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JESSIE TRUESDALE PECK, *Beta Tau*

Miss Peck was studying music in Germany when the war started. Soon she was making children's dresses, darning socks, renovating soldiers' uniforms. Then she was given a chance to teach music to blind soldiers. We are fortunate to have this interesting article. It tells us about the side we know least about. We have read so many stories about Red Cross work for the Allies, that somehow we have almost forgotten that there are wounded and blind soldiers in Germany too.

The summer of 1914 found our Kappa (we will call her Beta Tau) still in Leipzig where she had enjoyed two years of hard work at the piano and heard music of every sort and condition.

"I will plan a mighty trip," said the lady "taking in the Wagner festivals at Bayreuth and Munich including all of the mountains and summer resorts on the way and ending with a winter in Vienna as a goal." The leading man in the "Reisebüro" became a fast friend; he made out dates and places. The next day he said.

"We cannot sell you a ticket for a trip—*there may be a war!* You may go as far as Munich."

The would-be traveler was advised to start immediately, as, in a few days the trains would be used for the soldiers. In order to meet some cousins in Dresden, our heroine was tardy in acting upon the proffered advice.

Of course she traveled with the soldiers who swarmed at every station. Beta Tau was wedged in with seven men in a compartment which accommodated five adults of normal proportions—

she and a little soldier divided one seat. The trip, seven hours by fast train—was finished at midnight in Munich on the third day—stopping off each night to sleep. On the arrival at the pension where quarters had been engaged, the traveler was informed that all rooms were occupied by Americans.

"I engaged a room here for this date," answered the distracted Kappa.

"Yes, but that was before the war!"

A room was discovered next door.

The next day it looked as if the American Consulate might be carried off bodily. The American library looked like a hotel lobby at the time of a national convention.

There were said to be 5,000 Americans in Munich the first week in August, 1914. \$15,000 was immediately subscribed for an American Red Cross hospital.

Dr. Franz A. R. Jung and his wife, Dr. Sofie Nordhoff-Jung, both well-known physicians in Washington, D. C., were traveling in Europe at the time. He was offered the position of head physician in the new hospital, and she was installed as the superintendent at the opening of the institution, September 23, 1914. A course of twelve lectures was given in August by Frau Dr. Jung for the benefit of all volunteer nurses and helpers of the hospital. Beta Tau was there! She worked for a time with the German Red Cross. Ages ago, someone informed her that she could darn. After assisting the ladies in the American library for several months to make dresses for the school-children whose fathers were at the front, our lady was summoned by Frau Doctor to the hospital. "Come and help us! You volunteered when you attended the lectures!"

Those interesting four months!

The convalescents visited the sewing-room and gave orders. One imparted minute instructions as to how his trousers were to be shortened. Another requested a pocket to hold his saber—a most murderous looking weapon. The Kappa handled it gingerly—she remarked that she was no tailoress. Afterwards the soldier, delighted with the pocket, was returned to the field fitted out with a new uniform. To accomplish, even with assistance the weekly mending of 50 or 60 men added to general

repairing of hospital lingerie was no light task. No one wanted to sew or darn, nursing being more interesting. Sad to relate, Beta Tau was stricken with acute neuritis in the right arm in April, 1915—was confined several weeks in her room an object of tender solicitude on the part of her friends. After a healing trip in the Bavarian highlands she received a message "Frau Doctor wants to talk with you—she wishes you to give piano lessons to the blind soldiers."

Such a glorious work for over a year. One man who possessed a good voice was in demand to sing for various clubs and societies. He learned a number of German and American songs. Our Kappa translated, "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean" and "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching" into German and permitted Tony, his name Anton Seiler, to "show off" which he did upon every possible occasion. Every audience—public or private—was expected to hear his complete repertoire—seven or eight numbers or nothing. Frau Doctor gave orders but we were powerless. One sweet-faced fellow (twenty when he was blinded—a mason by trade) showed remarkable talent. He mastered chords and complicated fingering and could render, when requested, any one of a dozen pieces, mostly songs. Herr Fuhrmann, an electric watch-maker, was the most gifted of all. He played the accompaniment of "Swanee Ribber" most acceptably when sung by the nurses at the program given at the hospital on Thanksgiving Day, 1915. He is studying to be a pianotuner. He mastered several difficult German songs. After six or seven months in the American Hospital, the blind were transferred to the German military hospital where they were taught various trades—basket-weaving, making brushes, etc. Instruction in stenography and typewriting was also given. Usually, a foreigner is not allowed to work in a German military hospital. The indomitable Kappa interviewed the "Herr Oberarzt" with the result, that he accorded a gracious permission for the said lady to continue the piano lessons until her pupils should be discharged from the hospital. Herr Seiler, who received his papers in January, was permitted to continue his lessons with the other men. He came certain days led by a little nine-year-old girl—the daughter of a neighbor. It was a pitiful sight to see so strong

and fine a specimen of physical manhood led about by a small child! Is it surprising that the heart of Beta Tau should be yet in Germany with her "blinden Kinder"? Were it not for an invalid sister who was stricken during her absence the Kappa would have remained at her post until the close of the war.

A LONG ISLAND KAPPA SHOPS

SARAH HARBINE WEAVER, *Beta Nu*

Last year Mrs. Weaver wrote entertainingly for us about getting settled in her Long Island village. Now she goes shopping. She takes with her a check for sixty dollars but no "papers of identification!" You see, Long Islanders are foreigners in New York, and passports are necessary. But Mrs. Weaver did take with her her refreshing disposition, her wonderful powers of observation, and her keen sense of humor. Read her very well-written and humorous account of her day in New York.

Somewhat to my surprise and entirely to my satisfaction having survived the Christmas rush, I determined to journey to the Metropolis to shop. As I had a pressing engagement in the afternoon, at a nearby village, I took an early train, and arriving in the city, went directly to one of the big department stores. There, on a Will Take Transfer card, I proceeded blithely to shop, only pausing from time to time to partake of various refreshing liquids interspersed by sandwiches and cake. In this agreeable fashion, I made amends for my hurried and sketchy breakfast and rid my purse of all its small change. All! That is a slight overstatement, for when I stopped to take an inventory of the contents of my bag in addition to merchandise and an emaciated mileage book, I fished up one buffalo nickel, two or three coppers, and a check for \$60. A little chill ran through my system, beginning in my toes and leisurely winding up my spinal column, as I realized I was twenty-five miles from the scene of my important engagement, thirty miles from home, with about enough mileage to land me somewhere in the cabbage patch t'other side of Jamaica, and besides the aforesaid seven cents, a check with no means of identification.

Right here, be it known, I did some serious and tardy thinking. It had been my intention to cash the paper at the village bank but the train left at 8:20 while the bank opened at nine. If you are keen you can readily understand —.

After a hasty glance at my transfer card, I decided to go at once to the desk and even accounts. To decide to do a thing and to do it, are very different matters as many men of many ages have demonstrated. With incredible swiftness the concave-faced women behind the bars, glanced over the bills, added them, murmured \$21.50 and, when I handed her my check, returned it, and referred me to the superintendent. The superintendent glanced over the "scrap of paper" and with cheerful unconcern announced, "We only cash checks for the exact amount." Now, what capital I have (and it is not prodigious) is producing dividends, so the superintendent's information concerning "the exact amount," had for me not the slightest vestige of interest. As I turned from his office, an illuminating idea possessed me. When down and out, call up your husband, ask him to meet you with the money and a smile and escort you home. With a buoyant step, I rushed to the nearest telephone booth and dropped my nickel—my last one—into the place you drop nickels—and holding the receiver to my left ear, I waited to hear Central's cheerful nasal, "number?" As the query never came (those slot machines will get you sooner or later), I spent some moments in the booth, shifting from one foot to another and regretting that I possessed but two pedal extremities. Finally, I gave up to the inevitable and sadly issued forth. It was necessary for me to take my purchases with me. Lest a Boston Kappa be appalled at the idea of a K K T lugging \$21.50 worth of goods, let me say right here, that my purchases were all put into a parcel the size of a shoe box, and moreover, Long Island commuters cheerfully carry all manner of things back and forth from a box of newly hatched chickens to a stove-pipe. My train was due in forty-five minutes, and still my check was uncashed. If I looked up a friend, I would miss the train and the not-to-be-deferred engagement. Quite obviously time for loitering or making false steps was past. If it was contrary to the rules of the corporation to cash checks larger than the amount owed for purchases, I must see some one above those rules, and, after various inquiries I saw him.

He was a kindly faced old man with shrewd grey eyes. Hastening toward him, I exclaimed with more eagerness than

elegance, 'I'm in a peck of trouble,' and he replied affably enough, "Perhaps I can help you out." And he did help me out, too, as soon as I had related my woeful story and given him my husband's New York address, and our home address.

A few moments later, on the main floor of the store, with my precious bundle held by a cord on two fingers, I brushed against some friends of mine. I told them of my experience and while Madam smiled languidly, her spouse took from somewhere a roll of bills the size of a small muff, and remarked casually, "I could let you have a couple hundred if you wanted it." Ten years ago, this obliging gentleman could not have bought a bag of pop-corn on credit, today he is wealthy in this great city, where to be rich one must possess, at least, a million. So it goes.

I made the train, kept the appointment, and by 4 P. M. was waiting for a trolley to take me home. Directly back of me in a small yard, a girl was chasing an agile and recalcitrant hen in a rectangle formed by a fence, a garage, a fence, and a chicken-house. Laying down my bundle I helped her chase the chicken, and in a trice she was captured. The girl was expressing her gratitude—I am built for running and *had* helped—when the long threatening rain began to fall. She insisted that I go indoors until the car appeared. I was glad enough to do so, since my umbrella, like the great rank and file of umbrellas, is generally at home when it is needed. A good story-teller would insist that my precious parcel was forgotten, was stolen, taken to the ends of the world and so on while I watched by the window to see the trolley roll by. But nothing of the sort happened.

For perhaps ten minutes I sat in a dreadful room facing a very pretty girl and wondering how on earth she happened to be in such a place. Prominent among the small articles, littering the mantel, were two huge gilt candle-sticks of filagree work, in which mourning doves were conspicuous. From the top of these works of art hung long crystal-like elongated ears. On top of the clock from a vivid vase drooped a sad-looking bunch of wheat. "It's many a moon," thought I, "since that cereal saw the sun." The shabby mahogany furniture was sombre enough, but the floor was covered by a carpet of blazing Poirer colors. The pictures (of cross-looking ancestors, one surmised) were hung

within a few inches of the ceiling, presumably for the benefit of the angels. I was not sorry to see the car coming through the rain and to bid goodbye to the rosy-cheeked girl and to the atrocious apartment.

Half an hour later in my own library I was engaged in the universally popular occupation of opening parcels. The clock ticked on the mantel, a wood-fire blazed on the hearth, the cook was singing, and what is more to the point, cooking in the kitchen, down the street the voting member of the family could be discerned approaching, and thought I, after all, things might be a great deal worse.

KAPPAS KNOWN TO FAME

LALAH RANDLE WARNER, *Department Editor*

The Editor of THE KEY is fond of statistics. She wrote and told me so. In spite of the fact that I furnished her with a whole page of them for the December, 1915, issue her appetite is still unsatisfied. She writes for more. And so, after much "figgering," at which I am not apt, belonging as I do rather to the temperamental and impressionistic rather than to the scientific and accurate branch of the human race, I have again compiled a list of facts relative to my department and its activities during the last four years.

In February, 1913, Kappas Known to Fame were first featured under that heading, and since then a total of fifty-five have appeared. Ten of these have been writers of distinction, five economists and social workers, five physicians, five artists, four wives of college presidents, three professors, two readers and interpreters, two geologists, two domestic science authorities, one a sculptor, one an orator and parliamentarian of note, one wife of a governor, one an architect, one a photographer, one a lawyer, one an interpretive singer and actress, one a vocational adviser, one an educator and lecturer, one a professional storyteller, one a Y. W. C. A. missionary secretary, one a woman who was the first woman regent of a great university, one a translator and war relief officer, one a reader and actress, one a national tennis champion, one a national W. C. T. U. officer, and one a civil engineer.

Of these, thirty-seven are married, and eighteen were at last account unmarried—a most interesting proportion from the standpoint of the decriers of higher education for women on the ground that women of education and ambition are unfitted for marriage and home-making. Of the thirty-seven who have been married the great majority have been and are home-makers, and more than two-thirds are mothers.

Of the fifty-five, Psi has given seven, Phi, five; Chi, four; Iota, four; Mu, Beta Zeta, Pi, and Beta Nu, each three; Lambda, Beta Epsilon, Beta Delta, Theta, Gamma Rho, and Sigma, two each; and Beta Sigma, Kappa, Beta Alpha, Beta Tau, Beta Eta, Upsilon, Omega, Beta Lambda, Alpha, Beta Gamma, and Eta, each one.

Haven't some of the rest of you some "Known to Fames" about whom we ought to know? Some chapters, and some of the older ones, too, have not been represented at all. The editor of this department is inquisitive but not omniscient! Help her out, please. A card suggesting a name is always welcome, and its claims will be at once investigated. Address, Mrs. Everett Warner, 717 West Charles Street, Muncie, Indiana.

LUCY ALLEN SMART

Impersonator of Historical Characters

Beta Nu, '97

Delegates and visitors at the last Convention and Kappas everywhere will be pleased to learn of the numerous activities of the versatile woman who, in the absence of Dr. Mary Crawford, made a witty and charming toastmistress at the banquet and who, on stunt night, as "Mrs. Josh Punkinhead of Yaller Bud, Ohio," petitioned for a charter for the District School.

Mrs. Lucy Allen Smart was graduated from Ohio State University in 1897. She received her A.M. in 1900. For four years, she was Reference Librarian at the University. In 1901 she married George Smart, who is Editor of the *Iron Trade Review*. He has been Grand President of Phi Kappa Psi and is President of the Ohio State University Alumni Association. They have two splendid children, Helen and Allen.

In glancing at national fraternity records one finds that Lucy Allen Smart was Deputy to the Registrar from 1896 to 1900 and Editor of THE KEY from 1900 to 1904. Her name is recorded on many Convention rolls.

For the past fourteen years, Mrs. Smart has been a resident of Cleveland where, in addition to her home-making, her activities are felt in three different directions. Should you inquire among religious educators, you will be told that Mrs. Smart has been applying pedagogical and psychological methods to religious education for many years in her work in the Euclid Avenue Congregational Church. She has been a speaker at County and State conventions of Sunday School associations and a writer for religious journals on religious education. She is a pioneer in using sand maps and in drawing chalk pictures with some twenty



Photo by Steffens

LUCY ALLEN SMART, AS PRISCILLA

different colors of crayon. Her series of lessons at the Schaufler Missionary Training School was on drawing and story-telling.

Should you inquire among members of the numerous organizations of the city and state, you will be told that Mrs. Smart is a force in the Cleveland College Club, the Western Reserve Chapter D. A. R., and in the Phi Kappa Psi Ladies' Auxiliary of Cleveland which she organized two years ago. The society of Children of the American Revolution, which is the largest in this section of the country, owes its organization to her. She is at present state chairman of the C. A. R.

The third field of Mrs. Smart's activities is also marked by originality. Her personality is most strongly felt in her American history work. She made preparation for this with Professor A. B. Hart at Harvard and Professor G. W. Knight at Ohio State University. Dressed in the costume of the period, Mrs. Smart tells stories of American history to children and gives addresses to adults. Colleges, College Clubs, State D. A. R., and Sunday School conventions have listened with pleasure to her impersonation of Priscilla as she tells the story of the life of the Pilgrims. This *Story of the Pilgrims and the First Thanksgiving for Little Men and Women* is in its third edition. It is used in the public schools in twenty states. Letters from North Carolina, the far West, and even Massachusetts, thank the author for the opportunity of copying her costume and telling the story. It has even been translated into German and told to children. At present we are awaiting an opportunity to hear the "Story of the American Revolution" told by Mrs. Smart as she impersonates Abigail Adams. We know she is preparing this simple story for children and also an address, in a more complex form, on the American Revolution.

. FLORENCE M. ROGERS, *Beta Delta*, '12.

LAURA CLARKE ROCKWOOD

Writer and Lecturer

Beta Zeta, '92

Not many weeks ago a man with a discriminating sense of values in matters personal said to me "We have in this community



LAURA CLARKE ROCKWOOD

of ours three women of distinction," and the first name was that of Laura Clarke Rockwood.

We will grant for Mrs. Rockwood the claim to distinction but we will not limit it to the community in which she lives unless we broaden that community to include the far reaching homes of her readers—the readers of many of the leading magazines of our country. The theme of her published articles and her lectures, for she is often called to talk before the young women of our western colleges, is home betterment and in all the activities for which this increasingly inclusive phrase stands—from better babies to better and cheaper food—Mrs. Rockwood emphatically leads. Because her articles are usually on home and family matters they frequently appear without her own name.

As a graduate of the University of Iowa and the wife of one of its leading professors she has had constant opportunity to observe the needs of the young women of the day and by her influence and suggestion to bring about an adaptation of their studies to the potential needs of their larger life.

If the college has been her field of observation her home has been her laboratory. Here first and foremost one feels the personality and activity, not of the woman who writes, but the woman who lives out the genius and spirit of her work. In her two boys—now young men of notable promise—Mrs. Rockwood found the inspiration for her achievements in devoted and intelligent home-making.

In the purely economic administration of her home one finds too what one expects to find—the minimum of expended effort with the maximum amount of returns, nor is one conscious of the operation of this household but only of the comfort which it brings. Mrs. Rockwood is far from being the typical public woman. She gives herself quietly and generously to her various personal interests, her church, her clubs, her philanthropic work, retaining always, one wonders how, a naturalness of manner and a simplicity of spirit most rare.

That she has achieved seems not to concern her, so content is she in the mere doing—the accomplishing of another's welfare. This is, I feel, the secret of her success at large, as it is certainly the secret of her friendship, that she can enter into another's

situation with a quick and responsive sympathy as well as a ready and fruitful intelligence.

Hers is a rich and potent personality, gaining as it gives, giving as it gains, to the end that all are enriched by her presence and all have added to her store.

"Who creates a Home, creates a potent spirit
Which in turn doth fashion him that fashioned it."

FRANCES BRUCE STRAIN, *Beta Lambda*, 1901.

HELEN FIELD FISCHER

Poet

Sigma, '01

Other people besides Helen Field have been born in Iowa, but of most of them the world has yet to hear. In fact, to her friends and admirers, it is Helen Field who gives interest to Iowa, not Iowa that makes Helen Field notable. She was born on her parents' farm near Shenandoah—the farm which her father, who had been a New England schoolboy along with Charles W. Eliot, went west to find and make a home there. The date of her birth was March 13 (the year is of no importance), and there are those who say that to the mad March hare she owes, in her temperament, its touch of the visionary; be that as it may, for once 13 was a lucky number.

Helen Field grew up with her eyes open and her mind working, and the feeling that good poetry, if it is in you, is worth expressing. She had it in her. One needn't jump to the conclusion that she intended to be a "writer" (a vague sort of nonentity, at best); no, she intended to marry, as other girls intend to marry, and as she has since done. But she certainly did not intend to let marrying be the only event in her biography—and so, as imaginative youth are prone to do, she started out on the great adventure.

It led her first, because of the poetry that was in her and the love of beauty, to the abode of the Roycrofters of East Aurora and the shadow of Fra Elbertus. Later, the quest being yet unsatisfied, she went to the University of Nebraska, and it was there that she became a member of Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and there, too, that her poetry began to be talked about. There are two ways of graduating from college. Helen



HELEN FIELD FISCHER AND DAUGHTERS

Field let the diploma graduation go, and chose the marriage certificate instead. The fortunate man (here the word is no echoed cant) was a young attorney of her home town, Mr. Fred Fischer of Shenandoah, Iowa, which town has, since the event of 1905, been the seat of their married happiness. The ten-year interval has brought many welcome guests to the Fischer home in Shenandoah, but none to compare with Gretchen and Mary and Louise, each with wide brown eyes, cheeks red with out-of-doors, and a touch of elfin mystery in her young personality.

Meantime, gradually and unostentatiously, "Helen Field" and "Helen Field Fischer" have come to be names better and better known all over the land to buyers of gift cards bearing delicate or whimsical or gravely sweet poetic sentiments and fantasies; and every holiday season these happy messengers bear farther and farther into the homes and hearts of honest folks Helen Field's fine and tender womanliness. One of the poems—

"There is a mystic Borderland that lies

Just past the limits of this work-day world"—

has even been stolen and circulated over the name of Elizabeth Barrett Browning—which shows where some folk place Helen Field!

Nor is poetry the whole story. Go to Shenandoah, and ask to whom in that town people turn when original ideas, bright fancies, or sturdy neighborliness are wanted, and the answer will be "Helen Field."

NELLY GRIGGS ALEXANDER, *Sigma*, '97.

EDNA HUESTIS SIMPSON

Painter

Psi, '05

Edna Huestis Simpson, graduate of the Cornell University Course in Fine Arts, 1905, received her early training at the Emma Willard Art School of Troy, N. Y. At the Art Students' League in New York to which she went from Cornell and where she remained until the end of 1908, she won, the first year, the prize for "general excellence of work," and her picture besides being reproduced in the League magazine, was retained in the permanent possession of the League. By this time, her miniatures



EDNA HUESTIS SIMPSON

were beginning to attract attention. In 1907, she was elected to membership in the honorary "Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters," one of the two national miniature societies.

In 1909, Miss Huestis married Dwight Swain Simpson, Cornell 1906, and for the next few years lived in a number of places to which his work as a naval architect took him. Mr. Simpson has always been deeply interested in and proud of his wife's work and has at every stage encouraged her to excel in it. When they moved to Philadelphia in 1911, Mrs. Simpson was able to take an active part in the work of the Pennsylvania Society. She served as treasurer in 1912-1914, and was always on juries and hanging committees. The newspapers and magazines frequently reproduced her pictures, which have also illustrated the catalogues of the Society's annual exhibitions. In 1914, Mrs. Simpson gave up her studio on Chestnut Street and has since then been living with her husband and little red-haired Mary Elizabeth in the Adirondacks. While helping to bring back to good health her engineer husband has taken much of her thought and attention, she has found time to do some rather notable work in this period. Five pictures were on exhibition at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, three by invitation. These were, *The Pool*, *Portrait of Mrs. Frank Lawrence Stiles*; *The Green Gown*, *Portrait of Mrs. Mortimer Anstice*; and *Sketch in the Adirondacks*. Two portraits done this last year are likely to add to her already enviable reputation. It is the expectation of their friends that Mr. Simpson's constantly improving health will make possible before long their "return to civilization" and the continued developing and perfecting of Mrs. Simpson's art in which already so many have found pleasure and satisfaction.

MARGARET LOOMIS STECKER, *Psi*, 1906.

KAPPAS IN BOOK AND MAGAZINE

LALAH RANDLE WARNER, *Department Editor**Books*

A new war edition of *Twenty Centuries of Paris* by Mabell S. C. Smith, Phi '87. T. Y. Crowell Co., New York. A beautifully illustrated history of the city of Paris.

Magazines

"Our Lady With the Lamp" by Mabel Potter Daggett, Beta Tau '95, in *Good Housekeeping* for November.

"The modern woman has few more determined and capable champions than Mabel Potter Daggett. She has gone all over the United States and Europe, studying women and inquiring how they are meeting changing conditions. Whenever she writes, she writes with authority as well as charm."

Will Kappas who have published books, or articles, or stories in magazines please notify Mrs. Everett, 717 West Charles Street, Muncie, Indiana? It is interesting for us to know of the success of our alumnae.

GRAND PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Read this if you have been of the opinion that Mrs. Kolbe has been sitting and looking at the new dangle on her key since her election. You have to have intellect, soul, heart, and muscle to be a Grand President—intellect for the details, soul for the ideals, heart for the sympathies, and muscle for the sleeping-cars. And Mrs. Kolbe has all of these.

As Kappa Kappa Gamma enters this new year and the second quarter of this administration, I think it well for all of us to pause a few minutes in review of what has been done since we parted after the wonderful Convention at Ithaca.

This first quarter has seen the establishment of a new chapter, Gamma Alpha, at Kansas State Agricultural College, Manhattan, Kansas; the completion of the songbook; two issues of THE KEY, and they have both been paid for; a Kappa Calendar; the appointment of four new Province Presidents; and the appointment of a new Custodian of the Catalogue, Lucy Keller Hutchcraft. Plans are being formulated for raising the Students' Aid Fund to \$10,000, several Alumnae Associations and chapters have contributed generously since Convention, and \$25.00 made on the Convention *Hoot* has also been turned over to the fund. A number of chapters have been granted special dispensation to have more than thirty members. We have received several petitions for charters. The chapters have voted but once—on granting a charter to a petitioning group at Purdue—vote was negative. Over 400 girls have been pledged and many of this number have been initiated.

I personally have written several hundred letters—most of them since October 1, and most of them on pleasant and happy subjects; but with three dismissals pending, four local Panhellenic Associations where there was rushing trouble; a business misunderstanding with a jeweler, etc., there were several letters which necessitated sleeping over. From September 17 to November 22, I made official visits. During that time, with twenty-three other Kappas, I installed Gamma Alpha chapter; visited Beta Mu, Pi, Beta Eta, Beta Xi, Beta Theta, Omega, Theta, Upsilon,

Eta, and Beta Delta chapters; visited Kansas City, Pi, Los Angeles, St. Louis, and North Shore Alumnae Associations; conducted one initiation; spent one day each with the Grand Vice-president, the Grand Secretary, the Chairman of the Students' Aid Fund, Mrs. Otstott, the Grand Registrar, and Elmie Warner Mallory, Grand President, 1904-06; spent several days with both Elizabeth Voris Lawry, Grand Treasurer, 1906-08, and Eva Powell and an hour with Mr. Banta in his publishing house in Menasha, Wis.; I went to Del Monte and Asilomar in California, and to Galveston, Texas, to see whether they were adequate for the 1918 convention; spent two days in Appleton, Wis., with the petitioning group at Lawrence College; visited Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.; and I was entertained at tea by the Salt Lake City Panhellenic Association and the local Panhellenic Association at Washington University. I wish that any who believe that a fraternity officer undertakes a trip of this sort for pleasure alone, might undergo the rigors of night after night spent on trains and at nondescript hotels—the actual physical strain caused by late hours and an almost unbroken series of interviews, examinations, class visits, and social affairs. In fact, the hardships would far outweigh the advantages gained were it not for the ever present privilege of personal meeting with the hundreds of fine girls and women who make up the active and alumnae body of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Such knowledge and experience is absolutely essential to an intelligent administration of fraternity affairs, and I cannot be too thankful that these visits could come thus early in my administration. I want to thank again all those who aided me in accomplishing the purposes of my trip and express to them my appreciation of their unvarying thoughtfulness and courtesy. With sincere New Year's greetings to all Kappas, I am sincerely and faithfully,

LYDIA V. KOLBE, *Grand President.*

PARTHENON

WHAT OUR ALUMNAE MEAN TO OUR CHAPTER

Each year as warm spring breezes call out the leaf buds and the flowers on our pretty mountain campus, we all agree that Spring is the best season of the year. We get out our white dresses and bright sweaters, and stroll about between classes, or steal time for tennis games, or picnics and long tramps. But we often stop in our fun to say, "Oh, if it could only last, if we could only stay together—just think of the girls we are losing in May." But, after all, we should remember that we are not really losing them, and that, though we cannot be with them every day, they will be always loyal to our chapter and to Kappa. They have only gone a step further to become Kappa alumnae.

To us our alumnae are the "path-makers." When we pledge our allegiance to the fraternity, we are giving a promise to try to uphold the ideals and traditions that they have left us. Kappa means a certain definite influence on every campus, and it is "up to us" to keep that influence fine and strong, as it has always been, and to strive toward the beautiful ideals of womanhood left us by our first alumnae—the pioneers of Kappa at Monmouth.

Though we have already received so much from our out-of-college sisters, we still need them. We appreciate their lovely gifts, and all the material things they do for us, but most of all, we love to feel that they are intensely loyal; that they are happy when we win, and ready to help us be good losers when that, too, is necessary.

So here's a greeting to all alumnae, from the graduate of 1870 to the girls of 1916, and a special greeting from Beta Phi chapter to each one of the dear Kappa sisters who has finished her college life at the University of Montana.

RUTH BARNETT, *Beta Phi*.

What do the alumnae mean to our chapter? Beta Tau would have to add another degree to the comparison in order to express the love, help, and sympathy which they have received from their alumnae association. The members are always ready with personal advice or material support in any problem which the chapter meets. They stand solid and united to uphold the chapter

**Good Advice and
Material Help**

with encouragement and tireless efforts to "help the girls." In return, the chapter looks to the alumnae for sympathy in its interests and for coöperation in anything it wishes to undertake. These things the alumnae always supply abundantly, together with their clearer insight and more practical views.

Our alumnae cannot be happy when they feel that the girls do not have everything that they need. Whether it is a Persian rug for the hall, or a potato masher for the kitchen that they find lacking, they promptly set out to supply the deficiency. When the girls wish motherly council, it is supplied; when they wish help in a business or college affair, that, too, is taken care of. In whatever line the girls need the strength and wisdom of the alumnae, that is where they find it.

HELENE W. COMSTOCK, *Beta Tau*.

What do our alumnae mean to our chapter? Well, they are just big, older sisters that we could not do without—always ready to help us over the hard places where they know they had trouble. We active girls of Gamma Rho consider **Big Sisters** ourselves fortunate in having here in the college town so many of our alumnae. During rushing season, these town alumnae prove themselves invaluable by placing at our disposal, their automobiles, with which to show to freshmen the country about Meadville. Then, too, as we have no fraternity house in which to entertain, our alumnae sisters kindly open their delightful homes to us and the freshmen. Again, our long-suffering alumnae serve us as wise counsellors. When we meet with some problem or trouble, those who are near us are sympathetic listeners, who have doubtless had a similar experience, and who advise us how we should act. Another great aid, which our alumnae gives us, is the financial. I must confess, we do call upon them for money rather often, but they always respond, quietly and willingly. Two years ago when our rooms needed to be refurnished, we informed the alumnae of our chapter, and the money seemed to pour into the treasury until we had enough to buy everything from chairs to curtain hangings. Besides this, they helped us with the planning and buying, which would have been, for us alone, a hard problem. And, now, thanks to them, the rooms are certainly pretty, cozy, and homelike. But, most of all, our alumnae are dear to us, and we are glad to have them

come back to visit us because then we realize that they are our older sisters, who have been strengthened by Kappa associations. They have gone farther along the road to success in life than we have, and are beckoning us to follow. With such kind help and noble inspiration as our alumnae give us, why should we not succeed?

MARION F. MILLER, *Gamma Rho*.

They are "guides, philosophers, and friends." In fact, as well as name, they are our older sisters, and through their experience and wisdom we are helped more often than most of us know.

**Guides,
Philosophers,
Friends**

For they are older sisters who have met the same problems and conditions that we now face under slightly different guise, and they appreciate, by virtue of their longer Kappaship, the enduring aims and value of the golden key even more than we can. They are stepping-stones, as it were, between the familiar, intimate associations which we, as all active chapters, regard as the whole meaning of Kappa, and the band of sisters we have never seen. We are broadened by the active interest that so many of our alumnae take, and made to realize that Kappa is for always—for what is beautiful and good is eternal.

An active girl of Upsilon cannot speak of our alumnae without thinking immediately of Sarah Harris. You who have known her at convention have some faint idea of how very lucky we are to have her in our midst. Her personality and Kappa ideals are a constant inspiration, and we are glad to have this opportunity of thanking her for everything she has done for us.

So here's a toast to our alumnae—may all the best things Kappa has to give be showered upon them and may their new year be the best ever!

HESTER WALRATH, *Upsilon*.

What do the alumnae mean to our chapter? This is such a big question that it is difficult to answer, not because we do not know how to answer it, but because it requires such a big answer. And

**Alumnae Are
Everything**

by our chapter, we might well mean any chapter. For to us, our alumnae are everything. In them we have that sense of security and bigness and service, that can come to a fraternity only through its alumnae.

If we have ever stopped to think about it, we have realized that there is not much that we could do without our alumnae. But too often we do not stop to think, or to fully appreciate what they mean to us—though down in our hearts, of course, we know.

In the first place, our alumnae mean our very existence. Would we be here, established in a nice, comfortable home with a standing in the University, which a chapter should have—were it not for our alumnae?

Could we every year fill our KEY letters with the well-known reports of the "very best" freshmen in the school," were it not for those faithful alumnae who return for the rushing season, and give their time and work and charming personalities to win for us those pledges? Those pledges, who because they are the "very best" grow up and become the alumnae we hold so dear.

Could we ever build a chapter house? But then, that is an absurd question, because we know, of course, we couldn't.

Could we ever live up to our Kappa ideals, without their inspiration and example? When we can point to a real woman, who is doing real things in the world and in her home, and consequently for her fraternity, we feel an added incentive to work now, that we may become ideal Kappa alumnae too, so that our younger sisters will see in us, what we see in our alumnae. To our chapter and to any chapter, the alumnae mean a stronghold. Without them we would feel like little Orphant Annie, for the goblins would surely get us—if we didn't have any alumnae.

We call ourselves "active members," and we sometimes are carelessly of the opinion that it is our activity which makes the fraternity what it is. And yet, if we stop to think again, we realize that we are merely preparing to be "active members" of a great body of women, who are carrying out the ideals of our fraternity, and making it what it is, by being of service to the world—the alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

MARJORIE A. RICKARD, *Omega*.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

LIFE SUBSCRIPTIONS AGAIN

When you have finished reading this KEY, alumnae, which was planned for your special interest, can you resist the impulse to send us a Life Subscription? As we have said—or should have said—before, read THE KEY and you will find the Fountain of Youth. Keep in touch with your fraternity all your life. Fifteen dollars worth of fraternity associations—i.e., THE KEY—payable at once, or in three consecutive yearly payments of five dollars each, will do you more good than fifteen bottles of medicine which would be finished in as many weeks. For THE KEY will make you smile over old times; it will gossip to you about your old friends; it will come faithfully to you four times a year until you are a hundred or more years old. And if you don't like it all that time, it will at least give you the pleasure of saying "We never did such things when *we* were girls!"

Our only life subscribers now are:

Elizabeth Bogert, *Mu*.
Mrs. E. M. French, *Nu*.
Mrs. Norris H. Shepard, *Phi*.
Esther B. Wheeler, *Sigma*.
Mrs. J. Y. Kennedy, *Nu*.
Alice Mathewson, *Beta Phi*.
Grace Mathewson, *Beta Phi*.
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Mrs. John M. Detling, *Eta*
E. Gertrude Avey, *Beta Rho*.

HONORS MISLAID

In the list of honors in the December KEY several chapters were not mentioned, and we have since been corrected. We secured the list we used from the chapter reports at convention and we thought we read every report. Those that were not mentioned were: Phi, which boasts of Christine Ayars, Phi Beta Kappa, Priscilla Fairfield, Student government officer, and Corinne R. Coté, President of Cercle Française; Beta Tau which has girls in almost every college organization; Mu which has seven girls in dramatics, two on the college paper, five in student government offices, eight heads of other clubs or committees.

Remember that next year the honors will be compiled from the chapter reports that are sent to Council Session in the summer, so do not omit any.

STUDENT AID FUND

Perhaps some of our alumnae do not know that at our Cornell convention, the most important legislation was that we voted to enlarge the Student Aid Fund, and open it to all women college students in 1920. By that time we hope to have \$10,000. Mrs. Charlotte Powell Goddard is chairman of the fund. We are pleased to note that several chapters have already donated to it or have made plans to do so.

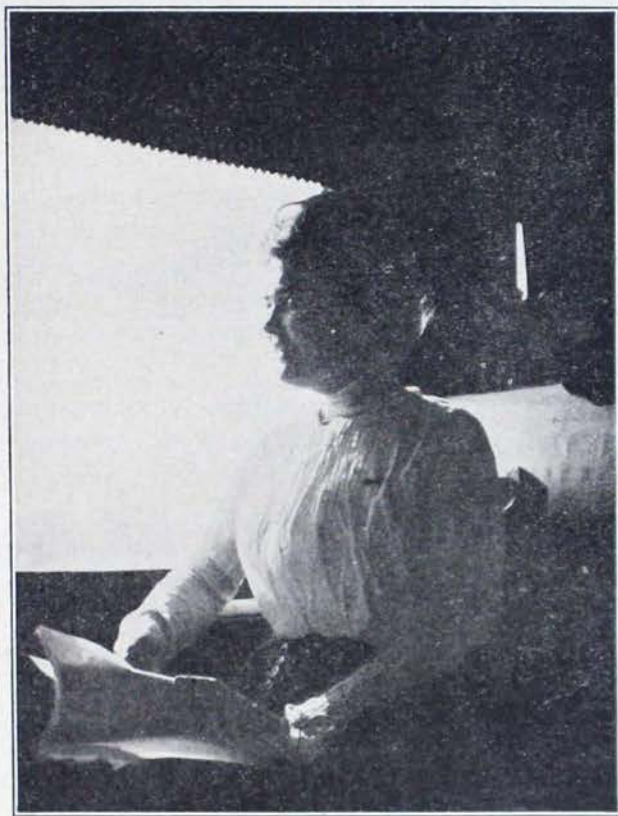
Upsilon leads the line by giving three hundred dollars for the fund. Cleveland Alumnae Club gave ten dollars. Beta Mu gave eighty dollars made at a fair held in December. The Washington Alumnae have contributed. The proceeds of "Hoot," the convention paper, were given to the fund.

Let us report more in the next KEY.

Some years ago fraternities were banished from Princeton University. Now the clubs which followed are under fire for the same reason. Soon it will be considered snobbish in our colleges to want an individual tooth-brush.

CAN ANYONE TELL WHO THIS IS?

Pauline Halliwell rode from Pasadena to Chicago on a Santa Fé train in May, 1909, and talked to this very agreeable-looking Kappa whose picture you see. That was before Pauline was a Kappa, and it was not until lately when she became the owner of a key of her own, that she noticed the key on the waist of her friend in the picture. Pauline made the fatal mistake of not



asking her train-friend her name, for now that she realizes it was a Kappa friend, she is all the more anxious to know who she was.

Will the Santa Fé lady please come forward? Or if she has the misfortune to be a non-subscriber, do any of our readers recognize this picture? Write to Pauline Halliwell, 10628 Longwood Drive, Chicago, Ill., and tell her if you know.

ALUMNAE REPORT

SARAH B. HARRIS, *Grand Vice-president*

In the last two and a half years the world has learned a lot about the importance of organization. We are proud to report that under General Harris' command our organized Kappa army of alumnae has increased almost 100%, and that we stand prepared to protect our ideals. The General is still on the trail of the slackers. This is her report.

Two years and a half ago at the Convention in Estes Park the three alumnae offices, Alumnae Secretary, Alumnae Supervisor, and Alumnae Editor of THE KEY were consolidated into one—that of Grand Vice-president. Since this is the first report in THE KEY of a Grand Vice-president, the work outlined has necessarily been that of organization and an attempt to bring about a closer contact between the alumnae and the national fraternity.

I have especially tried to strengthen those organizations of alumnae already existing and have made no concerted effort to branch out into many new places. Therefore, many clubs have become active, strong associations, but there is not a large number of new clubs. I have tried to make the alumnae in associations feel that, now that they have a representative on the Council and increased voting power and privileges at Convention through their delegates, certain obligations necessarily follow, and that the requirements imposed upon Alumnae Associations in the Standing Rules must be met and lived up to. I have sent out numerous communications in order that they might feel that an attempt was being made to keep in touch with them. A few of these are enumerated below:

Letters were sent to each association notifying them of a change in the Alumnae Department of THE KEY. Each association was called upon to contribute a Parthenon article during the year. The old alumnae letter was dispensed with, only personals appearing in every number for each association. After Council Session, 1915, letters were sent to associations telling them of

important proposed changes affecting Associations. They were asked to express an opinion as to a per capita tax, and while I did not hear from all of them, they have had time to think about it, and the delegates had an opportunity to express an opinion at the Cornell Convention. Annual report blanks were sent out each year. Copies of the Constitution and Standing Rules, Grand President's Report and Convention Minutes were sent to all. They were also consulted in regard to the advisability of Kappa Kappa Gamma undertaking a national philanthropic project and asked to send in suggestions for this work.

From the material sent me by the three alumnae officers at the beginning of my term of office, I found that there were then, at the end of the school year, 1913-1914, nineteen associations and fourteen clubs. For the year 1914-1915, I reported twenty-four associations and fourteen clubs. Now, 1916-1917 there are thirty-two associations and twelve clubs.

It has always been difficult to get the associations to send in annual reports each spring. So, in order to facilitate this task for them, a blank form was sent out to be filled in and returned to me as an annual report. The first year nineteen out of the twenty-four responded. From these reports I was able to obtain the following figures:

Out of some seven thousand alumnae of Kappa Kappa Gamma, less than one thousand were members of associations and perhaps five hundred more were members of clubs. This is a very liberal estimate. With each one of the twenty-four associations paying into the Grand Treasury the annual tax of four dollars (\$4.00), only ninety-six dollars (\$96.00) could come in yearly from the alumnae.

These figures, then, are for the college year, 1914-1915. For 1915-1916, my report at Convention included thirty active associations and eleven clubs. And every one of the thirty associations has sent in an annual report. The decrease in the number of clubs, as I partially explained, does not mean a loss, but simply that the clubs are constantly growing up into associations—having fulfilled all requirements—the ranks of the clubs being filled up by new and smaller groups. In the thirty associations there are now perhaps fifteen hundred alumnae and in the clubs five hundred more.

To sum up, then, between September, 1914, when my duties began, and January, 1917, there has been a gain of thirteen associations, though there are two less clubs than there were at that time.

At Estes Park eight alumnae delegates responded to roll call. At Cornell there were twenty-two associations represented on the floor of convention. I think you will agree with me that the alumnae have backed their officer loyally and enthusiastically, and I take this opportunity of thanking them through the delegates.

THE ALUMNAE FORUM

SARAH B. HARRIS, *Alumnae Editor*

A VISION OF 1918

AS A CALIFORNIAN WISHES IT

"Well, it's over," said the Owl.

"My, I'm sleepy," sighed the Robin.

The Owl chuckled, "My California convention did keep you busy."

"Your convention," chirped the Robin, indignantly. "I'd like to see you keep up with that fluttering, ever-moving mass of girls. If you could have seen them at the Big Ball, or scrambling up the hills on the moonlight picnic, or hanging from the train windows on their way up Mt. Tamalpais. If you could have heard their howls of joy over our flowers, our San Francisco Bay, our own particular brand of golden sunsh—"

"Hush," hooted the Owl, "no boasting. It is all right for us to realize our beauties, but modesty, friend Robin, becomes us all."

The Robin simmered down a bit.

"Well, anyway," he chirped positively. "They will all be coming back to California some time—on honeymoons, or pleasure trips—or just because. Of that, I'm sure." "And I hope they do," the Owl said gravely, "for I saw things you never dreamed of noticing. While my friends from the East were devouring Stanford, Berkeley, the State in general, my friends of the West were absorbing some things which they sadly needed. We are so far from the center of things, that we have to make our own center, and all the suburbs, too. But my Western friends, as they sat solemnly wrapped in their black gowns, listened to Kappa Kappa Gamma speaking; heard the deep, inner voice of the fraternity; realized the bigness, the far-reaching expanse of it; felt thrills of pride at being one with it. The friends from Washington, Oregon, California, who came in such hordes—from now on, these will be heard of in our National work. They, too, are capable of big things as part of such a splendid whole."

The Robin yawned. "Those black robes looked too sombre to me," he complained. "When the delegates sang, swathed in those things, the very notes were coated with solemnity. I liked best the bright dining-halls full of gay butterflies; the marvellous banquet."

"That has its place," said the owl. "My girls know how to play when they play, and work when they work."

"They do both together, sometimes," the Robin asserted. "In Convention Hall, during a serious discussion, I heard one say, 'Look at Lucy's hair. Couldn't you eat it?'"

"Ridiculous," hooted the Owl, softly.

"And at the banquet, some of the speeches were so full of wisdom, I almost went to sleep on my perch."

Both talkers were silent for a while. The Robin dropped off in a doze—then "Well, it's over," said the Owl again. "The delegates are

scattering to all corners of the country, taking with them impressions of California. Let us hope they are carrying away nothing but golden memories of their brief visit with us. We have gained much by their coming. We owe them a debt of gratitude," and to the sleepy Robin's surprise, "He lifted high his wise old head and hooted K K Γ."

GEORGIA WISEMAN,
Pi Alumnae Association.

LET US UNDERSTAND ANB BE UNDERSTOOD

The right of fraternities to exist has been so widely and seriously questioned by the nonfraternity world in recent years that loyal, thinking members of these organizations feel the responsibility for justifying fraternity life. We would be ungrateful for the rich inheritance that is ours through fraternity association, if we did not gladly meet this responsibility, and justify the fraternity's existence by its effects upon members both active and alumnae. And this justification must rest upon understanding—an understanding of ourselves and an understanding of us by the public.

A reading of the October KEY, every page of which sounds the Convention keynote of Service, can not but bring to our realization the fact that Kappa stands for something very vital and practical, something very big and true in the lives of its members and in college life. What could be more practical and democratic than the social service undertaken by so many of our chapters and alumnae associations? The establishment of our Student Aid Fund, ultimately intended for all college women regardless of fraternity affiliation, is recognizing that to attain the highest and best in womanhood at least one of the foundation stones must be education.

But do all of us, especially the alumnae, understand the many activities fostered by the fraternity? Not everyone can go to Convention and come into intimate contact with the leaders, but all can subscribe for THE KEY and keep informed enough to give a reason for the faith that is within one. If Kappa ideals of goodness, truth, and beauty supply inspiration and vision for college days, why not for maturer years as well? American hurry is robbing the individual of the old time virtue of productive reflection; let us not allow the multiplicity of our activities to crowd from our lives the lessons of unselfish loyalty and universal sympathy that Kappa has and is bringing to us.

"By their fruits ye shall know them" is of universal application. It is then the responsibility of every chapter to demonstrate to its own particular college world its ability to successfully foster the spiritual, intellectual, and social life of its members; and, at the same time, be a real force for uplift in the college community. It is the duty and privilege of every member, active and alumna, to so live our ideals in our private lives that the wayfaring man, be he fair-minded inquirer

or prejudiced critic, must yield the point that fraternities rightly and justly hold their place in college life.

KATHERINE C. BALL,
Dallas Association.

DAVID GRAYSON ON FRIENDSHIP

Since coming from Convention I have found an article which is so typical of the happy week which we spent at Ithaca and of the many new and delightful friendships which were formed there that perhaps our Alumnae Editor will grant a little space for the thought of one who is not a Kappa. The author of the following bit of philosophy is David Grayson who belongs, as he says, to the "greatest of all fraternal orders, the Universal Brotherhood of Men":

"What is friendship, anyway? The truth is I cannot formulate any theory of friendship which will cover all the conditions. I know a few things that friendship is not and a few things that it is, but when I come to generalize upon the abstract quality I am quite at a loss for adequate language.

"Friendship, it seems to me, is like happiness. She flies pursuit, she is shy, and wild, and timid, and will be best wooed by indirection. Quite unexpectedly, sometimes, as we pass in the open road, she puts her hand in ours, like a child. Friendship is neither a formality nor a mode: it is rather a life.

"It is not the substance of what we say to one another that makes us friends, nor yet the manner of saying it, nor is it what you do or what I do, nor is it what I give you, or you give me, nor is it because we chance to belong to the same church, or society, or party that makes us friendly. Nor is it because we entertain the same views or respond to the same emotions. All these things may serve to bring us nearer together but no one of them can kindle the divine fire of friendship. A friend is one with whom we are fond of being when no business is afoot nor any entertainment contemplated. 'I do not need to ask the wounded person how he feels,' says the poet, 'I myself become the wounded person.'

"It is not short of miraculous how, with cultivation, one's capacity for friendship increases. Once I myself had scarcely room in my heart for a single friend, who am now so wealthy in friendships. It is a phenomenon worthy of consideration by all hardened disbelievers in that which is miraculous upon this earth that when a man's heart really opens to a friend he finds there room for two. And when he takes in the second, behold the skies lift, and the earth grows wider, and he finds there room for two more!

"In a curious passage (which I understand no longer darkly) old mystical Swedenborg tells of his wonderment that the world of spirits should not soon become too small for all the swelling hosts of its

ethereal inhabitants, and was confronted with the discovery that the more angels there were, the more heaven to hold them!"

So let it be with our friendships!

BETA IOTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

FRATERNITY WOMEN UNITED TO SERVE

St. Louis Kappas, now that the child of their brain—the City Panhellenic Association—is approaching its second birthday with every sign of healthy growth, feel that they have created something worth while.

There were a good many doubters when we first talked of inviting the various fraternities to form a Panhellenic. "Won't it be just one more organization like all the others?" "Doesn't the College Club here offer everything that a Panhellenic could give?" were some of the questions asked. Perhaps the doubters served a good purpose, for the "workin's" are refreshingly simple for an organization of three hundred and fifty members. These members, comprising all the alumnae of the N. C. P. fraternities of whom we know, have no obligations except such as their loyalty dictates. There are two meetings a year, a get-together luncheon in November and a charitable undertaking in May to which outsiders may be invited. Last spring the "Frolic," which consisted of vaudeville and booths, netted nearly a hundred dollars for the summer convalescents' farm of the Children's Hospital. The fall meeting will be a progressive luncheon.

There is a Governing Board of two members from each fraternity that carries the responsibility for the whole Panhellenic. The officers succeed each other in rotation, as in the N. P. C. Meetings are held at the calling of the president, and since they are held only when there is business to transact, the discussions are lively and interesting. Then there is a half hour spent over a cup of tea. Dues of twenty-five cents a year from each fraternity pay for incidental expenses.

The real work is done by small committees whose members can easily meet or confer by telephone. There is an executive committee having to do with purely organization matters; a social committee to arrange for the November luncheon, including some form of entertainment and a plan for having members of different fraternities meet each other; a social service committee to arrange for the spring affair and submit suggestions regarding the use to which the money raised may be put; a publicity committee that aims to have the papers publish not only notices of general meetings, but also news items that may help to make pro-fraternity sentiment; and a fraternity problems committee, which because of the local interest in the high school sorority ruling, has been extremely active.

It has notified all high school principals in this region of the ruling and attempted to enlist their support. It frequently meets with or entertains delegates from the Washington University Panhellenic when the girls want impartial "big sister" advice. It has also met with the

high school girls' intersorority conference in an attempt to explain frankly but firmly the motives of the N. P. C.'s action. The committee feels that every conference which engenders no mistrust or ill-feeling will sooner or later bear fruit, for the situation here is peculiarly difficult. Washington, as yet, receives practically no fraternity material from outside the city; and a large minority, if not a majority of the college fraternity girls, active and alumnae, have continued to be loyal high school sorority members. They not only want to continue to initiate these girls, but they aren't sure they can keep their chapters alive for the next few years without them.

Whenever a question gets too big for a committee, it, of course, takes it to the board, and the board may, in turn, refer it to the alumnae association. Altogether, the Panhellenic has found plenty of work to do, and is doing it efficiently.

EMMA PARKS MILLER,
St. Louis, Alumnae Association.

HOW TO REPAY?

"To be thankful for and to improve the privileges which are mine as a college woman, bearing in mind the added responsibility that devolves upon me because of them."

These are familiar words from a Kappa Symphony written more than a decade ago. They are increasingly appropriate.

Jane Addams tells the story of a Vassar girl fresh from an enthusiastic graduation, who, in her eagerness to enter social service, appealed to her pastor for a task worth while. The girl explained to the rector that she estimated that her education had cost her family \$25,000, while she believed that most girls cost their parents less than \$1,000 in education. The Vassar graduate begged an opportunity to give in some proportion to what she had received. The sense of her indebtedness pressed heavily. The rector thought a moment and then, as if inspired, said: "I think it would be very nice if you would put flowers on the altar every Sunday."

This was a suggestion for other days than those in which college faculty preach "unusual privilege," "high stewardship," and "social responsibility." These are the days when the souls of women of opportunity are restless until they find some measure of satisfaction in the throbbing life of the commonwealth. There are almost numberless avenues of activity in public service. The terms used in social work are frequently confusing and confused. While there are rather constant efforts to make of social work a recognized profession, there will always be room and to spare for every kind of volunteer service.

Let every college woman know the thrill of the fascinating task of decreasing the sum total of human misery and increasing the grand total of human happiness. Let her discover for herself in any community, rural or urban, the organized efforts to make life more abundant

for the children of all the people: the relief societies, the visiting nurse associations, the hospitals doing dispensary work, the settlements, the school social centers, the Juvenile Courts, the societies for the protection of children, and many more organizations which have allied functions. You will find kindred spirits, frequently college women like yourselves, in all these fields of effort. Let this bit of exploration be your next exploit.

In the helpful spirit which permeates the ritual and literature of Kappa Kappa Gamma, but of which the fraternity has no monopoly, let us place on the altar of human service all our flowers of privilege, of talent and, mayhap, of genius. Blessed shall we be for a thousand years if in our living we make it easier for people to do right and harder for them to do wrong, easier to be happy and harder to be miserable.

EDITH FOSTER, *Upsilon*.

Milwaukee Alumnae Association,

Juvenile Protective Association Worker in Milwaukee.

ALUMNAE ADVISERS AT SWARTHMORE

The perfection of fraternity life in each community is the weaving together of active and alumnae chapters so that they may work together in harmony with each other—one supplying the more stable reason from wider experience and the other the enthusiasm and eagerness for all things Kappa.

This golden age is just beginning at Swarthmore and it has been brought about by efforts on each side. The chapter has tried to meet each visiting alumna with a genuine feeling of good-fellowship instead of that marked politeness which makes the older woman feel that she is now regarded as an old "fog" and laid upon the shelf as far as college activities go. They, in turn, have discovered that she is as young at heart as they and still is more than interested in the joys and sorrows of college life. The friendship between the two is started and there is no longer any effort needed to keep it up. After all, each one in Kappa has known and loved the same ideals, and it makes no difference whether she has tried to seek the beautiful and the good for one year or ten, or whether the college has grown in size and improvements, for the problems and pleasures are the same, just as human nature is the same.

And this new and alive interest in each other is shown in some beneficial results: The Alumnae Association appoints an advisory board each year, from whom the chapter girls can get the clear and unbiased advice of an outsider. They, in turn, are supposed to submit the names of all candidates for membership in the fraternity to this board before voting upon them, so that in case they know little about a proposed member, some one of the many alumnae may be able to supply the necessary information. The alumnae have also one representative in

the college Panhellenic and are thus kept in contact with the interfraternity doings.

Of course, there are many social times together—the alumnae card party inviting some of the actives, and they, in turn, including alumnae at their rushing parties and others, besides Kappa luncheons, dances, initiations and house parties shared together.

CATHARINE WHITE PUGH,
Beta Iota Alumnae Association.

MUNICIPAL RECREATION

The educational value of recreation is being realized. To live and work at high tension, without play, decreases the efficiency of men and women. It is conceded that our day should be divided into three periods—eight hours work, eight hours sleep, and eight hours recreation. How is everybody to have opportunities for recreation? Many consider playgrounds and community social centers the best answer to this vital question.

In our city has been developed a year-round recreation system. Our social centers offer to our foreign population the means of Americanization. The programs afford entertainment to all. Thus Walter Besant's Palace of Delight is no longer impossible, for the social center is, "A place for the happiness and recreation of all; there are classrooms where art and accomplishments are taught. Here they have music, dancing, singing, games, companionship, cheerfulness, and everything."

When winter is over, all meet out of doors on the playgrounds for organized play, getting sunshine, variety, and happiness.

Regardless of race or creed, our citizens have united in witnessing and taking part in the following programs: Play Festivals, Municipal Fourth of July Picnic, Indiana Centennial Pageant, Municipal Christmas Trees. This getting together, besides affording entertainment, makes for the mental, moral, and physical training of our young people, on whom depends the city of tomorrow. Recreation is not cheap, but it is worth the cost.

OTTILE POEHLMAN-MILLER,
South Bend Association.

THE COLLEGE WOMAN IN A SMALL TOWN

After I had been married six months I was inclined to be "cocky" over my success in cooking despite inexperience, but when I bragged about it to mother, she said,

"With two New England grandmothers and a college education, you ought to be able to cook."

However, every year I am discounting more and more my New England grandmothers, and giving more and more credit to my college education, not only for cookery but for a host of other things; committee work, politics, extemporaneous speaking, business management.

The mossy joke, "Don't let your studies interfere with your college education," is less a joke than would appear on the surface. If you don't do your studying conscientiously, then you are deliberately forfeiting the very best college can offer you, but on the other hand, you are to be pitied if you can not find time for many college activities besides.

Let me illustrate how these are used constantly by an alumna. Suppose, like me, you settle in a small town. Your delight in college organizations is going to be turned to the advantage of the town. Your ability to teach will be used in the Sunday school, the story hour at the library, the home sanitation work of the limited charities; your literary society experience will bear fruit in the Woman's Club, in business-like committee work, in ease in presiding, in willingness to talk extemporaneously, in a thousand ideas you gathered in college; your college politics will make town politics look simple and take all the dread out of interviews and wire pulling.

Why, you will use every tiny thing you did in college—your democracy, your capabilities for friendship, your knowledge of hygiene and psychology and literature, your ability to handle funds, your self-reliance—everything of value. Get all you can out of college. It is your duty. You will use it all and be thankful for every bit of experience.

HELEN ADAMS SMITH,
North Shore Alumnae Association.

ALUMNAE LETTERS

SARAH B. HARRIS, *Alumnae Editor*

BETA IOTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Harry Miller (Phebe Lukens, '12) of Norwood, Pa., gave a delightful kitchen shower on November 24 for Rachel Shoemaker, '14, whose engagement to John Matthews, Phi Sigma Kappa, Swarthmore, '14, was announced recently.

Mrs. Augustus Cadwallader (Laura Parry, '14) of Yardley, Pa., gave a Kappa luncheon and Five Hundred on December 2.

The engagement of Marguerite Reeves, '14, to John William Raymond, Jr., Swarthmore, Phi Kappa Psi, '14, was announced on Christmas Eve.

Mrs. Julian Smith (Ella Levis, '07) is taking a course in Short Story Writing in New York.

Ruth Stephenson, '16, is taking a business course at the Peirce School of Business in Philadelphia. Her address is 37 Westview Ave., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

MARGUERITE REEVES.

PHILADELPHIA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The most exciting event in our association since the last KEY has been the banquet. Mrs. William Lingelbach, originally of Delta chapter, was the toastmistress, and made the third course most thrilling by calling upon everyone in turn for an anecdote—everyone being most obliging, responded promptly.

Mrs. Reginald Hay, who was an active member of Lambda chapter, has just been elected president of our association for the coming year.

Another out-of-town Kappa is interesting us just now. She is Ellen Howe, of Seattle, and we expect her to visit some one of us for an hour or two very shortly. She is studying at the Carnegie Institute in Pittsburgh, and has come to Philadelphia for a couple of days to see our libraries.

ALICE M. RODMAN.

BETA SIGMA CLUB

At the last meeting of the alumnae of Beta Sigma, it was decided that we would give a play this spring at Adelphi for the benefit of Kappa's Student Aid Fund.

Those who were at Convention will remember Winifred Marshall and her folk songs. She has a studio this year at 572 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Marie B. Lyons is the associate editor of *Vogue*.

Elsie Heyward is spending the winter with her sister on a plantation in Cuba.

The efficiency expert at Lord and Taylor's on Fifth Avenue is Eleanor Smith. Every error made throughout the building is reported to her and she aims to see the why of it and to prevent its repetition.

The Standard Commercial Bureau was opened recently by Ethel Howell and a friend at 185 Madison Avenue. They are registering only high-grade applicants and are making a specialty of positions for social secretaries and for high-grade office assistants.

Our alumnae meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month. We are always glad to welcome at our meetings any Kappa from out of town. If you expect to be in New York and can find time to come to see us, communicate with Mrs. James L. Robinson (Grace Broadhurst), 116 Cambridge Place, Brooklyn. (Tel. Prospect 8966).

SYRACUSE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Syracuse Alumnae Association has had well-attended and pleasant meetings this fall. We have had two meetings at the chapter house and so have had an opportunity to become better acquainted with the active girls.

Our Christmas meeting was held on the evening of December 28, at the home of Eugenia Baker Berwald. All the alumnae and active girls who were in the city at that time were invited.

The alumnae have contributed about twenty-five dollars for a Christmas present for the chapter house. With this money rugs for the upper hall are to be bought.

One of our best-known alumnae, Mable Potter Daggett, is abroad, gathering material for magazine articles about European women and their part in the war.

GEORGIA WELLS.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION

Miss Ruth Harter of Akron, Ohio, Lambda, was married in October, 1915, to Mr. Howard E. Hollinger. Mr. and Mrs. Hollinger are now living in East Cleveland.

The Cleveland Alumnae Association is proud to hold the Presidency of the Cleveland Panhellenic Association this year, and Miss Marian Wright (Beta Tau) was selected by us to fill this position. In May the Kappas entertain the Panhellenic Association.

We are glad to have with us in Cleveland this winter Miss Catherine Metzler of Beta Nu. She is teaching domestic science at Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Klie (Mabel Fuller, Beta Nu) have a son, Hamilton Fuller, born on November 18.

Mr. and Mrs. George K. Browne (Mae Skinner, Beta Nu) announce the birth of Henry Richardson Browne, 2nd, on November 20.

Mr. and Mrs. George Stone (Elsie Ball, Gamma Rho) have a new little girl, which makes the fifth youngster at their house.

MABEL C. JOHNSTON.

CINCINNATI ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

At the home of Mrs. George Wilson, the Cincinnati Alumnae Association entertained the members of Beta Rho chapter, and their ten pledges, with a vaudeville show. The ten members of the association who arranged and took part in the entertainment were well rewarded for the time and energy spent in preparing the show by the enthusiastic manner in which their audience received their efforts. The performance opened with an overture by the "Kappa German Band" and ended with a sketch entitled "The District School" in which a take-off upon every member in the audience was given. No one was spared.

Helen Taylor has just returned from a six weeks visit to New York.

We were glad to welcome Gertrude Mengelberg, Eta, into our association.

The marriage of Irene Taylor to Harry Rainey will take place early in February.

Mrs. William Abbott, Bess O'Barr, entertained the Beta Rho rush party in her attractive new home.

ELIZABETH LINNARD.

MUNCIE ASSOCIATION

The November-December meeting of the Muncie Association was held at the home of Mrs. Everett Warner (Lalah Ruth Randle, Iota) on December 12, 1916. The president, Mrs. Harry Orr (Harrye Branham, Delta), was absent on account of illness, but six others braved the first blizzard of the season, and an interesting afternoon was spent discussing local affairs, the Students' Aid Fund and what we could do for it, and inspecting the new Kappa songbook.

Mrs. Davis, mother of Mrs. Harry Long (Clara Davis, Delta), who has been ill for some time, is much improved.

Mrs. A. L. Walrath (Ruth Mauck, Kappa) and family spent Christmas at the home of Mrs. Walrath's parents, President and Mrs. Mauck, of Hillsdale College, Michigan.

Miss Etta Warner, Iota, has resumed her work as private secretary to the firm of Warner and Warner, Attorneys, after the summer's absence on account of illness.

Mrs. Charles VanMatre (Wilhelmina Wallace, Delta) and family spent Christmas with Mrs. VanMatre's mother at Peru, Indiana.

Miss Lola Warfel, Iota, spent the holidays with her sister, Mrs. Frank Duddy (Neva Warfel, Iota) at Poughkeepsie, New York.

A cablegram to Mrs. Sommerville's parents has announced the safe arrival of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sommerville (Emily Warner, Iota) at the port of Bergen, Norway. Mr. and Mrs. Sommerville were en route to Petrograd, Russia, where Mr. Sommerville is to be Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Word has been received here of the arrival of a daughter, Antoinette Ward, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Clyde Weatherford (Fleta Ward, Iota) of Dayton, Washington, on November 19.

LALAH RANDLE WARNER.

SOUTH BEND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

On the first Thursday evening of September the South Bend Kappa Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association entertained with the usual monthly dinner. The dinner was given at the Lexington Tearoom and there were four guests from out of the city: Mrs. Frank Thompson of Portland, Oregon; Miss Florence Morse of Sioux City, Iowa; Miss Grace Milner, and Miss Katherine Stevens, Upsilon, of Phymouth, Indiana.

In November the Association entertained with a luncheon at the Nicholson Inn in honor of Mrs. W. L. Dowden of Louisville, Kentucky, and we were delighted to have with us Mrs. Inez Vaile of Michigan City, Indiana; Mrs. William Frinke of Elkhart, Indiana; and Mrs. Russow of Culver, Indiana.

The December meeting was held on December 4 at the Nicholson Inn.

On December 9 our President, Mrs. Homer J. Miller (Ottillie Poehlman) responded to an invitation to address the newly organized branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae of Niles, Michigan. The subject of her talk was "Schools and the College Woman." The President of this Association in Niles is Mrs. Helen Carrett Travis, a Kappa and wife of the Superintendent of the Niles Schools.

Mrs. Miller is again Chairman of the Committee for arranging the Municipal Christmas Tree.

Mrs. George V. Nienstedt, Delta (Grace McPheeters), is visiting in Louisville, Kentucky.

Miss Edna Place, Iota, attended Founders' Day Luncheon at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt (Edith E. Gunn, Chi) spent part of last week in Chicago attending opera.

It is with much regret that we record the death of Harry D. Johnson, Jr. Mr. Johnson was married in 1905 to Miss Elsa Lichtenberg (Pi) of San Rafael, California. Mrs. Johnson has returned to San Rafael to make her home there. The members of this Association feel her loss very keenly.

It is our desire that all Kappas shall accept our good wishes and greetings for the New Year.

EDITH E. G. SEEBIRT.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ASSOCIATION

The Club has been having its meetings as scheduled, and we are enjoying some extremely good programs this year. We have an added pleasure at our meetings now. We have invited two girls from the active chapter to meet with us each meeting and in that way we hope that we may learn to know each one of the younger girls better.

Initiation and banquet held on November 25, Epsilon's forty-third birthday, brought many of the girls back.

We were glad to have had Mabel Broch Mickle of De Land, Florida, and Mary Marquis Sidell of Joliet, Illinois, with us at our last meeting. They are both home to spend the holidays with their parents.

Bernice Welch has just returned from a visit in Minneapolis and reports a splendid time with Chi sisters.

LUCILLE HOSTETLER.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

The announcement has been made of the engagement of Evelyn Guthrie, Northwestern '16, to Norman Faucet of Canada. The wedding will take place in the spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Odell announce the birth of a baby girl, Patricia Steever Odell, December 4, 1916.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Isabel Culver, Grand Vice-president's Deputy, Upsilon and Pi chapters, to Lewis Gregory, Phi Kappa Sigma of the University of Illinois, and Nu Sigma Nu of Northwestern University Medical School.

Born, on December 30, 1916, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Nelson. Mrs. Nelson was Lois Williams, Upsilon ex-'12.

EDNA HARRIS.

IOWA CITY CLUB

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Barrett a son, December 8, 1916. Mrs. Barrett was Mary West of Beta Zeta and is living in Pasadena, California.

Miss Ruthana Paxson has made Iowa City two very interesting visits, giving talks on her stay in China.

Our alumnae association is happy in having Mrs. R. M. Perkins, formerly Florence Payne of Omega, with us as a member. Mrs. Perkins entertained the alumnae in her pretty home December 15.

Mrs. Strain, née Francis Maude Bruce, is with us again, teaching in the University High School.

Alice Clapp of Beta Zeta was married Wednesday, November 8, to Frederick R. Cooper. They will make their home in Chicago.

MINNESOTA ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Soon after the installation of the telegraph in Fredericksburg, Virginia, a little darky saw a piece of newspaper that had blown upon the telegraph wires and caught there. Running to his mistress in a great state of excitement, he cried, "Miss Liza, come quick! Dem wires done buss and done let all de news out!" The news from the Minnesota Alumnae Association which has "done buss out" concerns the wonderful success of the Annual Fair. This year it was held at The Plaza, November 11. There was an unusually large number of attractive articles and the lingerie, apron, bag, infant wear, miscellaneous, candy, and delicatessen tables were well stocked at first. In the afternoon and evening a one-act play, directed by Miss Florence Harrison, was given. In the cast were Lilian Seyfried, Alma Sidnam, Marion Webster, and Paul Storm. In the evening, the ballroom was cleared for dancing.

The following Friday, a general alumnae meeting was held at the chapter house and with all due ceremony two five hundred dollar notes were burned. We think, since the house has only been occupied since April, that we have cause for rejoicing and that our Christmas present to the chapter house was both practical and substantial.

Miss Margaret Greer, '13, is in Boston this winter attending Simmons College.

Miss May Sutherland, '16, is teaching domestic science in Kaimuki, Honolulu.

MILDRED MCENARY.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Christmas meeting of the association occurred on the first day of December this year, which brought it the next day after Thanksgiving. But with Christmas decorations and the exchange of gifts in the hospitable home of Mrs. L. O. Hamilton, and with our little sisters of the Butler active chapter present, all of the usual holiday spirit was felt.

Mrs. L. H. Millikan reports that her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sommerville, cabled their safe arrival in Petrograd, where Mr. Sommerville is sent for Y. M. C. A. work. Mrs. Sommerville is from Iota chapter and was Miss Emily Warner of Muncie, Ind.

Miss Moma Hickam, Delta, has come to Indianapolis from Spencer, Indiana, to accept a position in the office of the Government Employment Bureau of the Department for Women and Girls. We want to welcome Miss Hickam to our Association and will be glad to know more of the workings of this new department.

ADELAIDE SMITH.

ST. LOUIS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The St. Louis Association is very glad to welcome to its number this year the following members: Margaret Anderson (Theta), Grace Kinealy (Theta), Gail Farmer Fisher (Iota), and Katharine Hotznagle Sisler (Beta Delta).

Born, to Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Stewart (Gertrude McLain) a son, Joseph McLain; to Mr. and Mrs. Sigmund Bass (Ada Rudd) a daughter, Dorothy Lee; to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Fuqua (Margaret Dorsey) a daughter, Dorothy Run; and to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Grace a son, Edward Warren.

Ann Thuener (Theta) married John Lively, a Beta from Ames, on December 15, 1916.

Last and most important comes our acknowledgment of the very pleasant visit which Mrs. Kolbe made us in the latter part of November. We entertained her at a luncheon, a dinner, and two teas at which she gave very helpful suggestions to the local Panhellenic Association and the Panhellenic Association of Washington University, respectively. We, in common with all of Mrs. Kolbe's hostesses, were charmed by her ability to fit into all places and plans so admirably.

LORENA B. MOORE.

DENVER ALUMNAE OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA

Did you go to the Kappa Bazaar at the Hotel Harvard on December 1? No? Well, you surely missed a good time and a chance to do your Christmas shopping early. The Denver Alumnae took a notion that they ought to raise some money for the Undergraduate Student Aid Fund and also for the beginning of Beta Mu's house fund. I heard some of them whispering among themselves as to how much they would like to make. One breathed \$60, a very bold one \$75. You can't guess how much they really made, so I'll tell you, over \$180! Tickled doesn't describe their feelings.

But you really should have gone. It was so much fun. Everyone was there and the room was so pretty. In the center of the ballroom were the tables of fancy-work, and everything you could imagine was there. Tea at ten cents a cup was being attractively served in one corner, and the candy booth was in another. If you felt real lucky taking a chance, you invested all of five cents in chance on a box of chocolates; if you were lucky you won it! Or if your taste ran to hand-painted plates or to cross-stitched sofa cushions, you could take a chance on them. Or you could pay a dime to plunge your hand into one of the numerous pockets of Katharine Morley's yellow dress and get a surprise package.

The best part of the bazaar was, that the longer it lasted the better it got. A delicious dinner was served at the hotel, and then came the dancing, five cents a dance, with music by a real orchestra. When you got thirsty there was punch to buy. It was surely great fun.

Everyone helped, I was told, but the faithful committee of three, Mrs. Hudston, Mrs. Fry, and Mrs. McClees deserve most of the credit, together with our Grand Secretary, Estelle Kyle. Alumnae who could not be present sent their donations, either fancy-work or money. And Mae Potter made every bit of the candy, for which she got over \$20.

Of course, you want to know how the money is to be divided, but that is a secret that even we do not know as yet. Some of it is for Beta Mu and some for the Student Aid Fund, and you'll probably hear all about it later.

HOUSTON ASSOCIATION

Mrs. Burke Baker has returned after an absence of a year, spent in Philadelphia, and will have her aunt, Miss Mattie Sackett, with her for Christmas.

We extend our sympathy to Mrs. F. T. Baldwin, who has recently sustained the loss of her sister, Rose John.

Mrs. Frederick Clemens entertained with a dance in honor of her cousin, Margaret Scott, who is making her debut this winter.

Mrs. Wallace Kelly has a new daughter.

We are so glad to welcome to our Association, Mrs. Jack Miller, née Alberta Reves. Mrs. Miller is located at the Kaiser Apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker and little Katharine, have gone to Manasquan, New Jersey, to spend the holidays with Mr. Parker's family.

Mrs. C. S. Preston has spent the past several months with her mother-in-law, who is very ill.

Mrs. McDade Wilburn will spend Christmas in Huntsville with her mother, Mrs. Pace.

Mrs. H. B. Wiser has a daughter.

AUSTIN ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

We had the pleasure of having many of our alumnae here for the annual home-coming Thanksgiving. The weather was perfect and everyone enjoyed meeting old friends again.

Among the guests were May Fenet, who has been teaching in Marshall; Mrs. Beulah Rowe Lanham of Weatherford; Marguerite and Nell Morris of Palestine; Helen Devine of San Antonio; Mrs. Sewall of Palestine; Grace Prather of Waco; Mrs. Dora Thornton Boswell of Ft. Worth; Lois Broyles of Palestine; Pauline Thornton, who has been teaching in Temple; Mrs. Marion Rather Powell of Huntsville; Mrs. Bennie Brown Baker of Houston; and Mrs. Jessie Lee Rembert Willis of Dallas.

We have had announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Mattie Gooch Smith.

We are sorry to tell you of the death of Mrs. Edward Patterson's little son. Her mother, Mrs. Thompson is spending the winter with her.

The engagement of Carrie Hopkins of Dallas to Asher Smith, Sigma Chi, of Laredo, has been announced.

JEANETTE BENNETT.

DALLAS ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

"Sis" Sarah Harris writes: "Let's make this alumnae number an exceptionally good one." Whereupon I decided that the best way I could contribute to its worth was to "cut it short."

Members of our association have been quiet this fall—that is, in all respects but that of loquacity. Occasionally something has jarred loose affording sufficient excuse for publicity. For instance, Mrs. Alex. Pope (Fannie West Harris) has departed on a pleasure exertion to St. Louis and New York. Also, we managed to have two representatives at the Texas-A. and M. game on Thanksgiving Day at Austin, namely, Mrs. Hart Willis (Jessie Lee Rembert) and Mrs. Sawnie Aldredge (Mary Batts).

We lost one of our newly acquired members this month when Carrie Hopkins married Mr. Asher Smith, a Sigma Chi, from Laredo. The marriage took place on December 19 at St. Matthews Cathedral in Dallas. Miss Gladys Scaling of Fort Worth was her only attendant. After a few weeks' stay in New York, Mr. and Mrs. Smith will make their home in Laredo.

Miss Cecil Butler spent the holidays at her home in Lexington, Missouri.

Miss Helen Knox was a recent visitor in Dallas. She has recently published a book on the life of Mrs. Pennybacker which is attracting a good deal of attention.

MAIDIE DEALEY.

NEWCOMB ALUMNAE CLUB

Christmas holidays brought several absent members to New Orleans:—Charlotte Frere, who is teaching in Washington, Louisiana; Ida Willing, who is teaching in Monroe, Louisiana; Ruth Bush Lobdell of Chicago; Lucille Scott, who is teaching in Alexandria, Louisiana; and Earl Richmond Carruth, whose husband, Lieutenant Carruth, has been transferred from Washington to the South, possibly to Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Burch Lee of Misdén, Louisiana (Irene Drake), are spending the winter in New Orleans.

Gladys Breazeal of Natchitoches, Louisiana, is in New Orleans for a short visit.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Doe (Flora Neal) of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, a daughter. Mrs. Doe and her little daughter are now visiting relatives in Asheville, North Carolina.

Virginia Williamson is teaching at her home, Asheville, North Carolina.

Alumnae rushing goes on merrily. A motor picnic to Chalmette was our last week's performance. House parties on the gulf coast, boating excursions, teas, and informals fill in all of our week-ends. We wished for some of our northern sisters last week-end when we visited an orange grove near the city and picked oranges and mandarins for ourselves.

CHARLOTTE P. HARDIN.

PORTLAND ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

The Portland Alumnae Association girls were busy all fall, with preparations for the Panhellenic Bazaar, which was given the Saturday before Thanksgiving. Our own Mrs. George Gerlinger (Irene Hazard, Pi) was chairman of the bazaar committee, and worked hard to make it a success. Mrs. Gerlinger is the only woman on the board of Regents of the University of Oregon and has been instrumental in raising the fund for the new Woman's Building. The proceeds of the bazaar were devoted to this fund and to the Panhellenic scholarship.

Together with our active chapter at the University, we are planning to give a dance during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Gulick have a son, born in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Rice (Florence Avery, Beta Omega), of Pendleton, also have a new baby.

Mildred Broughton, Beta Omega, who was with us last year, has returned to college and is affiliated with the active chapter again.

We are very glad to have with us this winter Mrs. Engles, and Marian and Grace Reed.

Ruth Hardie, Beta Omega, who has been teaching in Grants Pass for the past two years, is now in the Jefferson High School here in Portland.

Eva Roche, Beta Omega, is spending the winter at home and is able to help us in our association work.

JENNIE LILLY NEAL.

WASHINGTON ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION

Since our last letter to THE KEY we have had four most enjoyable meetings. In September we met for the first time after summer vacations at the Women's University Club for luncheon. This meeting is always a "talk-fest" and proved no exception this year. The October meeting was to have been a play at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hurlbut but was changed to a card party for Kappas and their friends for the benefit of the Student Aid Fund. It was a great success. Mrs. Hurlbut's lovely home is well adapted for entertaining. One hundred people came and fifty dollars was made. The Stunt Dinner in November at the home of Catherine Howe was worthy of the Orpheum Circuit. Although it was a "dark and stormy night" the cheer of the open fireplaces dispelled all thought of bad weather. The forty members who came were delightfully entertained by The Fashion Show, The Lightning Sketch Artist, and The Country School.

In December we met for a Christmas sewing party with Anne Agnew, our President. We were glad to have with us at this meeting Mrs. J. W. Council (Zenna Bush), Theta, and Lois Tracy, Delta, who are both making their home in Seattle.

The engagement of Margaret Carey to Dr. Don Trueblood, Phi Gamma Delta, has been announced. Dr. Trueblood is house physician at the Minor Hospital in Seattle.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Grey (Margaret Sackett) have returned from an extended trip to New York and through the South.

JULIA C. CONWAY.

CHAPTER LETTERS

No letter received from:

Gwendolyn Collier, Beta Upsilon.

Harriet A. Day, Beta Nu.

Eugenia L. Remelin, Beta Rho.

Louise Irish, Beta Delta.

Bertha Ochsner, Eta.

Hester Walrath, Upsilon (explained).

Helen Minier, Sigma.

Rosalie Van der Veer, Beta Omicron (explained).

Cora Hosford, Beta Omega.

Ada A. Burke, Beta Kappa.

Anne Wharton, Pi.

Next letter due April 1.

We hope you will appreciate the sacrifices of THE KEY correspondents this month. They have forgone the pleasure of writing about "our ten splendid freshmen," and "our Christmas party where we had a tree and gifts with appropriate verses for all," and have written only about alumnae. They have gathered some interesting news, too. We lead this department with the closing paragraph of the Adrian College letter which is a little sermon in itself.

My fellow correspondents, did you find it a perplexing problem to find out all this "who, which, when, why, where"—especially the "who"? It was quite a revelation, wasn't it, to suddenly realize how little we know of the "girls who have gone before"? And I fear it is true that the active members in looking toward the future of Kappa and revelling in the present, often neglect the splendid past. One of the things toward which we are working is to keep the interest of our members after they leave college, and yet we cannot expect too much if we do not go our half the distance in having at least a general knowledge of "Who's who." And there is another thing, our Fraternity today is not so much what we active members have made it as what has been built up, bit by bit, by the girls of other days. Let us not forget our alumnae, girls, for in forgetting we give them the chance to forget us.

MARY LOUISE NOE.

ALPHA PROVINCE

Phi, Boston University

On December 2, at the chapter-rooms, the alumnae held a fair, the proceeds to go to one of our Kappas who is at Saranac. From the fair itself over fifty dollars was realized, and since that time the sum has been raised to seventy-five dollars, partly by subscription, and also from the personal work of one of the girls who has taken a magazine agency and has already raised twelve dollars. One hundred and seventy-five dollars had previously been sent.

Christine M. Ayars, our Phi Beta Kappa of last year, is engaged in the research department of the Women's Educational and Industrial Union of Boston. Her work takes her into the stores and factories of the city, compiling labor statistics.

Florence McArdle is studying at the School of Gymnastics.

Marion Dondale is secretary to the Dean of the Amherst Agriculture College. In connection with her work she is also head of the graduate library there.

Grace Thompson is a librarian in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Helen McIntosh Shepherd, '12, of Sharon announces the birth of a daughter.

The engagement of May Lowden to Austin Talner, Beta Theta Pi, has been announced.

Gladys Tibbets and Mabel Sargent, both of 1915, are teaching at Port Clinton, Ohio.

Elsie Connor, '16, and Rachel Carpenter, '16, are both teaching, "Connie" in New York and Rachel in Maine.

Great grief was felt at the death of Mrs. Helen Forbes Hawes, '98, of Lynn. She was the wife of Mr. Alfred K. Hawes.

Mrs. Emma Fall Schofield, '06, has been in Port Elizabeth, South Africa, since August, with Mr. Schofield, who is in the wool business.

OLIVE P. KIRSCHNER.

Beta Sigma, Adelphi College

Interesting news concerning the alumnae of our chapter is literally as hard to gather as picking daisies in snowfields. Not that they (the alumnae) are not doing interesting things (if one may judge by the past), but because they are seized with such feelings of compelling activity that they haven't time to tell of their various modes of expression; or else they are exceptionally modest and retiring; and some, I regret to say, are ill. Of the some forty odd appeals so poetically worded,

The very next number of THE KEY,
Will entertain exceedingly
With news of our alumnae;
So will you drop a line to me
Before the New Year; let it be

All about the present of you,
Let it tell of past deeds, too,
And of the future plans of you,
Please do!

I repeat, so appealingly metrical, and subtly lyrical, not one answer was received. So again I say, those not mentioned especially are either exceedingly preoccupied or exceedingly modest. But everyone is busy around Christmas and forgets self; so we will try to forget our touching lyric, and wishing all a truly happy 1917, give what we have gleaned concerning a few, apologizing if it has appeared in gleaned form before.

Marion Cutter, returning from Labrador, was saved when the *Stephano* was torpedoed, and was entertained by Mrs. French Vanderbilt at Newport for a few days.

Ethel Howell has established an employment bureau in Manhattan, and finds the work very interesting.

Elizabeth Trundle, who teaches in Maryland, spent the Christmas holidays in New York.

Wilhelmina Yoakum has a little daughter named Fanita in honor of the oldest Kappa of the Pando family.

We hope Jeannette Comstock will bring back interesting news of what takes the place of our Trinity chimes on New Years Day in Portland, Maine.

Dorothy Cooke is still working in that very crowded part of the East Side known as the Jacob Riis Settlement.

Idelle Scott has returned from Chicago, and is holding a good position in New York.

Marie Allison has been appointed a history teacher at Erasmus Hall High School.

Susan de Peyster will continue her study of chicken-raising and horticulture at Cornell after the gay festivities of the Christmas season.

Betty Stanton, now Mrs. Jeffery Mayo, is living in Philadelphia.

Elsie Hayward, spending the winter with her sister in Cuba, writes of seeing innumerable sugar plantations, innumerable stolid oxen, and innumerable black faces; also of consuming innumerable bananas.

MARY V. RANOUS.

Beta Alpha, University of Pennsylvania

Once upon a time, in a small, sleepy, little, far-away town there lived a KEY correspondent, and one fine day the Wizard of the Postoffice brought this K K Γ a nice letter from a lady editor saying—*But*—here the fairy story ends and the tragedy begins—the letter said that the next chapter letter was to be about our alumnae. Now, to begin with, we want you all to know that Beta Alpha has just the most active, most interested, and loveliest alumnae that any chapter ever had.

But—it just happens that there isn't very much news about them that we can find aside from what will go with their own letter. True, we

have a little that we might just whisper to you. There are five engaged Kappas in our alumnae. That is a big secret.

But—we can't tell you their names because our "guilty roll" hasn't been called and it wouldn't be quite fair to tell now.

The alumnae are going to give us our third and last rushing party at the house of Martha Shumaker.

But—the party is still a thing of the future, so we can't even tell you how many freshmen we will have with us.

But—(be of good cheer, sisters, there is only one more *but* to come in this letter and that is quite a few sentences away!).

At our last tea we were fortunate enough to have Mrs. Lingelbach and Mrs. Hopewood to pour for us and on the same day we were very glad to see Miss Otis.

Just before Christmas several of the graduates sent gifts to the chapter-rooms. One was a bowl of gold-fish, which we appreciated very much.

You see we really haven't much to tell you about them.

But—we are very glad of one thing—that is, that we can take this opportunity to let other Kappas know how much we appreciate the unflagging interest and help that our big sisters are continually extending to us, and how much we thank them for the innumerable "little things" that in the long run are really "big things."

JESSIE T. McCULLOCH.

Beta Iota, Swarthmore College

The class of 1913 are all married. Dorothy Phillips married Arthur Robertson; Martha Sharpless married Laurence Hess, '12, a Delta Upsilon from Swarthmore; and Jo Foster married Ralph Linton, '14, of Swarthmore.

Our two Phi Beta Kappas of the class of '15 are teaching. Sarah Sheppard is supervisor of gymnastics in Latrobe schools and Reba Camp is teaching English and mathematics in York High School.

Margaret Milne, '15, has become engaged in a very modern profession—that of a moving-picture actress. So far she has been in two pictures. One entitled the *Lash of Destiny* is produced by the Drama Film Corporation and the other is a Pathé *Ninth Episode of the Double Cross*. Because Margaret is just commencing this work her parts in the above plays are minor ones but Mr. Parke, one of the directors of Pathé, has promised her a very important rôle in the near future. In the summer Margaret does Chautauqua work.

"Dos" Fitch, '14, also travels with Chautauqua during the summer. This winter she is fulfilling engagements as a dramatic reader.

Ruth Stevenson, '16, Phi Beta Kappa, is taking up a business course at Pierce's Business College.

Elizabeth Shoemaker, '16, is teaching gymnastics in Media schools.

Rachael Shoemaker, '14, announced her engagement to Jack Matthews, a Phi Epsilon Kappa from Swarthmore.

At the last chapter meeting, December 13, we had our Christmas party. Winifred Hodge, '18, due to an operation, was unable to be with us but by means of a lovely letter she announced her engagement to Lesly Eby, '16, a Phi Kappa Psi from Swarthmore.

Beta Iota sends her best wishes for a prosperous New Year to all.

RUTH KISTLER.

BETA PROVINCE

Psi, Cornell University

Sarah Burns, '10, was married in Bristol, Pa., September, 1916, to the Reverend Walter G. Harter. She is residing now in Webster, S. D.

Evelyn Thorp, '16, is residing at 326 Maple Ave., Edgewood Park, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Elsie Botsford, '16, is teaching biology and home economics in Ridgefield, Conn.

Louise Ormsby, '15, is substituting in the Oswego High School, Oswego, N. Y.

Marie Townsend, '16, now Mrs. T. V. Scudder, has a baby girl, Ruth.

Margaret Merriss, '14, is now teaching gymnastics at Vassar.

Dorothy Purdy, '18, has just returned from Waco, Texas, where she has spent the past month.

Elisabeth Banks, '14, is in charge of the Home Economics Department in the new Willoughby House Settlement, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Marion Gushee, '16, is teaching chemistry in Beechwood Hall, Jenkintown, Pa.

Lucy Park has a prominent position in the Western Union Telegraph Co., N. Y.

Louise Townsend, A.B. '13, M.D. '16, is at the Bellevue Hospital, New York.

Virginia Van Atta, '15, is teaching dancing in Elmira, N. Y.

Elizabeth Jane Pritchard, '15, is teaching home economics in Porto Rico.

Jane McKelway, now Mrs. L. Urquhart, is residing at 127 Eddy St., Ithaca, N. Y.

Margaret Cuthbert is running the "Princess Pat" tearoom in Ithaca, N. Y.

Wilhelmina Wissmann, now Mrs. F. E. Yoakum, Jr., has a small daughter, Fanita. She is residing in Berkeley, Cal.

Esther Ford was married in June, 1916, in New York City to Mr. Justin T. Wait. She is now residing in Ithaca, N. Y.

Clara Howard is assistant to the secretary of the Cornelian Council of Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Beta Tau, Syracuse University

"Going, going, gone," proclaimed the auctioneer, otherwise a Kappa senior, at the alumnae fair held the Saturday afternoon before Thanks-

giving. The Kappa fair has become an annual event with Beta Tau chapter. For weeks ahead, active Kappas wrack their brains to think of "something different" for the fair, and for weeks ahead, loyal alumnae plan their Christmas lists to include novelties from the bazaar. This year, it became a regular party when the alumnae brought forth an attractive lunch. We cleared \$75 which will be used on the chapter house fund.

Now for alumnae personals!

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Murphy (formerly Rhea Hawley) have a new little son born in October.

Cherrie Sutton, '15, is Assistant Superintendent of the State Employment Bureau in Syracuse.

Martha Reed, '14, is field secretary of the New York State Consumers' League. We were proud to see Martha's picture in a recent city paper as one of the prominent women in the Industrial Convention session at that time.

Ernestine Holyoke, '15, is teaching English in Greenwich, N. Y.

Marian Pyle, '16, is employed with the Curtis Publishing Company in Philadelphia.

Eloise Greene, '14, is teaching in Fairport, N. Y.

The Syracuse-Colgate game drew many alumnae back to the chapter house for the week-end. Mrs. William Wusthof (formerly Amanda Hall), Marie Meves, Marie Wood, Ernestine Holyoke, Helen Sherwood, Maud Losee, and Martha Reed composed the list of visitors.

Christina Thorpe, '15, is teaching art and music in Perry, N. Y.

Maud Losee, '15, is teaching English in Fair Haven, N. Y.

On December 2, Mabel Mansfield and Karl Keefer were married. Mr. Keefer is a member of Psi Upsilon fraternity. All the active chapter was invited to the wedding.

Marie Wood, '16, announced her engagement to Gordon Hoople at the chapter house several weeks ago. Mr. Hoople is a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Marie is teaching English in Minoa, a suburb of Syracuse.

Vivien Diéfenderfer, '16, has a position in the Buffalo Library.

Grace Campbell, '08, is conducting studio classes in Jacksonville, Fla. She is also gaining quite a reputation as a portrait painter.

Mabel Potter Daggett is travelling in Europe in order to study conditions as a background for a new book.

Professor Belle Brewster has charge of the Women's Glee Club and is conducting a series of concerts given by this club.

HELEN ROSS.

Beta Psi, University of Toronto

Von, assuredly, is a sort of encyclopedia—at least, so far as the alumnae go—and to Von's room I repair to discuss our Kappa ancestors. We certainly can name a considerable number who have cast off the care-free air of an undergraduate, to assume the dignity of a pedagogue. First

and foremost, there is our graduate and president of 1916, Helen Kerby, who is instilling the useful science of housekeeping into many youthful minds. Then Gertrude and Mabel Patrick, who were seniors when we were freshies, are teaching in Winnipeg, while Mary Holmes and Laura Ockley are on the household science staff of our own university. Muriel Wallace and Dorothy Luke at Oshawa, Helen Scott at Whitby, and Laura Denton at Hamilton are, we are glad to say, all well known to us. Then there is Jessie Keagey who is teaching at Dundas, and Irenie Stitt at Ottawa. Last, but not least, do we mention Lexa Denne, who represents our chapter in Victoria, B. C.

And how proud we are of the little Kappa sisters! There is "Cutie" whom Helen Henderson proudly exhibits, the wee daughters of Helen Abbs, of Grace Grange Lailey, of Grace Maclaren Lailey, and of Jo Dickson whose husband is a medical missionary in China. Mrs. Dickson, by the way, is Von's sister whom those of us who have never seen her are most anxious to meet.

Then there are others who can no longer claim the title of spinster. Bea Graham is in Toronto, Lenora Dwight in Ottawa, and Elsa Downing "in the West." Of Katharine McElroy we think with mingled feelings of sympathy and pride, for she lives in England while her husband is on active service. Ethel Russell, whose husband is a minister, is also in England.

We cannot help realizing as we go through the list, that the Kappas are indeed scattered far and wide. Gertrude Meredith is in Vancouver, and so is Shirley Clement; Marjory Flanders is in London, Ontario; Gladys Burns is living in England for the time being; Madeline Jenner, who visited our chapter and installed the new officers at our last meeting, lives at St. Catherines; Mary Shorey is at Port Hope; and Dora Suddaby is at Ferne. There are, however, several who, we are happy to say, are still in Toronto: Velma Hamill, engaged in Y. W. C. A. work; Lily Denton, in the Public Library; Helen Carscadden attending Faculty; and "Tommy" Denne who is nursing in the General Hospital.

ELEANOR MEWS.

Beta Beta, St. Lawrence University

We are glad of an opportunity to sing the praises of our alumnae, but we fear we cannot do them justice. There are many stars, but we have only space and time to mention the constellations.

If you belong to Beta province you will be interested to know that our delegate, Mrs. Worth P. Abbot, of Rochester has been chosen Province President. Mrs. Abbot is a member of the class of '01. In the suffrage movement she has won distinction as a speaker, and she holds the offices of Chairman of Finance of Monroe County, and captain of her Election District.

Dr. Lucia E. Heaton, '79, of Canton, has recently started out upon a lecture tour. Dr. Heaton is a well-known speaker on hygiene and other branches of medical work.

Mrs. Charlotte Kimball Kruesi, '92, of New York, has distinguished herself as a socialist. Miss Henrietta Lake, '86, also of New York, has attained great success as an educator. She is head of a very select school in New York City.

Mrs. Florence Lee Whitman, '82, of Cambridge, has shown herself to be a woman of great ability and moral courage. She became a member of the school board in Cambridge, and proved herself a staunch defender of the right, as well as a good fighter against the secret evil practises of the educators of that city. Her successful fight culminated in a brilliant victory last spring, when Mrs. Whitman, in opposition to the entire school board, won her cause.

Mrs. Amy Lyon Phetepiece, '99, has just returned from Heidelberg, Germany, where she has resided since leaving college. Mrs. Phetepiece states that Germany seems quite undisturbed by the war, and that she herself was very comfortable in her home in Heidelberg.

Dr. Emma Sherman Powell, '76, a celebrated physician of Washington, returned last June across the continent to the fortieth anniversary of her class.

These are the far-scattered celebrities of Beta Beta, but we have with us in Canton the most loyal alumnae a chapter could wish for. "Cousin Camie," Mrs. C. K. Gaines, wife of Professor C. K. Gaines—if none of these titles suit you, you will find her maiden name in the Kappa songbook—shines with unparalleled luster at home and abroad in the many reflections of her glory through her younger Kappa sisters.

Beta Beta sends Happy New Year Greetings to all our Kappa sisters, and to all our dear alumnae.

ELIZABETH A. ROOP.

GAMMA PROVINCE

Gamma Rho, Allegheny College

Gamma Rho is proud of her new Province President, Helen McClintock, '04, whom those of you who attended Convention will doubtless remember better as "Rastus." Miss McClintock is a member of the faculty of Geneva College where she teaches modern languages.

Two other alumnae, Leone McLean, '10, and Miriam Shryock, '14, are doing settlement work in New York City this year.

Edna Yost, '13, has recently obtained a position in New York City in the circulation department of *The Pictorial Review*.

Elizabeth Ling, '12, has a secretarial position in Kansas City.

Marguerite Fuller, ex-'10, and Josephine Shryock, '12, are doing settlement work in connection with the Italian Mission in Meadville.

Of our last year's seniors Mary Carroll, Emma Waring, Florence Downing, Bernice Thoburn, and Helen Mackenzie are teaching; Louisa Smith and Elizabeth Best are at home; and Helen Gates has a position in her father's office.

That the alumnae still have the best interests of old Gamma Rho at heart is shown by their loyal support and by the fact that over twenty of them have come back to call on us at different times this year.

ESTHER L. EMERY.

Lambda, Municipal University of Akron

The active chapter and a few of the alumnae entertained Mrs. Kolbe at a luncheon at Stow Tavern, near Akron, Dec. 1. As we all sat around the table we listened eagerly to all that Mrs. Kolbe had to tell us about her pleasant experiences.

Julia and Helen Hardie entertained the active chapter at a dinner party.

Ruth Theiss entertained informally at her home for the actives and the younger alumnae.

Mrs. Parshall entertained for the alumnae and the active chapter at a thimble party.

Initiation was held at Rachael Fleming's Dec. 14. We initiated two of our pledges who are upperclassmen.

Every year a Christmas spread is held in the rooms for the actives and alumnae.

We have made many plans for the New Year and, of course, many good resolutions.

Lambda wishes you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.

FLORENCE TANNER.

DELTA PROVINCE

Iota, De Pauw University

The members of the 1916 class seem to have found their calling as pedagogues although matrimony promises to scatter their ranks soon.

Dorothy Lockwood is teaching in Montezuma, Indiana.

Jean Morris is teaching in Greenwood, Indiana.

Lela Clare Lammers is in Wisconsin specializing in domestic science.

Catherine Cox has a school in the mountains of West Virginia.

Mildred Morgan is teaching in Akron, Ohio.

The marriage of Agnes Steiner to William Stuckey took place in Indianapolis in October.

Charlotte Wells is teaching in Goldsmith, Indiana.

Lu Ethel Davis is teaching near Roachdale, Indiana.

Esse and Mona Summers have been studying in Boston University this fall.

Mary Tucker Noble is studying music in Boston this year.

Frances Neff is teaching in Cass, Indiana.

Maude Gwinn is in Wisconsin, studying to be a Y. W. C. A. secretary.

The marriage of Leola Trueblood to Fred Brooks took place the last of September.

Josephine Dages is teaching in Bremen, Indiana.

A baby was born to Mary Lockwood Letzler on October 9.

Janet Gray was married to "Banty" Dale on November 11.

A son was born to Isabel Hughes Remy in September.

The marriage of Julia Shubrick to Hermann Kothe will take place February 13.

A son was born to Lalah Randel Warner on August 10.

Ruth Irwin has been instructing in the Epileptic House in Skillman, New York.

Miss Elizabeth Rose of the class of '91 is chaperoning Iota chapter this year.

Helen Black Hamrick of Chile has returned to Indiana to spend a year with her mother, Mrs. Lucy Black.

Kathleen Campbell visited Florence Black Sloan in New York last summer and is now at her home in Attica, Indiana.

Minnie Royse Walker and her husband visited Iota chapter on October 25.

Agnes Pike Ridlun, who is living in Savannah, Ga., visited in Indiana this summer while Mr. Ridlun who is Government physician was called to New York during the infantile paralysis epidemic.

Martin Ostrom Benedict is spending a year in Evanston, Ill., while Mr. Benedict is studying for a degree.

A baby girl was born to Mayme Trueblood Whitmer in September.

The marriage of Naomi Gregg to John Clinton Emison will take place Saturday, January 20.

KATHARINE BENEDICT.

Mu, Butler College

The active Mu chapter of Butler College is blessed with two alumnae clubs which watch over our activities and play the rôle of fairy-godmother. The first Saturday in December the Indianapolis Alumnae Association, having Kappas from many different colleges, gave a Christmas party to which the active Mus were invited. The party was held at the home of Mrs. Lucius Hamilton and we had a "right merrie" time, hunting gifts hidden all over the house, and eating real plum pudding by the light of flaming brandy held in a nutshell on each plate.

The Mu Alumnae Association had a meeting with the active chapter on January 6 at the home of Mrs. P. M. Dill, in Irvington, one of our Butler charter members. The meeting was in celebration of the thirty-ninth birthday anniversary of the chapter and was a symposium, similar to that of Convention, of the past, present, and future of the Mu chapter.

Ethel DeVaney is planning to attend Johns Hopkins University in January.

Our four seniors who were graduated, June 1916, Freda Hazeltine, Georgia Fillmore, Louise Hughel, and Louise Rau have been busily engaged this winter in office, Y. W. C. A., and library work. Freda Hazeltine is at home in Kokomo, Indiana; the other three are at home in

Indianapolis, so they are always on hand for such big events as pledge service, initiation, and "freshman stunt night."

Mrs. Gertrude Pruitt Hutchcraft, Mrs. Minabel Morris Hunt, Mrs. Lucile Scott Brayton, Miss Marguerite Hubbard, Miss Louise Rau, Miss Louise Hughel, and Mrs. Virginia Rodofer Harris, Mrs. Juliet Brown Coleman, Mrs. Mary Galvin Davidson, as chaperons, were "among those present" at the Mu Annual Christmas Dance, December 20.

Frank Brown is teaching at Noblesville; Marguerite Hubbard at Anderson; Mary Jane Brandon at Kokomo.

We have three alumnae at the Indianapolis Y. W. C. A., Pearl Forsythe, Mable Felt, and Georgia Fillmore.

Betty Bogert is active in The Little Theatre Society of Indianapolis, having appeared with distinction in several productions this season.

Clare Nelson is taking an Indiana University Extension course in dramatics.

Mrs. Margrette Boyer Shortemeir, an alumna for two years, is active again in Mu, and will take her A.B. from Butler this June. Mr. Shortemeir is Secretary of Harry New, Senator Elect of Indiana, and this means that Margrette will soon be leaving us to live in Washington, D. C.

FLORENCE MOFFETT.

Delta, University of Indiana

First of all, Delta extends to every Kappa many wishes for the happiest New Year that may be had.

What a pleasure it is to glance over the names of our alumnae and to see to what heights they are climbing. We realize that Kappa is being strengthened and glorified by each new achievement of her members.

You can imagine how proud we were last fall to have Marion Janes return to us as General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at the University.

Kappa is well represented among the instructors at I. U. this year; Marion Janes in the Mathematics Department, Ruth Maxwell and Daphne Hoffman in the French Department, and Mrs. Scott (Nell Laughlin) in the English Department.

Moma Hickam was appointed assistant superintendent of the Woman's and Girls' division of the Federal Employment Service last fall. Her office is in the Federal Building at Indianapolis.

Anna Mary Dye and Richard Rice of the English Department were married in June. They have gone East to live. Professor Rice is connected with Smith College.

Ruth Telfer and Maurice Barret were married at the Bloomington Methodist Church in June. They live at Louisville, Ind. Mr. Barret is pastor of one of the churches at that place.

Helen Barbour and Donald Dickson were married in October and live in Dallas, Texas.

Ellen Hobbs and Helen Hicks were both October brides and went East to live.

Ruth Weatherly is married and lives in Indianapolis.

Dorothy Bell is teaching at Greenfield, Mildred Kuhn at Oxford, and Doris Carpenter in the Blind Institute at Indianapolis. Nellie Van Antwerp and Hilda Cleveland are teaching also. These girls were seniors in 1916.

Mrs. Helen Beck and Mrs. Cecil Hanna Kier who live in Maine and Pennsylvania sent us baby announcements last fall.

We are starting the New Year with a large reception to introduce our new chaperon to our alumnae and the faculty. Mrs. Myers is a Kappa and was formerly Fla Lillard.

The girls enjoyed having Leafy Davis with them as chaperon for a few weeks last October.

KATE DE PEW.

Beta Chi, University of Kentucky

Beta Chi is proud of its alumnae, and indeed it has just cause to be, for many have already gone out into the world and formed for themselves positions of honor and distinction. The following are a few personals showing just what our alumnae are doing.

Mary E. Sweeney, for a long time head of the home economics branch of the College of Agriculture, has recently been made Dean of the College of Home Economics.

Sarah Chorn is one of the leading French instructors in the University of Kentucky.

Aubyn Chinn, formerly instructor of home economics in this University, is now doing extension work under government supervision in this state.

Elizabeth Moore, besides teaching in the public schools of Louisville, is also doing excellent social service work by teaching a night class in practical cookery for working girls under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A. in that city.

Katherine Mitchell has installed and is head of a department of home economics in the public schools of Bowling Green.

Sarah Carter is instructor of gymnasium in the University of Kentucky.

Mamie Taylor, Elizabeth Rodes, Katherine Logan, and Dolly Battaile are teaching in the Lexington public schools.

Carleton Brewer is teaching in La Grange, Kentucky; Natalie Woodruff in Eminence; Martha Willis in Shelbyville; and Charlotte Willis in Finchville, Kentucky.

Alice Greagory and Elizabeth Booker are doing social service work in Louisville, Kentucky.

Then some of our members are practicing domestic art and home-making, but not in the public schools.

So you see from our enterprising alumnae the kind of girls we hope to be. The types are varied, so surely among them all we may find our proper niche. We only hope that when we leave our dear Alma Mater,

the active chapters we leave behind us may be as proud of us as we are of our alumnae.

MARY TURNER.

EPSILON PROVINCE

Xi, Adrian College

Mrs. William Anderson, '96, has become known to many people through her assistance in the latest revision of Robert's "Rules of Order." After graduating from Adrian, she studied under General Robert, who found her such a thorough student of parliamentary law that he selected her to assist him in later revisions of his work.

Margaret Aldrich was married October 23 to Rev. Ernest J. Krueger of Billings, Mont.

Katherine Mersereau is taking work for a Master's degree at Chicago University, and while there she is assisting in the University library.

Ruth Anthony is attending the Chicago school of Civics and Philanthropy.

Irene Jennings is engaged in efficiency work in Chicago.

Tatt Link has given up her work in art and has accepted a position in Paris, Ill.

Mable Price is instructor of music in the schools of Mitchell, S. D.

Margaret Matthews is assistant educational secretary at the Y. W. C. A. in Detroit.

FAYE REES.

Kappa, Hillsdale College

The correspondent for the Kappa chapter humbly presents to the public gaze (Mrs. Editor permitting) these few and insufficient facts concerning several alumnae members:

Miss Nellie A. Montgomery, '97, is now a science healer in Marshfield, Ore., her full address being 195 Twelfth Street.

Among the number of brides last June we find Helen Mauck, '12. She married Dr. Clay Ball of Muncie, Ind., where they are making their home.

Not more than half a block from our campus Dr. Shirley Smith Thompson, '90, is now living with her mother and it is a great treat for us to become acquainted with such an interesting woman and her three delightful sunny-haired children. Dr. Thompson is in this country for an indefinite stay after many years of missionary work in India. Her husband will join her here before their return.

One of the teachers in National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C., is Edna Smith, a graduate in 1914, and we have heard from several sources that she is a favorite chaperon for the young ladies; spent last summer with some of them at a camp in the Maine woods and has recently been chosen "mother" of one of the local fraternities.

Mr. and Mrs. Cary Walker Hayes have a baby boy, Cary Alden, who was born January 11, 1916. Mrs. Hayes was formerly Joy Mauck of Hillsdale.

Another of our interesting alumnae sisters was with us a few days this fall; this was Mrs. Mary Ward Phelps, '90, of Kyoto, Japan, where she as volunteer teacher and Mr. Phelps as Y. M. C. A. Secretary are carrying on a wonderful work. Mr. and Mrs. Phelps will be in Montclair, N. J., until next summer when they will return, via Hillsdale, to their field of service.

Miss Faith Elliot, '11, has an excellent position at the University of Michigan as matron and dietitian at the University Hospital.

Although not a graduate, one Kappa of the late eighties might be mentioned to show the variety of the activities our worthy sisters have entered. Miss Florence Wyllis is a popular modiste at Austin, Ill., her specialty being to make gowns to suit odd types of people.

MARY LOUISE NOE.

ZETA PROVINCE

Epsilon, Illinois Wesleyan

The last letter from our revered Editor suggested "only short alumnae personals instead of the regular chapter letter"; she also requested news concerning those Kappa alumnae who were not members of a Kappa club. That is a somewhat hard task, for so many of our former active members who are not yet identified with the alumnae organization, are hard to keep in touch with. But we'll try to solve this Kappa puzzle if possible; at least we'll endeavor to throw some light upon the doings of our sisters who have not seen fit to enter the ranks of a Kappa club.

Sina Belle Read, '16, has returned to Pulaski, Tennessee, where she is teaching French in Martin College. She says that Martin College is a girls' school, very particular as to rules and regulations!

Helena Karr, '13, is teaching English in the high school at Pekin, Illinois.

Guida Hudson, '14, is a teacher in the English Department at Washburn, Illinois. Mary Green, '13, is teaching mathematics in the high school at Hoopeston, Illinois. Nelle Beggs, '15, is teaching science in the high school at Stanford, Illinois.

Helen Roe is teaching home economics in the high school at Granville, Illinois.

Constance Ferguson, '16, has returned to her duties at the University of Illinois, where she is doing postgraduate work.

Alice Marquis, '15, has returned to Boston, Massachusetts, following a few weeks' visit at home during the holidays. She is studying at Sargent. Beginning with February 1 she will take charge of her duties as physical director for the girls of the high school here at Bloomington.

Sibyl Kraft, '16, is spending the winter at her home near Towanda. She reports life there as very uneventful, but restful and quiet.

Mrs. Elbert Finley, formerly Wilha Van Petten, '17, who was married last August, is very cosily settled in her pretty little home in Cooksville, Illinois.

Frances Hanson, '14, is teaching English in the high school at Paxton, Illinois. Louise Evans has also joined the ranks of those who seek to train "the young idea." She is teaching near Bloomington, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ewins of Carlock, Illinois, are the parents of a baby girl, born December 26, 1916. Another prospective Kappa! Mrs. Ewins was formerly Eva Puterbaugh.

Mrs. Uel Sinclair, formerly Mary McIntosh, '14, is residing at Ashland, Illinois.

We of Epsilon send greetings to all Kappas.

MARGARET HAYWARD.

Chi, University of Minnesota

In obedience to the editor's demand for "alumnae news," I had planned to make my letter a miniature edition of *Town Topics*—risqué bits of gossip about our most revered alumnae. But what can a struggling young reporter do with alumnae like ours?—impeccable women who keep clothes and linen and food in their cupboards, instead of skeletons?—as if Kappa were a charm to make them scandal-proof. Of course, there have been a handful of weddings—of Esther Davis to Ralph Hoffman (of Seattle); of June Clark Dickey to Dr. Reed—of Dorothy Davis to Clinton Roenisch. But what flavor is there to a proper wedding with a tulle veil and a valid license? Even Marjorie Atwood, whom we might have counted on to elope, disappointed us with a home wedding.

Then there are the proper little babies that Virgie Higgins Calloway and Helen Robertson Cobb have just come to town to taunt us with—good little babies that never cry, nor swear. Even the other offspring—Florence Robinson Westlake's Patricia, and Ellen Hastings Bailey's boy, and Florence Powell Gallagher's—all seem to thrive and show no signs of criminal neglect. Enough of the domestic gossip.

Our "New Woman" section is more discouraging, if anything. Corrinne Bliss, who might have shown enough ambition to be President, contents herself with a mere splendid position in Lord and Taylor's. Emily Simmons, neglecting all tender ties in Minneapolis, went to Chicago and acquired a career. Now she is planning to acquire another in New Haven Philanthropic Circles. Two of our alumnae, Miss Webb and Agnes Beldon, evidently so enjoyed providing a home for the chapter girls, that they turned to providing homes for working girls.

Florence Harrison is coaching the *toute ensemble* of amateur dramatics in Minneapolis. Gladys Pattee is teaching art in Duluth. Mrs. Frederic Washburn is Vice-president of the Woman's Club, etc., etc., etc. But among them all, not one woman Senator, you see.

CLARE SHENEHON.

Beta Lambda, University of Illinois

Just a word must be said this month of Beta Lambda's wandering sisters. First Mrs. Nickoley, '99, is in Urbana waiting until the war is over to return to Syria. Then we hear of Ann H. White, who is in Chicago as librarian of the National Safety Council, and Lucille Jones Howard who is also in Chicago but busy with her family, and Ruth Abbott, also of Chicago. Genevive Rhour Fisher is in Washington with her husband and Helen James Frazer is in Evanston very occupied with her son, Edmund Frazer, born October 3, 1916. Margaret Herdman is librarian at Rockford College, Ill.

Eva McIntyre Gauger is in St. Paul and busy with her husband and son. Helen Margaret Milligan is teaching in Hinsdale, Ill. Laura Albend is teaching in Aurora. Dorothy Hormel is in New York solving immigrant problems. Mae Sexauer is teaching public speaking in Centralia. Dorothy Chew is leading the young thought in the way it should go in Spanish and algebra in Pueblo. Harriet Barto is taking a master degree at Columbia. Irene Liggett is doing social work in New York. Pauline Halliwell is writing for her father's paper in Chicago. Clementine Taggart is University Secretary at Illinois. Laura Bardwell is teaching at Newman. Laura Hirth is teaching at Lombard College. Georgia Castleberry Merrill is the proud mother of a little daughter and is in Michigan where "George" farms. Mildred Scroggin Foster was married this past fall. Florence Yock is landscaping in California.

And so the news runs on about all of our beloved sisters for whom, if we have no more room on paper, we have plenty in our hearts. To those mentioned and not mentioned we send our best wishes for a happy New Year.

ELEANOR JEWETT.

ETA PROVINCE

Beta Zeta, University of Iowa

Like the salt of the earth, Beta Zeta's alumnae are scattered broadcast throughout the United States. In the East and the West, the North and the South, you will find them, just fresh from the Iowa salt cellar. Caroline Newcomb is at Columbia now, taking a postgraduate course in home economics. But she is not alone in the city, for Iowa shook out two grains in that spot. At Hunter College you will find Henrietta Prentiss as head of the English Department.

In the South, Hazel Kent is in charge of public school music at Memphis, Tennessee. Then, out in the West, is another grain, in the Black Hills of the Dakotas. This is Alice Loos, head of the department of public speaking and physical training of the high school at Rapid City.

But it is here in Iowa that the salt is sprinkled most thickly. At Des Moines in particular the numbers are growing. Ruth Bewsher is a reporter on the *Register and Leader*; Frances Brown is at home; and

Augusta Brown is the wife of Dr. Fred Moore. In the East Des Moines High School, Dean Newcomb is teaching history.

Then in other parts of the state there are individual grains. At Waterloo, Lydia Eicher is engaged in social welfare work. Florence Von Auk is at home in Davenport, and Cornelia Prentiss is more than at home in Atlantic as wife of Harold F. Shrauger and mother of young Harold Junior. Muriel Arthur is Mrs. Harold Trewin and her home is in Cedar Rapids. There Corinne Jackson conducts a private school of dancing. Katharyn Kennedy is at home in Montrose. In the State University, Gertrude Van Wagenen is an assistant in the Department of Zoölogy. Helen Loos is secretary to the Dean of the Graduate College. Norma Owen is the wife of Jesse Howell, and lives on a farm not far from Iowa City.

In such manner have the four winds blown the grains from Beta Zeta's salt cellar over the United States.

BEATRICE BEIM.

Omega, University of Kansas

This letter is to be solely about our alumnae, I know. But I am going to tell this much about ourselves—though alumnae are in it too. Just when we feared we would be obliged to eat with tin silverware, our town alumnae gave us a lovely Christmas present of a set of knives and forks with K K T on the tip end.

We were so glad to have so many of our alumnae back for the Kansas-Missouri football game, Thanksgiving day. Two of the girls were fortunate enough to have older Kappa sisters visit them. Mrs. Alonzon Buzick of Salina visited her sister, Victoria Burrough, and Mrs. Ben Hagler of Wichita spent a few days with her sisters, Lydia and Bess Ainsworth.

Nina Kanaga, who graduated in 1915, is now teaching music in a girls' school in Concepcion, Chile. She writes back very interesting reports of her missionary work there. In less than six months she had learned Spanish well enough to be able to teach her classes in that language.

Gertrude Lobdell, who graduated just last spring, was married this fall in Washington, D. C., to Mr. Gervais Berry. They are now making their home in Chico, Cal.

Helen Dawson, who took her degree in music last year, now has a class of piano students at her home in Great Bend.

Blanche Mullen and Beulah Davis, both of whom graduated last year, are teaching in Burlington and Leavenworth.

Mrs. James Donelan and Miss Helen Hurst of Kansas City were here for our Christmas dinner the Wednesday before vacation.

There are lots more alumnae, doing lots more things, I know. But this poor KEY correspondent begs to be excused, if she has omitted someone very important, because just before Christmas, people are hard to find.

MARJORIE A. RICKARD.

Beta Mu, University of Colorado

So this is to go into the alumnae number, and we are to tell what our alumnae are doing? They are doing lots of things for us. Just lately, the alumnae in Denver gave a bazaar at which they sold all sorts of things for Christmas, and served dinner and danced in the evening. They made quite a bit of money, part of which went to the Students' Aid Fund and the rest came to Beta Mu to put aside for a new house. Yes, we have high aspirations for a new home. Then our good alumnae for a Christmas present gave us sofa cushion covers and have promised to come up in a body and sew them on our cushions. I'll tell you we are certainly happy to have them.

Several of the alumnae have been doing things toward Christmas money, and Mildred Maloney has opened a little shop in which she sells all sorts of pretty novelties. Estelle Kyle has been spending her spare time making fancy hat boxes, but these are for her fortunate friends and not for sale. Jo Zelph has also felt the Christmas spirit—she came up to Boulder and played Santa Claus for our Christmas Party. Kate Nelson came home for the holidays after teaching school and playing Camp Fire girl for a year. We are all thankful to Alice Dorming for though she breeds terror to the poor freshmen in her English class she has a kindly spirit and gave the house a beautiful picture which was very much needed and admired. The rest of our alumnae are busy, especially now at Christmas time. We see them semioccasionally, but for real news of them they are a terribly secret bunch.

GEORGIE KISTLER.

Gamma Alpha, Kansas State Agricultural College

Oh dear! isn't it dreadful that our first letter to THE KEY has to be an alumnae letter when we have so many other interesting things to tell: all about our winning the scholarship coffee urn for the second year, and if we win it this year—and we will—it will be ours for our very own; and the beautiful silver cup we won Aggie Pop (ularity) Night for presenting the most beautiful and original stunt of all the organizations on the "Hill"; and our Christmas dance at Riverside Club, Saturday, December 30, at Wichita, Kansas, to which all the Kappas anywhere near or far away have a cordial invitation; and above all, our joy and pride of just being Kappas and the wonderful privilege of striving to keep Kappa ideals and standards.

We have nine of the most loyal of all alumnae, all striving to extend to the outside world the influence of our dear Alma Mater: Meta Sheaff has charge of the Domestic Science Department and lunchroom of Argentine High School, Kansas City, Kansas (as well as a new Beta pin); Vivian Herron is at the head of the Domestic Science and Art Department of the high school in Baldwin, Kansas; Hazel Groff is at the head of the Domestic Science and Art Department of the high school at Lansing, Kansas; Rembert Harshbarger is the instructor of the Domestic Art

Department at Fowler, Kansas; Frances Ewalt is the head of the Domestic Science and Art Department at Morrill, Kansas; Mildred Branson of Winfield, Kansas, and Julia Holmes of Duarte, California, are just enjoying staying at home; Juanita Reynolds, our president, graduates this Christmas and will take charge of a large delicatessen shop at Topeka, Kansas; and Mrs. Ruth Hill Hobbs, a little mother to us all, is our only representative in city Panhellenic.

ALENE HIBARGER.

THETA PROVINCE

Beta Theta, University of Oklahoma

While we have been busy with school and social affairs, we consider that our visit from Mrs. Kolbe is by far the most important event of our school year. She has made us realize that Kappa as a national organization is made up of members just as human as ourselves. Through Mrs. Kolbe's sympathy and womanliness we have come to think of the Grand Council as not differing so much from our own dear patronesses.

Beta Theta rejoices in additional student honors. Iris Baughman and Barbara Schlabach have been pledged Kappa Delta Pi. Litta Ball has been elected to Ka-nun-ta-klage, the college dramatic club, and before the Christmas holidays played the rôle of Mrs. Linden in *A Doll's House*, which, by the way, was coached by one of our members, Marie Anderson, who is now a member of the faculty here. Edith Ross has been elected to membership in Grub Street Club, an organization of amateur authors.

Since our last letter we have pledged Lela Copeland, Sulphur, Oklahoma.

On November 7 we gave a sewing party for the purpose of embroidering numbers on the new football blankets. When the forty blankets were finished we tramped out to the country, and on the leeward side of a hollow built a fire and roasted "wienies" and marshmallows.

The pledges entertained the active members with a dance at the chapter house on November 10. Every detail was worked out artistically, and we are proud that our freshmen make such charming hostesses.

The week-end before Thanksgiving we gave a house party for the entire chapter, with the girls who live outside the chapter house as guests. At dinner on the first evening the place-cards, red maple leaves, bore on the second page the program for the party. The best of our stunts were the candy pull, the D. D. D. line party, and borrowers' luncheon. The D. D. D. refers to our club of dateless, dauntless damsels. This club meets on Saturday nights and any Kappa who does not have another engagement for the evening becomes a D. D. D. At our borrowers' luncheon each had the privilege of borrowing any garment that she saw and wished to wear. The result was a party of mirthful misfits.

Our annual Christmas masquerade was given just before the holidays. After searching from cellar to attic each girl was rewarded with a

foolish but appropriate trifle. The evening ended with a spread, and some Kappa songs, with the final triumph of a snake dance to the tune of "We Take Our Pick of the Freshmen."

On December 17, 1916, Nannie Ellen Taggart was married to Roy Baines, Sigma Chi.

Phi Gamma Delta has granted a charter to a petitioning local, and the chapter will probably be installed within the next few weeks.

Joshua Lee has won a national honor for the University of Oklahoma by winning the National Intercollegiate Prohibition contest, which was held recently at Lexington, Ky.

Beta Theta is looking forward with pleasure to the visit of Dr. Ulrich, who is to arrive within the next few days to deliver a series of lectures to the girls of our university.

MARIAM CRADDOCK.

Beta Xi, University of Texas

Helen Devine, who has recently resigned as president of Theta Province is at her home in Austin.

Julia Ideson, another prominent Texas Kappa is head librarian at the Houston Lyceum and Carnegie Library. She spent the year 1913-1914 as secretary of the American Art Students' Club in Paris, and returned when war broke out. She had the exciting experience of having a delightful walking trip in Belgium interrupted by the German invaders.

Katherine Searcy of Brenham, Texas, is also a librarian, having taken the course at the University of Texas and the University of Illinois; but she is at present making a home for her father and her small brothers.

IOTA PROVINCE

Beta Phi, University of Montana

Eva M. Coffee, '11, is finishing her last year at Busch Temple Conservatory, in Chicago.

Marjorie Lee Ross, '11, was married to John Howard Toole, October 3. They are at home in Missoula, Mont.

Mary Rankin Bragg, '09, who has been campaigning in Montana for her sister, Miss Jeannette Rankin, recently elected to Congress, returned to her home in Colfax, Wash., in time for the holidays.

Grace Rankin Kinney and daughter, Janette, expect to visit her mother, Mrs. John Rankin, in Missoula some time in January.

Dorothy Sterling, ex-'15, is visiting through the East and expects to return home in March.

Ethel Wilkinson Leech and Florence Leech have spent the holidays visiting friends in Missoula. They will leave early in January for a trip through the South, visiting the Panama Canal and returning-home by way of Washington in time for the inauguration of the President.

Dorothy and Eileen Donohue, who are attending Trinity College in Washington, are home for the holidays.

Edna Brandenburg, who is teaching in the Harlowtown High School, spent Thanksgiving in Missoula, visiting friends and attending the institute.

Josephine Hunt and Clarence Forbis were married December 15 in Kalispell. They will be at home in Missoula, after February 1.

Alvena Hodgson and Robert Borland were married December 14 in Kalispell and are at home in Missoula.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Weisel (Thula Toole), a fine baby boy, John R., October 3. Mr. and Mrs. Weisel are going to New York to visit, early in January.

Mr. and Mrs. Graybeal (Alice Mathewson) have moved from Anaconda, Montana, to their new home in Great Falls.

Grace Mathewson has moved, with her family, from Anaconda to Toronto.

Edith Feathermann of Philipsburg, Gertrude Skinner of Helena, Lillian Scroggan of Superior, Irene Murray of Lathrop, attended teachers' institute in Missoula during Thanksgiving week.

Frances Birdsall, '16, has moved from Missoula to International Falls, Minn.

Mary Elrod, '11, spent last summer at the Biological Station on Flathead Lake and is at home this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Thane (Margaret Lucy) and son, Shirley, spent the summer with Mr. Thane's people at their summer home near St. Paul.

Isabel Ronan and Anabel Ross spent the summer in San Francisco.

Margaret Lucy Thane and Abbie Lucy Swift entertained the Alumnae Association on the evening of December 2, at the home of Mrs. Swift.

Farrar Kennett visited Maude McCullough Turner in November and attended our progressive dinner.

Evelyn Polleys Mason, Sigma chapter, visited her sister, Josephine Polleys Mason, for six weeks in the fall, and returned to her home in Berkeley, Cal.

Cecile Johnson Campbell, ex-'14, and her young son spent the summer with her family in Missoula and returned in the fall to their home in Milwaukee, Wis.

Edna Fox McCormick, '10, is expecting Frances Jones, '09, who teaches in the Anaconda High School, to visit her during the latter part of January.

Helen Whitaker Donnally, '10, is now living in Anchorage, Alaska, where Mr. Donnally is employed in the construction of the Government railroad.

Alice Jordan, '17, of Anaconda, has announced her engagement, the wedding to take place in the spring.

Roxy Howell Derge, '06, and daughter, Barbara, of Salt Lake City, spent the summer and early autumn with relatives in Butte.

CHARLINE JOHNSON AND MARY ELROD.

Beta Pi, University of Washington

The football season*at the University of Washington is finished, and we are now the proud possessors of the ninth consecutive championship of the Northwest. Notable among the games was the 0-0 battle fought with the University of Oregon at Eugene, November 4, and the game was doubly exciting because of the band of Washington rooters who traveled southward in a special train to see their eleven in action. Twenty-two Kappas, with their chaperon, Mrs. Darlington, made the trip, and were royally entertained while at Eugene by the Beta Omega chapter. The Oregon girls were one and all perfectly charming, and the memories of the happy hours spent with them will long remain in the minds of the Beta Pis.

Toward the first of November the alumnae and active Kappas at Washington summoned all their courage and took a truly fatal step. This step consisted in the purchasing of a brand new piano—a beautiful Steinway parlor grand. Of course, we were all enraptured with it, but grand pianos cost money and Christmas was coming, so the Kappas, thinking to lift their burden of debt by honest labor, put to work their collective talents in a magnificent vaudeville, which they gave on the night of November 18. From the fanciful "Follies," wherein were displayed all our noted beauties in their most festive raiment, to the screamingly funny minstrel show, in which the equally noted wit and humor were given off in great abundance, the vaudeville was a great success. Doris Smith was, as usual, the star performer, with Jean McFee and Catherine Burnside as close seconds, and collectively or individually, they surely made a hit. The audience, chiefly composed of fathers and mothers, cheerfully paid exorbitant sums for candy, wrap-checking, etc., so Beta Pi finished the entertainment somewhat richer than when it began.

MIRIAM COLE.

KAPPA PROVINCE

Beta Eta, Stanford University

Of especial interest to us in our little world here on the Stanford Campus this semester is the policy of the administration under Dr. Wilbur, the new President of the University. While not in favor of college fraternities, he is tolerant of them so long as he considers their existence justified. To this end, he has taken steps toward investigation of their scholarship and financial status. A fraternity must, as a house, have an average of "C," and must be relatively free from debt, or it is in danger of being asked to discontinue its existence in the University. Women's fraternities have not so much to fear from this as men's, because in the nature of things they are more careful. But it make us realize that we must do our best to prove to the world that our organization is worth while—that we emphasize the things that count.

Mrs. Vandervort, our housemother of last year, who is a Kappa, is this year connected with the Lane Clinic in San Francisco, which is a branch

of the Stanford Medical Department so our interest in their activities is twofold. Mrs. Farmer Fuller, Jr., one of our alumnae, is president of the auxiliary of the clinic in San Francisco. Mary Therkelsen and Anita Colombet are members of the Campus Auxiliary Board and were instrumental in furthering the success of the play given for the Clinic charity work. As I write, the room is a confusion of tissue paper, ribbon, toys, and various articles of warm clothing, which are being made up into cheery Christmas boxes for the poor families for which the Clinic has asked us to provide.

"In the honors of one, we shall all be proud"—Nellita Choate has capped the climax of her series of attainments by making Phi Beta Kappa, with the special honor of doing it the first semester of her senior year.

As far as college activities go, we have been adequately represented. Flora Duncan and Christine Wetherby were in the cast for *The Show Shop*, the sophomore play. Nellita Choate had a leading part as the adventuress in *Seven Keys to Baldpate*. Angie Cross is working on the Junior Opera Committee. We had an intimate peep into the workings of the junior class when Mary Therkelsen, as its secretary, wrote the minutes at the luncheon table five minutes before meeting. Dorothy Hanna is so proficient in the aquatic arts that she has been allowed to assist in instruction of classes at the new woman's swimming pool which we all enjoy so much. Margaret May Biggar, Betty Barroll, Grace Morris, and Ethel Lee are members of the tennis team. Doris Gibbs has divided her time between plans for the Sophomore Cotillion and the demands made upon her as chairman of the Y. W. C. A. Social Committee.

We have "stepped out" as a house three times this semester. The first time was on the occasion of a reception for our housemother, Madame Thomas, of whom we are very fond. The next occasion was when we attended the wedding of Marie de Forrest and Alfred Edwards, in the beautiful Memorial Church here on the campus. The last time was at the event of an informal dance given in honor of Christmas freshmen.

Last month we sent out many invitations to an alumnae meeting, initiation, and banquet combined, and upon that occasion Mary Largent, Dorothy Driscoll, and Grace Morris became members of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Tonight, senior dinner in honor of our one graduate, Mary Stevick, marks the end of a most happy and prosperous semester for Beta Eta.

PHYLLIS AUZERAIS.

DIRECTORY OF MEETINGS

CHAPTERS

Any member of Kappa Kappa Gamma is cordially invited to attend meetings of the active chapters.

PHI

meets Wednesday afternoon at five o'clock at the chapter rooms, 491 Huntington Ave., Suite 5, Boston, Mass.

BETA SIGMA

meets every Wednesday afternoon at the College House, 68 St. James Place, Brooklyn, N. Y. Supper meetings first and third Wednesdays. We are glad to welcome any Kappas who are in Brooklyn or New York.

BETA ALPHA

meets every Monday, 7 p. m. at the chapter rooms, 3433 Walnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA IOTA

meets at seven-thirty on Wednesday evenings in a room set aside as a chapter room, in the girls' dormitories, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

PSI

meets in Room 29, Sage College, Ithaca, N. Y., every Saturday evening at 7:30.

BETA TAU

meets every Friday evening at seven-thirty o'clock in the chapter house at 907 Walnut Avenue, Syracuse, New York.

BETA PSI

meets every second Saturday at eight o'clock at the homes of the girls in the city. Definite information may be had by telephoning Miss Helen Scott, Hillcrest 227.

GAMMA RHO

meets every Saturday night at eight o'clock in the chapter rooms on the fourth floor of Hulings Hall, Meadville, Pennsylvania.

BETA UPSILON

meets every Tuesday evening, at 6:45, chapter room in the White Building, High Street, Morgantown, West Virginia.

LAMBDA

meets every Tuesday evening at 7:30 on the third floor of Curtice Cottage, campus of Akron University.

BETA NU

meets at the homes of the different members in Columbus, Ohio every other Saturday evening at five-thirty. Marguerite Heiner, 47 S. Champion Avenue, will give definite information concerning meetings. Telephone—Citizen 2631.

BETA RHO

meets every other Saturday afternoon, at the homes of the girls.

IOTA

meets every Saturday evening at the chapter house on Washington and Locust Streets.

MU

will hold meetings at two o'clock on Tuesday afternoons at the homes of the Irvington girls. By calling Irv. 352—(old Phone), the place may be learned.

DELTA

meets every Monday evening at the chapter house in Forest Place, Bloomington, Indiana.

BETA CHI

meets on Thursday afternoon at four o'clock at the fraternity house on Maxwell Street, Lexington, Kentucky.

BETA DELTA

meets in the chapter house, on the corner of Church Street, 1204 Hill Street, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

XI

meets at half after seven o'clock on Saturday evenings, in the chapter rooms, in South Hall, Adrian College, Adrian, Michigan.

KAPPA

meets every Monday at 7:30 P. M. at the chapter house, 328 West Street, Hillsdale, Mich. Communicate with Miss Helen Austin at chapter house, telephone number 157.

CHI

meets every Tuesday at five P. M., at 329 10th Avenue S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven P. M., at the chapter house, 425 Park Street, Madison, Wisconsin.

UPSILON

meets on Monday afternoon from five to six o'clock in Room 62, Willard Hall, Evanston.

EPSILON

meets on Monday afternoons at four-thirty in the Kappa Hall in the main building of the university.

BETA LAMBDA

meets every Monday evening in the chapter house, 502 Chalmers Avenue, Champaign, Illinois.

BETA ZETA

meets at 226 S. Johnson Street every Monday at 7 P. M.

THETA

meets Monday evening at seven at the chapter house, 600 Rollins Street, Columbia Mission.

OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock at the chapter house, 1602 Louisiana Street, Lawrence, Kansas.

SIGMA

meets on Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock at the fraternity house, 330 North 14th Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

BETA MU

meets in the Kappa house, 1221 University Avenue, Boulder, Colorado, at seven on Monday evenings during the college year.

BETA THETA

meets every Monday evening at seven-thirty at the Kappa House, 535 University Boulevard, Norman, Oklahoma.

BETA XI

meets Wednesday evenings at seven-fifteen in the chapter house, 2800 Rio Grande.

BETA OMICRON

meets every Friday afternoon at four o'clock.

BETA PHI

meets every Monday evening at eight o'clock at the chapter house, 330 Connell Ave., Missoula, Montana.

BETA PI

meets every Monday from four to six, at the chapter house, 4504 18th Avenue, North East, Seattle, Washington.

BETA OMEGA

meets every Monday evening at seven o'clock in the chapter house.

BETA KAPPA

meets every Tuesday evening at seven at the chapter house, 805 Elm Street, Moscow, Idaho.

PI

meets every Monday evening, at seven-thirty, in the chapter room of the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way.

BETA ETA

meets every Monday evening at seven-ten in the chapter room.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATIONS**BOSTON ASSOCIATION**

places of meeting, address Miss Marion Treadwell, 27 Kilgore Ave., W. Medford, Mass.

NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

meets the third Saturday in October, November, January, February March, and April. For places of meeting, address Miss Caroline S Romer, 154 Second Ave., Newark, N. J.

PHILADELPHIA ASSOCIATION

meets once a month except in July and August, alternating Saturday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. For exact dates and places of meeting, address Miss Olive R. Haldeman, East Mt. Airy Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

BETA IOTA ASSOCIATION

meets in January, March, May, and October, on the second Saturday in the month. For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Marguerite Reeves, Lawrenceville, N. J.

SYRACUSE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Georgia A. Wells, 1520 S. State Street, Syracuse, New York.

WESTERN NEW YORK ASSOCIATION

dates and places of meeting, address Mrs. Mary P. Norton, 223 Dartmouth St., Rochester, N. Y.

COLUMBUS ASSOCIATION

meets once a month at the homes of members. For dates and places of meeting, address Miss Minnie Slaughter, 1380 Forsythe Avenue, Columbus, Ohio.

CINCINNATI ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Elizabeth Linnard, 2550 Ingle-side Pl., Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

CLEVELAND ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday of the month at the homes of the members. For places of meeting, address Miss Florence M. Rogers, 3261 E. 132nd Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

FRANKLIN NU ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting address Mrs. H. N. Coons, 414 E. Pearl Street, Lebanon, Indiana.

INDIANAPOLIS ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting, address Miss Adelaide Smith, 2262 Central Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA, ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday of each month at the houses of the members. For places of meeting, address Miss Leafy Davis, 513 E. 8th St., Bloomington, Indiana.

SOUTH BEND ASSOCIATION

meets the first Monday in October, December, March, and May. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Eli F. Seebirt, 507 N. Saint Joseph Street, South Bend, Indiana.

FALLS CITIES ASSOCIATION

meets the second Saturday in January, March, May, September, and November. For places, address Miss Frances Hartley, Beharrell Avenue, New Albany, Indiana.

MUNCIE ASSOCIATION

meets once a month at homes of members. For places and dates, address Mrs. Lalah Randle Warner, 717 W. Charles St., Muncie, Ind.

DETROIT ASSOCIATION

meets once a month. For places and dates address Mrs. C. G. Schoeffel, 34 Ferry Avenue, Detroit, Michigan.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday in each month from September through April, at the Chicago College Club, Stevens Building, 16 N. Wabash Avenue, Chicago. Address Miss Anne Durham, 4616 Malden Street, Chicago, Ill.

NORTH SHORE ASSOCIATION

meets the first Wednesday in every month for luncheon at the homes of the members. For places of meeting, address Mrs. John A. Manley, 735 Seward Street, Evanston, Illinois.

MILWAUKEE ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month from September to June at the homes of the members. For places, address Mrs. Nathan Wilkinson, 301 38th St., Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BLOOMINGTON, ILLINOIS, ASSOCIATION

address Miss Lucille Hostetler, 609 Monroe Street, Bloomington, Ill.

MINNESOTA ASSOCIATION

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting, address Miss Mildred McEnary, 2324 Pleasant Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

ST. LOUIS ASSOCIATION

from October through June. For places, address Mrs. Robert A. Bull, 2237 E Street, Granite City, Ill.

KANSAS CITY ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of each month. For places of meeting, address Mrs. Frank E. Smith, 612 Houston St., Kansas City, Mo.

DENVER ASSOCIATION

meets the last Saturday in each month from September to June. For places of meeting, address Miss Katherine Morley, 1440 Josephine Street, Denver, Colorado.

CEDAR RAPIDS ASSOCIATION

address Miss Corinne Jackson, 2035 Blake Blvd., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

AUSTIN ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meeting, address Mrs. Walter Long, 3108 West Avenue, Austin, Texas.

HOUSTON ASSOCIATION

For dates and places of meetings, address Mrs. Frederick St. Keyne Clemens, 2411 Milane, Houston, Texas.

DALLAS ASSOCIATION

meets monthly from September to June. For places address Miss Maidie Dealey, 2519 Maple Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

WASHINGTON ASSOCIATION

meets the first Saturday of every month at the homes of the members. For places of meeting, address Miss Julia C. Conway, 943 Henry Building, Seattle, Washington.

PORTLAND ASSOCIATION

dates, address Mrs. C. B. Neal, 638 Laurel St., Portland, Oregon.

PI ASSOCIATION

meets the first week of every second month, beginning with January; also on the third Monday of every month from four to six when tea is served in the alumnae room at the Kappa house, 2725 Channing Way. For places of meeting, address Miss Charlotte Peters Brush, 1929 Eldorado Avenue, Berkeley, California.

LOS ANGELES ASSOCIATION

meets monthly at the homes of the members. For dates and places, address Miss I. Marie Lindsley, 349 E Ave., Los Angeles, California.

CLUBS

PITTSBURGH CLUB

meets for four o'clock tea on the first Saturday of November, February, and May in McCreery's lunchroom. Address Miss Bertha Miller, 203 Donaghy Ave., Butler, Pa.

LAMBDA CLUB

meets for luncheon the first Saturday of each month at one o'clock at the Portage Hotel. Address Miss Ruth Harter, 544 Market Street, Akron, Ohio.

BETA GAMMA CLUB

Address Miss Florence McClure, Larwell Street, Wooster, Ohio.

IOTA

For place and dates of meeting, address Mrs. Helen O'Neal Sigmund, Crawfordsville, Indiana.

MU ALUMNAE CLUB

Address Miss Clare Nelson, 2335 Broadway, Indianapolis, Ind.

ADRIAN CLUB

meets once a month at the homes of the members. For places and dates, address Mrs. Florence Worden, 141½ W. Maumee Street, Adrian, Michigan.

MINNESOTA CLUB

meets the third Friday of each month. For places of meeting address, Miss Mary Knight, 3220 Chicago Avenue, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

LINCOLN CLUB

meets for luncheon at the Lincoln Hotel at twelve-thirty the second Saturday of each month.

BETA SIGMA CLUB

meets the third Thursday of every month. For information telephone Grace B. Robinson, 116 Cambridge Place (Prospect).

IOWA CITY CLUB

Address Mrs. W. C. Coast, 521 N. Dubuque, Iowa City, Ia.

TRI CITY CLUB

Address Miss Ethel McKnown, 2425 Brady Street, Davenport, Iowa.

OMAHA CLUB

meets the first Saturday of every month at the homes of the members. Address Miss Mary Alice Duval, 4902 Underwood Avenue, Dundee, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEWCOMB CLUB

For places and dates of meetings address Mrs. W. J. Hardin, 1433 Pleasant St., New Orleans, La.

EXCHANGES

ROSE AFFOLTER

We have received:

September—*Beta Sigma Omicron, Greek Exchange, Palm of Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

October—*Sigma Phi Epsilon Quarterly, Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi.*

November—*Eleusis of Chi Omega, Aglaia of Phi Mu, Lamp of Delta Zeta, Mask of Kappa Psi, Star and Lamp of Pi Kappa Phi, Adelphean of Alpha Delta Pi, Trident of Delta Delta Delta, Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Phi Gamma Delta, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta.*

December—*Delta of Sigma Nu, Phi Chi Quarterly, Alpha Gamma Delta Quarterly, Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Kappa Triangle, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Tomahawk of Alpha Sigma Phi, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Palm of Alpha Tau Omega.*

Beta Theta Pi certainly has something to wave flags about in this. Would that we could all report that "one-third of our chapters have secured first place in scholarship." And yet just think how that would complicate arithmetic.

The growing improvement in scholarship among the undergraduates is a matter of congratulation. About one-third of our chapters secured first place in scholarship at their respective colleges, and another one-third were in the front ranks, having secured either second or third position. No chapter can be considered to be in a poor condition if it stands first in scholarship in the institution in which it is located, and this statement of fact will serve to correct any false impression which may have arisen.

We are not sure whether this from the *Palm* is pro or contra the chapter letter. However, we "opine" that without harassing the poor thing unduly, it will never improve unless we keep a vigilant eagle eye upon it.

When the editor of any old fraternity magazine has a few spare moments on his hands and nothing particular in his head he sits down to his trusty typewriter and dashes off a column or so of peevish language about chapter letters. This has been going on for forty years and in the meantime the chapter letter has been traveling along smoothly in the same old groove. Moreover, we venture to predict that it will continue so to

travel for the next four hundred years. The editor of this department is proud to note that our esteemed chief has sworn off on this sort of thing. If he ever forgets that vow we promise to remind him of it.

It is interesting to note how many magazines are making a very decided effort to raise the standard of chapter letters, both as to form and content.—A Δ Π *Adelphean*.

Yes, sister, and it is still more interesting to note how long they have been at it and just how much progress they have not made. You know what Mahomet did when the mountain refused to come.

We also suggest that some of you editors who have achieved such success in bringing your chapter letters up to time offer first aid to the suffering editor of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, who sends out this wail:

The present issue, however, has been a poser. Considerably more than one hundred letters and ten telegrams, have been sent out to obtain the chapter letters contained herein. Some of the worst offenders have received five and six requests. Sixteen letters have been sent to alumni of the various delinquent chapters who were known to have some influence over their conduct. On August 27, when the *Quarterly* should have been on the press, 42 letters out of a total of 68 had been received. And now the two last letters have just come in—one yesterday and one today—a month after the issue should have been in the mail!

The Mask will print chapter letters but once a year hereafter.

Wouldn't this warm the cockles of your heart? From the *Delta of Sigma Nu*.

Seattle, Wash., October 10.—Playing daddy to homeless waifs is the newest stunt of University of Washington fraternities. It started with Clarence Eckberg, 5, adopted by the Sigma Nu "frat" in a burst of big brotherly sentiment. They found Clarence in a children's home, took him to the Sigma Nu chapter house, washed him, fitted him up with new clothes, gave him the squarest meal on record and made him about the happiest kid alive. At dusk the sleepy, contented youngster smiled at his twenty-five "fathers and brothers in one" and informed them that he was used to going to bed at eight. About fourteen helped him into his nightie and tucked him into his own bed in a corner of the large, airy room.

"Now I LAY ME"

As the lights were turned out a plaintive, boyish treble began to recite, "Now I lay me down to sleep." One of the active chapter members, a "football roughneck" and noisiest in the fraternity, looked thoughtful for the first time in his life. Pledges were made that "Son" would be given a proper bringing up. And the spirit of these pledges, carried out rigidly and tenderly, has wrought a revolution in fraternity chapter house life. Pro-

fessor Edward M. Meany, Washington's venerable historian and a member of Sigma Nu, said of the adoption: "It is one of the finest things I ever heard of. I believe this act really means a big step toward new and vital service in the lives of collegians." When "Son" sings "Bow Down to Washington," the U. of W. campus song, the smoke of their pipes is very apt to get in the eyes of his twenty-five "daddies."

And it receives *The Delta's* official approval thus:

A SIGMA NU BIG BROTHER

Gamma Chi is supporting a small orphan boy. This is the stuff—the right stuff. It is living the "Life of Love and of Service"—and one step ahead of the Fraternity in its concrete application. More fun than an "Informal"—one of which will pay the boy's bill for a year; more heart warming than lending five to a stranded brother; more uplifting than even an A class grade. Why let the girls, dear good sister Greeks, have a monopoly of this kind of work? Look around, find your opportunity. How many chapters will soon report similar good work?

"No man lives unto himself alone."

Why not introduce ideas into our chapter house conversations? The following clipping offers a suggestion altogether good and you will be surprised how new.

One of the greatest opportunities of the chapter house is its conversation. Community and diversity of interest furnish the necessary background. Each has much to learn and much to give the others because of the differences in academic courses.

That un-American but most desirable ability, ease in intellectual conversation, may here be cultivated to the common pleasure and advantage of all. Can you, and do you, have good talk, in the best sense, at your house? Do you realize the incalculable advantage to future days it would be could you converse really well and easily concerning the topics upon which cultivated persons talk the world over?—*Lyre* of Alpha Chi Omega.

Another good idea.

THE ALLOWANCE AND FAIR PLAY

It is recognized that the fraternity is more than a social organization and is a factor in the broad training of the college student. One standard of right living it should uphold and even vigorously preach is the habit of prompt payment of financial obligations. College fraternities and clubs have not the best credit with merchants and their delinquencies are usually traceable to a few individuals who always live a month ahead of their incomes. Parenthetically it is noted that the student who is earning or the one with the small allowance is usually not at fault.

The necessity of fair play in meeting bills should be evident, but our young people have the impression that it makes little difference to a merchant when he gets his money if he surely gets it. Yet it takes but a moment to realize that in every month he must meet his obligations of rent, salaries, and wholesalers' bills.

Therefore, we make the earnest plea to our girls that they establish the habit of paying on the day they fall due, all chapter dues, assessments, and house bills. The credit of the fraternity will profit and the training for after life will be invaluable.

There is a tradition that one unsophisticated freshman once brought her initiation fee to her own initiation because her father had always taught her to pay cash for everything as she went along, on the principle that if she did not have the money in her hand she could not afford the purchase or pleasure. Was not that father's training a happy blending of idealism and common sense?—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

We agree with the writer in *The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi who deplores the practice of emblazoning fraternity insignia indiscriminately upon kitchen utensils, garden rakes, and other personal paraphernalia.

The chapter has shown her disapproval of fraternity jewelry by passing a motion forbidding any fraternity jeweler to display his goods in the chapter house. The fraternity jeweler is a person who takes much and leaves little and we cannot help but feel that his exit from 811 State Street not only means the abolition of a lot of junk but an improved financial condition among the brothers.

Aren't we becoming legal in our social transactions?

For bidding, we have adopted the lawyer system. A San Francisco lawyer has been engaged to be present on matriculation day. All of the bids are to be sent to him. Each incoming girl will be asked to send in to him a list of the sororities in the order of her preference. Then it will be the duty of the lawyer to sort these bids, deliver them, and receive the answers to them. In case a girl should receive more than one bid, she will not know it, as only the bid which is highest on her list will be sent to her. From a Stanford letter in *Sigma Kappa Triangle*.

It is with the deepest interest and profound respect that we read reports of "Little Pigeon," Pi Beta Phi's settlement school in a remote section of Tennessee. Not only have they built a well equipped school here but they have just completed a comfortable cottage for the four Pi Phi teachers at a cost of \$5,500 and are now appealing to the members of the sorority for funds to build a much needed hospital.

Since this issue of THE KEY is an alumnae number we searched the pages of sister journals for brilliant articles on the subject and found this wee paragraph—short but with a message.

Come back, you Alumnae, who are drifting away. Acknowledge the gratitude you owe to the fraternity for happiness and inspiration in college. Come to the fraternity which needs you now, as Alumnae. Renew your subscription to THEMIS, keep in touch with the activities of the sisterhood of which you are a part.—*Themis* of Zeta Tau Alpha.

And this:

COURTESY OF ALUMNI.

We do not want to become anything like a common scold, as might be inferred from our remark of that nature in the September SCROLL, but since that issue several marked instances of discourtesy on the part of a number of our chapters to their own alumni and alumni of other chapters has been called to our attention. This past summer a number of letters of recommendation from alumni to chapters passed through this office but not a single communication passed on a return trip. Besides this we have now on our desk as we write four letters from alumni, complaining that they had written direct to certain chapters about a this year's freshman but had never received even an acknowledgment. It occurs to us that our chapters which have been guilty of such deliberate discourtesy to friendly alumni ought to be held up to public scorn. Such marked evidence of the lack of common courtesy is most deplorable and if continued will surely bring a guilty chapter to grief. Letters of recommendation usually come from places where Phis are active and where Phi material abounds and just one or two instances like those mentioned above will be sure to wholly destroy alumni interest in that place and as surely divert that material to our rivals. There is absolutely no excuse of neglecting to acknowledge letters and aside from the ignorance of good manners thus displayed, we want to ask the question, proven by the run of experience in later rushing seasons, "Brothers, does it pay?"

We have long heard a certain outlaw band yclept © N E, spoken of in whispers, so it is with wide-eyed interest that we read of their contemplated reform, a movement supported by the *Greek Exchange*.

A strong and growing element of Theta Nu Epsilon is earnestly advocating a complete reversal of form of that society and is pushing a movement to change its character into that of a general academic fraternity. It is reported that at the last convention of Theta Nu Epsilon the Michigan charter was withdrawn on the request of the chairman of the Student Senate. It is also reported that over ten groups which

petitioned Theta Nu Epsilon for charters last year were denied because they did not have the consent of the faculties of the several colleges.

We are of the opinion that Theta Nu Epsilon can establish for itself a place of honor in the fraternity world if it will turn its back squarely upon its past, fall in line with the established order of things and metamorphosing itself into a general fraternity, adopt all that is good of their manners and customs and ideals.

The *Greek Exchange* does not believe that Theta Nu Epsilon as a sophomore society should exist at all. On the other hand we believe that Theta Nu Epsilon as a general academic fraternity can be of value to the fraternity world.

But along comes Alpha Sigma Phi with its big *Tomahawk* and strikes a vigorous blow.

The fraternity world has banished it forever from its midst and placed it with Satan outside the pale of its pardon. Let no respectable publication like that of *Banta's Greek Exchange* reopen the door of hope to those who have forfeited so richly a place of honor among men.

No fraternity man should ever overlook the fact that thousands of its members have never reformed either themselves or their ways of outward or inward expression. These lurking dangers would exist ever present as influences within any fraternity that was compelled to recognize them as alumni members. Besides, we would not for a generation get away from dual membership and dual claims upon its members and those who belonged to other general fraternities. Theta Nu Epsilon is dead and buried. Let it with its misdeeds remain a bad memory unworthy of resurrection either in this world or the next, and particularly so in this.

There is plenty to reflect upon in these clippings from *The Arrow* and *The Adelphean*:

We agree with Sigma Kappa on the following:

"But right here is where the writer wants to ask you Sigma Kappa's—how do you treat the chaperon who is older—less used to young people and one who takes her position very seriously? It is a disgrace the way these older chaperons are treated. Too often the girls giving the party do not realize that it reflects upon their fraternity and home training when a chaperon is deliberately slighted. These good people whether they be men or women, may be from the older school and perhaps they do seem narrow. If you would try to talk in a chatty way of something else besides 'shop' you would find that an 'Aunt Mary' or 'Uncle Dud,' as the case may be, is not so ancient after all. You would not have to talk an hour, either. If each member of the party just greeted the chaperon pleasantly for a few minutes she would surely be thankful. Usually the chaperon is paying quite a price for her presence and probably is bored to a greater extent by the proceedings.—*Triangle*.

In the first place, a chaperon ought to be a well-educated woman, a woman of scholarly tastes. If not, how can she enter into sympathy with young college women? How can she counsel and help them in the problems that confront them in their academic life? And how can she fill the niche in the college world that her position as "mother" of a group of its students entitles her to fill? Moreover, she must know something of social customs and graces. She must have a charm of manner, a fine tact that not only puts at ease any guest in the chapter house but also inspires every member of the sorority to become like her.

And last—and perhaps this is the gift that we have been most inclined to take for granted in a chaperon—she must, in our case, be a competent housekeeper and good manager.

From the Greek Exchange:

The wives of the members of the $\Delta \Upsilon$ alumni chapter at Minneapolis have formed a club which meets once a month. At one of the recent semimonthly dinners of the $\Delta \Upsilon$ alumni club, when the waiters were bringing in the soup, the sliding doors which made one wall of the room were pushed back and at a table similarly set, were the wives.

$\Pi \kappa \alpha$ at the University of Cincinnati has a Mothers' Club. It is a fully organized club with members restricted to the mothers of the active men and alumni of $\Pi \kappa \alpha$. One day a month is set aside by the men when they turn the house over to the mothers. As most of the students at the University of Cincinnati live in the city and its suburbs, such a club is possible.

Ted Shawn, the famous dancer, who it will be remembered is the husband of Ruth St. Denis, was recently initiated into $\Sigma \Phi \epsilon$ under rather unusual circumstances. When he arrived in Washington, D. C., to fill an engagement, he expressed a desire to one of the active members, formerly from the Denver University chapter, to be initiated into the fraternity. Mr. Shawn had been a member of the Denver chapter when it was a local and had never been initiated. The chapter at George Washington hastened to secure the necessary authority by wire and the initiation took place. Preceding it, Mr. and Mrs. Shawn took dinner with the chapter.

PANHELLENIC SURVEY

ROSE AFFOLTER

By Their Chapter Letters You Shall Know Them

DELTA DELTA DELTA

ALABAMA

We are witnessing now a wonderful year in the development of coeducation at Alabama for we have so many new girls that Tutwiler Hall will hardly hold them. As a result, next year we are going to have two new wings, one for the dormitory, the other for domestic science and music. Another triumph of this session is the opening of the literary and debating organizations to the girls, something that we feel is a real advance in coeducation. Six girls were selected as charter girl members of these clubs and two of these were Delts.

SOUTHERN METHODIST (DALLAS)

The Panhellenic ruling—no financial rushing—interferes with our parties quite a bit, and it is embarrassing to ask a rushee to pay her own carfare when we take her to town. Panhellenic is trying to create a feeling of friendship among the new girls. Rushing is given as little stress as possible.

NEVADA

As students here, we are congratulating ourselves this fall upon being a step nearer the larger colleges of the country. Having the added national fraternity, Pi Beta Phi, we are living up to the dignity of Panhellenic. Though a very strict dignity it seems as a new thing, both Pi Phi and Tri Delta feel it will be a decided benefit.

Each fraternity gave one evening of welcome to the entire University the opening week of college (Pi Phi an informal dance, Tri Delta a reception at the President's home) and since then they have taken alternate week-end dates for rushing parties.

KNOX

Last Saturday morning nearly all of the girls in school took part in a "Hare and Hound Chase." The Hares left the gymnasium at six-thirty leaving a chalk and paper trail. The Hounds left from the same place half an hour later. The Hares led a merry chase but were caught at the city park by a fierce bunch of Hounds ravenous for their breakfast. Breakfast was soon ready and all did justice to a good hot meal. We found this a fine way to get acquainted with freshman girls and also to know better some of the other ones.

WASHINGTON

Saturday night is the coed informal, the first university dance this year. The upperclass girls take the freshman girls, and not a man is allowed. If any of you believe that girls cannot have a good time at a dance without

men, I wish you could be with us at the coed informal. We all "dollar up" and call for our freshmen as correctly as any man could ever do; the music is always the best, and we have all the punch we want.

CALIFORNIA

A couple of weeks ago, California had its famous freshman rally and only those who have sat in the Greek theatre when it was jammed to the gates and have seen the mighty freshman bonfire, and heard the California yells and songs, can fully realize the thrills of a California rally. It's wonderful! Thousands of students gathered together for the sole purpose of showing their "pep" can make things pretty lively!

BRENAU

Alpha Epsilon Chapter has adopted a new rule this year—to have only members living in the fraternity house—so far we find this entirely satisfactory as more of our own girls can be together and enjoy the house. This does not keep us from being with the new girls as our "Spend-the-night" parties, every Saturday, followed by a very informal house breakfast on Sunday morning, bring the new girls over, often.

MIAMI UNIVERSITY

Our rushing party this year was a supper in the country. The evening was wonderful and the quarter-mile walk was a fine preparation for the feast which followed. Such a supper it was! Sandwiches, a wonderful salad, ice cream, cake, and delicious coffee! We ate outside, and as we sat there, a great silver moon rose up behind the pine trees.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA

WASHINGTON

During the second week, we served our guests with a "Mystic dinner," a "Cabaret dinner," and a "College night spread." This ceaseless round of dinners looks queer in print, but that was the only form of rushing allowed. We could not even talk or walk with a rushee except during the regular hours, five-thirty to eight p. m. on the three-week nights. There was no rushing with men. These strict rulings caused an intense alertness and consequent antagonism at times which was felt all over the campus. Many freshmen sadly missed the friendly counsel they needed.

CALIFORNIA

The other chapters may be interested to know of a movement in local Panhellenic. In order to make the sororities more democratic and less secret it has been suggested that the initiation fees of all sororities be published in the office of the Dean of Women. This has met with opposition from the local branch of Panhellenic Alumnae, but may be passed.

ILLINOIS WESLEYAN

We have begun our pledge training and we are to have supper in our hall each week after meeting that pledges and active girls may become

more intimate friends. That these suppers may not be a drain upon the treasury we have it given by two girls. Each one's turn comes only about once in three months so is no great burden upon anyone.

BRENAU

On Sunday night Mu has open house. We either toast marshmallows, make candy, or just sit around the fire and get acquainted. Sunday night is the best night for homesickness and we try to do all in our power to eliminate this.

ALLEGHENY

We have been delighted recently by a visit to Allegheny of Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand President, Mrs. Mecklin. In a very friendly informal talk before our Panhellenic Board she strongly urged fewer sharp lines between different fraternities, and the advisability of fostering friendliness with girls of other fraternities. She also told us what the Pittsburgh Panhellenic wants to do for Allegheny and the University of Pittsburgh, the two institutions in its district having fraternities. They are planning to offer a silver cup to the chapter at Allegheny with the highest scholarship record from the first of February, 1917, to the last of January, 1918.

DELTA ZETA

CORNELL

Sounds funny doesn't it? But you've probably heard by now that we at that all-wonderful convention decided to discard the unpronounceable "sorority," which couldn't be found in a good dictionary, and call ourselves a fraternity—"She Frats," they say at Cornell, but they take off their hats when they say it, and the "she" means nothing more disrespectful than "Lady Frats."

DE PAUW

"Spike" was most enthusiastic and successful. As you probably know, the period of the "spike" here at De Pauw was changed last year to a much shorter period than heretofore, consisting, last year, of one week and this year of two weeks, a plan which has proven decidedly more acceptable than the previous ones of either one semester or the still longer period of the years' spike.

CALIFORNIA

Upon receiving the list of recommendations from the Grand Council, we decided that among other things we would try to improve our ordinary conversation. Our method of accomplishing this might be of interest. We call ourselves the "Purity League" and every member upon being caught using an "obnoxious colloquialism or a slang expression," forfeits a penny. We have found it to be an expensive form of entertainment and also at times we find ourselves hampered for means of expression. But I am sure that our big Webster dictionary is being appreciated and that our conversation is becoming much more intelligible to our unsophisticated friends.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

"The Big Sister Movement" under the supervision of Isabel Long, who is "chief big sister," is again proving its efficiency this year by creating a closer intimacy, and helpfulness between the senior women of the university and the freshman girls. Owing to the fact that the number of freshmen is greater than that of seniors, each senior finds it necessary to take under her wing two or three "little sisters"; it is the older girl's duty to look after the curricula and social interests of her protégés. On being interviewed, Isabel Long said, "Not only fraternal and scholarly bonds, but likewise valuable and lasting friendships are formed among all groups of girls through this movement."

NEBRASKA

Delta Delta Delta freshmen entertained all fraternity freshman girls at an informal party at the chapter house September 30. That same evening the first mixer of the year was held at the Armory to welcome all newcomers. Some 900 students enjoyed dancing.

CALIFORNIA

The installation of Phi Mu on the campus brings to mind the fact that there is but one national which is not at the University of California. Pi chapter is very happy to announce that its scholarship standing is now third on the list of fraternities and house clubs. Determination and desire for place number one have been given new impetus.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA

INDIANA

An interesting experiment has been started here this fall by Miss Swain, the head of the Home economics department. She has organized a class of all the table-managers in college. The class consists of round-table discussions of a great many problems common to all the girls and men who do that work. They help each other in making out menus, and the plan is to do coöperative buying. Thus far, the class has been very successful.

TORONTO

We had been hoping against hope that we should not return to another war-year at college. We have not yet, in the third year of the war, become accustomed to the ominous quietness of the halls and campus. At the annual address by the president of the students at the reopening of college, we stood while the names of sixty-seven men were read—graduates and undergraduates of the University of Toronto who had been killed in action since the last list was read at convocation last May. There are approximately three thousand varsity men on active service.

Living in the midst of such changes which come at times startlingly close to every one of us, we tend to emphasize the more serious aspects

of the college life. Rushing parties are as simple as we can make them—in fact, it is a contravention of Panhellenic rules to give dances or theatre-parties. We hope also, that these years are bringing the women together in a closer bond of common interest.

STANFORD

After money-making efforts that included every possible source of revenue from fudge to shampoos, Phi has invested in some new wicker furniture for the living-room, and—*mirabile dictu*—a baby grand piano (on the installment plan, dear sisters, be it whispered). Much papering and painting of bedrooms has been going on, moreover, until we are all beautiful within. And, by way of keeping abreast with the *Zeitgeist*, we even have a first-aid corps in the house itself, for three of the girls attended the Red Cross training camp in San Francisco last summer.

WASHINGTON STATE

And speaking of new things, perhaps you would like to hear of the new rules for freshman girls. Those who attended District V convention last June will remember the cry, "Subdue the freshmen!" Keod, the woman's senior society, came forward with a subduer that is working beautifully at Washington.

1. All freshman girls must wear the regulation green button until November 1.
2. No freshman girl shall be allowed to wear any high school pins, badges, or other insignia.
3. No freshman girl shall wear a hat in the classroom.
4. Freshman girls are not allowed to "fuss" on the Quad.
5. Freshman girls are not allowed to frequent the library steps or loiter in the library arcade.

OREGON

Some years ago, a very wise and thoughtful girl initiated the custom of presenting Alpha Xi with a five-pound box of candy in token of her final decision upon men. To our great surprise, last year, we received forty pounds of candy, and if your mathematics are not too subordinate you will deduce that eight girls had decided to take matrimony as a final accomplishment.

RANDOLPH-MACON

We are quite interested in the planning of our lodge. The fraternity girls here do not live in houses but they build three-room bungalows where they hold their chapter meetings and entertain their friends. We feel that our new lodge will mean much to us and we are applying all our latent talent as architects and interior decorators to the planning of it.

COLLEGE NEWS

AGNES ENGLAND

The present German attitude toward Universities is interesting. On November 27 comes word from the Berlin correspondent of a prominent German paper that the German government is considering favorably a proposal of Conservatives in the Reichstag that the Universities and others of the higher schools in the Empire be virtually closed. Thus the teachers and students may be included in the plan for the mobilization of civilians.

The *Literary Digest* of December 30 refers to the "bombarding" of the classical gymnasium in Germany by men in the trenches, including some professors of these same colleges. They propose that the "anachronistic" institute be replaced by a sort of military training school without Greek or Latin—"or any other foreign language—German being good enough and more than sufficient for a methodical education of the German youth." The controversy is being carried on by famous writers and poets, now in the trenches. An association for the purpose of opposing the anti-classicists has been formed and calls itself "Friends of the Gymnasium."

To quote from the *Digest*:

"The adversaries admit that Greek and Roman culture has been the root of German 'Kultur'."

"But why should we need the root since we have the fruit and flower?" they ask. "And Greek ethics and idealism? Can they compare with the German articles? Certainly not!"

Compulsory military training in all the schools has taken the time formerly given to the study of Greek and Latin grammar.

The Association of Teachers and Students of German Literature proposes to lay more stress on the study of the popular dialects and of Middle and Old High German.

Dr. Trudel, a French philologist of Alsatian descent, treats the case in *La Grand Revere* (Paris) with careful citation of German sources. He considers the agitation rather of political than of pedagogical nature, and hopes that the enemies of the classical training will be unsuccessful, for, says he:

"Classical culture being the foundation of all western European civilization, it could be made the fittest cement, for the reestablishment of a peaceful Europe."

Preparedness is brought to our attention again in a statement, by the *World*, of the official action taken at the conference of the University President's Advisory Committee on Summer Military Instruction Camps. This committee aims to mend flaws in our college military training. Resolutions were adopted making for a more elastic curriculum and greater liberty for the Professor of Military Science and Tactics.

In the *World Magazine* of November 12 a New York University man tells how he motored one thousand miles, from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to New York City at a total money expense of \$1.55.

Charles Brown, Jr., a native of California, finding himself stranded, almost penniless in Indiana, when it was necessary for him to be in New York, to keep an editorial appointment and continue his work as an evening student at New York University, conceived the idea of traveling by the Lincoln Highway.

During seven days he secured rides in twenty-eight automobiles walking but a few miles. He had a very interesting and instructive trip and insists that anyone with courtesy and a pleasant appearance would be accepted as a passenger by automobilists, and in fact, they would enjoy giving him rides.

Two freshmen, Matthew Dick and Paul Martin, sons of wealthy Chicago families vanished from Yale to make their own way in the world. They both were doing well at college but "they did not want to be pampered by wealth."

When found, they were rolling logs in a lumber camp north of Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, perfectly happy to be freed from the responsibilities of wealth.

However, the parents of both boys, although delighted with the fearless and ambitious attitude of their sons, followed them north to persuade them to enter business nearer home.

The *Times* of November 16 gives the Carnegie Foundation report which shows that \$687,000 in College pensions was spent last year. Four hundred fifty-eight people benefited from this expenditure.

A campaign, which includes the raising of a \$100,000 annual pledge, to make Cornell a greater university was begun at a dinner held at the Waldorf Astoria on November 14.

All persons interested in Agriculture throughout the state have been invited to "Farmers' Week" at Cornell University.

New York farmers will have a big week at Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y., from February 12 to February 17. Especial preparation by the staff of the College of Agriculture to furnish the visitors with more facts about better farming and better farm homes has been made and a big army of farmers is expected to make the trip to Ithaca to get information that will help them improve their farming methods.

Invitations for "Farmers' Week at Cornell" have been sent broadcast over the State, and efforts are being made to reach every farmer within the confines and to induce him to make the trip to the university.—*The World* of December 31.

From Ithaca, too, comes news that the University will open an Extension Course for the study of selective trades in New York. Two thousand five hundred have enrolled for these classes and 10,000 boys are expected at the summer training camp. After five years' instruction the students will receive sheepskins.

Secretary Frederick L. Long of the National School Camp Association, which seeks to mould American boys into fit material for service in defense of the country, announced yesterday that Cornell College will open for the boys a new extension course in any trades they may select. The course will be conducted either at a public evening school or at one of the armories. The lads will study two nights a week, and at the end of five years will receive sheepskins from Cornell.

The National School Camp Association is the organization that trained 5,000 boys last summer at Fort Hamilton. Under the direction of United States Army officers assigned by General Leonard Wood the boys were taught the rudiments of soldiery. At the same time, elementary principles of various trades were explained.—*The World*.

This is in line with the more advanced ideas of the western university. Teaching by correspondence hitherto regarded as a makeshift, and unworthy to be classed with sound instruction, is coming into its own. The Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in its *Bulletin* of December 16 prints the following:

Two decades have passed since the University of Chicago established correspondence teaching in its Extension Department. A few of the more

progressive western universities, notably Wisconsin, followed Chicago's example, but the older seats of learning in the East have not exhibited enthusiasm for such methods, apparently on the ground they were incompatible with academic dignity. Columbia, which has shown commendable activity in its extension work in recent years and is now more closely in contact with the people that make up the community of which it is a part than any other eastern university, is seriously considering, it is said, the adoption of the project for correspondence courses as outlined and recommended in his annual report by Professor James C. Egbert, Director of the Extension Teaching Department. Professor Egbert has been recommending this innovation for several years.

"Blacksmithing is no longer a trade," says the *World* of November 4. "It has been developed into a skilled profession, and like other supposedly masculine callings has been invaded by women.

The first graduate woman blacksmith on record in the world received her diploma from the Iowa State College a few weeks ago. Her name is Miss Turka Hawke, and she is preparing to open a blacksmith shop of her own soon, in which she will specialize in the repairing of farm machinery.

During her college course she did this successfully, standing at the forge, welding, riveting, and handling hot irons just as the men in her class did."

The senior class at Vassar, remembering that "a thing of beauty is a joy forever," votes to revive the Daisy Chain.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Dec. 2.—At the Vassar College class day exercises next June the old custom of having the daisy chain carried by the twenty-six most beautiful members of the sophomore class will be revived. A motion to this effect has been carried by the senior class by a majority of 20 votes.

Last year the daisy chain was carried by the entire sophomore class. While the prettiest members of the class will carry the chain this year, all the sophomores will have an active part in the program and the daisy chain bearers will not be so prominent as in previous commencements. In this way the seniors hope to do away with the jealousies which this feature sometimes causes. It is to be regarded as a beautiful scene and not a display of favoritism and individual glory.—*New York Times*.

The *New York Times* in a brief account of the College Entrance Board's Annual Report, says that its work has been doubled, and it has examined 11,000 students this year.

Barnard is planning a farm which will provide a place for the girls to spend week-ends during the college year, or longer visits during vacation periods. Dean Gildersleeve states that it is an experiment which may lead to the filling of a very real need. By this means city colleges make way for a broader college life and the strengthening of those friendships which mean so much to college students.

Graduates and undergraduates of Barnard College have approved a plan for the establishment of a Barnard farm. At a mass meeting last week a resolution was passed requesting the student council to appoint a committee to found the establishment. Miss Beatrice Lowndes, President of the Undergraduates, announced that a fund for the farm had been started by a gift of \$15 from the class of 1911.

The project will cost at least \$50,000, according to Dean Virginia D. Gildersleeve, who indorsed the plan. *

"The idea of having a Barnard farm is the result of house and camping parties given by sororities which I have attended during the last fifteen years," said Dean Gildersleeve. "By a farm I mean some place about an hour away from New York, where alumnae and undergraduates may spend their week-ends together. It would have to be in some place where there are woods and fields for tramping. It would likewise have to have tennis courts and a hockey field and be near some body of water suitable for swimming and skating."—*New York Times*.

Professor S. G. Morley, of Cambridge, has made an interesting discovery in Guatemala. The Brooklyn Institute *Bulletin* of November 25 calls to our attention ruins dating back at least 1866 years, which have been brought to light by this distinguished archeologist working under the Carnegie Institute. The relics give proof that they belonged to the oldest known city in North America. In the heart of a tropical forest so luxuriant that access to it is almost impossible lies "Xaxactun," as Professor Morley calls it. Although it is covered with earth and overgrown with trees, it shows evidence of having had a population of about 20,000. A square or plaza which might have been the center of the religious and civic life has been found, with numerous temples and sculptured monuments. One of these bears the date of 50 A.D. according to an ancient Maya Chronology.

Important steps have been taken by the College of the City of New York in a nation-wide movement to get into closer touch with city government and broaden the scope of college activities.

Through its recently enlarged division of vocational subjects and civic administration, the City College is not only offering courses of instruction to the city's employes with a view to improving their efficiency in the public service, but it has also opened wide its doors to every mature resident of the City of New York who wishes to avail himself of theoretical and practical instruction along advanced collegiate lines without necessarily passing formal preliminary examinations in high school subjects.

The college has not relinquished its regular program in the field of academic training—the work of its day and evening sessions; it has, however, widened its scope by offering an attractive array of new and thoroughly organized courses in accountancy, engineering, and commercial law to meet the special needs of all classes of adult workers. Over 2,500 students have already enrolled in this division.—*New York Times*.

Mr. Wm. Ellsworth, who is a veteran publisher, recently retired from the *Century* Company, interviewed by a representative of the *New York Times*, says that many writers are not helped by college training. Our educational institutions turn out critics, not creative artists, in his opinion.

"The fact that we have not as many writers of real significance today as we had twenty or thirty years ago makes me doubtful as to the value to literature of our enormous machinery for higher education," says Mr. Ellsworth.

He quotes from an address by the Dean of a great university that "the great defect in American College education is that it does not set the mass of students intellectually on fire." He adds to this that it sometimes puts out what little literary fire the student brings with him to college.

One reason why a college education is apt to put out this intellectual fire is because authorship is likely to be a matter of choice. The young man who goes in for technical training knows just what he wants, and gets it. And more and more young men are seeking assured professions for which they can get definite technical training.

He cites the increase in the number of engineering schools, as a result of this search for an assured position in life. In 1870 there were 18 engineering schools with 107 graduates. In 1910 there

were 118 such schools with 4,700 graduates and the number is estimated to have grown since then to nearly 7,000.

His last statement is thought-provoking and we may well ask ourselves.

"Are we really as bad as that?"

"I have seen a number of young people who seem to possess a certain amount of creative literary ability when they were in school, turning into critics after their college course," says he. "When they were graduated from college they were familiar with the writings of Addison and Browning, but they were utterly unable to express an *original thought*."

Students of heredity, please note that Charley Taft, son of ex-President Taft, heads the scholarship honor list for the Yale class of 1918. Young Taft won the leading scholarship appointment of a philosophical oration which embraces membership in Phi Beta Kappa. Charley's father and grandfather, Alphonso Taft, were both Phi Beta Kappa men at Yale.

"Of late, interest in poetry and literature about poetry, has been astonishing and pleasant to behold," says the Brooklyn Institute *Bulletin*. Everybody is talking about poets or attempting to write poems. In fact, the impulse to express oneself in vers libre is only stifled here because space will not permit *short* lines.

Otherwise
It would take
A mighty little bit
Of fuel
To start us flaming
In that direction.

The Poetry Society of America has recently awarded two prizes, of \$125 each. Rewards like of the Art League of St. Louis, \$150 in value, for the best lyric poem submitted by an American, also indicate an interest in poetry altogether gratifying. Harvard University and Washington University both possess groups of students who gather to criticise their own poetical productions—which reminds us of the student days of Lowell, at Harvard. At the University of Michigan a strong and successful Poetry Society has been established. It has obtained from the Faculty for next year a course, the subject of which the Society will itself choose—certainly a new departure in the academic world.

Harvard University buys the famous E. P. Hancock collection of Jersey minerals.

A report for last year of Columbia University shows that 715 students earned \$155,976, an average of \$217.24 each, working their way through College. Two men took in \$3,600.

Working one's way through college is pictured as an entirely plausible undertaking in the annual report of Paul C. Holter, Chairman of the Appointments Committee of Columbia, which showed that in the year ended May 31 last, 718 students earned \$155,976.96, an increase of more than \$52,000 over the previous year.

The earnings averaged \$217.24, more than enough to pay tuition in the most expensive courses. The majority were aided in getting employment by the committee, whose records show that since 1898 students have earned a total of \$1,514,334. One man earned \$1,800 in the Summer and another that amount in the academic year, while many men and women earned more than enough to pay all their expenses.

One woman and eight men acted as artist models, one woman and seven men as athletic coaches, eight men as chauffeurs, two as conductors and motormen, eight as dancing escorts, two as furnace tenders, six as hotel clerks, two as magazine writers, thirty-nine as snow shovelers, five as telephone operators, 118 as waiters, and 246 as supernumeraries. Five women acted as companions, twelve as typists, eleven as tutors, eleven as stenographers, and one as housewoman.

Mr. Holter declares that opportunities in New York are greater than elsewhere, but asserts that competition is keen, and that students must have good qualifications and must be willing to do anything. Because of the difficulties arising from finding oneself in a strange city, he urges that no student come to Columbia without \$300 to finance himself at the outset.

With a total registration of 1,618 students, Tufts is now believed to be the largest college in the United States, Dartmouth ranking a close second with 1,467.

Columbia is easily our largest University. More than 19,000 students are enrolled in its various departments and schools.

A Columbia publication objects to the proposed women's dormitory as an intrusion.

The *Alumni News*, Columbia University's weekly publication, in an editorial in the current issue, makes a strong protest against the building of the proposed women's dormitory for graduate students on the site of South Field, alongside of Furnald Hall, one of the men's dormitories.

The article calls the placing of a woman's dormitory in the middle of what some day will be a group of men's dormitories an intrusion, and

denounces it as against the best interests of South Field as the athletic centre of the university.—*World*, December 31.

The list of College endowments starts with the subscription of \$100,000 toward the fund of \$500,000 which must be raised by June 15 by Wells College.

Charles M. Schwab is to give St. Francis College at Loretto, Pa., \$2,000,000.

By a gift of \$1,038,500 from the Carnegie Corporation of New York a total of \$28,000,000 is reached for that Institution in Pittsburgh.

J. P. Morgan aids \$1,000,000 Endowment Campaign of Trinity College, Conn., by giving \$150,000.

An article in the *New York Evening Sun* tells of a gift of \$500,000 to Chicago University which is to enable it to complete the sum necessary for the establishing of a great medical school and hospital.

An editorial in the *World* has something pertinent to say on the same subject.

Great medical schools in any country must be few. They will need to be convenient of access to large hospitals, which are found in the chief cities. If they are to facilitate research as well as instruction they must have generous endowments. Genius, which breaks all rules, has built up a medical centre of instruction about the Mayo brothers in Minnesota; but New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Philadelphia, and Baltimore, with Montreal and San Francisco, must remain the medical capitals.

The Rockefeller gift of \$2,000,000 to Chicago University, already heavily endowed with Standard Oil money for medical instruction, will insure a strong institution. And whatever well-founded objection may be urged against the acceptance of financial assistance which may bind chains about colleges of general instruction, inhibiting their growth in freedom of thought, the money of monopoly cannot be better spent in teaching the art of healing. In that there is no politics.



Beta Tau is funny,
 But Beta Tau is mute.
 How can she do her duty?
 Pray tell me how
 Can Beta Tau,
 If she doesn't give a hoot?
 —Beta Tau Alumna with a headache.

Beta Tau is punny,
 Beta Tau is cute,
 She's gone and done her duty,
 And so we bow
 To Beta Tau
 Because she gave a Hoot.

We were surprised to read in the Washington Alumnae letter of a Kappa party which took place "on a stormy night." When we were on the Pacific Coast in the summer of 1915, we were led to believe by the boosters from San Diego to Vancouver that there was no such thing there as rain or snow or storm, or anything but beautiful sunshine, flowers, invigorating dry air, the Japanese current, and other western monopolies.

M. G. R. writes that she has read *THE KEY* for twenty years and likes it. And bless her heart, she hoots:

A RHYMING RIPPLE

(Apology to Walt Mason)
 While reading my December *KEY*,
 In editorial I see
 A thought that does appeal to me.
 'Tis "Reader, do you read *THE KEY*
 On pages one, or two, or three,
 Or hundred more, if there they be!"
 Why yes, of course, I read *THE KEY*
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 And say, "It's well worth while," to thee.
 So take a copy of *THE KEY*.

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You'll life-long readers ever be.

M. G. R.

By mistake a farmer had got aboard a car reserved for a party of Princeton graduates who were returning to their alma mater for some special event. There was a large quantity of refreshments on the car, and the farmer was allowed to join the others. Finally some one asked him:

"Are you an alumnus?"

"No," said the old man, earnestly, "but I believe in it."—*Buffalo Courier*.—*Banta's Greek Exchange*.

TOO PLAIN

He—"I wish you'd drop the 'Mister' and call me plain George."

She—"Oh, but it would be unkind to twit you on your personal appearance that way."—*Boston Transcript*.

Talk about being hungry—
I was as hungry as a bear,
So walking into the dairy lunch
I ate off the arm of a chair.

—*Nebraska Awgwan*.

Rhymes, as Calverley used to say, are so scarce in this world of ours. But the editors of *The Gargoyle*, the University of Michigan's comic paper, don't mind that. The December number contains "imposter" and "bluster," "Spenser" and "quencher," "suspect" and "fact," "royal" and "Gargoyle," "vocation" and "location," "adoption" and "concoction," "tinsel" and "pencil," and "stockings" and "shocking."

Also, from *The Gargoyle*:

"And for the high-brows there will be
New books. They're dilettante.
We don't know just what that word means,
But then—it rhymes with Santa."

And, to the ear of *The Gargoyle* staff, perhaps it does.—F. P. A. in the *New York Tribune*.

We feel that Kappa is nearer the center of government now because Jeannette Rankin, the first woman member of Congress at Washington, D. C., has two Kappa sisters, Mary and Gladys of Beta Phi (Montana) chapter.

Thought inspired on reading in the St. Louis chapter letter that Ann Thuener is to marry John Lively:

Somebody: Are you sorry to change your name when you marry, Ann?

Ann: Well, I'd Thuener be Lively.

Now won't you send your own jokes?

In Memoriam

Ruth Chase Adams was born November 9, 1887. She entered Syracuse University in 1905. Ill health forced her to be absent the following year, but she returned to college and was graduated in 1910.

After teaching a year at Newport, New York, she spent several months in Europe and came back so much benefited in health that she taught history at Auburn, New York, for one year. During the last two years she made a brave struggle to regain her strength, but on November 3 she died at her home in Fulton, New York.

Her loss is deeply felt by her many friends and particularly by Beta Tau chapter.

Helen Genevieve Crisler, '15, of Beta Beta chapter, died very suddenly at her home in Brooklyn on Friday, December 29, 1916.

So short a time has elapsed since Helen left college, that the work that she so enthusiastically prepared to enter upon has hardly been touched. We, her sisters of Beta Beta chapter, still feel the tonic of her bright mind, the impress of her vivid personality and intense spirit that carried her so heartily into all things of college interest.

We testify with love and esteem to the loss her death has brought her chapter and fraternity.

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