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Fraternities.

The editor of the Key sends me quite copious extracts from the little book "The College Student and His Problems", and asks if I am willing to make such changes as will express my opinion regarding fraternities for women.

My profound interest in the higher education of women leads me to acquiesce most readily, with thanks for this opportunity of reaching with a possibly helpful word some of the brightest and most promising young women of this country.

James H. Canfield.

FRATERNITIES, or Greek-letter societies, or secret societies for women, are now known in nearly every college in this country, and constitute one of the most important factors of college life. This coming together of young women of similar tastes and purposes is entirely natural, and is to be expected in the college as it is in society at large. Add the piquancy of secret rites and ceremonies, and the comforts of a home, and the attractions of fraternity life become very strong. A young woman who promises to make a good student record, or who for any reason seems a desirable addition to the charmed circle, finds herself almost at once among friends, and establishes delightful relations which, often, perhaps generally, are of lifelong duration. In many ways she has a decided social advantage over fellow-graduates who, as students, did not enjoy the comradeship which these organizations offer and foster.

"Of course there is another side to all this. There are fraternities and fraternities. The character and personnel differ from year to year, and in different institutions. It is not at all infrequent that a fraternity is noted in one college for

its high literary standing, in another for social qualities only; in one college holds the first rank in scholarship, and in another bears scarcely a passing grade. So, too, it is often true that in some institutions fraternities absolutely change front with passing years—and sometimes with a very few passing years at that. As I write I recall a fraternity in one of our most renowned colleges, which in a very few years passed from an unusually high moral plane to such depths of degradation and degeneracy that its charter was withdrawn and its chapter broken up by action of its own national council.

"It is almost necessarily true that membership in a fraternity increases the expenses of college life, and at least tends to increase these unduly. It is not easy to be frugal when in company with others, some of whose resources are more ample than your own; and "spreads" and receptions and socials do not grow on bushes, to be plucked by the empty-handed. So, too, there is an expenditure of time—sure to follow the social life of these club-houses—which it is almost impossible wisely to limit or control. Yet many students of highest rank have been most loyal and enthusiastic fraternity women.

"You may have strength of character and standing, or you may have some inheritance in the college, which enables you to choose both your time of joining and the fraternity with which you will unite. Or it may be that only one society will solicit your membership, and that one may say, "Now or never." As to this latter it may be said in passing, that if you really succeed in your work and show marked strength, the opportunity to join will quite surely be offered again; so you may eliminate any anxiety on that score. But you are alone, you feel the need of advisers and friends, immediate comradeship means much to you, and you appreciate recognition and the distinction of being sought. Very few can keep level heads and cool wits in the midst of all the excitement and blandishment of a fraternity "rush"; very few of us older ones can do this in later life, when something of the same conditions prevail. The very wisest course which you can pursue in this matter is to refuse absolutely to join or to pledge

yourself in any way during the first half year at least. It behooves you to make your choice of associates with extraordinary care. In the first place, all the conditions of discipline, mental and moral, are such that it is far better for you to undertake the work of this first year entirely alone. Self-reliance, industry, fertility of resource, perception, tact and shrewdness, adaptability: these and other similarly desirable qualities and characteristics are developed from within, though by outward stress and strain, and are jeopardized and weakened, if not entirely lost, when one may all too readily turn to others for counsel, encouragement and strength. There is such a thing as being coddled by a fraternity, and it is just as detrimental as any other form of coddling. Responsibility is one of the most successful educators, though often a hard taskmaster; and it is not well to be so situated that you may shirk responsibility if you chance to feel so inclined.

"Another decided gain is found in waiting. What manner of women are those that form this fraternity? What is their rank and standing in college? What is the life of present undergraduate membership, and in what way are these members felt in the college world? What have graduate members accomplished after leaving college? What is the general attitude of college officers toward fraternities, and why? What has been the history of fraternities in this institution? Who are the really notable women whose names appear on the rolls of the fraternity annual? All these are questions to which you ought to secure definite and satisfactory replies before you move forward. Members of other fraternities cannot give you this information, even if you are so situated as to be able to ask them. Non-fraternity people cannot give it. You must answer your own questions, and you must take time in which to answer them wisely and well.

"If you wait a year, what then? Of course the ideal condition would be to have the college world an absolute unit, knowing nothing of cliques or factions or "circles" of any sort, recognizing community of interest in all things, each sharing in common prosperity because contributing to it, each solicitous as to the welfare of the other, each member of this democratic community a direct and positive blessing to each other

member. But it happens that the world is all and quite otherwise; Christian nations contend with pagan and with each other as well; there is strife of creeds in the churches, and of parties in the political world; class makes war upon class in social life, and distinctions of rank or wealth or association are everywhere manifest—and the college is in the world and of the world. It is no indolent optimism, therefore, which as to your final decision bids you accept the fraternity, if you are so inclined after this year of careful observation, and make the best of it.

“From a practical recognition of both opportunity and responsibility may come very desirable results. It is no small thing that you have something to say as to the general policy of the organization, or as to the details of its execution; that you are charged with some special duties in this common life, that you have your share of the common expenses. To get the full benefit of these associations, you ought to take fraternity life far more seriously than many take it today. There should always be a very definite purpose to make this pay the largest possible returns upon your investment of time and money. With generous rivalry, you should insist that your associates make every effort to keep well at the front in the class room, on the athletic field, and in all student undertakings. You should study carefully to make your fraternity one of the very best in the country, your chapter the leader of the fraternity. Under your guidance, it should become and remain a model organization. In all this you must give freely of your time and talents; but the returns are immediate and large. The experience in executive work, the record in successful administration, the development of power and capacity on your own part—all this is exceedingly valuable.

“On the other hand, do not take fraternity life too seriously, as some take it. It is not the only factor in college life, nor is it the most important. There are other fraternities, and other fraternity people. Wisdom will not die with you girls; nor is it a lasting disgrace to be distanced by a woman who does not wear a pin like your own. Much that is noteworthy in this world has been accomplished by those who wore no Greek pins at all. You should have such a sense of perspective

that all these things appear in proper and true proportions. You should never permit the organization to overshadow or dwarf the individual, which is the constantly threatening evil of all organizations. You should have many acquaintances, and at least a few friends outside of your fraternity circle. No rivalry between fraternities should ever become so fierce as to lead you to consent to any trickery, chicanery or fraud; or to make you part company with tried companions and friends. Because of an old-time inter-fraternity quarrel, two large-minded, warm-hearted, wonderfully efficient men of my acquaintance have wasted their time and strength for years in a personal feud, which at times has seriously affected the interests and marred the success of more than one really great undertaking. This is an excellent example of what I mean by taking your fraternity relations too seriously.

"All at it and all the time at it wins, surely. But not every undertaking is worth all your time and all your strength. Certainly your fraternity will not be worth this. You are to get from it all you can, but you cannot possibly get from it all that you need. Your first great duty is always to your college work; your greatest opportunity is that which the college itself presents; the greatest drafts upon your time and strength must always be in these directions. But there is an unconscious education received by all who are open to the influences about them—and in this unconscious education the close relations of your fraternity will play an important part. Companionship has a great deal of influence upon our lives. The educational effect of daily intercourse can hardly be overstated. 'He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.' Few are strong enough to resist the demoralizing influence of evil associates. But the converse of all that is true; and every woman knows that not only her pleasure but much of her success depends upon her choice of friends."

(From "The College Student and His Problems.")



Modern College Life.

THE particular life and training which is afforded the modern college girl—it may well be said at once that the following will refer mainly to college life for girls—is probably very different from what was pictured or foreseen by the founders and fosterers of collegiate education for women a generation or so ago; and very likely some of its phases would cause them, could they know, to rub their eyes a little. Conditions have changed and developed and standards shifted so that the phrases “college girl,” “college woman,” have by this time a significance very different from their significance earlier. The serious, somewhat staid figure, devoted to study, who might represent the undergraduate woman student of the older period seems now to stand rather for the graduate type; and in her place has appeared that new and pervading figure, the modern college girl, with an atmosphere and endowments wholly her own, and with a life of variety and complexity in strong contrast with the simple single-purposed life of her pioneer predecessor.

Not many decades ago, when collegiate education for women was in its infancy, the woman who went to an institution of higher learning was a conspicuous figure in her community, and an isolated figure. By the time she had finished her work and received her degree, she was looked on as set apart from others, as equipped for teaching probably, but rendered unavailable by her years of collegiate training for any other human uses, certainly for any pleasing or enjoyable part in human society. Her life in college was simple and hard-working. “Narrow” or “one-sided,” her successors of today might think it. Her aim in attendance was to fit herself for the profession of teaching, to which she expected to devote herself. Therefore she gave herself seriously and wholly to books. The motives bringing her to college, her previous life, her personality, all tended to center her interest in study and hard work. One pictures her as older and more serious, as more deferent and appreciative in her attitude than the average undergraduate of today. And so it is that we find her presented in old magazine stories, stories in which the pioneer student in a woman’s college, or the woman with a col-

legiate education, is a central figure. Today this picture would better suit our conception of the graduate woman student. It is the graduate student who impresses us as staid, earnest, studious, making the most of her opportunities, because in college life with a clear and serious purpose. For the undergraduate, another figure and another life is called up, a gayer, more buoyant figure, and a life the reverse of the humdrum or the simple.

Students come to the colleges of today with not one but a variety of objects in view, and from a variety of classes. They come not only from the class which seeks to equip itself to be self-supporting, or from the class that seeks culture for culture's sake, but rather are they from all classes;—the intellectual, the serious, the high-minded, the arduous purposed, the well-to-do, the moderately off, the commonplace, the unambitious, the shiftless, the idle. In the same institution, mingling in the same life, may be found students from east and west, from north and south, from all parentages, from all nationalities, from all grades of life, and with varying individualities. All this is likely to be wholesome in its influence. Unless there is very strong bias to the contrary, the girl, from whatever condition in life she may come, is bound to emerge from such a life with widened horizon and with widened sympathies. But especially does the college life of today seem to make the girl student more versatile, executive and willing to assume responsibility. Outside of the routine of her class-work, her energy manifests itself in a bewildering variety of directions. She may be a moving spirit in class politics, in the college Y. W. C. A., in the dramatic club, in college settlement work, in athletics. She may be interested in a class annual, in a college paper, in house management or house furnishing. She may hold some treasurership, or engineer to successful issue a variety of social functions. Many a girl has been known to try her hand at most or all of these, during her school life. In this way, much of the real activity and the strongest interest of her college experience goes to the practical side of life, goes to promote various interests, to stimulating the invention, to gaining a knowledge of others. The representative college girl of today is a fresh, many-sided

figure, happy, confident, pervading, well-dressed, athletic, self-reliant.

Undoubtedly much of this is well. That which a man acquires with business life and from constant intercourse with associates of all kinds under a variety of conditions, is not so likely to come to the average woman. It is her sex that is so often criticized for narrowness and intolerance, or for lack of public spirit. For the college girl, danger of this sort is not very strong, and she is likely to emerge an active and efficient member of society. Contact with others and others of all kinds destroys prejudices and levels limitations. Personal liking or disliking comes to be no longer for her the only criterion. If a girl be egotistic or selfish or eccentric, her life in college will not encourage her in these qualities, rather develop consideration for her associates and conformity to accepted standards. The girl who would get on must obey in her code of acts, her conduct, her speech, her dress, certain well understood conventions, else the pleasure or the leadership go to some one else. She who counts is she who makes herself useful to her classmates, to her various societies, to her college. Her value to her college life rests, it is tacitly understood, on her services and on her personality. The pressure is toward a useful, active, conspicuous life, not toward one that is isolated or monotonous.

On the other hand we do not often associate very hard effort on the book side of her life, with the college girl of today. The studious idealistic woman, wearing the pale cast of thought, suits better, as said elsewhere, with our impression of the graduate type. The modern undergraduate exhibits less zeal for study. She has relatively little of that appreciation and reverence for the book or for the word of the teacher which belonged to the older period, or which one finds now among children or among the older outside of the college atmosphere. She hears passively the lectures of her instructors, and accepts their views or not, according to her bent. Very likely she shows independence prematurely. She goes rapidly and uninquiringly through the assignments and the routine of the class-room. On the average, her work, though confident and pretty regular, is apt to be superficial. Certain-

ly she is not worried much by the intellectual side of her college life, nor would she ever allow devotion to study to monopolize her attention.

One further generalization is permitted by the limits of this article. The increased variety and practicality of modern college life widen the horizon of the student. There is little chance for retaining an attitude of receptive passivity, or for absorption in a perfunctory routine. Yet there is rarely gain without loss, and for the loss we have not far to look. A field readily opens for criticism. In the manifold activity for the man or the girl of present day college life, it would seem, as often pointed out recently by educators, that too little room is left for the intellectual life, the cultivation of which is supposedly to the student the matter of chief importance. The odds for familiarity with the real lessons of intellectual application, for familiarity with the best in the world of letters, belong rather with the old generation than with the new. In the days when the college world was simpler and smaller, that contempt for books, as such, and for reading of tried and permanent worth, now so characteristic of the average graduate, man or woman, was to be found only in special cases. It may be affirmed without danger of exaggeration that the average present day student seems scarcely to have heard of classic works in our literature or of beautiful poems which the older generation knew by heart. Many a graduate, prominent in his or her college career, is unable to write a correct and cultured—a really literate—letter. The strenuous life of the present, over-strenuous probably for the old-fashioned idea of the desirable, absorbs for the student energies that might otherwise go to the application of the lessons of the class-room, and time that might otherwise be spent in that natural abiding-place of the student in unoccupied hours, the college library. If the modern college girl knows the ins and outs of college politics, of college society, of shopping, of sport, of finance, of printing, it seems with her as with her even more active and confident brother, the college man, to be at the cost of considerable culture.

Louise Pound, *Sigma*.

The Key

To the Fleur-de-lis.

In olden days of chivalry,
On many a castle wall,
High o'er the massive iron-bound gate,
Or in the oaken hall
Where valor wooed at beauty's feet,
And minstrels sang the glee,
Was carved with true and careful hand,
One flower—the Fleur-de-lis.

On burnished mail and armor bright,
And on the purple pall,
That wraps the Heaven-waked war-lord close,
While waiting for the call
Of the last bugle, ringing sweet
To all who fought for love,
Was wrought the image of one flower
Blue as the skies above.

And where the lowlands softly sweep
To meet the wedding tide,
Beneath the stars that night-watch keep
O'er maiden and o'er bride,
Amid the grasses rank and tall,
Head bowing toward the sod,
There grew one flower—a slender flower,
Wrought by the hand of God.

On the escutcheon dim that tells
Of bravery and war,
On the immortal dress of man
The gold-wove lilies are.
And if they fade in moth or rust,
Or if they bloom in light,
They speak of duty and of love,
Of peace, and cheer, and might.

Then as the gentle breezes glide
Across the shadowed lea,
All sister-hood in nature cries—
"All hail! Hail, Fleur-de-lis!"

Ruth Bissell Ebright, *Lambda*.

Fraternity Ideals.

FRATERNITY, signifying as it does, the spirit of brotherly and sisterly helpfulness and connoting, in the minds of those who have come within the spell of its most intimate influence, the feeling of good fellowship and congeniality, is subject like all other human institutions to the struggle for the survival of the fittest. In order to survive and flourish it must maintain a certain standard, not only before the student body, but before the faculty and the trustees of the college. It must invite to membership those girls who will be a credit to it; and ignore those who, in the judgment of the chapter, will not reflect glory upon the institution. It tries to win the best girls, so-called; the girls who seem destined to take a prominent part in college affairs or to win intellectual honors; and the chapter which succeeds most continuously in this is the chapter which the freshmen incline to favor, which the faculty and trustees tend to approve. Such a standard, however, involves a three-fold struggle, which, if carried to the extreme, saps the joy from fraternity life; makes us regard pledge-day as a burden, and college life as a field for winning honor for our fraternity sisters, rather than as a means of strengthening and helping our alma mater.

In the first place, there is the struggle between these external standards, more or less arbitrarily determined by forces outside the fraternity, and the internal ideals of fraternity life. Are not the conflicts between the desire for congenial companionship on the one hand, and college popularity on the other, frequent and severe? To be sure the unsophisticated freshman may be blind to the situation; the sophomore may rebel against it; but the tendency seems to be to accept what seems the inevitable struggle between the ideal and the practical, and to continue to compromise between the two points of view. We do not always find full congeniality nor do we always win prominent girls. We bow to the necessity for compromise; and try to believe that such an action involves no inconsistency in our attitude toward the more ideal standards of our fraternity. We try to adapt ourselves to a new point of view; and, in doing so, we lose, I think, the real spirit of our pledges.

For after all, the pledges to which a fraternity binds one simply involve assuming toward a body of women the same attitude of sympathy and help which we would give, almost unconsciously, to our friends. They are a definite and concrete expression of what we have always recognized as the ideal basis of friendship. Why then should we subject the freshmen to any other test than that which we should consider in choosing a friend? Why not let congeniality of taste settle the matter? We must, to be sure, be far-sighted enough to be able to recognize potential congeniality. What a young freshman, surrounded by college and fraternity influence may grow to be, rather than what she is, must form our chief consideration. There, of course, is the point where sins of omission often occur, springing, frequently, more from a super-sensitive fear that because of little idiosyncrasy of dress or manner the girl in question may not develop as we should desire, rather than from any fundamental objection to her character or mind.

There is still another struggle besides that between the two more or less opposing standards. The struggle between chapters is a serious element in college life. Why should different groups of girls of entirely different personalities and interest "rush" the same freshman? Sometimes these women have little in common themselves. Why should they find satisfaction and pleasure in the companionship of the same girls? The answer is that all the chapters do not find the companionship of the same girls enjoyable; but that, for the honor of the fraternity, they think it their duty to "rush" them, perhaps even to invite them when they feel that the bond may not be as strong as the ideal standard demands. Now fraternity honor, it seems to me, is not at all involved in securing the most popular girls or the most prominent girls; but it is involved in pursuing a course of action as strictly in conformance with our ideals as possible and as strictly honorable to freshmen as we would be in all relations of life. Popularity and prominence should play no part in our choice of personal friends. Why should we impose these standards on our fraternity? Above all, how can we tolerate this violent and often indiscriminate "rushing," accompanied, as it sometimes is,

with a failure to invite to membership? In spite of the best of intentions and the highest of ideals we are all subject to mistakes. We occasionally misjudge a girl, and occasionally we change our opinion of her. But were our standard congeniality alone, there would be fewer conflicts and hence little necessity for "rushing." The whole question of pledging would lack the intensity of struggle which it now possesses and fraternities would not continually regard each other in the light of rival institutions.

With this element of fraternity life eliminated, the third kind of struggle would likewise be effaced. It is the rather obnoxious prominence which a number of girls, aiming to control college affairs, to exclude from office some member of a rival fraternity, admirably fitted, perhaps, for performing the duties involved, or to win for themselves the most promising members of the freshman class, that causes the unpopularity with which fraternity women are often regarded both by the faculty and by the student body.

Consistency, then, to the ideals which fraternities present to their enthusiastic initiates would increase still further the inestimable influence for good which fraternities exercise upon their members. Moreover, by choosing only those freshmen in whom we felt great personal interest we should gradually abolish "rushing." A fraternity would cease to be regarded as an organization of girls struggling to recruit their ranks with the prominent members of the college, but would be looked upon as a body of congenial friends whose fraternity duties, lying entirely outside of their college work, could in no wise be associated with their method of voting or running elections. Thus fraternities would no longer be regarded as an objectionable element, either to be tolerated or stamped out, and the members of these organizations would gain from them more true companionship and inspiration than can now fall to their lot.

Caroline Lexow, *Beta Epsilon*.



The Fraternity History.

MOST of those who heard at Convention the announcement of the resignation of Miss Taylor as historian were not in a position to appreciate what a loss it is to Kappa Kappa Gamma that the history is not to be written by the first editor of the Key. No member of the fraternity will be able to write the history as Miss Taylor could have written it. However satisfactory it may be when completed, its historical and literary value will be less than if Miss Taylor had written it. She, above all Kappas, is fitted for the work.

It seems probable now that the work will be carried on according to the following outline suggested by Miss Taylor in her report to the Grand Council in 1902: The development of the fraternity; Conventions; The legislative; The Council; The Key; Other Kappa publications; The chapter list; Chapter histories; Fraternity symbols; Inter-fraternity relations; Prominent Kappas.

The fact that Miss Taylor, in tendering her resignation, offered to complete the introductory chapter dealing with the development of the fraternity, gave to the Grand Council 1902-1904 the idea that it might be possible to induce other Kappas, who had served the fraternity in years past, to undertake the preparation of the various chapters, that the history when complete might be the product of many minds and be the more valuable, if not from a historical point of view, at least from a fraternity one, on that account.

It is too early to say more than this, but it is hoped that by the next Convention, Kappa Kappa Gamma will have the long planned and much needed history.

May C. Whiting Westermann.





MRS. MAY C.W. WESTERMANN
Historian.



VIRGINIA SINCLAIR.
Alumnae Officer.



MRS. E. JEAN NELSON PENFIELD.
Chairman Social Service Committee.



MARY R. SCATTERGOOD.
Director of Catalogue.

Freshman Song.

Tune—"Juanita."

Kappa, we hail thee,
With a love both strong and true;
Proud to wear the key,
And belong to you;—
Sisters bound together
By thy ties in all we do,
We will work forever
For the double blue.

Chorus.

Kappa Kappa Gamma,
Filling all our hearts with cheer,
Kappa Kappa Gamma,
Name we hold so dear!
Ruth Wyer, *Sigma*, '08.



Message to the Alumnae.

THE alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma can live without their fraternity. Their fraternity can live without its alumnae. Neither, however, can attain the highest ideals of fraternity life without the other. Kappa Kappa Gamma has blessings to give. Why should these blessings be showered upon the active women alone? Kappa Kappa Gamma has needs and weaknesses, problems and difficulties. Why should these needs be supplied and these problems be solved by the active women alone? The fraternity gives to the active women because they open their hearts to receive. The active women supply the needs of the fraternity, they bear the burdens of the fraternity because the fraternity has inspired them with love and loyalty. After four years of fraternity life and faithful service, just as these women have learned to give most wisely, is it not a pity that they should go out into the world and forget the organization which represents so many of their vigorous and enthusiastic ideals?

Realizing the tendency of the alumnae unconsciously to grow away from the interests of their fraternity, realizing

that this drifting away is as great a loss to the individual as to the fraternity and believing that the greatest good to the fraternity can be secured only by alumnae co-operation, the alumnae delegates at the close of the Seventeenth National Convention presented to the incoming Council a written request that efforts be made to effect a permanent national alumnae organization. In this request were incorporated the following suggestions:

(a) That an Alumnae Officer be appointed by the Council, who, with deputies chosen by herself, should organize, encourage and instruct in matters of general fraternity interest, any alumnae association in need of such assistance and willing to meet the requirements of the national alumnae organization.

(b) That it be the purpose of this national organization to gain for itself all possible information regarding fraternity policy, interests and possibilities, and to aid in strengthening the fraternity of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

(c) That the alumnae organization be self-supporting.

(d) That fraternity literature be supplied by the Alumnae Officer and that matters of general interest be reported to the individual associations of the organization. That this literature be made to include for each member a year's subscription to the Key, the official organ of the fraternity.

(e) That the Key devote much space to alumnae interests and that the Council make an effort to encourage alumnae correspondence.

This request the alumnae delegates presented to the present administration, after carefully considering the interests of the active chapters and the needs of the fraternity and after asking from the delegates from the active chapters a frank expression of the most desirable relations between chapters and alumnae. Realizing that it is the wish of the alumnae to secure broader representation, and the desire of the chapters to accept the assistance which the alumnae offer, and believing that the possibilities of Kappa Kappa Gamma can be realized only by combining the enthusiastic devotion of the active women with the mature loyalty of the women of the alumnae, the Council has taken action. Virginia Sinclair, *Epsilon*,

Grand Treasurer and Alumnae Organizer from 1902-1904, has been appointed Alumnae Officer. Her address appears in the directory of this issue of the Key.

The editor of the Key is not only willing but eager to act according to the suggestions presented by the Alumnae delegates. The Council urges the co-operation of all members active, alumnae and associate, in making this movement a success.

Elmie Warner, *Grand President.*



Practical Suggestions to Alumnae Associations for Social Service.

THE alumnae associations of Kappa Kappa Gamma now number twenty-six. This organization of our alumnae represents the expenditure of much time and thought on the part of the two past administrations. Why did our officers, already responsible for a large amount of fraternity work, take upon themselves and their successors the additional care of establishing and fostering these associations? Because they felt that the fraternity needed its alumnae and because they felt that the fraternity had the right to expect the support of its alumnae. Even eliminating the idea of pleasure to be derived from the renewing of old associations and friendships that have been beautiful, we find reason for these alumnae associations in this legitimate claim of the undergraduate body upon the graduate.

We cannot escape from this duty of service no matter where we go in the world. This is not the place to elaborate on the beauty of service, or its reflex action upon the one who serves. The readers of this article have no need to be told such fundamental truths. We accept such truths. We seem always to have known them. Generally speaking most people feel the same. The college woman is no exception. But if the acceptance of the fundamental principles of beauty and the theoretical acknowledgment of duty, guaranteed useful, effective, true lives, our ministers and

preachers would not be needed and the student of social problems would not be so perplexed if the spread of information was the only thing to be desired. It is in the pointing of some specific application of truth, some practical recognition of duty that our preachers help us. Men and women of today have so many demands upon their time; so many claims for their service; so many shameless, insistent and unworthy applicants for their bounty (be that bounty what it may) that we often find it difficult to know when to give and when to refuse, and our cry is that we have not time, money or strength to give to the things which grip our best affections and demand support. The burden of decision rests heavily upon us.

All this may seem foreign to my subject, but it is just this problem which confronts most of our alumnae associations today, especially our city associations, still new in organization, hardly realizing their exact scope and as yet not having made good their right to existence by showing the importance of their claim upon the time and energy of the busy women who must form them. In our city alumnae associations, it is not simply a matter of an organization where local interests, philanthropic, civic or social, are held in common and the membership is thus cemented and the energies naturally united, but it is an organization in which the membership, as a body, perhaps holds but one common interest—the fraternity. Should this hold them together? Yes. I have said that the officers feel that the fraternity needs the support of its alumnae. This same demand is being made by all of our sister fraternities upon their alumnae. It is not a need and a claim peculiar to Kappa Kappa Gamma, but one which arises from the relationship of the individual to the fraternity—the peculiar and intimate relationship of people who have banded themselves together for a noble purpose by a pledge of loyalty and love. It is inconceivable that our interest should cease simply because we leave college and are no longer the especial beneficiaries of the compact. Our fraternity pledge unites us to every other Kappa wherever we find her, in the same way that our church membership pledge unites us in a peculiar way to those of the same church. For this reason, Kappas, wherever they go, should naturally turn to Kappas for a welcome;

and for this reason, once or twice a year, if no oftener, Kappas should meet together to hear news of the fraternity and to greet the strangers in their midst. This should be the minimum service of the alumnae for each other. This, if nothing more, but there is more.

I have said that our alumnae are busy; we have family duties, church responsibilities, philanthropic, civic and social obligations, but I wish to ask under which head our Kappa places the claim which her fraternity makes upon her? If I could understand how important a matter she thinks it is that the influences surrounding the education of our American women should be the best; if I could know how far she realizes the responsibility of the college Greek letter fraternities in moulding these influences in our co-educational institutions, then I might be able to estimate the time she would be willing to give to her fraternity and under what head this loving service would be placed. In other words, could I know in how far she had caught the true meaning of the fraternity in which she is a member, I could better judge of the way she would discharge her obligation. The fraternity has undertaken a great work and must look to the alumnae for support and help.

At the "Inter-Sorority Conference" in Chicago, the representatives of ten national women's fraternities listened to the following resolution from Kappa Kappa Gamma:

Whereas, we recognize that there are conditions existing in the social life of our co-educational colleges that demand serious consideration, and, whereas, we feel the college Greek letter fraternities, with their organized strength, should be a recognized factor in the proper adjustment of such conditions;

Resolved, that we, in the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma assembled, recommend that concerted action be taken by the women's national Greek letter fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

This conference, after discussing this resolution, passed the following motions unanimously:

1. That the Inter-Sorority Conference recommend the establishment of Women's Leagues in our co-educational Colleges where the women's National Greek Letter Sororities are located—membership in which shall include all women students and the object of which shall be to co-operate with the faculties in improving the present social conditions and also to provide for such co-operation along other lines of social service recognized to be within the province of such organization, the extent and specific direction of which shall be determined in every case by local conditions.

2. Moved that these Leagues be established under the direction of the Grand Presidents of the various sororities, it being left to these

officers to decide where such organizations shall be established and the form of each, the President of each sorority being responsible for the colleges in which her sorority was the first established.

3. Moved that a committee of three be now elected whose duty it shall be,

1st. To secure, if possible, the co-operation of the college men in this work.

2nd. To form a Bureau of Comparative Legislation, which shall include the legislation now in force in colleges where Women's Leagues, Women's Dormitories and Sorority Houses exist and to secure reports on the effectiveness of such legislation.

3rd. To investigate the advisability of asking that Deans of Women be appointed in all co-educational colleges.

This committee was elected as follows: Mrs. W. W. Penfield, of Kappa Kappa Gamma, St. Owen Place, Wakefield, New York City; Miss Lillian W. Thompson, of Gamma Phi Beta, 326 West 60th Place, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Grace E. Telling, of Delta Gamma, 840 N. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The committee was instructed to report on duties 1 and 2 to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities and on duty 3 to the next Inter-Sorority Conference.

Does work like this interest our alumnae? Does it suggest fields of usefulness to an alumnae association? The report continues:

It was thought by the Conference that such subjects as the specific work of Deans of Women as well as the matter of assistance of the proper kind for these over-taxed executives, the necessity for dormitories, the management of fraternity houses, the provision for adequate chaperonage, the regulation of the private boarding and furnished room house standards, etc., must, with an infinite number of other matters, be left to our leaders to decide when local conditions are investigated and the co-operation of local faculty and student-body enlisted. The Conference was unanimous in its endorsement of the work and urges the hearty co-operation of every fraternity woman and asks for the cordial support of all interested.

Our alumnae associations and especially our local associations, closely in touch with active chapters, can be of the greatest assistance in this work. In the first place it should be the especial duty of the alumnae of a chapter to know that there is adequate chaperonage and that the proper relation of chaperon to charge is understood. Too often our young girls think a chaperon is simply a woman of good moral character who will appear at the social functions given in the chapter houses. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the fact that a chaperon should be a woman who commands the admiration of the girls and who is a social leader—a woman under whose care they are placed and to whose judgment they yield in all social matters and not a woman whom they engage and dismiss at their own pleasure and from whom they would

not accept criticism. If it becomes a financial problem, because the chapter is not able to secure the services of such a woman, then it should be the duty of the alumnae to assist them, or the duty of the faculty to close their house. It should be the duty of our alumnae associations to demand also that the college provide proper dormitories for the girl students and to see that the Deans of Women and their assistants are wisely chosen. The alumnae of a chapter can, to a great extent, shape the policy of the active chapter by wise suggestions and loving sympathy, and why should a faculty not feel that in all things which are for the good of the college, the alumnae are as ready supporters as the girls in the active chapter? If our fraternities stand for high ideals and the progressive and practical accomplishment of good work, why not demonstrate it? Why not render their legitimate social service?

In the working out of this social service problem there are many other ways in which our alumnae can be helpful. When the Grand President of our fraternity is ready to organize the proposed leagues in the colleges where we were the first established, our alumnae can help her with reports of local conditions and so, with the combined suggestions of faculty, alumnae and active chapter, she will be enabled to organize wisely. Then after these leagues are established, they can educate and influence the sentiment of the community in favor of them and so strengthen the work. The good that can be accomplished in giving the leagues proper public recognition is immeasurable. We want these leagues to live—to be an effective force in the college body, establishing and maintaining the highest standards, and so the cordial support of the alumnae of the various women's fraternities means much. In closing let me also urge our alumnae to subscribe for the Key. We can't be of much service to the fraternity unless we know what its work is and how it is progressing. Remember that we now have over four thousand alumnae and we should expect splendid results.

E. Jean Nelson Penfield,
Chairman, "Social Service" Committee.

A Kappa Fairytale.

Will you listen to a story
Of a long, long time ago,
Years before you verdant Freshmen
Even had begun to grow?
'Tis a yarn of happy school days
Spun by Kappas gay and fair,
Listened to and told by Kappas,
Kept among our treasures rare.

Every fall we come to welcome
Some new sisters to our fold,
Soon they know our treasured secrets,
Yet the whole has not been told.
We would ever bring them nearer
To our Greek world, small but grand,
Freshmen listen, we will tell you
Of a Kappa fairy-land.

Once upon a time far distant
Lived a happy Kappa band,
Lived and loved, and stood united
In this Kappa fairy-land.
Of all places, this was fairest,
Of all girls, these were most gay,
Of all days, these days were rarest,
Here, 'twas never-ending May.

Over all our good Minerva
Watched with ever open eye,
Nor did even hear the hootings
As the Kappa owls flew by.
Through this land there flowed a brooklet,
And 'tis said that in those days
As it flowed along, it murmured
Soft, "Ai Korae Athenes."

By the side of this Greek brooklet
Girls were wont to gather round
To indulge in spreads and frolics—
Here good times were easy found.
Kappa songs and recollections
Added sweetness to the fare,
Wove a net of pleasant memories
'Round the sisters gathered there.

Such a spread had just been finished;

 "Let's have toasts to end the fun."

One was chosen, all unwilling;

 How she wished the task was done.

"Shall I toast the pin and colors,

 Shall I toast our silver grays,

Shall I toast our Kappa brothers,

 Who make glad our college days?"

"Toast the Freshmen," came the answer,

 "They, our latest joy and pride;"

Thoughts came quickly for a moment

 Thereupon our girl replied,

"Freshmen, we today are happy,

 Proud to bring you to our fold,

Glad to have you for our sisters,

 Glad you wear our key of gold;

Joy and sorrows, we shall share them;

 In your honors, we'll be proud;

By your virtues we'll be strengthened;

 May your skies ne'er have a cloud.

"You are bound to us by friendship;

 Let us never break the tie,

May it grow yet even stronger

 As the days and years go by.

For the friendships formed in college

 Will not fade and pass away;

Once a Kappa, always Kappa,

 Long as time shall have its day.

"So we drink to you, dear Freshmen,

 And to Greeks throughout the world,

May the sun be ever shining

 Where the Kappa flag's unfurled.

Here's a health to all our chapters,

 All who wear the golden key;

Here's to all our Alma Maters,

 Here's a health to K. K. G.!"

Nell Malloy, *Beta Nu.*



Editorial.

To every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, greetings:— and may the end of the new year find each one of us more generous, more sane, more tolerant, more kind, more true than ever before!

It seems more or less customary at the beginning of a term of office, for the new incumbent to offer by way of introduction some words of apology and of promise. It was the intention of the editor of the Key to omit this formality, and to proceed at once to "the business of the day." But it is nevertheless with a distinct feeling of inadequacy that the new editor assumes the responsibility of the publication of the fraternity magazine. In extenuation of "sins of omission and of commission" she pleads editorial inexperience, youth in the fraternity, and the steady pressure of other absorbing work in no wise "editorial" in its nature.

In order that the Key may be all that the official organ of the fraternity should be, the editor bespeaks the earnest and intelligent co-operation of every member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The Key does not belong to the Grand Council, nor to the editor, but to each one of you who wears the key. With your help the magazine may be made readable, stimulating and valuable. Without your help it is likely to be none of these. Subscribe to the Key; read the Key; write for the Key.

A special appeal is made to the alumnae for their interest, sympathy and support. The alumnae subscriptions should be doubled before the next issue, and would be if each chapter did its part. The editor will welcome eagerly from any alumnae or active member, contributions for publication on any general or special subject of college or fraternity interest. We are glad to publish in this number of the Key two articles by alumnae members, and to include among the shorter contributions for the Parthenon, messages from other alumnae. The editor wants also your criticisms and your suggestions. What questions would you like to see discussed in your fraternity magazine? What problems of fraternity life are before you just now? What do you know of the work or interests of any Kappa that other Kappas would like to know?



The fraternity situation is at present a much-mooted subject. Its merits and demerits are being agitated, and discussion takes place not only among college faculties and committees, but has found its way into the periodicals and the daily press. The New York Daily Tribune, December 4, 1904, devotes almost a full page to "The College Fraternity—do its good features outweigh its defects or do they not?" Opinions have been obtained from presidents and professors of representative colleges and universities, and set forth very impartially.

Much is constantly being said in favor of fraternities; much against them. Such questions as the following are very popular: Does the fraternity help or harm the college? Should they be encouraged or suppressed? It seems both futile and unprofitable to continue the arguments for or against the fraternity system. Fraternities are among us, and among us to stay. The real problem does not concern itself with their existence, but with their development and with the proper and effective use of their power. Fraternities do exist. They are a recognized force. How can this force—and it is a great one—be directed so as to accomplish the greatest ultimate good for the individual members of the organization, for the community in which it exists, and for the college of whose life it is a part?

What are the weak spots in the system?—For no one would deny that there are "weak spots"? And these should be recognized by the fraternities themselves; remedy must come from within, not from outside. Much criticism is made of fraternity attitude and methods and tendencies. Such criticisms will always be made. Some of it need not disturb or affect us at all; but some of it we cannot afford to ignore, nor can we pass it by with the statement or the feeling that it is not justified, or that it is a product of ignorance. The opinions of serious-minded men and women who have college affairs under their direction, or who have known and observed college life at first hand for a long time, cannot be disregarded. These people know what they are talking about; their views are mature, sane, probably unprejudiced, and certainly valuable. Surely the only attitude for the fraternities is that of serious and open-minded consideration of such criticism.

Let criticism come from within as well as from without the fraternities. It is an evidence of wholesomeness of view and breadth of purpose. Let this criticism be as severe as may be, as fundamental and far-reaching, as general or as specific—only let it be “constructive” and not destructive criticism! Make it the kind that suggests, and stimulates, and uplifts; not the sort that discourages, or tears down, or embitters.

Are our fraternity ideals false ones? Are college fraternities established on a false basis? Is the selection of new members made in such a way as to preclude the very essence of friendship, real congeniality? Are fraternities a hindrance in the college? Do they foster the spirit of snobbish exclusiveness, of extravagance, and of indifference to scholarship? Are these things true, or are they not true? All these statements are continually made, and many more, and it is of no use to deny that there is some ground for some of them. It is for the fraternities to look closely at the other side of the question, to try to appreciate the other point of view, and to show by their attitude and endeavor and influence that such statements are prejudiced and narrow and unfair—if they are so. And if we find more truth than we like in the criticisms, let us get at the root of the matter and institute the needed reforms.

The Key hopes to publish during the year a series of articles on both sides of the question by men and women whose experience and interests make their views valuable to us all.



A completer treatment of the views of Dr. Canfield, whose article on fraternities is printed elsewhere in this issue, will be found in chapter v. of his book, “The College Student and His Problems,” published in 1902. Dr. Canfield was an officer of the University of Kansas for fourteen years; then Chancellor of the University of Nebraska, and President of the Ohio State University, before becoming Librarian of Columbia University. His views should be of peculiar interest to the fraternity world, because of his wide experience. His daughter, Miss Dorothy Canfield, Ph. D., Columbia University, whose book,

"Corneille and Racine in England" was recently published by the Macmillans, is a Kappa from Beta Nu and Beta Epsilon chapters. Dr. Canfield has kindly promised the Key an article on some special subject at a future time.



The following contribution is so pertinent, so in line with what many of us are thinking and feeling at this time when the "freshmen" have become ours "to keep," that it is given a place in the editorial column. The message is addressed to the fraternity "freshmen," but there is no one of us whom it does not reach.

**Individual
Responsibility**

Suppose the "freshmen" of 1904-5 who read these words stop a moment over the thought of what they, as new members, may mean, or are to mean, to the fraternity. The fraternity may mean certain things to them. It may leave its mark upon them "for better or for worse, for gain or for loss," according to the standards and ideals, and "practices" of the chapter they may have joined. The companionship and stimulus it affords may supplement and assist in no unimportant way the training they receive from the college itself. Or, should they allow it to monopolize their time and thought and their best energy, to the hindrance of the larger university life, it may prove detrimental both to them as individuals and to the institution they attend. Apart, however, from the influence of the fraternity upon the individual, there is always the other side, the influence of the individual upon the fraternity. You who may be a new member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, will the mark you may leave upon your chapter be for good or for the contrary? Will it be deep? Or perhaps a mere scratch? Or are you of the invertebrate kind who will, more likely, leave no mark at all? The shaping of the future of the chapter, of its part in university life, of its membership roll, will sooner or later fall, probably, into the hands of those who are freshmen now. What will you make of it when its guidance falls into your hands? It is important to begin in the right way, to help found, or to continue, good traditions. Assume your share of

responsibility instead of shirking it; and, if you can, carry out what you undertake without reliance upon others. Certain tasks in your chapter life will fall to your lot; certain steps will have to be taken by you; certain problems decided. All this may require or develop resourcefulness, persistence, foresight, sympathetic consideration. Can you be depended upon? Are you responsible? Or are you of the stamp that shuns responsibility, or bungles the enterprises you do undertake, leaving them to be straightened out by others of more sterling metal, who are probably carrying already more than their share? There is the member of whom her associates think, when she is gone, "She always shirked her share of effort, took all the fun, but nothing of the responsibility, and was a fault-finder and an obstructionist when others had to act. In the meagre work we dared assign her she proved selfish and slipshod." Also there is that other member—of which kind, please, are you to be?—who leaves the chapter better and stronger because she once belonged; the member of whom those who knew her think, "Whatever came up, it meant something when she put her shoulder to the wheel. She did her best, as far as in her lay, to keep the chapter affairs well managed, the chapter work well and promptly done, the chapter life harmonious and efficient, the chapter standards high and real. It was a fine thing that she was once among us."

L. P., *Sigma*.



Report of the "Social Service" Committee.

At the request of the editor, Mrs. Penfield makes the following statement with regard to the present stage of the work of the "social service" committee:

As chairman of the "Social Service" committee appointed at the "Inter-Sorority Conference" held in Chicago, I simply desire to tell our fraternity women that the work to be done by our committee was begun in Chicago, directly after the conference, by distributing the duties, three in number, among the three members of the committee. The chairman agreed to be responsible for duty one; Miss Lillian Thompson of Gamma

Phi Beta for duty two, and Miss Grace E. Telling of Delta Gamma for duty three. (See Inter-Sorority Conference report for these duties or article in this number of the Key on "Practical Suggestions for Social Service".)

Reports on duties one and two are due the Grand Presidents of the women's fraternities, and, in many cases, will be necessary before they can complete the formation of the leagues they are asked to organize.

We are working faithfully to prepare these reports. The work requires time, however, as there are sixty-two colleges where the ten fraternities of our conference are represented. In these sixty-two colleges, we touch over thirty men's national fraternities, besides many local and professional fraternities. Miss Thompson's work should prove of great value and she is pushing her investigation in a most thorough way. Many institutions have tried various types of legislation. Miss Thompson will present to the Grand Presidents that which has brought the best results. She will also give them the forms of league organization which have proved satisfactory and which will most nearly meet the present demands.

E. Jean Nelson Penfield.



To Contributors.

All manuscript must be type-written. The editor assumes no responsibility for mistakes that occur in printing articles or letters which have not been type-written. Please examine your type-written manuscript before it is sent to the editor. See that names are properly spelled, that addresses and dates are accurate, and that all mistakes are corrected. Remember that you are writing for publication. Be particular. The editor has neither time nor inclination for correcting spelling, punctuation and capitalization, nor for the reconstruction of sentences and paragraphs. Write your article before the "last moment;" write it carefully. Make it the best production the chapter can offer, instead of "anything to fill space." A chapter which allows slipshod and carelessly written letters and manuscripts to be sent to the Key, thereby labels itself unmistakably.

Send personal items on a separate page. In writing these, please follow the forms used in this number of the Key. Have all names, dates and addresses absolutely legible. Personals may be sent at any time through chapter officers or directly to the editor. Sign all articles with name of writer, college year, and chapter.



Notices.

The Key for January, 1903, No. 2, vol. xx., is missing from the files. Will someone who has this number and is willing to dispose of it, please communicate with the editor? It is necessary that the files be completed as soon as possible, and an early response to this solicitation will be greatly appreciated.

The Fraternity Library.

The fraternity library is supposed to be in the editor's keeping, but at present the "library" is conspicuous chiefly by its non-existence. That there should be a fraternity library is unquestioned. Such a library would be invaluable for purposes of reference and comparison, and should contain every book published which deals with fraternity matters, including all fraternity publications and special literature, fraternity song books and histories of the colleges and universities where fraternities are located, books pertaining to general college life and interests. If each chapter would contribute one book a nucleus would be formed which would have distinct working value. The editor will be glad to receive such contributions at any time and will be glad to correspond with any chapter on the subject. The editor will be pleased to receive also any names of books or notices of books that seem suitable and valuable for this purpose.

The Kappa Hand Book.

Many of the new members, and many of the old members, do not own the "Kappa Hand Book." This should be in the possession of each one for constant reference. You need to know what it contains, and your friends and family should know the book, too. The president of your college and mem-

bers of the faculty should have copies. You need it for "rushing" purposes, in order that the new members may come into the fraternity intelligently. It is a Hand Book. Is it at your hand?

Copies are twenty-five cents apiece, and may be ordered from Mrs. Guy Walker, 504 West 112th Street, New York City.



The "Kappa Symphony," by Miss Perrin, Beta Eta, has been published in card form by Miss Adeline H. Jacobs, and may be obtained upon application to her at the following address: Miss A. H. Jacobs, 1307 North Marshall St., Philadelphia, Pa.



A new book of college songs, "The Most Popular College Songs," has lately been issued by Hinds, Noble and Eldredge, of 31-35 West 15th Street, New York City. This book of ninety pages contains eighty-two songs, all old and well known, with none of the newer ones which belong exclusively to one college. It is a remarkably well chosen collection of popular songs, which should find favor, not only among college students, but with people in general. It is bound in an attractive paper cover, and the price is fifty cents.



Parthenon.

**The spirit of
convention**

Four months ago we spent that week together in convention. How long ago it seems! It was a good convention. "The fraternity has always meant so much to me," wrote one afterwards, "that I never dreamed that it could mean so much more." That might have been said at Columbia by almost any one of the two hundred who attended convention. Did that feeling last, however; did it possess you so strongly that you imparted it to your chapter; or did you lose the thrill in the scramble of "rushing," to which you returned? If you did lose it, take time, even now, to live over that week, and give to your chapter as freely as you received. The spirit of convention should find, and no doubt has found, expression in the individual members of the fraternity.

May C. Whiting Westermann.



**Greeting from
the Grand
Registrar**

To all in Kappa Kappa Gamma, greetings!

The wild thing of the woods has its call; the brook, playing with the bits of forest light and shadow, murmurs to itself; the wind, sighing through the trees, croons its melody and dies away; all nature is at peace, and sings. Song is the outpouring of a soul that cannot contain itself for very joy. Friendship is the life of that soul; a happiness too often unappreciated until perchance it is snatched away, only to leave a memory in its place. May we be worthy of this name of friend, appreciating more fully with each day the fortune that is ours. May we know a courtesy among ourselves that shall unconsciously touch each life we meet. May personal responsibility and devotion broaden into mutual helpfulness, and interest, and charity, until it meet and grace the world of kindly sympathy.

Cleora Clark Wheeler.

Kappa deserves our best

It was a wise old Greek who left us a noble thought in these simple words: "For I thought that some things were not worthy of me." Each of the Greek maids of Kappa Kappa Gamma might take this same little sentence to herself. For it is the personality of each individual that establishes the standard for all Kappas. The true Kappa girl tries to put down all petty faults that are unworthy of her; she is courteous always to those about her; she is loyal to the interests of her fraternity; she has charity always for her sisters; and above all, she is strictly honorable in the smallest details. Courtesy, loyalty, love, honor; these are qualities that are worthy of us; these are our best, and it is only our best that we should give to our fraternity.

Rebecca Kesner, *Beta Mu.*



The spirit serene

It is our good fortune to meet once in a while, even in college life, a girl who bears in her heart a spirit serene. She is not always the one who impresses us at first sight, but sooner or later comes the trying moment that stamps her with greatness in our eyes. The ability to bear grievances, sorrows perhaps, and to come through the experience with a recognition of some good in it, is a force that attracts people. To a person possessing such a power children turn instinctively, and older people, with the assurance of finding some cure for the hurt, some solution for the problem.

College life is a hard test of tranquility. There is the drain of constant touch with people. We come into classes with brighter students than ourselves. The difference chafes and irritates us. Then there is the girl whom we want for a friend and whom we do not seem to attract. This experience embitters us, perhaps. Almost every phase of college life has its disappointment. Every disappointment leaves its impress on us. But the spirit serene can vanquish them all.

Mu.

After initiation

When the fall rushing and initiation are at an end the most important question which presents itself to the older girls of a chapter is how to bring the new girls into the most perfect harmony with the other members and to make them realize the great advantages of the fellowship found in a fraternity.

One of the greatest evils of rushing, as it exists in a majority of the universities, is the impression it gives the freshmen concerning fraternities.

During the rushing season the girls are so royally entertained that they begin to believe that their fraternity life will prove nothing but a constant succession of social pleasures. After they enter the fraternity and find that it has a very serious side, that there are many duties to perform, and that they are not longer responsible for their actions to themselves alone, but to the whole chapter, the new members may begin to think that the fraternity is not all they believed it to be, and thus easily grow out of harmony with the older girls.

This is the critical point of fraternity life and it is here that the work of the more experienced sister begins. In their desire to make the standing of the fraternity, as a whole, as high as possible, the older members sometimes forget the personal sympathy that would be such a help to the new ones; forget that the aim of the chapter should always be mutual happiness. These girls, knowing how much their fraternity friendship has meant to them, must not keep it to themselves, but pass it on to the new girls, thus giving them a truer appreciation of Kappa Kappa Gamma and a feeling of loyalty and trust in all its members.

Maude Olander, *Omega*.

**Our****"Freshmen"**

All over the land our Kappa sisters are no doubt congratulating themselves that the exigencies and responsibilities of "rushing" have been met, and met pretty squarely too, and that now our troubles are over. After the initiation it was a relief to look at our new sisters and say: "Well, they are

all wearing the key, and we can eat and sleep, and think of something besides eligible freshmen."

Isn't it an easy and pleasant attitude to drift into? Oh yes, we care for them, a hundred times more than in the days when we dined and drove and danced with them. But are they made quite sure of it? The shy little girl who came too late to get into the house, is she content with her new sisters? And is she studying quite as much as she ought? And is she making just the sort of friends you hoped she would make? And, by the way, is all her knowledge of fraternity matters to be bounded by the short compass of three or four days' cramming for the spring examination? Have you spared an hour or two to go over with her the Convention Minutes that you "old girls" found so interesting? Or did she just hear a hasty report read in an over-full chapter meeting, and rush home in a hurry wondering why they made her late to dinner bothering over that stupid "National Fraternity business"? She isn't much interested in the "national" part of it, anyway.

Girls, if this isn't a true sketch of conditions existing between you and that little freshman, why don't take it to heart; but if "the shoe fits"— At least, let's think it over pretty seriously, and be sure that we are giving a full share of love and sympathy and comradeship to our newest sisters.

Hally Morrison Prentis, *Theta*.



**The older girls'
duty toward the
"Freshmen"**

Do we realize the enduring responsibility we are assuming in taking new members into our fraternity? Their success or failure is to a great extent in our hands. They love us, they admire us greatly, and believe that we can help them in the attainment of the best ideals of college life. This must be so or they would not have become Kappas. After the excitement of rushing and initiation, there comes a lull. We settle down to a lower-pitched life and now it is that perhaps some of us feel that our responsibility is ended. We are confident that we have added worthy women to our fraternity, and satisfied, we return to our own pleasures and tasks. The new girls are left a little more to themselves and

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how easy it is to imagine that some little correction was meant as a slight. Of course, we may say that the freshmen know we love them, and should not feel hurt. But things are strange to them and it is so easy for the thought to slip in, "Are they sorry I am a Kappa?" It is our duty as older members of Kappa Kappa Gamma to prevent this and we should be conscious of our responsibility. As the days and weeks pass the friendships should become nearer and dearer. Let us remember that we are no longer separate individuals in Kappa, but united. And may each one keep close guard over the bonds that must never grow weak, the bonds that are at the foundation of perfect chapter unity.

Emma R. Parker, *Epsilon*.



Old members and new

The first months of the college year have again passed by, and we have settled down to the quiet and daily routine work. And now comes to the older girls in the chapter, the full realization of the great responsibility which has been placed upon them, the responsibility of keeping before the freshmen the true meaning and ideals of Kappa. During the first weeks it is natural to talk to them about the fraternity, and to try to impress upon them what this great group of women, united by a common bond, is working and striving for, and what the fraternity expects from each and every woman who wears the key. But everything cannot be told at once. Only by constantly keeping before the new girls the aims of the fraternity can its real meaning and worth ever be known and experienced. Truly the responsibility is a great one and the older girls do not always realize this. When busy with their own work do they not sometimes forget that the freshmen need help, encouragement and explanations? An understanding of questions perplexing and incomprehensible to them can be gained only from those who have been in the fraternity longer than they. Therefore, older girls, watch for opportunities of enlarging the ideas of the freshmen; give them what you yourselves wanted when you were new members; make them feel that they are a part of the whole and that their work is needed; give freely and gladly of your greater knowledge of the fraternity.

Agnes Louise Walsh, *Eta*.

**Mutual
helpfulness**

To our freshman who enters upon her college course with mind and heart alert for new impressions, anxious for new friends, and ready to form new ideas, comes the fraternity offering first of all that friendship which she so much desires. Will that friendship give to her merely a good time and a certain prestige in college society, or will it mean to her all that true friendship, the real Kappa bond should mean?

Each member of the chapter has her own ideal of friendship, and the aim of the chapter can be no higher than the aims of each individual composing it. As friendship is based upon common aims, common interests and common associations, as well as upon mutual attraction, each member should take an interest in those associations and activities which the others hold dear. There is no girl, however, independent, who would not make a greater success of any work, whether undertaken directly or indirectly for the honor of her fraternity, if she received full sympathy and encouragement from her sisters.

Let us each in turn be ready to go a little more than half way in seeking mutual helpfulness; and may we set our own ideals high, that with new strength and purpose, Kappa may be honored through us.

Fannie Northrop, *Kappa*.

**Pan-Hellenic
rules and the
"Freshmen"**

In a small college, where all the students are necessarily on greater terms of intimacy than would be the case in a larger institution, strict Pan-Hellenic rules are especially hard to observe. For instance, there is often the case of a freshman, who sits at your table, with whom you are constantly thrown in classes, whom you continually meet and exchange a friendly word with in the halls, yet you may not drop into her room for a minute or two, even though you go as an upper classman trying to make a homesick new girl feel less strange and friendless; nor may you ask her to your own room, and even if she venture within the threshold of your door, you are unable to so much as ask her to come again, under penalty of being "called up" in the next Pan-Hellenic conference.

Under these circumstances, a certain air of jealous suspicion is necessarily predominant. A fraternity girl is seen starting off for a walk with a desirable freshman. Other fraternity girls immediately crane their necks and wonder "how she managed to get with her." A fraternity girl is seen walking out of a freshman's room. Other fraternity girls begin to put their heads together and suspect her of walking in uninvited. Such petty suspicions seem absolutely unavoidable under these conditions, yet if we would only stop a moment and consider that the freshman very probably extended the invitation in both cases, and that, on the whole, other girls have quite as keen a sense of honor as we, interfraternity goodfellowship would be much better than it is at present.

Beta Iota.



**The problem
of "rushing"**

During the past few weeks, possibly months, Kappas all over the country have been facing the "rushing" problem. It is a problem indeed, and one which can not be eliminated from our chapter calculations, even should we wish it, but must be met squarely and solved in a masterful way.

How far are we justified in "rushing" at all, is our question; and how far is it consistent with the dignity and courtesy which should be part of our fraternity ideal?

In so far as it is a straightforward attempt to know and understand the new girls in the college, and a just and impartial opportunity is given for them, in turn, to meet and enjoy the society of the fraternity members, "rushing" can not become an undignified business of "getting and spending." Simple justice alone claims that each chapter should stand on its own merits, not as a mere factor for the production of social enjoyment, but as a representative organization of the thinking women of the college, upholding definite ideals. Friendship is a product of mind and emotion and can not, in its highest sense, be won by endeavor, nor forced by circumstances. In the final analysis the truest friends are those who come unsought.

There is a standard of "rushing," indefinable but existent, one which only the finer instinct of the women of our fraternities can establish, and which no amount of Pan-Hellenism can effect.

Josephine L. Reed, *Beta Alpha*.



The evil of "rushing"

The strenuous life of rushing, as it exists in most institutions, should certainly not be prolonged unduly, for during the first weeks of each year it is almost impossible for old, as well as new students to do justice to their college work. Thus the foundation of a student's career is often ruined, because between the numerous social functions which take place among the different fraternities, a very limited amount of time is left for work. Are we not more loyal fraternity people as well as more loyal college people, if we have a higher regard for scholarship than if we devote all our time, strength and energy for many weeks to one round of festivities? To the extent that the members of any fraternity, whose ideals are high, engage in such a procedure, they fail to realize the high purpose for which they stand, and they cause those who are not in the Greek world to criticise our organization, and that justly.

It is the policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma to maintain her dignity throughout, to resort at no time to underhanded methods, to be upright, moderate and self-respecting, to make the new girls feel that her aim is high, that her members are striving to be true and loyal to each other and to the key.

Helen E. McClintock, *Gamma Rho*.



The girl outside the Chapter House

For a fraternity girl the point at which all her college life centres, the spot around which in after years the fondest memories of school days cling must of necessity be the chapter house, where so many happy days have been spent. But there are always a few to whom for one reason or another this pleas-

ure and privilege is denied. A wearer of the key is no less a Kappa because she does not live in the chapter house, but sometimes she feels as though she were missing a large share of the fraternity spirit and fraternity life which are her due. Is there not some way in which this state of affairs can be corrected? The chapter house is the natural centre of fraternity life and it should be the place where all the girls, outside and in, can feel that sense of "at-homeness," which makes the Kappa sisterhood so real. It is easier for one girl to go to twenty than for twenty to go to one, and those who live outside the house should realize this and take every opportunity of seeing the girls in their Kappa home, and of trying to get into the spirit of the place, and to feel that they belong to the inner circle even though they cannot remain there all the time.

It is hard for the inside girl, who feels so very much at home, to realize how the outside girl feels; and it is hard for a busy college girl to go to the house as much as she would like to do, unless indeed she can take her meals there, which every outside girl ought to try to do if she possibly can. But if each would put herself in the place of the other and make a little more effort accordingly, would it not be possible to make stronger the already strong bond of sympathy and sisterhood between all who love the blue and blue and wear the golden key?

Persis Martin, *Beta Delta*.



**The relation of
the active chap-
ter to the alumnae**

Much is said concerning the relation of the alumnae to the active chapter, but there certainly is another side to this same question, that is, the relation of the active chapter to the alumnae. We must not expect this relationship to be entirely a one-sided matter, and expect the alumnae to make all the advance; but the active girls, as a chapter and as individuals, should do their part. They, too, must do all that they can toward making the union stronger.

The alumnae should not only be made to feel that they are free to show their interest in the chapter, but we should

make them know without a doubt that they are wanted in our fraternity life. Their influence would do much toward helping us uphold Kappa ideals. It would be well to talk over fraternity matters with them. We would profit by their experiences and thus make not only the chapter and the fraternity as a whole, but also ourselves stronger and more united. Active girls do not depend on knowing each other by occasionally coming together at meetings of one kind and another, and why should we expect to know our alumnae and make them as enthusiastic as we ourselves are, when they come in contact with the chapter and the individual girls so seldom?

The girls make an effort to see each other and to become closer friends; can they not make more of an effort in the same way toward the alumnae?

The alumnae might be urged to come to fraternity meetings where their very presence and advice would certainly often be a great help; and if the girls knew them, not as "alumnae" only, but as friends and fellow-workers for Kappa, the relationship between the alumnae and chapter would surely be made closer, and chapter life be made more effective.

Alice Remley, *Beta Zeta*.



**An Alumna's
message**

Not that we love Kappa less, but the world about us more, is the justification we would offer if, as I sometimes fancy, we Kappa teachers are censured for lack of enthusiasm in our fraternity interests. Enthusiasm refuses to flow in many directions at one and the same time, and the duties of each day demand from us the bending of all energies toward their fulfilment. Kappa mothers and home-makers will bear witness to the same self-evident facts. But our patriotism is not less than when we were the most devoted members of our respective chapters, hence the opening statement. To be surrounded with young, eager life is to be called upon for all the enthusiasm of spirit one can command, if that life is to be properly directed and trained to appreciate what is beautiful and good.

We feel a pardonable pride in this privilege, and the dear old key is our best stimulus. To live according to its teaching and under the direction of its motto is to cement the bond which binds us to you though we are widely separated.

You of the active chapter in the college world feel that there can never be a time like the present, never a world so glorious as this with its charmed circle, its inspiration and good fellowship. We felt it, too, though we understood in a hazy fashion that the same bonds which united us here linked us to a larger world. We bear you witness that the larger world is glorious; that the joy of living is intensified by the larger opportunities it offers. In this hope we count ourselves yet active. Each of our own little keys inspires many maidens, and, though it may never be worn by them, its mission shall have been fulfilled.

Harriet Harding, *Iota '97.*



A plea for breadth

Psi was having a real old-fashioned Thanksgiving. The girls were gathered around an open fire, popping corn, cracking nuts, enjoying themselves as only Kappa sisters can.

The brief vacation would be over to-morrow,—every now and then my mind would wander in contemplation of the work piled up before me, the “pre-lim,” the article to be written for the Key.

Searching for a subject, I mechanically cracked a walnut. To my astonishment instead of finding a nut, a tightly folded piece of paper fell out. It was addressed to Kappa Kappa Gamma. In a trice, fifteen pairs of ears listened eagerly to the message which I read. “The ‘patron goddess’ of Kappa Kappa Gamma sends greetings. She commends the broad-minded ideals upheld by her beloved fraternity; the earnest endeavor made to realize them. She is pleased by the active participation of her girls in all phases of college life and work, but she wishes to enter a plea for a broader cosmopolitan spirit. It is not enough to reflect honor on our fraternity by holding responsible positions in university and college life; it is essential, and of the highest importance, first of all that

we be women in the true sense of the word; generous, sympathetic, patient, full of a loving kindness toward all woman-kind, that overlooks faults, and sees some good in each and all. There is something worth cultivating in every woman whatever be her ability, social status, or moral make-up. The noble spirit can manifest itself by healthy intercourse with the girls whom you meet in everyday life."

A few moments of silence followed the reading, then one of the girls slowly repeated those beautiful lines of Milton's:

"Oh, yet we trust that somehow good,
Will be the final goal of all,
That nothing walks with aimless feet,
That not one life shall be destroyed
When God hath made the pile complete."

Martha E. Dodson, *Psi*.



Our Grip

Our grip is symbolic of all that Kappa is to us. Naturally we have very few outward symbols and those we do have mean a great deal.

For me, Kappa's grip is second only to my key. It is emblematic of the sympathy and love which make Kappa's band one of the greatest in the land; and whenever I clasp a hand with a Kappa entwining of fingers, a thrill runs through me which gives me the thought: "This Kappa is my sister—I will be charitable with her faults, as I wish her to be with mine; I will place her before self, will help to multiply her joys and lessen her griefs; I will be true to her through all hours and in every test."

And so I plead that we use our grip; use it in the college halls, use it in the chapter house, and use it with our alumnae. Nothing will make the old Kappas feel so welcome and so much like one of us again when they come back to the chapter house as a firm, loyal grip. Use it every day, for it can never grow old and it typifies the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

E. B. W., *Beta Tau*.

Personal opinion versus the chapter's in voting To each Kappa some time every year come the questions: "Can I vote for A?"; and if the answer is negative, "Why not?" Especially in the fall when new girls are being considered is this matter of voting vital.

It seems to me that there are three kinds of objections which may be brought up against a girl: First, you think that she will be a harm to the chapter; second, you like her personally, but do not think that she will add to the strength of the chapter; third, while admitting all her good points, you simply do not like her.

What criterion shall each follow? What proportionate weight should be given to the wishes of the chapter and to one's own opinion? It has been argued that the older girls should yield to the younger because the latter will be in the active chapter with the candidate a longer time. On the other hand, it is claimed that the younger girls should yield to the older because the latter have had more experience and know better what Kappa's ideal has been. This seems to me a most unsatisfactory and unpractical way of settling the question. But I do think that each girl should weigh her reasons carefully, and decide which of the classes of objections they come under. In the first case, if honestly convinced that a girl will harm the fraternity, I think each Kappa is justified in holding out even against the whole chapter. In the second case, I do not see how anyone can or should hold out. But the third case, that of personal prejudice, is the most difficult to deal with. And the hardest question a fraternity girl has to answer is: "Have I the right to place personal prejudice above the wishes of the chapter?" It has been argued that the chapter is the property of every member and that therefore any member has a right to keep out a person uncongenial to her. But acting on this argument would sooner or later harm the chapter, and therefore it seems to me that in no case of this kind is a girl justified in holding out. It is surely illogical to take this stand against the judgment and preference of a body of girls whom one liked and admired enough to join.

Lucie Mayo-Smith, *Beta Epsilon*.

Chapter Letters.

Alpha Province.

Phi—University of Boston.

Under the rules of the Pan-Hellenic Association formed toward the close of the college year, the "rushing season" lasted for seven weeks, ending Monday, November 7th. We are proud to introduce to Kappa Kappa Gamma seven prospective sisters—Mrs. Martha Chase, Elsie Burdick, '06, Mabel Case, Alice Claflin, Eleanor Cummings, Helen Rhines and Edna Tirell, '08. In addition we shall initiate Evelyn Fisher and Josephine Martin, pledged last year. Initiation takes place Saturday, December 3d. The annual Philomathean is to be given Friday, December 9th. The chapter is also planning to hold a sale in the rooms on the following day.

The inauguration of President Huntington took place at Tremont Temple, Wednesday, October 26th, at ten a. m. Among the noted speakers present were Edward Everett Hale, President Eliot, of Harvard, and Governor Bates, a graduate of the College of Liberal Arts and of the Law School. An era of great prosperity for our college is assured under the efficient guidance of our new president.

E. Francesca Skerry.



Beta Epsilon—Barnard College.

Can it be possible that since our last letter was sent to the Key Convention has come and gone! Some of us who wrote those last letters now sit down to write with an entirely new attitude of mind towards the Key, its readers and all Kappas. Once there was something vague in those terms; now we feel that we are writing for readers that we know, no longer vague abstractions, but real friends in Kappa.

Beta Epsilon showed her interest in Convention by plying her poor delegate with countless questions, but the ardent delegate needed little urging to talk on that fascinating subject, and she will count herself fortunate if she has been able to

carry from Convention to her chapter one-quarter of the pleasure and inspiration she gained there herself.

We all came together again at the end of September after varied summer experiences, and now we are once more settled in the old ruts of work and play. The opening exercises of Columbia University were more than usually interesting and impressive because of our distinguished guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who received the degree of LL.D., and who won all our hearts by his graceful address.

This fall at Barnard has been a very strenuous one. A new society, the Barnard Union, has been organized for the purpose of centralizing the efforts of the students in the fields of debating and writing, and it promises to be a strong factor in the college. A new Pan-Hellenic contract is now in operation, which has lessened the objectionable features of "rushing," and we shall soon have a chance to see how we like the new pledge-day in December.

We are settled in the same apartment that we had last year, 501 West 120th Street, where we shall be glad to welcome any Kappas who may drift our way.

Alice Haskell.



Psi—Cornell University.

Psi sends greetings to her sisters and best wishes for—yes, a Happy New Year, for it will be the New Year when this reaches you all.

We are very happy here at Cornell, with our active chapter of thirteen, and two "pledglings." Our Pan-Hellenic contract this year was for four weeks, and was, on the whole, satisfactory, although, doubtless, improvements can be made in the future. This is the second year we have had a contract and it seems the best plan.

On November 3d, at the home of Gladys Miller, we initiated four freshmen, whom we take pleasure in introducing to you. They are Agnes Gouinlock, Jane Gouinlock, of Warsaw, N. Y., Emma Alice Holbert, of New York City, and Margaret Cuthbert, of Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Canada. We have since then pledged Hester Pardee Tefft, '05, of Little Falls, N. Y., and Anna Elsa Kirchner, '07, of Philadelphia, Pa.

We are seeing many changes here at Cornell this year. Two magnificent new halls are going up. One, Rockefeller Hall, will be the home of physics; and the other, the Goldwin Smith Hall, of humanities, the cornerstone of which was laid this fall by Professor Goldwin Smith himself. The new athletic field back of the campus is nearing completion, and the new State agricultural buildings, for which Cornell received the appropriation of \$300,000, are soon to be begun. We have lost by death two of Cornell's most trusted friends—Alonzo B. Cornell, son of the founder of the university and ex-Governor of New York State, who died in Ithaca in October; and Professor John W. Fiske, for many years a teacher here in the university, died in Italy in September.

A number of Kappa alumnae are in town this winter and we are looking forward to good times together. We have enjoyed visits this fall from Elizabeth S. Browne, Chi '03, and Carrie V. P. Young, Psi '03. We hope that any Kappas who may be near here at any time will come up and see us.

May every joy and happiness be yours, Kappa, wherever you are, is the sincere wish of Psi.

Margaret L. Stecker.



Beta Tau—Syracuse University.

Chief and foremost for Beta Tau has been our "rushing" season. Most of our time and energy since the college year began has been spent in selecting girls whom we think will be good Kappas. The season has been an enjoyable one, bringing us in contact with many desirable girls. Yet now that the semester is nearly closed and we are still "rushing" we begin to realize that we are becoming weary of the game, although not at all losing interest or enthusiasm.

At a recent meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Association a definite pledge-day was decided upon for this year, much to the delight of all the fraternities. The day is set for December 6th and each fraternity is to issue written invitations to her "rushees." No fraternity girl is supposed to communicate with the candidate from the time of the receipt of the invitation, December 6th, until a reply has been received by the fraternity

at noon December 7th. We feel that this method of "bidding" is much more dignified than any previous one, and above all it treats prospective members with perfect fairness, allowing them to decide the question in the secrecy of their own rooms, and not bringing undue influence to bear upon any of them. We are waiting with no little anxiety to see the working of our new plan.

Recently we were favored by a visit from Mrs. Penfield and her mother, Mrs. Nelson, who were here as delegates to the Women's Federation of Clubs. We only regret that their visit did not extend over a greater period of time. Beta Tau sends her best wishes to all her sisters in fraternity.

Clara E. MacFarlane.



Beta Alpha—University of Pennsylvania.

Fraternity life at Pennsylvania has changed materially for Beta Alpha since Convention. We heard rumors during the summer of a chapter of Delta Delta Delta being established here, but it was not until college opened, and we learned that the installation had already taken place, that we began to realize what this would mean to us.

We were disappointed that Tri Delta gave us no chance to entertain her Grand Council officers, and we felt that we must make amends for this apparent lack of courtesy when we formally entertained the new chapter. On November 5th, we gave a reception in the library of Biographical Hall, to which we invited many of the faculty and their wives, our Beta Alpha Alumnae and all the women at Pennsylvania, both in the undergraduate and postgraduate departments, to meet Psi Chapter of Delta Delta Delta. We feel that socially it was quite a success, and we were very glad of the opportunity to meet, not only our old friends, but also to make new acquaintances among the college women.

On the following Saturday afternoon, Josephine Reed entertained the active chapter and several freshmen at her home. We spent a delightful afternoon, making candy, telling yarns

and singing college songs to a banjo accompaniment. It was just the kind of time which made us all long for dormitory life, where, away from the work and worry of the class-room and laboratory, we could learn to know each other more intimately than is now possible. We all felt how really inadequate one meeting a week is, if we expect and desire to know what is best in our fraternity friends.

Of course, with the advent of Tri Delta, a Pan-Hellenic agreement was necessary, and Kappa, as the older fraternity, called the meeting. We hope that our plans will prove satisfactory. "Asking day" is the Saturday before Thanksgiving Day, and the answers are required by the Monday following. As this letter is being written on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, I am sure that all Kappas will sympathize with Beta Alpha's feelings at present.

We have invited five girls, only two of whom have accepted as yet. We therefore introduce to Kappa Kappa Gamma, Martha Bailey Shoemaker and Sallie Mark Barclay, our newly-pledged freshmen, and Bessie Hanley and Jessie Jones, two sophomores whom we pledged during the summer.

By the time this is published our suspense will be over, but in closing, Beta Alpha sends congratulations to all chapters whose pledge day is a thing of the past, and best wishes to those who have this ordeal still in the future.

Ida May Solly.



Beta Iota—Swarthmore College.

Beta Iota has been at work for more than two months now, and such short months! Our college program has been made lighter by various little incidents. You all know the old saying, "All work and no play"—well, we have been trying not to be too dull. On the 22d of October we were entertained by our alumnae at a tea, which was held in Philadelphia at the home of Lucretia Blankenburg. We had a very pleasant time and were glad indeed to have with us Miss Lucas, of Delta who is now studying at Bryn Mawr, and Mrs. Robert Brooks, also of Delta, who is living in Swarthmore. On the 29th of October Miss Griffith paid us a visit. She was accompanied by Miss

Scattergood, of Beta Alpha, and Margaret Craig, of Beta Lambda. It happened that on the same day Miss Reynaud, the District President of Kappa Alpha Theta, was visiting the Swarthmore chapter, and we were delighted to be able to meet and receive her too. On the 25th of October the chapter was entertained by Miss Eugenia Hornor at a luncheon given in honor of her cousin, Louise Wright Hornor, '07. It was most enjoyable; all was in blue and blue, and even our dishes and little souvenir cups and saucers showed plainly to what colors we are loyal.

We miss very much Marie DeMontalvo, ex-1905, who left Swarthmore to go to Radcliffe. Unfortunately, she was unable to continue her course there, owing to a severe attack of nervous prostration, from which she is but slowly recovering.

Beta Iota has adopted a plan of having the first meeting each month especially for the alumnae. While we are very glad to see them at every meeting, we are particularly glad to see them on alumnae night, and we hope they will all come often, as well as girls from other chapters who live or visit in the vicinity.

The annual foot-ball game between Haverford and Swarthmore took place at Swarthmore, November 19th. We were very glad to welcome back Hallie Hodge, Violette Haines, Aida Evans, Edith Andrews, Gertrude Hall, Mary Pugh, Lydia Biddle, Ann Manley, Hallie Hulburt, Fannie Cheyney, Katherine Pfeiffer, Ethel Beardsley, Agnes Sibbald, Louise Bartlett, Margaret Craig and Katherine Brooke.

Beta Iota wishes you one and all a happy and successful New Year.

Elizabeth Hall.



Gamma Rho—Allegheny College.

This has been a gay and busy season for Gamma Rho and all too soon it is slipping away. October 19th was pledge day for us, and on that day Kappa Kappa Gamma was made a trifle larger and stronger, we hope, by two splendid freshmen. On the Saturday after Thanksgiving a spread was given in their honor, to which came Kappas, old and new, great and small,

all who could, to see, admire and welcome the new babies. Early in the term a progressive dinner at the homes of five of our town girls proved a very enjoyable event to about twenty-five merry students. Grace Henderson gave a Sherlock Holmes party for the Kappa Gammas at the home of her sister, Mrs. Hamilton, which was a great success.

Alpha Chi Omega (music) held its convention here during the first week in November. They gave a musicale and reception at the Pennsylvania College of Music, and a reception at Miss Florence Harper's for their friends. Kappa Kappa Gamma joined in voting them excellent musicians and gracious hostesses. The Kappa Kappa Gammas received the Alphi Chi Omegas and the college faculty at the home of Louise Hempstead.

Our little college chapel was honored this term in having Alexander Guilmant give an organ recital within its doors. All the students were delighted to have the opportunity to hear him, and left but little room for outsiders who would have wished to come.

Phylinda Gaston.



Beta Province.

Lambda—Buchtel College.

We are now at the close of another rushing season, which has been a very enjoyable and successful one. Among the many pleasant Kappa affairs, the alumnae party given on the afternoon of October seventeenth, at the home of Mrs. Howard Siegrist, we recall as one of the most enjoyable. We hope that every chapter is as happy in her "pledglings" as is Lambda; and it is with great pleasure that we announce that Cotta Shuman, Mabel Wilcox, Ruth Hotchkiss and Hazel Hale are now wearing the double blue of Kappa, and will soon be initiated into the fraternity.

On the evening of September twenty-first, Maude Herndon, one of our alumnae, gave a miscellaneous shower for Blanche Widdecombe, who was married the following week to Mr. John Parsons, of Kent, O. The evening was a typical Kappa evening, with stories and songs.

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The girls' dormitory, Curtis Cottage, where the Kappas are to have a home, is nearly completed; and the girls hope to be in possession by the first of January.

In the college world at large a great interest is taken in athletics. A strong basket-ball team has been organized, and we are confident that Buchtel will have a winning five.

Lambda sends greetings and good wishes to all her sister chapters.

Clara Brouse.



Beta Gamma—Wooster University.

At the opening of this college year only eight Kappas put in their appearance at the University of Wooster, but each of them was thoroughly fitted with the true Kappa spirit and was ready for good hard work.

Our rushing season was indeed a great success. By the time this letter appears in print we shall have initiated five new girls into our mystic circle and we know that every Kappa will be proud of them. Four other girls will be initiated in June.

We have had one large party in our "dear old hall" this term at which there were several out-of-town guests, and we have had also numerous little luncheons, spreads and drives. Beta Gamma has been having her share of pleasures, but just at present she is beginning to look a little serious, for term "exams" are rapidly approaching, and they have the faculty of making even the most learned of Kappas don a very sober countenance.

Beta Gamma sends greetings and best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Mary McKinley.



Beta Nu—Ohio State University.

Beta Nu sends warmest greetings to her sister chapters, and especially to Kappa freshmen.

Perhaps the happiest event of our fraternity life this term was our initiation on the afternoon of October 29th, when we introduced into our Kappa Kappa Gamma five freshmen, Imogen McClees, Maybelle Bradley, Elizabeth O'Kane, Lillian

Pope, Mary McPherson and a senior, Clara Follet, who until this year attended Dennison College. The same evening we held our initiation banquet, and around its board were gathered thirty Kappas, rejoicing in Beta Nu's good fortune.

On October 15th, the day of the Michigan-Ohio State football game, it was our pleasure to entertain nine Beta Delta girls and one Iota girl. These visits are sources of great benefit and joy to us, and we wish they might come more often.

We have taken up quarters in a new chapter room and it is our plan to entertain there all of our alumnae sometime during the year. We wish to bring them still closer to the active chapter in this way.

The first indoor college entertainment of consequence will be the Boys' Glee Club Concert on December 9th, assisted by the Girls' Glee Club and by the University Mandolin Club. Judging from their past entertainments this will be a great success.

The university is soon to have three new buildings. The Physics building will soon be ready for occupation. The foundations of the new Mining and the Chemistry buildings are being laid.

Ethyl Woodbury.



Beta Delta—University of Michigan.

On Saturday evening, November twenty-ninth, five children were adopted by Beta Delta and the sign and seal of their adoption was the little golden key. We wish that every Kappa might be here to give the grip to Lucretia Hunter, Mabel Allen, Edith Edmiston, Mildred Honecker and Anna Broomhall.

You can imagine what a joyous time it was for Beta Delta with nearly every member of the Detroit alumnae present for the initiation and banquet. At the same time we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Grey of Pi. A number of our old girls have been with us at different times this fall, Kittie Avery, '04, Lucy Elliot, Zilphia Campbell and Elizabeth Sundstrom. Still another breath of outside life has been infused into the chapter by Beta Nu, who so royally entertained

a number of us on the day of the Ohio State University-Michigan game.

Our university library is about to assume a more cheerful aspect by the addition of a little color to relieve its present bareness; twenty-two wooden shields bearing the seals of various universities and colleges are to decorate the semi-circular wall. As each seal will be carried out in its proper colors, the effect will no doubt be good and we are blessing the man who devised the scheme.

Great enthusiasm is being shown over the prospect of a Michigan club house. Plans are being discussed and committees appointed for the erection of such a building which shall offer a gathering place for the men of the university.

The stage of Sarah Caswell Angell Hall in connection with the woman's gymnasium is being fitted up for college theatricals, a fact which is being hailed with great joy, for the need of such a step has long been felt.

Mrs. Butler, a town friend of the Kappas, entertained for them at an informal card party and dance last Friday evening; and one of our patronesses, Mrs. Hedmann, entertained our seniors on the following Monday. A delightful time was reported after each affair.

Beta Delta is saddened just now by the loss of one of its members for a time. Susan Potter was called suddenly to her home in Peabody, Kansas, by the serious illness and subsequent death of her mother. Florence Burton, who has been ill for some time, is now filling again her accustomed place in our circle.

When this is read, Christmas will have come and gone. May it have proved a veritable season of good will and love to every Kappa sister whether spent by her in the sunny south, or in the cold north.

Elma Bailey.



Xi—Adrian College.

Dr. Brayman W. Anthony, of Pittsburg, Pa., was inaugurated President of Adrian College, Sept. 28. Several noted alumnae of Adrian were present and responded to toasts at the banquet which followed the inauguration. Doctor Anthony

is a man who inspires confidence in himself and his cause. He is meeting with success wherever he goes in the interest of our college.

Saturday, October 1, Xi gave her annual reception for the new girls, at the home of Mabelle Young. This was a very enjoyable occasion. Our "rushing" season is not yet over, but our prospects are bright. Friday evening, November 11, we enjoyed a visit from one of our alumnae, Elizabeth Fickes, a member of the Pittsburg Alumnae Association.

Maybelle Young attended the Michigan-Chicago football game at Ann Arbor, Saturday, November 12th. She was delightfully entertained over Sunday by the members of Beta Delta Chapter.

Xi sends sincere wishes for a happy New Year to Kappas everywhere.

H. Myrtle McCollum.



Kappa—Hillsdale College.

Kappas of Kappa send greetings to sister chapters and readers of the Key. We hope that the year has begun as pleasantly for all as it has for us. Through the help of the Inter-Sorority committee the relation between the fraternities has been very friendly and the difficulties of the "rushing" week were much simplified. We have three new girls to be pledged in the double blue and we hope by the time the next news letter goes out they will be wearing the golden key.

Our new chapter room was recently filled with a very merry company. The active girls entertained the alumnae, pledged members, and the newly invited ones. An old-time Kappa feast was spread, and the hall rang with Kappa songs. There seemed to be an after-glow from Convention week.

On a recent Saturday afternoon a party of Kappas chaperoned by Mrs. Mouck and Miss Reynolds made a short journey to a neighboring town. There dinner was served by one of the alumnae and a pleasant evening spent. Alpha Tau Omega entertained Kappa in their rooms.

Edith Cold.

Gamma Province.

Delta—Indiana State University.

The fall term of 1904 opened with bright prospects for Delta, and in her high hopes she was not disappointed. With sixteen "old girls" back, we "rushed" with a vim and before many days had pledged eight girls, of whom we are justly proud. We number on our roll the following Kappa "pledglings": Ruth Maxwell, of Indianapolis; Nelle Stoner, of Greenfield; Mary Rogers, Edna Johnson and Mary Lamb, of Bloomfield; Hazel Hatch, of Kentland; Gayle Blankenship, of Martinsville, and Jean Rupert, of Attica.

The only cloud upon our horizon—and it is a heavy one—is the fact that Ethel Richards cannot be with us. She would have added another to our list of seniors this year, and it is hard to express how keenly we feel our loss, after having had her for so long. She died August 3, in Denver, Colorado, where she was taken with the hope that she might there regain her health. No girl ever was a truer Kappa, and her place can never be filled for us.

We have also many happy times. Delta has issued invitations for a series of parties. The first was a Hallowe'en party, and the house was appropriately decorated. The second was a "Football Dance." Elaborate decorations in footballs, colors, football paraphernalia and banners graced our parlors. The third dance is to be given on the evening of December 5.

On election night, November 8, our freshmen gave us the annual freshmen banquet, in the form of an elaborate six o'clock "turkey dinner," at the home of Mary Rogers. The tables were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums, light and dark blue ribbons, and ferns. With coffee, the following toasts were given:

Laura Turner—The Blue and Blue; Elva Reeves—Our Freshmen; Ruth Maxwell—The Upper Classmen. We then adjourned to the parlors, where we had a pleasant meeting.

Lena Triplett was married in September to Dr. Robert Rogers, Delta Tau Delta, of Bloomington. Late in September a son was born to Dr. and Mrs. Otto Rogers (Vesta Triplett).

Invitations have been issued for the marriage of Kate Fosler to Mr. Graham Adams Davies, Sigma Nu, December 7, at South Whitley, Indiana.

On November 12, every girl in Delta went to Indianapolis to witness the Indiana-Purdue football game, and although Indiana was defeated, we were happy in the fact that we were with Kappas from all parts of the State.

During the Thanksgiving vacation the girls went to their homes, or to be guests of Kappas or other friends. Now, once more, we are back and hard at work. Soon preparations will begin for final examinations and then a holiday vacation of two weeks.

Greetings to all the chapters, and wishes for the greatest success.

Leona Turner.



Tota—De Pauw University.

This college year opened in De Pauw with the brightest hopes for Kappa. The Iota girls came back early and all were very enthusiastic for the "spike." According to the Pan-Hellenic, each sorority could entertain but three times during the "spike," and Kappa was to have the first evening, which was Wednesday, September 21. We entertained with a progressive dinner at the girls' homes, the last course being at the Chapter House.

On Saturday evening we pledged the following girls: Helen Taggart, Flossie Vermillion, Jean Bishop, Gertrude and Eva Lieber, Hazel Cantwell, Caroline Davis, Lyra Stone, Nell Finch, Sue Davis, Mary Deam, Nell Fudge, Bessie Sale, Martha Poucher and Effie Redding. The following Tuesday evening we entertained at the Kappa House in honor of our pledges. The entertainment of the evening was a representation of "The Pike." We held the initiation of our fifteen new girls at the Kappa house on Saturday evening, October 15th.

The "spike" being over, we settled down to work and gave no more social functions until near Thanksgiving, when we entertained with two informal parties, at which the girls gave a little farce called "Unseen and Unheard." When the Thanksgiving vacation came, nearly all the girls went home to enjoy the few days' rest.

Nona Burkett.

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Mu—Butler College.

Mu's four weeks of quiet "rushing" reached a most interesting and exciting climax. Immediately after pledging day, a new local sorority, Sigma Delta Theta, which had been forming secretly, came into existence. As several of the girls whom we "spiked" were among the number, we were intensely interested in this development of fraternity life. They have petitioned for a Theta charter and feel confident of success. We can not have our own way so much as we have had, as the new sorority pledges girls from the preparatory department.

The part of our rushing festivities to which we look forward with most enthusiasm is the annual banquet given on the day that the contract terminates. This year about fifty loyal Kappas gathered to renew Kappa friendships and love.

On October 13th our Irvington Alumnae entertained the active Kappas and new girls of the college with a progressive luncheon. It is certainly a profit and a pleasure to meet with the alumnae on such occasions.

This year the Y. W. C. A. State Convention was held at Butler. We felt highly honored in having Miss Paxson as our guest during her visit here. After the close of convention we spent a most delightful afternoon with her. She is an inspiration.

We are happy to say that the enrollment of Butler for this year shows an increase over that of last year. There have been several changes in the faculty. With the great interest and sympathy shown by Dr. Garrison for his new charge, there is coming, we feel sure, a new season of prosperity.

Irma Brayton.



Eta—University of Wisconsin.

Eta has ten loyal new Kappas to introduce to the readers of the Key: Meta Starke, Irma Hale, Elvira Wallis, Janet Van Hise, Flora Sayle, Mona Traill, Cosalette Elliott, Emily Chynoweth, Louise Cutter and Harriet Harding. The "rushing" season was very short this year and our "rushing" was done almost entirely at our own house. November fourth we gave the annual freshman party at our chapter house.

We have been fortunate this fall in having so many of our alumnae with us at different times. One of the most pleasant events of the year was our alumnae banquet, which was held October 15th. At its close I think every Kappa present realized more than ever how much the fraternity really means to her.

Before this Key appears, the new year will be with us. Eta sends her best wishes for a Happy New Year to all Kappas.

Agnes Louise Walsh.



Beta Lambda—University of Illinois.

Beta Lambda dreaded this year as we were to start with only nine girls, having lost ten by graduation. However, much to our pleasure, our forces were strengthened by three Kappas from other chapters, Litta Banschbach, of Upsilon; Lucy Williams and Louise McIntyre, of Epsilon; Letta Brock, also of Epsilon, is teaching in the Champaign High School, and one of our own graduates of last year, Ann White, has a position in the university library, so that our numbers were not so weak as we anticipated.

"Rushing" season lasted until October 11th, and our efforts were rewarded by the addition of nine new girls: Elsie Andrews, Grand Haven, Mich.; Helen Kendall, Princeton, Ill.; Helen Rose, Mattoon, Ill.; Helen Webb, Elgin, Ill.; Marietta Davis, Straight Creek, Kan.; Eleanor Beardsley, Kansas City; Grace Watson, Chicago; Mildred Barlow, Streator, Ill.; Ina Chilton, Charleston, Ill. The initiation took place November 5th, and we had the pleasure of having with us Eleanor's mother, Mrs. Beardsley, who was a Kappa at Epsilon, and also two of our older girls, Helen Stookly and Annabel Fraser.

Our new president, Dr. James, was introduced to us at convocation the first week in November. The branch of the Collegiate Alumnae Association gave a reception for Mrs. James and for Miss Gill, dean of Barnard College, who gave a very delightful talk upon the much agitated question of the "need for social reform in the universities."

The fraternity circle has been widened and strengthened by the addition of two men's fraternities. A chapter of Phi Kappa

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Psi was installed, November 18th, and a charter of Delta Kappa Epsilon has been granted to this university.

We feel that we have started on a very happy and prosperous year, and we wish all good fortune and happiness possible to the other chapters of our fraternity.

Emily L. Nichols.



Upsilon—Northwestern University.

To all her sister chapters Upsilon sends greetings!

First of all we want to introduce to our Kappa sisters three girls of whom Upsilon is justly proud: Olive Seeley, Ina Bishop and Isabel Mabin. The girls were initiated November 4th. A great many of our own alumnae and some from other chapters were present and helped us to inspire the new girls with the love for Kappa that means so much to each of us who wears the little key. On November 9th we gave a party for the freshmen at Ella Bradley's home. About a week later our Evanston Alumnae Association entertained the active chapter at the home of Elizabeth Bronson. It means so much to the active girls to have the help and friendship of the alumnae, and we appreciate every opportunity we have for becoming better acquainted with them.

We have enjoyed visits from two of our girls who left us last year, Marie McKinney and Jule Sohrbeck.

November 26th came the regular Kappa luncheon of the Chicago Alumnae Association at Marshall Field's. There were about thirty present, among them a number of girls from Beta Lambda and from Eta. But, best of all, Miss Paxson was with us and Upsilon is looking forward with great pleasure to a visit from Miss Paxson soon.

Ella H. Bradley.



Epsilon—Illinois Wesleyan University.

Epsilon is proud to introduce to the fraternity world nine new Kappas: Laurastine Marquis, Mary Marquis, Alice Parker, Mabel Brock, Bernice Brock, May Bengel, Bertha Coyle, Flora Warlow and Etta Roe. Laurastine Marquis is the daughter of one of Epsilon's alumnae, Nellie Harpole Marquis.

This is the first time we have ever initiated a Kappa daughter.

This semester we have been undertaking some extensive changes in our hall. The walls have been freshly papered with beautiful blue paper; the wood work has received a much-needed coat of paint, and we have had a new oak floor put down. These improvements, together with a beautiful new rug, have completely transformed our little meeting-place.

On the Friday following Thanksgiving we gave an informal reception in our hall in honor of guests from Beta Lambda, Althea Marsh, Louise McIntyre and Lucy Williams. The two latter were transferred this year from Epsilon to Beta Lambda.

On October 26th occurred the marriage of Betty Jarred and Mr. Jacob Skinner, of Mackinaw. The bride was one of our 1902 initiates.

Miss Grace McWhirter, '04, was married in September to Mr. Reuben Williams. She is now living in Chicago.

Miss Flora Jones, '97, was married to Mr. Otis Allen, of Topeka, Kan., on the 19th of October. Miss Jones was the Grand Treasurer's deputy during the past administration.

Hazel Funk, one of our last year's initiates, is attending the National Park Seminary this year.

Hilda Beuscher and Martha Hoult are unable to be in school this semester on account of illness. We hope to have them with us next semester.

Carrie Atkinson, '04, is attending the State Normal University.

Beulah Baker is spending the winter in New York City.

Grace McIntyre, '04, is teaching school near her home at Newman, Ill.

Epsilon sends greetings and best wishes to her sister chapters for a happy and prosperous year.

Emma R. Parker.



Delta Province.

Chi—University of Minnesota.

To all in Kappa Kappa Gamma, greeting.

After the excitement of rushing week, Chi settled down to study that she might have the success in her college work that she had had with the freshmen.

Initiation was the first excitement in the chapter itself, and it was with more joy and pride than can be expressed that we welcomed into Kappa Kappa Gamma seven girls of the class of 1908. They are Elizabeth Bruchholz, Mary Rankin, Gertrude Satterlee, Marjorie Edwards and Faith Wheaton, of Minneapolis; Helen Gallup, of St. Cloud, and Esther Mac-Davitt, of St. Paul. We wish that every Kappa could know them.

The alumnae reception was held in St. Paul at Harriet Armstrong's beautiful home, and proved a good, jolly old Kappa reunion, a species of entertainment which has never as yet proved a failure.

Edith Moore, Vassar 1904, and a former Chi girl, is one of St. Paul's debutantes this season. Her first tea was for "Kappas only" and the many that were there can vouch for its success.

Not so very long ago a curiously rhymed and more curiously spelled epistle upon brown paper was found in the secretary's P. O. box. Its queer appearance evoked a gleam of curiosity even in that very blasé personage, and a hasty examination found it to be a very pleasant surprise indeed—an invitation from the freshmen to a party! All such dire threats as had been floating about the chapter concerning negligent freshmen were immediately dropped, and the upper class girls beamed approvingly and expectantly.

The eventful evening at last arrived, also the guests, promptly on time. A huge grate fire and surmises as to the exact form of entertainment to be provided helped to while away the time until supper was announced; and such a supper as it was! In the middle of the table sat an enormous owl; perched upon each glass was a tiny butterfly which was attached to the owl by miniature streamers of dark and light blue ribbon. At each place were small Kappa pennants. We of 1907, in remembrance of a certain "Dutch lunch," were awed and abashed! After supper "The Elephant," "The Brownie Dance" and "Dinah and Villikins" were enacted with their accustomed success. "Kappa Songs" closed another Kappa evening.

Chi will give her first dance this year on next Friday evening, when her freshmen will be "introduced."

"Dame Firefly," a children's operetta, is to be produced this week under the auspices of The Woman's League of the University of Minnesota, and the fraternities have been greatly interested in helping along this good work. Three of our girls are in dances in the play, and Kappa has taken a box to lend them confidence.

Hoping to hear of as successful rushing seasons from all our sister chapters.

Mary Brownson Morgan.



Beta Zeta—Iowa State University.

This has indeed been a busy year for Beta Zeta and we are glad now to present six new Kappas and one pledge—Elizabeth Sherwood '06, Winifred Sherwood '08, Anne Felkner '07, and Gertrude Dennis, of Iowa City; Clara Westbrook '08, Lyons; Hilda Brodersen '06, of Denison, and our pledge, Mary West '07, of Sioux City, Iowa.

At the opening of the school the active chapter consisted of three members, two of the old girls and Louise Howell, Beta Lambda, but later two more girls returned. The work was hard but we feel more than repaid by the results. The alumnae certainly showed their loyalty by the help they gave us. We have already lost Anne Felkner, who was married November twenty-fourth to Mr. Theodore E. Hall, of Sedgwick, Maine.

Another wedding of much interest in university as well as in Iowa City society was that of Maud Cleaveland Kingsbury '01, to William Oscar Coast, *B Θ II*, of Iowa City, October the fifteenth.

Phi Chapter of *Δ Δ Δ* was installed at Iowa University this fall, making the fourth woman's fraternity here. We had so hoped that some Chi Kappa would be able to make us a visit at the time of the Minnesota-Iowa football game but were disappointed in it. Fan Lilly '04 and Alice Clapp, special, have made us short visits this year.

The attendance at the university is larger this year than last and we hope for much in its improvement.

Alice Remley.



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Theta—University of Missouri.

Greetings from Theta to all our new sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Most of Theta's rushing was done in a very quiet and informal way, and our annual fall party to the townspeople was not attempted this year. It is a goodly number of new sisters that we introduce to the fraternity this year, for a large increase in the university enrollment has brought us more excellent material than ever. The list of those who make their formal bow to our little world is as follows: Estelle Dockery, Jessie Woolridge, Eugenia Ringo, Virginia Yancey, Audrey Cocke, Grace Parker, Mary Alice Herren, Jack Withers, Helen Leffler, Naunie Newman, Maurine Bragg, Marguerite McDaniels, and Gertrude Zoll.

We have twelve girls in the chapter house this year, a larger number than we have ever had room for before; and what is still better we are making great plans as to what we are going to do in the way of a house next year. Some of our brother Greeks are getting very energetic along this line. Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta have moved into permanent homes.

There have been a number of pleasant social events here lately. One of the faculty ladies gave a "thimble party" to the chapter, and a number of fraternity dances have been given recently. For their Hallowe'en party to the university girls a Pan-Hellenic dance was given December 3, in Art Hall, which everyone voted was a grand success. The Kappas distinguished themselves in "Hale's Fire Fighters," which was realistic, to say the least.

At present a number of us are looking forward to our usual Thanksgiving trip to Kansas City. Our hope is that we may be enabled to give both our Omega sisters, and their heroes of the gridiron a warm and cordial greeting in the name of "Old Mizzou."

Clara Shelton.



Sigma—University of Nebraska.

The memories of "rushing week" are still held dear by Sigma, who is proud to introduce to sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma eleven freshmen:—Ethel Burket, Ruth and Edna

Baker, Mary Minor, Fern Leet, and Florence Wood, of Lincoln; Verne Hall, of Creston Iowa; Ruth Wyer, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; Otis Hassler and Elva Sly, '04, Phi Beta Kappa, of Pawnee City; Lida Axtell, '02, Vassar, Phi Beta Kappa, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The parties given during "rushing week" consisted of a chafing dish party, a luncheon and several small "informals." The only elaborate entertainment given was a vaudeville at the home of Mrs. Lowe Ricketts. A minuet was danced, in colonial costume, and the farce entitled "An Innocent Villain" cleverly rendered.

By the help and active interest of our Lincoln alumnae, our new fraternity house was all in order before the opening of school. A new feature of the house, of which the chapter is very proud, is a tall, handsome colonial clock, presented by our "Famous Eleven."

On the afternoon of November 25, at the home of Lola Southwick, Barbara Burt, who has been pledged for six years, was initiated into the secrets of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Miss Burt was pledged while a student in the University of Nebraska. She graduated in 1900, with Phi Beta Kappa honors.

The local Pan-Hellenic Association has held several meetings this year and is discussing rushing problems and "social service," but as yet few definite results have been reached. A girls' Pan-Hellenic dance was given December 3, in Art Hall, which, it was hoped, would bring the fraternities closer together. Each girl was charged a nominal fee, and the proceeds went to the College Settlement fund.

The new physics building is now almost completed on the university campus and several others are being built at the State Farm. A Woman's Hall, which accommodates about one hundred girls, is proving a very satisfactory addition to university life.

Sigma sends greeting to all sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Gladys Hargreaves.



Omega—Kansas State University.

Now that the Thanksgiving holidays are near at hand, the girls of Omega are planning to spend the day in Kansas City to see the annual football game between the Universities of Kansas and Missouri.

The alumnae chapter there is going to entertain the Kappas from both universities with a box-party, followed by a supper at one of the hotels, so altogether we are looking forward to a very enjoyable time.

With the opening of the University, fourteen of the old girls came back to the Kappa house full of enthusiasm and eager to begin the work of the new year. During the first week we gave a luncheon at one of the girls' homes here in town and also an informal card party at our house. Now we have four new girls to introduce to you,—Mayme Maher, Mary Bitting, Hazel Renshaw and Anna Allen, three of whom have already been initiated and we are very proud of them indeed. Mayme Maher has had to give up her work this term on account of ill health. We miss her very much but hope to have her back again after Christmas.

Omega sends her love and best wishes to all Kappas.

Maude Olander.

**Beta Mu—Colorado State University.**

Never since the chapter was established has Beta Mu been more successful than she has been this year; our university has twenty per cent. more students than it had last year and we have the largest chapter we have ever had.

We were all delighted to have Miss Wheeler visit us the first of the year for a week's visit; the first initiation was held early so that Miss Wheeler could be with us, and Mrs. Sechrist, Miss Emmons, Miss Powell, Miss McDermith, Miss Huntington and Mrs. Moore—all members of the Denver Alumnae Association, were also present. On September twenty-third we initiated Rebecca Kesner, Clara Wilson, Ethel Stewart, Adelaide Thomas, Cora Nicholson, Edna Baker and Anna Bowler. After the initiation a banquet was given, at which thirty Kappas were present.

A few weeks after school began Irma Herdeggen came from Wisconsin, where she was pledged by Eta and on November twelfth was initiated, with May Belle McCaudles, of Denver.

We have twenty active girls this year, twelve of whom live in the chapter house.

Rebecca Kesner.



Beta Xi—University of Texas.

When Beta Xi came back to college this year we were overwhelmed with the quantity and quality of fraternity material among the girls. There never was another such class of freshmen, not in all the history of the university. Of course a strenuous "rushing" season began, with four of us in the field, and until our pledge-day, November 19th, there was hardly a peaceful moment. There were rushing parties galore; our most successful "stunt" being our annual trolley-ride. On Tuesday, November 22nd, we introduced our new pledges with a reception and dance.

On Tuesday, November 15th, Mrs. Sutton, one of our faculty friends, and a most charming hostess, entertained Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma and their respective "rushees" with an "at home." Kappa and Theta colors were in evidence and the affair was well carried out.

We initiated Saturday, November 26th, the following girls: Christine Littlefield, Bennie Brown, Mary Kimball, Annie Stratton, Mary McCormick, Geils Adone, Flossie Gardner, Kitty Devine, Katherine Ball, Amy Longcope and Minne Sanborn. One of the pledges, Abbe Crane, will be initiated later. Mrs. Bray, Beta Tau, was toastmistress at the banquet, and several of our alumnae, who were down for the occasion, aided her in making it all particularly enjoyable. We were made very happy this year by pledging and initiating Christine Littlefield, who was invited two years ago and was unable to join until this fall.

Since last year three fraternities have installed chapters at Texas—Chi Omega in May, Kappa Alpha Theta in September, and Phi Kappa Psi in October. Phi Psi has come in very auspiciously after a long fight and we are proud to welcome them all.

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As to Athletics—"Texas" hasn't much to say after our little affair with Chicago. But there have been worse scores than sixty-eight to nothing, and we shall retrieve ourselves some time just to show what we really can do.

May this year be profitable and happy to all Kappas.

Mary Willis Stedman.



Beta Omicron—Culane University.

The past two months of college have been eventful and successful ones for Beta Omicron—eventful, for this was our first "rushing" season and it proved sufficiently strenuous and exciting; successful, for we pledged all the girls we had "rushed" and can now proudly introduce to the Kappa world our three freshmen, Anita Norman, Irene Drake and Ruth Bush, who were initiated November the nineteenth.

One of the girls, Hilda Blount, has been elected President of the Student Body.

On October the thirteenth we had an informal tea to celebrate our anniversary. On the thirty-first we were to have had a big reception in honor of Miss Sinclair, who was to be with us then, but owing to the fact that Miss Sinclair was ill with diphtheria our reception was postponed. Miss Sinclair is better now and has continued her journey to California.

We are so enthusiastic about our own new Kappas that Beta Omicron joyfully sends greetings to all the new wearers of the key.

Hilda M. Blount.



Pi—University of California.

First and foremost come the freshmen. They are always interesting and more or less important. We have four—Mary Downey, Ethlyn Dulin, Marie Hall and Beatrice Simpson. We had two initiations, taking in three girls at the first and one at the other. We were very much delighted to have with us representatives from Beta Zeta, Chi and Beta Eta.

There has been a great deal going on in the college world this term. Ben Greet's company has given two plays, *Hamlet*

and *The Star of Bethlehem*. Mr. Philip Sousa gave a concert in the Greek theatre a little later. There also was presented by students of the university the Greek play *Ajax*. The original Greek idea was carried out in almost every detail, and the play was considered quite an achievement. Several of the girls were in the Greek audience.

Besides these literary treats the first intercollegiate football game with Stanford to be played on the college campus was played here in Berkeley on November the twelfth. Of course it was bitter to christen our new California Field with defeat—but wait until next year.

Our greater university is actually being realized. Two of the buildings, California Hall and the Hearst Mining Building, are nearing completion. The entire plans will probably not be completed for more than twenty years. Then we expect to rival any university in the world.

New Year's Greetings to all Kappas.

Myrtle L. Sims.



Beta Eta—Leland Stanford Jr. University.

Beta Eta sends greetings to all her sister chapters. We have just ended a strenuous but most successful "rushing" season, and have initiated five girls, Bonnye Anderson, May Cunningham, Beth Hughson, Anna Laury and Ethel Wallace, who will loyally uphold and further Kappa interests. Since the close of the "rushing" season we have settled down again to the regular routine of college work.

We gladly welcomed our delegate on her return from Convention, and, inspired by her enthusiastic reports, we have pledged ourselves to more earnest endeavor in behalf of the fraternity. We regret that each of us had not the privilege of coming into closer relation with the different chapters by attending the Convention, and we hope that at some time in the near future we may receive and entertain our Kappa sisters in our own beautiful college home.

Again Beta Eta sends her best wishes to all chapters for a happy and successful year.

Jessica Wilson.



Alumnae Personals.

Alpha Province.

Phi.

Miss Lottie Richmond Tirrell, '05, sails Saturday, December the 3d, for Buenos Ayres, South America, where she will make her home.

Elsie V. Tucker, '04, is teaching in the high school at Kennebunk, Maine.

Ruth R. Jennison, '04, is teaching in the high school at Sutton, Massachusetts.

Beta Epsilon.

Miss Madalene Heroy, '01, was chairman of the Alumnae Play Committee. The play, "Trelawney of the Wells," was given on the 2nd and 3rd of December.

Miss Helen Cole, '00, is engaged to Mr. Robert A. Stevenson, of New York City (Princeton, '92).

Born, on the 26th of November, a second son to Mrs. George McAneny (Marjorie Jacobi, '99).

Born, on the 28th of November, a son to Mrs. James Cochrane (Edith Poor, ex-'04), who is with her husband in South Africa.

New York Alumnae Association.

The first meeting for the year of the New York Alumnae Association was held November 26th in the rooms of the American Institute for Social Service. Several new members were present, and much interest and enthusiasm was shown. Mrs. Penfield's report of the Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago, and Mrs. Walker's report of Convention occupied the time not devoted to business.

The Association is rejoicing in a regular and very central place of meeting. Through Mrs. Penfield, Dr. Tolman has offered the use of the rooms of the American Institute of Social Service for all the business meetings. So regular meetings will be held in these rooms in the United Charities Building, corner of 22nd Street and Fourth Avenue, on the last Saturday in January, February, March and April, at 3 P. M. All Kappas in the city on these days are not only invited but urged to attend.

The association is congratulating itself upon having the editor of the Key as one of its members, and hopes for inspiration in that connection with the Grand Council.

A luncheon is being planned for some time in February, when we hope to interest many who have not been active.

Mrs. Penfield, president of the Westchester Woman's Club, a departmental club of about two hundred and fifty members, has had new honors thrust upon her in being elected first vice-president of the Daughters of Indiana, in New York.

Misses Grace and Louise McCarthy, Theta, are spending the winter in New York City, and have joined the New York Alumnae Association. Miss Grace is doing work at Pratt Institute.

Psi.

The engagement is announced of Helen Adelaide Ellsworth, '06, to Mr. Manito C. C. Van Loben Sels, '04, *A Δ Φ*.

Alice B. Dubreuil, '06, is spending this winter at her home in Baltimore. She expects to return to Cornell next year and graduate with her class.

The engagement is announced of Margaret Rolston, '06, to Dr. S. W. Fletcher, professor in the Agricultural College at Cornell.

Married.—December 28, 1904, in Philadelphia, Miss Adelaide Hayes Dovey, '98, and Mr. Edwin Fayette Church, Jr. At home, after January 15, Morgantown, West Virginia.

Married|—New York City, Dr. Emily Dunning, '97, and Dr. Benjamin Stockwell Barringer. The following is taken from a notice of the wedding in one of the New York papers:

"After the ceremony, the bride and bridegroom, with their relatives, went to Dr. Dunning's residence, where breakfast was served, after which the couple drove to the pier of the Red Star line and sailed at ten o'clock on the Kroonland for Antwerp. They intend to spend most of their time in Europe in taking a special course of study at a medical college in Vienna, after which they will return to this city and practice together.

The bride won prominence when she entered Gouverneur Hospital under the same conditions and restrictions as young men medical graduates enter that institution. She took her

place as an ambulance surgeon just as though she were a man, and responded to all kinds of calls in a way which won the admiration of her associates. She became successively house surgeon and house physician and then took up private practice."

Philadelphia Alumnae Association.

Married, November, 1904, Miss E. Ethel Hayes, Beta Alpha, '01, and Mr. John Leroy Blackman, of Philadelphia. At home 5830 Ashland street, Sherwood, Philadelphia.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary H. Grisler to Mr. Everett Franklin Phillips, Ph. D., Phi Beta Theta, of Youngstown, Ohio.

Gamma Rho.

Louise Bolard, ex-'98, was married this month to Mr. David Moore. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will reside in Brooklyn.

Rita McClintock, '02, is teaching in the Meadville high school.

Harriet Hampson, Sarah Breene, Ada Palm and Anna Corbett were guests over Thanksgiving.

Helen McClintock is teaching German in the preparatory school and working in the college for a master's degree.

Mary Hendrick is home after spending the summer abroad.

Pittsburgh Alumnae Association.

PROGRAM

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September 23.....Convention Day
Steubenville, Ohio.

Hostesses.....Mesdames Foster and Stark
and Misses Floyd, Byers, Smyrthwaite and Kithcart
PaperBiennial Report
Miss Floyd

October 29.....Hallowe'en Party
East End, Pittsburgh
Hostesses.....Mrs. Phillips and Miss Howard
Paper.....Kappa Study
Mrs. Lichliter

December 31.....Christmas Party
Hostesses.....Mesdames Blaisdell and Christy

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February 25.....	Valentine Party Bellevue, Pa.
Hostesses.....	Mesdames Wilbur, CowI, Leslie, Ewing and Miss Lockhart
April 15.....	Banquet Hotel Schenley
June 24.....	College and University Day Beaver Falls, Pa.
Hostesses.....	Mrs. Reeder and Misses Brierly and Jackson

OFFICERS.

President.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Ewing
Vice-President.....	Mrs. Nina Phillips
Secretary.....	Miss Clara Howard
Corresponding Secretary.....	Mrs. Gertrude Lichliter
Treasurer.....	Miss Altai Floyd

Beta Province.

Xi Adrian Alumnae Association.

Miss Ethel Morehead, '01, is teaching at Inghram, Pa.

Married, September 7, 1904, Miss Jennie Gilkey, '99, and Mr. Frank Turner Boyd, both of Adrian, Michigan.

The Adrian Alumnae Association held its first regular meeting of the year on November 5th at the home of Mrs. Jennie Gilkey Boyd. An interesting feature of the evening was a report of Convention by Miss Mary McCollum, Xi's delegate.

Miss Blanche Van Anken, '96, who is instructor in Manual Training at Oneonta Normal School, Oneonta, N. Y., visited friends in Adrian in September.

Cleveland Alumnae Association.

Mrs. Sarah Cadwalader Hyre, Lambda, was elected to the school council, on the Republican ticket, at the recent election.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Smart (Lucy Allen, Beta Nu), November 30, a son, Charles Allen.

Mrs. Minnie Haynes Pennock, Beta Gamma, and family are spending the winter at Daytona, Fla.

Mrs. Gertrude Lewis Mack, Lambda, who was seriously injured by a fall last June, is slowly recovering.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William E. Minshell (Mabel Rice, Beta Nu), November 23, a son, Charles Thaddeus.

The engagement of Miss Elmie Warner, Lambda, to Dr. Herbert S. Malory, of Yale University, has been announced.

At the October meeting held at the home of Mrs. Katherine Lucas Johnson, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Margaret Duer Bulkley, Alpha; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Helen Cornell Shephard, Beta Gamma; recording secretary, Miss Edith Twiss, Beta Nu; treasurer, Mrs. Katherine Lucas Johnson, Beta Gamma. Miss Lydia Penfield, Phi, has been appointed secretary of the Y. W. C. A. of this city.

Miss May Dever, Xi, is serving her second year as supervisor of manual instruction in the city schools.

Mrs. Helen Cornell Shephard is recovering from a recent illness at her mother's home in Mansfield, Ohio.

Kappa.

Miss Harriet Reynolds, '84, graduated from the Pratt Institute last year and is now taking a year's rest at home.

Idella St. John Washburn has gone to her new home near Needles, Arizona.

Mrs. C. D. Rogers, '83, greeted some Kappa alumnae on her way through Hillsdale.

Born to Mrs. S. B. Harvey, a son.

Gamma Province.

Tota—Greencastle Alumnae Association.

Sara Darby, '02, and George Poucher, $\Phi K \Psi$, DePauw, '01, were married on October 26th. Address, Rochester, Pa. Mrs. Poucher will be a new member of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Association.

Born on April 30th to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Snow (Lora Reed, ex-'00) a daughter, at Orangeville, Utah.

Lottie Stoner, '02, is teacher of English and history in Albany, Indiana.

Odessa Zeis, '02, is teacher of English in the high school at Wabash, Indiana.

The wedding of Mary Sherfey, ex-'04, to Mr. Will Luther, of Brazil, took place October 18th, in Brazil, Indiana.

Helen Hurst, '04, is teaching in Booneville, Indiana.

Edythe Gipe, '01, has charge of the English in the high school at Alexandria, Indiana.

Mrs. J. H. Greenstreet (Ethel Maxim) spent the summer in Maine.

Blanche Woody, '01, is teaching English in the high school at Brazil.

Born on June 27th, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bechtel (Matilda Bowman, '00) a second son.

Mrs. Hiner Hunt (ex-'00) lives in Liberty, Indiana.

Harriet Harding, '97, teaches in the Crawfordsville high school.

Mrs. M. H. Lichliter (Gertrude Larimore, 1900) is corresponding Secretary of the Pittsburgh Alumnae Association.

The wedding of Ethel Chaffee, '01, to Mr. Daniel Stanley Wentworth, occurred in Greencastle, on September 7th, 1904. Address, 519 West 66th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Mrs. Hoyt McClain (Lillian Smith, '95), who was a member of the Indianapolis Alumnae Association, has moved to 2560 Winchester avenue, Ravenswood Park, Chicago.

Hadde Daggy, '95, spent the summer with her sister in Idaho.

Achsah and Maud Fargo have gone to Portland, Oregon, to live.

Neva Pilkenton, ex-'05, and Golding Chittick, B. O. H., Depauw, '03, were married on September 14th, 1904, at Greenfield, Indiana.

Mrs. Lenia Tarbell-Scarritt, with her young son, accompanied her husband, W. E. Scarritt, president of the Automobile Club of America, and a party of friends, in an automobile trip last summer. Their course lay up the Hudson River valley from New York to Montreal and Quebec, and return. The trip was most delightful in spite of a few automobile vicissitudes.

Mrs. Penfield, when in Syracuse as delegate to the New York Federation of Clubs, visited Beta Tau in her home and was delightfully entertained.

Three Iota members have recently built new homes in the same block in Chicago. Mrs. Margaret Noble-Lee, '83, Mrs. Cora Lloyd-Neff, '84, and Mrs. Ella Adams-Moore, '93.

Nellie Barbara Fatout, '92, later a graduate of the Albany Library School, has accepted a position in the Brooklyn public library.

Katherine Jewell Everts, Chi, '94, is teaching in the Leland Powers School of Expression, Boston, and is giving monologue readings. Mrs. Evelyn Wight-Allan spent Thanksgiving with Miss Everts, and assisted in arranging her studio.

Martha Tarbell (A. M. '84, Ph. D. '97) is spending the winter with her sister Mrs. Winthrop E. Scarritt, of East Orange, N. J.

A general call to all members of Iota has been issued for an Iota reunion to be held at the Hotel Claypool, Indianapolis, on Saturday, January 21st. A program devoted to fraternity interests has been arranged for the afternoon meeting. There will be a Kappa dinner at 7 P. M. to which "Kappa brothers" will be invited. Iota has a larger membership than any other chapter, and much is to be expected from such a reunion.

Epsilon.

Miss Flora Jones, '97, was married in September, 1904, to Mr. Reuben Williams. She is now living in Chicago.

Miss Grace Greenwood Adams, '94, who has been a deaconess in the Methodist Episcopal church in New York City for a number of years, is taking a year's leave of absence on account of her health, and is at her home in Bloomington, Ind.

Delta Province.

Minnesota Alumnae Association.

Stella Stearnes, '92, is continuing a post-graduate course at the University of Chicago.

Mabel Fletcher Austin, '93, Grand Secretary 1892-4, is a practicing physician at the New England Hospital in Boston.

Katherine Jewell Everts, '94, who last year played the part of Jessica in the Rehan-Skinner production of "Merchant of Venice," is teaching in the Leland Powers School of Expression in Boston.

Harriet McDonald, '97, has gone to Brooklyn to carry on the course in art metallurgy, for which Pratt Institute is so noted.

Lila Marchand, '00, has accepted a position as teacher of English in the Mary Hancock School, Staunton, Virginia.

Elizabeth Brown, '03, is teaching English in the Academy, Elmira, New York.

Clara Kingswell Wheeler, '05, is a senior at the University of Chicago.

Frances Woodbridge, ex-'05, is studying vocal music in London.

Mary Wyman Lawrence, ex-'06, sailed from San Francisco in October for a year's visit in Manila.

Grace Gillette, '06, is a junior at Wells College.

Married: On December 27, 1904, Hazel Brown, ex-'07, to Earl D. Luce, of Minneapolis.

Beta Zeta.

Anne Winslow Selkner, '07, was married to Theodore E. Hall, of Sedgwick, Maine, in Boston, November 23d.

Maud Cleveland Kingsbury, '01, was married to William Oscar Soast, *B Θ Π*, of Iowa City, November 15th.

Born to Helen Clapp Tanner in Davenport, Ia., a daughter.

Cheta.

Married: October 12, 1904, Laura Henry Dashill, to William Jesse, Columbia, Mo.

Married: October 26th, Bess Norwood McConathy to George Corrigan, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Columbia, Mo.

Born: November 18th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Conley (Gertrude Broadhead) a son.

Ardella Dockery, '01, paid a visit to the chapter house girls in October.

Alice Johnston and Marguerite Sneed, both members of the active chapter, came to Columbia for the "rushing" season this fall.

Mrs. Gardner (Lizzie Schweitzer) is visiting relatives in Columbia.

Mrs. N. T. Gentry (Eula Denny) is serving on the advisory board of the university Y. W. C. A.

The Kansas City Alumnae Association entertained the Sigma and Theta girls who came for the Kansas-Missouri game, at a box party Thanksgiving night. Active members present from Theta were Rose Burns, Hally Prentiss and Audrey Cocke.

St. Louis Alumnae Association.

The St. Louis Alumnae Association has been happy to welcome Mrs. Nellie Coffin Brodix, Delta, and Miss Katherine Burlingame, Iota. We have enjoyed our little circle of twelve, but we watch eagerly for new keys in a city which seems not to have its share of Kappas.

Miss Laura Long, Theta, is still in California, being prevented by ill-health from resuming her social settlement work.

The Kappa corner in the woman's anchorage at the Fair is dismantled and the pennants are waiting to be returned. The furniture has been sold, but it is a joy to record that the pretty desk and chair go to the home of three Kappa sisters of Epsilon, where their associations will be appreciated. The Kappa corner was a success. More than four hundred members of the fraternity registered, and again and again it was the scene of pleasant meetings. To the members of the St. Louis Alumnae Association it was "home," and in the midst of all the rush and confusion of the Fair that meant much.

Sigma.

Married: October 12, 1904, Nelle Holdbrook, ex-'00, to Mr. Charles Ross Ball. At home, "The Kyle," Waco, Tex.

Married: December 19, 1904, Elsie Fawell, ex-'06, to Mr. Edward Thornton. At home, 1674 Kenmore Avenue, Chicago.

Married: December 20, 1904, May Jeary, ex-'05, to Mr. Albert J. Coats, Sigma Chi, Phi Rho Sigma. At home, 1617 L Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The engagement is announced of Emma Outcalt, ex-'01, to Mr. Carlton Clymer Marlay, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Phi.

Mabel Hays, '02, is now an instructor in English Literature in the university.

Elra Sly, '02, $\Phi B K$, is now an instructor in German in the university.

Bertha Shidler, ex-'06, is teaching in Giltner, Nebraska.

Jeanette Burlingame, '04, is teaching in Sutton, Nebraska.

Mary Gardner, '04, is assistant principal of the Auburn, Nebraska, high school.

Mabel Stephen, '04, is teaching in Omaha, Nebraska.

Anna Ross, Beta Zeta, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, visited in Lincoln over Thanksgiving.

Mabel Stephen, '04, Emily Jenkins, ex-'02, Bertha Shidler, ex-'06, Edith Shedd, '04, Jeanette Burlingame, '04, visited at the chapter house Friday, December 2.

Beta Xi.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Downes Ardrey (Minnie Petty, '02), on August 27, 1904, the first Beta Xi baby, Felix Madison Ardrey.

Louise Malloy, ex-'06, is teaching in Palestine, Texas.

Lois Lake, ex-'05, is to be married in December to Robert S. Shapard, '98. Several Kappas will be in the bridal party.

Carrie Gardner, ex-'06, is spending the winter at her home in Palestine, Texas, studying music.

Lolla Judge, '04, is teaching in Tyler, Texas.

Pi Chapter.

Mabel Donaldson, ex-'03, was married to George Chase, October 12th. They will live in Oakland.

On October 29th Emma Moffat, '02, was married to Dr. Alfred McLaughlin.

The engagement has recently been announced of Helen Lillis to Robert Hayes Smith.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Gerlinger (Irene Hazard) a daughter.

Beta Eta.

Bertha Chapman, '95, made Phi Beta Kappa.

Ida Henzel, ex-'04, and Joseph Adams Miller, Jr., Σ X, ex-'03, were married in San Francisco, December 7, 1904.

Clara Martin, '00, and Otis Wight, Z Ψ , '98, were married in Reno, Nevada, November 23, 1904.



The Key Exchanges.

By Marion E. C. Smith, Beta Nu, '91.

We insert entire an address by Clay W. Holmes, of Theta Delta Chi, delivered on Founder's Day at Lafayette, October 19th. It serves as the leading article in the "Kappa Alpha Journal" for November, and to that exchange we are accordingly indebted. If it turns out to be the Key's leading article for January, so much the better. And if it monopolizes all the space we can afford for exchanges, we, for one, trust that the printers' shears will mercifully spare this and cut out, if need be, any other article for which we are personally responsible.

No other clipping we could make would compare with this in worthiness of preservation. As a "rushing argument" it is incomparable, for we can present no nobler plea to doubting candidates than this manly, appreciative tribute to the immense value of fraternity in days after college.

As the "Kappa Alpha Journal" says: "The address should be carefully studied by every fraternity man and . . . should have additional weight when it is noted that it is not an outburst of an enthusiastic sophomore, but the embodiment of the views of a thoughtful and experienced man who has been out of college thirty-five years. The fraternity world is to be congratulated upon this distinct addition to its literature, and should not be slow in expression of its appreciation of Mr. Holmes' masterly advocacy—we will not say defense—of the system."

No plan has ever been proposed for the uplifting of human nature which has not been held up, on the road to success, by prejudice, ignorance and suspicion. Until recent years our college institutions have resembled that Spartan Constitution, which it was death to propose to alter. Innovation meant destruction, and a departure from the established precedents of college society and college government was mourned as the glory of Israel. Into such an atmosphere as this, fraternity life was ushered, by a few noble and sincere souls, who desired something nearer to complete friendship than was furnished by the old and most honorable literary society. The suspicions and oppositions which the fraternity idea encountered in those early days were but opportunities for it to demonstrate its place and mission in the college life of the future, and this it has most successfully done.

It must be acknowledged that fraternities are real and firmly established institutions, having so strong a hold upon American colleges, that to attempt to annihilate them would mean dire disaster. It is true that in the earlier years the idea was somewhat crude, and the chief thing contemplated was social companionship, but as time progressed the system became more crystalized, the ideas and aims soared higher and the scope became broader. It was not many years ago that my friend, John Bell Keeble, one of the ablest fraternity journalists who ever wielded a pen, declared that "Fraternities have no right to exist, when considered from the standpoint of the higher aims, unless they hold fast to the ideas of manhood that they profess, and do all that men can to make young men better and truer in every sense of the word." It is upon these lines that fraternities are working at the present time, and the Greek letter society of this age, as compared with that of half a century ago, is as the sun to the twinkling star. Much might be said in a general way, but the time allowed makes it necessary to dive at once for the pearl, which represents the theme, on this occasion—"The Influence of Fraternities Upon the Student and the College."

The atmosphere seems very depressing to the young man who, for the first time, puts his foot upon the "classic campus," and he feels much like sinking to his knees, crossing his breast, and has woven a story of upper-class tyranny which appals him and he looks wildly about for the dreaded Sophomore. The first relief comes when he has safely passed the portals of his chosen fraternity, and finds within the walls of this sanctuary that all class distinction is absent. He goes forth to fight his Freshman battles with a stronger heart, conscious of the fact that he has friends near by who will, his heart tells him, be loyal under all circumstances. Next we see our tyro standing up in the fraternity meeting, in the presence of the august Seniors, making his first extemporaneous speech. He has lost the fear which possesses him in his class room and speaks his mind freely. Here he begins to get the self confidence, which grows with his growth, and, as he advances in his college course, enables him to cope with his fellows, and bring out the best that in him is. With all deference to our venerable, much honored and dearly loved professor, whose gentle and persuasive eloquence endeavored to strengthen the speaker's trembling knees and extract from him extemporaneous speeches, on the dear old chapel platform, in the days long gone by, I am forced to confess that all his efforts in that direction were futile, and had it not been for the training received in the old fraternity lodge room, you would never have been permitted to listen to his voice upon this occasion. Not only does the student learn self-confidence in public speaking, but also to concentrate his thoughts and apply ideas instantly to existing conditions. This enables him to better absorb the instruction he receives from day to day in the class room, and of far more importance to apply it to the problems of life later on. In fact this is all educa-

tion amounts to; a training of the mind for the greater schools of the world.

Many fraternities have taken up the work of the literary societies and the exercises of Franklin and Washington Halls, as conducted years ago, would poorly compare with those to which it has been my pleasure to listen within fraternity halls. The joint educational influence of the fraternity ball and the class room intensifies the interest and effort of many students who would otherwise be likely to lack energy, from the lack of stimulation. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump," and so one ambitious student in a fraternity crowd of a dozen will set the pace for the other eleven, by an unseen influence not possessed by the college, and impossible of attainment in any other way.

Speaking of secrecy as an influence on the student, a prominent Greek editor, in writing about non-secret as compared with secret societies, says "Whether however it is or is not a desirable element, it is one which appeals very strongly to a something—call it weakness if you will—deep-seated in human nature. History shows that mystery adds strength to an organization, be the organization social, political or religious. It rests with the organization as to how the strength shall be employed."

The first impulse of a child is to share its little secrets with a boon companion, and the fraternity gives the young man his first lessons in the art of keeping a secret. To be able to keep vital secrets is the key note of success to the business man, and of vital consequence to the professions. This lesson has been well learned in the fraternity and it becomes easy to apply it in after life. This would seem to be one of the best educational features of a true fraternity, and it is something the college does not and cannot teach.

Our aim has been to bring out the educational advantages, but in passing it may fairly be noted that the social side of man's nature needs proper cultivation quite as much as his mental condition. The educational recluse is not an ornament to society, but the educated man who has social cultivation does honor to any circle, and wields an uplifting influence upon all about him. The college fraternity in its social life, attracts the student from many worse places, where even a little experience sows seeds, whose growth often embitters a life time, and drags, not only his own, but other and more precious souls down to perdition.

Let us follow the proud graduate as he leaves his Alma Mater with a sheepskin tucked carefully under his arm, feeling that now he is fit to conquer the world. Even on the very threshold of life's work he encounters a whirlwind which quickly strips all his high flown ideas, and he discovers that he is more helpless now than when he first put his trembling foot on the campus. The first thing he does is to appeal for aid to some fraternity brother who has a firm footing, and he always gets the help needed.

It has often been said that a man forgets his fraternity as soon as he leaves college. A little story in a Greek journal touches on this point very nicely. Two fraternity men were conversing five years after graduation, upon the fraternity feeling or interest in their society, and one said to the other, "Do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year. My fraternity experience grows richer and richer, though it be dead to outside show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty. Great men are not more distinguished for greatness of mind than for greatness of heart, and the great hearted man is your true fraternity man. I think fraternity training even superior to college training because it cultivates the heart as well as the mind."

This extract tells the whole story. The experience of all is alike and it is this hallowed influence in after life which makes it a delight for every older brother who occupies position or power to give his young brother a start in life. The inter-collegiate admiration of the weaker brother for his stronger companion follows him and he aspires to the success of his older brother and is stimulated to redoubled effort thereby.

It has been said the day is rapidly approaching when college men will rule the world. It may some day be truly asserted that Greek letter men rule America, at least. Observation shows that not all college men rise to the situation when buffeting the waves on life's stormy sea, but fraternity men who do not succeed, are few and far between. When failure ensues it is always from some personal failing. So it may be said that when the moral tone is satisfactory success is sure.

Look at the pulpits of to-day. How many of them are filled by fraternity men. It has been my privilege for twenty-seven years to listen to the preaching of a very active and honored member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He has often said to me that his fraternity experience made him a better preacher as he could get nearer to the hearts of the young men in his congregation because of the fraternity heart training received in college.

So also you find fraternity men on the bench, in the halls of state and indeed filling prominent positions in every profession and business calling. I may safely say that the majority of all the professors in our colleges who have attained their position within the last decade or more are fraternity men. Is it to be supposed that they teach with less ability, because of their fraternity membership? Do you think that the greatest statesman of the age, John Hay, a man who has made his name immortal in the annals of the world's history, was any less fitted for his life's work by the fraternity training he received at Brown University? Or that our own honored alumnus, who prepared that wonderfully able ultimatum to Spain, and was the valued adviser of the martyred McKinley, our own John W. Griggs, is less able because he devoted the best hours of his college life to fraternity work?

Or to come nearer home, does any one think that the brilliant judge and jurist, who has lived in Easton all his life and made a record for himself of which any man might well be proud, was less charitable on the bench or less successful in life because he was the leader of his fraternity in college? It is hardly necessary to mention his name. We in the sixties know him as "Billy Kirk," and he has since been called Judge Kirkpatrick, and Acting President Kirkpatrick.

The life record of such men as Hay, Griggs and Kirkpatrick, speaks louder for the influence of Greek letter societies than any feeble words I might utter. It may seem impossible of belief, but it is nevertheless true that the men who, during their college life, were the most active and zealous fraternity workers, have made the greatest mark in their subsequent career. This is true of all colleges and especially so of Lafayette, whose list of honored fraternity graduates is very large and constantly growing.

The college fraternity bears the same relation to college discipline that the military system does to a military school. It puts the responsibility of each member's deportment on himself, and appeals more strongly to his sense of dignity. The faculty obtains a stronger hold upon a body of students through fraternity influence than would be possible by any other moral suasion. The fraternity man who is called to account for misdeeds touches every member of his chapter and the censure of his brothers is keener than any faculty discipline, so the college receives benefit on the high plane of society dignity, and the faculty is saved from the infliction of humiliation on the student, which might become necessary under other conditions. The influential advantages heretofore cited as to the student may be applied to the college as well.

The long and bitter opposition to and discrimination against Greek letter societies by college faculties has done much to retard the healthy and upward growth of fraternities, and at the same time has contributed equally to the consequential damage of colleges themselves. How can it be that a body of intelligent and educated gentlemen such as all college faculties are supposed to be made up of, can consistently consider college fraternities in a questionable light, when accepting the conditions brought about by the athletic rivalry of the present age? The speaker has heard many parents criticise without stint the excesses permitted by colleges in this direction, because of their danger to life and limb, and the detraction of the student's mind from the educational feature of his college life, while he has yet to hear the first protest against fraternity life, by any parent, who had been intelligently advised as to the true inwardness of the fraternity system.

The greatest success of any institution of learning, however, is brought about by the attachment of its graduates, and the influence exerted by them in its behalf. There is no argument so strong for a college as to see the sons of old alumni returning to take the place of

their fathers. This argument convinces other fathers and their sons also swell the throng. But what is it that keeps up the interest of the graduates? Without question some who pass out from the college sink into oblivion and are never heard of after. How many fraternity men are there, think you, who forget their Alma Mater? Who are they who return year after year, at commencement time, to renew the associations of youth? Whose sons and grandsons are sure to be found in Lafayette to maintain her glory? To whose influence does Lafayette owe the presence of the handsome body of young men I see before me to-day? The same answer will fit each question. It may seem a rash assertion—but in my inmost heart I believe no man can gainsay it—it is the fraternity men who are doing ninety per cent. of this work. I cannot speak for others, but for myself I know that the dear old chapter which I founded here in 1866 has greater attraction for me than aught else, outside my home, and through it my love for Lafayette grows stronger each year. If I live, and the boy lives, it will not be many years before a grandson shall tread the halls of Lafayette to freshen the name of his grandfather, and so Lafayette will continue to grow and prosper.

There is no other factor which has so much bearing on the future history of any college as the high moral tone of the fraternities. College faculties can do much to augment this by lending their moral and actual support to any movement calculated to elevate the standard of their excellence. Elmer E. Capen, president of Tufts College, is a member of a fraternity having a chapter there, and during the many years of his presidency he has been constant in attendance upon the meetings of the chapter. The result is the boys all adore him and are his best helpers in the highest work of the college. Let any college professor who doubts the wisdom of giving his sanction and support to good fraternities, go to Tufts and see what fraternities have done for that institution.

These thoughts on the influence of fraternities given at random may furnish food for meditation. Allow me a word on the general character of Greek letter societies.

I quote from the speech of a prominent statesman: "Men linked in the holy alliance for the spread of philanthropy, for the exemplification of grand truths, for the practice of the charities, need not fear that they abridge the influence of Christ. Oath bound as our ritual may be, as solemn as is the obligation to enact its precepts, searchlights of inquiry reveal no wrong principle and criticism shows no inherent evil to God or man."

As the unchristian man knows not whereof he speaks when he rails at religion, because forsooth some church member has gone astray, so the college neutral decries the fraternity system, most likely because he has not been fortunate enough to secure admission, and holds up the one fraternity sinner, while the ninety and nine good men are lost sight of.

There are good fraternities and bad fraternities; there are good chapters of bad fraternities and bad chapters of good fraternities.

Because of this it is not just or seemly to condemn the grand and beneficent influence exercised by the fraternity system, but it should rather be our aim to exert all the influence in our power toward the betterment of the conditions, and the elevation of the general standard of this most excellent college adjunct.

The following would seem to bear out Mr. Holmes' statement that "Greek letter men rule America":

Three-fourths of the members of the Cabinet and the Supreme Court are college graduates, of whom a majority are fraternity men, and Princeton has no representative in either body. Of the Supreme Court, Chief Justice Fuller (Bowdoin, '53), is a Chi Psi; Justice Harlan (Centre, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brewer (Wesleyan, '53), Beta Theta Pi; Justice Brown (Yale, '56), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice White (Georgetown, D. C.), non-Fraternity; Justices Peckham and McKenna, non-collegians; Justice Holmes (Harvard, '61), Alpha Delta Phi; Justice Day (University of Michigan), Alpha Delta Phi.—Kappa Alpha Journal.

The Rhodes scholarship list shows a goodly percentage of fraternity men also, as Mr. Beard of the "Beta Theta Pi" points out:

WE have been endeavoring to secure a list of the Rhodes Scholars from America at Oxford and finally secured it. There are three Betas,—Joel M. Johanson, Washington State '04; Earl W. Murray, Kansas '04, and Stanley K. Hornbeck, Colorado '03. We hope to present their portraits in an early number. In the entire list ΔΥ has 5; ΒΘΠ, 3; ΦΔΘ and ΚΑ each two, and ΑΤΩ, ΚΣ, ΧΨ, ΣΝ, ΦΝΘ, ΔΚΕ, ΑΔΦ, ΖΨ, ΦΚΨ, ΔΦ, and ΦΓΔ one each. It will be interesting to note from year to year how the fraternity membership will vary. One of the above is a member of ΦΔΦ and there are eight ΦΒΚ's. The list is as follows:

AMERICA.

Alabama—J. H. Kirkpatrick, ΦΔΘ, Queen's. *Arkansas*—N. Caruthers, ΚΣ, Pembroke. *California*—W. Crittenden, ΔΥ, Trinity. *Colorado*—S. Hornbeck, ΒΘΠ, Christ Church. *Connecticut*—P. Nixon, ΦΝΘ, Balliol. *Delaware*—C. W. Bush, B.N.C. *Georgia*—P. Brooks, ΑΤΩ, B.N.C. *Illinois*—R. L. Henry, ΧΨ, ΦΔΦ, Worcester. *Idaho*—L. Gipson, Lincoln. *Indiana*—G. Hamilton, Pembroke. *Iowa*—J. G. Walliser, Oriol. *Kansas*—E. W. Murray, ΒΘΠ, St. John's. *Kentucky*—Clarke Tandy, ΚΑ, Exeter. *Louisiana*—A. K. Read, ΣΝ, Christ Church. *Maine*—D. R. Porter, ΔΚΕ, Trinity. *Maryland*—P. Kieffer, Oriol. *Massachusetts*—F. Fobes, ΔΥ, Balliol. *Michigan*—W. Sperry, Queen's. *Minnesota*—B. W. Wallace, Pembroke. *Missouri*—R. Blodgett, Wadham. *Montana*—G. Barnes, Christ Church. *Nebraska*—R. H. Coon, Lincoln. *New Hampshire*—J. A. Brown, ΑΔΦ, New College. *New Jersey*—B. Price, Wadham. *New York*—W. Schutt, ΔΥ, B.N.C. *North Carolina*—J. Winston, ΖΨ, Christ Church. *North Dakota*—

J. Hinds, Queen's. *Ohio*—G. Vincent, Queen's. *Oklahoma*—W. Kendall, B.N.C. *Oregon*—H. Densmore, University. *Pennsylvania*—T. Robins, Δ Φ, Christ Church. *Rhode Island*—R. H. Bevan, Δ Y, Worcester. *South Carolina*—W. Verner, Christ Church. *South Dakota*—P. Young, Oriel. *Tennessee*—J. Tigert, Φ Δ Θ, Pembroke. *Texas*—S. R. Ashby, Φ Γ Δ, Merton. *Utah*—B. Jacobson, Exeter. *Vermont*—J. C. Sherburne, Wadham. *Virginia*—W. Fleet, Φ Κ Ψ, Magdalen. *Washington*—J. Johanson, Β Θ Π, Exeter. *West Virginia*—C. F. Tucker-Brooke, Κ Α, St. John's. *Wisconsin*—R. Scholz, Worcester. *Wyoming*—H. Merriam, Lincoln. Florida, Mississippi, Nevada, New Mexico and Arizona sent no representatives.

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The "Beta Theta Pi" also reprints matter showing the great advantage of higher education:

In the annual report of the United States Commissioner of Education, now being compiled, will appear a sheet of statistics showing to what extent higher education affects success in life. Particularly it shows the pre-eminence of the A. B. degree among the successful, and the inconspicuousness of the self-educated. * * * After all reasonable allowances are made, the figures force the conclusion that the more school training the American boy of that period had, the greater were his chances of distinction.

"It is unnecessary to extend this inquiry to woman," he says, in conclusion. "Education is practically her only door to eminence."

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The "Scroll" of Phi Delta Theta has a good testimonial to the love of alumni for the bond formed in college days. One writer says:

Older men do not always estimate things by a commercial standard, but one great aim of theirs is to set true and proper values on all the important things of life. Whatever is really worthy they will cherish, whether it be high honor, riches or wholesome sentiment; and their estimates are formed largely from their experience. The secret of the devotion that never dies is in the cultivation in college days of all the beauties and excellencies that are possible in so pure an association as that of a college chapter. The germ of the happy fraternal fellowship and charming retrospect of later days lies in the right beginning in fraternity life to practice the virtues and render the service which are the ideals of the Bond.

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The journals of the women's fraternities do not furnish, this quarter, much quotable material. We have at hand the "Arrow" of Pi Beta Phi (November), the "Eleusis" of Chi Omega (November), the "Trident" of Tri Delta (September), and the "Alpha Xi Delta" (November), which last we wish to especially acknowledge inasmuch as it is the first number (No. 1 of vol. II.) to reach our desk. Alpha Xi Delta has chapters at but

seven colleges and her enterprise in publishing a magazine while so young, and sending a delegate to the recent Inter-Sorority convention at Chicago, is to be commended.

One idea from the "Arrow" deserves clipping. It is to be noted that the existence of such a sentiment as is here attributed to chapter members is little short of contemptible, if such a sentiment really does exist among the girls, and is allowed to crystallize into a custom.

A problem appears nearly every year leaving us in greater difficulties at each reception. The question is this: What shall be done with a non-fraternity girl, who comes to us from another college where fraternities are firmly established?

Suppose she enters our college and we like her well enough to take her, were she entering college for the first time. We write to her former college and receive an answer like this: "We know very little of Miss ——— except that she is a good student and is only one of many fine girls not in a fraternity."

Some say, "take her into your chapter," but there are difficulties. She is a little older than most of the freshmen, perhaps a little embittered by her year's experience at the former college and distrustful of our friendly feeling for her. Then, she is a "left over," as some say, and we love our sorority too much to allow anyone to think we fill our ranks with girls that other sororities reject.

What shall be done with this girl who has been overlooked accidentally?

Phi Beta answers, right royally, that such a girl should be received as cordially as any "new girl" in the freshman class, and we trust that Kappa Kappa Gamma regards her with equal courtesy—nay, enthusiasm. To overlook such a girl is to betray a stupidity and prejudice that is unpardonable. Does not a "little older" mean a "little better?" Almost invariably; and is there not every chance in the world that in her one or two years of college life elsewhere, she has developed greatly and become finer "fraternity material" than can usually be found among freshmen?

President Wheeler, of California ($\Lambda \Delta \Phi$), has a good word to say on this subject:

It is one of the weaknesses of the fraternity system, as I have seen it in operation in different colleges, that it doesn't recognize and take in enough men after junior year. Some of the strongest men develop in the last two years in college, and living in your ruts as you do in your fraternity houses and getting inured to each other and getting

to think you are so fine prevents you from being able to get that unanimous vote you need for that man in the junior year who has shown himself a strong man. Somebody has noted idiosyncrasies of his that he can't quite stomach and he votes against him. You want to take in some men as the college goes on. If you haven't been doing it, do it. You will get your strongest men that way; I don't know but that you will almost every time. An opportunity is afforded by the experience of two years in college. You will all too often choose your freshmen according to considerations of previous knowledge, social standing and outward appearance, and you are bound to make some mistakes. But you will not make mistakes with the men you take in at the end of the sophomore year.

President Wheeler has other good things to say, for instance:

It is a bad thing for a man to live by himself, eat by himself, study by himself, and calculate for himself all the time—a very dangerous thing. The beauty of the dormitory system is that it brings a man into publicity and makes all his doings take place under the eyes of his fellow-men. The fraternity does that in that it rescues the individual from his lonesomeness. It furnishes him the opportunity of friendship. You will have friendships with other people. You won't limit them to your own fraternity, but you are sure in the chapter house that you have got men who are going to be sympathetic with your point of view and interested in you. That is what we want in this world—people who are interested in us as individual souls, a thing the world is looking for. The poor man isn't craving bread, but sympathy. That's why we have all these grips—I've almost forgotten which is which. One of my dear old friends came up to me the other day and gave me the — grip. I said: "All right, old man, I know what you mean. The idea is perfectly clear. The spirit is right." It means just a touch of sympathy. There is a man that is interested in you as you.

It is this terrible mechanism of life that appals us, this turning of the crank and the getting of the regular mechanical output where men are labeled with numbers and go down into the pit and risk their lives merely for dollars and work only for dollars. Oh, this is the pity of it, the hell of it. But the life everlasting consists in sympathy between soul and soul, living for something more than the mechanical output, more than the mechanical estimate in terms of gold, living in terms of the loves that animate life—for the greatest thing in the world is love. You are bound, as fraternity men and as typical college men, to do something with your lives and your opportunities. You are bound, I say, to do it because you have been bought, and bought with a price.



College and Fraternity Notes.

By Marion E. C. Smith, Beta Nu, '97.

ΑΞΔ—Alpha Xi Delta, the new woman's fraternity, has added two chapters and one alumnae association to her roll within the last five months. The new chapters are at Syracuse and at Wittenburg College, Springfield, Ohio.

ΦΚΨ—The last surviving founder of Phi Kappa Psi, C. P. T. Moore of West Virginia, died on July 7th, 1904. The fraternity was founded in February 1852.

ΒΘΠ—Beta Theta Pi s were entertained on the Exposition grounds at St. Louis by their distinguished brother, Governor Francis.

ΚΣ—Kappa Sigma continues to "increase and to multiply" its chapters. One revived at Washington and Lee, and chapters established at Colorado College, Chicago, and Oregon mark the record for this year. These bring their roll up to 68 active chapters, two more than ΒΟΠ.

ΣΝ—Sigma Nu appointed a woman as one of the three judges for awarding the prize for the best chapter letter in the "Delta." She said:

The banner letter has been sent in by the Beta Eta (Indiana University) Chapter. Its intrinsic value is the greatest. It is a nicely worded, well written letter, imparting good, solid, wholesome information of the widest range. It tells of an Instructor in Chemistry, a Politician, and an Editor, a Farmer, an Instructor in English, a Lawyer, a Musician, a Base-ballist and a Manager of a paper.

Then it narrates a few social functions, which is followed by a glowing account of the growth and progress of the school it is in; and closes, after telling what other fraternities, locals, interfraternities and sororities are its contemporaries.

Sigma Delta Sigma, a newly formed fraternity in the University of Wisconsin is trying the experiment of running on the "co-ed" basis—if the term may be borrowed without too great violence to English—taking both men and women students into its membership. The career of Sigma Delta Sigma will be watched with considerable interest by the Greek world.—"The Shield" of Theta Delta Chi.

Among the new Chapters are the following: Theta Delta Chi at William and Mary; Kappa Sigma, at University of Chicago; Case, Colorado College; University of Colorado and Colorado College of Mines; Sigma Nu at University of Chicago, University of West Virginia and Pennsylvania and Iowa State College; Kappa Kappa Gamma at Tulane; Phi Kappa Psi at Illinois. Phi Sigma Kappa has revived at Stevens Institute of Technology; Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the University of Iowa and Delta Tau Delta at University of Texas.

"Delta Chi Quarterly" (Law).

The new president of Tulane University is a member of $\Sigma. A. E.$

Fifty years ago a man generally wore his fraternity pin in his cravat. As time wore on the pin advanced to the lapel of the coat; then fraternity conservatism dictated that it was ill-mannered to display it upon any place but the waistcoat. The best authorities upon the subject recognize that it is only proper to wear the pin as near the heart as possible."—Phi Gamma Delta.

(And the delegates from chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, in convention recently assembled, decided that it should be worn "strictly as a badge." Do you remember?)

An unfortunate situation exists in the Texas Greek-letter world in that there are far too many fraternities here for the present size of the student-body. We have twelve general fraternities and one local for a male undergraduate membership of less than six hundred. This does not include the Medical College at Galveston, where there are several medical societies. There is, too, a faculty regulation which forbids the pledging of first-year students until after January 16. This makes it hard to maintain chapter-houses during the first four months of each session, unless a chapter is fortunate enough to return most of its old men.

A chapter of Delta Tau Delta has been recently installed.—Texas University correspondent in $\Sigma. A. E.$ Record.

Columbian University, at Washington, D. C., changed its name on September 1, 1904, to "George Washington University." It has ceased, accordingly, to be a denominational institution. The "Kappa Alpha Journal" says:

The University has recently purchased a new site, containing about five acres of land, fronting upon the President's Park, immediately south of the White House, and fronting south upon Potomac Park. The Potomac Park and the public grounds immediately around this site and along the Potomac River contain over one thousand acres. This park is being steadily improved by the national government, and will be in time one of the finest parks in the country. These public grounds will give the students of this University the largest opportunity for recreation and athletic sports. On either side of the wall and within walking distance of the University, are the permanent government buildings, with their libraries and laboratories all open to the student. As the city grows and develops nothing can impair the desirability of this site; on the contrary, its importance and desirability will grow with the increasing number of public buildings around the University.

Conventions.

B. Θ. Π.—Beta Theta Pi convened at St. Louis in July.

For the first time in the history of the fraternity, except during the first two or three early conventions, each of our chapters was represented by at least one delegate at the convention of 1904.

A distinctive feature of this convention was that many of the chapters were not satisfied in sending one or two delegates, but came in crowds—namely, Cincinnati, Kansas, Washington, Ohio State and Westminster. The hospitality which some of these chapters offered at the cottages they occupied will not soon be forgotten.

Several petitions for charters, presented to the convention, showed compliance with all of the preliminary conditions, but failed to receive favorable action before the convention. This was due to a variety of causes, but chiefly because the petitioners in each instance had failed to present clearly the information concerning the endowment, support, course of study and attendance at their respective institutions, which would enable an intelligent consideration of the matter to be undertaken.

One petition received the favorable action of the convention, although no charter was granted to the petitioners. This was an application from a local association at the Case School of Applied Science, at Cleveland, Ohio. In that case, the petitioners presented full and accurate information concerning their standing, and that of their institution, and created a favorable opinion regarding it in the minds of the delegates. But they had not complied with the requirements of the law regarding the time at which a petition should be presented, and had sent in their petition too late. The convention, by its action, plainly showed that the application would have been granted had the petition been received in time, and encouraged the applicants.

“Beta Theta Pi” (October).

Σ. Α. Ε.—Sigma Alpha Epsilon held convention at Memphis during the Christmas vacation. Attendance from the sixty-four chapters, and an Alumnae Association at Memphis, of seventy-five members, exhibited an interesting contrast to the Convention of 1870 (also held at Memphis), when the five chapters which had managed to survive the war, sent representatives, and the attendance was about twenty-five.

Θ. Δ. Θ.—Phi Delta Theta held its Convention at Indianapolis at Thanksgiving time. The “Scroll” did not reach the exchange table of the Key, so no news of this Convention can be given.