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WORK AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA AND AT VASSAR COLLEGE.

In comparing a co-educational institution with a woman's college, one expects, perhaps, to find fundamental differences in the character of the work and in the methods of study. In my experience of the two systems the difference is not a great one.

The most striking distinction between the work at the University of Minnesota and at Vassar is a difference in scope. The University covers a much wider field of instruction than Vassar, as it takes in not only the College of Science, Literature and the Arts, with graduate and undergraduate work, but also a Department of Medicine and College of Law, Agriculture and Civil Engineering. Vassar has almost no graduate department and contains but one course leading up to the degree of B. A.

A comparison of the subjects offered in each institution shows the general similarity of work in the two colleges. The University has courses in Hebrew, Pedagogy, Italian, Spanish and Scandinavian and a Teachers' Course, none of which are found in the Vassar catalogue. Otherwise the departments are much the same.

In the methods of study, however, one finds a difference. The influence of co-education is seen in the University of Minnesota in a greater independence of action and of thought among the women than at Vassar. In the University we find the German seminary methods adopted in almost every department and the original work done is excellent. At Vassar little of this research is carried on except by the few graduate students. Only one seminar exists,—that in Economics. Many of the professors have voluntary evening classes for discussion and investigation, but they rarely adopt "laboratory methods."

They who have taken the constitutional history courses at Vas-

sar will scarcely forget the delightful evenings spent at the "Table Long" in Professor Salmon's fascinating room with that inspiring woman presiding at the head of the table. Nor would the girls who met with their able instructor in English Literature for outside reading and talk, be willing to admit that Vassar offered *no* opportunities for original thought. These attempts along the line of seminars do exist and in their way are most helpful, but they do not necessitate the hard "grinding," and independence of thought and research which comes to one taking up seminary work in the U. of M.

Another distinction seen in the work of the two institutions is in the relation between students and professors. The life at Vassar, where many of the faculty make the college buildings their home, and where the classes are generally small, throws the girls into close contact with their instructors. Few students ever become personally well-acquainted with their teachers at the University. At Vassar, you are expected to call upon your professors at least once a semester. You feel that they are interested in you and want to help you. You learn to know them outside of the lecture room and are influenced by their culture and learning. I think that this is one of the greatest advantages of work at Vassar. Personal influence is, perhaps, one of the strongest powers in life. The result of frequent intercourse between mature, cultivated professors and undeveloped girls is inestimably valuable.

In facilities for work the colleges are about equal. The buildings of the University are more modern and handsome than those of Vassar, but less picturesque. The library of the former far surpasses that of the latter both in the number of books and in the convenience of arrangement. Vassar's daughters, however, would be very loath to exchange their huge ivy-covered main building, built after the style of the Tuileries, for even beautiful Pillsbury Hall at Minnesota. The handsome, solid-looking Gymnasium, with its complete equipment, its large marble swimming tank and its Philaethean Hall, filled with memories of Hall Plays, and winter basket-ball games, finds no counterpart in the University of Minnesota.

The Vassar Observatory still hallowed by the recollections of Maria Mitchell is proud of its good equipment and of the ex-

cellent astronomy courses carried on there. The Museum, devoted to music, art and science, gives evidence of the course in music offered here and not in Minnesota. The beautiful art-gallery and the complete collection of curiosities from the animal, mineral and vegetable worlds, make the Museum a most fascinating place. The University, too, has a good museum, but the art-gallery is still lacking.

The Vassar Brothers' Laboratory cannot compare in beauty and facilities with Minnesota's two large and well-equipped buildings, Pillsbury Hall and the Chemistry Building. On the other hand, Vassar has what the U. of M. lacks—good dormitories. Substantial Strong Hall, with its well-arranged rooms, and the old Main Building with its queer combination of "singles," "doubles," "parlors" (for three) and "fire-walls" (for four) offer pleasant homes to the girls and places for hard work and many good times.

If environment has an influence on work, Vassar's students should achieve great intellectual renown, for the thickly wooded campus of hundreds of acres, with its orchards, its beautiful pine-walks and its broad outlook toward the mountains and the river, should be an inspiration to all its daughters. No better remedy could be given for a tired brain and overwrought nerves than a walk through the shady pines, up the curving path through the apple-orchard to Sunset Hill. There at the top, the view stretches before you—wooded country for miles below, and in the distance the stately blue Catskills giving you new ideas of grandeur and simplicity and seeming to tell of wider, nobler things that might be seen beyond. The daily routine in the two places leaves quite different impressions upon one. In reviewing an ordinary day at the University, one remembers a hasty breakfast at home, a hurried ride or walk to the campus, a first, and a second-period recitation, perhaps, and then a vacant period to be spent in the library, or possibly in the ladies' parlor trying in vain to collect one's wits while the air is full of the subdued hum of a few hundred voices. Then another recitation and another vacant period and an hour for lunch, when, if one lives some distance away, she can have her choice of a cold lunch from a tin-box, or some of the far-from dainties offered at "Delmonico's"—the University restaurant. Then a wait of an hour for another

recitation and a final trip home, with the prospect of four or five hours' study before one amidst the distractions of home-life.

Then the recollection of a day at Vassar rises before you. A clanging gong at seven o'clock (how you learn to hate it!) and a walk down the corridor to the big dining hall for breakfast at half-past seven. Back to your room in a half hour or so to study, sew and please yourself generally in quiet until recitation-time. You have your room always near to return to during the odd hours, and an "Engaged" sign on the door will secure perfect peace for you. During the day you must go for your hour's exercise, and a walk through the Glen or to Cedar Ridge or a ride on your wheel over the hard roads brings you back to your Alma Mater rosy and rested. After dinner in the evening, a few minutes dance in Room J, then the simple, stately chapel service and an evening before you to be spent as you please, making fudges, studying, or if it happens to be Friday, going to the usual Friday evening lecture.

This last brings me to another difference between Vassar and the U. of M. The University almost never provides an evening lecturer for the students. At Vassar nearly every Friday finds a distinguished man ready to speak on some subject of interest. These lectures are of the greatest help and give the girls an opportunity to see,—and often meet—the well-known scholars and lecturers of to-day.

On Sunday night at Vassar comes a course of study of another kind—the Bible lecture. The filled chapel and the stillness would give evidence—if any were needed—of the students' appreciation of the entertaining and eloquent talks by the genial, elderly gentlemen who has become the beau ideal of manhood to many a Vassar girl.

I have spoken in a somewhat detailed way of the work at the two colleges, and now the question comes—what are the results of the courses at the two institutions? Is a girl's character affected at all by these differences, especially by the influences of co-education and of the separate system of training? I should answer yes to the latter question. The graduate from the co-educational institution has compared her strength with that of men, has adopted their methods, has gained from them fearlessness and independence. The life at Vassar guards a girl con-

tinually, makes her feel that she is a woman, and sends her into the world with as much wisdom as the University girl; with more refinement and culture (so far as a system of education can give that which is so largely a matter of nature) often with better health (owing to enforced care of it); and with a thousand beautiful memories of the college grounds, the river and the neighboring mountains. She has a feeling that the professors whom she has learned to know so well are watching her future with interest, that the Vassar heart is big, and that she has a place in it.

For one who has two beloved Alma Maters, it is hard to decide upon the merits and faults of each. It would seem just however, to say, that for undergraduate work Vassar College is a most beautiful and helpful place, and for graduate work and training in original thought and research, few places could be found which offer better facilities than Minnesota's University.

CHI.

SOCIAL LIFE AT VASSAR.

The social life of a girl at college is conceded to be quite as important as her studies in giving her a symmetrically developed character, and so at Vassar each has its place. But the two are not allowed to interfere with each other, and, however hard a girl may work for the greater part of the week, on Friday and Saturday evenings she usually devotes herself entirely to pleasure.

Two forms of amusement that take up a great deal of the recreation time of a girl at Vassar are athletics and dramatics. As soon as college life has settled into the ordinary routine in the Fall, the season is opened, one might say, with a Tennis Tournament. This of course causes much rejoicing to the students in general and particularly to the class to which the champion has the honor to belong. The excitement at this time, however, is as nothing compared to that on the Field Days in the Spring and Fall. The girls who expect to take part are in training for several weeks before; they are given impressive lists of "Do nots" with awful warnings attached, and are supposed to report daily to their particular trainers how many of these regulations they have kept. Besides this an hour's practice on the field is required every day.

With all this preparation it would be strange indeed if some good results did not follow, and so when the longed-for day at length appears everyone is surprised and delighted at the fine records made by the different members of her own class.

All through the Fall and Winter the class basket ball teams are training in the Gym. and, as soon as the weather permits, out of doors. About the first of May a series of match games begins—two being played each Saturday. This year there were six in all, and the class which had lost the fewest number was declared the champion. Every Saturday afternoon about four o'clock two or three hundred girls might be seen out in the large "Circle," sitting under variously colored banners and waiting anxiously for the teams to arrive. The cheering begins with the game and continues with few intermissions till the end, coming now from one side and now from another as some one on "our" team makes a particularly fine play. When time is called the actions of the winning side might cause a stranger to entertain doubts as to their sanity, the victorious team is escorted from the field in triumph, and the others are left rather disconsolate, but then—"there is next Saturday." Half an hour after the game the field is deserted, all traces of the recent battle have disappeared except perhaps a stray hair ribbon or battered score card, which remains to tell the story, and stillness reigns over all.

It is hard to believe that those persons one saw in the afternoon, tired, hot, and dirty, are really the same as the happy looking girls in white muslin who perhaps usher at a Hall Play in the evening. The Philalethean Society an outgrowth from a literary society established in the first year of the college's existence and now devoted almost entirely to dramatics gives four of these plays a year. With a membership of about four hundred and fifty it is divided into four chapters, Alpha, Beta, Theta, and Omega, each of which give several small plays during the year. The aim is to choose the girls who have shown the greatest ability in these for the Hall Plays, and give a production which shows careful study and a correct understanding of the parts. The style of the play varies with the taste of the committee and the subjects of the preceding plays—this year *Twelfth Night*, *The Russian Honeymoon*, *The Heir-at-Law*, and *The Amazons* were given.

In February the Sophomores give quite an elaborate produc-

tion in honor of their release from the toils of "required mathematics" and particularly that awful monster, Trigonometry. The plot is generally of not so much importance as the numerous jokes on the different instructors, classes, and the "course of instruction," and the audience applaud each humorous remark with cheers, original songs and yells. Each class tries to out-rival the preceding one in originality, brilliancy, and humor, and though opinions may differ as to the success of this attempt everyone will admit that she had a fine "time at '9-'s Trig. Ceremonies.

These amateur theatricals have receptions of various kinds interspersed among them. There is the Y. W. C. A. reception given at the first of the year to the homesick Freshmen, who are soon after again entertained by the Sophomores. Then in October the Seniors, delighted at the fact that they have a parlor all to themselves, the decoration of which is the product of their own fertile brains, invite their particular class, the Sophomores, to their Parlor Opening.

Lest some one should not entertain and be entertained, on Hallowe'en the Seniors entertain the Freshmen and the Juniors the Sophomores, with some form of amusement characteristic of the day; it may be a play full of ghosts, soft music, and dim lights, or merely a country dance with pumpkin pie and apples.

We must not leave the glorious month of October, however, without mentioning one of its greatest pleasures,—the trip to Mohonk. "Uncle Fred," one of Vassar's best loved trustees gives the Seniors and Freshmen each year a day's visit to this lovely lake at the very top of one of the mountains of the Shawangunk Range. With the usual perversity of nature the weather generally decides to be cold and rainy on this day and somewhat interferes with the best laid plans, but if it happens to be fine a more delightful trip could not be imagined. The winding road, the quiet lake with its walls of solid rock, and the view from the top of the mountain are very beautiful. From here one looks down upon four states and on clear days the Connecticut River can be seen like a silver thread in the distance.

At the hotel on the bank of the lake luncheon is served and in the evening everyone comes home tired but happy.

The sixth of December is the anniversary of the Philaethean Society and it is usually celebrated by a lecture and reception to

the friends of the college. The corridors and parlors are draped with rose and gray and decorated with palms and flowering plants, the programs of the guests are filled out for perhaps sixteen Proms, and at eleven the Glee Club sings a good-night song.

Two other celebrated days in the life of a Vassar girl are Valentine's Day and Washington's birthday. For several evenings before the former occasion groups of girls may be seen sitting around study tables burning the midnight gas, and at times frantically demanding rhymes for unrhymable words or something original in the way of an idea. Some gifted and aspiring persons even sell poems at this time for modest sums. When the eventful day arrives the mails are of course filled to overflowing but while the underclassmen have to receive their valentines in the general delivery those addressed to Seniors are all taken to the Senior parlor. In the evening some one delivers them to the different members of the assembled class, with appropriate remarks. The birthday of the Father of our Country is celebrated very becomingly by a colonial ball attended by military looking gentlemen in brass buttons and epaulets on gym. suits, and ladies in short-waisted gowns and powdered hair. The costumes are devised with the ingenuity which only a college girl possesses and from very scanty materials some wonderful creations appear.

On May 1st is celebrated the birthday of another man whose name is dear to the heart of every Vassar girl, Matthew Vassar. As at Phil. a lecture and reception are given and also a Glee Club concert the next morning ; besides this many small parties give dances, drives, or boat-rides on the Hudson. Fortunately at this time when everything is expected to look its best the vines are beginning to spread over the walls in all directions, they hide the traces of age, and form a beautiful green curtain through which gleam here and there spots of red.

The gardens, too, now begin to glow and for the rest of the Spring are radiant in all the colors of the rainbow. The members of the Floral Club alone have the privilege of picking the flowers but the tables and especially the Senior tables are decorated nearly every evening.

Now is the time when the Senior birthday parties are especially beautiful. Only the eldest class is allowed to have them but there is seldom an evening in which some table is not decorated

in honor of a "birthday girl." The many different flowers suggest all sorts of color schemes and each seems more beautiful than the last.

The colors of the flowers are, however, almost equaled by those of the birds which make their homes at Vassar for so great a part of the year. Far away from the sling-shot of the small boy and the torture of the older one birds of all kinds come in large numbers. As they are always treated kindly they lose much of their usual timidity and offer to the lover of birds a wide field for study. So the Wake Robin Club has been formed to study their characteristics and habits, well-known authorities come to speak on the subject, and sometimes a day is spent with John Burroughs, a few miles up the river.

As the college year draws to a close the Juniors, in honor of their approaching dignity, entertain the Seniors with a play, a boat-ride, or, as this year, a lawn fête with tableaux on the circle, illuminated by Japanese lanterns. About this time, too, the Sophomores seem to have an unusual number of meetings, surmised by others to be in regard to their Tree Ceremonies. This is to the Sophomores one of the most important events of the year; a tree is chosen and some evening they all steal out to it very silently, mysterious rites are performed about it, they place their cast upon it and then depart as silently as they came. It is theoretically an extremely secret proceeding but what it is practically is another story which cannot be told here.

Now while the weary underclassmen are still digging away at roots, stone, and various sorts and conditions of problems the Seniors jubilant over the fact of being through exams. give a "Howl." Though the nature of this particular sort of amusement may seem rather vague to an outsider, yet to the Seniors and to the others who may be hovering near it is something extremely definite. On the surface there is laughter and fun since work is over, but deep in their hearts all are sorry that they will never have any more work to do in college. As the girls realize that it is about the last good time the class will have together at dear old V. C. it makes college life and college friends seem all the dearer. Soon comes Senior auction, when nearly all the worldly goods of the departing class are sold at great bargains, the mind of the purchaser is beguiled by some innocent forms of

amusement, and the depleted state of her pocket-book is not noticed till later.

Baccalaureate Sunday is followed closely by Class Day and under the spreading branches of "the tree" the last songs are sung, the speeches made, and the spade with which the office was performed, solemnly presented to the Juniors. Commencement comes at last, the closing event of the college year, and before the day is over everyone except the Seniors who stay for their class supper has departed on her homeward way.

CHI.

OXFORD AND CAMBRIDGE.

The recent attempt to secure admission to degrees for the women students of Oxford and Cambridge, is an important step in the educational history of England. Though unsuccessful, it was sufficiently well supported to prove that success is not far distant.

The ability shown by the women of both Universities has been the cause of the discussion. At Cambridge, for example, since the first admission of women to the honor examinations, 659 women have won places on the honor lists, the examinations embracing a wide variety of subjects—mathematics, languages, Oriental, mediæval, and modern, the classics, law, theology, and natural and moral science.

The general feeling at Cambridge has been that the efforts of women students should be encouraged by recognition from the University, and a meeting to consider the question was held by the Executive Committee of Girton College, and two committees representing the one, the Council of Newnham College, the other, the Senate of Cambridge. Dr. Henry Sidgwick, Knightsbridge Professor of Moral Philosophy, and Dr. Deile, Master of Christ's College, presided over the meeting, and a memorial was drawn up, to be sent to the Council of the Senate, requesting that the Council should "nominate a syndicate to consider on what conditions and with what restrictions, if any, women should be admitted to degrees in the University." This memorial was signed by 2200 members of the Cambridge Senate, including seventy University officers. In addition to the names of those connected with the University, the Cambridge enthusiasts secured the signatures

of a large number of influential men, including the Right Honorable Arthur J. Balfour, Gerald Balfour, Chief Secretary for Ireland, Sir Walter Besant, Sir Edward Thornton, the Bishop of Manchester, Mr. Justice Kennedy, and Mr. Justice Barnes.

Meantime, at Oxford University, where the important question had been under discussion, even earlier than at Cambridge, a memorial to the Oxford congregation was prepared, with the encouragement of the Vice-Chancellor, the presidents of most of the colleges, and several professors, Max Müller among them. These two petitions were presented at nearly the same time with great hope of success.

Lack of active opposition, from the conservative party did not, however, imply success. The motion for a syndicate to inquire into the matter, as requested in the Cambridge memorial, was carried; but when it came to the point of nominating the syndicate, the motion was lost by a vote of 186 to 171.

At Oxford, too, the result was disheartening. Each resolution was rejected in turn. But at both Universities, the majority for the opposition was not so overwhelming as to discourage the hope that degrees may be granted in the near future.

With this discouraging report of the failure of the women of Oxford and Cambridge the *Nation* gives an item of more cheerful news.

In March of this year the Royal Irish University opened its scholarships and prizes at Bedford, Cork, and Galway to students of both sexes. Miss Rita Oldham, who has taken the M. A. degree at this University and won honors in political economy, has received the Joseph Hume scholarship of sixty pounds, at University College, London, a scholarship open to students of either sex who have attended for one or more sessions the lectures in political economy.

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THE POSITION OF THE COLLEGE WOMAN IN THE WORLD.

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There have been several articles in the magazines this year, dealing with the relation of the college woman to the world. Their discussion or exposition has been broadly along two lines:

the relation of the college woman to the professions and business, and her relation to matrimony. The point of view seems to be that of advanced advocates of women's rights. The writer of one of the articles practically takes as her subject the question: "What becomes of the students after leaving college?" for she has carefully accounted for the entire *alumnæ* of Vassar, from those who are married or are teachers, to those who are "readers, singers, or superintendents of cooking;" as if the advantages to be derived from college training were only in proportion to tabulated occupation entered after graduation. The writer remarks that "if a college girl does not marry, she is exceedingly likely to do something else. Many graduates do not engage in a gainful occupation, but there are few cases in which the impulse derived from the four years' training does not make itself felt in some form outside the round of old-fashioned duties." The writer of another article goes still farther, and practically declares that she looks down on man, and thinks any woman who wastes her time by marrying and having a home, absolutely foolish.

This endless ranting about woman's having only a distinctly "professional aim" through her college course, and for her life ever after, must necessarily tend to injure the cause of higher education. The subject has been dwelt on so often and at such length that the majority of people have become thoroughly imbued with the idea that every girl who goes to college must have some such sinister purpose in mind; and they invariably take it upon themselves, through curiosity or some other motive, to ferret out this hidden reason. I have been asked so many times "Why, and for what purpose" I am going to college, and my reply, "Because I want to learn something," has been met with such an incredulous smile, that, were it not for positive knowledge to the contrary, I should begin to fear lest I form a class unique among students, and hitherto unheard of.

It is possible that in spite of three years at college, my ideas on the subject of women's higher education are not at all up-to-date; and it is probable that they can have no effect in counteracting the prevailing impressions; nevertheless, I am going to give them, if only to show that the new doctrines concerning a college woman's place in the world after she has graduated, have not been universally accepted by college students.

The position which a college woman shall occupy in after life is largely determined by the motive with which she enters and goes through her course ; hence it is essentially necessary that this guiding purpose should be the loftiest one possible, if college training is to insure success. First, then, the one and sole reason for which a girl should go to college should be that the course may help her to become "a perfect woman," as truly noble and broad-minded as possible, fitted to meet and cope with life in whatever way it shall present itself to her, and anxious to make "reason and the will of God prevail."

College will help her in this, not because it will enable her to read Hebrew and Greek, or to understand the most obtruse metaphysics and the highest mathematics, but because it will give her a truer insight into, and understanding of, all life, through the broad sympathy which necessarily must be awakened by her study of the present, not only in its own light, but in comparison with that of past ages as well. For the study of ancient literature, history, and thought is absolutely valueless unless it be used merely as a background for the history, literature, and thoughts of our own time.

But if the student is working to become this "perfect woman," the study of books should be only one of the many means for her advancement during the four years ; the other sides of her character should receive equal attention, so that she may be thoroughly developed in every direction,—spiritually, morally, physically, and socially, as well as mentally. This may possibly mean the prevention of women becoming zealous followers of professions and business to the neglect of the more "old-fashioned domestic activities," but such a contingency would not be lamentable, for it cannot be maintained that it is pre-eminently woman's vocation to become a walking encyclopædia, or an authority on professional, business, or educational subjects of every sort and description.

I do not mean by this to convey the impression that I disapprove of woman supporting themselves, for I believe that every girl and woman should be capable of caring for herself, if necessary, and I highly honor those women who become their own bread-winners rather than be a burden on someone else, or sit around as decidedly useless, though possibly ornamental, members of society. And it is just along this line that a college education is perhaps of most practical value ; nevertheless no college

woman should feel that her training has been wasted if she does not put it to some such use immediately, for she assuredly can be of equally great value by standing for "sweetness and light," the best that is in the world, in her own home, and among her own friends and acquaintances, as by going abroad to do battle for women's individual and collective rights.

There has been a great deal of talk also about college women marrying. The general public seem to be under the impression that college graduates *cannot* marry, simply because they are college graduates; while the advocates of advanced college women claim that they remain unmarried, not only because they wish to be independent, but because they are so infinitely superior to men that they wish to have nothing to do with them. If the purpose with which we have decided a girl should go to college, be carried out, it will effectually solve this question, as well as that of a professional career, and put it in its true light. In the first place, the college woman who has gained a certain amount of self-dependence by having a well-developed brain, and by the knowledge of her ability to care for herself, will not be willing to marry the first man, whoever he may be, who may happen to come along and offer to give her his name and a home. In this it may be said she is more particular than many of her sisters, and if it be maintained that all women should marry, simply for the sake of marrying, then a college education is certainly detrimental. But if the opinion be held that a woman should make of herself the best she possibly can, and that she should not make it the end and aim of her existence to marry, merely because she has nothing else to do, and no one to take care of her, then the position of the average college woman will be upheld, for she regards marriage in so exalted and sacred a light that she would be unwilling to sacrifice herself and it unworthily. She looks for something in a man higher than mere good-nature, pleasing manners, or financial success, and when she marries she does so because she can give admiration, respect, and honor, not from policy or mere blind affection. The college girl may be far more particular than another in her choice, but it might be a profitable search to discover, if possible, whether the marriages of college women are not happier and more satisfactory as a whole than those of their friends who may marry simply "because every one else is doing it," and they "do not want to be left behind."

A. C. W., B. E.

*Alumnae Department.**MRS. LILLIE MOORE PARDEE.*

Miss Lillie Moore was born in Mogadore, Ohio, September 11, 1864. Her parents moved to Akron when she was but a few years old. She was educated in the Akron public schools until within a year of graduation from the high school, when she obtained a Buchtel scholarship, having been successful in a competitive examination of high school pupils. She was graduated from the Preparatory Department of Buchtel College in June, 1882, and with high honors from the college proper June, 1886, having finished the Classical Course. While in college she was a tutor at various times in Latin, Greek and Physiology and assistant in the chemical laboratory.

In the September succeeding graduation Miss Moore was offered a position in the Akron High School as teacher of Chemistry and Latin which was accepted and held for three years, when she was offered the professorship of Greek and Latin in the preparatory department of her Alma Mater. This she accepted, looking forward with pleasure to the college associations again which she enjoyed heartily up to the time of her marriage. In July, 1891, she was married to James D. Pardee, a graduate of Buchtel in the class of '87. Immediately after their marriage she and her husband started for their future home in the far West, Salt Lake City, Utah. Here they have since resided and have learned to love the West and its people who, she says, are great-hearted and broad-minded, saying to the woman as well as the man: "Make your way in the world, and if you are worthy, we will help you."

Her husband has been engaged in the practice of law and in furthering several irrigation schemes since their residence in Utah. They have one child, Florence, three years of age.

Mrs. Pardee has been a member of the Salt Lake Woman's Club which she had the honor of representing at the State Federation of Woman's Clubs in May, 1895. She has also written for periodicals.

Having made a speech in favor of woman suffrage before the suffrage committee of the Constitutional Convention of Utah which

met about a year ago, it was but natural that, when the women began to organize political clubs in view of their approaching enfranchisement, she should be asked to lend a hand. She was honored with the secretaryship of the Utah Woman's Republican League and also made several trips out of the city to help organize the Republican women during the month of July, 1895. In August of the same year she was appointed Secretary of the Republican State Central Committee, which position she still holds. During the campaign of last fall, the duties of the secretary were very arduous, from eight to ten hours work a day, but Mrs. Pardee was equal to the task and did her work to the entire satisfaction of the chairman of the committee who says that the Republican victory in Utah last fall was due as much to the efforts of the secretary as to those of the chairman.

August 22, 1895, she had her first experience as delegate to a convention, the Salt Lake County Convention assembling on that date. About three o'clock the next morning she heard the vote read which announced her nomination for the State Senate. She was too sleepy to well appreciate the honor at that hour, but had the satisfaction of looking about her and seeing the women delegates looking brighter and more patient than the men after the all night session. When the Utah Supreme Court decided against the right of the women to vote until after the adoption of the Constitution, she withdrew her name from the legislative ticket, but was however, elected Secretary of the Senate in January, 1896, and thus she has a chance of watching the workings of that body closely.

In a personal letter Mrs. Pardee speaks as follows of her political experience and of her college life. This will no doubt be especially interesting to her many Buchtel friends who rejoice in her success. She says: "I do not find politics as bad as they have been painted. Of course they have their dark side; but what in life has not? My experience, outside of the pleasant, have been rather amusing than disagreeable, nothing worse having happened to me than receiving a letter from a financial wreck who thought I might possibly be a widow desirous of obtaining a husband to support.

I have taken the same course that I pursued in college, asking no favors on the ground of being a woman, wishing to be judged

on my merits as an individual, only. In my opinion this is the only course that will save women from appearing ridiculous in political life.

Whatever success I have had is due to conscientious work and rigid devotion to duty. At the same time, I have many to thank for helping to make my career possible. Among these are the Founder and Faculty of Buchtel College, some still present with you and some departed who in different ways assisted me in securing the training which has enabled me to undertake the work which has fallen to my hands. I would not lose sight of special training in voice and body which I received under the direction of the gifted Dr. S. S. Curry of the Boston School of Expression in the summer of 1889, nor of my work in Buchtel College gymnasium both in class and as instructor, which has helped to give me a firm basis for my mental work, nor again of the inspiration that has come from the love and interest of my sisters in the Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity of which I became a member early in my college course."

Lambda.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

Miss Winifred Warren, daughter of President Warren of Boston University, has received the "Mary E. Garrett European fellowship" for 1896-97 from Bryn Mawr College. The news was announced by President Thomas in chapel this morning.

Miss Warren has spent the last three years at work in the graduate classical seminars of Bryn Mawr, where she has achieved unusual success. She was graduated at Boston University in 1891, and took her master's degree there in 1894. In 1893 she entered Bryn Mawr as fellow in Latin, being the best classical student of her year, and one of the best that have ever studied in that college.

On the terms of her new fellowship, she will study at some foreign university for a year. On her return from Europe she

will come up for the degree of doctor of philosophy at Bryn Mawr; her thesis, treating of "Temporal Sentences in Thucydides," has been presented already.

The fellowship which Miss Warren has won is of the value of \$500, and is open to graduate students that have done at least two years of work at Bryn Mawr. In awarding it, the preference is given to students enrolled for the Bryn Mawr Ph.D.—*Boston Herald*.

Ella A. Titus, '92, the former editor of THE KEY is at present in the cataloging department of the Harvard Library.

PSI.

Antoinette Lawrence, '89, is to teach Latin and German the coming year in the Alinda Preparatory School at Pittsburg, Pa.

Ella M. Boulton, '88, is teaching in Mademoiselle Ruel's School 26 E. 56th St., New York City.

The prospectus of the Temple Collegiate School, Louisville, Ky., for '96-'97 names two of Psi's members in its faculty: Nita Angell, '93, as teacher of mathematics and calisthenics and Amy Gerecke, '92, as teacher of science and mathematics.

Alinda Lathrop, '96, is to teach mathematics in the Ithaca High School next year.

BETA TAU.

Bessie A. Reed, '93, who is teaching at Darlington Seminary, West Chester, Pa., successfully led the chorus of seventy voices at a concert given by the Euterpe Choral Society, May 14. The concert is said to have been the best ever given by that society.

Nellie E. Ford is teaching Latin in Moorhead Normal School, Moorhead, Minn.

Ada F. Harbottle, '94, is instructor of elocution and physical training in Ottawa University, Ottawa, Kan.

Mary E. Christy, '90, a graduate of the Philadelphia Medical College is now practicing medicine in Pittsburg, Pa.

Mary D. Allis is teaching Latin in the Syracuse high school while Mary Avery is teaching algebra.

Kate Palmer is teaching in Castleton Normal School, Castleton, Va.

DELTA.

Olive Batman, '95, is teaching history in the High School at Anderson, Ind.

Georgia Bowman, '96, is to teach in the High School at Rockville, Ind., next year.

IOTA.

Eleanor Florence Wright, '91, and Charles Alfred Houts, $\Phi. K. \Psi.$, '91, were married April 8, 1896, at the residence of the bride's parents in Indianapolis. Their future home is 4513 Cook Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

MU.

Miss Nelle Brevoort, '95, is assistant librarian for Butler college.

Miss Mary Galvin, '94, who has been in New York in the interests of Y. W. C. A. for several months will soon return home.

Miss Grace May Reeves, '95, was married April 22d, at her home in Columbus, Ind., to Dr. John Little Morris, of Chicago. Some of our Kappas attended the wedding among whom was Edna Wallace who was maid of honor. Dr. and Mrs. Morris reside at the Plaza in Chicago, where he is resident physician.

ETA.

The engagements are announced of Bertha Pitman, '85, to Professor Frank Sharp, $X. \Phi.$; Agnes Butler, '84, to Professor Benjamin Snow, $\Delta. Y.$; Susan Main, '93, to Charles Spooner, $\Psi. Y.$; Francis Bowen, '93, to Jesse Sarles, $\Sigma. X.$; Edith Griswold, '93, to George Williams and Emilie Parsons to Dwight B. Coe.

From the *Bulletin* of the University of Wisconsin comes the following notice in regard to the next annual session of the Wisconsin Summer School:

Special attention is called to the courses on Library Science to be given by Miss Katharine L. Sharp, Director of the Library School at the Armour Institute, Chicago. This course is made possible by the generosity of Senator James H. Stout, of Menomonie. It will continue for six weeks during the present year, and will be designed to meet the needs of librarians in the smaller libraries. The rapid increase of interest in libraries in the State of Wisconsin makes this course a peculiarly useful one at the present time, and it is hoped that it will be largely attended.

EPSILON.

At the First Presbyterian Church on the evening of March twenty-sixth, Nellie J. Pollock, '90, former grand marshal, was married to Mr. A. P. McCormick, a lawyer of Waco, Texas.

The Parthenon.

As the annual examinations have just passed and some are looking forward to the one to be given for the Second Degree at Convention this summer, could there be a more opportune time to submit the following question? Can not the fraternity devise a plan by which these yearly examinations are made to count towards a Second Degree and thus this privilege be extended to all, and not merely to those who are fortunate enough to be present at the biennial assembly of our fraternity?

Theta certainly agrees with Beta Delta that all Kappas should have the opportunity. Let the questions necessary for this be sent each year to the chapters thus giving all who wish the pleasure of making an attempt to attain this honor, or let the regular examinations be given and each member

The Second Degree. receive credit for her labor, and at the end of the third year if her elementary and advanced examinations have been satisfactory, confer upon her the Second Degree. This would encourage more thorough study and we do not doubt the April answers would be more worthy of members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, for it is a well-known fact every one works to better advantage when he has an object in view, and surely if a Kappa has succeeded at the end of her Junior year in receiving such distinction she will be willing to take the next examination as a proof of her love for the fraternity and without a material reward.

We do not then see any of the objections to the Second Degree that Beta Delta seems to perceive. Those, who have shown enough interest in the fraternity to study and do this required work satisfactorily, can hardly be anything but an honor to the organization of which they are members. If each chapter had one or two such women, and they very probably will, if only the opportunity is given them, fraternity spirit would be greater, and the younger sisters encouraged and instructed in their fraternity studies in a more profitable manner. By all means let us have the Second Degree, for its benefit seems incalculable, but let it only be made more available to all Kappas.

Theta.

Every Kappa should be the owner of a badge. It is the outward link which binds us together as a fraternity, and if that link is missing, the beauty of the whole chain is impaired. If the ownership of a badge were made compulsory, it would not only be another step toward putting the fraternity on a uniform basis, for which we are so constantly striving, but would add greatly to its strength. We meet many of the older Kappas every day, little thinking they are our sisters in fraternity, whereas if they wore the key, this difficulty would be removed.

How quickly the sight of it will call up its significance. Even the little black letters inspire us to live better and nobler lives, that we may ever be worthy of being Kappas.

Should every Kappa wear a Badge?

How glad we are to meet a wearer of the key! Perhaps we have never met before, but all cold formality is forgotten, as the warm light of friendship radiates from that little symbol of sisterhood. It is ever a gentle reminder of the vows we have taken and every Kappa should be anxious as well as proud to own one. And, should the ownership of badges be made compulsory, Kappa Kappa Gamma will have taken one more step toward her ideal.

MILDRED MOORE, Xi.

It has been questioned whether it should not be compulsory upon every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma to possess a badge; and the matter would seem worthy of consideration, at least. While it is not likely that difficulty would occur, it is yet possible to conceive of cases where not only serious misunderstanding might result, but even positive deception be practised through the failure of the fraternity to make it compulsory for every member to own a badge. But regarding the question from another standpoint than that of possible dangers, there still seems much to be said in favor of the possession, by each member, of a symbol of her order. Sentiment itself is not to be regarded lightly; and surely there are but few possessors of keys who would not testify to the positive attachment which they feel for the bit of gold, not,

Compulsory Ownership of Badges.

to be sure, because of any intrinsic value it may possess, but rather because of what it means to them, because of the inner reality which alone makes, any symbol, any badge, of value. That all may feel the impetus, the inspiration of such an attachment each must possess the outward sign for herself must feel the added strength that comes from individual ownership. But if sentiment have weight it would seem that when Kappas have passed from active membership and are numbered among the alumnae, then, indeed, the key has an especial significance, for it is the one visible, tangible token that tells the alumna that the interests of her chapter are still her interests, that the interests of Kappa are still her interests. Who shall say how great a factor a key has been in strengthening and broadening and deepening the loyalty of its possessor to the noble order which it represents?

Again, not only does the possession of a Kappa badge awaken sentiments of loyalty and strengthen noble purpose, but it also is the "open sesame" to friendship and even specific service on the part of those who may be complete strangers, save for the possession of a golden badge.

To all these arguments in favor of the proposition that every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma should own a badge, it may be objected that the question is not one of advisability but of expense. However, when our jewelers offer so wide a range of prices as their lists now present, it hardly seems probable that expense can furnish to a college girl who is moreover a fraternity girl any excuse for failure to possess herself of that which has a value far deeper than that of money.

Upsilon.

Previous to the arrival of the convention letter which suggested this question I had often wished that something might be done to urge the members of the fraternity to purchase badges. But several questions arose when the idea of making a rule to that effect was introduced. Would it be satisfactory if no time was stated in which the pins must be obtained? Some members leave school after a term or two and unless they had purchased before then they would feel under no obligations to do so after leaving college. If the members would be sure to remain in school till

Should Ownership
of Badges be Com-
pulsory?

graduation the absence of the time limit would be practicable. Often by waiting a little while a handsome pin can be afforded and that is the reason now why some are delaying. Should a time limit be fixed and when should it be? Surely not the first term when the expenses are already as heavy as the average initiate would care to bear. If the time is longer there is the difficulty mentioned under the first question, that of the member leaving college. Though that would not occur so very often.

The question of the compulsory purchasing of badges need scarcely be considered from a financial point of view. The girls of small means are as likely to have pins as the wealthier ones who know that they could have one any time and consequently put it off sometimes until they leave college and they think a pin of no use then. In reality they need it as much as ever. The little key keeps them in touch with other Kappas. It is certain that we should all wear it for it keeps us loyal and true to the blue and blue.

LEONA MILLER, *Epsilon*.

Ought every Kappa to have a key of her own?

The question set a western member pondering, and after having turned the subject over and over and considered it from all points, her answer is—yes.

Leaving the example of other societies, whether literary, social or benevolent; out of the question, let us consider only "our girl," and the badge of our fraternity.

Ought every Kappa to own a Key?

If she has joined our number, has taken upon herself the pledges of our constitution, of course she is willing to identify herself as a Kappa Kappa Gamma. And how can one find a way that is more easy, certain or attractive than to fasten upon her dress the tiny golden key which means so much to those of us who have the right to wear it.

In her own college, among her own friends, the Kappa girl is known, of course, without her badge. Beyond this, however, we must trust our emblem to tell its story and ours, to the uninitiated.

That every Kappa would like to own a pin, is certainly true. The question seems to resolve itself into one of expense, but surely the price lists are varied and reasonable enough to meet the needs of any or every member.

To be quite frank, do we not often put off buying our badge because we cannot have one so expensive as some friend's pin to which we have taken a fancy. We cannot all afford to wear diamonds, and if it comes to a mere childish matter of how much our key cost, if the perfectly plain badge does not mean as much to us as one that is a blaze of jewels, we are not fit to wear a key at all.

Having a key, should we wear it always? My reply is again, yes. For should there be a case where the fact of being a fraternity member would seem to stand in one's way, if the objection were real, doubtless the matter would be inquired into, even though one wore no badge. Yet each girl's life and circumstances are different, and each must decide for herself when she may lovingly and proudly display her fraternity pin, and when it would be a kindly courtesy to others to appear without it.

During this my first year after college work is over, my own little key has been more precious than ever. Wearing it, one can not forget Kappa sisters nor fraternity work and aims.

A. B. B., *Omega*, '95.

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ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Helen M. Armstrong, '96,	Esther S. Dodge, '97,
Susie M. Flint, '96,	Grace L. Griffiths, '97,
Mary E. Hadley, '96,	Lena B. Pool, '97,
K. Isabel Mann, '96,	Emma F. Ripley, '97,
Bertha P. Marvel, '96, (sp.),	Minnie W. Russell, '97,
S. Marion Chadbourne, '97,	H. Gertrude Crosby, '98,
Marion L. Chamberlain, '97,	Helen Forbes, '98,
Katherine Chamberlain, '97,	Amy Wales, '98,
Ella L. Chase, '97,	Ethelwynne Wallace, '98,
Pearl C. Chase, '97,	H. Edith Bradbury, '98, (sp.),
Annie C. Hatch, '97,	Blanche Bagley, '99,
Florence E. Eveleth, '97,	Cora Lee Templeton, '99.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 24; total membership from chapter establishment, 122; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Amy Wales, second prize for poem in *Beacon* contest; Ella Chase, Senior Proctor; Bertha P. Marvel, literary editor of the *Beacon*; Esther Dodge, editor-in-chief of the *Beacon*; Helen M. Armstrong, alternate commencement speaker.

University.—Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 24, number of students in collegiate department, 353. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 29; Theta Delta Chi, 31. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 24; Alpha Phi, 32; Gamma Phi Beta, 21; Delta Delta Delta, 21.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The college year is slowly drawing to a close, bearing with it its usual joys and sorrows. Joys in the line of little excursions to the shore or country, college plays, commencement, and receptions. Sorrows, in the thoughts of giving up our seniors, and in the serious meditations of the seniors themselves who are about to enter the throng of life-workers. The seniors have done their share in perfecting friendships and strengthening the bonds, and soon they will place the responsibility of the chapter upon the juniors—thirteen in number. It hardly seems possible now that we can manage without the sympathy and advice of

our older sisters, but the usual experiences, one by one, will give us the confidence and strength which are needed to carry on our beautiful work.

During this spring term we have had a number of evening meetings which have proved a great success, and have truly accomplished their end. The Freshman meeting which is usually an entertainment by the freshmen themselves, was a surprise and delight this year. It was a talk by Mrs. Mary A. Livermore. It is needless to say that we all thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon.

Our last meeting is to be on Thursday, June 4. We are going to the house of Miss Armstrong and then to the Winchester woods to lunch, and talk and enjoy ourselves in the usual way.

Vacation will soon be here bringing to us the much needed rest and change. May all our sister chapters enjoy a delightful vacation, and return to work in the fall with hearts full of joy.

BETA EPSILON --BARNARD COLLEGE

Active Members.

Elsie Clews, '96,	Louise Brisbin Dunn, '97,
Anna C. Mellick, '96,	May B. Dobbs, '97,
Mary Rogers Roper, '96,	Maude Wilcox, '97,
Clementine Tucker, '96,	Clara De Lisa Berg, '98,
Bertha Steele Van Riper, '96,	Agnes Crawford Leaycroft, '98,
Adaline Caswell Wheelock, '97,	Susan Isabella Myers, '98,
Mrs. W. H. Baroden, ex '97.	Eleanor Frances Osborne, '98.

Chapter:—Active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 35; number of year's initiates, 3. Honors: Prizes are not awarded until commencement.

College:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 31; number of students in collegiate department, 148. There are no men's fraternities at Barnard. Kappa Kappa Gamma is the only woman's fraternity, 14. In the number of the faculty there should perhaps be included all those instructors whose courses at Columbia are open to Barnard students. But there is no catalogue from which this number could be ascertained exactly, so it was perforce omitted.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Examinations seem to be pressing in upon us of Beta Epsilon. We had no sooner finished our fraternity papers than the dread of the final regular examinations fell upon us and is still with us.

But just in the midst of all this work comes a request from THE KEY to hasten our letters and MSS. that a June number may be published. We are very glad to have this earlier number to tell us about the plans for convention although it will come to our chapter after college has broken up. The only trying point about the scheme is that it leaves Beta Epsilon with almost no news of interest to the fraternity.

The most important discussion which has arisen in chapter meetings has been about the admission of freshmen toward the close of the first year. Beta Epsilon may well be considered rather conservative in this respect for her policy has been to initiate new members chiefly in their sophomore year. The arguments used for this are that the old members of the chapter feel that they know the proposed initiates much better. Then again a girl's place in college is pretty well established by her sophomore year and there is less danger of her leaving before graduation. Another reason for choosing sophomores rather than freshmen is that they are apt to have formed friends outside the fraternity and there is therefore less danger of narrowing the chapter to girls who like and know only each other.

The arguments advanced in favor of admitting freshmen were chiefly those of the seniors. They felt that if they could know some initiates from the freshman class they would be connected with the chapter more closely whenever they returned within three or four years. It was also suggested that the initiates were little better known at the beginning of the sophomore year than at the close of the freshman. It all resolves itself into the old difficulty of a chapter in a college without dormitories where the girls see very little of each other. In the end the old principles were victorious and Beta Epsilon loses five of her members this Spring with great regret and with no new initiates as yet to even partially fill their places.

Another matter which we expect to discuss with great vigor at an approaching meeting is the convention letter, as well as our instructions to the delegates. We expect in the Fall to learn from her the best methods of conducting chapter meetings, how to keep in touch with the rest of the fraternity, what we should look for in new members, and the thousand and one other things which Beta Epsilon desires to know.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Ellen Bliss Talbot, (B. N.), P. G.,	Mabel Simis, '97,
Addie Elem Spencer, P. G.,	Christabel Forsythe Fiske, '97,
Lillian Balcolm, P. G.,	Olive Morrison, '97,
Flora Love, (Delta), P. G.,	Mabel Virginia Root, '97,
Grace Neal Dolson, '96,	Emily Dunning, '98,
Berenice Haviland, '96,	Edith Read, '98,
M. Alinda Lathrop, '96,	Elizabeth M. Rhoades, '98,
Josephine Simis, '99.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 15; total membership from chapter establishment, 93; number of year's initiates, 2. Honors: Grace Neal Dolson, Phi Beta Kappa, Ellen Bliss Talbot, and Grace N. Dolson, graduate scholarships for 1896-7.

University:—Number of Faculty in collegiate department, 167; number of students in collegiate department, 1654. Men's fraternities: Kappa Alpha, 24; Zeta Psi, 24; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 28; Delta Upsilon, 25; Alpha Delta Phi, 25; Sigma Phi, 16; Psi Upsilon, 23; Sigma Chi, 27; Chi Psi, 22; Chi Phi, 26; Phi Kappa Psi, 21; Beta Theta Pi, 33; Kappa Sigma, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 16; Alpha Tau Omega, 23; Delta Chi, 21; Theta Delta Chi, 21; Phi Delta Theta, 27; Phi Gamma Delta, 20; Phi Sigma Kappa 22. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 22; Alpha Phi, 17; Delta Gamma, 21; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The most interesting event in the history of Psi since the last issue of THE KEY is the initiation of Josephine Simis and Olive Louise Morrison. Miss Simis is the freshman sister of one of our Juniors, and an ardent admirer of Kappa, of course. Miss Morrison has been a student at Oberlin College for two years, and was admitted to advanced standing at Cornell. The preparations for initiation were very elaborate, and even we, to whom the mysteries of Kappa are no new revelation, were impressed again by the beauty of the ceremony. After the "swing," followed the initiation banquet,—a very jolly one with toasts and songs.

At the beginning of this term we were glad to welcome Miss Willard and Miss Hamson of Beta Tau. They visited the chapter for two days, and were present at our weekly chapter meeting.

Among Cornell news in general, an item of great interest to the girls is the generous offer made by Mr. Wyckoff, an alumnus and

a resident of Ithaca. He promises to give \$250 to the Sports and Pastimes Association, towards the erection of a boat-house, if the members will raise \$750, or \$500, if we raise \$1500. Most of the girls are enthusiastic on the subject of boating, and we are hoping for great encouragement and liberal subscriptions.

Anna Van Benschoten, '94, made us a flying visit this term, and a picnic supper in the woods celebrated her coming. Four of the girls arranged the plan and played hostess to the rest of the chapter. Such pleasant memories of woods and lake,—and above all, of friends—these college days are storing up for us!

The yearly elections to Phi Beta Kappa have just been announced, and we are delighted to write that Grace Neal Dolson, of Psi, is one of the fortunate seniors.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Katharine Elizabeth Moag, '96,	Harriet Elizabeth Robertson, '97,
Antoinette Josephine Foster, '96,	Helen Alsy Clemence, '98,
Emma Crasto Robinson, '96,	Marguerite Pauline Liotard, '98,
Sybil Eliza Bailey, '97,	Alice Cary Atwood, '98,
Jessie Dell Stearns, '97,	Isabel Ellis, '99,
Daisy Mabel Jones, '97,	Amy Lulu Lyon, '99,
Annie Louise Eaton, '97,	Jessie Thatcher Robertson, '99,
Margaret Helen Currier, '97,	Catharine Susan Stallman, '99,
Zoa Magdalene Rowland, '97,	Harriet Elinor Shaw, '99,
Inez Chapman Ladd, '99.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 20; total membership from chapter establishment, 121; number of year's initiates, 7.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 8; number of students in collegiate department, 100. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 23; Alpha Tau Omega, 24. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Delta Delta Delta, 5.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The life of Beta Beta has been rather uneventful since the last issue of THE KEY, yet time has rolled along and brought with it two new girls; whom we take great pleasure in introducing to our sister chapters, Inez Chapman Ladd, '99, of Victor, New York; and Alice Cary Atwood, '98, Canton, N. Y.

They were initiated on the morning of "Tree Holiday," April

24. After the initiation a delightful breakfast was served, which several of our alumnae attended.

As usual we shall be glad to see THE KEY but such an early issue necessitates a somewhat brief chapter letter.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Josephine Miller, '96, (sp.),	Minnie Hasbrook, '98,
Mary Caldwell, '96,	Margaret Telfer, '98,
Katherine Allis, '97,	Mary Connell, '98,
Mattie Caldwell, '97,	Anna Giddings, '98,
Lois Dean, '97,	Eugenia Baker, '99,
Lucy Hamson, '97,	Eva Bryan, '99,
Emily Newcomb, '97,	Elizabeth Conklin, '98,
Bessie Willard, '97,	Mary Newcomb, (Sp.),
Mabel Willard, '97,	Clara Rogers, '99,
Carrie Allen, '98,	Irma Ryan, '98,
Blanche Barber, '98,	Frances Sager, '99,
Florence Carpenter, '98,	Ada Smart, '99,
Marie Cary, '98,	Emma Smith, '99,
Charlotte David, '98, (sp.),	Mary Todd, '99,
Reba Willard, '98,	

Chapter:—Active members, 29; total membership from chapter establishment, 127; number of initiates, 12. Honors: Mary Caldwell, '96, class secretary; Mattie Caldwell, '97, member of *Onondagan* board; Marie Cary, '98, member of Ladies' Glee Club.

University:—Number of faculty, 107; number of students, 967. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 29; Delta Upsilon, 28; Psi Upsilon, 23; Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Phi Delta Theta, 19; Beta Theta Pi, 23; Nu Sigma Nu, (medical), 23. Women's fraternities: Alpha Phi, 36; Gamma Phi Beta, 33; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 29; Kappa Alpha Theta, 30; Pi Beta Phi, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement season is once more upon us with its warm weather. Beta Tau loses but two of her number by graduation, one graduating from the College of Liberal Arts and the other from the College of Medicine.

Syracuse feels very proud of her athletic team, who won such a victory at Williams College at the Inter-collegiate Field Day, May 10. The day following their return was taken as a holiday.

After marching about the campus and through the buildings, the students rode about the city and in the evening were received by the young women of the University.

Again College Hill has been alive with convention. The New York District of Beta Theta Pi convened at Syracuse. The local chapter and their friends were received by the Kappas and other fraternities at their various chapter houses.

The '97 "Onondagan," our junior annual, has appeared and reflects great credit on the editors. It is bound in purple and gold, the class colors.

The members of Phi Kappa Psi gave a number of our girls a ride to Green Lake, May 16, and a very enjoyable day was spent.

Beta Tau will say good-bye waiting with pleasure to be again united with all the chapters at the convention.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Active Members.

Mary Engle Pennington, '95,	Bertha Elizabeth Corson Yocum,
Mary Dechert Griffith,	Sarah Pleis Miller, '98,
Lucy Cooper Gendell,	Elizabeth Beldon Gendell,
Eugenie Louise Faxon Knapp, '95,	Sarah Darlington Chambers,
Mary Parker Nicholson, '96,	Annie Bell Sargent, '99.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 10; total membership from chapter establishment, 36; number of year's initiates, 2.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 100; number of members in collegiate department, 871. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Sigma, 45; Zeta Psi, 36; Delta Psi, 33; Delta Phi, 34; Phi Kappa Psi, 33; Phi Delta Theta, 31; Psi Upsilon, 35; Phi Gamma Delta, 25; Beta Theta Pi, 25; Delta Upsilon, 23; Alpha Tau Omega, 23; Gamma Delta, 20; Phi Alpha Sigma, 31; Kappa Sigma, 18; Delta Sigma Delta, 24; Sigma Mu, 14; Mu Phi, 8. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Once more we come to the end of the college year and commencement with all its pleasures is before us. This year two of our members take the certificate of study from the music department, Miss Mary P. Nicholson of the active, and Miss Mary L. Hammer of the associate chapter.

We look forward with great pleasure to the coming convention and hope that it will do much towards furthering the interests of the Fraternity.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Carolien Hayes Chambers, '96,	Ada Virginia Gillespie, '98,
Aida Thyrese Evans, '96,	Edna Marion Nicholl, '98,
Hallie Hanson Haines, '96,	Eva Teresa Rengier, '98,
Violette Taylor Haines, '96,	Lucretia S. Blankenburg, '99,
Arabella Elizabeth Moore, '96,	Helen Southwick Marshall, '99,
Laura Cecilia Miller, '97,	Elizabeth Mathews Purdy, '99,
Mabel Clare Gillespie, '99.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 13; total membership from chapter establishment, 26; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Carolien H. Chambers, president of Somerville Literary Society, 1st term, historian of class; Violette T. Haines, corresponding secretary Somerville Literary Society, secretary of class, secretary and treasurer of Swarthmore Branch Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Oratorical Union; Laura C. Miller, member of '97 "Halcyon" staff, member of "Phoenix" staff, member of Junior oratorical team, president of Omicron Chapter of Somerville Literary Society, 1st term; Ada Virginia Gillespie, recording secretary Somerville Literary Society, 1st term; Edna M. Nicholl, recording secretary Somerville Literary Society, 2nd term, member of '98 "Halcyon" staff; Eva T. Rengier, secretary of class; Mabel C. Gillespie, secretary and poetess of class, member of "Phoenix" staff; Helen S. Marshall, leader of girls' glee club, secretary of Latin Seminary.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 15, with 10 instructors; number of members in collegiate department, about 200. Men's fraternities: Kappa Sigma, 17; Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Delta Upsilon, 20; Theta Nu Epsilon. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The weeks since the spring holidays being a pleasant combination of work and pleasure, have sped very rapidly for Beta Iota girls. In April we added a thirteenth member to our active chapter, Eva Rengier. A few days after her initiation, as if to celebrate the occasion, an old friend sent a large box of oranges to the "Ku Klux girls."

The senior examinations begin the eighteenth of May and Commencement will be June 9. Several of our girls are on class supper and reception committees, which generally involves more fun than work.

Swarthmore is particularly beautiful just now and when we

realize how quickly the days are slipping by we almost regret leaving it. But the summer vacation offers attractions elsewhere and one of these we trust, will be the fraternity convention. It is rather inconvenient for chapters situated so far away as our eastern ones to send many representatives, but we earnestly hope that as many girls as can possibly do so will attend, for it is through the conventions that methods of fraternity government are most perfectly learned and interest in other chapters than our own is gained. Best wishes for the success of this our thirteenth national convention, and a pleasant summer to all !

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Isabel Howe, '96,	Sara Jane Nutt, '96,
Florence Mary Appleby, '96,	Margaret Anne Kramer, '96,
Margaret Matilda Fromyer, '96,	Nell Elizabeth Laffer, '97,
Frances Maude Slater, '96,	Louise Edna Bolard, '98,
Mary Culbertson Colter, '98.	

Pledged Members.

Georgia Beach,	Margaret Cooper.
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Chapter:—Number of active members, 9; pledged members, 2; total membership from chapter establishment, 38; number of year's initiates, active, 1; pledged, 2. Honors: None given at Alleghany.

University:—Number of faculty, 17; number of members, 756. Men's fraternities, in order of establishment, Phi Kappa Psi, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 13; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 19; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Alpha Chi Omega, 18.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The beautiful, lazy spring days have come again and find Gamma Rho fully prepared to enjoy every pleasure which they offer. The campus is dotted all over with bright little groups loath to go in when the recitation bell rings in spite of the fact that the most interesting professors to be found anywhere, await them with equally interesting lectures and questions.

The other day a kodac fiend was roaming the campus in search of prey. Suddenly he spied a group of three on a rug under a

tree. Remarking that he could not pass by a crowd of Kappa Kappa Gammas he proceeded to snap them. How I wish that I could send to THE KEY the result.

Gamma Rho much to her regret did not send her news letter quite in time for the last KEY so a short account of her winter's birthday party will have to be given in this. She was eight years old on the thirteenth of last February and celebrated by giving a party and inviting all the *alumnæ* sisters, the mothers of the town girls, and a few other loyal Kappa friends. Many accepted the invitation, many others who could not come sent remembrances and the rooms were genuine bowers of beauty from the abundance of the gifts which rained upon her. Nor were the presents confined only to those who were invited. Some uninvited friends showed their good feeling by sending flowers and pictures, rugs, tables and spoons, all of which Gamma Rho thought very kind of them.

The Saturday following, the Alpha Chi Omegas, who had kindly remembered Kappa Gamma on her birthday, were invited to spend the evening in the newly beautified rooms.

One of our loyal *alumnæ* presented us some time ago with a fine collection of posters. Other friends outside the fraternity and in have been adding to our collection and our dining room with its sloping walls has become as interesting as any ancient portrait gallery.

The convention is a subject eagerly discussed at every fraternity meeting. Gamma Rho expects to send two visitors at least, with her delegate and even now there is a faint glimmer of the enthusiasm with which they will inevitably return.

With the very heartiest good will and interest in all the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma at large, Gamma Rho closes this letter.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Carrie Bell, '96,	Edith Mallison, '98,
Belle Armstrong, '96,	Bertha Huston, '98,
Elmie Warner, '97,	Pearl Barnes, '98,
Blanche Middecombe, '97,	Flora Goodwin, '98,
Mary James, '97,	Ella Memmer, '99,
Margaret James, '97,	Bess McFarlin, '99,
Metta Dague, '98,	Celia Mallison, '99,
May Scudder, '98,	Leona Reed, '99,
	May Foote, '99,

Chapter:—Number of active members, 17; total membership from chapter establishment, 120; number of year's initiates, 6. Honors: Belle Armstrong, first honors in Ashton prize contest; Mary Baker, May Scudder, Alumni scholarship.

University:—Number of faculty, 9; number of students, 116. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 6. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Lambda sends greeting to all her sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In this beautiful springtime news letters share the fate of lessons, and are neglected for the more alluring charms of shady groves and tennis courts.

Three weeks ago Lambda entertained the students and professors of the college and a number of city friends, at a reception held in Albert Hall. We Kappas are proud to say that our reception was the event of the college year. We were especially glad to number among our guests Misses McSweeny, Ihrig, and Dyser, of Beta Gamma.

The afternoon following the reception was spent by the Kappas and their friends in a delightful trip through the Glens of Cuyahoga River, near Akron. In the evening, an impromptu dance was given at the college in honor of our guests from Wooster.

Nor was this the end of our festivities for that week. A few days later, we partook of a spread in our Kappa hall. That evening was enjoyed as only a merry band of girls can enjoy an evening all to themselves.

Before another chapter letter is written, we shall all be away for our summer vacation. So with our best wishes for a happy holiday, whether at home, or at any other of the many delightful places to spend a summer, we bid you a long farewell.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Alice Cornell, '96,	Edna Pennell, '97,
Grace Ihrig, '96,	Madge Bittenbender, '97,
Fannie Dysert, '97,	Caroline Agerter, '97, (sp.),
Myvanwy Jones, '97,	Frances Glenn, '98,
Katherine Lucas, '97, (sp.),	Ethel Axtel, '98,
Annette Thackwell, '97, (sp.),	Alice Smith, '98,
Cora Altman, '97,	Minnie Elliott, '98.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 134; year's initiates, 6. Honors: Alice Cornell has the senior farewell for the Willard entertainment.

College:—Number of faculty, 15; number of students, 428. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 15; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Alpha Tau Omega, 27; Theta Nu Epsilon, 12. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 21; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 24.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Again with the Spring time Beta Gamma sends her greeting to her sisters, and introduces to you her new initiates Agatha Hard, Mary Maten and Louise Greisemer. May seventh witnessed the meeting of the K. K. G.s at the home of Annette Thackwell, where coffin and goat were in waiting to assist in the changing of our fair pledglings to serene Kappa maidens who donned the key with bright faces and the firm resolve to be true to it through all the coming days.

The rooms were decorated with large branches of the pink hawthorne, a flower which many of the girls had never seen before. As they admired the dainty blossoms, to one pair of eyes, at least, appeared a vision of peaceful English lanes with tall hedges of the white and pink hawthorne "that opes in the month of May."

This last term has been a very busy one, not only with Kappa, but with all the other fraternities as well. The men's fraternities

have entertained more than once besides the usual gaieties of the spring time. But what was most enjoyed of all, at least by the fortunate ones, was the visit of Emmeline McSweeny, Fannie Dysert and Grace Ihrig to Lambda. They came back with enthusiastic accounts of the hospitality of our Buchtel sisters; making, we fear, some of the less fortunate ones sadly envious.

And now for another three months Beta Gamma must say farewell. A long summer stretches before us, and we extend our best wishes for the welfare of Kappas. When we meet again some dear faces will not be with us, but we know, that though far apart, each woman will keep a large corner of her heart sacred to the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Zoa Belle Baldwin, '96,	Winona Schriver, '97,
Florence Derby, '96,	Marion E. Twiss, '97,
Fanny Fern Howard, '96,	Mabel E. Lisle, '97,
Mary Bole Scott, '96,	Minnie M. Slaughter, '98,
Lucy Allen, '97,	Mabel E. Rice, '98,
Marietta C. Cole, '97,	Anna F. Howard, '99,
Florence Corner, '97,	Lillian S. Huffman, '99,
Imogene Ingram, '97,	Maud Raymond, '99,
Flora McCarter, '97,	Nellie E. Slaughter, '99.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 18; total membership from chapter establishment, 49; number of year's initiates, 5.

University:—Number of faculty, 58; number of students in collegiate department, 970. Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, ; Phi Kappa Psi, 8; Sigma Chi, 7; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Chi Phi, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Sigma Nu, 12; Alpha Tau Omega, 17; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 20; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Kappa Sigma, 13. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 11; Delta Delta Delta, 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

All the chapter letters this time will be full of two topics I imagine, the beauty of the spring and the farewell to our seniors.

Never did O. S. U. see such a golden sunshiny spring and never did Beta Nu have to bid farewell to four dearer, more helpful members than Florence Derby, Fanny Howard, Mary Scott and Zoa Baldwin. Our commencement is on the 17th, a day of

mingled pride and sorrow. Mary Scott is historian of the class, so the Kappas will be represented on the program.

We are just now happiest of the happy over the pledging of our President's daughter, Dorothy Canfield. She is no stranger to Sigma so a little waving of the double blue and a little joyous hoisting of the white owl may not be out of place here. We celebrated the event and spread our viands and charms before other guileless freshmen on one spring afternoon, with a picnic under the campus trees.

On the 8th of May the O. S. U. Dramatic Club gave its fourth annual performance, presenting a double bill—"Who's Who?" and "David Garrick." In the latter piece, ladies appeared on the cast for the first time in the history of the club; and as one of the three ladies was Marion Twiss the Kappas felt justified in claiming a goodly share of the applause which followed. Some said it was the finest amateur performance ever given in Columbus and certainly none was ever more thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by Beta Nu.

On the 22nd of May, set apart and hallowed as High School Day, the college entertained the visiting High School students from all over the state. This is one of Dr. Canfield's excellent ideas and will doubtless bear good fruit next year and thereafter.

Is it necessary to say that we are all looking forward to Convention? What a fine one it will be and what weighty questions are to be solved there! If we can but hint to you some of the spirit and enthusiasm which prevails in our own chapter and catch much of that which comes from you we shall feel amply rewarded for the long days of waiting between now and the last of August.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Nearly the end of May and commencement close at hand! Beta Delta is very busy having all the good times possible together for at the end of June she must say good bye to six of her seniors.

One of the pleasantest of this years happenings was a party given by Mrs. Carrow and Mrs. Herdman to all the fraternity girls in college. Beta Delta of Kappa Kappa Gamma assisted in entertaining and there were present Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta

Delta and Sorosis. The house was beautifully decorated with fleur-de-lis. During the evening "The Bicyclers" of John Kendrick Bangs was given and proved itself very amusing.

Last week the May Festival kept every one busy. There were five concerts, two in the afternoon and three in the evening. Thursday evening, May 21, was given the Wagner program. The soloists were Frau Lohse-Klafsky, soprano; Miss Gertrude May Stein, contralto; Mr. Barron Berthald, tenor; Mr. Max Heinrich, baritone and Mr. Gardner S. Lampson, base baritone. There was a chorus of three hundred voices and the Boston Festival Orchestra. Friday afternoon was the Symphony Concert during which was rendered the new Symphony of Mr. Stanley, Professor of Music in the University of Michigan. The Symphony is dedicated to James Burrill Angell, President of the University of Michigan. It was enthusiastically received, and at the end Professor Stanley was presented with a bicycle completely covered with roses. Friday evening was a miscellaneous program. The soloists were Miss Rose Stewart, soprano; Miss May Stein, contralto; Mr. Evans Williams, tenor; Signor Guiseppe Campinari, baritone. Saturday afternoon was an Orchestral Matinee. The Ave Maria of Marchetti sung by the ladies chorus at this concert and the harp solo of Mr. Van Veachten Rogers were especially fine. But the crowning concert of all was the Saturday evening one at which was given the Samson and Delilah of Camille Saint-Saens. The soloists were Mrs. Katherine Bloodgood, Mr. Evans Williams, Sig. Guiseppe Campinari and Mr. Gardner Lampson. Mrs. Bloodgood as Delilah charmed every one with her rich contralto voice. It was indeed a feast of music and will be long remembered by those fortunate ones who heard it.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Mary Kendrick Brierly, '96,	Anna Elizabeth Milne, '98,
Anna Mary Owens, '96,	Kathryn Payne Goodman, '98,
Blanche Stephens Van Auken, '96,	Bessie Jayne Fickus, '98,
Grace Vernon Thomas, '97,	Edna Hazel Gibson, '98,
Lora De Forest Perry, '97,	Jennie Gorsuch Gilkey, '99,
Emma Saphronia Davidson, '97,	Maud Metcalf, '99,
Mildred Bishop Moore, '98,	Addie Wellsley Chase, '99,
Eva Blanche Ruff, '98,	Agnes Belle Chase,
	May Taylor Cole, '99.

Pledged Members.

Maude Steele,

Sara Luella Huntington.

Chapter.—Number of active members during year, 17; spring term, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 89; number of year's initiates, 5.

College.—Number of faculty, 15; number of students, 225. Men's fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, 14; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 10. Women's fraternities: Delta Delta Delta, 17; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Xi is glad to announce the name of Sara Luella Huntington as her new pledged member.

On May twenty-third tri Delta will entertain all the college fraternities, at the home of one of the city members. We not only anticipate a good time, but we realize that this is a step toward abolishing that spirit of rivalry, so often found existing among the various chapters.

Xi is always pleased to welcome her earlier members and a few weeks ago we were made glad by a visit from one of our alumnæ, Enid Ware Foster of Toledo, O.

We are all looking forward to convention, for a number of us hope to be present.

Xi sends love to all Kappas and wishes for them a pleasant summer.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Zoe N. Smith, '98,

Bessie S. Mosher, '97,

Grace D. Dewey, '97,

Mae L. Sheldon, '97,

Cora B. Twichell, '98,

Claire E. Sands, '96,

Emily C. Sage, '98,

Rose P. Langworthy, '99,

Florence M. Stetson, '98,

Bertha C. Vanatta, '96,

Nellie A. Montgomery, '97.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 11; total membership from chapter establishment, 105; number of year's initiates, 4. Honors: Bessie Mosher, prize in Maggie Ambler Oratorical Contest; Claire Sands, senior class prophet.

College.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 27; number of members in collegiate department, 497. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, 10; Phi Delta Theta, 10; Alpha Tau Omega, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Pi Beta Phi, 11.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Now, indeed, is one constrained to consider classes and study entirely *de trop*, one can find time for the tennis, cycling, parties, picnics, ball games and other spring occupations, but one is quite too badly rushed to look after lessons.

A very pretty old fashioned custom was celebrated by one of the ladies' literary societies last night, May 13, the coronation of the May queen. The honor was conferred by popular vote, all members of the society being eligible, and no condition placed upon the voters except the payment of five cents for each ballot cast. The polls were closed at 10 o'clock Monday evening, and the excitement at the closing moments was intense. The Independents were determined to win for their candidate, while the fraternity forces were divided, there being four Kappas and one Pi Beta, who had each a good following. The result of the struggle was the election of the independent choice, with one of our girl's a close second.

The many interested experienced a general lightness of pocket and the scheme may be recommended as a financial success.

The oratorical contest of this same society, held in March, was of peculiar interest, for the six members taking part were all Kappas. Bessie Mosher won the prize with an excellent oration upon the subject, A Noble Unrest.

Several weeks ago we settled the great political questions of the day. The five open societies met in convention and adopted a strong and clearly defined platform declaring for sound money, protective tariff, prohibition, and several other things. Thomas B. Reed was selected as candidate for President of the United States and Frances Willard for Vice-President. There was much noise, shouting, band playing and fun. We have noted with surprise and pain that the rest of Michigan has since joined the McKinley forces, thereby displaying very poor taste.

An event in fraternity circles is to be the Northern Division Conference of Delta Tau Delta to be held here next week. Invitations are out for a large reception the 21st to take place at Smith's Hotel and we are anticipating a most enjoyable time.

For the first time the girls are to be allowed to play tennis at the Intercollegiate Field Day held by the Michigan Colleges in

June. Two of our chapters intend to enter the contest. It is hoped that this move will tend to arouse an interest among the girls in athletic matters.

The Juniors receive the Seniors next, the first event of the commencement festivities.

We have three seniors this year, Claire Sands has a place on the class day program as prophet. Commencement comes June 18, and Rev. D. M. Fisk of Toledo will deliver the address. Several members of Kappa chapter are intending to attend Convention where we hope to see you all. Until then, *au revoir*.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Georgetta Bowman, '96,	Emma Zeis, '98,
Josephine Hunter, '96,	Nettie Swindler, '99,
Inez Eliot, '97,	Ora Wickler, '99,
Pauline Gibson, '97,	Eva Worrall, '99,
Alice Patton, '97,	Mary Bell, '99,
Wilmina Wallace, '97,	Maud Belts, '99,
Mary Bain, '98,	Antoinette Duncan, '99,
Sara Bracken, '98,	Eliza Keyes, '99,
Frances Hawkins, '98,	Mary Kelly, '99,
Lola Hewson, '98,	Louise Loughry, '99,
Cora Menaugh, '98,	Grace Marquis, '99,
Sara Rettger, '98,	Mary Kelly, '99,
Anna Robinson, '98,	Lena Soller, '99,

Chapter:—Number of active members, 26; total membership from chapter establishment, 184; year's initiates, 18. No honors given in Indiana University.

University:—Number of faculty, 45; full professors, 19; associate and assistants, 26; number of students, 875. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Beta Theta Pi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 27; Sigma Chi, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 25; Delta Tau Delta, 16; Phi Gamma Delta, 14; Sigma Nu, 11. Women's fraternities in order of establishment: Kappa Alpha Theta, 28; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 26; Alpha Zeta Beta, 15; Pi Beta Phi, 20.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Delta asks greeting for her six new members. Their names are: Mary Bell, Maude Belts, Mary Kelly, Nettie Swindler, Eva Worrall, and Emma Zeis.

We feel that this has been a very busy quarter yet it closes a year which has been a happy one for Delta. Last year she sent out seven of her girls as *alumnæ*. This year four of Delta's members graduate, Fanny Jones, Josephine Hunter, Georgetta Bowman, and Marie Dunlap.

On May 8 we held our third and last "open meeting" for the year, at which time we enjoyed the presence of the faculty members.

One of the pleasant things which Delta has to remember this year is her exchange of hospitality with Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. During the winter quarter Kappa Kappa Gamma at her chapter house was hostess at a closed meeting of Kappas and Thetas. On May 16, Kappa Alpha Theta received Kappa Kappa Gamma. At this time lunch was served, toasts were given, and the evening was delightfully spent in music, dancing, and conversation.

Our annual Panthygatric will be held on Saturday evening, May 30th. Alpha Zeta Beta is to be hostess at the residence of Mrs. Will Adams on South College Avenue. The girls expect to mask and a royal good time is expected.

Delta's patron, Mrs. Karsell, is arranging to give a Kappa Kappa Gamma party at her home.

The senior class has introduced the Oxford cap and gown to the university.

Delta hopes to send several members to the convention and as we think and work for the convention, we hope that it will inspire in all a deeper realization of Kappa Kappa Gamma's mission.

Delta wishes every Kappa Kappa Gamma a profitable and pleasant vacation.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Belle Robinson, '96,
Elizabeth Mahan, '96,
Marie Chaffee, '96,
Harriett Harding, '97,
Mary Linebarger, '97,
Clara Hight, '97,
Dora Elliott, '97,
Grace Smith, '97,
Mary Ewing, '97,

Ada Frank, '97,
Myrtle Madden, '98,
Ethel Campbell, '98,
Myrtle Switzer, '98,
Jessie Sherwood, '98,
Orie Cook, '99,
Lena Byrd, '99,
Mary Marsee, '99,
Mary Nutchell, '99,

Stella Hawkins, '99.

Chapter.:—Number of active members, 19 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 217 ; year's initiates, 9 ; from other chapters, 2.

University.:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 25 ; number of students in collegiate department, 500. Men's fraternities : Delta Kappa Epsilon, 19 ; Beta Theta Pi, 15 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 12 ; Delta Tau Delta, 10 ; Phi Delta Theta, 18 ; Sigma Chi, 11 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 24 ; Delta Upsilon, 18 ; Sigma Nu, 16. Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, 25 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19 ; Alpha Phi, 19 ; Alpha Chi Omega, 13 (music) and Phi Nu Epsilon, 17, (music).

CHAPTER LETTER.

Iota has always endeavored to bring before her girls the fullest and truest ideals of fraternity life. The last chapter meeting held, at the home of one of our girls in town was an especially interesting one and we are looking forward to some pleasant meetings with the older girls during commencement. Our annual Iota reunion will be the Monday of commencement week.

Iota feels well satisfied with the year's work. There have been some worries and disapointments but many pleasures and triumphs and we can look back without regret upon the past nine months for we are well assured of the work of our loyal hearted girls and of their influence in the fraternity world.

MU CHAPTER—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Retta Barnhill, '96,
Lulu Brevoort, '97,
Carrie Howe, '97,
Bona Thompson, '97,
Nettie Sweeney, '97,
Emma Stradling, '97,

Edna Wallace, '97,
Bess Campbell, '99,
Mary Deputy, '99,
Bertha Mason, '99,
Anna Williams, '99,
Lura Forsyth, sp.

Chapter.:—Active members, 12 ; total membership, '93 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 93 ; year's initiates, 4. Honors and prizes : Nettie Sweeney, "Collegian" editor ; Retta Barnhill, '96, Carrie Howe, '97, Anna Williams, '99, presidents of classes.

College.:—Faculty in collegiate department, 20 ; number of members in collegiate department, 140. Men's fraternities : Sigma Chi, 6 ; Phi Delta Theta, 12 ; Delta Tau Delta, 9. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12 ; Alpha Phi Psi (local) 6.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Just one more letter before school closes ! How time flies ! In two more weeks all our recitations will be over. Then, after Commencement festivities, we part for a time. One event of Commencement week to which we look forward with great interest, is the initiation of our three pledged girls, Anne Butler, Effie Blount, and Helen Brouse, whom we are so anxious to call sisters in the bonds.

Since we last wrote to you we are able to record a great epoch in the history of our college. We now compose the liberal arts division of the University of Indianapolis, lately organized on a firm basis by the consolidation of Butler, and the law, dental, and medical colleges of Indianapolis. Next year we will enjoy the advantages to be gained therefrom. Our present English and German professors will be in Harvard but Miss Flora Bridges, who has been studying at Chicago University, will be back next year to resume her English duties. We shall have a new professor in civics, and a number of other additions to the faculty.

We have one senior Kappa who leaves us and whom we shall miss very much.

There have been quite a number of social events this term : tennis fetes, spreads, fraternity and class parties.

We are very much interested in the coming convention and shall be so glad to meet Kappas whom distance alone removes from us. Wishing you a very happy vacation we say goodbye until convention time.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Active Members.

Fanny Jewell Holcombe, '96,
Annie Elizabeth Main, '96,
Annie Maria Pitman, '96,
Georgia Hayden, '96,
Edith Robinson, '96,
Mabel McCoy, '96,
Helen Palmer, '96,

Fay Parkinson, '97,
Bertha L. Gardner, '97,
Katharine R. Pray, '97,
Helen Louise Pray, '97,
Grace Merrill, '98,
Jennie Ogilvie, '99,
Myrtle G. Adams, '99,

Ferne Ryan, '99.

Chapter.:—Number of active members, 15; total membership from chapter establishment, 122; number of year's initiates, 7.

University.:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 94; number of students in collegiate department, 1525. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 22; Beta Theta Pi, 27; Chi Psi, 16; Sigma Chi, 20; Delta Upsilon, 31; Phi Delta Phi, 29; Delta Tau Delta, 21; Phi Gamma Delta, 21; Theta Nu Epsilon, 25; Theta Delta Chi, 20. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Delta Gamma, 20; Gamma Phi Beta, 20; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Eta wishes first of all to introduce to all Kappas her pledgeling, Nan Fox, who is to don the golden key next fall. But although we are rejoicing over the prospect of this new member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, our hearts are filled with sorrow at the loss of Ottilie Schumann, a dearly beloved Kappa, who died on May sixth, leaving us the memory of a loving loyal sister.

Now that the beautiful spring days have come again we find it very hard to stay indoors with our books and in fact study seems almost out of place, for our beautiful lake and woods prove themselves much more attractive than Greek and Latin. There have been many gayeties in which our girls have indulged since our last letter to *THE KEY*; the Junior Promenade, the Athletic party, Military hop, etc. Our active chapter have just issued invitations to the alumnæ chapter for a banquet to be given in honor of our six engaged girls, each one of whom is to respond to a toast. We also have invitations out for our annual party which is to take place May twenty-ninth.

The U. of W. girls have awakened so much interest in athletics of late as to form a crew, a boating association and a tennis club. Myrtle Adams, one of our freshmen rows on the crew and is also vice-president of the tennis club; while Grace Merrill, '98, is president of the Athletic Association. We are also represented by Grace Merrill on the *Badger* board. Eta will graduate six of her members this coming Commencement, and although she is proud to have so large a graduating class she will sadly miss the half dozen who are so soon to leave her ranks to go out into the world.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Grace Crippen, '96,	Harriet Leland Morse, '97,
Winifred Gray, '96,	Theodora Ursula Irvine, '97,
Harriet Marie Moore, '96,	Emma Verna Alling, '98,
Esther Margaret Miller, '96,	Lorena Sheppard, '98,
Harriet Anna Sinclair, '96,	Louise Martha Taylor, '98,
Ginevra Freeman Tompkins, '96,	Laura Case Whitlock, '99,
Katherine Lorena Janes, '97,	Myrtle May Dickson, '99.

Chapter.—Active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 103; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Winifred Gray, on Condon Contest, in University Senate, appointed teacher in Cummock School of Oratory; Katherine Lorena Janes, in University Senate, assistant treasurer class of '97, on *Syllabus* Board; Ginevra Freeman Tompkins, Phi Beta Kappa; Harriet Marie Moore, Phi Beta Kappa; Theodora Ursula Irvine, in junior play, secretary of class of '97.

College.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 45; number of students in collegiate department, 574; Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 14; Phi Kappa Sigma, 14; Beta Theta Pi, 11; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Delta Upsilon, 20; Phi Delta Theta, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Theta Nu Epsilon, 7; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 19. Women's fraternities: Alpha Phi, 16; Delta Gamma, 9; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17; Gamma Phi Beta, 14; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Delta Delta Delta, 8; Omega Psi (local) 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Some of the chapters which are engaged in similar work may be interested to know that Northwestern is doing university settlement work. The University Woman's Club has established a lectureship, the proceeds of which will be used in founding a fellowship that will allow one or more university students to spend a summer at the settlement, studying along sociological lines and giving practical assistance in the furtherance of the settlement work. A number of students, both men and women, go down to the Settlement Home in Chicago every week to teach classes in the common branches, or in sewing and cooking, or to lead literary and political clubs.

On May first, in Central Music Hall, was held the annual contest of the Northern Oratorical League, in which six universities participated: Chicago, Michigan, Oberlin, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Northwestern. The League is said to have a very rigid system

of marking, and it was this that lost the debate for Northwestern, who came in second, however, Michigan winning first honors.

Here, few events are looked forward to with more interest than the appearance of the *Syllabus* during the last of April. This year it is even better than usual, owing to the new plan of devoting a large number of pages to each of the nine departments thus making the publication less of a college of Liberal Arts, and more of a University Annual.

Pi Beta Phi and Delta Tau Delta each held their province convention at Northwestern this year, the latter giving a large reception to the other fraternities of the university, as one feature of the entertainment of the delegates.

And last, but by no means least, Convention. There are *so* many inducements that we might hold forth to persuade you all to be here the last week in August, but where shall we begin? Evanston is an ideal place to hold Convention, for during the long hot days of business sessions, we shall be where the cool lake breeze will blow in at the windows, and when business is over, there are the strolls on the shore under the great trees. Then, too, Chicago is within a half hour's ride of Evanston, and you all want to see Chicago!

But these are mere surface inducements. The real argument is that you will meet Kappa Kappa Gammas who are bound to you by strong ties, women whom it will make you better to know. It may take a little sacrifice, but it will be worth it all. It will be an experience that will never pass from your lives, and how many of you have ever met a real Grand-President? We expect to have three here at Convention, so do come, and embrace the chance of a life-time—Come!

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Irene Bassett, '96,
Hester Hart, '96,
Clara De Motte, '97,
Maude Kilgore, '97,
Nellie Parritt, '97,
Gertrude Shreve, '98,
Leona Miller, '98,

Idelle Kerrick, (sp.),
Eva Williams, '98,
Josephine Van Leer, '98,
Alma Hamilton, '99,
Katherine Marsh, '99,
Lillian Little, associate,
Clarr Burke, associate.

Chapter:—Active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 15; year's initiates, 2.

University:—Faculty in collegiate department, 13; members in collegiate department, 400. Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, 13; Phi Delta Theta, 7; Sigma Chi, 9. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The time is near when we shall have to part with our two seniors, Irene Bassett and Hester Hart, who have been most faithful members. None of us are to be widely separated this vacation if we stay at home, for with two exceptions we all live in the city. In July is the annual Kappa picnic, in August of course everyone is going to Convention.

At Commencement, June tenth, Bishop Fallows of Chicago will deliver the address. We are in hopes that Mrs. Fallows will accompany him as she became an honorary member in 1875 when her husband was president of this university.

The death of Frances Walker's father in April called forth our sympathy. Frances did not return to school this year but stayed at home in Mackinaw. Idelle Kerrick, Hester Hart, and Louella Van Leer attended the funeral services.

Cards have been received from Mrs. John R. Kyde, *nee* Lillie Allen, of Gibson City, announcing the birth of a daughter.

Maude Kilgore, '97, and Leona Miller, '98, have been chosen by the faculty to positions on the editorial staff of the *Argus*.

The K. K. F. Club has prospered so well that the active girls aspire to belong to it when they shall have left college. We were all invited to meet with them, May eighth, at the home of Mrs. Susie Foreman Hall. Mrs. Grace Funk Bracken read an entertaining paper about the poets of the east and south, illustrated by songs and readings. After the program a luncheon was served.

We have been remembered at two dances given by Sigma Chi at the homes of their pledged members, Howard Means and Lou Kerrick, Jr. The active Kappas and other friends were entertained by Phi Gamma Delta with a dancing party at the home of Mr. Welch and later on an informal party at Mr. Edson Hart's. We shall give a large party soon at Katherine Marsh's home in honor of the senior girls.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Active Members.

Mary Everett Hawley, '96,	Sarah Belle Parry, (sp.),
Alice Catharine Webb, '96,	Margaret Castle, '98,
Mildred Whittlesey Mitchell, '96,	Jessie Lightner Schulten, '98,
Helen Horace Austin, '97,	Eleanor Mitchell, '98,
Flora Elizabeth Brewer, '97,	Elizabeth Anna Baldwin, '99,
Agnes Emily Belden, '97,	Margaret Belle Craig, '99,
Jessie Gale Eaton, '97,	Alice Evelyn Craig, '99,
Anne McDonald Hawley, '97,	Julia Anne Gallup, '99,
Katharine Kennedy, '97,	Gertrude Louisa Hale, (sp.),
Harriet McDonald, '97,	Georgena Frances Kennedy, '99,
Mabel Robinson, '97,	Bessie Adelaide Williams, '99,
Marion Emily Crosby, '97,	Ella Terrell Dixon, '99,
Helen Hanna Dewart, '99.	

Chapter:—Active members, 25; total membership from chapter establishment, 91; number of year's initiates, 11. Honors: Alice Webb, Phi Beta Kappa, Philosophical Oration.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 54; in University, 132; number of students in collegiate department, 819. In the University, 2467. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Chi Psi, 19; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Sigma Chi, 9; Beta Theta Pi, 23; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 18; Delta Upsilon, 23; Alpha Delta Phi, 14; Theta Delta Chi, 18. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25; Delta Gamma, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 18; Pi Beta Phi, 9; Alpha Phi, 20; Delta Delta Delta, 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Before long our convention will have succeeded in doing what chapter letters are ever attempting with apparent failure; to make us really know each other. For even to those who cannot attend it will seem doubly real when some of our own girls can tell us all about it, and we can imagine just what we would have done and thought if we had been there, and feel nearer to you all in consequence.

It may seem rather late for Chi to introduce two new freshmen, but just before the last Key was issued Alice Dyer and Helen Dewart were initiated. They round out our Freshmen class most completely and we know they will be welcomed by you as they were by us.

April twenty-first was Chi's birthday. She was "sweet sixteen," and we held our annual banquet at the Hampshire Arms to celebrate the occasion. This is the one night in the year when we and our alumnae can meet together with but one thought; that we are Kappas. About sixty of us sat down at the long table where we feasted, sang, and toasted Kappa and all that pertains to her. We all look forward to our banquet during the year and we never are disappointed for it shows us more than anything else the real spirit of fraternity, and makes us feel that under the influence of Kappa we too may come to be the women our alumnae are. To this list of honored alumnae we must add three more names this year—Mary Hawley, Mildred Mitchell, and Alice Webb. No doubt the chapter will be next year, what it has always been—but each Commencement we feel it can never again be so perfect, without our Seniors to guide us. But of course it is a case of "The King is dead—Long live the King," for there are always Seniors.

Chi's wishes for a glorious Convention, and may we all meet there.

BETA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Active Members.

Mary Emily Barrett, '96,	Ida Elizabeth Kriechbaum, '98,
Helen Noyes Currier, '96,	Ruthana Paxson, '98,
Beulah MacFarland, '97,	Elizabeth Ady, '98,
Elena Snow MacFarland, '97,	Winifred MacFarland, '99,
Milfred Myers, '98,	Julia Padmore, '99,
Maud St. John, '98,	Rita Estella Stewart, '97,
Eula De Voll, (sp.).	

Chapter:—Active members, 13; total membership from chapter establishment, 78; year's initiates, 4. Honors: Beulah MacFarland, Rita Stewart, Elena MacFarland, members of '97 *Hawkeye* board of editors; Beulah MacFarland, corresponding secretary of Y. W. C. A.; Elena MacFarland, editor of S. U. I. *Quill*; Julia Padmore, editor of S. U. I. *Quill*; Milfred Myers, Ida Kriechbaum, Ruth Paxson, editors of '98 *Hawkeye*; Winifred MacFarland, recording secretary class '99; Mary E. Barrett, highest standing in the class of '96.

University:—Faculty in collegiate department, 40; members in collegiate department, 571. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 17; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Chi Psi Phi, (dental), 17; Sigma Nu, 13; Phi Delta Phi, (law), 19; Theta Nu Epsilon, 17; Phi Kappa Tau, (Homeop. Med.), 11. Women's fraternities: Pi Beta Phi, 13; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Delta Gamma, 8.

CHAPTER LETTER.

In our report, we are glad to send the name of one new Kappa and to now introduce to you another pledgeling, Mary Lytle of the sophomore class.

We are glad there are hopes of our being able to read the news and plans of the Convention in *THE KEY* while we are all together for Beta Zeta is planning to be largely represented at Evanston and of course all of us are interested.

Instead of giving another "At Home" this month, we are going to spend a Saturday in the woods. All the Kappas in town are going and everything that a crowd of jolly girls can do to have a good time, we intend to do. We hope you won't tire of hearing us tell of our "At Homes" for they have been such a success that we are very enthusiastic. Next year we think of changing the plan somewhat and instead of issuing a general invitation to all of our friends, send out cards each month; in that way there will not be such a large number to entertain and the affair will be more informal.

We used the new ritual at our last initiation and the girls are all agreed that it is the prettiest ceremony we have ever seen.

One of the chief social events of this year was the Junior Promenade, which will probably, from now on, be an established custom thanks to the class of '97.

The Alpha Chapter of $\Phi. B. K.$ was established here, Sept. 11, 1895. Among those asked to join this fraternity, is Mrs. Laura Clarke Rockwood, '92.

The State Legislature voted to levy a tax of one-tenth of a mill for the building of new buildings for this university. The Board of Supervisors have in view a new Hospital for the Old School Medical Department and a new Collegiate Building which will probably be a fire proof library and museum building.

THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Active Members.

Laura Long,

Elizabeth Schweitzer,

Bessie Potter, '98,

Elva Armstrong, '98,

Susie Alexander, '98.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 5; total membership since chapter establishment, 95; number of year's initiates, 2.

College.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 30; number of students in collegiate department, 647; academic department, 300. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 17; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21; Sigma Nu, 19; Beta Theta Pi, 21; Kappa Alpha, 18; Phi Delta Phi, 19. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 5.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Our news letter has been asked for somewhat before the usual time, when Theta could have had the pleasure of recounting to her Kappa sisters some of the events of Commencement week, among which the address of President Harper of Chicago University will be a prominent one.

Not only for the Seniors but for the entire University will this June be a memorable time, as it introduces here the custom of the graduates and faculty donning the caps and gowns. Whether the wearing of these in the class room next year will be adopted remains of course to be seen.

The University will soon have closed as successful a session as any in its annals; with the coming of the new buildings a greater interest seems to have been felt in all departments, the institution is becoming better known to the people of the state and surrounding portions of the country. The fame of the M. S. U. foot-ball team is only a forerunner of that of the University in all other directions, Yale having offered it three hundred dollars to play in New York.

A great interest is also being shown in debating and we boast of some as logical reasoners and skilful orators as can be found, these having won in two debates during the last few weeks, the first of which was engaged in with Arkansas University and the other with one of our neighboring schools in the state.

Theta is eagerly looking forward to the Convention, and several of her members are hoping to have the pleasure of meeting with numerous others joined to them by the beloved bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma, of enjoying its pleasures and sharing its duties with them.

THE KEY

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Active Members.

Jessie Belle Jury, '96,
 May Cynthia Whiting, '96,
 Eva Katherine Rickitts, '96,
 Nellie King Griggs, '97,
 Anna Broady, '97,
 Stella Elliot, '98;
 Cora Caldwell Cropsey, '98,

Ellen Bladen Gere, '98,
 Frances Catherine Gere, '98,
 Grace Broady, '98,
 Mabel Richards, '98,
 Naamah Elizabeth Love, '98,
 Laura Belle Houtz, '99,
 Mary Colson, (sp).

Pledged Member.

Grace Lever Leming.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 65; number year's initiates, 4. Honors: May Whiting, charter member Phi Beta Kappa.

University.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 48; instructors, 35; assistants, 42; number of students in collegiate department, 1,000. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, 17; Phi Delta Theta, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 21; Phi Delta Phi, (legal). Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma 14; Delta Gamma, 17; Delta Delta Delta, 15; Beta Pi, 13; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

At twelve, one is supposed to have reached the awkward age. We think, however, that the analogy of growth does not hold in regard to a chapter of Kappa. Sigma was twelve years old on the nineteenth of May, and celebrated with a banquet at the home of Mariel, Ellen and Frances; and the evidence there of beauty, brains and character, was enough to convince one that our chapter will escape the "awkward age." I wish all the sisters might have heard some of the toasts. Two, in particular,—then they would have a better idea of Sigma than any chapter letter can give. Miss Jones, the only one of our charter members with us now, told of the "Girls of '84." All felt a deep, sympathy and love for the six pioneers who so bravely defied all kinds of opposition and began the Greek sisterhood in Nebraska. Had you heard it you would have known what Sigma used to be and had you heard May Whiting's toast "The Ideal Kappa" you would know what Sigma hopes to be farther on. If we may judge from

the earnest words of our pledgling who rose in response to her name and said " . . . and I do want to know all about everything and help you, but of course you won't let me because I'm not in yet" we can feel sure the ideals beyond will not entirely elude us. Grace Leming will be initiated on the twelfth of June, with due pomp and ceremony. Wild schemes of fertile brains have been saved up since last November for this initiation.

Nothing has occurred lately. "Digging" is the order of the days with parties and spreads sprinkled in between times. Just now everyone is busy getting the odds and ends of the year's work out of the way. Commencement, as usual will last a week. There is a mingling of many feelings in the anticipation of this. It is such a busy time, such a happy time, such a solemn time. It is always a "breaking up" time, when one feels a vague restless sense of changes to come. Last year Sigma bade Godspeed to six of the brightest, best and most loyal girls that ever left her ranks. This year three more go—Jessie, May and Eva. I wish I could say something to make you know what all these girls are like. I can only say they are Kappas to be proud of—and the greatest comfort we have is that they are always ours, no matter if the university does lose them.

Elizabeth Seacrest is to be married on June third to Mr. Emory C. Hardy, $\Phi. \Delta. \theta$.

Everyone is glad this is Convention year. Upsilon will have her hands full if all the chapters take such advantages of her hospitality as Sigma plans to do. At present writing, about twelve of the girls think of going from here—and every little while someone exclaims in anticipation "Won't it be great?"

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Maude Nichols, '96,
Daisy Alison, '96,
Mary Riddle, '96,
Gertrude Leverett, '97,
Gertrude Spaulding, '97,
Julia Righter, '97,
Lou Nash, '97,
Maude Landis, '97,

Don Bowersock, '97,
Ella Anderson, '97,
Issie Potts, '98,
Daisy Starr, '98,
Burrie Bowersock, '99,
Conie Bear, '98,
Florence Coon, '99,
Grace Duff, '99.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 16; total membership from chapter establishment, 87; number of year's initiates, 3.

University.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 57; number of students in collegiate department, 895. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 15; Phi Delta Gamma, 9; Sigma Chi, 12; Sigma Nu, 19. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 9; Pi Beta Phi, 16; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The past few weeks in the university have been unusually quiet, probably owing to the series of entertainments taking place in the city.

Each of the girls' fraternities has given its annual party. The K. K. Ts, who were the first of the fraternities to put in practice the plan of ending their festivities promptly at twelve, adhered strictly to this resolution on the night of their party. The floral design for the hall was very pretty; K. K. T. was formed in large letters made of dark and pale blue hyacinths which contrasted well with the palms and lilies which formed the other decorations.

Professor Blake recently delivered his lecture on the famous X-ray, at the opera house. The auditorium was filled with people eager to hear more of this wonderful discovery. Professor Blake uses the Franklin tubes in preference to the Crook tubes formerly in use.

Chancellor Snow received the faculty and the seniors on May 15. The house was beautifully decorated with pink and white carnations and fleur-de-lis.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Bertha Louise Chapman, P. G.,	Fanny Howe Mitchell, '97,
Lucy Evelyn Wight, P. G.,	Bertha Hyde Brady, '97,
Agnes Sinclair Holbrook, P. G.,	Alice Isabel Cowen, '98,
Mabel Hyde Cory, '99,	Bonnie Burkhalter, '98,
Mabel Brown Coombs, '96,	Gertrude Alice Martin, '98,
Grace Evelyn Holtzclaw, '96,	Ida Wehner, '98,
Anna Henrietta Martin, '96,	Lou Henry, '98,
Emma Louise Martin, '97,	Sarah Ann Cory, '99,
Florence Villiers Brown, '97,	Mary E. Merritt, '99,
	Trilla Toles, '99.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 19; total membership from chapter establishment, 35; number of year's initiates, 5.

University.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 105; number of students in collegiate department, 1069. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, 16; Phi Beta Theta, 17; Phi Kappa Psi, 13; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Sigma Nu, 18; Sigma Chi, 11; Alpha Tau Omega, 12; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Beta Theta Pi, 15; Chi Psi, 13; Kappa Alpha, 11; Delta Upsilon, 19; Sigma Sigma, 17; Theta Nu Epsilon, 16. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 20; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19, Pi Beta Phi, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement week is here, and every face looks brighter now that the final examinations are passed and theses have been handed in. Carriages and trunks, good-byes and best wishes are all hurriedly mixed up and everybody is ready for vacation.

The social events at Stanford are delegated principally to this last week. Among those scattered through the semester, however, one of the most pleasant was the Pan Hellenic banquet. The tables were set in Roble Hall dining room and over fifty of the fraternity girls met there. Six fraternities were represented: the three active chapters, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta, whose chapters are not established at Stanford. A toast was given from each chapter, Evelyn Wight, K. K. F. acting as toastmistress, and the evening was truly delightful.

We are looking forward to next year with great pleasure. That "Stanford won the suit" gives our University added strength and means progress in every way. The K. K. F.s are planning for a chapter house next year which will make it much pleasanter for the old members who return and the new ones who join us.

Since our last letter we have had an initiation and Lou Henry, '98, is now a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Beta Eta extends best wishes for a happy vacation.

In Memoriam.

ELLA PEIRSON CARTER.

Beta Tau's ranks have been broken for the third time within the past year by the death of Ella Peirson Carter, May 16, 1896.

Mrs. Carter entered Syracuse University in 1889 and in 1891 became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was a faithful student and showed much musical talent. In 1893 she went from Syracuse University to the Boston Conservatory.

Since leaving college she has always been greatly interested in the chapter and has helped us in many ways.

She was married to Rev. William Smith Carter of Waterloo on Jan. 31, 1895, and until her death she resided in Waterloo, which is also the home of her parents.

Her winning ways and sweet disposition made us all love her, and her true Christian life was a help to many.

She was very active in church work, fully performing all her duties as a minister's wife. She leaves many friends, who will greatly miss her.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

KATHERINE B. ALLIS, '97.

ELLA PIERSON CARTER.

WHEREAS, God in his Almighty wisdom has deemed it best to take from us our dear sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Ella Pierson Carter, and

WHEREAS, We desire to express our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family and friends, be it

RESOLVED, 1. That in her death the fraternity has lost an earnest and enthusiastic member, and one who in word and life represented the highest ideal of Kappa womanhood.

RESOLVED, 2. That to the sorrowing family in their great affliction we extend our love and sympathy.

RESOLVED, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE KEY and to the college papers.

EMILY NEWCOMB,
JOSEPHINE MILLER,
NELLIE TELFER.

Beta Tau.

IVA IRENE HUSSEY.

WHEREAS, Our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom, has deemed it good to call unto himself, our loved sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Iva Irene Hussey, and, whereas, we wish to express to the sorrowing family and friends our deepest sympathy in their affliction, be it :

Resolved, That in her death not only Xi chapter, but the fraternity at large, has lost an enthusiastic and loyal sister, who will be deeply mourned by all who knew her.

Resolved, That to the bereaved family and friends we extend our heart felt sympathy for their great loss.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, to THE KEY and to the *College World*.

CORA PALMER,

MARY K. BRIERLY,

ANNA M. OWENS.

Committee.

OTTILIE M. SCHUMANN.

Born October, 1868, died May 6, 1896.

A great sorrow has come to Eta chapter in the death of one of its members who, during the years of her fraternity life, won the deep love and affection of those with whom her ties in Kappa united her.

Miss Schumann entered the University of Wisconsin in 1888 and, for the five succeeding years was an active member of Eta chapter of K. K. Γ. During her college years she was the true and personal friend of many Kappas and had much influence upon their lives, through her sympathy and unselfishness. In her death her chapter loses a staunch and earnest supporter and her friends a companion whose life ever showed forth the good and the beautiful,—by her death may both be strengthened, remembering that

“Nor time nor space, nor change nor chance
Nor Death himself shall sunder us.”

College and Fraternity Notes.

The University of Oxford by a new statute has thrown open a field of foreign study heretofore almost closed to Americans. Formerly an Oxford degree could be obtained only by laying aside all previous degrees, taking the regular entrance examinations of the University and working as an undergraduate. The new degrees correspond closely to graduate degrees elsewhere and are thrown open under conditions which not only recognize work done outside Oxford but relieve the candidates from some restrictions of ordinary undergraduate work, residence and examination. This will no doubt have a tendency to divert part of the stream of Americans to Germany into other channels—a result, which, for some reasons, is by no means to be deplored.

The Nation.

From Kappa we hear that an experiment in the interchange of fraternity courtesies is about to be tried in the University of Nebraska. A box in the college postoffice is to be reserved for fraternity publications, each chapter represented in the institution contributing those of her own order. They then become common property, every one being invited to read them at pleasure. The object is of course obvious, and such an innovation must be beneficial, and other universities would do well to follow Nebraska's example.

Anchora of Γ. Δ.

The new site of Columbia University on Morningside Heights was formally dedicated on May 2. A site opposite Columbia had been chosen for Barnard College but unfortunately had to be mortgaged for \$100,000. Steadfast efforts had been made to raise the mortgage but had not met with entire success and \$48,000 was still due, when a letter was sent to the Board of Trustees by an unknown writer promising \$25,000 if the remaining \$23,000 could be obtained before twelve o'clock the next night.

Several women prominently identified with the interests of the college signified their willingness to aid in every possible way and, after twenty-four hours of the liveliest kind of canvassing, the race against time ended in victory for Barnard. Three hours before midnight, the favorable results of the efforts to secure the

amount were made known and the suspense of the friends of the college was relieved. The name of the unknown benefactor was announced to be, Mr Rockefeller, who had proffered the money in response to a letter from Mr. Joseph Choate stating the circumstances of the college and the need of further subscriptions.

The latest thing in the athletic line at the University of Wisconsin is the organization of a boat club of young women. The primary object of the club is recreation and the securing of the beneficial effects of the sport. There are thirty candidates for two gig crews and the young women are enthusiastic over the sport. Coach O'Dea, who is employed by the Athletic association, devotes some of his time to these crews, giving them all needed information on style and blade work. The improvement and speed of these fair women of the oar have already been very commendable.

U. of W. Bulletin.

The Zeta Psi fraternity opened its fiftieth annual Convention at the Imperial Hotel, New York City, April 24. There were two delegates present from each of the nineteen chapters of the fraternity. The Convention was held under the auspices of the "Patriarchs," men who have held office in the Grand Chapter of the fraternity.

Editorials.

Four articles in the Parthenon, bearing upon one topic are unprecedented and prove how much interest is taken in the subject of fraternity badges. The general impression seems to be that every member should be required to purchase a badge but the arguments advanced are not convincing.

It is quite true that symbols of any sort have a powerful fascination for most minds and for that very reason a large majority of Kappa Kappa Gammas will always own keys and wear them through storm and sunshine. But in any calculation where human nature is involved, allowance must be made for individual preferences. One person may love the light while another finds pleasure

in darkness. It is scarcely safe to say that every Kappa would like to own a pin. Psi's experience has ranged from a girl who bought three pins in order to have one on each of her dresses to a girl who said that she so much disliked a badge of any sort that she could not persuade herself to wear the key. Yet one was as loyal a member as the other. Are there not such cases in every chapter? Why, then, should the small minority who for some individual reasons object to wearing badges, be compelled to purchase them? There are some questions which the general fraternity must decide for all the chapters but should not the purchasing of the key be left to the jurisdiction of the chapters who know their own peculiar conditions and can best judge whether it is wise to require all their members to possess badges?

On the other hand, it seems that the general fraternity ought to make some regulation as to uniformity in the size of the keys. The reasons for this have been cited so often that there is no need of repetition. The pins have decreased so much in size in the last ten years that one naturally fears for the future. If they continue, they may vanish altogether like the magician's pack of cards.

This change in size is much to be deprecated because it must affect the alumnae and make them feel that the fraternity is less their own when they see tiny pins so different from those which they wore and cherished.

All latitude of choice should be given in matters of setting and enameling the pins but it is important that they be uniform in size.

The fraternity will rejoice to learn that our Grand President is gradually recovering from her long illness, and is again able to be at Armour Institute although "for consultation only."

It is a striking instance of the place which the fraternity holds in the hearts of its members, when one to whom the pleasures of college have become a matter of retrospect, is willing to give much time out of her busy life for the advancement of its interests. In spite of the many duties of her professional life, Miss Sharp has neglected nothing which could in any way contribute to the fraternity's welfare. She has performed every duty belonging to her office with the utmost conscientiousness and has given care-

ful consideration to the smallest details of fraternity management. The affairs of the organization have made distinct progress under her guidance during the past two years, but only those who are acquainted with the methods of fraternity work can realize how large a share of this progress is due to the Grand President's keen foresight and sound judgment. Although the fraternity has conferred its highest honor upon her, it is still in her debt and she should have a special niche in the heart of every Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Everyone who can possibly go to Evanston in August should do so in response to Upsilon's cordial invitation. Those who have attended a former convention will need no urging, but those who have not done so should attend this one in order to discover how many ideas one can absorb, how many friends one can make, and how much happiness one can crowd into one short week. At Convention one realizes for the first time how much the fraternity really represents and how strong a force it is in the life of many college girls. During Convention days one sees the fraternity entire, not through the medium of one's own chapter. Trying to imagine the fraternity from the few chapters that one has happened to see, as most members do, is like a blind man trying to construct for himself, through his sense of feeling, an exact image of an elephant. He feels first the trunk, then one leg, then another, calculates distances and tries to combine the whole, but he comes away with a distorted impression. We must learn to know every chapter and to understand thoroughly the principles which underlie our order if we would value it as it deserves. This it is which can be learned at a convention and the knowledge is worth any effort.

This Convention bids fair to be unusually interesting in other ways. Beside the entertaining chapter, we are to have the inspiration afforded by the presence of three Grand Presidents, among them our first Grand President, Mrs. Kuhns. There are also to be many alumnae from the different chapters, a thing which we have missed at former conventions. Everything points to success. A successful convention is always followed by a year of activity and progress for the fraternity, so we say with Upsilon "Come."

*Convention Notice.**PROGRAMME*

of the Thirteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma with Upsilon Chapter at Evanston, Ill.

Tuesday, August 25—Arrival of Delegates.	Saturday, August 29, A. M.—Business Session.
Tuesday Eve.—Informal Reception.	Saturday Afternoon and Eve.—Trolley Ride to Chicago. Entertained by Beta Theta.
Wednesday, August 26, A. M. Opening Session.	Monday, August 31. A. M.—Business Session.
Wednesday Afternoon and Evening—Committee Work.	Monday Afternoon—Business Session.
Thursday, August 27, A. M.—Committee Work.	Monday 5-7 P. M. Drive through Evanston followed by a Spread.
Thursday Afternoon—Business Session.	Tuesday, September 1, A. M.—Closing Session.
Thursday Eve.—Model Initiation.	Tuesday Afternoon—Farewell Luncheon at the Auditorium, Chicago.
Friday, August 28, A. M.—Business Session.	
Friday Afternoon—Ride to Fort Sheridan, Sunset Drill.	

The Grand Council and delegates are to be at Hotel Monnett and all other visitors can be accommodated there at the rate of six dollars for the week. All mail for Convention guests should be addressed, Hotel Monnett, Chicago Avenue and Church St., Evanston, Ill.

All women expecting to attend Convention and wishing arrangements made for their entertainment should notify the Marshal of Convention, Miss F. D. Bartlett, 8217 Greenleaf St., Evanston, Ill., before the last of June.

Exchanges.

There are certain subjects of discussion, without which the world would be a howling wilderness to all editors of fraternity magazines. If these united questions, which comprise such living topics as fraternity extension, the *personnel* of the chapter, and the ethics of rushing, should ever be settled, the fraternity magazine would die a lingering death, after having caused the suicide of its editors. One of the most fertile of these subjects is the relation of the alumnus to his chapter. From the current magazines there may be gleaned a symposium of some length, and if, after reading these different opinions, the Kappa Kappa Gamma alumna and the Kappa Kappa Gamma chapter do not know their duties to each other, it is their own fault.

Beta Theta Pi:—

THE ALMNUS AND THE UNDERGRADUATE.

BY ONE OF THE VETERANS.

We have heard much of late years concerning the duties of the alumni toward the chapters to which they belong. We have heard little of the duties of the undergraduates toward their alumni, and less of the rights of the alumni. The undergraduates too frequently assume that they "are the people." In other words, they act as though the fraternity belonged to them and to them alone, forgetful of the fact that whatever of strength, whatever of reputation and whatever of character they possess is largely due to the efforts of the alumni who preceded them.

The Sigma Chi Quarterly:—

It is true, we may not be so situated that we can offer an annual gift of cash, but a stamp can be purchased for two cents, and we can get a sheet of paper and an envelope at any hotel for the trouble of asking. Why not sit down and drop the boys a line, encourage them in their work, let them know that we of the hoary heads have not forgotten the youngsters—that our hearts are boyish yet.

I am acquainted with a Sig who has been battling the world for a number of years since his last day in the chapter hall. At first, while Fortune looked his way, he wrote an annual letter to the boys at the opening of each college year, cheering them on, giving them fatherly advice, and, incidentally, enclosing the annual fee

of an active member. Later he found the pennies flowing out faster than in, yet year by year he indited and forwarded his annual epistle. He sent the chapter boys his best wishes, gave them his opinion as to the characteristics necessary to construct a good Sig, reminded them that the old boys had an eye on them, and would hold them accountable for the honor of the fraternity; and although he had to omit the remittance, he felt better. He remarked, "What if they say 'bosh,' and chuck it into the wastebasket, anathematizing me as an old foggy. It does me a world of good, and they wouldn't begrudge me that. It enthruses me to find myself writing to the boys, though I have not the personal acquaintance of a single one, and I never have heard but that they are pleased to be remembered by us old fellows, even minus the check. More interest ought to be taken by us in alma mater chapters." For the chapter which received those letters, we are authorized to say that they were always much appreciated and were strong in their good influences.

The Kappa Alpha Theta :—

In no way does a fraternity show its strength and weakness so clearly as in its alumnae chapters. The existence of these, in the first place, shows conclusively that the fraternity is not an organization whose sphere of usefulness ends with the college life. If the fraternity is good for anything at all, its aims and ideals must be broad enough to be in harmony with whatever life work we wish to take up after the doors of our Alma Mater have closed upon us. It speaks much for a fraternity that women who have been out of college for many years and have many and wide interests, have still fraternity enthusiasm and fraternity faith enough to wish to keep up the connection through an alumnae chapter. If we need proof, do we not have it here, that the fraternity is eminently "worth while?"

The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly :—

The strength of a fraternity is its alumni, and should the alumni manifest little or no desire to keep in immediate contact and touch with each other and with their younger brothers who are now in the close affiliation they so cherished, the great power to each and all which the fraternity aims to be falls to little or nothing, the former years of chapter life represented but little more than a social lark and the value of the little badge is measured only by the jewels it may contain.

It is a source of great satisfaction to the friends of Psi Upsilon that her members are indifferent to the opinions of other Greek letter societies. Otherwise, one might fear that Psi Upsilon would

be a little disturbed at the harsh criticism the new magazine is everywhere receiving. But, since it is above all care for the vulgar mob, with which she has naturally nothing in common, the sympathy may be saved for a more needy subject. In fact, it is highly improbable that the editor of the *Psi Upsilon Review* ever reads the magazines of other fraternities. Why should he? Yet he cannot be so cruel as to object to having his wisdom retailed to others than Psi U's. A cat may look at a king and a humble member of an inferior fraternity may read the *Psi Upsilon Review*. The following extracts are given as an example to all. Ponder them with care. They are taken by a model magazine published by a model fraternity.

Another "Pan-Hellenic" gathering, from which the better fraternities were conspicuously absent, has been held; this time at Atlanta. No Psi U. so far forgot the laws and traditions of his Society, and the dictates of common sense, as to attend the hybrid assemblage. On two occasions brothers who had heedlessly given preliminary assent to reunions of this sort have been urgently reminded of their lapse from grace. Let every member invited to join in alleged "Greek" meetings, reunions, or dinners, remember that the Fraternity has need of his services and his money.

What relations should a branch of Psi Upsilon have with branches of other college fraternities existing at the same institution? None whatever. Our Fraternity was instituted for certain special purposes which relate to and concern its members alone. Psi Upsilon was not formed to assist in controlling college politics, or in publishing annuals, or in giving "germans", or doing anything in concert with other societies. We care not for recognition as a part of a general fraternity system which we ourselves never have recognized, and which we are logically incapacitated from recognizing.

Of a somewhat different tone are some verses published in *The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*. To ordinary mortals they seem preferable to the extracts just given, but of course we must recognize that this choice is due to our inferiority. Were we capable of loftier flights, our opinion would be reversed.

Come Dekes, Psi U's, and Delta U's
And Alpha Delts and a' that;
Phi Kappa Psi's, Phi Delta Thetes,
And Gamma Phi's and a' that—
Come, heed a bit o' plain, blunt talk
From one who's been through a' that.

THE KEY

Ye think ye're each the real elect ;
 Ye form yer cliques and a' that ;
 I say ye're simply just yersels—
 Na more, na less for a' that.
 For a' that and a' that.
 Yer badges, grips, and a' that—
 Yer lives show plainer than yer pins ;
 Ye'll be yersels for a' that.

Yer boast sa much about yer rank,
 Yer history, and a' that—
 A chain's no stronger than its links,
 And ye're the links o' a' that.
 For a' that and a' that,
 Yer chapter's name and a' that—
 'Twill be just what ye make it of—
 Na more, na less for a' that.

Think not to make yer badge a crutch
 To help ye on and a' that ;
 Ye'll be whate'er ye *make* yersels ;
 The world cares nought for a' that.
 For a' that and a' that—
 Fraternal help and a' that—
 The time will come ye'll walk alone
 And rise or fall for a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may—
 Come soon, come sure, and a' that—
 That college cliques may better mix,
 With less of hate and a' that.
 For a' that and a' that—
 Yer brotherhoods and a' that—
 A man's a man, whate'er his badge ;
 Be nobler men for that.

The March number of *The Rainbow* has for its leading article a detailed history of the beginning and growth of Delta Tau Delta's magazine. There are other good features in *The Rainbow*, but there is not much of interest for the outside reader. In fact, it is true of several of the current magazines that they have little to give the exchange editor. *The Alpha Tau Omega Palm* is good, but it is exclusively for Alpha Tau Omegas. The same thing may be said, *mutatis mutandis* of the *Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* and the *Shield of Theta Delta Chi*..

The Caduceus is a newcomer among THE KEY's exchanges, and so is regarded with especial interest. One of its articles, "The Influence of the Fraternity upon its Members," takes rather an extreme view of the matter. In this day and age, it seems a wee bit absurd to place card-playing among the cardinal sins. Nevertheless, portions of the article are worthy of attention, as is shown by the following clipping:

And now since this influence of the Fraternity is so powerful, since each Chapter, to a certain extent, holds in its hands the destiny of its members, how careful we should be to exert the right kind of influence over our newly-initiated members. A college Fraternity conducted on the right principles will prove a benefit to any man who joins it. It strengthens him, it elevates him, it ennobles him. It makes him firmer, truer, and more manly. If he will only follow its principles and teachings he is bound to be a better man. But unless the Fraternity is conducted on these right and just principles, unless the influence of the Chapter is what it should be, it is worse than a curse.

There is another article in *The Caduceus* which invites attention, namely, an account of a pilgrimage to Bologna, the Kappa Sigma shrine. Never mind, sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma. The exchange editor has a presentiment that someday we shall discover records showing that our fraternity is closely related to a Chinese society that flourished ages before Bologna thought of existing. Antiquity of descent is not so difficult to attain as the uninitiated might suppose.

Once upon a time one of our masculine contemporaries called *The Trident* "good-tempered." It is a great thing to be good-tempered, and THE KEY has often felt like congratulating *The Trident*, because it so obviously possesses that somewhat rare treasure. There are several articles in the last number which the readers of THE KEY would be sure to find interesting. Our space is limited, and they must content themselves with one fragment. Lest the efforts of the corresponding secretaries be relaxed, they are requested not to read this portion of the exchanges.

Chapter letters have been receiving considerable censure in the various fraternity magazines. Particular exception is taken to the gossip and social character of the letters. While chapter correspondence is often frivolous and trivial and will admit of great improvement, yet our experience in college life has made

us considerate of the writers of these communications. There is often a dearth of news and absolutely nothing of importance in the college to write about. Hence the social life of the chapters is of interest to the fraternity. While these doings may appear trivial to the general public, yet an appreciative alumnae can read between the lines and judge of the standing and progress of the chapter. We are sure the active members enjoy reading of the social affairs of their sisters and the subjects which they discuss at their meetings. To our minds finely written essays are not the objects of these letters, hence we cannot agree with many of the criticisms in the journals, but are satisfied with the average letters of the fraternities.

The April number of *The Arrow* does not seem good as its last two or three predecessors, perhaps because the seductive charm of its "cooky shine" has ceased to be a prominent feature. As a substitute for that delicacy, there are some sensible words on fraternity membership, which all would do well to heed.

When a congenial chapter has been formed there is a relationship between the members which does not exist with outsiders. What would be a sufficient relationship in ordinary society is not so within the fraternity. Fraternity relationships are more like those of the family, and out of them grow two responsibilities. Each member must be frank in what she says, and she must trust what is said by other members, always being ready to give one the benefit of the doubt. The apparent insincerity of social life is such that we rarely feel sure of the people we meet. This should not be so in a fraternity, because it is a group of selected people with whom frankness is an essential.

Then, on the other side, what has been frankly said must be judged of from the fraternity standpoint, not from the standpoint of general society, because things may be said in the fraternity in a way in which they would not outside. There must be good faith among fraternity members. Differences of opinion must not be taken personally. We trust each member to work for the good of the chapter and the fraternity according to her judgment. There must be loyalty to officers, to other chapters, and to the fraternity at large.

In general society those who think alike naturally come together for sympathy, but a fraternity, being already a selected body, should have no cliques, no divisions, within the chapters.

We are glad to welcome *The Delta of Sigma Nu*, after an absence of eleven months. The long delay in publication was due to lack of financial support from the chapters. It is to be hoped that hereafter *The Delta* will appear regularly.

"College Culture" and "A Plea for the Barb" are the titles of the leading articles in the April *Anchora*. Good titles they are of good articles; but they do not "cut" well, and we cannot quote them at length. In fact, what appeals to us rather more is a page concerning the chapter ideal, most of which is given below.

There are two possibilities. We may have a chapter made up of girls who are in every sense of the word congenial; girls whose tastes are the same, who move in the same society, who come from the same class of homes, who naturally would be comrades though not held together by fraternity bonds. On the other hand, the chapter may comprise girls from every walk in life and whose tastes are quite dissimilar, yet each one being a bright, particular star in her own constellation; the society girl, the book-worm, she who is fond of athletic sports, the "new woman" and the old.

Which of these two conditions is nearer the ideal? In the one, we are broadened by contact with widely different natures, we get as well as give; in the other, we get that close sympathy, that almost more than sisterly devotion, which is perhaps the choicest product of fraternity life. By the first our sympathies are deepened; by the second, broadened. The former develops the closer comradeship but fosters selfishness and narrow minds; the latter widens our outlook and increases unselfish considerations, but gives rise to many complications which will suggest themselves at once to those who have known the inner workings of a chapter.

Each chapter must work out its own solution of the problem, for I believe it is a problem, which confronts all. Is it possible to combine the two results? Has any chapter come so near this ideal that these questions are meaningless?

All college students should read *The University Magazine*, for in it are often things of especial interest to them. For instance, in the current number, there is an exhaustive account of the changes in the requirements for the admission of foreign students to French universities. Germany has had a monopoly of American students, principally because of the ease with which access could be gained to her universities. Now let us see what France will do for us.

It is with regret that we turn to the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, Mr. Keeble, who for more than eight years has been connected with its management, has resigned his position as editor-in-chief. Mr. Keeble has made his magazine the best of its kind published, and, although we have no doubt that his successor is well fitted to undertake his duties, yet we say good-bye to Mr. Keeble with a sincere wish that he could have continued to edit *The Journal*.

There is an article in the March number which in different ways refer to the same subject. The first is a discussion of the chapter correspondent, the second a sarcastic criticism of the chapter letters in the sorority magazines. Unfortunately all that the writer says or implies is true. He is strictly just and no objection can be made to his remarks. So fully does the exchange editor agree with him that to elucidate further the question of chapter correspondence, she gives some portions from the letters in the same number of *The Journal*.

Since my last communication Zeta has augmented her number by the initiation of Mr. Karl Sigmund Blackwell, a youth whose gentlemanly bearing, pleasing address, unbridled enthusiasm, studious proclivities and sound morals entitle him to no insignificant position in the ranks of Kappa Alphas. Brother B. is a brother of our beloved and honored frater and professor of English, R. E. Blackwell.

Brother Shields is at home in Jacksonville, Fla., breaking the feminine heart.

Brother Galt, in Louisville, Ky., is turning his far famed wit to the discomfiture of his friends and enemies.

Brother Smith is at his home in Glenn Springs, S. C. His fame in affairs of love and his anti-dispensary attitude have reached the utmost limits of his native state.

Brother Gray is in Ocala disporting himself with the native daughters of the Land of Flowers. Brother Gray is certain of popularity wherever he goes.

Upsilon's secretary has to beg pardon for not sending a letter to the December number of *The Journal*. A severe spell of sickness just before time to forward the letter is his only excuse—not a good one he admits, and one which he hopes it will not be necessary to again offer.

At our last meeting the chapter appointed twelve of Macon's fairest daughters "sisters in Kappa Alpha." As the face of his lady-love inspired the knight of old to chivalrous deeds, so these young ladies, by their maidenly grace, beauty, and love for Kappa Alpha inspire us to "ideals of character and achievement."