR,
President, Vassar College.
—New York Sun.

The new club house of the Women's University Club in New York City is now open.

Out of town members of the Women's University Club were greatly