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ARCHITECTURE FOR WOMEN.

That many pessimistic souls conscientiously deplore the changes in woman's social status which have been accomplished within the last fifty years, will not permanently arrest the gradual development of society. The sum total of individual opinion and influence will be the slow, steady and persistent growth and progress that is bound to work itself out unless the race and its habitation are prematurely converted into gas by impact with some formidable and erratic heavenly body. So, whether we approve or disapprove of women studying architecture, the fact remains that they have begun to do it, and other circumstances than our disapproval will determine whether they are to become permanently established in the profession.

Woman's being the house-keeper and home-maker might naturally have suggested to her the study of architecture before any other profession ; but, in reality, it has been almost the last which she has entered. Medicine, the ministry, law and dentistry have all admitted women for a greater or less number of years, while only very recently have any women essayed the study of architecture. The earlier opposition to women's daring to become anything but seamstresses or primary teachers was so bitter and unreasonable, that the public is now inclined to acquiesce rather unthinkingly in any new venture women may make. It is possible, however, that some things may be attempted that are not entirely wise, and there are some circumstances affecting architecture as a profession for women, to which I wish to call attention, and which may properly cause women about to enter it to consider the whole case very carefully before deciding.

Without attempting to claim that the masculine and feminine minds are absolutely identical in quality and ability, it is an en-

tirely tenable position to hold that, proper training and adequate ability being given, many problems in an architectural practice may be as satisfactorily solved by a woman as by a man. The femininity or the masculinity *per se*, has nothing to do with the subject. The due admixture of artistic temperament and mechanical ability, that makes an architect possible at all, may as well chance to exist in a woman as in a man. There is nothing in a course of architectural study nor in the experience of practical office work that need make women hesitate. The only point that assumes disagreeable proportions is that of superintendence. An architectural practice necessitates personal supervision of buildings, which means actual contact with contractors, who are by no means a race of angels, and direct, vigorous control exercised over all the workmen, from the Italian cellar diggers to the masons, plumbers, carpenters, painters, marble men, paper-hangers and stair-builders, up to the roofers and the lightning-rod and skylight men,—and many, many more. This matter of superintendence is the only question that a woman need consider more than a man, in starting to become an architect, and it is one that ought to receive careful thought before definite plans are adopted. It is something of which I knew and thought absolutely nothing in beginning my own course of architectural study; but it is a matter which further knowledge and experience has placed in its relative position, as an important element in considering architecture as a profession for women.

The question is not the simple one of dealing in a business-like manner with a few workmen engaged in a small job of repairing in one's own home. When a building is erected under contract with one or more contractors, the owner agrees by the terms of the contract or contracts to make stated payments to the contractors when the work is completed to certain specified stages to the satisfaction of the architect, and the contractor cannot collect from the owner unless he presents a certificate signed by the architect. If we assume that the latter is thoroughly intelligent, acquainted with good work, and entirely conscientious, while one or more of the contractors is somewhat rascally which, sad to say, is not at all an unwarrantable assumption, the clashing of interests becomes probable. The contractor permits his men to scamp work in order to serve his own ends, and the architect is bound to compel

them to perform the job properly that she may keep faith with her client. In order to accomplish this the architect must possess considerable pluck and a kind of ability which many women lack and which cannot be acquired. If she does not accomplish it, she jeopardizes her influence and authority for all future occasions. Unquestionably, some women have the dignity, presence, tact and understanding of human nature that would make it possible for them to successfully overcome this difficulty, where other women, otherwise capable architects, would be absolutely powerless. The difficulty as it presented itself to the mind of a New York architect of wide experience, who had no aversion to seeing women enter the profession, led him to say that he doubted whether the class of workmen whom an architect must deal with in New York City, could really be controlled without resorting to pretty strong language,—“it was the only thing they understood!” Often a man dislikes superintendence and forms a partnership with some other man who is willing to attend to that branch of the work. There is no reason why a woman might not make such an arrangement, or employ a regular clerk of works to attend to the superintendence. Even such a case, as far as the architectural practice is concerned would resolve itself into a partnership between a man and a woman, wherein the man agreed to attend to the superintendence.

But beyond the possible difficulty that women might meet in dealing with the workmen, it is also undeniable that there are practical difficulties in superintending the erection of anything but a bungalow or a chicken-house which are by no means insignificant. If one denies that women have any different limitations than have men, then it is impossible to discuss the matter; but a due recognition of facts can never lead to that conclusion. Now the conditions of superintending the erection of a building two or twenty stories in height, would necessitate that a woman architect should wear bloomers. The contact with bricks, mortar, timbers, pipes, unfinished projections, paint, etc., would not only very soon wear out a woman's expansible skirts and even be dangerous, but the ladders and half completed stages of the work would necessitate bloomers. The wearing of bloomers is one of the changes now advocated by some to which the sentiment of women generally, both progressive and unprogressive, is now and

always will be opposed. While it is true that most sensible women are anxious to see some feasible and successful improvement incorporated into woman's dress, it is also true that no change can be an improvement which is inartistic, not to say ugly. And bloomers never can become objects of art, because they violate^e every principle of art applied to the draping of a woman's figure. We are therefore involved in the inconsistency of a woman architect, with an artistic sensibility presumably developed beyond the average, forced to contradict all suggestions of art in her own dress, or to violate her natural instincts of modesty.

That it should ever become general for women to practice architecture, most essentially and fundamentally the basis of all true and thorough art culture, and, at the same time, customary for them to array themselves in such utterly inartistic garments as bloomers thus giving the lie to every line of beauty in their architectural creations, is a possibility that may well cause the thoughtful far-sighted student of social progress to deprecate women's studying architecture. If women are willing to recognize the limitation their sex imposes in this one profession, wherein it differs from the other professions, and study architecture with the expectation of practicing in conjunction with a man, or with the end of making their architectural study the basis of a broad art culture that can be specialized in various directions, then there is no reason why they may not enter architecture with the same degree of confidence in proportion to their ability that men have. I do not mean to say that women cannot hope to practice architecture independently of men. They can undoubtedly, if they wish to make sufficient effort, but I do mean to say that I am satisfied that in so doing they will be making a mistake, both as regards their individual lives, and their influence on their day and generation. They can do it only with bloomers or skirts, and either way is equally objectionable. Personally I have never attempted superintendence, and beyond my Cornell course, have had less than a year's office experience, circumstances then making it more expedient that I should relinquish architecture than follow it actively. So my restrictions concerning women architects do not grow out of my own failures in superintendence. The considerations that lead me to this conclusion are plain matters of fact known to any one, such as the

actual conditions of tall buildings in the course of erection, and the fact that women are simply not men, but different from them most essentially and radically. To sum up,—there is no reason why women cannot study architecture and become valued office assistants, or even able office architects, but there is reason why they cannot count on becoming full-fledged architects without sacrificing some portion of their womanliness.

As far as I have been able to discover almost nothing has been done by women architects that has involved much superintendence. I have heard a rumor of some cottages having been erected in or near Philadelphia by a woman, and one country cottage has been built by the Misses Hands and Gannon of New York. The Woman's Building in Chicago was designed by Miss Hayden but how independently she managed the superintendence I do not know. Beyond these cases I know only of Mrs. Bethune of Buffalo, who practices with her husband.

In a broad way, it will probably be true that women as architects will not succeed so well as men in certain lines, such as composition and design, while in other lines, such as planning private, tenement and apartment houses, offices, halls, and in interior decoration, their ability in general may equal or outrank that of men. This broad difference will grow out of the real differences in the way of mentally grasping things that exists between men and women. One is not necessarily of a higher order than the other, but they are undoubtedly different, and in many things both are as necessary to secure a complete understanding of the truth, as are the two eyes to form a perfect image. In architecture, preëminently, perhaps the best possible results will only be obtained where the masculine and feminine minds work in conjunction.

JESSIE J. CASSIDY, (*Psi*, '86.)

A KAPPA'S VACATION THOUGHTS.

"Pansies for thoughts!" It was alone in the quiet of my own room, while looking into the bright faces of a cluster of these little flowers, that I remembered the pretty suggestion the minister had given the children that morning. "If you put your ear

very close to this saucy little head," he had said, "and listen ever so attentively, it will be sure to tell you some happy thought." And it occurred to me that the happy thought, which these little flowers whisper, must be the secret of making others happy. As my mind wandered from this back to the past school year, I wondered how many of our girls possess this great secret. Then I recalled what one of the students had said to me last winter. "You have no idea," she had said, "what a little thing it takes to make me happy. Sometimes I come to school feeling so tired and discouraged, and if some one smiles at me in the hall, or says a pleasant good morning, it makes me so happy that I feel like singing all day long." This remark set me thinking. I thought if a smile and a pleasant good morning can make one person so very happy, it surely would make others equally so, and I wished that each of our own girls could realize how much lay in her power toward brightening the lives of others.

There has been much complaint made against the one great fault in college social life, which outsiders generally term "cliquishness," and which, it is to be feared, too frequently finds expression in the fraternity. In reality this is not the result of rudeness or selfishness, but merely of thoughtlessness. However, the plea of thoughtlessness will not justify us in forgetting the Golden Rule. Indeed, we all know that it is the easiest thing in the world to be kind and affectionate toward our own dear sisters, but we should never forget that it is the smaller courtesies extended to those outside our happy circle which show to them the beautiful spirit of true fraternity life.

Almost all of us, when the weary weeks of hard study are over, feel that we do not want to think of school again during the vacation, and wish to enjoy to the fullest extent the three short summer months. But just before the fall term opens, if each one would spend a day in confidential talk with some wise little pansies, I am sure they would tell us many a way of making the life of some lonely college girl brighter.

Every girl knows the excitement of the first few days of school. We fraternity girls throng the halls. A pretty, stylish stranger enters, and the representatives of each fraternity exert themselves to be pleasant to her, helping her register, and introducing her to the different professors, because each desires her to join her own

fraternity. But we do not notice the quiet, plain-looking girl, who stands alone and looks timidly around, not knowing where to go, and secretly wondering why some one does not come to help her as they do the other girl. We do not intend to be rude or unkind. We are each working for the interest of our own fraternity, and are so busy in making ourselves agreeable to the new girls eligible to our fraternities, that we do not think of other strangers just as much in need of our help. But because it is mere thoughtlessness does not heal the aching in a lonely heart, and does not prevent the tears coming to that poor girl's eyes as she thinks of the father and mother who have sacrificed so much that the greatest desire of their life might be realized and their daughter could enjoy the advantages of a higher education.

Shall not each Kappa carefully think these things over, and shall we not welcome every stranger and make her feel as much at home as those whom we choose to adorn our own especial circle?

ALTA STANTON, (*Omega*, '97).

THE WORK OF FRATERNITY.

There are some questions, and questions of importance, too, which Kappa Kappa Gamma seems unable to decide. We ask again and again, "What shall we do, and what shall we not do? Where shall fraternity work begin and end?" Our attention has lately been called to the project for establishing a Kappa scholarship. Surely it is an admirable and progressive scheme, and one which would go far toward elevating the estimate of fraternity, even in the eyes of non-sympathizers. Yet I believe that the establishment of such a scholarship is scarcely practicable just now. Perhaps it is too advanced for our present policy while there are so many other things more pressing, but we may before long grow to an appreciation of its value.

In the meantime, however, there are lesser undertakings that are well worthy of Kappa's notice. One girl says, decidedly, "That is not what fraternity is for. We have enough to think of and work for in our immediate fraternity affairs. Leave outside work for outside organizations." Then shall we?

Among the most interesting articles in THE KEY last year were two upon College Settlement work. Yet it is contended that THE KEY is no place for articles so foreign to fraternity. If the purpose of our fraternity paper were to condense the necessary fraternity news into the smallest possible space, then, indeed, there would be no room for other than strictly fraternity articles. But we see from the constantly increasing thickness and interest of THE KEY that breadth and growth in fraternity is the object of our fraternity at large, with THE KEY an efficient organ. Then what could better help to fill its pages than such words as those of the Youthful Old Maid of Ann Arbor, in the October KEY? And how welcome, too, is the introduction which Mrs. Burnham's article, in the same KEY, affords us to another phase of the character we have grown so sincerely to admire in our beloved fraternity leader. It seems to me that fraternity spirit and mutual helpfulness is better obtained by becoming acquainted with the thoughts and interests of individual Kappas, than by depending entirely upon a knowledge of Kappas in the aggregate.

But it is of late, I believe, not so much a question of reading matter as of working matter. "Leave outside work for outside organizations." Is that doing the best work for our fraternity? May it not resolve itself into a policy of self-centred thought, self-centred work, selfishness? I do not say that it will. I only ask—may it not? And this we would avoid. We see that more and more each year the tendency of colleges is to engender in its students a desire to be useful and helpful to others. And whatever the work may be, however mean and unpleasant, if it is a good work for college women, it is a good work for Kappas; and if for Kappas as individuals, then for Kappa Kappa Gamma as a whole; and good to feel that we are doing it as a fraternity. It could not possibly weaken fraternity spirit, and I am inclined to believe that the common sacrifice, the common earnestness, would strengthen the bond we now know.

It is an important question, for we cannot stand still. We must go forward or back. And the step we take to-day may mean more than we think to the sisters of the days to come.

M. B. G., (*Mu* '94).

Alumnæ Department.

EMILY BRIGHT BURNHAM.

Emily Bright Burnham was elected Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the Indianapolis Convention, 1892, after serving two consecutive terms as Grand Secretary. Her election was thus the best evidence that the fraternity could give of appreciation of her valuable work as Grand Secretary, and of trust in her care of its interests.

The most difficult task of the first two years of her secretaryship, from 1888 to 1890, was the preparation of the first catalogue of Kappa Kappa Gamma, in which she was assisted by her deputy, Miss Crook. The catalogue was published in May, 1890.

The Grand Council, during those two years, devised many plans for the improvement of the fraternity government, which were adopted by the important convention of 1890. In this planning the Grand Secretary was exceedingly active. Indeed, one of the most marked characteristics of her service on the Grand Council was her desire to perfect the organization of fraternity management. The fraternity as it already existed seemed to her worthy of all the loyal devotion that a member could give, but the fraternity as it might be was the aim of her thought and effort. Not only was she interested in the completion of the fraternity organization on the side of externals, of the "machinery" by which the chapters are enabled to live their united life under the most favorable conditions; but she was anxious to see the fraternity idea carried into possible further developments. She was one of the founders of the Second Degree, and its first initiations were held at the convention of 1892, at which she was elected Grand President.

During the six years in which Mrs. Burnham held office, five chapters were added to the fraternity, Beta Nu, Beta Alpha, Beta Epsilon, Beta Eta, and Beta Iota, besides the associate chapter, Beta Theta. In regard to extension, her convictions leaned toward the radical rather than the conservative side. She believed, and still believes, that in its efforts to reach the perfect state, a fraternity should hold itself ready to admit desirable new chapters, and

equally ready to drop unworthy ones, if there are any such ; and that the fraternity by such a process of growth, will reach a higher mark than by the conservative method of directing all attention to improvement within the existing circle.

Mrs. Burnham entered Boston University in September, 1886, at the age of nineteen, and was graduated in 1890, with the degree of Bachelor of Arts. She was born in Framingham, Massachusetts. New England has always been her home. Being a person of democratic sympathies and beliefs, it is a source of satisfaction to her that she was sent to public schools, in Boston, while the family lived there, and later in Cambridge, which was her home when she entered college. Her preference had been for one of the women's colleges of high rank ; but she found, as many have found who chose Boston University because of its greater convenience, that the life there, with its atmosphere of independence, of candor, of mutual trust between students and professors, is an education for which one remains thankful.

The fraternity world, into which she was initiated early in her freshman year, proved an absorbing interest, the object upon which she soon began to spend her strength, as it is her custom to spend it upon every fresh interest that comes into her life. Chapter Phi has repaid her loyalty by an affection that places her among its leaders ; those around whom, by virtue of a strong and attractive personality, an especial degree of loving admiration has centered.

It was in the chapter that she found most of her nearest friends. But her friendships were by no means limited exclusively to the chapter, nor did she limit her helpfulness to girls within or without the chapter, who were in all respects congenial. There were some as in all colleges, who for one reason or another could not easily win friends ; perhaps they cared for scholarship so much more than for the external graces that their appearance was likely to prejudice one against them ; or they were shy and helpless ; or something unfortunate in their circumstances kept them morbidly unhappy. Emily Bright had devoted friends among such girls, to whom she showed kindness with never a tinge of that condescension which makes studied kindness from the popular to the unpopular so very bitter a thing for the unpopular to suffer.

When one tries to understand the attraction which has brought

her the enduring friendship of many people, one seems to find its secret in the intensity of her own interest in life, and in the generosity of her nature, which has no place for the over-severity of judgment that narrows the character of many women otherwise admirable.

Every side of our college life had her sympathy, and her unusual gift for practical affairs, for organizing and directing, was constantly put to service. One remembers her at rehearsals of the Philomathean Society, toiling to overcome the rigidity of amateur actors; and that while she was president of the society, the "Scenes from Middlemarch" were played, that made the most delightful "Philomathean afternoon" of that year.

One remembers her as distinctly too, at the Gamma Delta play-room, with the children about her, eagerly interested. Gamma Delta is an open society, of which all girls in the college are members if they choose. The play-room was not the place where Gamma Delta disported itself, as its name might imply. On the contrary, it was the scene of much labor; a room in the mission-house of St. Andrew's, in one of the poor streets of the West End, where on certain afternoons of each week, a few of Gamma Delta's members used to summon such little girls of the neighborhood as were inclined to play there rather than in the streets, and play with them, and tell them stories, and set them to making scrap-books for children in the hospitals.

The same feeling of the responsibility of the fortunately situated towards the unhappy dwellers in cities, which led Mrs. Burnham and some of her friends to plan this first attempt of Gamma Delta's, caused her also, on leaving college to undertake volunteer work for the Associated Charities, the same work that afterwards became her profession. She became one of the regular agents of the society in the fall of 1892, and held the position for two years. In spite of the difficult and trying nature of the work, with its many disheartening aspects, her enthusiasm for it, and her clear-sighted appreciation of character made it a constant pleasure to her.

In December, 1893, she was married to Mr. Addison C. Burnham of Cambridge. Mr. Burnham, although graduated not many years since from the Harvard Law School, has set at naught the time-honored tradition about the first-ten-years'

dismal struggle for existence of the young lawyer, by making a success already in his profession. Mrs. Burnham's new home in Cambridge has seemed from the first a very real home to her friends; a place where they have found themselves welcome and at ease, and where they are apt to gather contentedly of an afternoon for a cup of tea and a cheerful gossip. And if nowadays we are more given to admiring the performances of the baby than to discussion of fraternity ethics or improved tenement houses, we do not feel that the aforetime president of Kappa Kappa Gamma and agent for the Associated Charities has lost in dignity of life. To live heartily in each phase of life as it comes, that seems the best philosophy, and that is the way of living that makes Emily Bright Burnham a helpful woman, and one exceedingly dear to those who know her.

ELLA A. TITUS, (*Phi*, '92.)

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

The marriage of Charlotte C. Barrell, '85, to Robert Alison Ware took place at Tamworth, N. H., September 14. Miss Barrell was Grand President of Kappa Kappa Gamma from 1886 to 1888.

In August, Martha W. Locke, '94, was married to Lewis C. Strong, Beta Theta Pi, '92.

PSI.

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Ida May Hill, '90, to Mr. William Dalton, Cornell, '90. Their future address will be 787 State St., Schenectady, N. Y.

Lois Otis, '86, is teaching botany in the Girls' High School, Philadelphia.

Harriet Ballou, '95, is teaching German and literature in the Boonville Union School.

Ethel and Mabel Stebbins, '95, sailed for Antwerp in July. They will spend several years in European study and travel.

Frances Tappan, '92, is teaching physical culture in Raleigh, South Carolina.

Laura Stanley Dickey, '92, has resigned her position at Houghton Seminary and will spend the winter at her home in Newburg, N. Y.

BETA TAU.

Harriet Hollis, ex-'94, was fortunate in enjoying a six weeks' trip to Europe this summer in behalf of a New York newspaper.

May Reed, '93, will take a post-graduate course in painting at Syracuse University this year.

BETA NU.

Edith Minot Twiss and Georgietta Fisher, both of '95, have been appointed as teachers in the High School at Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

XI.

Helen B. Thomas, '94, is teaching at North Manchester, Indiana.

Lucy Webster, '95, is teaching at Blissfield, Michigan.

Alberta Oakley, '91, is principal of the Bishopthorpe School at South Bethlehem, Pennsylvania.

KAPPA.

Winnifred Root Dewey, '90, spent the vacation at Hillsdale.

Among Kappa's alumnae who spent Commencement at Hillsdale were: Stella Berry Arnold, Shirley Smith, Harriet Rice Bates, Lena Seeley Lawrence, Celeste Brackett Newcomer, Jennie Stiles, Myrta Phelps, Alice Dewey, Carrie Bates, Hattie Reynolds.

IOTA.

On August 22, Lillian Clive, '95, was married to John Higdon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, '92. Mr. Higdon is professor of mathematics in the Indianapolis High School.

Frances Wilde, '95, will teach English in the Alexander High School, while Edith Beck, '95, has also been appointed teacher in the Alexander schools.

Addie Smith, '95, is to teach mathematics in the High School at Bluffton, Ind.

MU.

Lona Iden, '93, and Mr. Frank Lacey, '92, Phi Delta Theta, were married in March.

Stella Braden, '93, will teach in West Point, Mississippi, again this year.

Kate Hadley, '88, is to be married to Mr. Will Buchanan, '88, Phi Delta Theta. Her future home will be in Kansas City.

Mamie Hay, ex-'93, graduated at Chicago University in June.

Fanny Hay, ex-'95, will graduate from Chicago University in 1896.

UPSILON.

Carla Fern Sargent, '95, is teaching in the High School at Marseilles, Ill.

CHI.

Bertha McMillan, '94, returns to New York to continue her work at the Art League this winter.

Lillian Moore, who graduated with the class of '95, enters Vassar this year as a senior.

Margaret McDonald, '95, will take special work at Smith College this year.

Nannie Holbrook, '95, is to spend the winter at New Bedford, Mass.

OMEGA.

Annie L. MacKinnon will remain for another year of study at Göttingen University, holding a fellowship from the Boston Association.

The Parthenon.

It is a recognized fact that in almost any society there are a certain few upon whom the work devolves, while the rest enjoy themselves and contentedly reap the benefits of the others' labor. Certainly Greek letter fraternities are no exception to this rule, and it is deeply to be regretted that they are not. I have seen girls who apparently thought that the chapter existed only to give them pleasure and with no idea that they owed anything to it. When work was to be done they were very willing to let some one else do it; when some trifling engagement presented itself which interfered with chapter meeting, the other engagement was given the preference; and when given any work to do which did not exactly meet with their approval, made others wish that some one else had done it; a state of things certainly very detrimental to the peace and dignity of the chapter. This is exceptional, of course, and I am glad to say such cases are few, but they illustrate the point in hand. In a college society, where all members are on equal ground, where each one has practically as much time as another, and where ability is so evenly distributed, it is the more deplorable that there are any who seem to be unwilling to do their share. Too often, I fear, we let personal feeling rule us when we should think of the good of the whole.

The same thing holds true when questions of opinion arise. When are we going to be broad enough and generous enough not to be biased by petty spites and prejudices? Should not our fraternity life help us in that regard? We forget that we should make it a means of attaining truer, nobler, more perfect womanhood.

It is true that in our fraternity we form some of the closest friendships of our lives, but how much more meaning those friendships would have for us if we were a little less selfish in one way or another. There is not an evil under the sun that has not selfishness in some form for its foundation, and there are few fields better for the cultivation of unselfishness and sweet charity than a college society. It seems to me that here lies the secret of chapter unity, that quality so greatly to be desired, but which sometimes seems to be only hypothetical. How can there be unity unless each and every member places fraternity interests before her own likes and dislikes? I do not mean that

fraternity should come before everything else. Everyone has, I think, a sufficiently definite idea of the position it should take with relation to other affairs, but such things as regularity and punctuality at meetings, and prompt and willing performance of any duty are very easily managed, and with so little sacrifice of other things. The lack to any great degree of these three things will kill any chapter, however strong it be otherwise, while their universal existence would aid to an unlimited extent in bringing the chapter up to its ideal standard.

BETA DELTA.

IN the Parthenon of the July KEY, Kappa Chapter made a motion against the extension of fraternity work, arguing the disagreement of "outside" work with the primary purpose of the fraternity—good-fellowship.

That good-fellowship in its fullest connotation of help and love is the first principle of our fraternity, all of us devoutly hold; but concerning its furtherance some of us, apparently, are at variance. To some of us, in opposition to our sister of Kappa, the prosperity of our chapter life seems largely to devolve upon its "outside" work. It may be work of varying nature, but it is naturally work which is significant to our college community. For we wish our fraternity chapters always to stand to our college public for the best interests of the college.

In relation, however, to our own closer, more personal interests in that promotion of good-fellowship which we so much desire, does it not occur to our Sister of Kappa Chapter that she wears the badge, writes to the Parthenon and subscribes herself "Sister," all in token of good-fellowship, and yet refuses its greatest bond and seal—common work?

C. E., (*Beta Epsilon*).

How much time ought the fraternity to give to literary work, and what should be the nature of such work? If the chapter has a house there are many delightful opportunities for social intercourse, but the chapter that is scattered and rarely meets in a body except at the regular meetings, naturally feels the need of getting better acquainted with itself as a whole.

The average student finds that her college work takes most of her available time and often finds the unexpressed wish in her heart that she might come to the meeting for a breathing spell. The extra work such as making reviews of the latest magazines or writing criticisms becomes a burden, and if done at all is usually slighted and hurried over at the last moment.

On the other hand the meeting surely ought to mean something more than business and a merry time.

Would it not be well to develop a taste for good literature by having short selections from different authors read aloud ; poetry as well as prose, humorous sketches as well as more instructive articles, and occasionally an article that may be attracting universal attention in the latest magazine. Let this be followed by an informal discussion which can be made very interesting and helpful. Will each girl not anticipate such a meeting with more pleasure than one for which she is obliged to write a comparison of the heroines of two novels or give criticisms on several articles from the last *Review of Reviews*?

Then if fifteen minutes or so could always be given up to general sociability, these unfortunate chapters that have no home would have many more opportunities to learn of the work and ambitions of each girl, and the individual members would feel more interest, sympathy and love for each other, which is after all one of the things for which we are striving.

FANNY HOWE MITCHELL, (*Beta Eta.*)

In a recent *Harper's Weekly*, Julian Ralph writes entertainingly of College life at Ann Arbor. In this article he says that many maintain that a college education makes a young woman decidedly selfish ; that after spending four years in the happy, satisfying college life, she is often unable and even unwilling to attempt to accommodate herself to her narrower home life again ; and that she demands every attention, thinking that all efforts should be made to make her home life as pleasant as possible.

As I read, I thought what a strong argument this was in favor of fraternity life. The girl who goes home selfish after the chances afforded her of developing unselfishness in four years of fraternity life would be selfish anywhere. And especially is this

true in regard to Kappa. For how can an overmastering care for self, control the girl who is trying to live up to that grand motto of ours?

F. J. H., (*Eta*).

WINTER with its college days presents a pretty picture to us, for we see beyond the college and its work a Kappa chapter house, the winter home of a band of sisters. It is there, when the recitations are over and the day's work is done, the sister seeks her pleasures and associations and there she finds them. Oh, the good times we have conversing around the grate, on cold winter evenings! Always company, never lonely nor left alone! So we see the picture of Kappa's winter home. But while there are about thirty of these sisters enjoying their fun and work together the other sisters have their good times miles away. It is only through letters that we can participate in the pleasures of the rest, or share ours with them.

The chapter is bound by strong ties of personal love, but what of those in the fraternity who are not acquainted with each other? Our conventions bring a number of sisters together, but they are very few in comparison with the number who remain at home.

A summer home would change this, and a large proportion of the fraternity might see each other every summer. The ties of the fraternity would be strengthened, the chapters would be sisters indeed, and there would be a sympathy and fellowship which would make an interest and enthusiasm never before felt.

F. C., (*Beta Tau*).

PHI has done some very earnest thinking on some of the questions that are always present with a chapter. The composite result of her meditations would be something like this. Perhaps you can trace the philosophic maid, the severely practical one, or those gentle spirits who keep us all loving, hopeful and loyal. First of all, Phi holds that in the choice of new girls the argument of mere numbers is not to be considered at all. If there is but one girl in the class whom the chapter thinks would make a good Kappa, the chapter has no right to take in more for the sake of keeping up the roll to an apparently prosperous number, and to send them out into the world wearing the key and repre-

senting Kappa Kappa Gamma to all whom they meet. Loyalty to the whole fraternity demands this, and the loyal chapter must answer the demand at whatever cost to itself.

Then Phi would go on to say that which is implied in what she has already said. A girl must not be taken into the fraternity because a chapter is sorry for her, or thinks she is lonely and that the fraternity would do her good, or because they know her older sister, already a Kappa, would be glad to have this little freshman wear the key. A chapter ought not invite a girl to membership unless it feels the need of her and is sure that without her it will not be the strong, happy unit that it might be. Phi would end by saying, "Don't think too much whether you personally care for a girl; study her well, and study well your own ideals of what a Kappa should be. If you are sure that she would be an honor to the fraternity, you will, I think, find that you personally will be glad to honor her with the little pin which is all in all to so many. Don't be too subjective. If she is Kappa-like you can love her, unless something is wrong with yourself, and if she is not, love her all you can—but do not bind her with the little key to all the other chapters and them to her." And through all Phi recognizes the fact that all do not have the same capacity for loving, but she does declare that in all Kappas there is the power to give earnest loyalty to the "new ones," and that if these "new ones" have been measured by the standard of Kappa and not by subjective fancy, this loyalty is as valuable a living principle as we can find.

These are some of the things Phi has been thinking and saying to herself, and she hopes that her experience may help, if but a little, her sisters far away.

B. P. R., (*Phi*).

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ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Helen M. Armstrong, '96,	Florence E. Eveleth, '97,
Susie M. Flint, '96,	Esther L. Dodge, '97,
Mary E. Hadley, '96,	Marion Gray, '97, (sp.,)
K. Isabel Mann, '96,	Grace L. Griffiths, '97,
Bertha P. Marvel, '96, (sp.,)	Lena B. Poole, '97,
S. Marion Chadbourne, '97, (sp.,)	Emma F. Ripley, '97,
Marion L. Chamberlain, '97,	H. Gertrude Crosby, '98, (sp.,)
Katharine Chamberlain, '97,	Helen Forbes, '98,
Ella L. Chase, '97,	Amy Wales, '98,
Pearl C. Chase, '97,	Ethelwynne Wallace, '98.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 20; total membership from chapter establishment, 117; number of year's initiate, 8. Honors: Amy Wales, first prize for poem in *Beacon* contest; Ella L. Chase, vice-president of Philomathean and Junior Proctor; Marion Chamberlain, secretary of Gamma Delta; Bertha P. Marvel, literary editor of the *Beacon*; K. Isabel Mann, one of the local editors of the *Beacon*.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 28; number of students in collegiate department, 282. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 23; Theta Delta Chi, 16. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Alpha Phi, 19; Gamma Phi Beta, 17; Delta Delta Delta, 18.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Elsie Clews, '96,	Louise Brisbin Dunn, '97,
Anna C. Mellick, '96,	Eleanor Frances Osborne, '97,
Mary Rogers Roper, '96,	Clara L. Roe, '97,
Bertha S. Van Riper, '96,	Adeline Caswell Wheelock, '97,
Mary Bergmann Dobbs, '97,	Maude Wilcox, '97.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 10; total membership from chapter establishment, 31; number of year's initiates, 6. Honors: Miss Brombacher, '95, received the Kohn prize for senior mathematics; Miss Dunn, '97, received the prize for sophomore chemistry.

College:—Number of faculty, 39; Barnard College has the same faculty as Columbia University; number of students in the collegiate department, 70. Kappa Kappa Gamma is the only fraternity.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Beta Epsilon is anticipating with much pleasure, the coming year in college and fraternity life. Each of us feels that it is to be a year of earnest work and development toward that higher life which must certainly be the ideal of every true fraternity woman. But in the pleasure there will be a feeling, too, of sadness, for in the death of the Rev. Arthur Brooks, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Barnard, not alone the college, but each and every student in it, has lost a true friend. He was a rare man, lovable and noble, whom Barnard will never cease to remember, for his influence was one of the strongest factors in the first years of the life of the college.

Since last October there have been steadily deepening in the chapter, both the realization of the responsibility which rests on the members of the fraternity, of representing and furthering, as the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma ought, the best interests of the colleges to which we may belong, and the desire of bringing the fraternity, in this light, still more prominently before not only the students, but the trustees and faculty as well. We have not formulated many theories for work along this line, but we are more and more strongly convinced that the best results are to be obtained by a small number of girls chosen with the greatest possible care. In order to have the membership composed of these very choice few, a more intimate acquaintance before initiation is necessary than that which can be gained during the few weeks in the Fall devoted to rushing. Pledge day, if such a thing be indeed necessary, should be postponed as long as possible.

But why are rushing and pledge days necessary at all? Surely Kappa is strong enough to take the stand and abolish the system of rushing so far as she at least is concerned. For if the fact that she did no rushing, and the reasons were thoroughly understood, those girls who would make the most desirable Kappas would be glad to wait, and would not be carried off by rival fraternities. Kappa would be the one sought for, and not the seeker. There is another phase of this same question. How can Kappa stand for the best interests of college life, when the first month or so of that college life each year is devoted to card-parties, picnics, lunches, suppers, and everything else

included in the term rushing, while studies and the regular college duties are practically ignored? "Oh, we never expect to pass our examinations the first term," said a sister Kappa, "we have so much rushing to do." This is a purely narrow fraternity spirit, eager for self-advancement, it surely is not the broad one which each of us is so anxious to uphold. While this state of affairs exists, is it to be wondered that fraternities are excluded from many of our colleges, on the ground that they interfere with the college work? Surely we, at least, can do something to remove this reproach, and to prove that fraternity life, instead of hindering, advances not only our own college life, but also that of all those with whom we may come in contact.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Addie Elem Spencer, P. G.,	Isabelle Kittinger, '96,
Antoinette Lawrence, P. G.,	Alinda Lathrop, '96,
Ellen Bliss Talbot, (Beta Nu), P. G.,	Frances Rebecca Pearson, '97,
Mary Josephine Hull, '93,	Julia Andrew Cochrane, '97,
Harriet Knight Ballou, '95,	Christabel Forsythe Fiske, '97,
Ethel Stebbins, '95,	Mabel Virginia Root, '97,
Emma Mabel Stebbins, '95,	Mabel Simis, '97,
Elizabeth Washburne Bump, '95,	Emily Dunning, '98,
Grace Neal Dolson, '96,	Edith Read, '98,
Bernice Grant Haviland, '96,	Elizabeth Rhoades, '98.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 20; total membership from chapter establishment, 90; number of year's initiates, 5.

University :—Number of faculty, 76; instructors and assistants, 82; non-resident lecturers, 23; number of students, 1638. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, 18; Chi Phi, 22; Kappa Alpha, 21; Alpha Delta Phi, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 15; Chi Psi, 17; Delta Upsilon, 27; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 29; Theta Delta Chi, 20; Phi Delta Theta, 27; Beta Theta Pi, 27; Psi Upsilon, 21; Alpha Tau Omega, 22; Phi Gamma Delta, 17; Phi Delta Phi, (Law), 29; Phi Sigma Kappa, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Sigma Phi, 17; Sigma Chi, 23; Delta Chi, 27; Delta Phi, 13; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, —; Kappa Sigma, 23. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 21; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Delta Gamma, 25; Alpha Phi, 16.

CHAPTER LETTER.

It is next to impossible now to imagine that the October KEY will find us all hard at work, the vacation like a dream, and study

and rushing the stern reality. There will be lamentations, loud and long, when tennis courts and country roads, to say nothing of back-yard hammocks and sunny orchards, are exchanged for the library and the tea-table's "giggle, gobble and git." "Plague ef they aint somethin' in work kinder goes agin my convictions," along about here in golden September especially, and I think if circumstances were in my control I should agree with the college student who feigned weak eyes and assumed green spectacles so that he might stay in the country a few weeks longer.

I am reluctant to expose the summer occupations of my chapter, however much I may give to the world recitals of my own weaknesses. Therefore I shall not regale the readers of the KEY with detailed accounts of what the people mentioned above have been doing since the seventeenth of June. I am sure the "Lazy Man's Club" would swell beyond its utmost limits if their summer's diversions were known, but there the appreciation would probably end. Instead, I shall let you wait till next January when all the books in the world will not be able to contain what can be written to their credit. All I can say now is that we expect to be one of the happiest chapters in the fraternity in spite of the fact that summer days are over. Our only grief will be the loss of our seniors and of Julia Cochrane, who goes to Northampton to enter Smith College.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Gertrude Emma Smith, '95,	May Irwin, '95,
Charlotte Louise McCall, '95,	Marion Estella Howard, '95,
Elinor Meriam White, '95,	Katharine Elizabeth Mory, '96,
Emma Crasto Robinson, '96,	Antionette Josephine Foster, '96,
Sybil Eliza Bailey, '96,	Mary Eudoica Bowman, '96,
Daisy Mabel Jones, '97,	Harriet Elizabeth Robertson, '97,
Jessie Dell Stearns, '97,	Annie Louise Eaton, '97,
Jessie Lovett, '97,	Margaret Helen Currier, '97,
Helen Alsy Clemence, '98,	Jessie Wenonah Kinney, '98,
Zoa Magdalene Rowland, '97,	Marguerite Pauline Liotard, '98.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 20 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 114 ; number of year's initiates, 5.

University :—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 7 ; number of students, 100. Men's fraternities : Beta Theta Pi, 25 ; Alpha Tau Omega, 21. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20 ; Delta Delta Delta, 7.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Margaret Brown, ex.-'93,	Maud E. Sprague, '97.
Anna M. Harbottle, '95,	Bessie M. Willard, '97,
Jennette Morton, '95,	Mabel L. Willard, '97,
Mabel A. Potter, '95,	Carrie M. Allen, '98,
Caroline S. Romer, '95,	Blanche A. Barber, '98,
Etta M. Robinson, '95,	Florence E. Carpenter, '98,
Josephine Miller, '96, (sp.),	Marie S. Cary, '98,
Mary L. Caldwell, '96,	Charlotte E. David, '98,
Katherine B. Allis, '97,	Minnie B. Hasbrook, '98,
Mattie E. Caldwell, '97,	Margaret E. Telfer, '98,
Daisy Lois Dean, '97,	Helen Richards, '98,
Lucy L. Hamson, '97,	Mary L. Connell, '98,
Emily A. Newcomb, '97,	Anna C. Giddings, '98.

Chapter:—Active members, 26; total membership from chapter establishment, 115; number of initiates, 10. Honors: Caroline S. Romer, vice-president of class of '95; Anna Harbottle, historian of class of '95; Lois Dean, vice-president of Y. W. C. A.; Mary Caldwell, associate editor *Onondagan*, the Junior annual; Marie Cary, '98, member of Ladies' Glee Club.

University:—Number of faculty, 74; number of students, 887. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 27; Delta Upsilon, 29; Psi Upsilon, 22; Phi Kappa Psi, 30; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Beta Theta Pi, 23; Alpha, (Medical), 22. Women's fraternities: Alpha Phi, 37; Gamma Phi Beta, 34; Kappa Alpha Theta, 26.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement week was one of the pleasantest in the history of Syracuse University. The event of great interest to us was the annual banquet of Beta Tau Chapter. At eight o'clock the Kappas gathered at the Empire House to enjoy the festivities of the evening, the advice and encouraging words from the alumnae, and the cherry letters from those not able to be there.

About twenty of the girls, dreading to separate for the summer months, spent a delightful two weeks, following commencement, camping at Sylvan Beach. It was in truth a Kappa camp as a stranger would have soon learned had he chanced to pass that way. After this outing the girls parted and went to their various homes to make them brighter by the improvement which the college and the efforts of many a loyal sister had made in themselves.

Most of our girls are to return, but we will greatly miss two of our '97 girls, Helen Potter and Blanche Ashley, who are not to be in college this year but are to teach instead.

Our chapter was made very happy and felt highly honored by the appointment of one of its seniors, Mabel Potter, as editor of the Woman's Page in the *Syracuse Post*.

Beta Tau is looking forward with pleasure to the Alpha Province convention to be held with Beta Beta in October.

Beta Tau sends greetings and wishes all Kappas a successful and enjoyable year.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Active Members.

Carolyn Martin Grambo,	Harriet C. Powe,
Mary Engle Pennington,	Bertha Elizabeth Corson Yocom,
Mary Dechert Griffith,	Anna Harlan Wistar,
Lucy Cooper Gendell,	Mary Lawton Hammer,
Eugenie Louise Faxon Knapp,	Sarah Pleis Miller,
Mary Parker Nicholson,	Elizabeth Beldon Gendell.
Miss Miller, '98, is the only undergraduate student.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 12; total membership from chapter establishment, 34; number of year's initiates, 5.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 96; number of members in collegiate department, 683. Men's fraternities with active members could not be ascertained. Women's fraternities, Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since Beta Alpha last sent her greeting to her Kappa sisters through THE KEY her members have been spending the long, bright summer days far from the scenes of their winter toil. At sea shore and mountain they have been collecting that heavy coat of tan that tells so truly of happy vacation hours and renewed vigor for the work that the autumn will bring.

Before separating for the summer we had the pleasure of meeting Mrs. Knapp and a few friends in the beautiful rooms of the Belmont Club House. Mrs. Knapp is Beta Alpha's beloved member who, last February, chose to pursue a different line of work from the rest of us. She had been abroad for several months when she came in June to give us a last look at her before she settled down in Bridgeport, Connecticut.

How quickly the vacation days are passing! It is almost time to see a stray Kappa on the streets of Philadelphia.

Before long the cool October days will be here when Beta Alpha girls will meet again and commence another campaign which we hope will meet with the success that has cheered our and the other chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma so many times before.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Frances Whitney Cheairs, '95,	Laura Cecilia Miller, '97,
Carolien Hayes Chambers, '96,	Edith Flint Kenderdine, '97,
Aïda Thyresse Evans, '96,	Grace Walton Stevenson, '97,
Hallie Hanson Haines, '96,	Edna Marion Nicholl, '98,
Violette Taylor Haines, '96,	Helen Price Cheairs, '98,
Mary Gertrude Scott, '96,	Ada Virginia Gillespie, '98,
	Mabel Clare Gillespie, '98.

Associate—Mrs. Martha Breck Carter, (Pi Chapter).

Chapter:—Number of active members, 13; total membership from chapter establishment, 20; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Violette Taylor Haines, Corresponding Secretary of Somerville Literary Society, member of '96 *Halcyon* staff; Carolien Hayes Chambers, vice president of Sigma Chapter of Somerville; Laura Cecilia Miller, member Sophomore-Freshman Oratorical Team, member of '97 *Halcyon* staff; Edith Flint Kenderdine, Secretary of '97, member of '97 *Halcyon* staff, recording secretary of Somerville Literary Society, Swarthmore delegate on Electoral Board of College Settlement; Grace Walton Stevenson, secretary of Omicron Chapter of Somerville; Helen Price Cheairs, secretary of '98; Ada Virginia Gillespie, treasurer of '98.

College:—Number of faculty in the collegiate department, 15, with eleven instructors; number of students in collegiate department, 200, Men's fraternities: Kappa Sigma, 11; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Delta Upsilon, 20; Theta Nu Epsilon. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, about 15; Pi Beta Phi, about 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The opportunities which are offered to us, as college women, are gifts from God; Heaven gives us enough in the opportunity and we are responsible for time and talents. Thus to creditably accomplish our work, eight-tenths of our time at college is set apart and a short remainder is left for the recreation, which allows us to take up with renewed interest the same work for the same primal object—our education.

For us who have deemed it the greatest pleasure to join bonds in a sisterhood, a new life has developed itself within the college one, and this has proven to be a great factor in the lives of college women.

This fraternity life surely means the development of the spiritual and moral world—which means our very being; for just so much as we are spiritual and moral, at just so much are our lives valued.

While the fraternity embraces this most vital matter, still do some of our alumnae sisters realize that the active's time is not her own, and that it is impossible for us who are taking regular courses and perhaps extra work, to devote more than a limited amount of time to fraternity matters. That must come secondary to our education, otherwise the fraternity is detrimental to our college life.

This it is not, however, and will not be as long as the fraternity government does not impose too much work upon us, as active members. We are desirous of doing all in our power to promote the welfare of our fraternity and will devote time and efforts to that end.

But Kappa Kappa Gamma's interest is one to be developed not in the class room, but in our social life, when we strive to love others as ourselves.

We trust that we as alumnae may take a deeper interest and join forces in organizing more alumnae associations and this may take some responsibility off the college girl's mind.

We heartily congratulate our associate chapter and all other alumnae sisters who are keeping up interest in our organization, and can only assure them that we may be proud to follow their example.

The social life at the different universities and colleges greatly interests Beta Iota. We have heard of your allies and rivals, your successes and triumphs with the greatest interest and this is what we have hoped to gain through the chapter letters.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Alice Roddy, '95,	Margaret Fromyer, '96,
Isabel Howe, '96,	Florence Appleby, '96,
Frances Slater, '96,	Nell E. Laffer, '97,
Jennie Nutt, '96,	Grace Borland, '98,
Margaret Kramer, '96,	Mary C. Colter, '98,
Adelaide Lockard, '98.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 11; total membership from chapter establishment, 37; number of year's initiates, 6. Honors: No honors or prizes conferred by faculty. A goodly share of class offices, representation on college papers and annual members in college choir, fall to Gamma Rho.

College:—Number of faculty, 17; number of students, 179. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 17. Women's fraternities: Kappa-Alpha Theta, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Alpha Chi Omega, (musical), 17.

Miscellaneous:—Preparatory Department in the College and Conservatory of Music make in all over 500 students.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

H. Gertrude Pierce, '95,	Flora Goodwin, '98,
Avah Stockman, '95,	Bess Fisher, '98,
Carrie Bell, '96,	Edith Mallison, '98,
Belle Armstrong, '96,	Harriet Parsons, '98,
Bess Whitehead, '96,	Susie Hill, '98,
Jessie Moore, '97,	Metta Dague, '98,
Elmie Warner, '97,	May Scudder, '98,
Mabel Goodwin, '98,	Bertha Huston, '98,
Blanche Widdecombe, '97,	Grace Stanley, sp.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 18; total membership from chapter establishment, 114; year's initiates, 2. Honors: Gertrude, Pierce salutatory on class day.

College:—Faculty, 10; college students, 116. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Phi Delta Theta, 10; Lone Star (local), 11. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; Delta Gamma, 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Each Lambda girl has been busily engaged this summer in forging a link in the chain which binds us closer together. The separate links are enclosed in a bulky letter which goes quickly from place to place. They all tell of their happy vacation and of their great hopes for a prosperous year.

Lambda's correspondent has had a very pleasant visit with Miss Sharp. She is a very strong Kappa, and has only the best interests of our fraternity at heart. It causes one coming from the local chapter to feel how narrow her life is in comparison with one who has an acquaintance with each chapter. Miss Sharp is very enthusiastic in regard to the convention, and hopes our next one at Evanston may be a great success, both in a business and social way.

Lambda girls send greetings to all Kappas, and hope that this next year may be a very prosperous one for Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Emeline McSweeney, '96,	Madge Bittenbender, '97,
Katharine Lucas, '96,	Fannie Dysert, '97,
Alice Cornell, '96,	Lucy Ross, '98,
Grace Ihrig, '96,	Caroline Agerter, '98,
Cora Altman, '97,	Alice Smith, '98,
Edna Pennell, '97,	Minnie Elliott, '98,
Annette Thackwell, '97,	Ethel Axtel, '98,
Myvanwy Jones, '97,	Frances Glenn, '98.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 16 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 131 ; number of year's initiates, 6.

College :—Number in faculty, 15 ; number of students in collegiate department, 244. Men's fraternities in order of establishment : Beta Theta Pi, 12 ; Phi Delta Theta, 11 ; Delta Tau Delta, 7 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 15 ; Alpha Tau Omega. Women's fraternities : Kappa Alpha Theta, 18 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16.

CHAPTER LETTER.

You ask for a short news letter, but what is there to tell? Nothing of importance has happened to us as a chapter. On Tuesday of commencement week, Mrs. Annat received the chapter,

the Kappa mothers and alumnae who were back for the week ; we spent a most enjoyable afternoon, the only quiet and restful one of that busy week.

Then came vacation, and all we know of each other has been gleaned from letters. From them we have learned that at Chicago, June 18, Josephine McDowell was married to Mr. Cook of Cleveland, while on June 26, Etta Hoelzel of Worster was married to Mr. Welty of Pittsburgh.

A pleasant incident of the summer was a little visit which Ethel DeWitt and Emeline McSweeney had with Lambda. They returned delighted with their Buchtel sisters, making us all wish that there were some way in which chapters could become better acquainted with each other. Of course, province conventions are very pleasant, but very few of our members can enjoy them, and I wonder whether we cannot devise some way in which two or three entire chapters could come together, hold meetings and become personally acquainted with each other.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Edith Minot Twiss, '95,	Marietta Charlotte Cole, '96,
Georgietta Fisher, '95,	Imogene Ingram, '97,
Bessie Smith Claypoole, '95,	Lucy Allen, '97,
Gertrude Stowell Kellicott, sp.,	Florence Corner, '97,
Florence Derby, sp.,	Flora McCarter, '97,
Fanny Fern Howard, '96,	Marion Evans Twiss, '97,
Zoa Belle Baldwin, '96,	Winona Schriver, '97,
Mary Bole Scott, '96,	Nellie Roney, '97,
Mabel Elmira Lisle, '96,	Gwendolen Ingram, '98,
Mabel Rice, '98.	

Chapter.—Number of active members, 19 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 44 ; number of year's initiates, 2. Honors : Senior class historian, Georgietta Fisher.

University.—Faculty and assistants, 80 ; number of students in collegiate department, 750. Men's fraternities in order of establishment : Phi Gamma Delta, 13 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 8 ; Sigma Chi, 15 ; Phi Delta Theta, 8 ; Chi Phi, 11 ; Beta Theta Pi, 19 ; Sigma Nu, 12 ; Alpha Tau Omega, 19 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 19 ; Phi Delta Phi, (Law), 17 ; Theta Nu Epsilon, 10 ; Delta Tau Delta, 19 ; Kappa Sigma, 7. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17 ; Pi Beta Phi, 11.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Again Beta Nu greets her Kappa sisters on the threshold of the new college year, and sends the greatest of hopes and the best of wishes for the prosperity and happiness of all the dear Kappa girls, far and near.

The girls of Beta Nu have been pretty widely separated during the summer, for almost all have been away at one time or another; but we are nearly all back now, with tanned and sun-burnt faces, and all boasting of new acquisitions in the way of avoirdupois, and feeling strong and ready for work again. And yet we have been together some, too, for in the first part of July we went off on a picnic, and all who have ever enjoyed the pleasure of a Kappa picnic can fully appreciate the lovely time, to which we can testify for that afternoon and evening. That is the only time we have all been together, but there has been a greater or less number of us in town all the time, and we have generally managed to see something of each other, when such was the case.

Last Friday we came together again for a meeting, the first time since the end of last year, and how exceedingly young and few and far between we all felt without our beloved 95's!

The whole summer's experience had to be told that afternoon, as well as all the new ideas and plans for the coming year discussed.

The Ohio State University has a very bright prospect ahead of it, for its new head, President Canfield, has been untiring in his work for the college during the summer, and already many new improvements are to be seen, with the promise of more to come. His enthusiasm for his work and his personal interest in the students themselves have won the admiration of all brought into contact with him, and every one is coming back with unusual college spirit and enthusiasm for the work before them.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Active Members.

Mildred Tanner Hinsdale, '95,	Ella Roench, '97,
Belle Donaldson, '95,	Florence Nowland, '97,
Mabelle Halleck, '96,	Charlotte Kennedy, '98,
Harriet Bingham, '96,	Bess Tarns, '98,
Bertha Barney, '96,	Helen Dunham, '98,
Anna Duncan, '96,	May Boutell, '98,
May Van Horn, '97,	Mabel Turner, sp.,
Ruth Beckwith, '97,	Georgia Smeallie, B.S., '93,

Sara Parker.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 17; total membership from chapter establishment, 41; number of year's initiates, 6. Honors: none given.

University:—Number of faculty, 95; number of students, 1550. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, 14; Alpha Delta Phi, 27; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 35; Sigma Phi, 11; Zeta Psi, 21; Psi Upsilon, 42; Beta Theta Pi, 33; Phi Kappa Psi, 26; Delta Tau Delta, 12; Delta Upsilon, 30; Phi Gamma Delta, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 27; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 25; Theta Delta Chi, 20; Delta Sigma Delta, 25; Nu Sigma Nu, 22; Phi Chi, 24; Xi Psi Phi, 26; Kappa Sigma, 27; Delta Chi, 29. Women's fraternities: Gamma Phi Beta, 20; Delta Gamma, 18; Sorosis, 19; Pi Beta Phi, 19; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Alpha Phi, 24; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11; Delta Delta Delta, 14.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Lucy Belle Webster, '95,	Mildred Bishop Moore, '97,
Mary Kendrick Brierly, '96,	Eva Blanche Ruff, '98,
Annie Mary Owens, '96,	Anna Elizabeth Milne, '98,
Blanche Anna Van Auken, '97,	Selay Gertrude Milne, sp.,
Adelene Rodgers Wilson, '97,	Edna Hazel Gibson, '98,
Grace Vernon Thomas, '97,	Kathryn Payne Godman, '98,
Lora De Forest Perry, '97,	Mabel Claire Chandler, '98,
	Bessie Jayne Fickus, '98.

Pledged Members.

Jennie Goesuch Gilkey,	Maude Metcalf,
Florena May Milne.	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 16; pledged members, 3; total membership from chapter establishment, 84; number of year's initiates, 8.

College:—Number of faculty, 15; number of students, 283. Men's fraternities: Alpha Tau Omega, 14 active, 3 pledged members; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 16 active, 2 pledged members. Women's fraternities: Delta Delta Delta, 13 active, 2 pledged members; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16 active, 3 pledged members.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Xi Chapter received such an inspiration from our Province Convention which was held just before the close of last term that we were loath to leave our chapter home and break up the many pleasant ties. But even though we were to have a respite from our studies we felt that to keep up our chapter relations as much as possible would only add pleasure to our vacation and that we would be more ready at the beginning of another college year to continue our work. As a result the girls living in the city have met many times to talk over our chapter work and to have a pleasant social chat. Then in order to keep up the interest

among the girls who returned to their homes we instituted a circulating letter which is the most inspiring thing imaginable, every girl is so anxious to receive the letter. Thus we are enabled to keep in touch during our vacation and plan our work for the fall.

Xi had a very pleasant visit from Miss Hull, last June, on her way to Council Session. We are always glad to welcome our Kappa sisters.

Our college does not open until the twenty-sixth of September. We expect a strong chapter this fall.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Bessie Mosher, '96,	Emily Sage, '98,
Grace Dewey, '97,	Claire Sands, '96,
Zoe Smith, '97,	Nellie Montgomery, '96,
Cora H. Bailey, '97,	Sarah Stamats, '97,
Nettie C. Doud, '98,	E. Winnifred Hill, '95,
Alice Brainard, '98,	Florette M. Bonney, '95,
Cora Belle Twitchell, '98,	Mae Steele, '95,
Lena Adams, (special).	

Chapter:—Number of active members, 15; total membership from chapter establishment, 101; number of year's initiates, 4. Honors: Florette M. Bonney, instructor of women in the Gymnasium; Bessie Mosher, honorable mention in Maggie Ambler Oratorical Contest.

College:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 30; number of members in collegiate department, 500; Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, 14; Phi Delta Theta, 14; Alpha Tau Omega, 13. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Pi Beta Phi, 18.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA CHAPTER—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Elizabeth Huson, '93,	Florence Hawkins, '97,
Olive Batman, '95,	Sallie Cauble, '98,
Ida Fulinder, '95,	Olive Dailey, '98,
Monta Kelso, '95,	Mary Bain, '98,
Flora Love, '95,	Mame Kolb, '98,
Ella Millis, '95,	Gertrude Munhall, '98,
Mary Morgan, '95,	Roxie Smith, '98,
Georgetta Bowman, '96,	Anna Robinson, '98,
Gussie Buskirk, '96,	Bertha Meesner, '98,
Fanny Jones, '96,	Vesta Whitcroft, '98,
Alice Patton, '97,	Lota Herson, '98,

Francis Hawkins, '98.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 23; total membership from chapter establishment, 163; number of year's initiates, 12. Honors: none given.

University:—Number of faculty, 55; number of students, 771. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 26; Sigma Chi, 23; Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Delta Tau Delta, 19; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Sigma Nu, 16. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 26; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 23; Alpha Zeta Beta, 15; Pi Beta Phi, 23.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Before this letter reaches its destination Delta girls will again be back in the halls of old I. U.

From the various reports this has been a pleasant vacation for all the girls and they will soon be back full of determination to make this year a profitable one for Delta.

Three of our senior girls, Flora Love, Monta Kelso and Anna Lane with Anna Robinson and Georgetta Bowman remained for the summer school and kept open the chapter house.

Through the exertions of the chapter house committee a new chapter house has been secured for this coming year. It is a new house, built purposely for us and much more convenient and much prettier than the old one.

Five of our seven seniors, Monta Kelso, Mary Morgan, Olive Batman and Ella Millis are teaching in the schools of Anderson, Ind. Anna Lane is assistant principal of the high school at Tipton, Ind., and Flora Love goes to Cornell University to take post graduate work in English.

There are to be several changes in the faculty this year. Dr. Fetter is to have the chair of Sociology. Dr. Fetter is an old student of I. U. and in '90 took the state oratorical prize.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Edith T. Beck, '95,	Anna Belle Robinson, '96,
Hannah Clarisse Daggy, '95,	Dora Marie Elliott, '97,
Mary Deborah Elliott, '95,	Clara Hight, '97,
Nettie Wood, '95,	Harriet Harding, '97,
Stella Blanche Perkins, '95,	Bertha Eleanor Lanins, '97,
Ina Rosger, '95,	Grace Smith, '97,
Addie Smith, '95,	Ethel Campbell, '98,
Lillian Smith, '95,	Clara Idella Eaken, '98,
Francis Mary Wilde, '95,	Rosella Ford, '98,
Marie Chaffee, '96,	Myrtle Madden, '98,
Elizabeth Louise Mahan, '96,	Myrtle Switzer, '98.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 22; total membership from chapter establishment, 198; number of year's initiates, 9.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 25; number of members in collegiate department, 500. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Delta Kappa Epsilon, 19; Beta Theta Pi, 24; Phi Gamma Delta, 14; Delta Tau Delta, 14; Phi Delta Theta, 22; Sigma Chi, 14; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Delta Upsilon, 23; Sigma Nu, 20; Phi Beta Kappa (alumni). Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 30; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22; Alpha Phi, 16; Alpha Chi Omega and Phi Nu Epsilon (music), 20 and 13 respectively.

CHAPTER LETTER.

To our widely scattered, closely united sisterhood Iota Chapter sends greeting. Commencement week, as usual, brought many old friends together and our Chapter House was overflowing. The annual re-union of resident, visiting and active members occurred on Monday morning of the last week. Iota shall greatly miss and sigh in vain for her ten representatives in the senior class, Lillian Cline, Ina Rosger, Addie Smith, Hannah Daggy, Edith Beck, Deborah Elliott, Lillian Smith, Nettie Wood, Francis Wilde and Stella Perkins.

As most of our members are Indiana girls, we have been exchanging visits very often this summer, and it is not a little that we reviewed the past years and planned for the future together. From these visits and from the many little missives that fly back and forth, we learn that all are enjoying vacation very thoroughly.

There are several changes to be made in the faculty this coming year, but the one change which all regret the most is caused by the resignation of our President, Dr. J. P. D. John.

The wearers of the Oxford caps and gowns established a new feature this year, in the class day exercises, by holding mock funeral services on the campus at midnight. The tolling of the bell, the dance around the funeral pyre, on which were burned all the odious customs of their college life, and the solemn songs and orations delivered at that time, all added to the weirdness of the occasion and made it one of particular amusement.

The past year has been a most profitable one and closed quite gayly. The seniors were especially favored by receptions given in their honor by Dr. and Mrs. John, and by the junior and sophomore classes.

Grace Smith, '97, was the De Pauw University delegate to the summer conference of the Young Woman's Christian Association, held at Lake Geneva, Wis., in July.

With best wishes for a prosperous year to Kappas everywhere.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

Active Members.

Nell Brevoort, '95,	Nellie Sweeney, '97,
Dora Green, '95,	Kate Lucas, '97,
May Brayton, '95,	Lulu Brevoort, '97,
May Reeves, '95,	Bona Thompson, '97,
Georgia Galvin, '95,	Edna Wallace, '97,
Lenore Barnhill, '96,	Emma Stradling, '97,
Retta Barnhill, '96,	Glenn Acton, '97,
	Carrie Howe, '97.
Bess Campbell, '99,	Anna Williams, '99.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 15; pledged members, 3; total membership from chapter establishment, 89; number of year's initiates, 4. *Honors*: Emma Stradling, third place in sophomore oratorical contest, second place in class orations; Lenore Barnhill, first place in junior English orations; Dora Green, Nell Brevoort, and May Brayton on the *Collegian* staff; Anne Butler, a pledged Kappa, second place in preparatory contest.

College:—Number of faculty, 20; number of students, 131. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, 18; Sigma Chi, 19; Delta Tau Delta, 15. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Alpha Phi Psi (local), 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

It seems scarcely possible that the time has come for another letter to be written, for we feel it was but a few days ago, that we bade one another good bye, and separated to carry out our different plans for the vacation.

A feeling of sadness comes over us when we think of those who left us in June, some of whom we may never see again, at least, they will not be with us in our work as some of them have been for years. We come back strengthened by our rest to resume the routine of college work, and to enjoy the benefits of Kappa, towards the prosperity of which so many of our aims are directed.

Five of our alumnae attended the Young Women's Christian

Association summer school at Lake Geneva, and three were in school in Chicago. Some of our members spent a part of the vacation in Boston, others in the north, but in a few days we shall all return to be together for another happy year.

On June 6, we initiated Bess Campbell and Anna Williams, who had been pledged during the preparatory year.

Butler College resumes her work on September fifth. Two of her professors will be absent this year, Professor Bruner is in Europe, and Miss Bridges is attending Chicago University. Professor Zink of De Pauw has been recently elected professor of gymnastics in Butler College. We anticipate a prosperous and happy year for both college and fraternity.

Mu has entered into an agreement with her sister fraternity to do no rushing for two weeks. This agreement promises well both for the fraternity and for the new girls.

We hope for all Kappas a most successful year.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Elizabeth Palmer, '94,
Edna Chynoweth, '95,
Anna Flint, '95,
Frances Welles, '95,
Annie Main, '96,
Georgia Hayden, '96,
Mabel McCoy, '96,
Annie Pittman, '96,
Fannie Holcombe, '96,

Helen Palmer, '96,
Mary Thorpe, '96,
Edith Robinson, '96,
Daisy Sames, '97,
Georgiana McFetridge, '97,
Maud Thorpe, '97,
Fay Parkinson, '97,
Grace Merrill, '98,
Meta Schumann, '98,

Edith Griswold, '98.

Chapter:—Active members, 19; total membership from chapter establishment, 115; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors: Jessie Griffith, '93, mastership in German; Georgia Hayden, '96, class vice-president and elected on *Badger* board; Edna Chynoweth, '95, class secretary; Anna Flint, '95, secretary of Women's League; Edith Robinson, '96, vice-president of *Laurea Literary Society*.

University:—Number of faculty, 97; number of students, 1520. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, 25; Chi Psi, 24; Phi Delta Theta, 25; Sigma Chi, 13; Delta Upsilon, 26; Delta Tau Delta, 21; Rho Kappa Upsilon (local), 19; Phi Gamma Delta, 24; Theta Delta Chi, 24. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Delta Gamma, 21; Gamma Phi Beta, 20; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10; Pi Beta Phi, 13.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Commencement with all its festivities has come and gone, and in a few weeks the summer vacation which in June always seems of such indefinite length, will be but a pleasant memory. It has melted away in a most mysterious manner, and although we feel more like wielding the tennis racket than the pen, and much prefer a brisk spin on the wheel to climbing the hill of knowledge on foot, still the opening of the college year brings certain pleasures of its own.

It is so delightful to meet again after the lazy summer months and compare notes on the respective delights of camping, the seaside, or a summer spent quietly at home. Then there is always a certain excitement in seeing the new faces and discovering prospective Kappas.

There will be vacant places in Eta's ranks this fall which will be hard to fill, but we trust the class of '99 will supply good Kappa material and that the rushing season will be a prosperous one.

BETA THETA—CHICAGO ASSOCIATE CHAPTER.

In our last letter we told you of our new plan concerning our chapter meetings, and we find that it is eminently successful. On the evening of June twelfth our members, accompanied by husbands and friends, met at the house of Mrs. Arnold, 4128 Prairie Avenue, where we were most delightfully entertained. About thirty guests were present, and already we begin to feel that strong interest in one another which is such a marked characteristic of the active chapter.

Sometimes we have been made to feel that different chapters look askance at us, and fear that we wish to exert an undue influence upon the fraternity. Nothing is further from our thoughts. We are simply loyal Kappas who still retain a strong interest in the general fraternity, and enjoy meeting our sisters from all chapters. And now that another year is beginning, we feel our ambition for Kappa rising, and wish for our sisters success in all the efforts put forth for the benefit of our fraternity.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Mary Henrietta Moore, '95,	Esther Margaret Miller, '96,
Carla Fern Sargent, '95,	Harriet Marie Moore, '96,
Lucy Estelle Shuman, '95,	Harriet Anna Sinclair, '96,
Ora Elith Wakeman, '95,	Ginevra Freeman Tompkins, '96,
Grace Crippen, '96,	Katharine Lorena Janes, '97,
Winifred Gray, '96,	Harriet Leland Morse, '97,
Edith Louise Whiteside, '98.	

Chapter:—Active members, 13; total membership from chapter establishment, 88; year's initiates, 2. Honors: election to Phi Beta Kappa, Carla Fern Sargent and Lucy Estelle Shuman.

University:—Faculty in college of liberal arts, 42; faculty in university, 220. Students in college of liberal arts, 531; students in university, 2413. Men's fraternities in order of establishment: Sigma Chi, 14; Phi Kappa Sigma, 14; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 10; Phi Delta Phi, (law), 16; Delta Upsilon, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 13; Phi Rho Sigma, (medicine), 32; Nu Sigma Nu, 19; Delta Tau Delta, 15; Theta Nu Epsilon (sophomore), 21; Delta Sigma Delta, (dentistry), 17; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 16. Women's fraternities in order of establishment: Alpha Phi, 13; Delta Gamma, 10; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16; Gamma Phi Beta, 13; Alpha Chi Omega, (music), 12; Zeta Phi Eta, (oratory), 6; Pi Beta Phi, 6; Delta Delta Delta, 6.

CHAPTER LETTER.

When this issue of the KEY reaches its readers Upsilon's girls will have settled down to another year of hard study, missing the old girls and rejoicing over the new.

As a fraternity we will have a new rival in the field, one whom we welcome gladly, however, for Delta Delta Delta has of late made her appearance among us, and Northwestern can now boast that she has *all* the women's fraternities. And more than that, one woman's fraternity, Gamma Phi Beta, will be snugly settled in its chapter house this year—a fact over which we all rejoice, for the eastern idea of chapter houses is rapidly gaining in favor here, and we look upon them as a real advancement in the Greek world. Upsilon has long cherished the hope of a house of her own, but as the homes of about half of our girls are in the same town as the university, we have found the idea almost impracticable at present.

We begin our second year of cap and gown with very little prejudice against them, because of the dignity they lent the last commencement when over four hundred men and women wore them while receiving degrees.

We now have the honor system established in regard to "cribbing" and hope we shall have nothing of the sort against which to contend this year. The crusade last year was very vigorous and tended toward raising the moral standard at Northwestern.

It is rumored that compulsory chapel attendance which caused much dissatisfaction last year, may be abolished and a new plan adopted, making attendance optional, but giving the student credit in making up the total number of hours required for graduation, if he attends regularly. This plan is looked upon with favor by most of the students.

Upsilon's girls have not been so widely separated this summer as they usually are in vacation-time, and many have been the visits and little reunions among them, making them feel more than ever the sweetness of Kappa bonds.

Our best wishes for a pleasant school year.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Ethel Hopson, '95,	Nellie L. Pawitt, '97,
Irene Bassett, '96,	Frances Walker, '97,
Hettie Hart, '96,	Belle C. Marsh, '97,
Clara L. DeMotte, '97,	Eva Williams, '98,
Lillian Little, '97,	Leona Miller, '98,
Gertrude Shreve, '97,	Clara Burke, '98,
Maude B. Kilgore, '97,	Josephine VanLeer, associate.

Chapter:—Active members, 14; total membership from chapter establishment, 154; year's initiates, 3.

College:—Number of faculty, 12; number of students, 500. Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi. Women's fraternities: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 3.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Vacation almost gone. "Noiseless falls the foot of time." Only a few weeks until many glad faces will come together again.

Many of Epsilon's girls have spent a part of the summer in distant places, but on August 16 if anyone had searched for a

Kappa they would have found about twenty-five of them picnicking at a delightful ground six miles south from the city, where in spite of exceedingly warm weather they passed a merry day.

The faculty have made very strict rules in regard to students entering fraternities next year. We shall work enthusiastically in carrying out this new scheme as it is similar to our former contract with Kappa Alpha Theta.

We rejoice to know that the college has had a new printing press placed within its walls, which will be appreciated by everyone and most of all by the *Argus* staff.

We were much surprised, at the close of last year, to learn that the charter had been withdrawn from Delta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. Throughout last year the chapter had been small in number, but we thought perhaps another year would increase its membership. Epsilon now has no one to battle with and the field is all her own.

Again we were surprised when we read the wedding announcements of two of our girls, Mary Fell of Chicago to Mr. Allman of Pratt, Kan., and Belle C. Marsh to Mr. Augustine of Normal, Ill. We deeply regret the loss of Miss Marsh from our active work, and also Miss Carrie Cole, who is to leave us for Arizona, her future home.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Mary Tuttle Brewer, '95,	Agnes Belden, '97,
Anna Holbrook, '95,	Jessie Gale Eaton, '97;
Mildred Mitchell, '96,	Anna McD. Hawley, '97,
Mabel Robinson, '97,	Florence Powell, '97,
Margaret McDonald, '95,	Helen Austin, '97,
Alice Webb, '96,	Harriet McDonald, '97,
Lillian Moore, '95,	Eleanor Mitchell, '98,
Katharine Kennedy, '97,	Marion Crosby, '96,
Flora Brewer, '97,	Belle Parry, sp.,
Jessie Schulten, '98,	Elizabeth Robinson, sp.,
Margaret Castle, '98,	Mary Hawley, '96.

Chapter:—Number of active members, 22; total membership from chapter establishment, 80; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors: Lillian Moore,

secretary of class '95 ; Katharine Kennedy, artist of class '97 ; Harriet McDonald, secretary of '97 Gopher Board.

University :—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 161 ; number of members in collegiate department, 2150. Men's fraternities in order of establishment : Chi Psi, 19 ; Phi Delta Theta, 14 ; Delta Tau Delta, 20 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 16 ; Sigma Chi, 10 ; Beta Theta Pi, 23 ; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 14 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 21 ; Delta Upsilon, 19 ; Phi Delta Phi, (Law), 29 ; Psi Upsilon, 16 ; Alpha Delta Phi, 10 ; Delta Chi, (Law), 10 ; Theta Delta Chi, 20. Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22 ; Delta Gamma, 14 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16 ; Pi Beta Phi, 11 ; Alpha Phi, 19 ; Delta Delta Delta, 13.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Every fraternity girl knows what it is to feel, each morning when she comes ready for her day's work that some one is glad that she is alive and "the deepest of all human longings is simply to be wanted." The bright smiles and pleasant 'good-mornings' help her in her day's work and it is not only while she is in college and with the girls that their interest in her makes her life more beautiful. In after years she lives over again in memory these happy days. Perhaps it was only a smile, perhaps a rose, the small beginning of a friendship which was to enrich her whole life.

Our daily intercourse with each other in college brings us very near to each other but unlike many chapters we have neither dormitories nor a chapter house and so it means much to us to be together in the summer.

Not a vacation passes but a party of Kappas go to the lake or country. Taking long walks in the woods, lying under the trees, reading and talking, we learn to know and love girls differing from the students who shared our college work and social pleasures.

Even the members of the Grand Council were girls not officers the one day that they spent with us at the lake. Chi found them at other times absorbed in their fraternity work.

To have the Grand Council seemed quite our share of good fortune but later Miss Evelyn Wight, Grand President of the years '88-'90 and Miss May Livingston spent some time with us.

One of our '97 girls Florence Powell, will leave us and enter Vassar this year as a junior while Carrie Mitchell, a former Chi girl returns to Smith College as a junior.

SIGMA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Martha Burks, '95,	Cora Cropsey, '98,
Mariel Gere, '95,	Estella Elliott, '98,
Althea Roberts, '95,	Francis Gere, '98,
Elizabeth Seacrest, '95,	Ellen Gere, '98,
Florence Wiuger, '95,	Lottie Whedon, '98,
Eva Ricketts, '96,	Dora Harley, sp.,
May Whiting, '96,	Gertrude Hansen, sp.,
Jessie Jury, '96,	Nellie Lau, sp.,
Nellie Griggs, '97,	Hattie Mayne, sp.,
Anna Broady, '97,	Maude Risser, sp.,
Grace Broady, '98,	Maude Shaw, sp.

Chapter :—Number of active members, 22 ; total membership from chapter establishment, 69 ; number of year's initiates, 8. No honors are given at the University of Nebraska.

University :—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 48 ; instructors, 30 ; assistants, 40 ; number of students in the collegiate department, 820. Men's fraternities : Sigma Chi, 18 ; Phi Delta Theta, 22 ; Beta Theta Pi, 15 ; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 13 ; Delta Tau Delta ; Phi Kappa Psi, 18 ; Phi Delta Phi (legal). Women's fraternities : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22 ; Delta Gamma, 18 ; Delta Delta Delta, 14 ; Pi Beta Phi, 10.

CHAPTER LETTER.

How can I tell you all the good times Sigma has had since I last wrote, so many and diverse have been her enjoyments. But I am sure thirty Kappas will agree that our banquet on the nineteenth of May, was one of the jolliest times. Of course, it was held at the home of our "three sister Geres," and only Sigma girls can know what delightful times we have there. Shortly after this the Delta Gammas gave one of their delightful parties at the Hotel Lincoln, when Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented.

It is almost with sadness that we speak of the commencement exercises. For at this time Sigma lost five of her most loyal members. Although we were more than proud of them, and although we appreciated the honor they brought us, we did not, and we do not see how we can spare them.

Mattie Burks, one of our graduates, was one of the authors of the "Class Day Burlesque," thus bringing special honor to our

chapter. But the last and the greatest of Sigma's privileges was to be able to shake hands with our own Grand President, Miss Sharp, as she passed through Lincoln on her way to the librarians' convention in Denver.

Sigma and her sister fraternities, Delta Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Delta Delta, have agreed upon a common pledging day this year. We are looking forward to it with a little trepidation, for a new departure always has its uncertainties.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Lingah Anderson, P. G.,	Don Bowersock, '97,
Abbie Noyes, '95, music,	Alta Stanton, '97,
Annie Banks, '95,	Gertrude Leverett, '97,
Lillie Freeman, '95,	Lou Nash, '97,
Daisy Orton, '95,	Maude Landis, '97,
Maggie Sweeney, '95, elocution,	Daisy Starr, music,
Maude Nichols, '96,	Mabel Wilson, '98,
Daisy Alison, '96,	Grace Duff, '98,
Gertrude Spaulding, '96, music,	Issie Potts, '98,
Julia Righter, '96, music,	Mabel Powell, sp.,
Ella Anderson, '97,	Pauline Chandler, sp.,

Chapter:—Number of active members, 22; total membership from chapter establishment, 84; year's initiates, 10.

University:—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 57. Men's fraternities in order of their establishment, Beta Theta Pi, 19; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Phi Gamma Delta, 18; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Sigma Chi, 14; Sigma Nu, 20. Women's fraternities in order of establishment, Pi Beta Phi, 20; Kappa Alpha Theta, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22.

BETA ETA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Maude Evangeline Stinsen, '95,	Fannie Howe Mitchell, '96,
Alberta Lois Merritt, '95,	Grace Evelyn Holtzclaw, '96,
Elizabeth Corinne Chapman, '95,	Anna Henrietta Martin, '96,
Bertha Louise Chapman, '95,	Florence Villiers Brown, '96,
Jessie Palen Wood, '95,	Emma Louise Martin, '97,
Mabel Hyde Cory, '95,	Georgia Louise Gilmore, '97,
Bessie Morris Penniman, '95,	Florence T. Gray, '97,
Mabel Brown Combs, '96,	Gertrude Alice Martin, '98,
Clementine Tucker, '96,	Ida Welmer, sp.,
	Agnes Holbrook, sp.

Chapter.—Number of active members, 19; total membership from chapter establishment, 29; number of year's initiates, 6.

University.—Number of faculty in collegiate department, 81; number of students in collegiate department, 1100. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, 19; Phi Delta Theta, 17; Phi Kappa Psi, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 23; Sigma Nu, 21; Sigma Chi, 11; Alpha Tau Omega, 10; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 14; Alpha Upsilon (local), 17; Sigma Sigma, 25; Theta Nu Epsilon, 23. Women's fraternities: Kappa Alpha Theta, 18; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Chi Delta (local), 14.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Just three months have passed since our last chapter letter and during this time Beta Eta's flock has been scattered far and wide over California, a few, even, straggling as far away as the Eastern States. Is it any wonder that chapter news is scarce?

I could fill sheets in telling you about Mabel Coombs' and Maude Stinson's summer at Monterey, about Alberta Merritt's wonderful camping trip in the Sierra Nevada mountains and about the countless experiences, happy and sad, grave and gay, which have befallen us all as individuals. But all this would be of interest only to those of you who know and are interested in us as individuals and I would still be sending you no "chapter news."

Amid all the diversions of home and country life during these three months, our beloved chapter has not been forgotten. I think each one of us has found time to think over many plans for the coming year by which the inner life of the chapter may be made more helpful and its influence be more widely felt outside.

We all enjoyed the last number of THE KEY and the general comment has been, "wasn't that a good article on 'Chapter Letters.'" The author of that article certainly deserves a vote of thanks from the fraternity as a whole. It is a stirring up that we have needed badly. I am sure that every member of Beta Eta chapter has felt for a long time that our letters were not what they should be but I think that we are justified in throwing some of the blame on our older sister chapters since their letters have been our guide which we perhaps too blindly followed.

There is an excuse, too, for the Corresponding Secretary since it is only recently that Beta Eta has added to the rest of that office's duties, the responsibility of writing the letters for THE

KEY. Heretofore a different member has been appointed each time as they are appointed for the Parthenon articles.

As far as 'variety is the spice of life' goes, this method might answer very well.

Beta Eta sends all good wishes from the far west and promises better letters in the future.



In Memoriam.

Mary A. Daily, wife of D. O. Malley, died at her home in Colton, New York, September 1, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Malley was initiated into Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma in 1882 and graduated from St. Lawrence University in the class of 1886.

Her warm, impulsive nature, intellectual ability and ready wit made her a great favorite in all departments of college life.

Her many friends are deeply grieved at her death and extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mr. Malley in his great bereavement.

BETA BETA CHAPTER.



For the second time in the history of Beta Tau chapter we have occasion to mourn the death of a sister.

Mary Robinson Hall died June 29, 1895, at Atlanta, Ga., leaving a husband and two small children to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Hall entered Syracuse University in 1886 and the same year was initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma. She was in college with us only one year and in 1887 she married Mr. Martin W. Hall, but continued to reside in Syracuse until a year before her death. She was always deeply interested in the welfare of her chapter and attended its gatherings whenever possible.

We feel the deepest sympathy for the bereaved husband and motherless little ones and entrust them to the care of our Heavenly Father.

BETA TAU CHAPTER.



A THANKSGIVING.

With numberless roses of blessing, dear God,
Thou thickly hast strewn the plain path I have trod
The past swift fled year.

For these many love gifts Thy hand hath dropped down
My way giving fragrance, my head a sweet crown,
Heart's thanks mayst Thou hear.

M. A. L., (*Psi*).

College and Fraternity Notes.

While Germany is showing signs of being willing to throw open to a limited degree her universities and the learned professions to women, Austro-Hungary is apparently determined to adhere to the traditional policy of exclusion. Several cases of recent date show this. A Vienna lady, Mrs. Sidy Eisenschütz, graduated at Berne in the department of natural sciences, and made application to be admitted to medical examinations at the University of Vienna. The Cultus Minister denied her request on the ground that on principle the Austrian Government cannot permit women to practice medicine. A similar case is that of Baroness Possaner, who graduated in a college and then took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in Zürich, where she also passed the official State examinations. Her dissertation on "Diseases of the Eyes in Connection with Kidney Disturbances" was very favorably received by the medical press and profession. Afterward the Baroness took part as a special student in the clinics of Professor Schauta, of Vienna, and received from him the highest testimonials of efficiency. In addition she has offered to submit to any examination in medicine which the State would require. Yet the authorities have refused to permit her to practice, on the ground that the Superior Sanitary Commission of the Empire has advised against admission of women to the medical profession. A similar request was made by another medical graduate, Miss Schorr, whose specialties are zoology, botany and mineralogy; but the same answer was returned. In Hungary the prospects for women seem somewhat better. Occasionally a woman is admitted to university

lectures as a "visitor"; but here the matter ends. However, the women's cause is receiving assistance in Hungary from an unexpected source. The Association of Pharmacists has decided to advocate the admission of women to their department, and has also asked to have them admitted to the pharmaceutical courses at the universities on an equal footing with men. The Cultus Minister has, on the basis of this petition, asked the University Senate to hand down an opinion as to the advisability of admitting women to the Hungarian universities in all their departments. The Senate has replied that women could be admitted in case they were fully prepared to undertake the work, *i.e.*, had taken a gymnasium course, and that the Senate should pass on each application for admission.—*The Independent*.

Theta Delta Chi is rejoicing over a new charge, Sigma Deuteron, located at the University of Wisconsin. The new charge was formed from a local society of twenty-eight members and seem to have entered the fraternity under the happiest auspices since they are already established in a chapter house.

In a recent junior examination of the medical department of the University of Michigan, two Chinese girls, from Kiukiang, China, took the highest stand. It is probable that they are the only Chinese girls in a coeducational institution in this country, and at Ann Arbor they are noted for their brilliancy and scholarship. Miss Howe, a missionary from Ann Arbor, induced them to come to this country, three years ago; at that time they knew scarcely a word of English. Each is twenty-one years of age, and they receive their M.D. degree next year. Then their plan is to return to China as medical missionaries and spread the Christian religion among their country-women.—*New York Tribune*.

The alumni of Cornell University nominated Miss Martha Carey Thomas for one of the trustees and she was elected in June. This is probably the first time in the history of any of the leading universities in this country that a woman has been chosen for trustee. Miss Thomas was graduated from Cornell in 1877, and is now President of Bryn Mawr College for Women. She

was made dean of that college when it was opened in 1885, and was elected president in 1893.

The legislature which has just adjourned passed a law allowing the Cornell alumni to elect five additional trustees this year. Every year after this they will elect two trustees, instead of one as heretofore. In recent years there has been very little contest for this honor among the alumni, rarely more than two candidates being presented. As soon as the new law went into effect there was a great scramble. In all fifteen candidates for the five places were named.

The alumnae of the institution at once decided that they ought to be represented in the board of trustees. Correspondence was started, and after a conference of names proposed they settled upon Miss Thomas as the woman graduate of Cornell best fitted by her training and acquirements to fill the place. At once a campaign was started. Woman graduates in all the large cities in the country were enlisted in the work. Friends of other candidates sent out the customary endorsements seeking votes and telling of the candidate's fitness for the honor. Miss Thomas's circular was one of the last to appear. To the surprise of the alumni it contained nearly three times the number of endorsements that any of the circulars of the male candidates had.

After graduation Miss Thomas studied for seven years at Johns Hopkins University, Leipsic, and Paris, taking the degree of Ph.D. at Zurich with distinguished success. On her return she was made dean of Bryn Mawr College. This she held until her election as its president in 1893. As dean Miss Thomas had a prominent part in the organization of Bryn Mawr, and its successful growth has been largely due to her strong personal influence.—*N. Y. Sun.*

And now Canada has come into line and begun to give educational degrees to women. The first one to be thus honored is Miss Regina Lewis, of London, Ontario, who has received from the medical faculty of Bishop's College, Montreal, the right to put the letters M.D. and C.M. after her name.—*Harper's Bazar.*

The fifteenth Biennial Convention of Pi Beta Phi was held at Boston, Mass., August 27, 28 and 29. On Tuesday, August 27,

an informal reception was given, Wednesday and Thursday were devoted to business sessions. Wednesday evening a model initiation took place and Thursday the convention closed with a banquet.

Thanks to the practical efforts of some American educators, the University of Madrid has fallen into line with the general movement for the higher education of women. Two graduates of this Spanish American School for Girls having taken their B. A. degree (1894) at the Government Institute for Boys at San Sebastian continued their studies in the Madrid University course of philosophy and fine arts for their M. A. degree, taking it this summer at the regular term of the University in Madrid. The grades given at the examinations which extend over a week are three—*aprobado, bueno, sobresaliente*. In every examination the young women received "*sobresaliente*" and passed "*gloriosamente*." A detail of this latest episode in current educational history shows that the spirit of chivalry is not extinct in modern Spain; the University has 1000 male students some of whose number have testified their approbation of their new fellows by making a pathway of their caps before the girls and chanting in line on the staircase of the University library, the Royal March, as the pair walked by.—*The Nation*.

None of the western societies can vie with Psi Upsilon in the possession of real estate. Chapter house sentiment has not yet been worked up in the west. Psi Upsilon has felt this, as its Minnesota chapter with an alumni list reaching to the year 1878 has been forced to give up its house and has no meeting place at all. Even in the east the chapter house is yet a new institution. It is the alumni of the last fifteen years who have contributed most of the money to them—the men who have left college since the need of chapter houses became apparent.—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

Editorial.

Vacation is past, summer is over and gone, autumn appears on the earth, the time of the falling of the leaves is come and the voice of the freshman is heard in the land. And the freshman, notwithstanding her theoretical insignificance now becomes the most important member of society and is the unwitting cause of much of the excitement and perplexity of the fall term.

Strong feeling on the subject of membership is consistent with all right theories of fraternity life. If a fraternity is to maintain a high rank in the colleges where its chapters are located and if it is beside to be so homogeneous that meeting with one of its members in any place shall mean the finding of a friend, the selection of these members becomes at once a matter for most careful and deliberate consideration. When a girl joins a fraternity, she becomes a member not only for her college course but for her life time and she joins not only the chapter but the fraternity, so that the chapter which admits her is responsible for giving her a life long claim on all members, past and present, of all other chapters. This fact is often lost sight of during the storm and stress of the rushing season when the chapter is liable to become so much interested in one cluster of girls and their candidates that they forget how much chapters owe each other in their choice of new girls.

Every chapter desires girls who will help to make the fraternity a power for good, girls who will aid in developing it in the best and truest manner. Of that there can be no doubt. Then, a girl can not be admitted on account of her beautiful face or her winning manner unless it is certain that these are merely the outward evidences of a noble character.

Neither can she be rushed simply because she is being rushed by some other fraternity. This is far too common a practice at some colleges and reminds one painfully of a story told about the late General Kautz. While he was in command of a regiment of cavalry during the War of the Rebellion, so the story runs, word came to him that there had been a revival in a neighboring regiment of infantry and that thirteen men had been baptized. "Send the adjutant here," he said. The adjutant came. "Adjutant, tell the orderly to detail fifteen men to be baptized first

thing in the morning. No regiment in this army shall get ahead of me."

Nor can she be invited to join *solely* because she is a fine scholar. This a temptation to some chapters. Every fraternity member should feel an obligation to be a thorough student but we want womanhood first and scholarship afterwards. It is not essential that our new girls should "have views on co-education and the principal needs of the nation," but it is essential that they should be broad-minded girls, with a liberal outlook and a far-reaching sympathy, the most potent of all factors in chapter life.

The same principle underlies the fraternity which underlies combinations of all sorts, the same which gives the disciplined army its power in contrast with single trained soldiers brought together by chance, the same which gives organized labor its value in contrast with accidental co-operative effort. It is to be found wherever people unite in a common activity. It's no longer $a+b$, but that old formula which has so often tripped us up, $(a+b)+(b+a)$. In the fraternity each one is stronger because she knows she can rely upon the others' strength. To each one accrues the power of the others. The nobler the girls, the greater will their power be and the more we care for our fraternity the more careful will we be in the selection of the girls who are to make its future.

The only noteworthy change made in the management of THE KEY by Psi Chapter has been its issue upon the 20th of the month preceeding the date of publication, instead of in the earlier part of the months of January, April, July and October as was formerly the custom. This method was adopted with the intention of bringing the four numbers of the magazine within the college year as heretofore the July KEY did not reach many of the fraternity's members until their return to college in the autumn.

It now seems wise to send the magazine directly to the members of the chapters instead of employing the Corresponding Secretary as a medium of distribution. This will insure a speedier delivery of THE KEY to its subscribers as well as lighten the duties of the over-burdened secretaries.

Will the Corresponding Secretaries please send a list of the chapter members and their addresses with their October subscriptions, taking note of the fact that Standing Rule LXXXIII was repealed at the last Council Session.

As a rule, the way of the reformer is hard. Whether she endeavors to reform a nation or a household, her friends or herself, her best efforts for the regeneration of her kind are liable to be misunderstood or altogether unappreciated. But 'tis the exception proves the rule, and it is a delight to find that the words of an "Omega Alumna" in the July KEY as well as the Editor's modest attempts to reform her fellow women have not fallen upon deaf ears but have been seed sown in good ground and have brought forth fruits of repentance.

The editorial sanctum has been enlivened by an article which threw the Editor into a state of perplexity. It should have gone in "*Bric-a-Brac*" or the "*Editor's Drawer*" had THE KEY been prosperous enough to have such a department. But it has not. As an indication of a quickened conscience, it is too valuable to be lost and we decided to print it here :

"THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARY'S PSALM."

1. "Lift up your heads, oh ye alumnae, and be ye more lifted up in tone ye chapter letters, for the corresponding secretaries are about to reform !
2. Who are these corresponding secretaries? Those of the tribe of Kappa and, verily, their name is legion.
3. When the critics, even our alumnae, came upon us we stumbled and fell (and great was the fall thereof).
4. For in the good old days we did strut boldly, clad in purple and fine linen, and we spake saying thus :
5. ' We are the corresponding secretaries of the house of Kappa. Who may come against us? '
6. Now are our heads bowed down in the dust and there is heard the sound of weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.
7. And we cry with a loud voice, saying :
8. ' Why do the alumnae rage and the people imagine a vain thing? '

9. For have we not faithfully followed in their footsteps, and have we not written chapter letters even as they did of yore?

10. But now have they trampled us under foot, saying, Who are these who encumber the earth?'

11. Verily, we are sick and sore at heart and our hands are inkstained with trying to write letters pleasing unto the alumnae.

12. And we cry, 'Woe is me that I am a corresponding secre-sponding secretary! Woe is me that I ever wrote such iniquitous letters!'

13. But, behold, we have purposed in our hearts to sin no more.

14. Our giddy heads have been turned from thoughts of vanity.

15. Yea, verily, we have ceased forever to think upon 'serenades and luxuriant chairs.'

16. Lift up your heads, oh, ye alumnae, and embrace thyself, oh, Editor, for verily a reform hath begun among corresponding secretaries."

In the face of this who could be pessimistic?

Exchanges.

The rushing season has come again, and every one is too busy to spend much time in discussing ethics. Happy the chapter whose members have had their discussions in the past, and have decided on the right and wrong of things! As a boon to all foolish virgins comes the list of the ten commandments of Pan-Hellenism, published in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*. Every fraternity girl should cut them out, and put them where she can see them often, perhaps between the leaves of her favorite pony:

"1. Thou shalt worship no other idea than Pan-Hellenism.

2. Thou shalt not take unto thee any false pretences, nor any assumption of friendship that is not real, neither in recitation rooms, nor in chapel, nor in the campus round about; for destruction and disrepute shall be visited upon the fraternity unto the third and fourth generation of them that do dishonorably, but long life and fair fame upon those that remember the Golden Rule to follow it.

3. Thou shalt not take the name of thy neighbor's fraternity in vain, for Pan-Hellenism will not hold her guiltless that taketh such name in vain.

4. Remember thy pledge-day to keep it inviolate. On other days shalt thou strive to become acquainted, but until pledge-day thou shalt not require any promise; for the pledge-day is the sacred day of Pan-Hellenism. In it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy president, nor thy alumnae nor thy rushing committee that is within thy gates; for on other days hast thou worked and done thy labor, but on pledge-day shalt thou reap the reward. Wherefore, Pan Hellenism set apart the pledge-day and hallowed it.

5. Honor thy fraternity and its ideals, and look not alone to a pretty face and much adornment, for character is the jewel of fraternity, and sterling worth is above rubies; see that thou prefer these, that the days of thy Chapter may be long in the land.

6. Remember thy fraternity rooms to make them attractive, and the assessments for thy receptions that they be paid up.

7. Thou shalt not surround a girl in all thy numbers that no other fraternity gain access to her. Thou shalt not thus break the rules of ordinary courtesy, but thou shalt be courteous to all.

8. Thou shalt not let private prejudice warp thy judgment, nor be content with a superficial acquaintance, nor permit personal preference to cause disunion in thy Chapter. Nor shalt thou feel hurt if thy sister or friend be not admitted.

9. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor's fraternity.

10. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's candidates to rush them because thy neighbor hath preferred them, nor her Chapter-hall, nor her distinguished member, nor anything that is thy neighbor's."

An interesting feature of the same magazine is a series of articles on "Our Sister Colleges." The last number describes Radcliffe, and gives not only an account of the intellectual advantages to be obtained there, but also a glimpse of the inner life of the place. A magazine which tries to exclude all matter not relating to fraternity and college, is sometimes at a loss to spread before its readers a sufficient variety. These articles in "Our Sister Colleges" are one step towards the solution of the problem.

At this time of the year it requires a vivid imagination to believe that summer vacations ever exist; and only a far-reaching enthusiasm can make plans for a year in advance. The exchange editor fears that just now both qualities are sadly needed by her sisters for other purposes, so she advises them to omit the follow-

ing extract from *The Arrow*. She knows that they all keep a file of their KEYS; and next May or June this particular bit is to be brought out and read aloud in chapter meeting:

"We wonder how many of the chapters are going to have circulating letters this summer. This plan has been carried on by Michigan Beta for several successive summers, and so successful and altogether delightful has it been that we want to call the attention of the other chapters to it. The plan is as follows: Some member of the chapter writes a letter and sends it on to the next member, who in turn adds her letter, and so on through all the members of the chapter, each adding a letter of her own. By the time it returns to the first member the letter has assumed gigantic proportions and contains a letter from each member of the chapter. The first one then takes out her first letter, which has been the rounds, and adds a new one and sends it on as before. Thus an endless succession is kept up. If the chapter is large and scattered over a large territory, it will be necessary to limit the length of time each one shall keep the letter, in order that it may go the rounds speedily. The order of succession should also be arranged with reference to geographical locality.

This is the most economical method of keeping the members of a chapter in touch, of which we know. By this means every member of the chapter hears from every other member, but writes only one letter herself. Then there is such a charm about the great fat letter when it comes! Think of getting ten or fifteen or more letters at one time, all from dear friends!

We hope that all the chapters who have not already used this method of summer correspondence will try it this year."

Under the title, "Topics of the Hour," *The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon* has articles upon two subjects to which much discussion and little work are often devoted. The question of the preservation of historical matter is one which should interest every chapter; and in advising that a collection be made of all records, photographs, etc., which concern the chapter, the fraternity, or the college, *The Record* evidently has in mind some careful and painstaking work. Why not allow the freshmen to do it and thus keep them out of mischief?

The second article we copy in full.

THE CHAPTER HOUSE.

"These are the days of internal development for many fraternities. The last decade has seen development along many lines, but it is doubtful whether more progress has been made in any

one field, than in the growth of the chapter house idea and the acquirement of real estate—lending to the fraternity system a stability which nothing else could give it. While chapter houses are not as numerous in the west as in the east, the contagion is rapidly spreading, and before many years, the campuses of many colleges where they are not now seen, will be dotted with them. The south, alone, has thus far kept the epidemic from its doors, but it, too, is showing signs of capitulation, and it is a thing all fraternities should seek for—this building of chapter houses—for the fraternities which will lead in the future, and which will have their choice of each year's men, will be those which have anchored themselves on the solid rock of real estate with a chapter house. The doctrine of every chapter looking forward to the time when it will occupy a chapter house of its own, can not be preached too often, nor impressed too deeply upon the hearts, minds and pocket-books of its members. It should be preached until it becomes a second nature to every member to be constantly scheming how this end is to be brought about, and with such constant scheming, good results are bound eventually to follow."

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae is of particular interest to Kappa Gammas, since two of our girls are studying abroad through the aid of its scholarships and fellowships. We quote a brief account of it as published in the current number of *Kappa Alpha Theta* :

"After four years of life amidst the multitude of college organizations it is natural that among the clubs which command the attention of the college graduate should be such a one as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. It is said that college graduates make the most ideal club women, and this association has done much good in binding together for local work women who have been trained at different colleges but who are yet equally fitted for the same sphere of usefulness. The college women of the country can be in touch with one another as soon as they have received their diplomas."

The question of literary work for chapter meetings seems to be agitating others as well as ourselves. Although it seems to the scissors that enough clipping and pasting of information is done during the week, yet it is with pleasure that space is given for a suggestion from *The Trident*, which, at least to the scissors, has the virtue of novelty :

"The success of Zeta in carrying out the excellent literary programme adopted early in the college year should stimulate other chapters to follow her example. By some it may be thought too

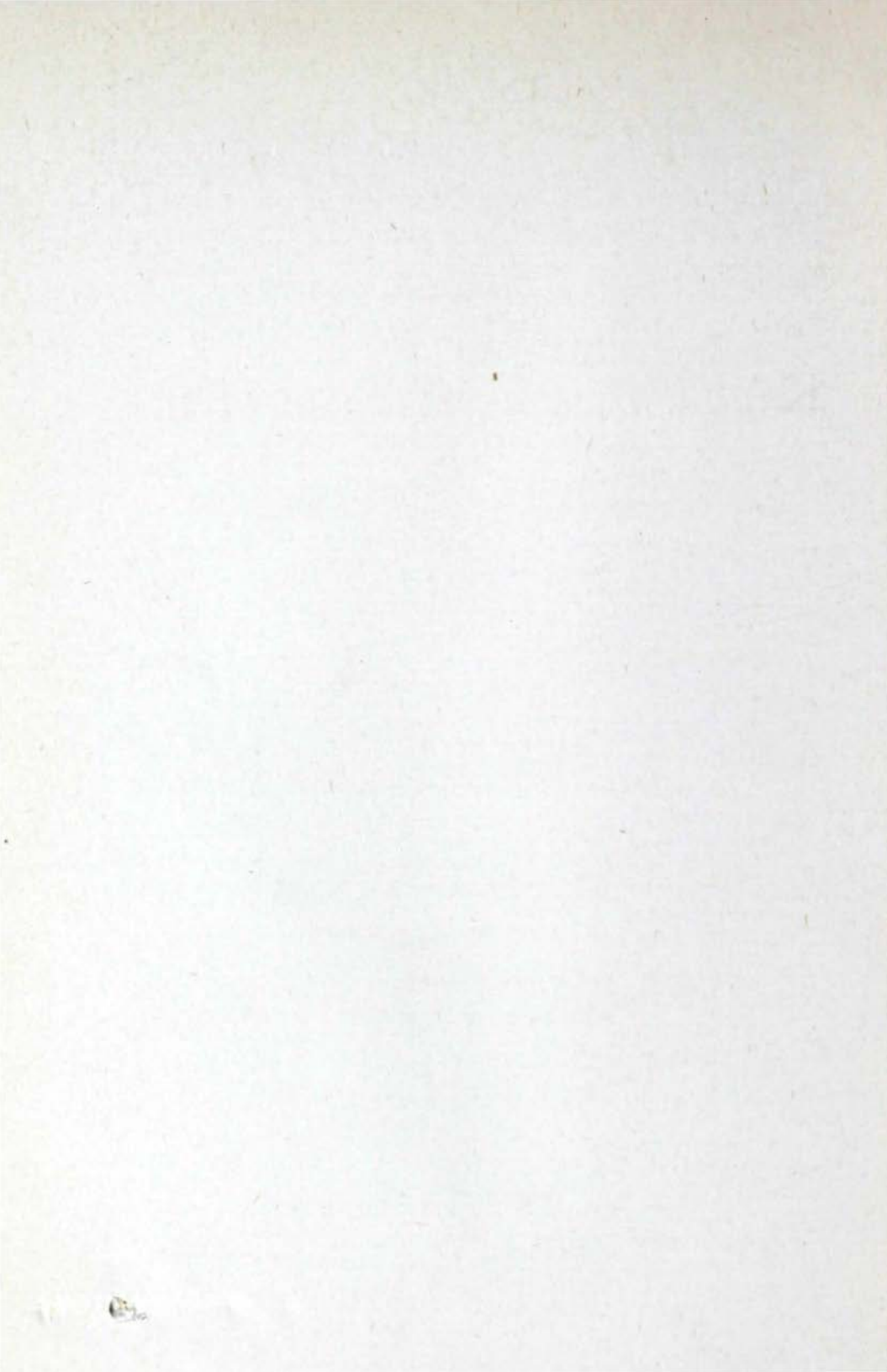
literary and as affording little change from the regular routine of college study. As a desirable topic in fraternity meetings we would suggest a course in the reading of good newspapers. In many clubs a summary of current events is given, but unless the members are familiar with the facts, no real benefit is derived. The habit of reading a first-class newspaper fosters interest in the vital questions of the day. College girls have too little knowledge of the events transpiring in their own country and time. They ought to be as familiar with the history that is making as with the history of the past. The value of past history is acknowledged and forms an important part of the college curriculum. Discussion on these living questions of the present would stimulate thought and enable the student to make a practical application of the knowledge she acquires. An interest in the past is commendable, but to widen the sympathies and broaden the intellectual life the living present affords unnumbered opportunities."

The *Kappa Alpha Journal* has an excellent article on "The Coming Fraternity." If space permitted, it should be copied entire; as it is, a few paragraphs which seem specially pertinent are chosen:

"So I am inclined to think that the limited type of fraternity is the coming fraternity; that empire is not one of the things about which Greek letter societies should concern themselves, and that the grandeur of their greatness and the extent of their extension are not of any service in furthering their real objects and business. By the limited type of fraternity I mean the fraternity that will not make the mistake of establishing chapters in both academies and universities; that will not spread itself all over the solar system merely to call attention to its inflation; that will not delude itself with the idea that it has a message and a mission to all mankind. When a fraternity becomes large enough to properly support an effective organization it is sufficiently large; there is a reason for its being of this size, but none for its being any larger. What boots it a man unless he expects to become a tramp, to know that in every town in the country there are men who belong to the same college society that he does.

Fraternities have been a long time in finding an object in life, a practical outlet for their energies. It is sometimes suggested by the enemies of the Greek-letter system, that a fraternity is a vast and useless machine; that the wheels go round—and that's all; that chapters are founded and men initiated to found more chapters and initiate more men. The criticism, if it ever had any foundation, holds good no more; the chapter house has become a part of the Greek-letter idea and the chapter house will be the *sine qua non* of the coming fraternity."

The editor is aware that the article from which the above is quoted, since it is extremely sensible and serious, should receive the whole attention bestowed upon the *Journal*. Alas! she is not serious nor always sensible. Her thoughts will wander to the pages which describe the recent fraternity verse. Conscious of her faults she will say nothing about it, save that any reader of THE KEY who is afflicted with the blues will receive the article on application. A cure is warranted.



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