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ALWAYS KAPPAS.

Air, — "The Bridge."

WE meet at the shrine of Kappa,
For the evening bell chimes the hour,
And the first bright rays of Hesper
Are shining on spire and tower;
And their light is not more steadfast
Or the deep sky more serene,
Than the hearts of Kappa sisters,
And the love that lies between.

How often, oh! how often,
In the days that have gone by,
Have Kappas met here together,
With warm hearts beating high!
Time's current has swept them onward,
And it bears us swiftly too.
But the light and the glory of Kappa
Shall always be strong and new.

Yes, forever and forever,
As long as the river flows,
As long as the heart craves friendship,
As long as life has woes;
We are one in the bonds of Kappa,
We are one by the magic key,
And the symbol of earthly friendship
To us is K. K. G.

MINETTA TAYLOR (*I*).

*ADDRESS.**

Dear Friends and Fellow-Members of the Association for the Advancement of Women.

WE come together prepared to greet each other with the pleasure and interest which usually attend our meetings. Gathered together from a wide range of country, which nevertheless we could wish wider, we are ready to say to each well-known countenance, "Is it you, indeed? and how is it with you?"

It is well with us on one score. We are all workers. Some of us earn our bread—some of us administer large or small estates. But no one of us sits by the fire and says: "I wish well to all good undertakings, but I cannot do anything." So far as I know, we all do what we can. Each of us, therefore, has something of value to bring here. One has a talent, one a theory, one a profession, or each of us may have something of all three of these.

The great benefit of studious pursuits and practices is, that they systematize experience, which, I need not say, is a great factor in human learning and progress. Only honest-hearted people, I think, have genuine experience. They may make mistakes, but they will find them out; they may do wrong, but they are able to acknowledge and amend it. Learning slowly the difficult grammar of life, they will so construe its lessons as to justify the divine word by which we live. It is mournful indeed to think of the delusions which hinder many of us from profiting by the great teaching which is always ready for us in the world. As there is an ignorance which asks to learn, so there is one which refuses instruction, seeking only to assert and maintain itself. There is an ignorance of the value of others which enables us to exaggerate our own value. There is an attachment to our own opinion which defies all that may be wisest in the opinions of others. There is a worship of our own personality which

* The opening address, Fifteenth Women's Congress, read before the Association for the Advancement of Women, of which Mrs. Howe is President.

can make us the priests of a false religion which sacrifices all to self, instead of sacrificing self to the good of all. From these delusions let us say, "Good Lord, deliver us!" And let me say that I regard all true-hearted coöperation as eminently calculated to forward such a deliverance.

A seed is very small, a harvest is very large. Much of the sowing of one generation is repeated by the next. We have been scatterers of seed rather than harvesters, and yet we do not come here empty-handed. We have golden sheaves to show,—sheaves of sympathy and good-will between women dwelling in regions widely apart. Prejudices overcome, hopes quickened, great and vital interests studied and elucidated,—these are our sheaves. That women care for women, and are bound to care for them—that women have their own word to say regarding the great questions which agitate the community, and most of all, perhaps, that women are as much bound to cultivate public spirit as they are to maintain family affection. These truths we have held to be self-evident, and most of our work has been to proclaim and illustrate them.

Providence seems to have given us the great problem of the age to work out. In the old systems of philosophy and economy, an antagonism of interest has been imagined between public and private interests, between the Home and the State. The laws of Sparta, the philosophy of Athens, regarded the family affections as necessarily inimical to the perfection of public service. The love of parents for their offspring was looked upon merely as an extended selfishness, a passion to which men and women would be ready to sacrifice the great interests of the community. Woman as pledged to cherish and maintain the home became in this point of view an alien to the State, an enemy to the self-sacrifice which its needs would be sure to require.

In the rapid unfolding of civilization, this aspect of things has entirely changed. The great idea of humanity which governs the world today demands for its realization the support of quick and intense affection. The heart of womanhood is needed to send its warm pulsations through the body politic. The world is a larger home—humanity, a larger family, God, the father of all. The tender, merciful, protecting

instincts of Woman now become invaluable to the community — the home and the State are one in interest.

Under this great pledge, my dear sisters, we hold our meeting. All that we do or attempt should have reference to it.

To the busy population of this great city, we must merely appear as a feeble folk. I hope that we shall have courteous consideration, and that those whose office it will be to report us will at least give themselves the trouble to understand what we aim at, and what we stand for. It is joyous indeed to be in tune with the world's great orchestra, but we must remember that public praise is what we should least aim at. In the citadel of conscience is a mirror which the lightest breath of evil intention can cloud. The smallest falsity of intention, the least meanness of spirit, will mar that mirror, and cause our features to appear in it distorted, and without beauty. The simplicity of good faith, the warmth of common charity, and the energy of sound judgment—these can keep our bosom mirror clear, so that it shall truly reflect for us the world and our relation to it.

The Ideal is a phrase which people sometimes so misuse as to provoke laughter. When so spoken of, the term implies a vapoing conceit, the seal and symbol of all that is unreal. But the Ideal in its true sense is to the moral nature of man what the architect's plan is to the building of the house. Ideals, in the secondary sense, are threefold, masculine, feminine and common to both sexes. The masculine ideals of energy, desire, daring and forcible possession, have had their full illustration in history, have been followed, upheld, and worshiped. The ages of crime and violence have done this service to humanity—they have wrought out the scheme of this primitive ideal so that, embodied in laws and institutions, it has been enthroned and worshiped. The feminine ideals of tenderness, compassion, of beauty and the harmonies of grace have had too, though never adequately, their place in the world's economics, their triumphs and their worshipers. But the day has come in which the noblest of mankind and of womankind are to unite their strength in asserting and maintaining the ideals common to both, the ideals which avail for all humanity. This union of effort is as old as the days of

Miriam and Moses, of Deborah and Barak, of Christ and the Marys, of Paul and Priscilla. But in this nineteenth century, when the material and moral impetus of the race has become so wonderfully multiplied, how wide are to be its victories!

When I stood in the great exposition in New Orleans to rehearse to the colored people there assembled the names and services of their great friends at the North, my breath almost failed me to tell of the saints of anti-slavery times,—Garrison, Parker, Wendell Phillips, John A. Andrew, Anna Maria Chapman, Lydia Maria Child, Harriet Beecher Stowe. I hold these illustrious pioneers to be but a promise of the glory that is to be revealed when men and women with equal freedom and equal education shall marshal their forces beneath the banner of ideal right.

We perceive the great works of art and in great artists a dignity which is above the crowning, even of imperial rank. I have seen this in the frescos of Raphael and Michael Angelo, in the shrines and statues of a more imaginative time than our own. I have heard it in the great harmonies which have bequeathed themselves to our own and earlier generations. I have seen it on the brow of Rachel, in the gesture of Ristori, in the grand movements of Booth and Salvini. It is the ideal of their art, nobly conceived, which confers on them this more than royal dignity.

But the moral ideal—the ideal of what good men and women are and ought to be, this is a bosom illumination, this is a fireside glory. The great gifts and delights of art may be remote from us—we may not have money to possess nor skill to understand them. But this Ideal of the best that we can be and the best we can stand for, though above us, is yet near and dear and familiar. We need not ask Europe, Asia, Africa to reveal it to us. We can find it in the kitchen, we can enthrone it in the nursery. We can set the homely table by its measure, rock the cradle to its music. We can be clothed with its beauty in age, poverty and deformity. We can be transfigured with its glory in the hour of death and in the day of judgment.

MRS. JULIA WARD HOWE (*Phi*).

*CHI'S GREETING.**

"The atmosphere — breathes welcomes."

WE are none of us content with the action simple of a thing, but must represent by certain tangible symbols its entirety; and thus placed, pass judgment upon it.

So, tonight, with our days of labor and hours of companionship behind us, we review our pleasure as host and guest, for the last time met together: and I, the handmaiden of hospitality, am to tell you how goodly to us has been the pleasure, these past days, of seeing you about our table.

It would be a grateful task if, for tonight, I might do the same, in that grand old scheme of hospitality. But it is only by courtesy that we are welcomers. We are each duke of our cup and plate, monarch of our smiles. Chi is not more a host than Phi or Psi, nor Charlotte Barrell less a guest than I. And Chi asks that you enjoy her well-brewed ale and cakes, as spoke mine host of the inn (in neatly chosen way) to some honored wanderer coming to the bright fire of the tap-room. Fancy me then, in the spirit of those times. I shall be brief and ponderous, crimson shall be my visage, and swathed in smiles: or if you are for modern ways, so am I, with the title and adornment of custom. But I promise you in all faith, mine host hath no jokes to buy your feeble smiles.

The thought of these days has been with us constantly. Since two years ago word was returned us that Kappa, the liege, should be graciously glad to break bread with her vassal Chi at this anticipated time.

We have been a chapter always strong in esoteric affection and enthusiasm, but possibly a little unmindful of the honor due the fraternity as a whole, whose mothering organization has made possible our singular being. The weakness of local fraternities is a proven thing—those clubs of a day that know not the strength and comfort of the circle within circle.

* A toast given at the convention banquet.

Those of us who have been fraternity enthusiasts have looked forward to this time as one that should reconstruct the preconceived notions of the doubting ones among us, and put new life and energy into us all. An influence that should not die with a senior May meeting; but that might encourage, with reminiscence and dollars, generation upon generation of future Chi-Kappas. We are nothing but sanguine now. From the moment that our President came among us, we have looked with a more loving eye upon each and every one who bore the name of Kappa.

We have found it a wonderfully pleasant thing to play the gracious hostess to you all. Our heart has been in our words, our enthusiasm in our eyes, and we have been bathed in a sunshine of good-will, until we feel we cannot gladly do enough for your comfort and well-being.

And now,—if this last, best, parting feast overshadows the humbler welcomes,—we shall not bear it ill of you. No! not even if at the house you should quote (with that worthy littérateur to whom we are wont to refer as “our good old Dr. Johnson”) those lines of Shenstone’s:

“Who’er has travell’d life’s dull round,
Where’er his stages may have been,
May sigh to think he still has found
The warmest welcome at an inn.”

KATE BIRD CROSS.

IN MEMORIAM.

VERY rarely, have the pages of THE KEY been used to chronicle the death of a member of our fraternity. Indeed, as an organization, we have been exceptionally free from bereavement—*how* free we have scarcely realized, until an occasion like the present has given us opportunity for reflection.

It is my sorrowful duty to record the death of Josephine Thompson Brown of Alpha Chapter, Monmouth College. Mrs. Brown, who will be better known to her Kappa friends as Josephine Thompson, joined Alpha

Chapter in January, 1871, and from that time until the extinction of the chapter, was a loyal and enthusiastic Kappa. Her beauty, her sweet and sunny disposition, and her pronounced breadth of mind and heart made her a favorite, not only with her friends in Alpha Chapter, but with the entire student community.

Her marriage occurring soon after she left college involved her in the peculiar relations of a wife of a minister of the Gospel; and while her husband remained in the clerical profession, Mrs. Brown proved a help-meet in the truest sense of the term.

But it was in the closer relations of daughter and sister, wife and mother, that her beauty of soul was best revealed. Those of us who have been privileged to see Mrs. Brown with her younger sisters and with her two boys, to whom she seemed like an older sister, will not readily forget the impression made.

Although her illness lasted for more than a year, yet death came — as he always comes — suddenly. Everything that affection and anxious care could prompt, was done to alleviate her suffering, which at times was acute; but after Dr. Agnew, the most eminent specialist in America pronounced her case hopeless, her friends could no longer deceive themselves. Few women have so much in life as she had, and fewer still resign their earthly happiness with the lovely fortitude which characterized Mrs. Brown. She was particularly happy at being permitted to spend the last few months of her life in her mother's home at Evanston, surrounded by *all* of her dear ones. Her death occurred October 12, 1888. Funeral services were held at her home in Evanston on the Sunday following her death, and in Peoria, Ill., on Monday.

In the sad facts which have just been recorded — for, as long as our grasp of the relations of the temporal and the eternal remains unchanged, such facts cannot but be sad — there is one bright ray; and I cannot better embody it than by using the words of another:

“There is no death! — what seems death is transition.”

FRANCIS SIMPSON (*Upsilon*).

THE DANGER OF SELFISHNESS IN COLLEGE LIFE.

THE aim of a young woman in taking a college course is self-development. I think I may say without exaggeration that the aim of every "Kappa" is self-development as an aid, a means, to usefulness in the world. But while that is the ultimate aim of our study, many of us have felt that the habits of college life, the jealous devotion of time to one's own work, the separation from the members of one's own family tend to make us live to ourselves alone. Indeed, it is not right, we feel, for us to carry on such charitable or church work as we have inclination for, if it will interfere with our faithfulness to college duties. Even our fraternity relations, while cultivating love and forbearance and thoughtfulness toward one another, are not the channels they might be for keeping alive and active in us the altruistic spirit.

Now what can our chapters do without encroaching on college time, toward making fraternity more pure and humane and earnest? The college itself is sufficient field, and needs reformation in many directions. Cannot a band of young women like our chapter-members resolutely raise the tone of public opinion, by example, by influence, by the earnest conversation, essay or oration? I wish every Kappa wore on her pin-chain the silver cross of the King's Daughters. Why not have Kappa "tens" pledged to exert their influence in college society for temperance, for honesty, for "sweetness and light"? Girls in college do not begin to realize the habits of many of their young men fellow-students. It is really so shocking to learn, as many of us older married students have learned, of the dissipation and the universality of it in many of our colleges that one feels as if it would never be safe for a "co-ed." to go anywhere with any one! And yet, my dear younger sisters, there are always in every school some young men who are as notoriously upright and clean as their fellows are unclean. They are sometimes in and sometimes out of the fraternities, but they are everywhere respected. Such men it is your duty to encourage, to favor. You will know them for yourself, and to them you must show your kindnesses.

Stand fearlessly for right and purity. Encourage the struggling students. Make your meetings, councils of "lend a hand" workers. Instruct yourselves also in the great movements of the day. Study the new charity, its aims and methods. Fit yourselves for wise philanthropic work in the future. Take E. E. Hale's magazine, *Lend a Hand*, in your chapter, and learn from it the many ways in which others are working for humanity, through charity organization, through prison reform, through education for negroes, Indians. All the modern science of philanthropy will be unveiled to you there. Study Social Science as a club, for your literary work this winter. A Madison (Wisc.) club will furnish you a thoroughly worked-out programme of their last year's work in that line. Have a short sketch of the life of some eminent worker for humanity given at each meeting. Thus, without spending time that belongs to class-work, you will gain inspiration and wisdom for more active work in the future. You cannot be a real philanthropist, now that philanthropy is a science, without study. Ignorant charity is more often degrading and pauperizing than useful. Therefore, if you will first study the needs and the methods of unselfish workers in the world, and then use your influence clearly for the right in college life, you will not only avoid the danger of selfishness in college, but prepare yourselves for a life of active usefulness.

ETA.

THE NEWSPAPER.

THE newspaper preaches religion, attempts to regulate taxes, and advises the state and the nation how to govern. It announces the rise and fall of the price current, and furnishes rules of etiquette. It advises the voters, and attempts to restrain the course of the politician. It is alike the herald of the fashions and of the market. It tells us how to trim our bonnets, and how to pave our streets. Yet the

newspaper is not wholly a public benefactor, nor is it wholly a public nuisance.

In the early days of its history, when such writers as Addison and Swift, contributed to its columns, it was an educator. When books were expensive, and good reading matter scarce, the newspaper supplied the lack. In our own country a century ago, it accomplished its purpose better than it does today. Why? Simply because it had more difficulty in obtaining news than it does now, and it made the most of its limited supply. As a consequence the great questions of the day, and the political aspects of the times, commanded almost the sole attention of the editor and of the reader. Today, it seems to choose, from its super-abundance of material, the least valuable, and leaves the reader to scan its columns in vain for more solid matter. Does this fact speak well for the enlightenment of today?

But perhaps it is not entirely the fault of the newspaper that it has so degenerated. The publisher is anxious to improve the world, but is desirous of doing it very slowly. He has to have his comforts, and he knows he cannot have them if he makes himself disagreeable, so he adapts his wailings and warnings to the market. True, journalists are but public servants, but they ought also to be public benefactors. They ought to educate the taste of the public in their reading matter, instead of waiting until the readers clamor for a change.

The newspaper has but pandered to the depraved tastes of its readers, who demand more of the sensational. In selecting its news, it does not always use the finest discrimination in regard to what it shall leave unnoticed, and what it shall parade before the public as scandal. There is too great a tendency at present toward newspaper espionage. The detective instinct of the press is cultivated to the neglect of its graces. Many people will read—as polite Chinamen will eat—all that is set before them, and if the newspaper fills its columns with melodramatic recitals of social and criminal depravity, it must be held responsible for the taste of the people. It has developed this taste and taken them unawares. All are influenced whether they wish it or not—even against their wills, and as they come in contact with the newspaper they are

affected more or less by the contents of its columns. Whatever is given to the public through the press, comes in such shape, that it has the stamp of authority.

It is a deplorable fact, that when information is given in regard to some great issue, the newspaper presents only one side of the question. It does not dare, or thinks it does not dare, to hold up impartially both sides of a question, for fear it should let in too much light on the subject, and lose control over the votes of the great majority of its readers who will no longer blindly follow its dictates. The newspaper is the slavish follower and fighter of some political party, and it will fight for its favor on any score, lest by ever acknowledging itself in the wrong, it shall seem to lack consistency.

The newspaper dares not at all times express a candid opinion, for it might offend some of its readers, and possibly lose a subscriber or two. After all, its comments are not worth much. The reporter schools himself into saying the pretty conventional platitudes about performances that have bored him and everybody else except the participants.

It is the *average* newspaper to which I refer. Fortunately all newspapers are not *average*. But when this kind of a paper runs out of "news," it feeds the vanity of its proprietors by filling its columns with its own praise, and with criticisms passed upon its rivals.

It is to be hoped that in time the newspaper will be what its name indicates — a newsgiver — not a mere gossip. We want more light on our political questions. As Americans, we want to be better informed, and we hope to look to the newspaper as our instructor, not our adviser. We would care less for society gossip, and more for current comment. The newspaper is already a power. Let it be a greater one for good.

RACHEL MANLEY (*Sigma*).

A PLEA FOR ALUMNÆ CHAPTERS.

OUR delegate at the recent convention was authorized to apply for a charter for our Alumnæ Chapter, but the council did not seem to appreciate how it could be necessary, and the matter was dropped.

The Alumnæ and Associates of Tau Chapter have organized a district chapter with regularly elected officers whose term of office is three years. Our meetings are annual and all business is transacted through correspondence. We have self-imposed dues which are sent to our treasurer, and at the end of the year the money is used in any way that can best help the active chapter.

We are not satisfied to be an auxiliary. We want recognition in some form from the Fraternity.

The advantages of such a chapter are threefold:

1. By faithfully fulfilling our pledges we are able to materially assist the Active Chapter.
2. This method keeps us constantly informed of the residence and circumstances of each Alumna.
3. It finds us together, and we feel we are still active workers for our chapter.

With some chapters it might not seem advantageous to withdraw the support of the Alumnæ, but in reality by regularly organizing we are able to give more efficient aid.

We have been established but five years; our Alumnæ number thirty. Already we have been able to supply a want long felt in the chapter rooms by buying a piano, and now we shall turn our attention to the library. We have proven that we can be of more assistance by this method and do we not deserve some recognition from the fraternity?

Many of the Men's Fraternities have their alumni chapters or associations with distinct charters, constitutions and badges. We ask for just these things, and perhaps by applying to the Grand Council through THE KEY, the whole Fraternity will more clearly understand what we mean by an alumnæ chapter and its aim.

TAU.

THREE FAMOUS WOMEN.

IT is remarkable how little women in general know of famous women. They have a vague notion that there have been remarkable women scattered here and there through the centuries, but as to what they did, how they influenced their times, what permanent contribution they made to the great treasury of human knowledge, what saving element they threw into the brackish tides of thought — as to these things, the most of us know little.

It is the purpose of this brief paper to mention one or two salient points in the lives of three famous women.

The first is the great woman of Scotland. If the young women of to-day who seek only the "accomplishments," a little music, art and French, would contemplate the solid mountain of Mary Somerville's knowledge and attainments, they could hardly help being shamed into, or rather, I would say, inspired to actual work and study in the real lines of culture which develope soul and character. Here was a mind of the scientific cast which went to the bottom of things. In this soul burned the real thirst for *Truth*. What but this could have inspired that tremendous task embodied in the "Mechanism of the Heavens"?

This explication of La Place's great work is as splendid an intellectual monument as ever perpetuated the name of a woman. Mrs. Somerville's enthusiasm for work and study continued to the very end of her life, and at ninety the Differential Calculus was one of her chief delights. Ye triflers in the realm of mind, think of these things.

To France we go to find the many-sided, deep-souled George Sand. To her detractors peace! We enter into no criticism of her life. Her genius only concerns us here. The woman who wrote such pastoral tales as won for themselves the title of "The Georgics of France" was capable of wonderful and varied activity. Witness her voluminous works. But what we want to notice here is not her literary works particularly, but her love for humanity. With what untiring zeal did she labor for what

she believed to be the best for France. How generous and magnanimous she was toward the ungrateful peasants of her beloved Black Valley. Her genius was erratic, but combined with a rare enthusiasm for the spiritual. This was the woman of whom Renan said "her death was felt like a diminution of humanity." Let the narrow-minded lovers of the few think of this broad-souled lover and worker for the many.

England has no grander woman in her proud realm today than Frances Power Cobbe. Her early life of study and thought, and her subsequent travels gave her a splendid basis for the varied and important work of her later life. Her literary work has been varied and great, but she stands before the world especially as a worker for the unfriended poor, a pillar for the cause of woman. Her work in Bristol for the girl thieves must endear her to all philanthropists and reformers. She is perhaps best known in America as the author of "The Duties of Women." The keynote of this grand life has always been:

"To think, to feel, to do
Only the holy right;
To yield no step in the awful race,
No blow in the fearful fight."

If these few scattered facts shall lead any one to seek the inspiration of these noble women, they will have done enough.

DELLA McCORTLE.

Open Letters.

SHALL WE PLEDGE PREPARATORY STUDENTS?

THERE is little doubt that the desire of every thinking Kappa would be to most decidedly answer "No" to this question.

We must all feel that it would be more fitting to the dignity of a fraternity to be able to choose for sisters from the beginning only those whose minds and characters are well developed. But the practical question comes, not is it our desire not to pledge preparatory students, but is it our necessity? This each chapter must decide for herself. In Kappa, as in every other Greek letter society, there are chapters whose existence is more or less of a struggle, and a negative decision of this question would irretrievably weaken them.

There are chapters where material from the preparatory school *must* be taken in order to obtain any at all that Kappa could use. Why? Because chapters of other fraternities persistently follow this course, and by the time the preparatory class has reached the college door all the best students are picked out. This seems to be the strongest and most practical objection to immediately doing away with pledging preparatory students. If the question could be strongly agitated in the fraternity world, and all chapters of all fraternities would amend this practice and several others, then would the millennium come first into the Greek letter quarter of this world.

Again, some chapters, not being able to obtain the material desired in the college classes, may *prefer* to pledge younger students and mould their thoughts and characters into harmony with chapter life before directly introduced to it. This last reason is not to be passed lightly over; if chapter influence is in the least what it should be, it ought to be a fruitful source of help to pledged sisters, and the longer they are subjected to it the better.

Upsilon is much interested in this question, and will be glad to hear the experiences and learn the opinions of sister chapters.

LIZZIE M. BROWNE (*Upsilon*).

SHALL WE ADMIT "PREPS"?

THE college fraternity is for collegiate students who, by social intercourse, seek to better accomplish the ends of education. The change from the High School to the University is like that from youth to manhood. Our schools are the educators of youth; our colleges, of manhood and womanhood, and it is the Secret Society of the college that has as its special function the reception of those who, about to enter the higher spheres of life, are in need of the practical education which the fraternity by the cultivation of all the nobler qualities can offer.

The old and the young cannot be engaged in the same work. While the latter would not be the gainer, the former would, without doubt, be the loser. We run down hill much more easily than we run up. It is more difficult to elevate others to the summit than to be dragged down to the base.

Just so, preparatory and collegiate students cannot be expected to be able to pursue the same courses in college societies. Our efforts must be united. The programmes must be performed by all. But if the society work is such that it is supplementary to something previously pursued in college, we cannot ask the preparatory student to participate.

The only alternative is to lower the standard, to that which all can attain. But what of the high aims of the society? Where lies the advantage that the collegiate is to derive? Our fraternities rise or fall, just as the material of which they are composed is of a high or low grade.

Each seeks for the *best* young men or young women. But what are we to understand by the *best*? Mentally, morally or socially? All three are points worthy of consideration. But for the welfare of a college

fraternity, all three must be considered together. We do not want great intellectual powers with no background of moral strength. Yet morality does not always prove the existence of excellence in scholarship.

There are, in our preparatory schools, many who possess as great amount of general information and whose minds are as developed as some college students; but this is the exception and not the rule. We cannot always judge correctly, but the probabilities for improvement in the case of one who has graduated from the High School, are greater than in case of undergraduates. Many claim that the University is so intimately connected with the preparatory department, that the members of one are the members of the other. Is it, therefore, necessary to admit our younger sisters into a circle whose objects ought to reach far above the preparatory school? The nursery and drawing-room are also intimately connected, but no one will claim that the members of the former are capable of performing the duties of the latter.

Only those who have been admitted to a regular collegiate course are desirable or eligible to membership in our fraternity. It may be admitted that if a young woman become a society member during the last year of her preparatory course, she would, when she became a freshman, be well versed in society studies. But can we always be assured of her ever becoming a freshman? The probability of a freshman's becoming a sophomore is greater than the possibility of the High School student's ever becoming a collegiate. Should we make a practice of admitting preparatory students to membership, our ranks would soon be filled with associate members who had not even entered upon a course leading to a Bachelor's degree.

Then again, we have no place for apprentices in our fraternity workshops. We want skilled laborers, fully prepared college students. We sympathise with those who, on account of misfortune, are obliged to leave college early in the course. Such misfortunes cannot be foreseen. But this does not prove that we might risk taking those persons who have not even embarked on the great ocean.

Another objection to "preps" is that they have not yet reached the age of discretion and judgment. The young student may take the vows to

her lips, but not to her heart. A matured young woman will overcome much that would cause a younger one to create discontent and discouragement among her sisters.

Many are very anxious to become fraternity members and to wear fraternity badges, and having once attained these, never attend college. Would there not be a greater impulse given to such persons if it were known that only those who are college members can become fraternity members? Preparatory students would look upon the fraternity as an advantage to be derived from college studies only. The whole atmosphere of secret societies would become purer, and the work loftier, while members would guard the fraternity from the very fact that her doors were opened only after they had overcome the struggles and difficulties laid in the path.

IDA E. GOLDMAN (*Tau*).

PLEDGING PREPARATORY STUDENTS.

THE age at which students enter college is generally immature and particularly so in the case of women. The average girl is a quicker student than the boy of the same age, and in the race of text-books she speedily distances him. Therefore, unless a stated age, sixteen or seventeen, is required by college authorities, the girl of fifteen is a matriculate while the boy of seventeen hardly knows whether to dare the entrance examination or not. But the girl is the quicker student, not the more thorough, and they are both in the preparatory departments between the ages of twelve and fifteen. Would the boy, though the more thorough student, be considered at that age a proper subject for a pledge? A thoughtful appreciation of the case would hardly admit that a boy of twelve to fifteen years was of mature enough judgment to decide what group of men in the student body would be of the greatest value to him, for the four years of a college course, in the broadening and deepening of his manhood.

The girl is the quicker student, but not the deeper; shall we, then, grant to her the ability to choose where we deny her more thoughtful brother? Or is the question not such an important one for the women as for the men? If a woman is in college at the age of fifteen, it might with force be questioned whether she was then old enough for decision.

It may be argued that this is the formative period of a woman's life, and that the influence of a good society might be of worth through her whole life. Granted, but is it the best and most dignified use of time for a fraternity whose aim is high, and whose energies should be devoted to fostering spirituality of purpose and life, to engage in the kindergarten occupation of rearing children? Let the girl in the preparatory school remain under the guidance of her mother, whose duty it is to urge "be good and you will be happy," and guard the infant steps from straying. Let Kappa girls remember what is expected of Kappa mothers, and when the privileges and duties of motherhood come to them teach their children to walk in the ways of Kappahood.

In the meanwhile let the society remember the burdens which college women should take upon themselves in the sweetening and enlightening of women, and strive after the ideals of spiritualized humanity. There is enough to do, and the shoulders of college girls are none too strong. It would certainly seem unwise to augment the burdens.

PSI.

GREEK GOSSIP.

Nu Chapter Kappa Kappa Gamma has received a hearty welcome at the Ohio State University.

Gamma Phi Beta has recently established at Northwestern University. This sorority is conservative in establishing, but has made a good choice of Universities.

The Alpha Phi convention at Syracuse, the Alpha Chapter, is pronounced to have been very successful. *The Quarterly* is in the hands of the Beta Chapter, Northwestern University.

Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Miss Frances Willard, Alpha Phi, attended the Missionary Alliance recently held in Boston. President-elect Harrison is a member of the Phi Delta Theta, and if we mistake not, of the Alpha Chapter, Miami.

Chairman Quay of the Republican National Committee is a loyal member of Beta Theta Pi. Chief Justice Fuller is a Chi Psi man.

The Delta Gamma Catalogue is out.

Alpha Delta Phi numbers among its distinguished alumni Dr. Phillips Brooks.

Ex-Governor John D. Long is a prominent member of Delta Kappa Epsilon.

The action of the Faculty at Carleton College, Minnesota, in forbidding the continuation of Greek letter chapters in the institution is a step backward into mediævalism. Fraternity is generally recognized to be an elevating factor in college life, and any suppression is hardly likely to be of a permanent character.

Theta Delta Chi held its forty-second annual convention in New York, beginning November 21.

The Chi Psi and Beta Theta Pi Quarterlies are withdrawn this year from the exchange list.

The Theta Delta Chi Shield is once more open to exchanges.

Chapter Letters.

BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta began the year with nine active members.

The vacation had been a time of rest and recreation, and we returned to our work with new strength and vigor.

Beta is proud to have so many girls to whom nothing seems too difficult to be undertaken and carried to a successful end. We are also blessed with energetic alumnae who encourage and assist us by word and deed, and to whom we do not hesitate to go for advice.

Three of the Freshman class, Anna West, Charlotte Kimball and Mary Ford, have already been initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

On the evening of October 27, the members of Beta were entertained at the pleasant home of Cora and Halcyone Morrison; and on the evening of October 31, they, together with the members of Beta Theta Pi, were entertained by Anne Woods at the residence of Pro. C. K. Gaines.

Beta sends good wishes and hope of success to all sister chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Gamma sends greeting to all sister chapters. We began work this year with six active members. Although our number was small, we have succeeded in adding eight new names to our list; they are Mary and Helen Cornell, Ira Mohe, Caroline Bates, Etta Hoelzel, Rebecca Pence, Louise Willenborg and Mary Chamberlaine, all of whom have proved themselves worthy members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Our literary work for this term consists of a study of "Aurora Leigh," together with a study of the life of Mrs. Browning.

Gamma gave a peanut soiree on Thursday evening, at the home of Dr. Eversole. The invitations were sent out in peanut shells tied with

the fraternity colors. Nearly all the invitations were accepted, and the evening was most pleasantly spent by all.

Two of our girls, Della Walker and Winona Hughes, were sent as delegates to the convention of the Young Women's Christian Association, held at Mt. Union this fall.

A charming reception was given on September 29, by Mrs. Eversole and Miss Jackson of '84, to which all the Kappas were invited.

Wooster University opened this fall with a large number of new students in attendance, and with the professors in their usual places, except the professor of chemistry, Dr. Bennett, who is pursuing special studies in sanitary chemistry in Berlin.

Dr. Meez in one of his musical lectures recently spoke very highly of the music composed by Cordie Freeman, one of our alumnæ.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The college year has again rolled around, and with the gladness is mingled sadness and sorrow. The pleasure anticipated upon again meeting our dear Kappa sisters was saddened by the death of one of Delta's brightest gems; and we were ushered on the day of our return to college, from the train, to pay our last tribute of respect to a dear sister. Notwithstanding this sad opening of our college year, we are glad to say that Delta is flourishing. At the beginning of college the "Key" was worn by only five active members, and Delta could boast of but three "jewels" in the preparatory department; but by faithfulness and diligence we have added seven links to our golden chain.

Our meetings are well attended; usually twenty girls respond to roll call.

The literary work for the term consists of the continuance of our last year's work, a review of the lives of different authors, together with a study of our Constitution. As we read and comment upon the articles of our Constitution, we feel our bonds of sisterhood growing stronger, and we are inspired with renewed zeal to higher and nobler aims.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon enters upon this year's work with high hopes for the future. Never were her prospects more encouraging. At the beginning of the term nine Kappas answered to her roll-call. There was a large number of new students and an excellent field for work. As a result of our efforts, seventeen girls now wear the Golden Key; Grace Adams, Olive Coats, Carrie Cole, Ruth Cyrus, Hester Fell, Grace Londen, Lottie Probasco and Margaret Robinson having been initiated into our mystic circle. The initiation was an event long to be remembered, especially by the initiates.

October 6, a party was given at the home of one of our members, Miss Grace Funk, in honor of our new sisters. An enjoyable evening was the result.

Olive Edwards is with us again after an absence of one year.

The Kappas and their Phi Delta Theta friends were entertained at the home of Miss Hester Fell, on Halloween.

ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Zeta has opened with many bright prospects, although our old girls are not all back. We owe much enthusiasm to our large attendance at the convention, and are trying to put in practice some of the valuable hints gained there. We have but one new initiate to present, Sophia Moore, '92, but consider that quite a triumph over our sister fraternities.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta commenced the year with twelve new members, having lost but one last year, as one of our two graduates, Hattie Remington, received a fellowship, and is now teaching German, and taking studies in the University.

Our number has already been strongly reinforced by four new members, who are a great addition to the chapter. They are Edith Locke, Helen Thorp, Ottilie Schumann, and Darlene Hatcher. We have also one girl pledged.

Early this fall we were delighted by a visit from Mame Sarles, '88, who is now teaching in the Sparta High School.

In June the Kappas invited a number of their gentlemen friends to a moonlight ride on Lake Monona, which was followed by a hop at Winnequah.

Eta celebrated the eighteenth anniversary of Kappa Kappa Gamma by a banquet in her chapter rooms. Several toasts were responded to. A number of the alumnae were present, and fresh enthusiasm was awakened in all.

We have taken up in addition to our University, literary work, where Kappa is well represented, Cross' "Life of George Eliot."

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Theta greets her sister chapters. We met this year with five active members, three of class '89, two of class '90. We have one initiate, May Mansfield, '91. After the ceremonies of initiation on the evening of October 20, we had a frolic and candy pulling at the home of Gay and Etta Hancock. Our meetings are often merely social, but we try to read a little about the famous women of history; have just begun Lamartine's "Mary Stuart."

Anne Bates, '97, is teaching Latin in the University.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Iota began the year under favorable auspices. We began with eighteen active members, Ella Adams, '90, Harriet L. Perkins, '92, and Margaret Carter, '92, returning after an absence of one year.

Ninety-two new girls entered college this year. Our agreement with the Kappa Alpha Thetas, concerning the spiking ended October 31, and up to that time there was great excitement on all sides. The Thetas pledged ten girls, and we pledged ten of the best of those who entered. The new girls who wear the two blues are Halycon McCudy, '92; Ellen Atwater, '91; Mary Bicknell, '92; Zella B. Ward, '92; Cora Ebinghaus, '92;

Sally Marlatt, Margaret Patterson, Hattie McCoy, Gertrude McCoy, and Nannie Jenne.

The anniversary was celebrated at the home of Minnie L. Royse, Terre Haute, Ind., and all had a pleasant time.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Kappa sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and earnest wishes for their prosperity and happiness. Vacation ended, found nine Kappas again in College, loyal and anxious to work for Kappa. Since the opening of the term, the name of Ina Dunn has been added to our roll. We feel greatly the loss of our two seniors and of three of our most earnest workers, whom we had hoped would be with us. Mary Wilder, '90, is unable to be in college on account of ill health.

The year thus far has been very quiet and uneventful. Though we have become acquainted with many new girls, Kappa as usual has refrained from "rushing," that she might be surer of what she selects for her future support.

Our literary work planned for the term has been the study of the constitution and of the chapters of our province.

LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda Chapter reports a good outlook for her prosperity during the coming year.

We have initiated six new members: May Steves, Helen Typer, Lena Warner, Freshmen; Laura Findlay, Special; Alice Slade, Senior Preparatory, and Olive Slade, Art Student.

Our initiation was held at the home of May Cannon, where a most delightful evening was spent. In addition to active members there were present several alumnæ and associate members, all of whom are always welcome.

We are now preparing for a lecture from Mrs. Livermore which will be given on November 12, on "A Dream of Tomorrow." Miss Bortle, our

Lady Principal, has kindly offered to entertain her, so that we shall have the pleasure of her company in the college building.

We have not become settled in our literary work, but expect to make "Fraternities" and "Our Fraternity" a study.

Mabel Marvin, '88, visited Akron for a few days this week. We have also had among us at various times, Jennette Vail, Clara Slade, Frances Fell, Florence Erwin and Mary Webb, '86.

We hope to add individually as well as numerically to our strength as women, and thus as a fraternity.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

We have commenced our work for the coming year with great interest. All of last year's members, with but one exception, have returned.

While awaiting the place of work, our meetings have been devoted to the review of magazine articles, together with current news items.

Clara Goe, of '91, was initiated on the evening of October 23.

Harriet Iden is teaching in the Irvington public school.

NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

On the evening of the 12th of October, 1888, six girls of the Ohio State University wended their way to the home of Belle Slade, a Kappa and graduate of Buchtel. These girls, Alberta Rickey, Nellie Talbot, Alberta Garver, Caroline A. Pocock, Frances E. Bancroft, and Alice H. Moodie, braved the wind and rain, actuated by a strong and noble purpose. They were to be the charter members of Nu Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The older members in Kappa Kappa Gamma, who were present to assist Miss Slade in the forming of the chapter, were Misses Parsons, Long and Downing, while Phi Chapter of Boston University was represented by Cora Rigby. After the initiation into the mysteries and aims of Kappa Kappa Gamma, a banquet was served.

Since that evening Chapter Nu has taken in three active members,

and voted in Belle Slade and Cora Rigby as associate members. To the latter much of our success is due, as she is an active and untiring worker for the good of Kappa Kappa Gamma, while to the former Nu owes its very existence.

Last year two of our girls, one from the Junior, the other from the Sophomore class, were elected to represent those classes on Washington's Birthday, next February, by appropriate orations. The Tennis Club, with all its charms, has attracted one of our Chapter, who holds the position of Secretary, while another has the same office in the Oratorical Association.

The Girls' Literary Society, which takes its name from Mrs. Browning, is a society in which nearly all of the college girls are interested. The President, Vice-President, and Critic all belong to our fraternity.

The Lantern, our College paper, edited by the three literary Societies of A. S. U. has captured two Kappas, who give their assistance by acting as editors.

Feeling that Kappa Kappa Gamma Fraternity would be glad to know a little of her youngest sister, and what she is doing, we have given this little sketch. Chapter Nu will ever try to do her part in upholding the honor of our Fraternity.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Xi enters the new college year with flattering prospects. Two new names, Florence McClure, '91, and Mildred Graham, '92, have been added to our list, making a total of twelve. Fraternity spirit has been quite marked this year.

May Kingsley, who represented Xi at the Kappa Kappa Gamma convention held in Akron, Ohio, is with us again this year.

Xi planned a state convention with Kappa Chapter of Hillsdale, in October, but owing to failure to obtain our full request from the faculty, it was indefinitely postponed. We were greatly disappointed.

Our members have received their full quota of honors this term. Misses Graham, Johnston, and McClure were elected as performers on the

"Anniversary" program of the Star and Lambda Phi literary societies. Miss Johnston is now president of the Lambda Phi. Misses Kingsley and Johnston are members of the editorial staff of *The College World*.

Miss Kingsley of Richwood, Ohio, at the request of the committee, sent a number of poems and literary articles to be placed on file in the Woman's Department of the Ohio State Centennial, held in Columbus during September last.

Saidie Palmer is teaching near Adrian; Villa Osborn is teaching in Louisiana; Fannie Condit is teaching in New Orleans, La.; May Poucher, Enid Ware, Hettie Meikle, are passing an enjoyable winter at their homes. Jennie De Vore, our former corresponding secretary, has been compelled to take a year's rest. We much regret her absence, but hope to have her presence with us again next year.

OMICRON — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Omicron sends greetings and congratulations to THE KEY.

At our first meeting of the term the convention report was given by our delegate, Elizabeth Proudfoot, and was of interest to all.

This year promises to be a prosperous one for the College, and also for Omicron. The initiates thus far have been two, Martha Witham and Ella E. Youtz. After their initiation, October 27th, the Phi Kappas Psis called, and the evening passed very pleasantly.

Julia Teshett and Lunette Baingrover attend as delegates the State Convention of the Y. W. C. A., held at Newton.

RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Rho began this term somewhat diminished in numbers.

We have lost four of our last year's girls. Bessie Putnam graduated; Louise Allen has gone to Wellesley, and Mary and Kate Christy were transferred to Tau of Syracuse University.

We celebrated the founding of Kappa Kappa Gamma by a banquet, and the initiation of May Whitney.

We have wished very much to form a whist club this fall, but are afraid that the idea must be given up for lack of time.

An initiation is expected to take place in a very short time, and we think that although Rho is small in numbers at present, her prospects, for a successful year are very bright.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Sigma began the new year with eight active members, and has since initiated three, Nellie Moulton, Special Art Student, Ida Bonnell, class of '91, and Nellie White, '92. We miss Alma Bennedict, who graduated in '88, and has since moved away, and Gema Linn, class of '91, who did not return.

The first of the term Sigma gave a reception to her friends at the home of Rachael Manley, and Miss Moore, Art Teacher, very kindly entertained Sigma and friends at her home a week or so later.

Arrangements have been made for a Hallow-Eve party at the home of Edith Leighton, where six of our members are to receive the second degree.

Sigma has another wedding to announce: Cora E. Fisher, '86, was married September 5th, '88, to A. G. Warner, now of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Warner is Secretary of National Board of Charities, and has been appointed to fill the chair of Political Economy at our University.

There are two new Fraternities in the University, the "Delta Gamma's" and "Beta Theta Pi," making six in all.

Nebraska University is flourishing. There are two buildings almost completed, "Grant Memorial Hall" and "Industrial College."

We have been so busy arranging our affairs and taking in new members that we have as yet done very little literary work, but expect to soon.

TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Tau considers herself particularly fortunate in several ways this fall. The first meeting was a very delightful one, excepting the thought that we had lost four of our most loyal Kappas — Jessie T. Peck and Mary B. Moore,

'88; Ellen L. Bryant, and Caroline E. Morton, '89. However, we were reënforced by one of our alumnæ, Ruth E. Guibault, who was teaching in Virginia last year, also Kate and Mary Christy of Rho, who have entered '90. Of course the report of our convention delegate, Ida E. Goldman, was one of the interesting features of the meeting.

Our usual "rushing party" was held at the home of Anna Packard, and was a great success. According to a contract agreed upon by the three women's societies, we could issue no invitations until October 20. The result of this plan was very satisfactory. We pledged ten girls, the number we invited; and all but one were initiated last Friday. The new members are: Ella Hall, May Wright, Millie Hawley, Ella Orr, Clara Orr, Mary Jones, Georgia Ross, Kate Rollo, and Grace Ferris. The initiation was at our rooms, and the banquet was held at the home of Violet Telfer. The girls are very desirable, and we are well pleased with our efforts.

The sudden death of Dr. Schultze, professor of violin and theory in the College of Fine Arts, caused universal sorrow, and has necessarily disarranged some of our work.

UPSILON.

Upsilon, after a refreshing vacation and with the pleasant memories and inspiring thoughts of the convention in mind, was glad to resume school and fraternity duties in the fall. She soon found a new and better home, so that, "together again in the chapter room seems" even more delightful than before. Her house-warming took place Friday evening, October 6, when she welcomed three new sisters to Kappa; Fannie Adair Mesner, '92, of Cameron, Mo., Maude Smith, '92, of Geneseo, Ill., and Ella Bird Hewson '92 of Kansas City.

In her sister Kappas who have finished and "gone before" Upsilon has a great interest, and her heart sympathises with them in their happiness and sorrow. Emma Thompson has our sympathy on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Brown, who was one of the first members of the fraternity at Monmouth, Ill., and we are grieved to be obliged to report

the death of the husband of Mrs. Ida Rankins *née* Sunderland of Englewood, Ill., whose wedding was reported only last term. Miss Carrie Cass was married at her home in Prairie du Chien, Wis., on October 10, to Mr. William Gilchrist of McGregor, Iowa. Their future home will be in Sioux City, Iowa. Matilda Hutchinson is teaching at Necedah, Wis. Ida Simmons is studying music at the Conservatory in Boston, and Katharine Sharp after her return from Europe has taken the position as assistant librarian of the Scoville Institute at Oak Park, Ill.

Upsilon has been favored by two visits this term from sister Kappas. Miss Kingbury of Phi Chapter and Miss Godwin of Aurora, Ill., one of Zeta's Charter members, were each with us a short time.

The sorority of Gamma Phi Beta has extended its roll by establishing a chapter among us at Northwestern on October 13. It has nine Charter members, with two recent initiates. The chapter, which is to be known as Epsilon, was initiated by a delegation of six ladies from Madison and Ann Arbor.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi Chapter feels there can be no more suggestive introduction to the present communication than the list of our Kappas to be :

Eleanor C. Butler,
Mabel Davis,
Lida Hiller,
Sarah E. Morse,

Lilian Sawyer,
Mabel M. Taylor,
Ella Titus,
Marian T. Wendell.

The season has been interesting in many respects, and now, though its more active part is drawing to a close, we feel positive that "our late pleasantness" is only a prophecy of what is to follow the assimilation of our right worthy additions. Our Chapter is approaching the point where motives of self-preservation must overpower the friendly desire to give the "*novæ*" the associations of Kappa life. We have a large Chapter, whose numbers are constantly increasing. We have also full confidence in Kappa's power to unify, but there are some things that are impossible. With no dormitory system in our University, and particularly with no Chapter-House, we feel discretion has some part in our plans. Yet the

fact remains that the Chapter is in an outwardly and inwardly flourishing condition, and that we are united and enthusiastic, but we feel it is in spite of our numbers.

There are thoughts of a Kappa House for next year. Meantime, we have a desirable suite of rooms, in which we have many desirable times. A piano in one corner is ours by the kindness of one of the girls, and we sing away at the old refrain, "There is a noble sisterhood," and sigh for the new song-book. This very evening we are to transfer Minerva and the owl to the "Key" closet, and enjoy the inspiration of the open grate with all the accompaniments of roasted chestnuts, and some other undignified delicacies. One of the most interesting aids to real Fraternity spirit is found in the nucleus of a Chapter Library we have succeeded in forming. The exchanges of THE KEY are always to be consulted there for objects "wise or otherwise," and the Chapter's interest in Pan-Hellenic movements is constantly increasing. The Historian is making some valuable additions to the matter in her Department.

But the one thing likely to prove of most general interest to the Fraternity is the Kappa Kappa Gamma Kalendar, the first Greek-letter Kalendar ever published. The compilers, Miss Kingsbury and Miss Dodge, have had remarkable success, and the Chapter is proud that this desirable addition to Fraternity literature should come from Kappa Kappa Gamma. The outside of the Kalendar is neat, scholarly, and attractive in appearance. The quotations are brief, evidently selected with a view to the needs of the busy Greek. Several authors are represented besides Pope and Sidney Smith, and the whole result is of far greater value to the world at large than one's first idea of a Fraternity Kalendar would suggest.

Several of those who lately were active members of Phi are teaching in the vicinity of Boston, and are able occasionally to give us the inspiration of their presence. One, Cora Rigby, whom we miss each Wednesday, is now connected with the new Chapter in Ohio State University.

The fraternal feeling is extended to the College, and many of our prominent women are connected with its best interests.

We have represented in the University five secret Fraternities. Eta Chapter, Alpha Phi seems never to have been in a more prosperous condition than at the present day. Delta of Gamma Phi Beta has recently entertained her Fraternity at its annual Convention here in Boston. The men's societies, Beta Theta Pi and Theta Delta Chi seem to vie with each other in pleasant attentions.

There are traditions, some of which have not been handed down any great length of time, that there is great tendency to rivalry among the College societies. We are coming to the conclusion that the differences between them are of kind and not so much of degree, and we are fond of relating to Chapter Phi the old legend where the mountain and the squirrel had a quarrel. We lament the undisputed fact that the mountain could not climb a tree, and we exhort the Chapter to increased sprightliness.

College and class socials at the University wholly supply the demand. The literary side of our pleasure has many new features, among which we would mention the philological and German lectures.

The University is constantly increasing in numbers, and now after only fifteen years of existence has as many students as were enrolled in Harvard twelve years ago.

Surely the Boston University has a future.

CHI — MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Those who were delegates to the recent convention, will find many new names on our roll: Anna Augusta Brown; Evelyn Van Winkle Sammis, '92; Rose Maud Upham, '92; Effie Frances Ames, '92; Minnie Blanche Phillips, Stella Burger Stearns, '92; Elizabeth Helen Mathes, '92; Lucy Woods Leach, '92; Mabel Austin, '92; Jessie Pratt.

Chi Chapter is stronger in numbers than ever in its history, and is animated by an active interest which promises much pleasure and benefit from our work this winter.

The University of Minnesota is increased by two departments — that of military science, which opens with two companies and a hundred and

fifty in the ranks; and that of medicine, or with three fully organized colleges.

The Faculty and Instructor number 102, and the fall enrollment showed an attendance of 658 students.

A reception was given by the Chapter, September 17, at the home of the Misses Cross, at which were entertained a number of young women who had lately come to the University.

Our three initiations were held at the homes of Grace Gilbert, Blanche Berry, and Nellie Hall, and were festive times which will long be remembered.

PSI — CORNELL.

The opening of the college year found Psi small in number, but very great in enthusiasm. Though we were represented at the Convention only by our delegate, Miss Tupper, we felt ourselves well represented, and our interest in the Fraternity at large has been much strengthened by her entertaining accounts of the work done at Minneapolis.

We have received a very welcome addition to the chapter by the entrance to Cornell of Miss Ball, Kappa, Hillsdale, as a resident graduate student. We have also initiated Emma Lang, '91.

The first of November was the date agreed upon by the three women's societies in Cornell, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Delta Gamma, before which no invitations should be extended to new students. Since that date we have been so fortunate as to pledge four strong women of '92, and we are sanguine of further success. This Pan-Hellenic treaty has been a happy experiment, and we hope will become a permanent feature of inter-fraternity polity at Cornell.

The University has opened prosperously this year, with nearly 1,200, or to be exact, with 1,177 students in attendance. Many additions have been made to the faculty, and also to the corps of instructors. Sage College is rejoicing in the appointment of a new principal, Mrs. Hooker, who first won the admiration and respect, and then the confidence of the young ladies whom she chaperones. Upon the Campus, Barnes Hall has

nearly reached completion, and the new engineering building is rising rapidly; while the library building is just begun, and bids are asked for the architectural designs of an \$80,000 chemical laboratory. On the whole, we hope we will not be considered boastful if we think ourselves a prosperous chapter in a prosperous university.

OMEGA — KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Omega entered college with bright prospects this fall, nearly all the girls of last year having returned, making our numbers twelve active.

We enjoyed much hearing of the delightful, as well as profitable, time held at the convention. Our only regret was that we could not all have been present.

Owing to our new rule not to ask or pledge for three months after the opening of school, no "rushing" or initiations have taken place. We eagerly await the expiration of the time.

Omega was delighted this fall by having a visit from Miss Grace Clark of Epsilon Chapter. Mrs. C. P. Grovenor pleasantly entertained us one afternoon in her honor.

We are glad to have with us again Edna Maxwell, who has been attending school in Washington, Pa., for the past two years, and will spend the winter in Lawrence.

Lillie Freeman was obliged to leave school on account of poor health, but we hope to have her with us again next year.

Since writing our last letter, we have another marriage to record. On June 28, Mabel E. Gore to C. S. Gleed of Topeka, Kan.

Annie McKinnon delightfully entertained us on Hallow Eve evening. All tricks so characteristic of that evening were participated in.

By the time of our next letter we hope to have some new girls to introduce to our sisters.

Omega sends greeting to all, and best wishes for the continued prosperity of THE KEY.

PERSONALS.

GAMMA.

Della McCortle, '87, is teaching Latin and Greek in the University.

Nettie Jackson, '84, is teacher of Latin and Greek in the Wooster High School.

Eva Eichar, '85, is teaching natural sciences in the same school.

Helen L. Cross, '89, was married October 24, to W. R. Austin of Oberlin, Ohio.

Lorena Shafer, '80, was married October 25, to L. R. Kions, '87, Phi Gamma Delta.

EPSILON.

Mary Kuhl, '80, is travelling in Europe.

Emily Herron, '84, is Principal of the Preparatory Department, Chaddock College, Quincy, Ill.

Marie Cowen, '85, is the State Organizer of the Y. W. C. T. U.

Bina Van Petten, '87, is in Leavenworth, Kan.

Rachael Baurmann, '88, is spending this year at her home in Bloomington, Ill.

Lillian Dimmitt, '88, is Instructor of English and Assistant in the Post Graduate Course at the Illinois Wesleyan University.

ETA.

Last spring the marriage of Florence Griswold, '86, to George Burkstaff was celebrated at her home in Columbus, Wis. Mr. and Mrs. Burkstaff are living in Oshkosh, Wis.

Bertha Putnam, '85, has just returned from abroad, where she has been travelling and studying German.

THETA.

Married: Emma Priscilla Hayes, at Salina, Kansas, June 21, to Dr. Enrig Guthrie, a former student in this University and a member of Sigma Nu. They live at Lucas, Kan. Mary Robert Banks, at Unionville, Mo., September 19, to Mr. Wm. H. Schuermann, formerly Assistant Professor of Physics and Engineering in this University, and a member of Zeta Phi. He is now a bridge designer in Cincinnati, Ohio. Lucy Bass, at Columbia, Mo., October 10, to Mr. Lucius Raymond Manning, a banker in Taconia, Washington Territory.

Died: George Harding Spencer, at her home in Plattsburgh, Mo., June 21, 1888.

Addie Peters, one of our charter members, is teaching English branches and Elocution at the Christian College in this place.

IOTA.

Tamar Gray, 84, is Professor of Greek in the University of Southern California.

Susan G. Kelly, '87, is studying music in Leipsic, Germany.

Mrs. Louise Johnson Longden, '85, is studying in Hanover, Germany.

Clara Conklin, '86, is studying German in Hanover, Germany.

Cora Lloyd, '84, was married to Theodore L. Neff, Professor of German, in De Pauw, October 11, 1888.

Rhoda M. Kelly, '88, is spending the winter in Gettysburg, Ga.

Kate Stone, '88, is teaching in Bainbridge, Ind.

Florence Allen, '88, is teaching in Wichita, Kas.

May Langsdale, '88, is visiting in Nashville, Tenn.

KAPPA.

Mignon Kern, '88, is teaching in the schools of Conneaut, O. She occupies the position which was to be Jennie Winship's, '88, but which she was unable to fill on account of ill-health.

LAMBDA.

Mary Webb, '86, and Lucy Danforth, '86, are teaching in the public schools at Kent, Ohio.

Lillian Moore, '86, teaches Latin and Chemistry in the Akron High School.

Nell Dages, '85, teaches Latin and German in the High School, Galipolis, Ohio.

Mabel Marvin, '88, has lately accepted the position of tutor in a private family in Buffalo.

Mary McMillan, '88, was married September 20, to M. M. Gardner, of Pittsburg, Pa. The wedding was a quiet one at the home of the bride's parents in Akron.

MU.

Electa Murry and Dr. Pruitt both of '85, were married June 6, 1888, at Indianapolis.

Kate Hadley, '88 is taking postgraduate work in the English department.

Martha Murry, '87, is teaching in Indianapolis.

TAU.

Ida M. Steingrebe, '85, private teacher of music at Quincy, Ill., visited in Syracuse during the summer.

Agnes Foster, '87, is teaching in Hayswood Seminary, Maysville, Ky. Elizabeth S. Bridgeford, '87, is teaching at Athol Centre, Mass.

Mary D. Allis, '87, is preceptress in the Union Free School and Academy at Afton, N. Y.

Jean E. Weller, '87, has returned to her position at Bucksport, Me.

Mary B. Moore and Jessie T. Peck, '88, are both spending the year at home.

PHI.

Alexandrine Chisholm, '86, is at home this year at Newtonville.

Josephine Short, '86, is teaching at the Somerville High School.

Sarah Hobson, '87, is at the B. U. Medical School.

Deering Hanscom, '87, has charge of one of the departments of *The Golden Rule*.

Margaret Bradford, '87, is teaching at the Wellesley High School.

Lizzie Shinn, '87, is Professor of Greek and Latin at Lassell Seminary.

Helen Teele, '87, is teaching at Malden.

Anna Gooding, '87, is teaching at Brandon, Vermont.

The engagement of Mabel S. Clarke, '87, to Mr. Pelton of the B. U. Law School, is announced.

Azubah Latham, '88, is studying at the School of Expression.

Bertha G. Young, '88, is teaching at Randolph.

Mary H. Lord, '89, is teaching in a private school at Salem.

Cora Rigby, '90, is transferred to Nu Chapter, O. S. W.

Emma L. Mack, '91, is teaching at Dedham.

PSI.

Linnie Gambie, '84, was married September 19, to Mr. Alfred Moss crop, formerly an instructor at Cornell. They are now residing in Rochester, N. Y.

Annie Curtis, '86, is principal of a gymnasium in Milwaukee.

Jessie Cassiday, '86, is at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Park, *née* Kitredge, '86, resides in New York City.

Charlotte Smith, '85, is teaching in Washington, D. C.

Lois Otis, '87, is teaching in Philadelphia, Pa.

Carita McEtright of Lambda, Buchtel, who graduated at Cornell in '87, will sail for Europe, December 8, for a year's study.

Mary W. Lougee, '88, is at her home in West Roxbury, Mass.

Agnes A. Rogers, '88, is teaching near Chicago. Her address is 6805 Perry Ave., Englewood, Ill,

Ella M. Boulton, '88, is at her home in Medina, Ohio.

Mrs. Charles H. Baker *née* Gladys France, formerly '88, resides in Seattle, Wash. Ter.

EDITORIAL.

TO every Kappa in the land a hearty greeting! A new year full of bright hopes and fair promises offers encouragement to us as we sit for the first time in the sanctum, and pass judgment on the Kappa world.

Such a plentiful supply of copy surely never before fell to mortal editor.

It seemed quite invidious to make a choice, so many good articles were there. But this unpleasant responsibility is a much pleasanter emotion than that of wild anxiety and haggard haste that has been the editorial portion in the past. Many thanks, Kappa contributors! Our thanksgiving this year has indeed been worthy the name.

With this issue a few changes will be noted. First, the cover. The biological character of the cover for the past two years has been a source of distress to many of our own fraternity, and has aroused the animosity of the Greek Press in general. Sisters, the tentacles and antennæ have said a final farewell, and in their place we offer the "blue and the blue."

We have introduced three new departments: First, the open letter department in the charge of the corresponding editor, which gives an opportunity for free discussion upon the many subjects of fraternity policy; second, Greek Gossip, where are to be found items of general fraternity interest. We shall endeavor to make this department as complete as possible, by giving all the latest news that can be had; third, a list of personals.

The success of these three departments depends largely upon the active interest taken by the fraternity. With a good support these departments will be interesting. Without a good support they will undoubtedly be most remarkably dull. All contributions will be welcome. A good number of such items will gladly be taken in the place of one of the two quarterly manuscripts.

In the Chapter letters we read many new names. The result of the fall campaign is plainly a successful one. Now is the time to show true Kappahood. These young initiates are expecting great things. They are looking to Kappa for lofty ideals of honor, of courage, and of womanliness. They must not be disappointed, for they are to be leading members only a few years hence, and it is in their hands that our future rests.

What a campaign season it has been to be sure! The whole nation has been in a state of the most intense interest as to the result of the presidential election. Women have not voted, it is true, but who shall measure their influence? Every fraternity woman, every college woman should make the nation's affairs her own, and do all in her power to advance the cause of liberty, enlightenment, and honor in the land.

There is a place where we women have a direct influence, however, and that is in our co-educational institutions. It is there that we have a chance to show how we would use the power of suffrage, were it ours in the nation. It is a grand opportunity to show independence and non-partisanship, a grand opportunity to show how we *young* women stand on the great questions of honor, duty, and equality.

There is a beautiful and significant truth underlying all those old legends in which the touch of a fairy-wand transforms the rags and rubbish of one day into the radiant treasures of the next. Not after our childish idea, perhaps, will that change take place. Outwardly, at least, the rags will remain rags, the rubbish continue rubbish to the end of the chapter. But Time, the magician, works charms far more wonderful than these merely material changes, transforming with his lingering touch many of our most trifling possessions into the dearest treasures of after years.

All this may seem an over-elaboration of the simple advice to preserve the memorabilia of college and fraternity life. It is a small matter, you think, whether you save or destroy these worthless bits of ribbon and pasteboard, when the real persons and plans they represent are close at

hand. But college life is not the eternity we would make it; Freshmen develop into Juniors, and Juniors fade into Alumnæ with an appalling regularity, and bye and bye will come a time when this handful of yellow letters, these scraps of pasteboard and knots of blue ribbon must do duty for many a warm word or encouraging hand-clasp. Time of course, cannot work for all alike. Sometimes, as in the old fairy tales, the spell is reversed, the treasures of yesterday turned into mere dust and ashes. But if our fraternity life has meant anything to us, if it has brought us any nearer to all that is good and true and beautiful, then are no moments of that life too trifling to be preserved. It is upon such trifles as these that Time works his kindest miracles, transforming them into treasures that will far out-value the material jewels of our childish desire.

Whenever it is possible, let every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma patronize the firms who advertise in THE KEY, rather than competing establishments. This will greatly facilitate the work of the business manager, thus tending to assure the financial success of the magazine.

EXCHANGES.

The *Phi Chi Quarterly* presents itself, in a new dress the plainness of which is commendable, although the effect of combining light blue and French blue is not altogether pleasing to one's æsthetics.

The *Quarterly* is on the whole satisfactory. Besides the poem and a dissertation upon some sort of a relic, interesting only to Chi Phis, there are two articles, entitled "The Fraternity Idea in Education," and "Fraternity Work," respectively, which have a more general interest, especially at this trying season of the year. The one furnishes arguments by which the ardent freshman yearning for fraternity life may win over his "skeptical parent" and the other deals with the method of imbuing said freshman with said yearnings. We quote from the former :

"The most progressive universities and colleges in this country welcome the Greek letter fraternities as aids in education. A majority of the respective faculties of our collegiate institutions is composed of fraternity men, and the fraternity idea in education is an established factor of collegiate culture and finish."

Apropos of the same general subject, this *Quarterly* shows sound sense in an editorial from which we again take the liberty of quoting :

"Now the initiation season is at its height the undergraduates should heed a note of warning. There can be no surer cause of decline in the Chapters than the initiation of men who may prove undesirable.

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"Experience has shown that long lists of new initiates, though they increase the length of chapter rolls, are by no means a correct index of Chapter prosperity. It is more difficult to enthruse large bodies of men, and to keep them properly up to Fraternity work. The larger the number of men, the greater the probability of indifference, consequent neglect of duty, and the introduction of incongenial elements. Congeniality is the mainspring of the Fraternity idea. To enable its members properly to appreciate its advantages, and fully to enjoy them, the wheels of the complicated machine must move smoothly, silently, and in unison."

The remaining space in the *Quarterly* is filled by a report of the Ohio Reunion, and a glorified review of an address by a Chi Phi, which, if we may judge from the excerpts, is indeed what the reviewer complacently claims for it, "as unique in its freshness as it is bristling with allusions classical and profane."

There are besides, the usual exchanges, chapter correspondence, fraternity notes, etc.

If we might venture a suggestion, we would say to the *Quarterly* that dignity in dealing with exchanges even from women's fraternities is not incompatible with Greek manliness. We can struggle along, thank you, if our heads are not patted.

Though not strong in a literary way, Kappa Alpha Theta is characterized by general honesty and good sense. Especially do we hail its attitude in regard to "rushing," as a promise of a much-to-be-desired broadening in the Greek world.

"We are in a congratulatory mood," says Phi Kappa Psi. We are glad to know it, even though the reason is not apparent. It is surely not over the October *Shield*.

While reviews of *Annals* are estimable in their place, as leading articles of a fraternity organ they rather fall to the ground. If they must be written it would be well to have them correctly written. Will the *Shield* kindly elucidate the following sentence?

"For those who have tasted the joys of college boarding clubs or female seminary dining tables, the flavor of the following parody on Mary's Lamb will not be undistinguishable."

We learn with regret of the suppression of *Alpha* at Carleton College and sympathize in the *Shield's* open expressions of indignation so far as our own calm and unruffled temper will permit.

To say the Theta Delta Chi *Shield* is startling is putting it very mildly. Only the wildest delirium or the blackest nightmare could have inspired the designers of that cover. It suggests the Inferno.

Taking into consideration the young person in the cut and the some three or four love songs which the *Quarterly* contains—to say nothing of the fair contributor—it seems reasonable to conclude something as to Theta Delta Chi's summer. But although it is doubtless much safer to find a vent for one's sentiments, and although the confidence is extremely interesting to the rest of the Greek world, we have doubts about the propriety of it, which refuse to be stifled.

Be these things as they may, we are sincerely glad to welcome what has been so long a secret publication. The leading editorial is a *chef-d'œuvre*, disarming criticism by its modesty and leaving only room for commendation.

The strictly fraternity tone of the *Shield* is noticeable, and the chapter letters have a heartiness and an air of good fellowship about them that is refreshing after the dead-and-alive character of that department in some of the other exchanges. But is it wise either to write or publish such a sentence as this: "If the readers will pardon the candid opinion of your humble correspondent, he would say that he considers our crowd much above the other in quality"?

There are degrees of Theta Deltaism which it would be unpardonable to pardon.

There is a vice common to all the exchanges representing men's fraternities as far as we have any knowledge of them which seems to us to be in crying need of reform. We speak of the pernicious habit which fraternity men have of metaphorically falling on each others' necks in public. Now if we were to be solemnly assured on oath, that men stalk about in their chapters' houses addressing each other as "brother" X, Y and Z, we would try to believe it. But there are a great many things right and proper enough in private which become nuisances when practiced in public, and among these things we class the display of fraternal affection.

Charles Lamb, in "A Bachelor's Complaint on the Behavior of Married

People," says, "What I complain of is that they carry this preference so undisguisedly. They perk it up into the faces of us single people so shamelessly, you cannot be in their company a moment without being made to feel by some indirect hint or open avowal that *you* are not the object of this preference. Now there are some things which give us no offence while implied or taken for granted merely: but expressed there is much offence in them."

A like charge might reasonably be brought by the barbarian against the Greek world.

There certainly are no arguments in favor of this practice which is so unfortunately common, and there are several against it—chiefest the weak sentimentality of it, and the offence against good taste.

There is a certain ease about Delta Kappa Epsilon, a well-fed, well-housed, well-dressed air which distinguishes it at once from all other fraternities. One-third of the October *Quarterly* is devoted to Tau at Hamilton, a history of the chapter, an account of the new chapter house, and an article on Tau's house-warming in which all the details of that festivity are given with utmost minuteness. There is an interesting sketch of the club in New York, and a song all about

"When shall I look my last on thee,
Angelic D. K. E.?"

which completes this rather meagre literary feast, which the *Quarterly* spreads before us.

This from the editorial department: "The true field of the Fraternity magazine lies wherever the influence of Greece is felt, be it in history, letters or art. Whatever touches Greek life in its broadest relations, either in its dead past or its new present—this we believe is the noble field for the Fraternity press.

The difficulty of obtaining so lofty an ideal is only too apparent. To obtain writers of sufficient ability to handle and present important subjects, whose Fraternity spirit shall equal their ability, is no easy matter.

"We are not sure but that the true way of developing Fraternity journalism lies in this direction; that is, to put Fraternity publications on a par with others—not to ask a man for time and force out of a busy life, and expect to pay for his labors with an extra copy of the number containing his article. The man who pleases or instructs his fellows in a Fraternity magazine is surely deserving of some reward besides the approval of his conscience and the criticism of the editor."

We regret that we are not to have the pleasure this year of "passing the time o' day" with the Purple and Gold and Beta Theta Pi. Both were welcome visitors to the sanctum for divers (and diverse) reasons.

The *Anchora* comes as we are about going to press. After the scathing review of THE KEY, we turned eagerly to the general matter and we *did* hope to find the *Anchora* as a light set on the hill, revealing to the less fortunate the way by which they might avoid the sloughs of "feminine mediocrity," but alas! What is it about stones and glass houses?