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CONVENTION POEM.

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WHY do I wear this key of gold?
What spell of treasure doth it hold?
What metal fairer than itself,
The very crown of human pelf?

Who questions thus has still to find
How symbols represent and bind;
Metals are precious, if you will,
But gems of thought are richer still.

The key of studious zeal unlocks
A happier than Pandora's box;
This brought all ills to humankind;
In ours, the antidote you'll find.

The wisdom that the world doth rule,
The laws of Truth's eternal school,
Greek tablets and Egyptian scrolls,
The ingots of illustrious souls.

Next let me praise, with reverent lip,
The golden key of Fellowship,
That many a close-twined link commands
'Twixt loving hearts and willing hands.

Rome's Pontiff wields with legend fell,
The keys that open Heaven and Hell;
But every good that is to be
Shall you unlock with Charity.

Thrice happy ye whose duteous feet
Were led to learning's sacred seat,
Still happier, if you rightly fare
To where your tasks appointed are.

What if, with each didactic word,
A sentence masterful you heard,
A great command in whisper small,
"This hold thou for the weal of all.

"With fiery footsteps thread the way
Where Passion's darkling brood have sway :
Deep in thy heart the secret bear,
Of outward help and inward prayer."

In this wide hemisphere set free,
Keep Memory with this sacred key,
Whatever chance, where'er you roam,
Unlock with this your spirit home.

Back, in one moment, can you fly,
To meet the Teacher's earnest eye,
Each seeking her accustomed place,
And some belovèd sister-face.

A dream, for now, in sundered ways,
You work your Alma Mater's praise
The standard bidding, as it goes,
The desert blossom as the rose.

Some of you shall in garlands bind
The blossoms of the infant mind;
In the child-garden, with sweet will,
Keep each dear plant from blight and ill.

And some may reach, with whitening hair,
The worthy professorial chair,
Some reverend in the pulpit stand,
And some expound the law's command.

If one there be who nothing heeds,
But what her own advancement needs,
Who life's great gifts would gather in,
Careful alone that *she* may win ;

Without a country in her heart,
Without a prayer for heavenly art,
Let this her heavy sentence be,
That she resign the golden key.

Never may fate like this befall
A single Kappa of you all,
But Faith, unswerving, gain the height
Where dawns the more than mortal light.

Then shall a golden key once more
Unlock for you the temple's door,
Its keeping the glad summons win,
"Well done, ye faithful, enter in."

JULIA WARD HOWE.

THE CONVENTION.

IMPRESSIONS OF A VISITING MEMBER.

"THE Tenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held at Bloomington, Illinois, August 27, 28, 29, 1890." That is the way that an official account of proceedings should begin. But the Visitor disclaims from the start any pretensions to official dignity. She writes merely as a visiting member, possessed of all a Visiting Member's privileges and immunities. And if she is often unbusinesslike and always incomplete,

it is not through any disaffection with committees, resolves and the like, but rather through a desire to write "between the lines" of the minutes and delegates' reports.

And so, however it may go down in the official reports, the Tenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma began, in reality, long before the 27th of August, 1890. It was already past its beginning back there in the winter months when Epsilon made out programmes, gave entertainments, and hoarded its dollars "against the good time coming." It carried on long discussions by letter. It went over new measures and proposed changes in chapter meetings. It met in great force on the afternoon of the 26th, in the trains from Chicago to Bloomington. And when the day appointed for convention arrived, little remained save to put into legal form the decisions rendered practically weeks before. Those three days in August were the summing of the work of as many months. It was this fact that made the Convention the grand success that it was, both from a business and a social point of view; for without doubt this was the best "all round" session that the fraternity has known.

If affairs dragged a little at the very first, before the delegates were fairly in touch with one another, the delay was more than balanced by the brisk work at the last. Less time than usual was wasted on trivialities. With one or two exceptions the measures passed were not only important but almost necessary to the self-respect and right government of a progressive fraternity.

In the matter of equalization of delegates' expenses, salaried editors, Fraternity Librarian, for example, we have only fallen in line with the leading Greek letter societies.

On the other hand, matters which would profit by further discussion and investigation, such as "Alumnæ Associations," and "International Course of Study" were left in the hands of capable committees to be reported on within a *limited time*.

But all this belongs later on. And the Visitor is by no means done with those earlier days that stand in much the same relation to the Convention proper as does a preface to a well regulated book.

Such a day was that one when the delegate from Beta (now Grand President) and four members of Phi banqueted informally at Young's and discussed degrees and chapter-houses over pear fritters and lobster salad. Such a one, too, was the day at Bloomington when the Epsilon girls received their assignments of visitors, and straightway set at naught the careful arrangements of the entertainment committee by changing off their respective Mauds and Marys as though they had been so much butter and eggs.

Yet, when all is said, the hours which the Visitor could least afford to spare from her ante-convention recollections were those spent on the train from Chicago on the afternoon of the 26th. The Visitor had often rehearsed in imagination the meeting and recognition of strange Kappas, but not even long anticipation had quite prepared her for the rush of enthusiasm that came with the sight of the familiar keys beneath the strange faces.

"You are a Kappa!" "And you!"

And then came more recognitions and more handshaking, until eleven wearers of the blue and blue were discovered and made known to one another.

Of what they said and did, these eleven Kappas, in their four hours together, the Visitor will not attempt to give an account. Most Greeks have been through some such experience, and know just how good it was and how "unforgettable."

But there was one story told by a Chicago Kappa which the Visitor cannot forbear repeating. And though not strictly convention news, it may, perhaps, be smuggled in,—in the capacity of a foot-note.

Not long since an enthusiastic friend of the Chicago Kappas decided to surprise them by a letter sent to the address of one, but directed to all, thus:—"Ye Kappa Kappa Gammas."

The letter was sent. In due time the postman appeared at the address given, letter in hand. "Have you a Swede girl living here?" demanded the knight of the gray uniform, "Because I've a letter for some one in this house by the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma."

Our elders have a depressing dictum to the effect that no amount of anticipation quite prepares one for the blow dealt by a great sorrow.

Is it not the same with great joys?

For months we have been rejoicing over this meeting that was to be, dwelling now on this phase and now on that, until it seemed as though reality itself could have nothing better in store. Yet when the time came, when we grasped the hands and looked into the face that we had so longed to touch and to see, there was always some additional happiness, some unreckoned pleasure which made all anticipation seem insignificant in comparison.

At the very first, of course, there were some awkward moments, while the various delegates and visitors were feeling their way with each other. But that was inevitable. Indeed, the wonder was that the relations of fifty people were so soon and so satisfactorily adjusted. The fact of a previous acquaintance through the medium of ink and paper furnished only an additional element of confusion. In so many cases we must needs entirely reconstruct a personality built up on the *ex pede Herculem* principle from a name or a sentence or a bit of handwriting.

To the Visitor the evolution of that assembly from an indistinguishable crowd into a number of distinct individuals was like nothing so much as the development of a dry plate; at the beginning a mere blur; then an opening here and there; then one face, then another appearing from behind the mist, and finally the clear, complete picture.

"Making the acquaintance of a human being," says C. D. Warner, "will never cease to be an exciting experience." Multiply the one being by fifty and you have a state of affairs suggesting an outcome of iron bars and strait-jackets; — provided, only, the excitement increased in direct proportion to the number of acquaintances. As it was, the Visitor was not alone in feeling on that last evening that she was living up to the highest possible rate of pressure, and that the sight of one new face or the sound of one new voice would inevitably result in an explosion.

This much is certain. In those days we thought much, felt deeply. No time for conventionalities when the best friendships of a lifetime might be slipping by.

"I am your friend." "And I yours." And a new life touched ours, and new vistas were opened to both.

It is of such experiences as these that Emerson writes: "We live in heartbeats, not in hands upon the dial." It is through such experience only that we grasp the man's meaning and make it our own.

Whatever our ideas concerning the advisability of initiating honorary members, there can be no two opinions as to the yeoman service rendered by two such members at the last convention. Just to have brought Professor Fry from Minnesota for an address at the open session would have been glory enough for one fraternity, but to have been favored with a convention poem from one of the strongest poets and foremost thinkers of her time was as far beyond all hoping as it is beyond any adequate acknowledgment.

It may be that Conventions past have anticipated the pleasures of the one at Bloomington. It may be that Conventions to come will eclipse its successes. As this is the Visitor's first experience, she has of course no chance for comparison. And yet, she doubts very much whether any other Convention can ever combine so much that is truly memorable and delightful. Very likely in years to come she will listen to the stories of Kappas as yet uninitiated, and say, "Ah! my dears, but there are no hostesses so hospitable as those at Bloomington, no sherbets so delicious as those served at our "Informal," no waltzes so sweet as those played at the Thursday Reception, no speeches so inspiring as that of our dear Grand President, spoken at the close of our last evening together."

Indeed the Visitor cannot imagine a prettier party than was that same Thursday Reception. It was not merely that the waltzes were sweet, the rooms attractive, the lawn tempting with tents and hammocks, and gor-

geous colored lanterns; but that everything seemed to be as it was with no effort on the part of anybody, no striving for effect.

And if for that one night there was more thought of music and *mousseline de soie* than of Calculus and the Vedas, why, so much the better, says the Visitor. For she contends that there is room and to spare in the lives of most college women, not merely for music and *mousseline de soie*, but for all that these represent that is daintily feminine and refined. And not for all the Calculus and Vedas in existence is she going to abate one inch of her delight in all that innocent glitter and gaiety in the moments when she lolled back against a fur-covered chair in the tent corner, and "made believe" that she was a belle out of *Life* and not a plain working-woman at all.

Yet, when all is said, it is the banquet that was the crowning glory of all. Hitherto we had walked together, talked together, sung together; tonight for the first time, we sat at one table and broke bread as one family. It needed that final touch to complete the bond of fraternity. And because the perfection of that evening's pleasure arose not from its mere externals, the ices and flavors, the dainty gowns and white and gold menus, nor even from the songs and speeches; but rather from that exquisite accord of look and voice and touch; so its final charm must always escape expression, eluding mere clumsy ink and paper like a snatch of music or the fragrance of *fleur-de-lis*.

M. B. D.

THE BANQUET.

PROGRAMME.

Toast Mistress, Nellie J. Pollock.

EPSILON'S WELCOME,	Carrie L. Cole (<i>Epsilon</i>)
OUR IDEAL,	M. Videlia Starr (<i>Iota</i>)
OUR MARRIED SISTERS,	Allie Beach (<i>Nu</i>)
THE KEY,	Margaret B. Dodge (<i>Phi</i>)
MAN,	May Wright (<i>Tau</i>)
LOOKING FORWARD,	Kate B. Cross (<i>Chi</i>)

EPSILON'S WELCOME.

TWENTY years ago, when the summer sun had spent itself, and the cool autumnal days were gladdened by a rich October sun; in the then western prairie State, and at an early time when woman first claimed an equal right to college education with her brothers; there came out upon the echoes from the classic halls of Monmouth the first real, true, earnest Kappa greeting from real, true, earnest Kappa hearts just born.

They were, at that time, the entire Kappa family. Time pressed on. Many beautiful daughters were born and adopted by tender, loving hands and hearts, until the family had wandered almost across our beloved Union.

Summer has again returned with her sunshine and flowers, and made so long a stay that Autumn's deep breathing is now heard faintly in the distance.

Illinois has for the twentieth time donned her richest harvest tints throughout her broad fields and, the parent having passed away, Epsilon, an elder daughter, opens wide her portals, hung with Heaven's own true blues, and with outstretched arms receives the scattered family back into its native state for the tenth re-union.

We hoped you would feel that you were coming *home* and, accordingly, possessed the freedom and liberty known only to members of a household; and that you would find welcome in every quarter.

Although Epsilon is one of the older chapters, the younger ones have been so sincere and enthusiastic that not until now have we been allowed the pleasure of entertaining you. To say we have looked forward to this time with greatest interest and anxiety, is expressing it mildly indeed. I fear our literary work has been more of a name than a reality at times this year, on account of the many afternoons we have engaged in talking over plans for the last week of August—thinking how we could most agreeably entertain you all—wondering what each one would be like, and

oh, if only the walls of our dear old Kappa Hall could speak there would be no need of my trying to tell it here now.

But, as I said, we were very anxious to meet you. Although complete strangers we knew that our Kappa sisters would be "perfectly lovely." We find we weren't in the least mistaken, and even love you better than we ever thought we could strangers. But, then, we are not strangers; and on this eve of departure, when farewells so soon follow the greeting, I will add that our only regret is that you did not bring *all* your sisters with you. Of course, that was impossible and, under the circumstances, will you please take them our love and best wishes along with a greeting and a hope that we may meet them at the great Indiana convention in '92.

Undoubtedly we have all enjoyed the convention and will return home with tenfold energy for the future. All have been benefited, but Epsilon, your entertainer, has certainly reaped the greatest harvest. We shall return to college brim-full of enthusiasm and activity, and hope to be faithful workers for the glory of fraternities in general, and the true blue of Kappa Kappa Gamma in particular.

Thus Epsilon greets you, one and all, bound by these dear and mystic true blue ties. 'Mid smiles and laughter, conversation and song, we trust you can hear Welcome's gentle murmur; you can see it in each sparkling eye; you can feel it on each tingling finger-tip in our firm and earnest grip; you can catch its odor from these delicate children of nature that God has permitted to grow, blossom so beautifully and be sent into our midst. You may touch it here; feel it from yonder. Truly, we hope you have found welcome even in every nook and corner wherever either duty or fancy called you. We have wished it so. We have aimed to make it so. Words cannot express it. You must truly *feel* welcome for

"It must appear in other ways than words."

LOOKING FORWARD.

"On a rock of adamant we build our mountain hopes."

"Remember Lot's wife."

OUR lady toastmistress has tonight permitted us to attain the fraternity aim by direction or indirection.

Our hopes are so confidently fixed upon that rock of adamant that it seems sacrilege to suggest a possibility of over-the-shoulder glances. And yet, from so many standpoints must the fraternity mentor cry to us of Lot's wife.

One hesitates tonight, amid the spirit of two and three score, to suggest the winter of isolation, when one among us, stranded, may forget the thrill and delight felt this night — this night, the touch-point of three days, wherein we have so gladly wrought together for our own, our best Fraternity.

Yet, if we hesitate to publish it in Gath, we know full well that the mere enthusiasm of a body is insufficient to carry us upon the crest of the complications in our many-idealed yet unformed life, where so often we forget to look to the future with such utterly just sight as our bond in fraternity implies.

Do you think ever, saying over and over that word, what it means? Do you remember that fraternity implies an element of *manliness in humanity*?

We claim for ourselves not alone a united womanly influence, but something yet broader. In fraternity we step out into that life universal.

In this day, with the tide of enthusiasm setting toward the equalization of woman, it is hard for some of us, though women, and full of faith for women, to quite define the limit of that trust.

I think you will say with me that the human ideal is invested in man, even as we use the masculine pronoun for the universal expression. To this ideal cling certain qualities of humanity in its full, free form, not yet universally-attributed womanly traits. These very traits—a broadness

and over-ruling of detail — we fraternity women must attain, in justifying the comprehensiveness of our name.

Yet all this must be without over-reaching the true limit of our helpfulness. We are essentially an undergraduate fraternity. Girls in college together cannot be women of the world beside, women modified by experience, softened by sympathy, into a broad unselfishness. We are no more such women than college boys are citizens of the world. Yet, without neglecting the girlish delight in unity, you may feel, deeply as in later womanhood, its meaning. That feeling and knowing helps us to be all that we look forward to, and are not yet.

But something else is needed in fraternity life, something aside from the slow processes of ideal attainment, something of the touch and go of business life—a looking toward a given point—no time to review precedent—all for the future—a sure, strong, vivid aim. Among so many each feels her limited power. If no one springs to show the way, to carry us half there by the first impulse, then are we lost in loitering wastes.

But for that true fraternity pilgrim, she who, springing beyond the multitude, the daring fleet-foot, returns with victor's roses for the alma fraternity; when too old for roses, laurels, and victory, I bespeak for her an old age, wherein our fraternity government chimes precisely from west to east, when she may con goodly pages in our fraternity history, when our chapter homes are as a rosary all around and across the whole fair land; when, beside any one of these firesides, the pilgrim finds a welcome nook, a never-dying flame before which to rejoice and dream—and then at last to say "Good night."

And I too must say good night and farewell. For six years I have known our fraternity in intimate relation. In that time it has seemed to me to take on such unification, such strength, that I look, not hopefully but confidently, to the roses and firesides, the dreams and realities, that promise no end and no departing.

KATE BIRD CROSS.

College and Fraternity Notes.

The greatest number of students in attendance at any college in this country is 2500, at Ann Arbor.—*Exchange*.

Everything promises well for the next class. Kappa Alpha Theta entered the University with nine members. They have a very strong set of girls, both intellectually and socially. They were well received.—*University of Wisconsin Correspondent of Sigma Chi*.

It is stated that although the college men in the United States are only a fraction of 1 per cent. of the voters, yet they hold more than 50 per cent. of the highest offices.

The last report of the Education Bureau at Washington, gives 361 colleges for men in the United States, with 43,474 students, and 15 colleges for women, with 20,772 students.

Realizing the disadvantage of society strife, the students of Williams are endeavoring to raise by subscription \$200,000 for a general chapter house.

Delta Kappa Epsilon and Beta Theta Pi are at present engaged in a somewhat heated discussion as to which fraternity really absorbed the Mystical Seven, and it seems probable that Beta Theta Pi will be forced to abate some of its claims in the matter.—*The Rainbow*.

Boston University is probably the only institution in the country where the number of sororities exceeds that of fraternities. There are four of the former, Alpha Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, and Delta Delta Delta, and three of the latter, Beta Theta Pi, Theta Delta Chi, and Delta Tau Delta.

Three new chapters of Delta Kappa Epsilon, three new charters for chapters of Psi Upsilon, and two new chapters of Alpha Delta Phi are indications that Mr. Porter's "Favorite Societies" are beginning to appreciate the trend of affairs in the Greek letter world.—*D. U. Quarterly*.

This first year of woman's entrance to all departments of the University has been an unqualified success. The young women have proved faithful students, worthy in every respect, and Dr. Welling, our president, a very conservative man, has said "he is proud of his girls."—*Columbian University Correspondent of Pi Beta Phi Arrow*.

The faculty of the Illinois Wesleyan University has decreed that the ladies shall not enter the halls of the gentlemen's fraternities, nor the gentlemen those of the ladies. Receptions including both sexes are positively prohibited if held in chapter quarters.

Chattanooga will have to look to her laurels as the city of Pan Hellenism, for she has now in Duluth a very formidable rival. On July 8, 1890, forty-one Greeks who reside at Duluth, Minn., across the river, at Superior City, Wis., and in other cities at the head of the Great Lakes, met at the Spalding House, in Duluth, to hold an inaugural Pan-Hellenic banquet. A business meeting followed the banquet, and a permanent organization was effected. Ninety members have been enrolled in the association, and club-rooms will probably be secured next year. Another meeting and banquet will be held in November.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

The convention decided in favor of sorosis — will some one tell why? It is strange quarters for a membership whose education has been fraternityward.—*Pi Beta Phi Arrow*.

The Vermont Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta celebrated May day by hanging May baskets at the doors of the University professors.

The American Newspaper Directory for 1890 gives the circulation of the Greek letter magazines as follows: Alpha Phi *Quarterly*, 250; *The Beta Theta Pi*, 1000; Chi Phi *Quarterly*, 750; Chi Psi *Purple and Gold*, 750; Delta Gamma *Anchora*, 250; *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, 2000; Kappa Alpha *Journal*, 500; Kappa Sigma *Quarterly*, 500; Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly*, 500; Pi Beta Phi *Arrow*, 250; Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, 1000; Sigma Alpha Epsilon *Record*, 500; Sigma Nu Delta, 500; Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, 750. All the others are not given.

To this add Kappa Kappa Gamma *KEY*, 500.

But two recognized fraternities were founded in New England, Delta Kappa Epsilon at Yale, and Delta Upsilon at Williams.—*Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

Chapters of Kappa Alpha are fined for not sending in chapter letters to their magazines. Zeta Psi fines her chapters for a number of things, and Psi Upsilon's chapters are fined a dollar for each week that their annual report to the executive council is behindhand.—*Alpha Tau Omega Palm*.

Phi Gamma Delta organized a chapter at Richmond College in February last, and has entered the University of Minnesota by the initiation of seven undergraduates, one from '90, one '91, three '92, and two '93. It has also entered the University of Tennessee by the initiation of ten men. The president of the latter institution is a member of the fraternity, which probably accounts for its venture. Its chapter at Pennsylvania College expects to build a home during the coming year. The one at Adelbert, revived a few years since, has become defunct.—*The Rainbow*.

Before long there will be two fraternities for Theta to entertain instead of one, for a number of excellent young men have been pledged to Beta Theta Pi and expect, before many days have gone by, to come out gloriously in their colors. We welcome them, and, as well as Phi Psi, cordially extend to them the right hand of fraternal friendship. Every Fraternity but adds to our strength, and when another is ready to come, so that it be of as good material as this last, we will be ready to greet them fraternally. — *University of Pacific Correspondent of Kappa Alpha Theta Quarterly*.

From an item we learn that the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* has three salaried editors; that Phi Kappa Psi and Beta Theta Pi have been paying salaries to the editors of their magazines for three years; that Phi Delta Theta is paying handsomely the editor of the *Scroll*; that Alpha Tau Omega has been paying the editor of her magazine for two years, and Delta Upsilon for four years. To these facts we may add that Sigma Chi has been paying the Editor-in-Chief of the *Quarterly* for six years.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

A more prosperous condition could not exist than that found in Allegheny College in all departments, not to omit Fraternity, which as seen in its individual chapter life and imbued with Pan-Hellenism with its liberal spirit and broadening tendency, has become a most important factor in college life. Of the seven fraternities here represented, two of which are the ladies', Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma, all are in excellent condition with full rolls of members, and for the most part the best of feeling exists among them all, though there is always a tendency for the "lion and lamb disturbance," as Purdy VanVliet puts it in his toast on Pan-Hellenism.—*Allegheny Correspondent of Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly.*

Pi Beta Phi (*née* the I. C. Sorosis) held its twelfth convention at Galesburg, Ill., April 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1890. At this convention the carnation pink was adopted as fraternity flower, Pallas Athene as patron goddess. It was decided to recompense the editor-in-chief and business manager of the *Arrow*. A new constitution was adopted. A province organization was effected. Miss Emma Harper Turner was elected Grand President.

In Memoriam.

BLANCHE PARKER BERRY.

Born
January 26, 1869.

Initiated
October 2, 1886,

Died
August 4, 1890.

FOR the first time in Chi's history have we been called upon to mourn the loss of an active member. By this memorial we wish to express our sorrow in her death, and our appreciation of her worth.

After a brief illness of three weeks, she passed away at the home of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Berry, Minneapolis, at the age of twenty-one years, a prey to typhoid fever;

She was one of our oldest members, having been in the chapter over four years. During the entire time she was an earnest and loyal worker, filling the highest offices with the interest of her fraternity always at heart. In its meetings she was ready to sacrifice her feelings for the good of others, and by her sweet, low voice, and gentle ways, endeared herself to us all.

As a scholar she was highly esteemed by professors and fellow-students, her work being marked by faithfulness. She was about to enter the Senior year in our University course, but she has been transferred to the school of the great Teacher above.

She was a true friend. Her unassuming manner won for her the love of young and old. College and social duties did not claim all her attention, for she was a faithful daughter, and was often found doing kindnesses for the sick and needy.

She showed the superior qualities of a woman of unshaken faith in God, who put into her daily life the softening influences of her religion; — a King's Daughter who has gone to reign with her King.

Chi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, feeling deeply the loss of our beloved sister, do resolve to send this token of our sympathy to Mrs. Berry and her family. And, because we are assured of the interest of the entire fraternity, do resolve to send this testimony to THE KEY.

BY ORDER OF THE CHAPTER.



Chapter Letters.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

It is with pleasure that we write our first chapter letter, and send greetings to all the sisters who have so warmly welcomed us.

Of course, we can report little yet in the way of successes and triumphs, but we may claim to be, at least, well established and to have already gained a favorable footing with the faculty and student body.

As five of our seven members take up college life now for the second time, they may naturally lack some of the girlish zest which a Freshman feels over the mysteries of fraternity life, yet we are a band united by common interests, love for the University of Pennsylvania, and desires for the promotion of the "co-educational experiment" there, each feeling deeply the need of a fraternity and ready to give some of her best thought to its workings and responsibilities.

The initiation of a new member in May was a pleasant occasion and stimulating to fraternity spirit.

Jessie Colson was appointed by the faculty instructor in the Department of Biology.

We trust that in our next letter we may report full realization of some of our hopes.

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Commencement, with its flood of revived memories, is a thing of the past, and Beta is hard at work, enthusiastically preparing its delegate to further the interests of Kappa in the coming convention.

Many of our "dear old faces" were prominent in the exercises of Commencement week. Lucia Heaton was the only woman speaker at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the college, and at our reunion banquet, in University Hall, Florence J. Lee and some of the old Browning girls sang a song written expressly for Kappa by Miss Lee.

Mrs. Lois Witherbee received with Dr. Hervey at the Alumni Ball,

and Mrs. Bessie Doolittle was the only woman who responded to a toast at the alumni banquet.

Beta has had cause to feel very proud of her girls this last college year. Lucy Evelyn Wight again took the prize for oratory, and Nettie I. Robertson was given a prize for the solution of a geometrical problem that has baffled the mathematical skill of our Freshmen for years.

That Kappa work will be entered upon with renewed and freshened zeal, after its needs have been universally discussed, is the earnest desire of Beta.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

After two months of vacation it seems a difficult thing to write concerning the events of the past college year. Our minds are so taken up with the coming Convention, with plans for the coming year, and with thoughts of meeting again in our pleasant Kappa circle, that the events of the past seem to have slipped from us. However, we can say that no year of Delta's life has been more pleasant or successful than the one which has just passed. Although our chapter has been larger than usual, yet we have succeeded in keeping near together, and have worked for the same end. We have been more than pleased with our new plan of literary work, and have found that it has proved both interesting and instructive.

On the evening of June 6, Delta gave a reception at the home of Mayme Brodix. Quite a number of visiting members, besides other friends were present, and the evening was pleasantly spent.

The Commencement exercises were very interesting and the usual number of visitors attended. The class reunions are always looked forward to with pleasure, and that of '85, after five years of separation, was enjoyed by all.

The graduating class numbered forty-seven, among whom we counted three of our own girls. Regina Bitner was chosen one of seven to represent the class at Commencement.

The senior class, as an evidence of gratitude and regard for the University, purchased a class window worth \$125, for the new Library Building. In the center will be introduced the seal of the University, and

the side lights will be in the class colors — burnished bronze and bright blue, inscribed with "Class '90."

We expect an increase in the number of students during the coming year, and hope to find many desirable Kappas among the new girls.

Our girls have been widely separated during the summer, as the number of our resident members is smaller than usual. But in all their letters we read the same eagerness to return and once more enjoy college and Kappa life. To all Kappas we extend our best wishes for the coming year.

BETA ZETA — IOWA UNIVERSITY.

The chapter members are widely distributed for the summer and are enjoying their vacations in different ways. A number of the girls are at home, finding this such a pleasant experience after a year at college that they do not care to leave it, while others are visiting and sightseeing.

Mrs. Fred Lerry of Omaha, and her sister Sophia, are spending the summer at home in Iowa City.

Miss Copeland has been visiting her friends in Muscatine and other places, and when school begins resumes her position in the High School.

The Kappa girls are glad not to lose Miss Legler with the other seniors. She has been offered a fine position in the public schools which will enable her to meet with the society and to counsel and to cheer as of yore.

Miss Calvin forms one of a party of professors of the University and their families who are spending the summer in New Brunswick, Canada. She is enjoying the sea with its thirty feet of tide, and has had the rare experience of seal fishing. Their collection numbers five of these animals, besides numerous other trophies.

Miss Dugan is spending the summer in Iowa City and will probably remain at home next year, not joining the circle of teachers.

Preparations are being made in the different departments of the University for the coming year, and an attendance greater than usual is expected. The Kappas will number six active members, and with the

four or five alumni in the city they will start out in the new year with bright prospects.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement, under the new régime, passed very pleasantly for Eta. The address by President Andrews of Brown University, on "The Ethical Element in Higher Education," which was substituted for former commencement exercises, was very able and, moreover, the right word in the right place.

During Commencement week the chapter had its farewell spread at the home of Edith Locke. There are also rumors of a certain picnic that was somehow only half attended, but that too is supposed to be a secret.

The outlook for the coming year is unusually bright. Flora Moseley, '90, will be with us for a post-graduate course.

Hattie Remington, '88, who has been a fellow in German for the past two years in the University, will spend this year at the German universities studying Latin and German.

We are glad to announce the marriage of Ethel M. Bushnell, '85, to Howard McGilvra of Roanoke, Va. Miss Bushnell, after completing her University course, entered the Training School for nurses connected with the Cook County Hospital of Chicago. Mr. McGilvra is president of a business college at Roanoke.

We have been called to mourn the sudden death of one of our most interested alumnæ, Dr. Delia Gilman Main of '74. For the past eight years Dr. Main had been a successful physician in Madison, Wis.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Theta's girls are all heartily enjoying vacation. Although widely separated we keep well informed as to each other's movements, and interest in Kappa matters is not suffered to decline.

The last college year has been quite a pleasant and prosperous one. Commencement week especially was a time of unusual rejoicing and festivity. A number of old girls were back, and though the usual

entertainments took much of our time the old and new Kappas managed to get well acquainted.

Two of our best members were graduated with high honors, Gay Hancock, A. B., Etta Hancock, L. B. Etta will spend next winter visiting in Virginia. Gay expects to take a post-graduate course in the University.

We gave our seniors a "spread" during commencement.

A delightful four o'clock tea was given the Kappas a short time before by one of Columbia's most charming young matrons, Mrs. Frank Thompson.

Theta expects to have several beside the delegate, at the convention this year.

Karleen Coleman, one of our old girls, expects to return to college this fall. Although our membership will be sadly diminished next term, enough girls will be back to make the halls of M. S. U. ring as of old with Kappa "calls" and songs.

There is said to be a prospect of a large increase in the number of students at our college next year, and we shall doubtless have plenty of good material to fill our depleted ranks. We send best wishes for the prosperity of our sister chapters during the coming year.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week at De Pauw had its usual round of festivities this year, among which were the annual banquets of Beta Theta Pi and Phi Gamma Delta, where Kappa was well represented.

The Skulls, a fraternity of three chapters in this locality, gave their friends a ride and banquet.

On the morning of June 16, Kappas "old and new" lunched together and passed several hours very delightfully in songs, toasts and the interchange of Kappa greetings.

A new feature of commencement week was a class day, the first in eight years. During the afternoon Colonel Eliot F. Shephard addressed the senior class.

The time of the usual graduating exercises was occupied by the

inaugural of Dr. J. P. D. John as president. This consisted of addresses by A. W. Moore, '90; T. C. Hopkins, '87; Dr. J. P. D. John and Chancellor Bishop Bowman, followed by the delivery of keys.

With the entrance of the new president a change is noticed in the administration of affairs. The terms have been changed into semesters, and the courses of study strengthened. The Normal Department has been abolished.

Col. J. R. Weaver becomes professor of political science and history; Professor Bronson of Brown University takes the chair of English and literature, and Dr. Manning of Cornell takes the professorship of modern languages.

Prof. Neff, whose Kappa wife we shall miss, enters the faculty of Iowa University, and Prof. Carhart has been elected president of the State Normal School at St. Cloud, Minn. Several changes will take place in the teachers of art, music, and those of the preparatory schools. H. B. Longden, associate professor of Latin, having returned from Germany, will resume his position.

The *Mirage*, published by '91, is unique in containing a picture of each fraternity.

The condition of Iota is better in every respect than ever before. The last term's meetings were spent in regulating rules and strengthening organization.

We lose by graduation three of our most enthusiastic members, M. Videlia Starr, Ph.B., Minnie L. Royse, A.B., and Lulu Ward of the Art School.

Iota sends to Kappa sisters a midsummer greeting.

MINNIE L. ROYSE.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Cora Lloyd Neff, '84, removes to Iowa City, Iowa.

Susie G. Kelly, '87, sails August 15 from Germany, and resumes her place in the music school.

Rose M. Marquis will take again the professorship of the violin after a year's study at the Chicago Conservatory.

Mrs. Louise Johnson Longden, '85, has returned from Germany after a two years' stay with her husband.

Rhoda M. Kelly, '88, will teach next year at St. Cloud, Minn.

Clara Conklin, '85, after a four years' study of modern languages in Europe, has returned to her native land.

Bessie A. Rose, '91, took first honors in Latin this year.

Jessie Montgomery, '91, received the highest grade of several, taking second honors in Latin.

Many of the girls are looking forward to attending the convention at Bloomington, Ill.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

"How heartily we would welcome vacation if it were not for the parting from friends and the loss of our seniors," was one of the last sighs of a younger Kappa, as the seniors departed for their respective homes. Kappa had four girls this year who left behind them the "home" in Kappa they had learned to love so well. But though separated, and gone into different States, their interest and enthusiasm for "the dear old fraternity" is none the less zealous, as shown by the many messages that fly about our scattered ranks, and the plans they contain for Kappa's prosperity.

The last few weeks of college were, as usual, very busy ones. Anniversary week, with its six nights filled with oratory and music, was considered particularly interesting this year. Kappa was represented on the programme of the Ladies' Literary Union by Alfrieda Mosher — a pledged Kappa,—salutatory; Nellie Eastman, recitation; Shirley Smith, senior address. In the Germanæ Sodales Society, Harriette Rice delivered the Senior address, and Florence Keith, as President, the valedictory.

Following Sunday, with the Baccalaureate address by President Mosher, which was very fine, came Class Day, over which Dora Stamats presided as president of the class of '90.

Then there were the literary societies and alumni quinquennial reunions, with their literary exercises and banquets extending into the wee sma' hours.

Many of the old students and alumni had returned, among them Will

Carleton, who with his wit and poetry added much to the pleasure of the occasion.

All of Kappa's graduates occupied places on the Commencement programme. After Commencement exercises, a picture of the class was taken on the steps of the old college church; in the evening came the President's reception, and the class of '90 were graduated. This year's class numbered twenty-nine; of these Kappa claimed four, Dora Stamats, Winnifred Root, Shirley Smith, Harriette Rice.

The endowment of the college has been increased by several thousand dollars, and a new professorship added. Prof. A. Haynes, who for many years occupied the chair of mathematics, has resigned to fill a similar position in a Western University.

A few weeks after college closed, Dora Stamats was married to Prof. Frank Smith, '85, professor in biology, and a Delta Tau Delta. They are spending the summer at Charlevoix.

Many pleasant social events varied the routine of last term's study; among those of interest in fraternity was a reception given the Delta Tau Deltas at the home of Shirley Smith.

One of the most enjoyable events of the term was a reception given our chapter by the Delta Tau Deltas.

On the afternoon before Commencement, the chapter gave a little informal reception at the home of the Misses Andrus, in honor of the visiting Kappas. Among our sisters, older than we in Kappa, who gathered to sing some of the old songs with us were, Anna Fite, Frances Ball-Mauck, Mary McKibben, Sadie Parker, Bertha Brown, Kate Stoddard, Stella Berry-Arnold, Laura Mudgett-Woodman, Jessie Mansfield, and others. Some were among our first initiates, and that was our first meeting, though their names were household words in Kappa.

Jane Winship-Dewey, '88, was with us several weeks during the term, pursuing her studies in art.

Nora Masters, '91, is spending her vacation teaching a class in painting at Ross Common.

Kate Powell has received a position as teacher in the Lawton schools for this year.

Shirley Smith, '90, is to occupy the position of assistant principal in the Addison schools the coming year.

Though Kappa's ranks will be thinned, and the opening of college will seem strange and a little sad without the old faces, she still has no need to fear; for the loyalty of those left to guard her altar will soon win others who shall help them in their sacred trust.

LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The summer vacation has come, bringing to college students rest and quiet, and has added "finis" to one of Lambda's most prosperous years.

Commencement time was enjoyed by every one; especially did we Kappas enjoy it, as it brought back many of the dear familiar faces of alumnæ and associate Kappas, although we were saddened by the thought that a long time must elapse before we could again meet in Kappa Hall. Our last meeting was a sad one, as three of our sisters were with us, as active members, for the last time.

Taking a cursory view of last term, we find it full of pleasures, both of a social and literary character. Chief among the former, was the Kappa picnic, May 30, at Stow Lake, four miles north of Akron. All our active and pledged members were present. One of our number had her camera with her, so we had our picture taken, which proved very comical indeed. The day was passed very pleasantly and we were all sorry when the time came for the train to take us back to the city.

Near the close of the spring term, Lambda added to her roll three new names, Mary Baker, Libbie Worthington, and Clara Skinner—a worthy addition to her chapter. The initiation was held at the home of Julia McGregor, in the city. Time will not permit us to explain the programme of the evening (?), suffice it to say that this initiation was one of the best. The candidates were *highly* entertained.

Prof. Mary B. Jewett is spending the summer in Denver.

Myrtie Barker, '92, took second honor in the "Ashton Prize Contest," held during Commencement week.

We have visited Gamma and Rho in their respective homes this last term. On the occasion of the Annual Field-Day, twelve of Lambda's

sisters were royally entertained at Wooster; and near the close of the term, two of our girls spent a few days with the Rho girls.

Lambda has a "Circulating Letter,"—which we are pleased to call the "Kappa Merry-go-round"—this summer vacation. Last summer it proved such a successful experiment, and the girls were so delighted with it, that we sent it on its round this summer again. Our most Western girl started the Letter and sent it to her nearest sister, and so it goes from one to another, each sister adding a letter, until it has finished its course. This is a pleasant way of communication, especially where there are so many of us that we couldn't hear from each individually.

Kappa Hall has recently been refurnished with the aid of our old members.

Lambda sends an earnest greeting to all her sister chapters, and her best wishes for their prosperity.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu has completed one of the most prosperous years of her existence and anticipates great success in the future. Commencement day deprived us of three of our most loyal active members. Miss Romaine Braden spoke on "The Poet a Teacher," Miss Meeker on "The Supernatural in Shakespeare," and Miss Martz on "Browning's Men and Women."

Miss India Martz was chosen orator of the Athenian Society at its spring exhibition, and carried off the honors of the evening with an oration on "The Responsibilities of the Scholar."

Commencement was accompanied by unusual gayety, Mu contributing her share to the festivities. On the evening of May 27, Mrs. Dill, one of the charter members of Mu, entertained the chapter and some of their friends at her home in Indianapolis. All who accepted her hospitality spent a most delightful evening.

Mu gave her annual spring party June 3, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Holloway in Indianapolis. The presence of six of our old Kappas, music and dancing, made the evening one not soon to be forgotten.

At high noon on Thursday, June 5, Jennie Armstrong of '89, a member of Mu, was married to Thomas C. Howe, at the home of the

bride's parents in Kokomo, Ind. On the 18th Mr. and Mrs. Howe sailed for Europe to spend a year in study at Berlin, preparatory to Mr. Howe's taking the position of professor of Germanic languages at Butler University in the fall of '91.

Professor A. T. Hobbs of Drake University, has issued invitations for the marriage of his daughter Vesta, a member of Mu in '87, to Thomas D. Long, on Thursday, August 21, at Des Moines, Ia.

BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Quite a space of time has elapsed since our last news letter, and so many events have taken place that they can be mentioned only.

The State oratorical contest in February, at which the O. S. U. won second place, was attended by one of our Kappas; and we all had the opportunity of listening to a lecture by President Eliot of Harvard, given at the request of our trustees and faculty.

The exercises of class-day, in which Alice Moodie and Mabel Basterdes gave the class history and prophecy respectively; and those of Commencement, one of whose orations was given by Nellie Talbot, were very interesting. The commencement address was delivered by Prof. Albert H. Tuttle, formerly a member of our faculty, but now of the University of Virginia. Our college annual, the *Makio*, edited by the fraternities, appeared at this time, and was hailed with joy by all.

One of our fraternities here has taken a step forward which ought to be held up as an example to others. The Theta Delta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi has completed arrangements for a chapter-house on the University grounds.

All the Kappas were back for the spring term, with the exception of Helen Lemert, whose absence we regret deeply. Ill health obliged her to remain at home. Her place in our midst is vacant; but one more has come in to fill up the number, Sadie O'Kane, whom we initiated May 30.

At one of our meetings we had the pleasure of meeting Lucy Webb, a graduate of Lambda; and this summer a few of the girls met another sister, Miss Hanna.

Kappa enthusiasm was strengthened by a visit to Wooster in answer

to a kind invitation of Gamma to attend the State field-day exercises. Four girls from Nu were delightfully entertained there by their sisters. Nothing was lacking to make them feel at home and enjoy themselves. Several of Lambda's members were there, too, and we all enjoyed the enthusiastic Kappa meeting on Saturday morning.

One of our alumnæ, Alla Berta Rickey, was married June 19 to Mr. George H. Cless of this city, and Nu's kindest Kappa wishes will follow her through her life.

The annual Kappa reception, to which members of the other fraternities were invited, was given at her new home, and voted a success by all.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Never, we believe, have the Kappas shown greater interest in their chapter. The interests of the chapter seemed to lie near the minds and hearts of all, so continual was their thought, and willing their action, in fraternity matters.

During the term occurred the initiations of Jennie Hulse and Emma Cooley, accompanied by the feasts customary on such occasions.

Among the additions to the furniture of new chapter hall, was a bookcase of antique oak. We believe that our chapter room, like every home, should be furnished with a library.

On the programme of the Y. W. C. A. anniversary, given in May, several of our girls held positions.

The most important social event of the year was a reception given by Alpha chapter to the Michigan chapters of Alpha Tau Omega. The chapters of Tri-Delta and Kappa Kappa Gamma were invited. The affair was a decided success in every way. Adrian Greeks had not enjoyed an evening so much for some time. Mildred Graham gave a toast to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon received the chapters of Tri-Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Kappa Kappa Gamma, on the evening of June 14. Several subjects pertaining to Pan-Hellenism were ably treated, and a pleasant evening spent.

Ida I. Foster was the successful essayist in the inter-society contest. All Kappas unite with her in rejoicing over the success.

Our only lady graduates in the literary course this year were Kappas; Florence McClure taking the degree of B.L., and Emma Johnston that of B.Ph. Their orations on Commencement day were a credit to themselves and their fraternity.

The Kappas parted reluctantly, especially from those who will not be with us next year. We lose two by graduation, and of our associate members, Miss Heberling has resigned her position as preceptress, and Mrs. Ferguson will go with her husband to pursue studies under German professors.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Rho sends greetings to her Kappa sisters and hopes that they are all enjoying the vacation.

Our chapter has spent a pleasant and prosperous year. We have furnished a very pretty and homelike chapter-room, in which we meet once a week, to sing our songs and strengthen the ties which bind all true Kappas together.

Among the presents which we received from our friends, was a beautiful picture from Kappa Alpha Theta, to show our appreciation of which, we gave an informal reception to the chapter in our new room.

One unexpected and eminently useful gift, was a complete skeleton of the human body, which we hope to thoroughly initiate in the fall.

We have been very fortunate the past term in having with us as an active member, Miss Barney, formerly of Tau, who has been untiring in her efforts for the good of the chapter.

Our literary work in the chapter meetings has been quite satisfactory.

On one occasion we had a Longfellow evening, one of the features being a scene in "Hiawatha's Wooing."

One other evening we spent studying Lowell's works. We gave an evening to the study of the different fraternities.

We told stories one evening, each girl preparing a good short story,

and endeavoring to tell it in an interesting way, and to clothe it in good language.

Misses Slade and McGregor, from Lambda, favored us last term with a visit, which we all enjoyed greatly.

We had a very pleasant banquet, and Commencement week passed off as usual, with a great number of visiting alumnæ.

This has been one of the most prosperous years the college has seen; since it had a graduating class of about fifty. Rho was fortunate, as she lost none by graduation, although next year she has four to go.

Jean Frey, '92, was elected one of the editorial board for next year's *Campus*, the college paper.

We are expecting a great deal of help from the convention; Mary Warner is our delegate.

Our outlook for the coming year is very bright, as we hope it is for all our sister chapters.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

The spring term has usually been the quietest of the year, save for the commencement festivities, but this last term has certainly been a marked exception in our history.

The "frat" girls had a happy plan, as they thought, for celebrating Arbor day by arranging a Greek letter flower-bed. Armed with permission from the chancellor, the steward and the janitor (last but not least), and with foliage plants, shovels and rakes, the girls of Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma sallied forth at 8 A. M. Then we all began to dig. I, personally, grubbed in the earth on my hands and knees for an hour and a half to prepare the ground for a lovely Kappa key about two yards and a half long. The bed was triangular. In one corner was a Delta Gamma anchor with their Greek letters, in another corner was the Theta kite, with Kappa Alpha Theta across its face; across the third corner was our dear old Kappa key, with the letters K. K. Γ. nestling beneath it in a confiding sort of a way. The reason our key didn't go in the corner instead of across it, was because corner No. 3 was occupied by a very choice specimen of Buffalo grass, belonging to

Acting-Chancellor Bessey's botany department. This little grass plot we fenced in neatly and put a little woolly "frat" goat in the enclosure to gambol on the green.

We then started on a picnic, having first purchased a second freezer of ice cream, the first having been devoured by some greedy "barbs." We came up to college next morning happy as "frat" girls ought to be, only to find all our work undone. Out of two hundred plants, fifty remained set in the form of U. of N. I pause for words now as we did that day! Some of us cried, others of us wished heartily that we were boys and could swear. If we had had our way then, the campus would have been planted with "barbs" three deep. The "barbs" triumphantly announced that they would not have an advertisement for fraternities to attract the attention of the delegates to the Interstate Oratorical Convention. We took the matter to the authorities, but as the fraternity element is in the minority, they refused to do anything. We went to law, to a Sigma Chi lawyer, rather "our lawyer," but we could not obtain proof enough to convict any one. We are still lamenting that we could not have the pleasure of seeing the patrol wagon take some fifteen "barbs" riding, since we had spent our time and our good money in vain. Owing to this little incident and to the fact that the orator of Nebraska, a Wesleyan man, was being tried for plagiarism, May 1 the contest found the U. of N. in rather a distracted condition. We calmed down, however, and the contest entertainments were successful. All expressed themselves as well satisfied. The contest itself was fairly good, but great indignation prevailed at the decision.

The Phi Delta Theta banquet was a great success, on which occasion the Kappas and their guests were well represented.

The fraternity girls gave an afternoon reception at the home of a Kappa Alpha Theta, and between the hours of 3 and 6 P. M. two hundred guests paid us their respects. Our invitation was extended to all the fraternities and the delegates as well as to the members of the faculty and their wives. The house was darkened, lighted by gas and electricity, and beautifully decorated with flowers. Sigma Chi sent an abundance of cut flowers and a beautiful design. Each person passing through the hallway

was presented with a card to be tied in the buttonhole, bearing the name of the wearer and his fraternity. Thus, no one had to murmur "Miss M—— M——, this is Mr. ——," in silent despair! Some merriment was created by the guests maliciously changing cards with each other. But enough of this gossip. The barbarians, in their great family newspaper, *The Hesperian*, said, "the ladies of the fraternities held a little informal reception," etc.

Among Sigma's guests were Dell Stralton, Edna Appelget, Mary Holmes, Mrs. Linn-Perin and Ellen Atwater of De Pauw. Miss Atwater, by the way, expects to enter Nebraska University as a senior this year. We enjoyed also, a very pleasant visit from Mrs. Buckstaff, *née* Griswold, from Madison, Wis., and her husband, who is a Phi Delta Theta of the same university. We girls are very much in love with a Kappa sister who is a member, a charter member by the way, of Upsilon Chapter, Miss Lucy Wood, now Mrs. Ferguson.

Our chapter gave Ray Manley a fraternity pin for a Commencement remembrance. To Kate Scothorn, who graduated this year from the department of elocution at the Wesleyan University, we gave half a dozen silver after-dinner coffee spoons. She will make her mark some day as she has true dramatic talent and ability.

Our chapter is small now, but of one heart, one soul as it were. We Greeks have all had a hard struggle in our University this year. The "barbs" are very bitter against us, as we are slowly but surely getting all their quality and leaving them nothing but quantity. Soon, however, we shall have a large quantity of excellent quality, and that will be the best.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Will any Kappa of N. W. U., ever forget that last, swift, pleasant, term, when the thought of coming separation only bound all hearts more closely together?

The year has been a notable one to us. We have found our plan of study of untold benefit, and hope to pursue the same course another year.

On Saturday, June 14, our six graduates from Preparatory were added to our active chapter, by a solemnly beautiful initiatory ceremony, after

which we gleefully adjourned, to partake of a dainty lunch at the Avenue House. The hour following was the occasion of a real Kappa "experience meeting," leaving our hearts very tender and more loyal than ever.

Edith Baker, '94, one of the three lady speakers chosen by the Faculty to take part in Preparatory Commencement, read a bright, interesting essay on "Charlotte Brontë."

On Class Day, Edith Clarke was class poet. We were justly proud that two of our number, Clara Tucker and Edith Clarke, had places in the "Kirk contest," the former speaking upon "John Knox," the latter on the "Race Problem."

To the five seniors who leave us — Isabel Morse, Lizzie Brown, Edith Clarke, Clara Tucker, and Amy Jarrett — we cry "God speed," proud of their worthy records of scholarship, and of strength and nobility of character. We cannot feel that these strong, earnest girls are separated from us, though they leave the college halls, for the memory of their loyal love for Kappa, and their earnest efforts in her behalf, will remain with those who are left, and we are sure of the success of their life-work.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

On the fifth of June we held the last meeting of the season at the home of Sarah Bird, one of our five members in the class of '90. It was the day after commencement, and our thoughts were still upon the pleasure and honor that our two Kappa orators, Sarah Hobson and Mary Kingsbury, had brought us. But since it was also the last time when the seniors were with us as active members of the chapter, we could not escape the feeling of what such last times must always mean.

Phi has many spring days to keep in grateful remembrance. One bright afternoon in May we were entertained by Mrs. Foster, '83, a charter member of the chapter. The walk in the woods, the hill that was just high enough and not too high, to leave a pleasant memory with the climbers, and the sandwiches that restored strength to an appreciative company seated on the lawn, — these things cheer us when we indulge in retrospect. Then, on May 9, came the banquet which celebrated Phi's eighth birthday. It was a great pleasure that our rejoicing could be shared

by Mrs. Julia Ward Howe, our honorary member, by two of Epsilon's members, Miss Baumann and Miss Probasco, and by Miss Lougee of Psi. The name of Mrs. Howe brings back a day in the early spring, when she came to take afternoon — coffee with the chapter. Tea has the charm of a more feminine flavor perhaps, but truth must be preferred even to flavor, and truth compels the statement that Phi worships the coffee-urn rather than the teapot. That day is doubly memorable. In the morning Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes had come to the college and delighted us all by reading a number of his poems.

Phi's photograph, taken during the spring term, is considered a success. Our latest initiate, Alice Sheppard, appears in this picture, showing no signs of exhaustion from her solitary experience of initiation ceremonies.

As for honors that have fallen to our share, Annie Warren has been chosen senior proctor, Emilie Young and Agnes Chase assisted in the production of the junior annual, known as the *Hub*, Miss Young as an associate editor, Miss Chase as one of the business managers. Miss Young is editor-in-chief of the *Beacon*, our college magazine.

The class of '94 is reported to be encouragingly large. Room has been made for the new-comers and those who are no longer new to the University, by a much-needed addition to the college building. With convention to give a renewal of energy, Phi will return cheerfully to her labors, expecting to see good results.

CHI—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

"Spring" to students, brings thoughts of heat, dust, and long hours of study, quite unlike the spring of which the poets sing. The music of spring to Chi's ears was a weary monotone brightened by a few enlivening strains. Such were our two informal "evenings," one a progressive game party, and a day or two after, a dancing party. Having thus discharged our duties to the outside world, we decided to close the year with a final "jollity" among ourselves and, betaking ourselves to Lake Minnetonka for a two day's picnic, we took possession of two neighboring cottages, and surrendered ourselves to our own sweet wills.

This is Chi's last memory of herself as a "body corporate," for soon after her members were scattered to the winds, all bent on a happy vacation, but looking forward with pleasant anticipation to the reunion in the fall.

This reunion has taken place, but we have met with sorrow, not with joy, for Blanche, the name sweetly symbolic of the soul that bore it, has left us.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter two more — Lillian Balcom and Grace Swearingen — have been initiated into the mysteries known to those who wear the key alone.

Our chapter at present consists of nineteen members, but we fear that several will not return to us in the fall.

Harriet Bisbee was called home in the early part of the spring term by the serious illness of her mother. Gertrude Wilder, having had much trouble with her eyes, was also compelled to leave, but hopes to be with us again next year.

Our only senior, Ida M. Hill, was elected to the honorary society Sigma Xi.

In April, Psi entertained her friends in Sage Hall. The rooms looked very pretty, being decorated with flowers and Kappa's colors. Dancing constituted the programme of the evening.

Psi has been in an unusually good condition this term, and promises to keep its hold next year.

Photographs of the Convention can be obtained by sending name and address, with the price (\$1.00 each), to MISS CARRIE COLE, 1105 N. Main Street, Bloomington, Ill.

Editorial.

THE best of Convention, after all, was not recorded in the minutes, nor reported by committees, nor approved by vote of delegates. The best of Convention, like the best of fraternity, is something quite above and beyond any merely mechanical devices. And while it was important that there should be a redistribution of provinces, and renewed legislation against the initiation of preparatory students, it was much more important that the discussion of these same measures should bring into intimate relations women by birth and education so many miles apart.

However much is said of the "union of spirit," it is only through actual personal contact that we discover how little difference a thousand miles, more or less, make in the way that members of the same intellectual family act, and think, and live.

And though it seems a matter of little importance that we should return from Convention the richer by a new fashion in frocks, or a daintier method of serving sherbets, or even a novel interpretation of Browning; of utmost importance is the implied conclusion that one's own city or one's own set by no means monopolize all culture, or fashion, or social success.

The Editor does not wish, however, to be understood as decrying the worth of externals. Without doubt, the machinery of any fraternity, its organization, publications, and the like, do, to quite an extent, indicate its internal condition.

And as the chapter letters touch so lightly upon these phases of fraternity development, and as the Convention seems a convenient point from which to survey the two years preceding it, the Editor proposes to take a sort of informal account of stock.

First of all, as to chapters. Charters granted to applicants at Ohio State University and the University of Pennsylvania, in both of which institutions Kappa Kappa Gamma was the first women's fraternity in the

field, suggest a wise conservatism in the matter of extension. One charter, that of Omicron, Simpson College, was withdrawn.

A new ritual has greatly enhanced the effectiveness of initiations, while a new system of private semi-annuals, made out in printed forms, has kept each chapter informed of the condition of the rest.

Publications have been numerous and valuable; comprising a new song book, bound in blue and white, and containing many additional songs; a manual for the use of corresponding secretaries, issued by the Grand Secretary, two Kappa Kalendars with dainty covers of dark and light blue, containing dates of chapter establishments, and daily quotations from general and fraternity sources; and, last of all, the Catalogue, published only a few weeks ago.

The First Decennial Catalogue of Kappa Kappa Gamma is, with the exception of *THE KEY*, the most valuable publication yet issued by the fraternity. Two years of steady work on the part of its compilers have produced something like fifteen hundred brief biographies, arranged by chapters, but indexed both alphabetically and geographically — a feature that makes the book almost indispensable to any loyal Kappa on travelling intent. The Editor speaks from experience.

In make-up, the Catalogue is a neat, unpretentious, little volume, of one hundred and fourteen pages, bound up in the traditional blue — quite worthy of a place on the shelf beside the Song Book, the Kalendars, and *THE KEY*.

Once more *THE KEY* makes an earnest appeal to its contributors for Reminiscences, Alumnae Biographies, Chapter House Schemes, in fact for all that is practical, personal, and particular, as opposed to the merely general and theoretical. Specific treatment of specific subjects is what *THE KEY*, and indeed women's magazines in general, lack most. And it is precisely because of their failure to perceive the value of the specific, their tendency to deal in easy generalities, that the best of the women's magazines fall so far short of the standard set by the best of the men's.

It is not that the men have read more books, or seen more of life, or attained more elegant diction; but that they write understandingly of things about which people want to know. That, in a word, is the secret of successful journalism.

College papers, newspaper clippings and annuals are requested by THE KEY as sources of supply for the College and Fraternity News. The annuals in particular will receive careful attention and a final place among the Archives of the magazine.

Exchanges.

Few amateur magazines follow so closely in the wake of professional journalism as does the *Quarterly* of Phi Gamma Delta. Indeed one hesitates to apply the word amateur to a magazine so well balanced, and of such even excellence of workmanship. In the June number, for instance, the needs of the fraternities in general, and Phi Gamma Delta in particular, find ample recognition; the last in conventions, initiations, personals, and the like, the first in a number of able articles of which "The Law of Fraternity," an application to fraternity welfare of the economic principle; "Wealth in every form must be constantly renewed, must be maintained by continual production"; and "The Un-fraternity Man in the Chapter," are perhaps the most valuable.

From this last we have made a few selections as being of special value in the rushing season now at hand:

The species of the genus *homo*, which deranges the fraternity system so much is an anomalous creature. In the opinion of the public, his character may be without blemish, but the scrutinizing eye of the true Greek discovers that his nature is destitute of those superior qualities which separate Greek from barbarian. These minor virtues should ever be more diligently sought after than the more patent qualifications which are usually considered paramount to all others. Friendship, kindness, patience, modesty, nobleness and manliness in thought and act, should be prized far more than personal appearance, suavity of speech and address, and ability to master all social situations.

The one is given of God; the other, of man. From the second class is drawn our un-fraternity members. In the hurry and bustle incident to the rushing season, the chapter scouts captured him, and deceived by extravagant praise and undeserved exaltation, the members *in toto* are inveigled in to the belief that this neophyte is of

extraordinary ability and promise, and so he becomes one of their number. His golden qualities prove to be nothing more dazzling than gilt and the revolution in college circles predicted at his advent fails of consummation. He is simply a mediocre man. In the secret places of his chapter, piqued by failure to reach the place allotted to others, he manifests himself in a foreboding manner. The mask of hypocrisy is cast off and the kind and friendly companion becomes the cold and selfish fellow which a little more thorough character-analysis would have found him to be.

It is almost unnecessary to add that the individual under consideration as often as not wears petticoats and goes by the name of Meg or Mary.

It is in the exchange department, however, that the *Quarterly* shows the surest touch. The Table-Talker evidently works on the same principle that inspires Pater and Moulton, namely, that really valuable criticism should be inductive and appreciative, rather than destructive and derogatory. And, starting with this same principle as a text, we should like to preach a sermon to all Greek critics, something as follows: That criticism, and especially the criticism of fraternity magazines, should occupy itself with comparing methods and analyzing excellencies, rather than in picking flaws and ridiculing occasional lapses.

Of course, it is not in human nature, especially boy and girl nature, to resist cracking a joke now and then at the expense of some special idiosyncrasy of cover or language. But when it comes to continual squabbling, and petty fault-finding, one wishes to remind these would-be critics that the hammer-and-tongs style of criticism died with Jeffrey; and moreover, that the pages of a fraternity magazine are not designed for the waging of fraternity wars, but for the reflection and appreciation of all that is pertinent, timely, and of permanent value in fraternity life and aspirations.

If the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta has more that pertains to itself and its own interests, and less of what goes to make up an "all round" magazine than most of its contemporaries, it none the less demands serious consideration by dint of that same insistent individuality. A discussion of the alleged lifting of a chapter of Phi Delta Theta, by Delta Kappa Epsilon at the University of Minnesota, serves merely to strengthen the Greek world in the position already taken in the affair.

A remarkably sensible editorial is that one which states the characteristics to be desired in a Fraternity reporter, otherwise known as chapter correspondent.

"We insist that the man best fitted for the place is the one who is marked for the interest he takes in fraternity affairs, the one in the Chapter on whom you can always depend when there's a piece of "spiking" to be done, who is always present at the Chapter meeting, and who seems unusually well posted on all topics pertaining to the Fraternity.

"The department of Chapter correspondence does not admit of a great amount of rhetorical display, since its manuscript is often called for on short notice, and is subject to condensation by both author and editor. This being the case, the man whose zeal insures promptness in answer to all requirements, will more than over-

balance a reputed literary deficiency by the interest he takes in his work, and you will find that at the end of the year no one has contributed newsier, more readable, and interesting letters than he has. Elect him."

Action upon this advice would work wonders in the chapter letters of the average Greek letter magazine.

The writer hesitates to apply to the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* the well worn adjective "Epicurean." Yet none other suggests so nearly the atmosphere exuding from every page of the organ of Delta Kappa Epsilon. To read through those realistic accounts of banquets and banqueters, and brown-stone chapter houses, is to live over in imagination the days of one's childhood when sundry sniffs at the confectioner's window, or "peeks" at parties to which we were unbidden, induced the mournful reflection: "Lots of good times, and I'm not in them."

In striking contrast to the description of the Rochester chapter-house with its oak and ivory, its tapestry hangings and blue-and-silver dining-room, is the account of this earlier days of that same Chapter when "none of the boys boasted of wealth," and "a linen carpet, wooden-seated chairs and a pine table comprised the furniture."

The writer would, however, on no account imply that Delta Kappa Epsilon possessed less of dignity and earnest ambition, but rather more of the graces and elegances of existence than falls to the lot of the average Greek.

In the editorials, Delta Kappa Epsilon has its usual "set-to" with Beta Theta Pi, this time in regard to the so-called union of Beta Theta Pi with the "Mystic Seven," from which we are to infer that the union was merely with a "schism" and not with the true and only mystics, who are now united with Delta Kappa Epsilon, or drag out an unmated existence as a Senior Society at Wesleyan. All of which marriage and inter-marriage is decidedly confusing, but not without interest to the fraternity genealogist.

The June issue of the *Pi Beta Phi Arrow* is a convention number with more than the usual convention number's interest to outsiders. From the historical sketch of Pi Beta Phi it appears that the society was founded as a Roman Letter Sorosis at Monmouth College, April, 1867; that the first chapter founded by Monmouth was at Mt. Pleasant, Ia.; that the quiet life of the Sorosis was broken by the establishment of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Monmouth in 1870; that there are today twenty active chapters of Pi Beta Phi in existence; all of which proves, beyond a doubt, that Pi Beta Phi was the first women's society of more than local establishment, but fails to substantiate the claim made in the same article that the present Pi Beta Phi is the *oldest of all the Greek sisterhoods*.

If the *Arrow* is fairly representative, Pi Beta Phi is both earnest and energetic, and the kindly spirit manifested toward other fraternities in the pages of her

magazine is a pleasant change from the one-time tendency of women's magazines to "nag each," after the fashion attributed to woman-kind. One suggestion, though, we would make to the *Arrow*, at the risk of seeming to desert our own standard; that is, that in future the Exchange Editor, and the Editor in charge of chapter letters compare notes before the magazine goes to press. "Gush" is, without doubt, an undesirable characteristic of many women's journals; but even if the remedy were not worse than the disease, when the remedy consists of that one unpleasant word four times repeated in the course of one editorial, its force would be considerably impaired by the space devoted in the same magazine to — let us say — objectionable enthusiasm over "grubs" and "cookyshines" which, says one enthusiastic correspondent, "make all nature kin."

Members of Theta Delta Chi have surely a good opportunity to make the acquaintance of their alumni. The department of the *Shield* entitled "Our Graduates," gives in the June number information concerning fifty-four. Besides what is contained in this department, there are full accounts of the lives of Andrew H. Green, one of the founders of the fraternity, and Elbert S. Carman, an early member.

The editor adheres to his policy of admitting only such matter as bears upon the fraternity. Many of the subjects, however, are important to others besides Theta Delta. Honorary membership is discussed at length, with a quotation from the *Beta Theta Pi* as text. Apropos of the practice of seeking honorary members merely for the sake of the impression upon unsophisticated Freshmen, or in order to strengthen the chapter, the *Shield* remarks with justice: "Beside being antagonistic to the first principles of fraternity organization, it is decidedly unjust to other fraternities — to take the world as a vantage ground and capture men of fame for mercenary motives."

Also a good deal is said as to chapter-houses, and it is urged that the alumni bestir themselves to help in obtaining them. Since readers of THE KEY have lately had their attention called to this matter, we will give a practical suggestion from the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*, quoted in the *Shield* as expressing the editor's sentiments: "Either induce some of them (the alumni) to erect a house as an investment, or, as is probably more feasible, form a stock company and distribute stock among your graduates."

The request prefacing the charge letters, that these documents may be written on only one side of the paper, reminds us once again of the similarity of human trials. May the sufferings of the editor in that particular be lightened as speedily as were those of one of THE KEY editors after a notice to the same effect had been put forth.

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