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## KAPPA SONG.

*Air—Kentucky Babe.*

### I.

Sisters, let us sing again the joys of friendship sweet,  
Friendship, true and strong :  
All the love that fills our hearts when loyal Kappas meet  
Weave into our song !  
Sing the blue we've borrowed from the depths of summer skies,  
Sing the blue we've borrowed from the calm lake's darker dyes,  
Sing our gold key gleaming  
With its hidden meaning,  
Sing our love for thee—

### CHORUS.—

Kappa dear,  
Once again thy mystic vows we will all renew,  
Kappa dear,  
Once again we offer thee loyal hearts and true,  
Thine forever,  
Bound together  
In fraternity.

### II.

What the years may bring to us, which of us can tell,  
Whether weal or woe ?  
Lands and seas may sever wide friends we loved so well,  
Friends of long ago :  
Yet though happy college days shall fade into the past,  
Still within the fortress of my heart imprisoned fast,  
Failing, fading never,  
There shall live forever  
Love for K. K. G.

### CHORUS.—

### CHI.

**THE FIFTEENTH NATIONAL CONVENTION.**

The Fifteenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, eagerly anticipated, keenly enjoyed, belongs to the past. How can the hundreds of Kappas who read *THE KEY* be made to realize what the hundred Kappas enjoyed and learned at Columbus? From the many girls in the thrill of their first convention to the veterans of three or four, all found the week one of happiness. Former conceptions and ideals of fraternity were found insufficient, friendships which will be life long were formed, and from the convention came such inspiration as will be felt, not merely by those who were actually present, but by each of the different chapters, and which, widening, will touch the lives of our scattered alumnae.

To enjoy convention completely, one should have some excuse for coming a few days early. Then one sees behind the scenes, and realizes something of the thought and work necessary for a successful convention. Then one learns to know the girls of the entertaining chapter, and enjoys the excitement of meeting the visitors as they come, and feels something of the responsibility of welcoming them. If one is fortunate enough to be lodged, even temporarily, in the "Council House", there seems to be nothing more to be desired.

Beta Nu welcomed us royally. From the earliest train to the latest, groups of girls were at the stations. How good it seemed to recognize Kappas even before the key was visible !

The University of Ohio is located in the "North End" of Columbus, four miles from the business center, so it was not practicable for the girls to stay at any of the hotels. Beta Nu had therefore secured rooms in the pretty houses on the two avenues immediately in front of the campus, and the general meeting places were the cozy "Rest Room" in the main University building, and Mrs. McPherson's boarding house, which for the week was given over to the Kappas.

And the campus ! What words can describe it ? To those in less favored universities, it seemed boundless in extent, and the trees and ivy were a constant source of pleasure. Then the spring !—No wonder the water is good ; it could not be otherwise in so pretty a spot, where mossy rocks and ferns and trees abound.



Convention opened with the traditional informal reception at the home of Miss Pratt. What a pleasure this reception always is! The difficulty of introduction is done away with by the wearing of cards with name and chapter, and new friends are old friends, by virtue of the key, before the evening is over. It is an occasion to be remembered when you discover the girl you liked best of all at the '96 convention, or greet again the one with whom you have corresponded since '98. Not the least of the joys of the evening came from Mr. Auld in his gift of the convention pins. The silver fleur-de-lis of 1898 gave place to the gold button of 1900. You might have thought at first glance that it had patriotic significance, but embossed upon it was the key surmounting a fleur-de-lis and the inscription "Columbus, 1900".

On Wednesday morning came the opening session, held in the University Chapel. Colors and palms were everywhere and our matchless monogram occupied a conspicuous place in the decorations. On the piano was a great mass of asters, with greetings from the local chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, while vases of roses showed the remembrance of Phi Kappa Psi.

Let men and outsiders marvel if they will, how women can occupy a week at a fraternity convention. We know that it was a week full of business and busyness—a week which is epoch making in the history of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Surely no delegate can return to her chapter without feeling that she must take to it a broader realization of what the fraternity means, without feeling that she herself has grown in character because of the experiences of the week.

On Wednesday afternoon convention enjoyed the hospitality of the Ohio chapter of Pi Beta Phi. A charming reception was given and it was a pleasure thus to meet other Greeks.

Friday morning that unsatisfactory something known as the convention picture was taken. It is always a disappointment, for it never seems to do anybody justice, but it is something tangible to show the girls at home, and no one would fail to have one.

Friday evening came the great event socially. In the Gymnasium, resplendent with lights and flags, and suggestive with fraternity colors and emblems, a reception and ball was held.

President Thompson and his wife were of the receiving party, and the Greek world—masculine—assisted Beta Nu in giving the visiting Kappas a delightful evening. For this occasion the campus was illuminated, rows of gay Japanese lanterns marking the path to the spring, where lights twinkled from the crevices of the rocks and made water seem more tempting than punch or ices.

Saturday night was "Frat Night" on the printed programme and the name caused much speculation. It proved to be a splendid big fraternity meeting without any business. Every body had the best time imaginable. There was dancing and the singing of Kappa songs and much talking. Then in a solemn silence a man was ushered into the hall, and we were enraptured with the playing of Mr. Selwyn Pratt, a celebrated pianist, brother of one of Beta Nu's girls. Then there were songs and recitations and dancing, interspersed with fudge and welsh rare-bit while everybody admired the souvenir pennants—dark blue with a light blue monogram. All were sorry when the lights went out for such meetings as these are the pleasantest of convention.

Sunday Beta Nu deserved a rest, but her unflagging hospitality caused her to entertain, individually, many of the visitors, at dinner or tea, and also to see that others enjoyed drives over the miles of perfect paving. It was well worth while to see High Street in the glory of evening dress. The method of lighting the main street of Columbus is unique. Instead of the commonplace arc lights, steel arches closely set with incandescents span the street at intervals of half a block, as far as the eye can reach and the effect suggests a continual political ratification or a carnival.

Monday was the busiest day of all. Not merely the usual sadness of the last day characterized the closing session, but with the installation of the new council came to most of us, for the first time, the realization that as a fraternity we were parting with officers who for six years had served Kappa Kappa Gamma with such faithfulness and unselfishness as no organization has warrant to expect, much less a right to demand. It is not possible for the fraternity adequately to express its appreciation.

The closing banquet was to be at eight o'clock but it was



seven-thirty before the Grand President declared the Fifteenth National Convention adjourned. There was much scurrying into party gowns, and finally all were together again at the Chittenden and seated at the pretty tables arranged in the form of the Greek Kappa, where dainty name cards with pen and ink sketches by Beta Nu artists marked the places. Between courses the menu cards were passed for autographs, and wit and wisdom—not mere conventionality—came with the toasts. Marion Belle Slade, Lambda, who was to have been *Magister Epularum* was called home unexpectedly, but surely nothing could have been lost in the substitution of Elmie Warner from the same chapter, newly elected Grand Registrar.

The toast list was as follows :

Welcome.....	Mary Bole Scott, <i>Beta Nu</i>
"Welcome ever smiles, And farewell goes out a-sighing"	
Fleur-de-lis among the "rushes".....	Ellen A. Janney, <i>Chi</i>
" Tactful, talented, debonair. Decorous foes were they"	
Pan-Hellenism.....	Elizabeth Dinsmore, <i>Beta Iota</i>
" In faith and hope the world will disagree, But all mankind's concern is charity. All must be false that thwart this one great end, And all of God that bless mankind or men."	
Beta Lambda.....	Margaret Mann, <i>Beta Lambda</i>
" Hail, blooming youth ! May all your virtues with your years improve."	
?.....	Elizabeth Allen, <i>Beta Epsilon</i>
" ' The time has come' the walrus said, ' To talk of many things : Of shoes and ships and sealing-wax, Of cabbages and kings. ' "	
Kappa Men.....	Viola Pattiani, <i>Pi</i>
" Here's to those who love us—if we only cared ! Here's to those we'd love—if we only dared !"	
Double-Blue.....	Retiring Grand Council
" We pledge ourselves in blue, The blue of sky and sea, And for Kappa Kappa Gamma I'd lay me down and dee."	

But Columbus cars do not run all night, even to please the Kappas, and so with regret the parting song was sung, and each girl carried away to make more substantial the many pleasant memories, a Chittenden souvenir spoon.

And the next day we separated—all vowing to be at the next convention, but knowing, all too well, that the complete reunion will be but a dream.

Then let us look toward Ann Arbor and 1902. Let us hope that many of us may meet, but let us know that other Kappas inspired by the experiences which have been ours, will enjoy Beta Delta's hospitality and learn the fraternity lessons which can be learned only in this school of convention.

M. C. W., *Sigma*.

### SUMMER LESSONS.

The Kappa girl is usually an example of the ambitious type. She enters into her nine months of college work with zest and although taking up the fun of vacation with equal energy, does not mean that her vacation shall be idle. She plans work for the summer ; she promises herself to read many improving books ; if she is going to the country or to the seashore for an outing, she will keep up her botany and zoölogy, will take microscope and note book or at least sketch book and camera ; if she is to stay at home what wonders may she not hope to accomplish in cookery as well and what a number of Christmas gifts she will have ready by fall !

If this energy were exerted to the degree which she anticipates, she would be in danger of nervous prostration before the next commencement day ; but luckily for her health, the very act of planning such exemplary deeds gives a feeling of virtuous satisfaction that deludes one into forgetting the need of beginning them and it will not be strange if the middle of September finds her sadly conscious of her sins of omission.

This is as it should be ; she gets enough of book lessons at college ; the acquisition of tanned face and hands during a summer outing is more profitable than mastering the contents of one hundred most instructive dull tomes. But the trite saying that one's education never ceases, is at no time truer than in the summer. There are lessons that one can learn then which a college curriculum does not include, and the girl who cannot spare time from text-book lessons to con these is to be pitied indeed.



To travel is in itself an education and that not in proportion to the number of miles one journeys. Let us leave out of account as self-evident the culture to be gained from Dame Nature's course of forest and sunshine, water and starlit sky.

In the book of human nature are lessons to be found quite as valuable as these. Unless the Kappa is a confirmed grind, and is tolerated as such by her family, whether she travels or not the summer will bring a more or less complete change in her habits. Instead of passing most of her time with her books, she will spend it with people, and usually none of them are the dear friends of her college life. These closest friends talk to her now only through letters; other people become the most prominent if not the beloved members of her circle. Changing one's way of living, breaking in upon the monotone of fixed and settled habits and, most important of all, intercourse with different kinds of people—all this means the possibility of greatly widening one's mental horizon.

Isn't it a lesson worth learning to adapt one's self to others? to fit gracefully into new and perhaps distasteful surroundings? And can the tactful ease of the perfect gentlewoman be gained more thoroughly than by actual intercourse with other people?

We hear often of the training a girl gets in fraternity life; for example, that living in the fraternity house has the advantage of rubbing off her disagreeably sharp corners. The summer boarding house or hotel offers discipline not nearly so pleasant, but perhaps more effectual. In the fraternity house she is with congenial friends; in the summer resort she may be thrown into contact with people whom she feels her inferiors in education, manners and moral standards. How can she converse without shuddering with a woman who makes grammatical blunders every few minutes; what does she care about the troubles Mrs. Crossman has had with her maids, and the teeth of the ugly Brown baby do not interest her in the least. Mr. Smart's everlasting witticisms and ceaseless giggle of approval thereat are maddening, so also Miss Gusher's simpering interest in him and the other men. Now I don't say that under the roof so fortunate as to shelter the Kappa, will beside be found only the illiterate, the tiresome, the ill-bred and the silly; but it will be strange if there are not some representatives of these classes and

in spite of the fact that "like seeks like" she will find that she cannot always escape their society without pronounced rudeness on her own part.

But now is a chance for her to learn some important lessons. The ease with which she will learn them will depend a good deal upon her own disposition and attitude. If she goes among these people feeling herself a superior being, she will probably learn nothing more than that there are persons in the world who have never heard of her college and don't care a rap for colleges any way—to say nothing of Greek letter fraternities; but if she tries honestly to be friendly and to put herself and her own affairs into the background and to take an interest in the other people's affairs she will learn much more and she will be happier too. She may learn to change her mind in regard to the essential characteristics of a gentleman or gentlewoman. She will find if she is a keen observer that there is some good in every one; that the mere external accidents of birth and education can not make any one inferior or superior. There are few people who will not repay tactful, sympathetic, sincere interest on her part by revealing strength and beauty of character that she can admire. If she can learn to look through the outside circumstance of uncouth manner and mode of expression, to see the soul's nobility beneath, she will have learned an invaluable lesson and wearing the key will have a new significance to her.

Of course there are the few with whom one would have to live for years to find in them one lovable trait. But some of them are very instructive. One summer I had the misfortune (as I thought it then) to spend several weeks in the same house with a man who belonged to this class. I have him to thank for an idea, which the more I think of it, seems suggestive enough to be amplified into a good fraternity sermon. He was an extremely disagreeable man. No doubt dyspepsia had much to do with his boorishness; but in perfect bodily health he must still have been common, selfish and irritable. Soon after his arrival, with wife and family, the presence of strangers proved no restraint upon his temper. He was constantly annoyed by the activity of his children; would scold and snap at them, threatening all sorts of punishments; would storm and sneer insultingly at his wife—in fact, make existence unhappy for her and the children and incidentally for



every one else within hearing of his voice. But I noticed this curious fact : other people's children did not disturb him ; they might be as pert and noisy as his own and he would still smile blandly. Moreover any woman but his timid little wife might make foolish remarks without fear of exciting his ridicule. His politeness was assumed ; he was a hypocrite, you may say. Very true, but since the atmosphere was pleasanter and seemed safer to breathe while he was in his hypocritical mood, every one preferred hypocrisy to sincerity in his case. We tried even to hide our distaste for his company and to treat him with studied courtesy—this not only to give him an object lesson in the usages of good society ; we were restrained from displaying our aversions by the identical considerations that made him sweet-tempered to us.

I suspect that close scrutiny would discover in ourselves germs which could develop into this man's prominent traits, not his ferocity, perhaps, but refined cruelty is cruel still. Isn't every one apt to be careless of the feelings of his immediate family, sometimes, too, of those whom he calls his dearest friends? Doesn't the free and easy intercourse of intimacy lapse at times into rudeness as presumptuous as it is unkind? I can speak to my sister with a cruel frankness which I would not dare employ in addressing a mere acquaintance. I explain and excuse my rudeness by the fact that she is my sister. An explanation, yes ; but an excuse, never !

But usually it is not that we speak unkind words ; it is that we neglect to speak the kind ones. How easy it is to overlook the little kindnesses because one is longing for some great act of heroism to show one's devotion ! The Kappa would willingly die for her Kappa sister, still if Mrs. Grundy whispers that that sister has done thus and so, she may believe the old lady, and although she may say, only in thought, "*I would never do that,*" the sister will feel reproach in her very silence. Why is not her devotion so real that instantly that thought shall be followed by this : "*Since I know that I would not do that thing, I know, too, that my sister did not?*"

There is nothing harder to bear than injustice from a person one loves, and what injustice can be more cruel than that a friend should without hesitation believe one capable of a dishonorable act. Think how it would hurt you—the implication in word or

glance or surprised silence that the girl with whom you plighted faith a few short weeks before is ready now to believe any evil of you.

Surely the Kappa who has once clearly seen the hideousness of such behavior will be more careful to show her love for those nearest and dearest to her. The closer the tie that binds two people, the more outspoken should be the expression of their affection. The greater should include the less; the close tie of relationship or plighted troth should insure the outward appearance of civility and courteous consideration.

The Kappa who has learned thoroughly the lessons that have been before her in the summer will return to college and chapter to enter upon a happier and better year than any she has lived before. The vacation lessons are worth studying.

M. H. H., *Beta Alpha.*

#### ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF CHARTERS.

Among the subjects suggested in the April KEY for discussion before the Lincoln Convention was the revocation of charters. At first thought the withdrawal of a charter seems an act to be avoided if possible, a duty painful to the fraternity, cruel to the unfortunate chapter on trial. Yet we ought to realize the matter is one in which all feelings of pity and leniency should be sternly crushed, and the good of the fraternity as a whole alone considered. We must remember that from the fraternity a chapter draws little or no strength, but that on the strength of the individual chapters all the power of the fraternity depends. The mere possession of a charter from Kappa Kappa Gamma can not raise to honorable prominence, to a high standard of character, a chapter whose membership has deteriorated; but the existence of such a chapter is a weakening and dangerous burden for the reputation and standing of our fraternity. It is doubly harmful, for the sight of a chapter of low standard would strike a fatal blow at our rank in the minds of the outer world; and, on the other hand, the knowledge that there may be, in the bonds with us, women with whom we should be entirely uncongenial, and whom we should hardly care to recognize as friends, would have a most baneful effect upon the loyal affection which



should bind us to all our wide sisterhood. The fraternity exists only in its chapters ; and if we allow the chapter standard to fall low, there is absolutely nothing inherent in Kappa Kappa Gamma which can keep us in our present honorable ranking. Let us realize, then, the vital necessity of a stern performance of our duty in this matter. Whenever we learn, by indubitable proof, or from undisputed authority, that a chapter has fallen below the standard we hope to maintain—a standard set not by social position or wealth or even scholarship, but rather by the innate fineness of character in a girl that makes us willing to clasp her by the hand and call her friend—when we learn that this standard is not attained, then let us allow no scruples to prevent the immediate revocation of the undeserved charter. Better a half-dozen chapters of congenial members and honored ranking, than crowded provinces struggling in insignificance and inferior membership !

V. C. G., *Beta Epsilon*.

## *Alumnae Department.*

### *THE DENVER ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.*

Denver, always progressive and up to date, is proud to announce to you the establishment of her Alumnae Association. Through the efforts of Mrs. Sechrist and Mrs. Parce we met and were entertained at Mrs. Sechrist's home on May first. Since then Mrs. McClees and Mrs. Healy have both entertained the embryo chapter. Other associations will appreciate from their own experience how much we enjoy our own and it would be hard to find one more loyal and enthusiastic.

Besides the affairs of our own chapter we have been much interested at our meetings in the efforts of the Alethea girls at Boulder to secure a Kappa Kappa Gamma charter. Even though we are out of college our interest in our society has not decreased. On May fifth, nine of us were entertained by the thirteen Alethea girls. We went to Boulder on the morning train and were met at the station by carriages. Thence we were taken through the town and later to inspect the grounds and buildings of the Colorado University. The town is more than ordinarily pretty and the college campus is correspondingly picturesque. The grounds are ample in extent, and the buildings, some six or eight in number, are commodious and well arranged. There are housed here the various academic departments and also those of law, medicine, mechanical, civil and electrical engineering. The campus commands in one direction a view of a charming wheat and fruit raising region, in another the town itself, and in still another, most varied and beautiful of all, a series of pine-clad hills rising abruptly to the great continental chain of the Rockies. Scarcely more than a mile away is the mouth of Boulder Canon, one of the prettiest in Colorado. If there is any inspiration in environment, it should operate here to the fullest extent.

At one o'clock an elaborate luncheon was served to more than thirty guests at the home of Prof. DeLong, whose daughter is an Alethea. Several prominent women of the University, including the wife of President Baker, were among the guests. These assisted later at a reception given for us that we might meet the Delta Gammas and Pi Beta Phis.



We found that the Alethea girls had a surprising amount of true fraternity spirit for an unchartered society. They appeared to have the necessary and desirable social qualifications, but of course, of other things, we could judge only superficially.

We returned to Denver feeling that we had passed a most pleasant and memorable day. On account of the summer's scattering we do not meet again until September first. Knowing that all chapters are interested in the whereabouts of their former members, I enclose a list of our Denver Kappas:

Theta, Miss Monta J. Boyer; Beta Beta, Miss Alice Grace; Omega, Mrs. Inez Taggart Parce; Omega, Mrs. Caroline Fisher McClees; Beta Zeta, Miss Gertrude F. Wood; Tau, Mrs. Sarah Howland Healy; Psi, Mrs. Milo Tupper Maynard; Sigma, Mrs. Hattie Babcock Sechrist; Sigma, Mrs. Adell Stratton Scott; Sigma, Miss Alice G. Maitland; Kappa, Miss Cynthia Simpson; — Miss Jane Morrison; Nu, Mrs. Park Cavis.

ALICE G. MAITLAND.

### *THE KAPPA CLUB OF BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS.*

The Kappa Club of Bloomington, Ill., begins its sixth year's work September 27, 1900, having been organized November 22, 1895. The first year was devoted to the study of American authors, the second to English poets, the third to Russia, the fourth and fifth to Shakespeare, and this year we have planned a course of study on Holland.

The officers of the club for the year 1900-1901 are: President, Emily Beath Welch (Mrs. Frank), 814 N. Main St., Bloomington; vice-president, Miss Irene Bassett, 508 S. Fell Ave., Normal, Ill.; secretary and treasurer, Stella M. Cole (Mrs. Charles), 513 N. School St., Normal, Ill. The membership is seventeen and the programme for the year is as follows:

#### SEPTEMBER 27—MRS. COLE.

Geography of Holland.....Miss Adams  
 Dykes and Canals.....Miss Bassett

#### OCTOBER 11—MISS BASSETT.

Early Inhabitants.....Mrs. Cole  
 Charlemagne.....Miss Cole

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## OCTOBER 25—MISS ADAMS.

The Age of Feudalism.....	Miss De Motte
The Effect of the Crusades.....	Miss Loudon

## NOVEMBER 8—MISS LITTLE.

The Cods and the Hooks.....	Mrs. Hall
The House of Burgundy.....	Miss Jones

## NOVEMBER 22—MRS. PARRITT.

The Duke of Alva and the Inquisition.....	Miss Tryner
Review of "The Burgomaster's Wife".....	Mrs. Ferguson

## DECEMBER 6—MISS TRYNER.

Erasmus.....	Mrs. Parritt
William of Orange.....	Miss Parritt

## DECEMBER 20—MRS. FERGUSON.

Hugo de Grotius.....	Miss Probasco
Eighty Years' War.....	Mrs. Shreve

## JANUARY 10—MISS LOUDON.

Holland's Historical Connection with England.....	Mrs. VanLeer
Religious Strife.....	Mrs. Welch

## JANUARY 24—MISS DE MOTTE.

Old Dutch Masters.....	Miss Adams
Government of Nineteenth Century.....	Miss Bassett

## FEBRUARY 7—MISS JONES.

Literature and Music.....	Mrs. Cole
Dutch Customs and Characteristics.....	Miss Cole

## FEBRUARY 21—MRS. VANLEER.

Industries.....	Miss De Motte
Amsterdam.....	Mrs. Hall

## MARCH 7—MISS COLE.

Queen Wilhelmina.....	Miss Jones
Delft.....	Miss Little

## MARCH 21—MISS PROBASCO.

Dutch Discoveries and Colonies.....	Miss Loudon
What Americans Owe to Holland.....	Mrs. Parritt

## APRIL 4—MRS. HALL.

Universities and Schools.....	Miss Parritt
Myths and Superstitions.....	Miss Tryner

## APRIL 18—MISS PARRITT.

Modern Painters.....	Mrs. Shreve
The Hague.....	Mrs. VanLeer

## MAY 2—MRS. WELCH.

Business Meeting.....	Election of Officers.
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## PERSONAL NOTES.

## PHI.

Lida Scovil Penfield, '94, is teaching in the Ogontz School, Ogontz, Pa.

Helen M. Armstrong, '96, is teaching stenography in the Melrose, Mass., High School.

Demetria Simmons, '00, is teaching Greek and Latin at Ware, Mass.

Jessie Grieves is teaching French in the Normal School, Plymouth, N. H.

## BETA EPSILON.

August 30, at "The Rocks", Newport, Elsie W. Clews, '96, was married to Mr. Herbert Parsons, of New York City.

## PSI.

Beulah G. Morgan, 1900, is attending the Albany Normal School.

Elizabeth Bump, '95, is teaching English and History in the Plattsburg, N. Y. Normal School.

Anna Van Benschoten, '94, sailed September 19 from Baltimore and goes to Göttingen where she will join Grace Swearingen, '93, who is studying philology there. Miss Van Benschoten is to study mathematics with Professor Klein.

Antoinette Lawrence, '89, is teaching history in the Yonkers, N. Y. High School.

## BETA NU.

Ellen B. Talbot, '90, is Professor of Philosophy in Mt. Holyoke College, Mass.

Ada M. Basterdes, '90, is teaching in the State Normal School at Wisconsin.

Mrs. Maud Smithe Chalmers whose former home was the Congregational Parsonage, Port Huron, Mich., is now living at 590 Beach St., Manchester, N. H.

## KAPPA.

Shirley Smith, '90, sailed in August for India where she is to spend ten years in missionary work.

## DELTA.

At Bloomington, Ind., September 5, Elizabeth Hewson, '93, was married to Mr. Robert C. Brooks, Instructor in Economics at Cornell University.

## IOTA.

Laura Beazell, ex-'95, who has been engaged in Christian Association work in the western colleges has gone to Rome, Italy, for five years, where she is to teach in the Methodist Mission School.

## ETA.

At Madison, Wis., August 22, Harriet Remington, '88, who was formerly Instructor of German in the University, was married to Mr. Gordon Laird, Professor of Greek at Wisconsin.

## SIGMA.

On June 13, Eva Katherine Ricketts, '96, was married to Mr. Ernest Clinton Folsom, at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Mariel C. Gere, '95, has been appointed Instructor in Chemistry at the Lincoln High School.

## BETA ETA.

Anna H. Martin, has leave of absence from her teaching at the University of Nevada and is now traveling in Europe.

## OMEGA.

The engagement of Annie Louise MacKinnon, '89, Professor of Mathematics at Wells College to Mr. Edward Fitch, Professor of Greek at Hamilton College is announced.



### *The Parthenon.*

Just as the fraternity and the several chapters are about to enter upon another year's work, the acquisition of new girls becomes the first question of paramount interest ; for upon the personnel of girls obtained depends the character and stamp of the chapter. The majority of girls who go to college, go with the intention of being there at least two years. The presence in a chapter for two years of, say two or more indifferent, unsympathetic, or, in other words, weak girls will tear down a chapter faster than any other one agency.

We all know the class of girls we most desire for Kappas. The "all-around girl," not the girl of extremes, the book-worm nor the society butterfly, but the girl who can combine these two diverse elements in the most all-sustaining harmony. We would be Greeks in nature as well as in name and follow the Greek ideal of harmony of body, mind and soul. We want the bright, studious, energetic, sympathetic, ambitious girl.

#### **Qualifications of New Girls.**

If she is brainy, athletic, artistic or musical so much the better ; but whatever she may be she must be congenial to us. She must appeal to our sympathies and we to hers, between us there must be cordial sympathy or all else fails. If we cannot cherish and love her as a sister and a friend there can be no real, true benefit to either of us in what is only a nominal friendship.

Closely akin to this subject and following hand in hand with it is that of intelligent and independent voting. We must vote and feel free to vote as we think and feel best. We must not be pushed, either by an individual member or the fraternity as a whole. No honest girl will allow what she knows to be mere prejudice to keep a girl out of the fraternity whom she has reason to feel the chapter is anxious to have ; but, on the other hand, by refusing to vote for a girl she honestly does not want, though the whole chapter may, she may be the cause of averting a mistake that might arise at some future time and for which she would feel herself to blame.

It is only right and proper that a member favoring a girl under discussion should present her good points in the most favorable light ; but at the same time the unfavorable side must not be concealed. After a frank and open discussion, each one must decide

for herself and by herself how she will vote. Neither before nor after should her vote be known. If a black ball occurs, no one ought to know at whose door it should be laid. We cannot be too careful in choosing girls whom we are to hold in the closest bonds of friendship and love.

IDA HOWARD, *Theta*.

Soon after initiation, a new member often feels that she has been dropped, and grieves that she is of no service to her sisters. This difficulty might be obviated by entrusting to the new girls all offices possible except that of president  
**Office Holding.** and of corresponding secretary. The timid yet conscientious freshman will perform the duties as well as an older girl, and will be gratified by taking an active part in fraternity life.

C. H., *Sigma*.

Cramming up in a week for the annual examination is a custom of many fraternities. Why would it not be a good plan to read a proportion of the archives at each regular meeting? Moreover, questions on the part that has been read  
**Examinations.** at the previous meetings might be handed to each girl, and a small fine imposed on all who fail to answer correctly. In this way the members will become familiar with the written matter, and by the end of the year they will have acquired knowledge adequate for the test.

C. H., *Sigma*.

A new thought was suggested to me by a remark which a fraternity girl of my acquaintance made to a friend who was not acquainted with college fraternities. She had been inquiring about their organization and aim, and at the close of her explanation the fraternity girl said: "Of course that is the ideal fraternity. This remark set me thinking and wondering how far our fraternity at large and our chapters and the fraternity life of each girl, are from our ideals of them, and if we were all trying our best to bring ourselves up to the standard.

**The Ideal and the Real.** Of course in the ideal fraternity every girl is desired by all before she enters, and in the fraternity each girl is near and dear



to each and every one. Is this always true? Do we always try to bring it about? Do we always thoughtfully consider each one proposed for membership and feel assured that she is such a girl as we can learn to love by knowing her more, or do we often take in a girl because a few of the members are anxious for her while the rest scarcely know her? Then in the chapter, do we always try to become better acquainted with the girl to whom perhaps we do not feel so much drawn as to some others, or do we show an inclination to form little cliques of those most intimate and thereby know less and less of those outside of our particular circle? Of course we cannot help having a deeper affection for some than for others, but we can help letting this prevent us from knowing and loving all of our sisters. In the ideal fraternity every girl is anxious to do everything in her power to advance a sister and is just as anxious to hide her faults and short-comings. No doubt we intend to always live up to this but all of us are apt to get a little thoughtless and selfish and how hard we should strive to overcome this tendency!

But on the other hand we ought not to get discouraged and disheartened in thinking over our short comings. It is by far the better plan, once in a while to think over things just as they are, to examine ourselves thoroughly and when we have found out where we fall short, then to seek a remedy and go to work again with renewed energy. Let us always set our standard a little higher than we reach and then all strive together, sincerely and hopefully to get as near the ideal as possible.

ELEANOR W. THAYER, *Beta Tau.*

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Look without, not within, is the cry we chapters send to one another. Be not exclusive, but inclusive! Let no charge of selfishness, insincerity, or dishonor, be brought against you! Let your college feel your influence, the breadth and strength of your spirit! Work ever outward!

Inward, then	Thus we are constantly urging one another to live less within ourselves, and more in the larger, fuller life around us. Thus we speak to one another of the reachings-out that are strong within us all; and thus we confess that these reachings-out are never realized as we would have them realized. To the
Outward.	

inwardness of our chapter life we impute the failures. Are we just in so doing?

Let us test our inward life: that so engrosses us. Does all go well there? Have chapter officers been wisely, conscientiously chosen? Is the routine work so necessary to the health and strength of the chapter, running on smoothly, uninterrupted? When there is work to be done, routine or otherwise, do all bear a helping hand, and so get done with it the sooner? When we are rushing, do we each and every one hold fast to our policy? Are we sincere, above board, conservative? Do we live the vows we repeat as each initiate enters? Do we cultivate in the smallest matters of our every day life the spirit of love and loyalty?

And so having tested, and discovered just where we stand in our chapter life, just in what our so-called inwardness consists, we have taken the first step in advance. Self knowledge has given us strength and improvement comes easily. The chapter, with its efficient officers, its willing and never ending service, its principles steadfastly held, with the conservatism that makes for unity and its heart culture that makes for harmony, at last finds itself based upon a solid foundation, over which the current of its life, the inward life—flows so swiftly and evenly that there is thought and energy to spare for the outward life, as well as the time and strength to put this thought and energy into concerted and effective effort. So, through the life better lived, not less, do we hope to live the larger, fuller life, to rise to the accomplishment of higher aims, the fulfillment of nobler aspirations.

E. M. H., *Beta Eta*.

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So much has been said on the subject of the alumnae, their rights and their duties, that by this time most of us of the active membership are willing to admit these rights and most of our alumnae are ready to grant these duties. But I think that sufficient stress has not yet been laid upon the important meaning of the relationship between active and alumnae members and upon the part such a relation would bear in the ideal fraternity toward which we are all striving.

**Rights and Duties  
of Alumnae Members.**

In the first place the alumnae point of view is different from



ours and we need it to complete our own. Women who have finished their college life look upon its problems very differently from those who are in the midst of it and they are apt to see these problems much more clearly. At any rate, more than one view of a matter is necessary in order to deal fairly with it and our alumnae supply a point of view which our active members, in the nature of things, cannot furnish.

In the second place, the fraternity should be looked upon, not as composed alone of women who are at present in college, but as a great organization made up of women of all degrees of experience ranging from those who left college many years ago to freshmen whose knowledge of fraternity life and affairs is just beginning. In such an organization the constant development of the individual enriches the life of the whole and will surely produce more effective results than one in which the members after reaching a certain stage of growth, either drop out entirely, that is, in all but name, or become at best only a loosely connected adjunct of a body of which they ought to form an intimate and essential part.

*Beta Epsilon.*

Perhaps in starting for convention all of us have considered deeply or otherwise the question of who shall be our Grand President, and very naturally we immediately think of one of those splendid women of our own chapter alumnae, than whom we are sure no better could be found to fill the position. And we wonder if there could be any chance of putting her in office, and tingle with pride at the thought of the chapter being so honored. Meanwhile, we completely forget that the alumnae of other chapters boast their capable women also, who in their opinion are perfectly suited for the place. As we encounter this truth, it is to be hoped that the struggle between chapter honor and fraternity welfare will end in only one way—perfect impartiality and fair voting for the one whom we truly feel is the right one. This is only an example to illustrate what will happen and has happened every college year, when class elections take place. Shall we vote for a girl of our fraternity simply because she is such when we fully realize that

**Qualifications of  
Grand Officers.**

another is more capable? It is a great temptation, but let us do the fair thing as we expect others to do, and be sure the chapter honors *will* come, as the chapter deserves them. Let our endeavor be *to* deserve them.

J. E. T., *Beta Iota*.

It was at commencement time, that season of glad reunions, and half a dozen girls, each wearing on her breast the golden key, were gathered in the parlor of a Kappa home. The world thought that they had come from near and far to attend the triennial reunion of their class but each knew in her own heart that

**The Round  
Letter.**

other and stronger ties than those of class had drawn them, and the one who had travelled nine hundred miles for the sake of this happy week voiced the thought of all as she said,

"Girls, if it were not for the fraternity, I should not be back in Wooster this year."

Three years had passed since they had said farewell to college circles and had hit upon a happy solution of that vexed question, the alumnae and the chapter. They were not strangers to the events which had transpired in the chapter since their departure, they knew the names of the new girls and their special virtues; a minute knowledge of the last rushing season with its triumphs and defeats was theirs; they had heard of the success of the last party; when they entered again the familiar chapter-hall, they were prepared for the changes that met their eye. And the fairy which had whispered all this in their ear was the "Round Letter."

The ten members going out from Beta Gamma in '97, instituted this circular letter and since that time the precious packet has made its steady round. It is a red letter day indeed in the lives of those ten Kappas when the R. L. arrives with its news of far-away sisters. From Manila come descriptions of strange life and customs in the Philippine Islands. From Wellesley, fascinating accounts of life in that delightful spot. The two matrons of the circle bestow unlimited quantities of advice upon the less experienced sisters, and the school-marms discuss all matters relating to their profession from self-government down to



vertical hand-writing. And the one who still dwells within the shade of her alma mater knows that however tedious her contribution might seem to uninitiated minds, its contents are eagerly welcomed by all for the news it contains of the dearly-loved chapter. This idea has also been adopted by the six graduates of 1900 and their letter has already made several rounds in the short time that has elapsed since they parted, the one resident member keeping them faithfully informed as to all the doings of the chapter.

Why cannot this plan which Beta Gamma has found both practical and delightful be adopted by the alumnae of other chapters? It not only enables us to keep up an active friendship with our Kappa classmates, with all of whom it might perhaps be impossible to maintain an individual correspondence, but, by following the plan of always having a resident member one of the circle, be she a member of our particular class or no, we are kept in touch with the active chapter and come to feel as a reality that,

"The tender ties that bind us are more strong than iron bands.

Neither time nor space can part us though we dwell in distant lands."

E. McS., *Beta Gamma*.

I believe that too many girls join a fraternity while ignorant of its real spirit and aims. They come from places where they have often heard fraternities mentioned and many of their acquaintances have been members, and they go to college hoping that they may form some such pleasant association. Learning

**Spirit and Aims  
of the Fraternity.**

to know the members of the rival chapters quite well, a new girl comes to feel that she is prepared to decide which fraternity will bring her the greatest good during her college life.

Perhaps to some extent she is, because she can in some measure judge which associates are going to be the most congenial and helpful to her during that time.

But her course will seldom last more than four years, and the fraternity association should be such that it will be a blessing through life. Should she by chance unite with an exceptionally strong chapter of a fraternity which perhaps is nationally weak,

her college days might be most pleasant, but the benefits of fraternity life would practically end with the completion of her course.

On the contrary, should she join a nationally strong fraternity, through the years to come her badge would bring her helpful and delightful associations; if she went as a stranger to a city, she would yet find friends whose loyalty to their fraternity would lead them to make her new abode a home to her.

So it seems to me that when we are pledging new girls, it should be our duty and responsibility to acquaint them with the national condition and standards of our fraternity, and to do it whether they ask us or not, for many girls do not realize that they should inquire.

This should not be construed to mean that the conditions of rival fraternities should be set forth and comparisons made. Simply let our new girls come to us with a knowledge, not only of what we are in one chapter, but what we are as a closely bonded sisterhood of more than thirty-five hundred girls, extending from ocean to ocean.

LUCY B. ELY WILLCOX, *Beta Lambda*.



## *Chapter Letters.*

### *ALPHA PROVINCE.*

#### PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Late September finds us back at college and as full of life as we found ourselves one evening in June, when twenty Kappas seated around a bonfire on North Scituate beach, hailed high tide with the Kappa call. For two weeks, at Elizabeth Palmer's invitation we made merry at the Palmer Cottage. We had with us Elizabeth Hunter's grandmother for chaperone and Elizabeth Palmer's sister Cecile.

June is a good month for such a time, as not many of the cottages are open, and we can do about as we like.

There were so many of us this year, that we didn't attempt to do our own cooking, but had a cook and her daughter, who answered very well for a second girl when we wished to be stylish.

Bathing suits were in order at any and every time of day. Here's to another such time next year !

Earlier in June we had our picnic at the home of Helen Forbes, '98, and enjoyed the shore there as we did at Scituate later.

Best wishes to all for the coming year !

#### BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

By the time this greeting of Beta Epsilon to her sister chapters is read, what a fever of discussion we shall all be in, over the doings of the summer and the prospects of the coming winter ! Convention, good times of the vacation past, freshmen, good, bad, and indifferent, will keep us busy for some time to come. Let us see that these talks of ours bring forth the best possible results.

As usual, we Beta Epsilon girls are keeping in touch by means of our Round Robin. Then too, some of us have the good fortune to be near each other. Others of us have not laid eyes on a Kappa the summer long—but perhaps that will make us all the more joyful when we reunite in the autumn.

Our best wishes to all for the busy months to come !

## BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

By the purchase during the summer months of Maplehurst, the residence of Mr. Lynde, the Beta Beta Chapter House has been permanently established. When President Gunnison decided to occupy the house which the chapter had taken as a temporary abode, the alumnae and active members sought for a house which would fulfill all the requirements of a spacious and ideal chapter house, and as a result Maplehurst was purchased. It had seemed that in our devotion to our chapter our happiness was truly great, but now that we have our own home we feel thrice blessed.

On the evening of July 16th the active members in town, the alumnae and the Kappa husbands gave a delightful banquet to Mr. Edmund A. Whitman of Cambridge.

Mina Freeman, ex-'01, and Herbert Eggleston were married June 25th.

On Thursday evening of commencement week Sybil E. Bailey, '97, and J. Frank Arnold, '96, were married.

The Master's degree was given commencement day to Jessie Dell Stearns, '97, in Latin and German, and to Antoinette Foster, '96.

The class entering in September is expected to be the largest that has yet entered the university.

All the active girls of the chapter will return in the fall, except Mae Emma Stearns, who will study music in Boston.

## PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

In this time of expansion, each new year at Cornell brings the same tale of more students, and, as statistical prophets are saying that the entrance class will have, at least, seven hundred members, we are not on the anxious seat as to numerical prospects. Where there are so many, the difficulty seems to be rather in deciding at the outset whom we are to rush, and which girls will be most happy and harmonious in Psi chapter.

Only five of last year's girls are to be back this term, but we are rejoicing over the return of Annette Austin, who was at Cornell year before last, and we hope also to see much of Mrs. Brooks of Delta, and Miss Hastings of Gamma Rho, who are to be in Ithaca this year.



We are happy, too, that Mrs. Barr, one of our alumnae, has returned to us. For the past year she has been in Europe, and it has caused the girls a genuine pang to go by her house, where they have always gone for wise and loving counsel, and to find closed to them a door, whose latch string has always hung out for the Kappa Gammas.

All in all we feel that the year promises both happiness and prosperity, and we hope that these promises will soon be made good, and we shall be able in the next KEY to give an account of ourselves, and our part in this autumn campaign.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau wishes to add her greeting to those of her sister chapters.

Before this letter appears in THE KEY, the girls of Beta Tau will be reunited in their beloved chapter house glad to enter upon the pleasures and the hard work of another college year. How good it will seem for us all to gather once more in a chapter meeting and how we shall enjoy hearing about the convention.

To go back to the pleasant memories of last commencement time, the alumnae rally so long planned for was a grand success.

A large number of the sons and daughters of Syracuse returned to their Alma Mater and among them we welcomed a goodly number of Kappas. At the alumni banquet, held on the campus, Chancellor Day surprised and delighted everyone by announcing that a handsome new building, the gift of Lyman C. Smith, the first vice-president of the board of trustees, is to be erected for the engineering department.

Our Kappa Alumnae banquet was like the former ones a great pleasure and inspiration to us all. This year we followed the example of some of the other chapters and had a Kappa picnic just before we left for home. It was a day long to be remembered and we heartily advise any who have not done so, to follow the same plan.

The corresponding secretary has only seen two of the girls this summer but we have had two Round Robins going about, so that the first might also be last and not complain as they did last summer that those who were last had all the fun. Judging from

their letters the girls are all getting nicely rested and are eager for the campaign next fall.

We had two pledglings, both sisters of Kappas, when we closed last term and we expect to introduce them to you with some other new sisters next time. May we and all the chapters be successful beyond our fondest hopes !

#### BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

As the long vacation days are fast hurrying to a close we are glad that college will soon open again—glad because that means a reunion of the Kappas in their little chapter room. During the summer the girls, for the most part, have been scattered, one in this place, another in that, but there have been times when, perhaps, two, or again three or four Kappas, could spend a day together. These meetings, in addition to the comfort which pens and paper afford, have kept us closely in touch with one another.

Our leading thought has been of convention. Now we are eagerly waiting to see our delegate and hear all the news;—for although she very kindly sent us a few lines now and then we know there is so much to tell.

Just at this time we cannot help wondering what the new term has in store for us. There will be changes, new interests, new girls.

That the coming year will be a most successful one for all the Kappas is the wish of Beta Alpha !

#### BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

It seems as if there were much more meaning this time when we say that Beta Iota sends greetings to all chapters. Since six of us have attended convention the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma mean, if possible, far more to each and every one of us. It is difficult to refrain from devoting this letter to a eulogy upon the Beta Nu chapter, to whose warm hospitality and delightful personality we are indebted for seven red-letter days in our experience.

At the close of college the active chapter and two alumnae journeyed once more down to Brown's Mills in the Pines for the annual camping party, and when it was over we had the same old story to tell of the days of perfect enjoyment and peace. Then,



too, separation was not so hard as so many of us were to meet again at Columbus. And now convention is over, we have not time here even to speak of a few of the many good times, but we are going back to tell it all and to urge every other Kappa to go with us to Ann Arbor. September 19 will find six of us again at Swarthmore ready to start in with renewed enthusiasm, and we all send our best wishes to every chapter for a successful rushing season.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho sends cordial greetings and best wishes for a successful fall term to all the chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We are awaiting the results of the rushing season with much interest, for a new contract has been drawn up.

At commencement time an unusually large number of our older sisters were here, consequently our banquet was doubly enjoyable. Several of our visitors made impromptu speeches, which were much appreciated.

Only three short weeks must pass before the opening of college, but how long the time seems when we are all so anxious to see one another again, and to talk over the news from the convention. Many of the girls from Gamma Rho will not be back. Margaret Batchelder, Georgiana Crane, Ruth Hay, and Iva McCray have graduated. Mary Heydrick and Jessie Marvin go to Wellesley. Anna Corbett goes to the University of Chicago, Gertrude Hastings goes to Cornell. But although our numbers are few, our hopes are high, for are we not Kappas?

*BETA PROVINCE.*

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda sends greeting to all her Kappa sisters. Commencement week passed with the usual festivities at Buchtel. The rebuilding of our college is now well started, and we hope to dedicate Recitation Hall and the new preparatory building by January 1, 1901. Until then the gymnasium will continue to answer for the various purposes of college life.

Lambda feels proud that she is going to have so many of her girls at convention, and we are waiting anxiously to hear their accounts of its good times.

One of our girls, Bess Trowbridge, will not return to us this fall, but intends to finish her college course at Ann Arbor. We wish her success in her new surroundings.

BETA GAMMA--WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma has no changes to report except those that must come with each commencement season. We all know just how hard it is to see the old faces leave our ranks to return no more.

Miss Alice Firestone, one of our alumnae members, gave a delightful reception in commencement week at which all the active girls and a great many Kappas of former years were present. It does our hearts good to see the alumnae girls return and to know that their love for Kappa Kappa Gamma is one of the strongest motives drawing them back to Wooster each year.

Six of our girls were graduated from the University this year, five in the regular Collegiate course, and one in both Vocal and Instrumental Music. They have started a Round-letter which they much enjoy, as they feel it quite a bond to have been graduated at the same time, and this will be their only means of knowing each other's whereabouts now, as they scatter eastward and westward.

We will be sorry not to have Altai Floyd and Bess Johnson among our members next year. The former expects to stay at home, and the latter will probably spend the winter in Philadelphia, as her father and sister have just returned from India for their furlough of a year.

Our regular convention delegate, Anna Ewing, is, we are sorry to say, ill with typhoid fever. It was a great disappointment to her, as to us all, that she had to give up going to the convention, but we have every reason to believe that her illness will not be a serious one.

We are looking forward with pleasure to hearing the report from her substitute as it must be an inspiration to us all.

Our wish for all our sister chapters is that the year so soon to open will be one of the greatest possible pleasure and profit, and that, at its close, we may each look back without regret, to a year in which we have been true to ourselves and to the dear name of our fraternity.



## BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

By the time this letter reaches *THE KEY* all the delegates and visitors to the Fifteenth National Convention will have returned either to their homes or colleges, strengthened we hope in Kappa love and loyalty. Beta Nu enjoyed very much having convention meet in Columbus and will now feel nearer the members of the different chapters for having met sisters from each.

Anna Howard, one of our seniors who has been seriously ill for some time, is somewhat better although she was not able to attend the sessions of convention.

It is with great regret that we part with Caroline Hardy who leaves us to attend school in Cleveland and Mary Follett who leaves for Wellesley.

College opens quite soon and after convention we hope to be better Kappas than ever before. We will miss our seniors very much but hope some of them will come back to take graduate work.

## BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Commencement this year brought Beta Delta much more pleasure than she had anticipated. Never before had so many of the alumnae came back to participate in the good times of the last week. The chapter house was full from the reception rooms clear up to "Paradise," while the poor freshmen had to suffer a new lining up for inspection with the arrival of each new comer. Judging from the way they were drawn into the happy circle, the results of the inspection must have been favorable.

The Senior Promenade on the first evening of the week was one of the prettiest events of commencement. The campus and the houses near by were strung with innumerable Chinese lanterns, while the music and the crowds of gaily dressed people, made it a most attractive place. The Baccalaureate sermon delivered by President Angell, the Senior Reception, the Class Day Exercises and finally the Graduating Exercises were all well attended.

Two of our girls have had the pleasure of meeting Kappa sisters in Boston and San Francisco during the summer. Both give very enthusiastic reports of the pleasant times they had with the girls. We hope that some day we may welcome them cordially to our Ann Arbor home.

We are all looking forward to our reunion in the fall and to the rushing season. We are delighted at the prospect of having with us one of our last year's seniors who will now come back for graduate work.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Only a few more days and all our girls of last year will be together again, with the exception of one dear girl, Florence Mae Wilcox, who was graduated in June. She will be at her home in the city this winter, so we hope often to have her with us.

The three of us who attended convention were so filled with Kappa love and enthusiasm, that the days have seemed endless since we were at Columbus, so anxious are we to return and work for Kappa.

Commencement week brought with it the usual round of festivities, but the event which will be longest remembered by Xi, was the last chapter meeting, at which were present many of our alumnae, some of whom we had not met before. Their love for Kappa seemed to have deepened since the college days, and inspired us all with the desire to be more loyal to the double blue.

The summer seems to have been an unusually pleasant one for Xi's girls, and now we are looking eagerly forward to the time when we will meet in our own hall, and talk it all over. We expect to begin college with five active girls and two pledglings.

Xi sends best wishes to all sister chapters for a happy and successful year.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Nineteen former active girls breakfasted with us in our chapter rooms, one morning of commencement week, and it was a great pleasure to see the faces of these girls, whose names, only, had been familiar to us. We enjoyed the varied reminiscences of chapter life related by them, especially those of our only charter member present, Miss Viola Augir. We were also glad to have with us Miss Merrill from Chi, and were interested to know something of that chapter.

The summer months have passed very quietly and quickly to the girls remaining in Hillsdale. Cosy little afternoon tea-parties have been most in favor, and the Kappas have been entertained by Miss Gurney, Miss Doyle, and Miss Zoe Smith. Nor has old



Baw Beese Lake been forgotten by the many picnic parties which every summer brings forth. It is not alone school days which are the happy social times when vacation brings us such pleasant frolics as these.

The girls of Kappa chapter have been called to mourn with Nellie Montgomery the loss of her mother, whose many acts of kindness to the chapter will ever be remembered.

On August thirteenth the Misses Cora and Elva Bailey gave a thimble party at their home, and as only Kappas were invited, conversation very naturally turned upon convention, in which we feel that we have a special interest. Kappa is pleasantly anticipating the coming year, and sends best wishes to all the other chapters.

### GAMMA PROVINCE.

#### DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Delta sends greetings to all other chapters.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, the greatest occurrence of our fraternity life has taken place, by which we are all enthused and strengthened. Five girls from our chapter attended the convention and they join in declaring its success due to Beta Nu's hospitality and the enthusiasm which every one brought to Columbus.

A fraternity club is being organized in Bloomington, where we have so many alumnae. This will be of interest to our sisters, as unorganized alumnae are so useful, but when organized their usefulness is many times multiplied. We expect great things when this club is in running order, especially this fall when there is so much activity in college circles.

Delta receives the new Grand Council with cordial greetings but partings are sad and we hate to see our former Council leave us.

#### IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota realizes that it is time for another news-letter and begins by sending greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

Since our last letter, the girls have been separated and have been spending the three months vacation at their various homes.

All dreaded to say good bye at commencement time, although we are happy to say that three of our graduates are to take post-graduate work next year.

We are longing for the time to come when we can all assemble again with those to whom the fraternity bonds unite us. We can picture a room filled with girls, all wanting to talk at the same time, each relating what she has accomplished during the summer months and all enthusiastic over the coming season of rushing. On one side the plan of campaign is discussed, while on the other one hears reminiscences of convention. Things go on in this way until the merry chatter and laughter can be heard in one's dreams.

The prospects this year are very bright and Iota hopes to introduce some girls whom we shall be proud to say are Kappas and who will prove a help both to the chapter and the fraternity at large.

#### MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Although Butler opens in October, later than most of the other colleges, yet we shall be in the midst of rushing when we hear from you again.

A six week's contract with the other fraternities will be an experiment for Mu, but as "variety is the spice of life" we feel that we shall be equal to the occasion and we are looking forward with great interest to the conflict, trusting that we shall come out with colors flying.

We are glad to welcome this fall three Delta girls, Ora and Georgia Wickler and Effie Blount.

To hear the report of our convention delegate is a pleasure which we are anticipating in the near future. We shall then feel even nearer to each other in the fraternity's bonds.

Mu sends greetings to all !

#### ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

For a few short weeks we have laid aside the joys and sorrows of college life and are now enjoying these lovely summer days.

A number of our sisters met early in August and went camping on Lake Winnebago, near Oshkosh, for a week. It is needless to say that they had a very good time.



How strange it will be to go back to our college home and find new sisters occupying the places of those dear ones whom we lost at commencement, those who welcomed us into Eta's circle and helped us over hard places in the early days of our college career! We have lost five seniors, while our sixth senior, Winifred Titus, returns next year as instructor in science.

In May Eta rejoiced over some new pledglings: Nellie Lameraux, Ethel Lawrence, Julia Herren, Genie Bechtner, Katharine Noyes and Fawn Pray and we hope to be able to welcome them all into our home next year.

#### BETA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The time is fast drawing near when we shall all return to work at our respective colleges and universities. The girls of Beta Lambda separated last spring feeling that the first full year had been very successful, and even though so many of our number will not return to us in the fall, we are sure our second year will be as profitable as the first has been.

On the last Saturday evening of May we held our last "At home" which was well attended, as all the others have been, and we look forward to very good times next year.

The last social event of the year was an informal dancing party given by Mrs. Harris, one of our patronesses. We had a delightful time, but regretted very much that some of our members had already left town.

An event which will interest many of our Kappa sisters was the marriage of Miss Straight to Professor Carman, of the University of Illinois. The wedding was at Oak Park, June 21. Mrs. Carman will not be an active member next year, but we are delighted that she is to live across the street from our Kappa home and we know that she will not lose any of her interest and will be always ready to help us.

Though our number is to be but nine in the fall, we are to have a fraternity house. After much discussion we chose a large, pleasant house within easy walking distance of the University. We are delighted at the prospect, but shall have to work hard at first to increase our numbers.

Mrs. Hunt, of Urbana, is to be our chaperon, and has consented to be a patroness. We feel that we are very fortunate in having her in our home.

Several of our alumnae and associate members are to be so near that we can look forward to the pleasure and inspiration of frequent visits from them.

We hope that all the sister chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma may have as prosperous a year as we are looking forward to in the future.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon is about to roll up her sleeves and enter the fray. With four pledglings to help her she expects to come out victorious and then introductions will be in order.

At the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lake Geneva this summer, one of our members was delighted to meet members from Eta, Beta Gamma, Iota and the two state secretaries, Ruth Paxson of Beta Zeta and Mary Ward of Kappa. It was a happy reunion as all Kappa reunions must be. Is it not wonderful how much at home one feels among a lot of key wearing girls, no matter from what state in the union they come?

Upsilon, like the rest, is just now scattered far and wide, but by the time this is published we shall all be together again in our respective chapters and how glorious will be the meeting of the faithful after a separation.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

University vacation has scattered the girls very widely this year, but in a few days more we shall again meet in our little hall with many new things to talk about. Those who were so fortunate as to go to convention will have much to tell us that will be of especial interest.

Since our last letter our beautiful city has met with a great loss as its centre was swept away by one of the largest fires ever known. It is hoped that it will not permanently hurt the city. The college was a number of blocks from the part burned.

Bessye Weltye is spending the summer in England and Scotland but we expect her home in time for college. Mary Probasco and Alma Hamilton spend the summer at Lake Geneva, Anita Lundy was at her New Jersey home and Clara DeMotte met many Kappa friends in New York and Boston. All the girls report a delightful vacation and say that the prospects for Epsilon seem very bright.

Best wishes to all the chapters for a very prosperous year!



## DELTA PROVINCE.

## CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

To all in Kappa Kappa Gamma, greetings.

During June, a number of active and alumnae members of Chi chapter spent a week in a cottage at Prior Lake, Minnesota. This arrangement for a little outing together each year is becoming a custom, a fact which we all approve, for aside from the pleasure of the moment, it does much to unite us in a closer relationship.

In spite of the fact that many of Chi's members are away for the summer, occasional meetings have been held at the homes of the girls, to make plans for the coming winter. We are all looking forward to the autumn when we shall again meet each day in classes and in the chapter rooms.

With this letter go best wishes to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

## BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Zeta enjoyed the commencement festivities and since then has had a long period of summer rest. We had a delightful Kappa reunion at commencement time, about forty of us being together and we were breakfasted, banqueted and feted in a most luxurious manner.

During the summer some of us have met together every week for a sewing bee and we have enjoyed these occasions very much. Once we arranged a meeting for the discussion of fall campaign plans and a committee on rushing and a menu committee were appointed. These two committees are to work together, the former planning the functions while the latter arranges for the refreshments. We expect it to save a great deal of time in the fall.

The whole chapter is looking forward with great interest to the coming convention which promises so many changes. May it act for the very best interests of the fraternity at large!

## THETA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Theta chapter sends her heartiest greetings to all her Kappa sisters. Indeed, she wishes that every one of her members might

be with them at the gathering of Kappadom in Columbus this week, greeting our sisters from afar, both east and west, meeting and shaking hands with our new Grand Council and last but not least, enjoying the feasts and the good times.

Theta has been rather scattered this summer, as is usual at this season of the year, most of the girls being at their respective homes. Two of our graduates of last year, Mabel Phelps and Emily Guitar are enjoying the cool breezes of a northern clime in Charlevoix, Mich. Emily Guitar, our delegate to the convention, is now on her way thither.

Our town members—not wishing to be deprived of the pleasure and benefits that Kappa meetings always bring—have had several informal meetings this summer, at some of which, our pledges have joined us.

A few weeks more and we will all be back together ; but not all, we are sorry to say ; for there are some of those we have learned to know and love so well, who will not return. Our number though small, is enthusiastic and eager for the fray, in which they have every hope of coming out victorious. Four of our five pledges will enter school this Fall, our fifth and most recent pledge, Mary Robnett, will go East this winter.

We are hoping to see a goodly number of both Kansas and Nebraska Kappas next Thanksgiving at Kansas City, where we shall toast each other right royally.

#### SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It is very hard, just at the close of convention, when one is so full of enthusiasm and plans for the future, to go back to the close of the last college year, and the Kappa happenings of the summer.

At commencement two of Sigma's girls were graduated,—Clara Hammond and Adelloyd Whiting,—the latter being elected to Phi Beta Kappa. As both girls live in Lincoln, we feel that they will be as actively interested in the chapter as they were while in college.

During the summer the chapter gave a Coaching Party and several of the girls entertained informally. This of course was used as "a means towards an end," and at the same time it made us realize how much we would miss the girls who would not return to college in the fall.



When college opens in September our new Chancellor, Dr. Andrews, is to be installed, and at the same time the University Soldiers' Memorial Hall,—the new wing to the Gymnasium—will be dedicated. Although this was built for the Girls Gymnasium, it will be used as an auditorium and chapel and the alumni organ will be placed in it.

In closing Sigma wishes success to all in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Once again are Kappa girls happy and excited as one after another is greeted with so much enthusiasm upon her arrival. Omega girls are especially happy this year, for most of the girls of last year, with the exception of our graduates are back. Even two of them are back for post graduate work.

We have added to our happy sisterhood five new girls, Josephine Serls, of Kansas City, Mo., Lillian Axtell and Neva Lehman, Caroline Armsby, of Council Grove, and Ida McKnight, of Hiawatha.

Several very delightful affairs have been given, ending with a pavilion party at which two girls made themselves and everybody else happy by donning the blue and blue.

Our rushing is over as we decided to confine it to the first week and now we intend to center all attention on good hard work enlivened by our friendships with one another.

PI—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Since our last letter the girls of Pi have been enjoying the long summer vacation and are now only just beginning work again. The term here opens the middle of August, so our letter can tell only of our hopes for the coming year.

To begin with, we have a fine new chapter house, which was completed just before college opened. Although we do not own it, we have leased it for two years and feel as though it were our very own. There are ten large, sunny bed-rooms, which the girls have made very attractive and beside these we have the first floor which is large and well adapted for entertaining.

We have given a tea to show our friends our new home and our president's wife, Mrs. Wheeler, helped us to receive.

We also enjoyed the honor of having Professor Morse Stephens

of Cornell with us. He is giving a course of lectures in history during the first five weeks of the term and his lectures are very popular.

Beside this good fortune, we are happy in having twelve girls living in the chapter house this term. This will draw us nearer together than ever before and we feel sure that the rushing, which has just started, will be a success.

Pi sincerely hopes that her sister chapters will enjoy the same good fortune with which she starts the new term.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Since the close of college the members of Beta Eta have been widely separated with the exception of some two or three here and there who are fortunate enough to live in the same city, and who are thus enabled to see each other often, and talk over past Kappa pleasures and future Kappa joys.

Our commencement festivities as usual were full of enjoyment for us all, and our happiness was increased by our having with us during the week, Bonnie Burckhalter Fletcher, '98, who had not visited the chapter since her marriage, and came down to Stanford to make the acquaintance of the many new sisters, as well as that of the new chapter house. But, as must ever be the case, commencement brought sorrow as well as joy, for then we lost one of our number in the graduation of Clara Louise Martin.

During the summer our Round Robin has been circulated as usual among us, and has brought most welcome information of the doings of our several sisters.

And now we are all eagerly looking forward to September and the opening of college, for then in addition to the active chapter we hope to have with us for a time at least, three of our former Kappas,—Mable Cory, '95, Emma Martin, '96, and Trilla Toles who was with us in '95.

The other three women's fraternities represented at Stanford have been building chapter houses this summer to be completed in September, so for six weeks, the length of our Pan-Hellenic contract, the rushing will probably be arduous and exciting, but with so many old girls to help us open the semester we cannot but feel that we are to have a successful year, and to that end we are already working and planning. Beta Eta's best wishes for happiness and success to all chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.



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*In Memoriam.*

KATE LANGSDALE BEVERIDGE.

"The light of love, the purity of grace,  
The mind, the music breathing from her face,  
The heart whose softness harmonized the whole,  
And oh, that eye was in itself a soul!"

Mrs. Albert J. Beveridge, who died June 18th, at Dansville, New York, became a Kappa at De Pauw University in 1880, and while not long personally identified with the chapter, her life, which is so widely known to have been one of peculiar and luminous beauty, has always been an inspiration and a source of pride to Kappas who have known her.

Married to Mr. Beveridge in 1887, she went immediately to Indianapolis, where began her life work. To a student of character and of events, and one capable of appreciating the power of an influence truly large and noble, yet fine and delicate in its nature, this work was one of beauty, for Mrs. Beveridge's strength was not of individualized and separated character, but that which found its greatest possibilities and fullest expression in its influence over others. Her father says, "On her loyalty, affection and sympathy I could always rely. She never failed me, but was devotion itself." Of a bright, sweet disposition, she was, as some friend has said, "the sunshine of her home as well as its balance wheel," and in her Senator Beveridge found his truest help and inspiration. Devoted to her husband, in him and in his career, her ambition and love found fullest expression. Did he need a vacation after trying work? It was she who planned it. Was he needed in Washington when she lay ill at the sanatorium? It was she who, when he would have gone to her, directed the telegrams which gave encouraging news and bade him stand at his post. And so, associated largely with people prominent in the making of present day history, her part was that of the

diplomat, and hers were the words of brave encouragement and tact.

Personally Mrs. Beveridge was a woman with great charm of manner. She belonged to the Methodist Church and was an ardent worker in its charities as well as others of undenominational character.

In the spring of 1899, Mrs. Beveridge and her husband took a trip (now of historical interest) to the Philippines. After visiting the Philippines they left for the mountains of Japan, where perhaps was contracted the ailment of which she died, though many months were yet to be involved in its development.

E. J. N. P.

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### *College and Fraternity Notes.*

The Arch chapter of Delta Tau Delta has issued engraved announcements of the installation of a new chapter at the University of West Virginia, May 24.

The sixty-first annual convention of Beta Theta Pi was held at Hotel Victory, Put in Bay, Ohio, August 28-31.

The fifty-fourth annual convention of Delta Kappa Epsilon is to be held in Providence, R. I., this coming November. Its management will be in the hands of the Delia Kappa Epsilon Alumni Association of Rhode Island, with the active chapter to do the detail work.

This fraternity has published a new catalogue which was to be ready for distribution September 15. It contains over 14,000 names.

The fifty-second Ekklesia of Phi Gamma Delta was held at Niagara Falls, July 27-31. At this convention all chapters and graduates were entitled to representation, a graduate chapter having two votes and an active chapter having two votes. If three men are present an active chapter is entitled to three votes provided one man is a graduate.

A novel idea was to be presented at the convention. The fraternity had procured a tree from the campus at Canonsburg, Pa., where the fraternity was founded, and through the courtesy of one of the chapters it was converted into a number of gavels for the use of the various chapters.

Sigma Nu will hold its next convention October 17 at the Palmer House, Chicago, Illinois.

Work is to be begun at once on the first university for women in Japan, and it is expected that the building will be in readiness to open in the spring of 1901. A large number of students are already promised. Through the untiring efforts of M. J. Naruse the obstacle of lack of funds has been overcome. Many rich men of influence have become interested, Marquis Ito leading with a large subscription. The wealthy Mitsui family has made a princely gift of a piece of land, containing seven acres, for a site located in the rich east suburbs of Tokio.

### *Editorials.*

Perfect unanimity of opinion means apathy and consequent stagnation. If two people see things from an identical standpoint, a loss in personality must follow for both of them. If a friend always agrees with you in every particular, the necessity of airing your opinion and convincing her that your view is the right one, vanishes and half the pleasure of conversation is gone. A sympathetic difference of opinion on any subject fosters genuine interest and is a sure stimulus to the acquisition of knowledge about it. When something is really at issue, thoughtful discussion and mature consideration are certain to precede action.

Nowhere is this more true than in a fraternity. If diversity of sentiment is not pushed to the uncomfortable point, it is most valuable to the members of an organization and plays a part in that development of the individual which the fraternities boast as one of their principal attributes.

The Columbus Convention was an excellent illustration of this idea. Never before in its history has the fraternity had such serious affairs with which to deal. Never before have there been so many opinions on any fraternity subject. At no time has there been so great an anxiety on the part of the delegates to fully comprehend a matter in all its aspects. At no time has a convention striven so hard to understand the history of the organization, its development, its aims and the real meaning which underlies them. Nor has any previous convention tried so earnestly to live up to the fraternity's ideals.

The material result of this struggle was something like a more fixed policy for Kappa Kappa Gamma in the future, while the spiritual result was a more sympathetic understanding between the chapters than has heretofore been reached. The very frank and unusually earnest discussion among delegates and alumnæ in the open meetings, gave an excellent insight into the characters and ideals of the various chapters, and no delegate could go home from this convention without a fuller knowledge and a keener interest in the fraternity which must react upon her chapter.

A large harvest of good understanding and harmonious effort may be expected in the future as the result of the Columbus Convention.



Aside from the meeting of the special committee, the work of this convention was much the same as that of other conventions. The fraternity is so thoroughly organized, that with faithful officers the routine work is easily carried on and there are but few things necessary to be left for the biennial meeting to decide upon. As a matter of fact, the real business of the fraternity must be left in the hands of the officers who have some experience and knowledge as a basis of judgment of what is best for all the chapters and not in those of delegates who, with however good intentions, usually have little chance to inform themselves about the condition of any chapters save their own.

For this reason it seems scarcely necessary that a full week should be occupied with convention sessions, but it is probable that the knowledge of each other which the chapters gain by the prolongation of sessions and festivities more than justifies the extension of time.

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A few chapters have not yet paid for their catalogues. The list of delinquents was not published at convention, but will be handed to the officer who is to have charge of the catalogue work and she will be glad to receive any money that may be due.

The fraternity taxes upon its members are so few and so small that no one has any righteous cause for grumbling. If those to whom the song book and catalogue tax seemed heavy, will reflect upon the history of the past few years, they will recall the fact that a heavy alumnae tax was cut off by THE KEY, and that Council Session was also abolished with the express intention of making the dues so light that members could afford to provide themselves with other publications beside the magazine.

If the chapters in question will send in their money at once, much trouble will be saved those in charge of the publications. This statement might be signed with *The Spectator's* well known signature, "Your Conscience will tell You Who it is."

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There is crying need of some historical work being done in Kappa Kappa Gamma. Is there not some one among the alumnae or active members who will volunteer to take a share in it? Even if we have a regularly appointed historian a number of aides will

prove valuable and they will, in turn, be giving themselves an interesting education in fraternity life.

One of Delta's members has discovered a clue to the membership of the lost chapter at Simpson College, and acting upon it one member has lately been found. Others could doubtless be discovered if some one would undertake the investigation. As yet nothing has come to light about the membership of Zeta at Rockford College. One other chapter, which was completely lost and several whose records were worthless as they stood, were straightened up in connection with the catalogue work. But there is much still remaining for some enthusiast to do.

Moreover, this work admits of no delay. Several of the women most interested in the earlier development of the fraternity have died, and unless something is done in the next few years much valuable information about the earliest days will go unrecorded from mere carelessness on the part of us, who should be most interested. When one realizes that the fraternity is likely to develop for some decades and that some of our most active chapters may die and leave nothing but an honorable history, the records of chapter life are not such trifling matters as they at first seem. While the fraternity history will, in the nature of things, appeal only to a limited number, it will appeal to them with an interest so intense that it is our business to supply the means of gratifying it. Does no one see a mission here?

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After six years of *THE KEY's* management, in leaving behind a very active period of fraternity service, the Editor wishes to say a few personal words to the fraternity about the retiring Grand Council.

The five women who constituted the last Grand Council were elected according to the constitutional provisions to represent the different provinces of the fraternity and, curiously enough, it would hardly have been possible to find five more different types and temperaments than were represented by Miss Richmond, Miss Sargent, Miss Talbot, Mrs. Coe and the Editor. In spite of these differences, perhaps because of them, for the last six years they have been working together in genuine harmony. From the beginning they tried to live up to their installation oaths and to work, not for any person, any chapter or any section, but to look



only to the good of the entire fraternity. They had a crisis to deal with, but they felt that their duty was plain and they chose the course which seemed to all of them to be for the best good of Kappa Kappa Gamma. There was no other path open to them, believing as they did and having subscribed to the oath of office.

Every active member of the fraternity knows the history of the last three years and knows that the officers have been subjected to a good deal of personal notoriety and unpleasantness, but it is not this which they remember as they retire from office. Every one of them recalls, instead, repeated instances of the most kindly aid, the most courteous sympathy and the most devoted loyalty which have been shown them, and which in their larger fraternity experience they have seen shown to many others; and each one feels that the burden of the fraternity work which has fallen upon her in the past years has been nothing in comparison with the pleasure of many friendships coming to her through her fraternity relations.

It is more so, perhaps, with the Editor than with the other officers, because, in her work, she has come into more intimate contact with the chapters. There have been times, it is true, when the work seemed heavy; when manuscripts, closely written on both sides of the paper, seemed a trial, and trying to make believe that unsatisfactory material was satisfactory seemed a martyrdom, but that was false perspective. In the real light which can be turned upon past experience the management of THE KEY has shown itself to have been a very interesting task, and in resigning it to Beta Nu, Psi is not throwing off a burden but fulfilling the old but delightful idea of "passing on a pleasure."

### *Exchanges.*

The following magazines have been received since the last issue of THE KEY :

The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, July ; The Alpha Phi Quarterly, August ; The Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly, April ; The Kappa Alpha Theta, May ; The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, July ; The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, June ; The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, May ; The Beta Theta Pi, June ; The Anchora of Delta Gamma ; The Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly, June ; The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, June ; The Phi Delta Theta Scroll, June ; The Delta of Sigma Nu, May ; The Eleusis of Chi Omega, June.

The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* is always more or less devoted to the history and development of D. K. E. This time it is more so and the fraternity's growth since 1890 is treated at some length. Some instructive lessons for other fraternities might be drawn from it. The following paragraph is taken from the editorials :

"Neither do we believe in the election of honorary members, except possibly on the rarest occasions. This desire to load up a society with men, no matter how distinguished they may have become, who while in college were not members of the society, is certainly corrupting, and, unless checked, will undermine the usefulness of a fraternity. It is not only a practice, which in many instances has been carried to such an extent that it has become ridiculous, but it is also a dangerous one. In our opinion, no man should be taken into a college fraternity, unless he is an actual student in a course, no matter how distinguished or how worthy he may be, either as an honorary member or otherwise."

Some of the members of Beta Theta Pi seem to be troubled by that fraternity's policy in regard to chapters as is witnessed by an article in their magazine, from which a portion is quoted.

"But what has all this to do with BΘΠ? Much ; when other fraternities investigate colleges, and withdraw chapters, and we do not even investigate ; and when we have in years past more than once refused petitioners in state universities, and continued chapters in, or granted charters to, small, weak, puny, but prospectively big and flourishing denominational schools, which prospects have not materialized. And more, when it seems to be the policy to grant no charters anywhere ; and we hear the cry, 'We must not withdraw a chapter ; let it die with the institution ; or



totter along with the pitiable cripple for untold years.' The fraternity which follows this policy will itself die of dry rot.

"Has B @ II a policy? If so, what is it? Are the facts as stated by Mr. Curtis in his article? And is the reply by Dr. Day of the Congregational Church, the best that can be made? Is the 'denominational college' declining, relatively and absolutely, east and west? That is, the college church-controlled and church-supported.

Can B @ II afford to be indifferent? Are chapters loyal to the fraternity if they use padded catalogues to give assurance that the declining institution is flourishing?

"Shall we close our eyes and shout, 'Tis false, 'tis false;' when 'Tis true, and pity 'tis, 'tis true!'

"Finally, could a chapter, if it unfortunately finds itself in a declining institution, better prove its loyalty and love to the fraternity, than by revealing the facts and surrendering the charter?

"I do not contend there are such cases, yet other men and other fraternities do so contend and do not hesitate to act. My ideal Beta would prove his right to "bear the name and wear the badge of B @ II" by such a supreme love for the welfare and prosperity of his fraternity that he would not hamper, hinder or harm it, even to preserve the life of his own chapter."

*The Alpha Phi Quarterly* opens with a sketch of Kate Hogeboom Gilbert, one of its founders, and contains also an account of Martha Foote Crow, the Dean of Northwestern. It is thrice blessed by having six and a half pages of personal notes about the fraternity's members. This matter while not very interesting to those beyond the pale of Alpha Phi, is of great value to the fraternity. Let us hope that the future editors of *THE KEY* may be able to obtain more personal matter for Kappa Kappa Gamma readers.

An item from the *Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly* cannot fail to be of interest to us:

"A petition has been before the order from the University of West Virginia, an institution of very recent birth and very low educational standards. It has been a football in politics, and has never yet achieved a dignified standing among the institutions of its class.

We do not believe that the interests of the Fraternity would be subserved or advanced in any way by the granting of this application, but on the contrary the Fraternity would lower its standard of admission, cheapen its dignity and take a backward step, abandoning the most excellent policy which has been dominant in its council in recent years."

An article on "Woman's Clubs at the University of Chicago" in *The Arrow* gives this information :

"The University of Chicago opened in the fall of 1892 with few of its departments fully organized and still fewer of its buildings completed. The large number of women who applied for admission for the first term made necessary the early completion of the women's dormitories, Beecher, Kelly, and Foster halls. About these three houses cluster all the traditions of the earliest student social life of the University.

Here were quickly established clubs, the Mortar Board, in Foster ; the Quadranglers, in Kelly, and the Esoteric, in Beecher ; and here too were soon found representatives of the women's fraternities, with pins concealed or worn conspicuously as circumstances might seem to demand. The attitude toward fraternities taken by the women deans discouraged any would-be organizers and made them feel that it would be wiser to wait until sentiment might change and the students themselves feel the need of sorority ties. Meanwhile the secret clubs flourished and were tolerated and even encouraged as their usefulness in the social life was recognized. Men's fraternities were established one after the other, and in the absence of class organization, and consequently of class and college spirit, the club and fraternity spirit thrived.

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The secret clubs have increased until they are seven in number. They appear to be fraternities in every respect except that they are simply local. The question of allowing women's fraternities is sure to come up again and again. New girls on entering the university frequently ask why fraternities are not present, and the faculty acknowledge it to be an unsolved problem."

*Sigma Alpha Epsilon* advances a unique scheme of "pledging," but one which the editor says is "very successful," and far would it be from us to doubt the word of an editor :

"An alumnus of one of our Southern chapters, who has been very successful in securing good men for his own chapter and for others, has adopted what seems the only legitimate form of pledging. When he has picked his man, he talks to him of fraternity life, and, of course, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon in particular. After he has interested the man in the fraternity, he explains to him that it would not be fair to pledge him to join any one fraternity until he has had a chance to look over the ground for himself, but asks him to promise that he will not pledge himself to nor join any fraternity until after he has been in college a month. Such a promise almost any man is glad to make. The alumnus then writes to the chapter telling what he has done and describing the man's qualifications. A man so pledged is seldom lost."



A contributor to *The Anchora* speaks in a manner which should encourage our alumnae, who sometimes think their articles are unappreciated, not to be weary in well writing :

"A great many of us alumnae hesitate to write anything for publication in *Anchora* simply because we feel that we can present no new thoughts. Our convictions are very strong regarding certain phases of chapter policy, but after all they are not different from those that have been expressed time and again. Yet I wonder if we are not forgetting that the primal object of our journal is to keep our chapters strong, vigorous and healthy, and that this requires the same kind of food as that which nurtured us. So long as the form and spirit of our organization and the character of its constituency remain the same, just so long ought the fundamental principles of chapter life to be discussed and rediscussed."

A strong editorial in *The Rainbow*, devoted to the never ceasing struggle with the problem of how to keep the alumni an active part of the fraternity, ends thus :

"Our fraternity will fail to achieve success until the bond of brotherhood is as strong outside the college walls as it was within. Chapter and graduate are both enjoined to hasten by their labors the day when graduation will mean no loosening in the Delta Tau Delta bond, and the time when within and without the college walls we shall be one united band of brothers working shoulder to shoulder under the rustling folds of our fraternity's beloved banner."

An interesting bit of testimony is taken from *The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

"Sometime ago I asked an alumnus of a certain institution what fraternity had the best, all-round chapter at his Alma Mater. He replied, 'Alpha Delta Phi. Alpha-Delt.,' said he, 'does not take a man for what he has been or done, but for what he is going to be. It takes a man, a green country chap, it may be, if he has sterling worth, and develops him. A certain fraternity,' he continued, 'seeks a man because he is wealthy, another because he is a student, a third because he is an athlete, a fourth because he is a 'sport,' but Alpha Delta Phi seeks a man because he has real worth and is congenial, whether he possesses one or all these characteristics, and there is no fraternity in the land that has the hold upon its men that Alpha Delta Phi has,' and the man who paid this glowing tribute to Alpha Delta Phi was a Psi U."

From an article in *Phi Kappa Psi Shield* on the old, old theme, "The Greek Letter Society," comes this clipping.

"Far stronger and more lasting than what is known as class

and college spirit, is that spirit which exists among fraternity men. No better evidence of this truth can be found than the fact that men who have been out of college for twenty or thirty years still cling to their fraternities and consider their obligations as binding as when in college. This close relationship into which the students are drawn cannot be otherwise than profitable. Few friendships are ever formed in life as lasting as those formed at college, and especially among fraternity men are friendships most binding and helpful. This close association fosters among the students a keen personal interest in one another. There lives among them a spirit of earnest solicitude for each other's welfare. They learn gradually the great lesson of altruism which teaches them to look beyond the narrow limits of self, and observe the needs of their fellow men. They are taught to recognize the brotherhood that exists among men, and to deal with their classmates as brothers. Nothing is more beautiful in life than an unselfish love, and nothing knits the hearts of men more closely together."

A few words from *The Scroll* may be well taken to heart by every chapter during the fall rushing season :

"All editors have their theories on the subject of rushing, and every chapter has its own peculiar way, which is determined sometimes by local custom and sometimes by the character of the chapter's best rusher. No chapter can afford to sacrifice dignity or honor to win a point or a man, but snobbishness is not dignity nor laziness honor. No man needs bringing to his senses more than the chronic objector who insists that men shall meet impossible requirements, requirements he could not fill himself, who insists he must know a new man thoroughly, and who will not try to make his acquaintance."

The current number of *Kappa Alpha Theta* is an excellent one. Under its present management the magazine has developed in a marked degree and is now a much more fit representative of this fraternity than it was some years ago.

*The Eleusis of Chi Omega* comes to THE KEY for the first time. It is a neat looking little magazine, bound in a light blue cover, with title in a darker shade of the same color. Its striking feature seems to be the tendency to poesy possessed by Chi Omega's member. The June number has no less than four sets of verses. Nothing to compare with this has been seen in any fraternity magazine during the reign of THE KEY's present editor.

One verse of a poem called "A Daughter of Eve" is given below.



As, feeble hearted, groping blindly for thy soul, I walked,  
From out the deepest shades of that great forest moved  
A most majestic Serpent—more beautiful far, than all the rest,  
And as he coiled around my feet, he sued  
With voice more luring than a thousand olden sirens,  
“Darling be mine. Behold the golden stripes  
Upon my back. When you become mine own, all these,”—he  
pointed to the gleaming mass  
Of jeweled heads bowed low in raptest adoration,  
And those who had struck the fiercest, now lay the lowest—  
“All these,” he whispered, “will adore thee, even as I now am  
adored.”

One touching line further on, speaking of the majestic serpent alluded to above, runs thus, “with his *bediamonded* eyes and wicked smile.” It cannot fail to recall the effusions of the immortal Gifted Hopkins. It seems as far from fraternity “as Heaven from earth.” However, *The Eleusis* has something beside poetry and contains interesting descriptions of the University of Mississippi and Newcomb College.





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