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WE American women at home are often inclined to dissatisfaction with our position and the rights and privileges which we enjoy. As in the advancement of civilization in every other direction, the desired plane, once attained, only opens to the vision something higher and better. However, if we look back from our elevated position upon the women of other nations, we shall soon appreciate the fact that, in the woman question as in other things, the American nation has proved itself the foremost promoter of the highest civilization. We read often of the Hindoo and Chinese women, the humility of their position and the indignities which they must suffer because they were born women. We pity them and perhaps account for their treatment with the apology that they belong to a heathen race. At the same time it is possible to find a similar, though not so exaggerated, state of things among races by no means heathen. This is emphatically true of Germany, and the American traveller is soon impressed with the fact that the German idea of woman is not as elevated as one would expect in a country of which education is one of the chief factors and where the universities are the best in the world.

The Germans consider the woman's sole duty in life to be the care of the home, and that means chiefly, according to German ideas, that they shall prepare and keep in order food, clothing and all the belongings of husband and children. That this home shall be made a home in the true

sense of the word, that is, a home in which there is true equality and harmony between husband and wife, and, from the children the true respect for both father and mother which their equal cultivation of mind and perfect union of thought and interest inspire—that this is not thought of is proved by the oft-mentioned fact, that there is no word “home” in the German language. The chief qualification which a German requires of the woman who is to be his wife is that she shall be a good housekeeper, and with this aim in view is the German girl educated.

Among the middle and lower classes, as soon as the girl becomes large enough, she is given the care of the younger children and learns to knit and sew. One often sees, in the smaller villages, groups of little girls with prematurely old faces walking or standing about with knitting in their hands, looking like little old women. I have often been impressed with the old look in the faces of the German girls of the lower classes and, indeed, of the women also, many of whom, in what should be the prime of life, look sadly aged and faded. Few, indeed, here, are the bright and intelligent faces which many American women at forty and fifty years still retain. Can not American women well look interesting and satisfied, considering that we have the independence of free human beings, the best of educational advantages, and many avenues of industry open to us upon which we may freely enter, if fate does not destine us to lives of usefulness as wives and mothers? How is a woman to keep herself young and interesting, if, beginning with a meagre education and narrow ideas of life, she does nothing to refine or broaden her mind, and, surrounded by no congenial fostering atmosphere, lives on in ignorance, perhaps struggling with burdens for which her mental strength is inadequate and finding her enjoyment in pleasures far from elevating? The staleness and unprofitableness of life soon stamp themselves upon the most beautiful face, if this outward beauty has no mental and spiritual background to supplement it. A German woman receives few educational advantages in her youth, and, marrying, must yield her entire individuality to her husband, in whom there is seldom the mental companionship and stimulus which would prompt her to the further cultivation and perfection of her abilities.

The girls attend school usually from six to fifteen or sixteen years, studying in the "Tochter-schule" arithmetic, algebra, geography, some physics, rhetoric and composition, drawing, singing, dancing, gymnastics, French and English. A few, particularly those wishing to be teachers, enter seminaries after this time and pursue these studies further. Others, of the higher and wealthier class, at fifteen years old, enter "pensions," where they are taught deportment and the accomplishments, and, at seventeen or eighteen they enter society, in the meanwhile making their wedding trousseau and learning housekeeping. When their parents have found them a proper husband, they marry. For the higher studies there are few opportunities. The universities sometimes admit women to some of their advantages, but this is attended with so many unpleasant features that seldom any but foreign women (chiefly English and Americans) are resolute enough to attempt admittance. Latin and Greek, which the Germans consider so necessary for boys, are most unheard of studies for girls, and the idea of girls busying themselves with such things is scoffed at. The girls are taught the same gymnastics as the boys, which plan Americans might wisely adopt; but as for physiology, hygiene, botany and chemistry—of these studies, which the wife and mother, as well as the housekeeper, may always find profitable, they have nothing taught them. Nearly every American mother, even of the so-called uneducated class, has some simple and often effectual remedies, which can be applied in cases of light or sudden illness in the family, but I do not find this to be the case among Germans. Their ideas of the construction and care of the human body, seem to be often most vague or incorrect, and hence illness is apt to fill them with the wildest alarm and apprehension.

Few employments are open to women, although more than there were a few years ago, which is a hopeful sign for the future of German women. The salary of a woman teacher is much smaller than that of a man, and it is difficult to obtain such a position, as there are always hosts of applicants for vacancies and women are not generally desired. As teachers in boys' schools, women have a "thorny path to tread," because of the idea of woman's mental incapacity which is so early inculcated in

the boy's mind. In the shops, women are now nearly everywhere accepted as clerks and book-keepers. These comprise the chief pursuits in which they can engage without great hardship and opposition.

The position of German women is easily seen in the manner in which they are treated by German men upon the streets. No man is expected to turn from his path for a woman, and if the pavement is not wide enough for both, as is often the case in these old narrow streets, the woman is pushed off into the carriage road; and this rudeness is not merely true of the uncultivated, but quite as common with students and those supposed to represent the highest culture of Germany. In horse-cars or other public places, it is seldom that a man offers his seat to a woman or shows her any such deference. The woman of the house must do the marketing, going with her basket on her arm, as is the custom here, and a most rare sight would it be to see the man carrying the market-basket. I believe few German men would have the courage to so outrage the proprieties, as to do the marketing for their wives. One day, while on a walk, I met a Canadian gentleman who is prominent here in artistic circles, walking in the quiet country road with his wife and, in the baby-carriage which he himself wheeled, their child. This seemed to me a pleasing picture of domestic happiness, and upon my return, I innocently narrated it to my German hostess. She, with her friends, to my amusement, broke out into exclamations of horror at the dreadful impropriety of a man, and particularly a public man, so demeaning himself as to push a baby-carriage, even upon a retired country road. According to their ideas, it was a most disgraceful spectacle. We Americans would have considered it only a graceful and most praiseworthy attention of the husband and father. But a German woman, with her ideas of woman's sphere, is shocked beyond description by such an act. Do not such an education and such views seem narrow and selfish to us? In discussion, German women seldom admit that their position is other than agreeable to them, but on the contrary resent such a suggestion on the part of foreigners, and yet those who have occasion to associate with Americans often express their admiration of the kindness and politeness of American men, all foreign nations seeming to agree that American

women have reason to be satisfied with their independence and freedom and the unusual respect and deference accorded to them by the other sex.

One of the first sights which greeted our eyes upon landing in Germany, was a man standing in a coal wagon and receiving the heavy baskets of coal which two women passed up to him from below, his work being to turn the coal out of the baskets which the two women had the labor of loading and lifting up to the cart. Fresh from America, where the man is accustomed to lift the heavy burdens, leaving the lighter work for the women to do, we were greatly shocked. This was however no novel sight to Germans and passed unnoticed by them, as we soon learned by experience.

Many of the common women are literally beasts of burden, and it is not at all unusual to see a woman and a dog drawing a cart together. One instance was related by an American of a woman and a dog drawing a cart in which was seated a man comfortably smoking. The washer-women and market-women carry everything about in large pack baskets, strapped upon their backs, and often so heavily loaded that the woman is bent nearly double in the effort to maintain equilibrium under the weight. Some look stout enough to do this without difficulty, but with others it is too often evident that constitution cries out against the unnatural strain inflicted upon it. Even in childhood the girls are taught to carry these baskets, and one often sees a tiny girl struggling under a load almost as large as she is. The law forbids the bearers of these baskets the right to the pavement; consequently they must always keep the middle of the street, where the large cobblestones often render the walking very difficult and painful. If they occasionally neglect the law and step upon the pavement, they are rudely ordered or pushed into the street again by policemen. I have sometimes seen one of these women with a heavy basket upon her back and each hand also laden with smaller baskets, or, perhaps, dragging a cart behind her. A man, walking arm in arm with a woman carrying one of these pack baskets, seemed to me a painfully ironical illustration of man as the supporter and protector of the "weaker sex."

These instances speak for themselves and prove most emphatically

that the American idea of woman is a higher and nobler one, and that the ambition of American women to make themselves the intellectual equals of men, not only makes them better women, wives and mothers, but also inspires the other sex with a feeling, not of pity and condescension, as for something weaker, to be petted or scolded according to the mood of the moment, but rather of respect and love, as for those whose mental capacity and liberal education entitle them to a place of authority and dignity.

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HEART WISDOM.

A ROOM of comfort. Windows open toward the west,
Where glory meets the gloaming and earth is heaven-caressed.
A half-reluctant breeze the curtain inward swings,
And evening sunlight enters, borne on shimmering wings.
Within the room a youth, enraptured with his book,
Unheeding radiant skies. He reads, and will not look.
The blushing clouds allure, the soft wind lifts his hair,
The sound of summer song comes winning him from care,
But still the leaves he turns. The volume seems a charm
To hold him from the beauty, to steal the evening's balm.
But now a thought is baffling him. The lessening light
Withdraws his eyes. He turns, and sees the gathering night.
The open book, the word of which he turned in quest,
Forgotten. Wisdom, wait, the youth looks toward the west!

It is the hour of revelation. Up the sky
The long bright rifts of color glow, and far on high
The purple deepens, darkens, while the crimson fold
Along horizon mingles with the vanished gold.

And that has passed.

A star appears and shines and shines
Until the youth within his soul the star enshrines.

And then the heavens are full of stars, and unaware,
He prays. The vision grows too great for him. He prays.
The silent sacred hour, through all his childhood days
Awaiting him, has come. He feels a Presence near,
Around, above, within; and meanings new and clear
Reveal themselves.

He looks and listens. Stars shine on.
And still he gazes as if starlight never shone
Before. It never did for him. He has not known,
The heart of nature never throbbbed against his own.

The hour of revelation.

Slowly, slowly, through
 The shining silence, downward from the darkened blue
 The summons comes. Unconscious of himself, he hears
 The message that the world must know. There interferes
 No thought of his conceiving. The soul laid bare to heaven
 Grows tremulous with its touch. And thus the word is given
 Direct and voiceless.

“Whoso studies to be wise,
 And heeds not glorious beauty of the evening skies,
 Who traces wondrous curves in books and does forget
 The fashion of the hills, is far too foolish yet!
 Who learns of waves of sound, but lets the bird
 Sing on and on its patient melodies unheard,
 Who measures tone intensities and never hears
 The tender tones of human voices,—scores of years
 Must leave him still untaught. He misses, so, the whole
 And grasps a skeleton, a science without soul!
 The book is well, but God must breathe the breath of life
 Within it, else we have but clattering bones. No strife
 Is worthy, ending so. Who would be wise must learn
 The essences of things, must God in all discern,
 Must hear and see and feel, and ponder yet a while
 Upon the richer wisdom that hides within a smile.”

The clock strikes twelve. Then swiftly he becomes aware
 Of self and life and time. He breathes the common air
 And sits amid the shadows in the curtained room
 And looks through western windows toward the star-lit gloom.

And now, long after, one who wears the crown of years
 Walks field and wood and street. His soul, attentive, hears
 The sounds that make the silences of other men,
 Until a solemn hush has held him. He listens when
 The birds are singing, knows the secrets of the trees,
 Their stories whispered softly to morn and evening breeze.
 The mountains minister to him, and rippling stream

Has brought the living waters to his heart. A dream
Of clouds abides, and breathes o'er life and look such grace
That child-eyes find a wondrous glory in his face.
"How wise he is!" men say, but swiftly others add,
"Ah, yes! but more than wise, he makes the great world glad!"
"Where learned you all?" asks one who loves him best.
"I did not learn," he says, "I looked out toward the west!"



ONE SUMMER.

I.

IF any one had followed along that old grass-grown path on any pleasant afternoon of those hot July days, a pretty sight would have met his view. The dark pine trees hid from the scorching sun a charming group, two young lady friends, fellow students at college. They have come here in the hope that the mountain air may benefit the taller and elder of the two, the stately Margaret. The other, Alle, dubbed "Allegro" from her quick ways, had a bright face and winning manners which would make any place cheerful. Indeed but for her, Margaret would have taken little comfort in this mountain visit. They had spread their shawls in this favorite spot where, with pillow and books, they had spent so many restful hours.

To-day Outre Mer was thrown aside, and the recent arrivals at the house occupied their attention. "How much we may anticipate having Mr. James and Mr. Rigney here! Do you remember what a prodigy Professor Cranewell thought Mr. James to be? Well, I am glad to know him, for it is pleasant to meet the children of our Alma Mater at such a distance; and then I still remember what a thrill I used to feel when he played his violin. Do you know, I think any one after conversing but an hour with him would recognize his as a musical temperament. He has been in Italy, I believe, since graduating, and is now with his chum on a summer's excursion."

"Yes," replied her companion, "and he was so reserved and moody, no one could approach him; it was only through his violin that any one seemed to know him. I think no one but Mr. Rigney ever won his confidence, and what has not that friendship done for him! Such a morbid nature could produce nothing but ill-temper, and now who is more interested in humanity than he? My brother knew him in Florence, and said his benevolence was wonderful. In fact, his generosity made such inroads on his purse, that he was obliged to give up a year's study, and come back and earn the means for more. What a breeze has sprung up! We must hasten back."

II.

Again the same pine trees and a happy company, the quartette, they called themselves, were enjoying the bright moonlight and the sweet-sad tones of the violin. In fact, the company might almost be styled the quintette, of which the violin was the fifth and the most talkative member, for it was in attendance at all their evening meetings. Now it seems to tell some old troubadour tale of love and bravery. Is it not that music is best understood in the dark? Is it that the soul is then more susceptible to sweet sounds?

It is not Miss Alle's witticisms that we hear in the lulls between the songs of the violin, but Margaret's calm tones and winning words. What is her charm? We do not know, nor do they, but we would gladly listen forever. Have you never met one of those women in whose presence you are dumb, one whose words reveal a world of beauty in every common thing, and attach a blessing to every homely task? Her voice seemed but an echo of the tones of the violin, and left her auditors mute.

III.

The morning of the last day of their stay was breaking. Its rosy hue was seen beyond the distant mountain and made visible the bank of mist clouds in the intervening valley. There was almost a sacred hush over all that little world, and the few sounds of life only served to intensify the stillness. As the sun rode over the top of Saddle-back, its first ray lighted the golden head and pensive eye of Margaret. Oh, how beautiful that morning's glow, and how the very valley seemed glorified, its mist clouds a mass of flame!

But there was another to admire the morning glory: Mr. James also chose this place of their revels.

"Ah, Miss Margaret! I hardly thought the fates would be so propitious, for now in the freshness of this beautiful morning I can ask you for that which will make all the value of my life. You can understand when I speak to you through the music which has been my only means of winning the love of others; and you—you will love me—you will be my wife?"

The glow faded from the flaming valley, the air grew chill, and the hearts hushed. The elements seemed to foreshadow the answer, "Forgive me, but I cannot."

IV.

"He loves me, he loves me not, he loves me, he loves me — not," and Alle looked as if something had hurt her, as she dropped the daisy stem, so that Margaret could not but notice it, although she refrained from remarking upon it. And yet it made her ill at ease and she could not dispel that look from her mind. She feared that in spite of all Alle's laughing manners, she was none the less spell-bound by the musician's power and his Utopian views.

"Do you know," went on Alle, "I am beginning to grow superstitious about this place, and I should expect to see ugly gnomes look at me from behind the trees if it were only dark. We must bid it good-bye together. See how the sun is going down in a ball of fire, and the clouds look dark and sullen. Yes! there is a flash of lightning. And there are our names cut in that old tree that we claimed on our first walk. Really, I feel like singing "Be of good cheer" to keep my courage up. Let us run, or the rain will be upon us, and the lightning makes a very coward of me."

V.

Could it be the same Alle coming thither, after the storm had subsided? Mr. James had seen her, and told her all his love for Margaret, and his baffled hopes. No, she was not angry, she was only hurt and weary. She did not care to see Margaret just now, she must wait and think. Oh, why was she not like Margaret! then it might have been different. No, this must be right, and yet why were they both to suffer so!

How damp and wet everything was! Yet she was glad to be wet; the bodily discomforts seemed to deaden the pain that was consuming her. But what has happened? This furrow in the ground, and the tree — where is it? But it was not the lightning or the riven ground that gave forth so pitiful a cry. On the ground, with his handsome face and piteous smile, lay the object of her thoughts, on the spot where happiness had been denied him a few hours before.

Truly, a summer's happiness lay shattered in that lifeless figure before her.

PUNDITA RAMABAI.

THE aim of the Pundita Ramabai is one of interest to all students. She wishes to establish a school in India for high-caste Hindu widows, they being the only class at present capable of being reached. Those widows are often children, and of these alone there are 600,000 in India. Life is made so intolerable for them that she hopes the school will attract them as a refuge from their trials.

It is believed by the Hindu that the betrothed or husband would not have died unless in some previous existence he had been killed by his wife, and his death is now her punishment. Those living with her must do everything to make it more severe. This is especially emphasized if she is living with her husband's relations, as they regard her as the instrument of his death. She must dress in coarse garments, can have but one meal a day, and must abstain from food and drink two days every month. She can participate in no family rejoicing or festivity, and in some cases, to see her is regarded as an evil omen, as for instance, before starting on a journey.

To escape a life of this kind, formerly, they of their own accord were burned on their husband's funeral pyre, thinking by this means to gain the highest peace in heaven for themselves and to receive the approbation of their husbands; and now they find refuge in drowning in one of the sacred rivers.

The education of an unmarried girl only extends over a space of about three years, and in that time little or nothing can be accomplished which her after training would not obliterate. The Pundita herself is a high-caste widow, but from her father, an intelligent man of the priestly caste, she received a liberal education, although they suffered intense persecution on that account. After death had deprived her of her near relations, she went to England, where for two years she was a professor of Sanscrit in Cheltenham College for women. For nearly a year she has been in this country, where she hopes to obtain money for the support of her school. For ten years she has to depend on outside

assistance, as the Hindu woman has no money of her own, and while she is in the school must be clothed and fed.

The child-widows, especially, she hopes to train for teachers to go among the women in their homes. After a time she thinks the more intelligent of the men may see the value of the school and give it their support. A great deal is to be hoped from the school, and it has a great advantage in being undertaken by a Hindu, as no race prejudice can interfere to its detriment.

It will require seven thousand dollars a year, for ten years, to support it, and this money she must obtain in America, as the Hindu would accept no assistance from the English. There is an added difficulty in raising it, as the school, although aiming to give a Christian education, is not to be of any denomination, and so the churches refuse their aid.

At Cornell a Ramabai Circle has been formed, the members of which pledge themselves to send, annually for ten years, the sum of one dollar, or more, for the support of the school. She has published a book, at the solicitation of her American friends, entitled, "The High-Caste Hindu Woman." Address the Pundita Ramabai, 1400 North Twenty-first Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

VI.

But hush! The eyes, the smile, the face
 We hold so dear
Have found a new and sweeter grace
 With each new year.
Her soul outgrows its dwelling place,
 We would draw near!

VII.

In sky and mount and sea,
 Her glad young eyes
A hidden glory find.
 O maiden wise,
Interpret them for me!

VIII.

What makes the sudden shining of the day?
What, know you not? Our lady comes this way.

IX.

She hath a tender touch of souls,
And strongly, sweetly, she controls
While leading us to higher goals.

GREETING.

Dear Kappas:

The time for work has come once more, and as we return to the accustomed college halls and duties, I want to give to you all my word of greeting.

I trust that these summer months, which have been passed by sea and mountain, have brought to each renewed vigor. The chance meetings on our various pilgrimages, and the summering together of Kappas here and there, have been most pleasant. I shall not soon forget the message which was borne from a fair lake in Minnesota to my tent among the White Hills of New Hampshire; for truly we have a sympathy of pleasure as well as duty. But now the latter is opening before us and the coming year waits to be made one of active service.

Let each chapter enter soon upon the year's work. There is always in the fall a tendency to delay, owing to new college duties, and more often, I fear, to the absorbing interest in new members. The customs regarding these are, and perhaps must be, different at different colleges, more active measures being required at some than at others, but let all use their influence to crush out that antagonism between societies, which is so justly censured by those outside the Greek world. Let us not forget our womanhood.

Again, as far as possible, let the chapters arrange plans for the whole winter's work at the same time. Variety of method should be sought, but underneath and throughout all let there be some purpose and plan which shall bind the whole together and make it of greater profit than fragmentary work can ever be. Throughout the winter let the convention of '88 be often in mind, which, from all indications, is to be one of the best which the fraternity has ever known. For the past four years the gatherings have been in the eastern states. I suppose Ohio must be included among these, but now we are invited to enjoy the hospitality of our Minneapolis chapter. The distance will, for many, be considerable, but let every chapter be represented by more than its

official delegate, if possible. No one who has experienced the inspiration of a fraternity convention can fail to join me in urging that plans be early arranged to include Minneapolis in next summer's wanderings. During the coming months let chapters note points bearing upon chapter welfare or more general fraternity interest, and present them for consideration at that time.

The "general" suggests the sub-conventions, which have been growing more frequent, and I trust that the rumors which have reached me of one or more this fall, may become realities. Whenever and wherever chapters can meet, by all means, do so. If two are so far separated from the others that a larger meeting is impracticable, let these two join for a day, and by mutual interchange of social courtesy come to know each other better and strengthen the bond by good fellowship.

And so, with these few informal words, let me extend to you all my hearty wishes for a year of increased prosperity and usefulness.

Fraternally,

CHARLOTTE C. BARRELL.

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Editorial.

THE summer vacation has come and gone and brought to college students that precious boon granted only to the weary workers—rest. Whether the three great elements of summer comfort, the tree, the hammock and the book, have been the source of rest or not, surely some glad change of task has come to all. It is hoped that we have not so yielded to personal ease as to forget the vacation claims.

There is a spirit manifested by some college students which is not altogether unselfish. They go to their summer homes and graciously receive the welcoming smiles of relatives and friends, accepting all deference as a matter of course. They have the air of conferring a favor upon the humble community in which they spend their vacation, by walking the streets and allowing the inhabitants a glimpse of those recently from cultured circles. They assume a none-of-my-business attitude toward the vital interests of this community, and either absent themselves from all gatherings, secular and religious, or become critical back-seat attendants. They bring none of the college atmosphere to the expectant friends. They do not renew the youth of the grey-headed with their college life and enthusiasms. They find the native conversation exceedingly amusing, and consider how they may entertain their college friends with the country dialect. In fact they are zeros in influence and inspiration, and the solid sensible young workers, who have yearned for education hitherto, look on and see the phenomena consequent upon a year or two of college life and turn to their work with more vigor than ever, saying, "If that is what education does, I can do without it." Grieved over the summer disappointments, parents send these students back again, sighing, "Of course we seem common-place after the culture they are accustomed to." And when friend greets friend in college halls, and the usual question comes, "Had a pleasant summer?" these students reply, "Rather dull. No congenial society for me at home, you know."

Of course none of these students are Kappas. If they were, we should try kindly to tell them how they might spend a happier summer

and ask them to make a note of it in their journals, turning down a leaf that they might the more readily find it when June comes again.

THERE are several things of which it would be well to remind ourselves at this season of the college year. As we seek new members for the fraternity we love and honor, let us remember first the great principles upon which Kappa Kappa Gamma is founded, and the dignity and worthiness of our mission. Let us remember that intellect is not to be the only ground of choice, that amiability is insufficient, and that beauty is not once mentioned in the list of virtues required for admission. Let us consider the necessity of winning those we choose. The attraction must be mutual between the chapter and the candidate, or else there is no ground for fraternity life. As has been said before in *THE KEY*, we want only those who want us. Let us be courageous but unassuming;

“Be bold, be bold, be not too bold,”

and always serene. And Kappas, let us never descend to the chocolate-cream method of persuasion. Nothing would be more disgusting than the effort to win a life to our companionship by an appeal to the stomach. Above all things toward the chapters of other fraternities let us be uniformly courteous, kind, magnanimous. These are the times that try the mettle of our womanliness. We shall be weighed in the balance of college opinion. May our thoughts be so generous, our words so well chosen, our acts so just, that, as chapters and as individuals, we may be found not wanting.

IN a recent number of a monthly magazine, a correspondent writes forcibly on college expenses. The emphatic claim is that societies papers, clubs and kindred outlays should not be abolished because some, even many, cannot afford the expense; rather, that this is one of the things to be met in life, and it is no disadvantage if he with slender purse

learns thus early to adjust desires to income. This point is worthy consideration. Character is in no wise weakened by being denied such pleasures as are bought with money, if the sacrifice be made with a generous heart. Nevertheless it may be as grievous a fault for him who can afford amply, or by some self-denial, society and other expenses incident to college life, to deliberately reject them. The end of life is character and well-doing, neither of which is developed in solitude. It is only by contact with mankind that souls can be reached. Life must touch life, and rarely can that be brought about without introduction by means of trivial incidents, ordinary intercourse. The system of personal ethics may be well developed, while that of social ethics, which requires perhaps even more careful judgment, is left unheeded. Well for him who is willing to apply mental energy and think out for himself a plan of life which shall enable him to take a prolonged course of study without encroaching unfairly on another's hard-earned money or burdening himself with indebtedness for such luxuries as are not essential to the enriching of heart and intellect. Well, too, for him with abundant resources who sees with the understanding "there is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty."

When such a plan has been thoughtfully worked out, let outsiders beware lest they ignorantly condemn righteousness.

NO one who has enjoyed the blessings of a home can value anything so highly as this warm centre, where his place is always kept, where his return is always welcomed, where his name is fondly uttered, and his doings lovingly discussed. In the same way, after a long absence from one's own, how delightful it is to enter the old familiar church, to take the well-known seat, and feel the influence of sacred associations.

In all circles a home centre is the very life of the group, and we are tempted to wonder how our chapter life can be sustained without this vital centre. A chapter room is the one thing we all need, to nourish our enthusiasm and love, where we may feel our own place, always open,

always ready, to meet friends, to engage in a little social chat, to give and receive expressions of sympathy and interest. Here all things remind us of our Kappa interests, everything tells us of the fraternity, and our loyalty is fostered in spite of ourselves. Isn't the money well spent? Even if it does involve a sacrifice at first, in the end the gain is incomparable.

HOW much shall we wear our Kappa pin? Does there arise a doubt on this subject? some one says. Under certain circumstances one feels a little puzzled to know what is right and loyal to Kappa, and what is ostentation. If there is one thing that we should guard against in connection with our secret fraternity life, it is needless display, a flaunting in the face of non-Kappas this token of our own "election."

To wear our pin on all occasions, in all seasons and at all times, is certainly to make it a trifle common, to hint that we and a little gold pin are one and inseparable; and the result will be to make others indifferent to the badge, or to weary them of its everlasting presence. Again, there are some college girls who would fain have joined our ranks, but were barred out, from one cause or another, and who find themselves a little sensitive on the subject. Such girls I have seen involuntarily wince at sight of the pin, experiencing a twinge of pain and disappointment that they could not conceal. Shall we remind them oftener than we need of what they have lost, perhaps through no fault of their own?

We have not lived thus far without finding some bitter enemies, of secret societies in general, and our own flourishing fraternity in particular. These are only made more bitter by seeing forever before them some reminder of the thing they hate. They accuse us of showing our colors when there is no call for any such display, and of continually burdening sensible people with the fact of our folly and weakness. Is it wise to help along any feeling of enmity towards our number?

On the other hand, to show a proper loyalty to our fraternity and a becoming pride in our own membership, we must wear our colors. We are not ashamed of our pin. Then why do we not wear it?

After all our "league" is not a thing for everybody, but our own special concern, and we must in a measure keep it to ourselves, to secure the full enjoyment. Let us not make our dear pin a "common affair," but a symbol full of meaning, to be worn among Kappas, who will understand its significance, rather than before people who will be vexed by the sight of a thing to them meaningless.

WE have heard that even the doctors disagree. No wonder, then, if editors sometimes hold conflicting opinions. A learned professor, introducing a speaker whose theories he did not endorse, said: "As the union of all colors is necessary that we may see the white, so a presentation of every view of a subject is needful in order that we may be able through all to discern the white light of truth." In accordance with this idea, here speaks another editor who, disliking ostentation as much as the writer of the above, differs in conclusions. The decision will be made, however, not so much on the "weight of argument," as upon the "merits of the question" as determined by locality and circumstances.

MERE ostentation is base in anybody at any time, much more so in a fraternity which veils somewhat from public scrutiny its operations and aims. The "I know something that you don't" spirit is too often seen in children of the larger growth, but less frequently within, we believe, than without fraternity ranks.

But there is no ostentation in the modest wearing of any inconspicuous ornament. The little key which true-hearted Kappas wear, is one of the least conspicuous of all fraternity pins, and none but the prejudiced could consider its constant wearing an ostentation. The pin is for Kappas to wear and enjoy and for others to disregard as much as they please. We are not so conceited as to imagine that the excellent people who are not members of our fraternity (and we have noticed there are many grand souls who have escaped that honor) are pining for union with

us. Indeed, we have never been able to find a non-fraternity person who confessed to any longings in that direction, or to any loss from being outside the fold. And as for the wincing and cringing at the sight of a Kappa symbol, such sensitive femininity evidently needs the discipline of seeing twenty golden keys every day. If they have not learned before arriving at the college age that no one person has all good things, the sooner they recognize this fact the better. The denial of at least some one desired, but not necessary, good is essential to the development and maintenance of real nobility of character. If it comes about that, by attending to our own affairs and acting with quiet independence, we are made the agents of revelation in this regard, we have no reason to be regretful. Fancy the meeting of two college men, one wearing a fraternity pin, the other wearing none, or one of a different style. How pitiful is the suffering depicted upon the countenance of the second at the sight of No. 1's pin! How he winces and cringes!

How long shall it be before women will put away from among them the curses of envy and jealousy! O for that health of mind and vigor of soul which shall admit of unobtrusive independence of life, of the toleration of opposing opinions, of the endurance of a secret not theirs to know!

It is sometimes urged that if our key is worn constantly, it becomes thereby common. I suppose it does, as an engagement ring becomes preciously common to the wearer.

My reasons for wearing my pin are briefly these: 1. Its meaning, of which I desire to be constantly reminded. 2. Its associations, which are rich in inspiration. 3. The memories it brings, which I love to contemplate. 4. The recognition by other Kappas, which I should otherwise miss. Members of the same family, searching the world over for each other, have brushed close and passed for lack of recognition. I would not so impoverish my life by the loss of a helpful acquaintance.

Chapter Letters.

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LAMBDA — BUCHEL COLLEGE.

LAMBDA closed the term feeling very happy over the year's work. We have refitted our chapter hall, and initiated seven new members, the last one, Jennie Sisler, at the home of Winifred Herrick, where we gave a banquet.

Our commencement will be remembered as one of unusual interest, since Mr. Buchtel, our founder, gave to the college, in addition to all he has given before, \$175,000; and Mr. Crouse has donated largely to our new gymnasium, now being built, and which will bear his name. We had one senior here,—Nell Dages; and one at Cornell,—Carita McElbright. Among our commencement friends were Mrs. Lillian Acomb Hunter, '85; Mary Webb, Bell Slade, and Lucy Danforth, '86; Mrs. Emma C. Hyre and Florence Erwin. At the commencement recital, given by the musical department, we were represented by Clara Ritchie and Winifred Herrick. We have just received wedding cards from one of our number who left us this spring. Cora Widney and Aiken Lodewick were married June 20, and now reside at Schodack Depot, N. Y. We wish them all happiness.

TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Tau has ended the most prosperous year of her existence. Commencement time was enjoyed by every one, although several of us were saddened by the thought that a long time must elapse before we could again meet with the Kappas. Our annual commencement banquet was a happy reunion time for several alumnae Kappas. Tau's only seniors in the Liberal Art College, Mary D. Allis and Elizabeth S. Bridgeford, were two of the five ladies who received appointments as commencement speakers.

Five of our number, Mary D. Allis, Minnie A. Barney, Ella S. Blakeslee, Carrie A. Fisher, and Elizabeth S. Bridgeford, are enjoying the summer at Chautauqua. Carrie E. Moulton is spending the summer at Round Lake, Saratoga County, N. Y. Two of our seniors have already obtained situations as teachers for next year. Mary D. Allis will be preceptress in the Union Free School and Academy, at Afton, N. Y. Jean E. Weller has accepted the position of teacher of music in the seminary at Bucksport, Me.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

It is of our spring term this letter is to relate, and on such a hot July day my memory may fail me. As usual with this particular term, there were a great many outside interruptions and gaities. To these our chapter contributed a reception, given to about fifty of the Faculty and the friends of the girls. Besides the music for our guests' entertainment, four of the girls took part in a little play, "Place aux Dames," a parody of the four Shakespearean characters, Juliet, Portia, Ophelia, and Lady Macbeth. At the time, we entertained three of our friends, active members, Linnie Gamber, '84, Mary A. Otis, '88, and Mrs. Park, '86. Our last letter should have contained the announcement of the marriage of Miss Helen Kittredge, '86, to Mr. Charles C. Park of New York City. The marriage took place in March, at the Church of the Unity, Boston.

In May, Sage was favored with a visit from the Hindu lady, Pundita Ramabai. A great deal of interest was felt in her plans for founding a school for Hindu women. She delivered several lectures on the condition, the causes, and the benefits an education might bring them.

The end of the term was a very sad one, indeed. The wife of ex-President White died the Wednesday before Commencement week. In deference to him, many of the festivities of Commencement week were given up.

Still another shadow was to fall over the departure of '87, in the death of Mary B. Hill, '90, of Jamestown, N. Y. She fell from the path on the brink of Cascadella Gorge, and died in a few hours.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Taking a cursory review of the last term, we find it full of pleasure both of a social and literary character.

For several years a Pan-Hellenic banquet has been talked of among the Greeks, but thus far every attempt has failed.

On May 20, Kappa came to the front and gave a reception to the members of the Faculty and Greek letter societies. It seemed a great undertaking for a few girls, yet with Upsilon's usual spirit and courage, she carried through the scheme most successfully. One hundred and fifty invitations were issued and over one hundred and twenty-five guests were present. The Avenue House parlors were beautifully decorated with flowers, among which was a handsome floral offering from the Delta Gamma ladies, tied with their colors. The guests were formally received by Miss Ames, assisted by Misses Kate Alling, Kendall, and Hutchinson. Music was furnished during the evening by a harp and mandolin orchestra, and refreshments were served in the ladies' ordinary. The active chapter was assisted by Mrs. Frank Hixon, Misses Julia Ames, Abbie Deering, Kate Sharp, Ella Evans, Emma Thompson, Stella Thompson, Carrie Case, Helen Myers, May Morse, May Van Benschoten.

Carrie Case was in Evanston during the spring term, studying art and music in Chicago.

Lizzie Brown, '89, and Amy Jarrett, '90, had been elected by their classes to contest for the declamation prize in the fall term.

Belle E. Alling represented our chapter in the Assoli Essay Contest for a prize of fifty dollars. She treated her subject, "The Last of the Hanoverians," in a very interesting manner and captivated the audience by her delivery.

Grace Scripps, ex-'87, visited a few days in Evanston on her way to Europe, where she will spend a year in study and travel.

Carrie Botkin, formerly of Iota and who has been with us the past year, was married July 7 to Rev. David B. Johnson, and is now at home at Saint Ignace, Michigan.

Maud Kendall is spending the summer at Martha's Vineyard.

Fannie Simpson is at home in Evanston this vacation.

Minnie Hamlin, ex-'88, who graduated this year from Ogonzt Seminary, is also with us.

We Kappas are eleven in number for the summer and generally meet together once a week.

July 29, we had the pleasure of spending the afternoon at the home of the Misses Morse with two of Lambda's daughters, Misses Webb and Lambert. We hope to meet in Evanston many more of the chapter which so royally entertained our delegates at the Convention.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The year of '86-87 has been most prosperous for Omega. Two names have been added to our list since the Christmas holidays: Inez Taggart of Walton, Kan., and May Hair of Belleville, Kan. The week following their initiation, we gave a character party in their honor at the home of Prof. Robinson.

May 6, the Kappas entertained the Phi Delta Thetas at the home of Laura O'Bryon, seven miles south of the city. We numbered forty and a jollier crowd never set out for a picnic. Hammocks, lawn tennis and croquet helped us to spend the afternoon pleasantly in the woods. When the sun had disappeared, a picnic supper was served, the evening passed in dancing and conversation, and a delightful moonlight ride home completed a most enjoyable day.

According to custom, February 22 was celebrated in University Hall with appropriate literary exercises. Cora Kimball was selected by the Faculty as one of the two representatives of the Senior class.

Omega sends out two graduates in the class of '87. Mabel Gore is the first graduate from the musical department. Her recital given during Commencement was one of the finest ever heard in Lawrence. Cora Kimball of the collegiate department received a faculty appointment and delivered a finely written oration on Commencement Day.

Omega's prospects for another year are bright. Two girls have already donned the Kappa collars: Lucile Pennibaker of Nashville, Tenn., and Fanny Pickering of Olathe, Kan. We feel proud of our new 'members elect.'

Chapter Reports.

BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Katherine Dell Burnette.	'89. Mary L. Atwood.
'88. Eva M. Smith.	'90. Maud A. Wigglesworth, In. Sept. 25, '86.
'89. Cora B. Morrison.	'90. Jessie Stiles, In. Oct. 2, '86.
'89. Halcyone J. Morrison.	'90. Rose M. Libby, In. Oct. 12, '86.
'89. Jessie C. Howe.	'90. Frances C. Robinson.
'89. Anne L. Woods.	Drusella I. St. Clair (associate).
<i>Honorary Member.</i> —Miss Abbie Kendall.	In. Sept. 18, '86.

Chapter.—Active members, 11; Associate, 16; Alumnae, 30; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 4.

University.—67 students, 3 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Beta Theta Pi, 20; Alpha Tau Omega, 15.

Literary Work.—First term, similar to that of last year; second and third terms, selections taken from various current magazines, the members reading them aloud in turn. In addition, every Saturday evening a concise account of the principal events of the week, presented by some one member.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Sunday, June 19: Baccalaureate sermon, by A. G. Gaines, D. D., President of the College of Letters and Science.

Monday, June 20: Annual address before the Thelomathesian Society, by Wm. H. Maxwell, Esq., Superintendent of Brooklyn Public Schools.

Tuesday, June 21: Address before the graduating class, by Rev. A. Saxe, D. D., of Rochester, N. Y. Meeting of the Alumni Association. Senior class concert.

Wednesday, June 22: Twenty-Second Annual Commencement of the College of Letters and Science. Annual dinner. Annual reception at Miner Hall.

In addition to the public exercises, the reunions of the Greek Letter fraternity chapters are of interest to all the Greeks. The gentlemen's fraternities held their reunions at ten o'clock P. M., Monday, June 20. As is usual on such occasions, the young men welcomed their alumni to a most bountiful feast, and it is to be expected that the literary and musical part of the programme did justice to such well fed men.

There are but two gentlemen's fraternities in the University, — the Beta Theta Pi, and the Alpha Tau Omega.

The Annual Reunion of Beta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma was held Thursday evening, June 23, at seven o'clock. The "spread" was not elaborate, but very satisfactory, and the literary programme was most enjoyable. It was voted the best we have ever had, although we are apt to think the last the best.

The address before the Thelomathesian Society, by Superintendent Maxwell, on the Relation of the College to the Common School, was very interesting and instructive. This gentleman, who was almost wholly unknown to us, proved himself to be an educator in fact as well as in name.

The other public exercises of Commencement week were fully up to the standard, which is as high as in any institution in the Eastern states.

Our college is young and small, and the College of Letters and Science has had quite a struggle to live, but we are looking forward to a bright future.

GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Mabel Douglass.	Kate Rowland, In. Oct. 30, '86.
'87. Della McCortle.	Mildred Rumble, In. Oct. 6, '86.
Harriet A. Crippen, In. Oct. 6, '86.	Lizzie Ustick, In. Oct. 6, '86.
Ella Culbertson, In. June 14, '87.	Mila Yoder, In. Feb. 18, '87.
<i>Honorary Members.</i> —Mrs. W. S. Eversole, Miss Lizzie Black.	

Chapter.—Active members, 12; Associate, 2; Alumnae, 5; Seniors, 6; Year's initiates, 6.

University.—664 students, 8 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12; Sigma Chi, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10; Delta Tau Delta, 13; Phi Gamma Delta, 15; Phi Kappa Psi, 7.

Literary Work.—Origin, Aim, Character, Number and Location of chapters of K. K. Γ.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Commencement exercises began with the contest between the Athenian and Irving Literary societies, on the evening of June 18, performances consisting of oration, essay, declamation, and debate, resulting in favor of the Athenian.

On Sabbath afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Baccalaureate sermon, preached by President S. F. Scovel, from Exodus xiv:15,—a most eloquent, inspiring, address,—a thrilling call to "go forward."

Sabbath evening, the annual address before the Y. M. C. A., delivered by the Rev. Dr. Marsten, of Columbus, Ohio.

Monday afternoon at half-past two, the Class Day exercises began. The salutatory, delivered by Della McCortle, was pertinent, clear-cut, and any Kappa might be proud of her. The usual history, class songs, and valedictory followed. Sad, because of the approaching separation, but very merry, too, when recalling the many happy days of college life, and the many ludicrous events of the past four or five years. A bit of fun was poked at the faculty, co-eds, lower classmen, one and all.

Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, the Annual Junior Oratorical Contest took place, seven orators participating. Mrs. Henry Perkins, the charming vocalist, who is a member of Lambda, Akron, Ohio, and a universal favorite with Wooster audiences, furnished most charming music.

Tuesday morning, the entertainment of the Ladies' Literary Society was given, furnishing an attractive programme. Della McCortle was president of the morning. Gamma was represented by Mildred Rumble, in an unusually witty and amusing character. Tuesday evening, meeting of alumni.

Wednesday, at 10 o'clock, the Commencement exercises began. The honors were awarded as follows: Mr. Wagner, Valedictory; Miss Della

McCortle, Salutatory. Gamma Chapter surely has reason to be proud. Miss McCortle's grade is the highest ever taken by a woman in the college. The class graduating this year was the largest that has ever gone from the College. So, while you congratulate us and our honor girl, please bear this fact in mind. There were five honors awarded in the class. Commencement day passed very pleasantly. The orations and essays were unusually interesting; very learned, of course, but interesting nevertheless.

Wednesday evening the reception at the President's home occurred, the curtain rings down forever for the class of '87. When we reappear, it will be individually.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Ida M. Manley.	Ida J. Loudon, In. Sept. 5, '86.
'87. Martha Wellingford.	M. Berenice Overman, In. Oct. 7, '86.
Regina Bitner, In. Oct. 14, '86.	Lucy G. Woodward.
Anna Bowman.	Caroline E. Zern, In, Sept. 11, '86.
Etta G. Craven, In. Sept. 24, '86.	Nora Bocker (prep.)
Laura E. Eurick, In. Jan. 10, '87.	Jane Ewing (prep.)
Effie Ewing.	Martha Orchard (prep.), In. Sept. 24, '86.
Ida L. Faris.	Bird Roseberry (prep.), In. Sept. 24, '86.
Amanda Hamaker, In. Oct. 7, '86.	Grace Wicks.
Nellie Hendricks.	

Honorary Members.

Mrs. Julia Thompson.	Mary Manley.
Frances Bell.	Kate Munich.
Laura Foster.	Mrs. Benj. S. Adams.
Mrs. J. M. McPheeters.	

Chapter.—Active members, 19; Associate, 40; Alumnae, 13; Seniors; Year's initiates, 9.

University.—369 students, 9 fraternities. Phi Gamma Delta, 16; Sigma Chi, 19; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 18; Delta Tau Delta, 6; Kappa Sigma, 3; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 23.

Literary Work.—Two courses of lectures were attended, and were

found very profitable. Several prizes have been offered during the year for excellence in scholarship and literary work, and the attention and efforts of the students have been directed chiefly to them.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Commencement exercises created the usual interest, although the programme of the previous years had been somewhat shortened.

An address was made before the Scientific Society on the evening of June 3. The Baccalaureate address was delivered June 5, by Rev. M. L. Hains. The exercises of the Preparatory department were held Monday, June 7. On the evening of June 7, Hon. George W. Cooper addressed the literary societies. The college graduates made their speeches, stepped upward and out, Wednesday, June 9. On the evening of the same day the "Alumnæ supper" was held in the college buildings, and, as usual, closed the exercises.

Three very brilliant social events occurred in college society during the commencement season. An "informal" was given by two Kappas, Clara Orchard and Mame Broedix, at the home of Miss Orchard. Kappa Alpha Theta held a reception at the home of Mrs. R. W. Myers. An elegant banquet was tendered their many friends by the gentlemen of Phi Delta Theta, at the National Hotel.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Bina Van Petten.	Olive Edwards.
'87. Lula D. Young.	Carrie Everly.
Lulu Adams, In. Feb. 26, '87.	Grace Funk.
Rachel Baumann.	Hattie Thayer.
Emily K. Baath.	Esther Wilson, In. Sept. 23, '86.
Grace Clark, In. Feb. 26, '87.	Aileen Cary, In. Oct 28, '86.
Helen Cyrus.	Nellie Knapp, In. Oct. 14, '86.
Carrie Darnall, In. Feb. 26, '87.	Myrtle Kirkpatrick, In. Feb. 26, '87.
Lillie E. Dimmitt.	Anna Tomlin, In. Nov. 11, '86.

Honorary Members.—Mrs. Lucy B. Fallows, Mrs. Lizzie M. Crow, Mrs. Sue M. D. Fay.

Chapter.—Active members, 19; Associate, 59; Alumnæ, 16; Seniors, 2; Year's initiates, 8.

University.—811 students, 5 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Sigma Chi, 14; Phi Delta Theta, 20.

Literary Work—As varied as possible. Essays, declamations, extempore debates, discussions on present political subjects. Principal work,—speeches on topics assigned the week before, taking *e. g.* modern writers, actors, statesmen. Spring term,—a serial story, each member writing a chapter.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Saturday evening, June 10, there was held a very interesting open session of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

Sunday morning, Baccalaureate sermon, by Dr. J. M. Thoburn, and address to graduating class, by Dr. Adams. Sunday evening, annual sermon, by Dr. J. L. Jackson.

Monday evening occurred the prize contest, F. W. Wheeler receiving the prize in oratory, and Grace Funk the prize in declamation.

Tuesday afternoon, Class day exercises. Tuesday evening, annual address before the Woman's Educational Association, by Miss Ada C. Serret.

Commencement of College of Law Wednesday morning. Commencement of College of Music, Wednesday afternoon. Alumni reunion and banquet Wednesday evening.

Commencement of College of Letters and Science Thursday morning. President's levee, Thursday evening.

ZETA—IOWA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Rose B. Ankeny.	Lomie Dugan, Initiate.
'87. Ida B. Clarke, Initiate.	Kate Legler, Initiate.
'87. Isa A. Moore.	Effie Marquardt.
'87. Minnie Preston.	Georgia Mitchell, Initiate.
'87. Carrie Spielman.	Carrie Mordoff.
'87. May C. Williams.	Helen Orton, Initiate.
Alice Calvin, Initiate.	Sioux Paxen, Initiate.
Helen Copeland, Initiate.	

Chapter.—Active members, 15; Seniors, 6; Year's initiates, 8.

University.—412 students, 7 fraternities. I. C., 8; Delta Gamma, 7; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Delta Tau Delta, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 11; Phi Delta Theta, 11; Phi Psi, 11.

Literary Work.—Readings from The Century and Harper's, and short stories from Poe and Hawthorne.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The attendance at commencement was much larger than usual, owing to the inauguration of the new President, Prof. Shaeffer, formerly of Cornell University. The following was the programme for the various days:

Friday, June 17, 4 P. M.: Battalion drill and dress parade.

Friday, June 17, 8 P. M.: Anniversary of literary societies.

Saturday, June 18, 3 P. M.: Chancellor's address to Law class.

Sunday, June 19, 4 P. M.: Baccalaureate address.

Monday, June 20, 4 P. M.: Class day exercises.

Monday, June 20, 8 P. M.: Band concert.

Tuesday, June 21, 10 A. M.: Law class graduation.

Tuesday, June 21, 2 P. M.: Alumni business meeting.

Tuesday, June 21, 8 P. M.: Alumni anniversary.

Tuesday, June 21, 9 P. M.: President's reception.

Wednesday, June 22, 9 A. M.: Graduating exercises of Collegiate department.

Wednesday, June 22, 1 P. M.: Reunion and collation.

Wednesday, June 22, 4 P. M.: Inauguration of President Shaeffer. Address: Hon. W. B. Allison. Address by President Shaeffer. Administering oath of office.

As to the part Zeta played during the week: June 17, at 8 P. M., four of her members, Ida Clarke, Isa Moore, Minnie Preston and Rose Ankeny were given diplomas by the Hesperian Literary Society. Two of the songs on class day were written by Rose Ankeny, the other two by Miss Nell Cox, one of the Delta Gamma charter members.

It was also very gratifying to find that Zeta had the honor of having four commencement speakers, Ida Clarke, Minnie Preston, May Williams and Rose Ankeny. Out of a class of forty-three the roll of honor

consisted of the fifteen having the highest standing. The same four Kappas also appeared there,—Rose Ankeny ranking first in the class with an average of 97.79 per cent., out of a possible 100 per cent., for the four years; Ida Clarke fourth, Minnie Preston eighth, and May Williams eleventh.

Although Zeta lost six members, those who are left are earnest, strong and will, no doubt, achieve success during the coming year.

Thursday, the 23rd, the day after commencement, Miss Clarke was married to Mr. N. C. Young, a former Phi Delta Theta, and the young couple immediately left for their new home in Bathgate, Dakota.

THETA—MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Anna Bates.	Etta Hancock.
'87. Louise Harris.	Emma Hayes.
Karleen Coleman.	Laura Long. Initiate.
Mary Clark. Initiate.	Ellen McAjer.
Ulie Denny. Initiate.	Georgie Spencer.
Sallie Guthrie. Initiate.	Susie Trimble. Initiate.
Gay Hancock.	

Chapter.—Active members, 13; Associate, 4; Alumnae, 39; Seniors, 2; Year's initiates, 5.

University.—500 students, 5 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Zeta Phi; Phi Delta Theta; Sigma Alpha; Sigma Nu.

Literary Work.—Social rather than literary. We have several literary societies connected with our university, and so we made our Greek letter society entirely social. We have had a number of delightful entertainments during the winter.

IOTA—DE PAU UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Helen Frances Cunningham.	Jessie Noble, In. Oct. 2, '86.
Ella Evalee Adams, In. Oct. 5, '86.	Mary Olcott.
Florence Allen.	Harriet Perkins.
Margaret Carter, In. May 13, '87.	Ella Maude Robinson.

Minnie Cole, In. Oct. 2, '86.	Elizabeth Rose.
Blanche Gelwick, In. Oct. 22, '86.	Leila Rous, In. Oct. 2, '86.
Myrtle Grubb, In. Oct. 2, '86.	Alice Smith, In. Oct. 5, '86.
Grace Johnson, In. Oct. 2, '86.	Sidelia Starr.
Rhoda Minerva Kelly.	Kate Stone.
Mary Rebecca Langsdale.	Fannie O. Westfall, In. May 13, '87.
Dora Lloyd.	Carrie Weaver, In. Oct. 2, '86.
Lucile Marshall.	Mary Louisa Wood.
Jean Nelson, In. Oct. 2, '86.	

Chapter.—Active members, 25 ; Associate, 9 ; Alumnae, 12 ; Senior, 1 ; Year's initiates, 12.

University.—843 students, 12 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25 ; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 24 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 26 ; Phi Delta Theta, 23 ; Alpha Phi, 7 ; Phi Gamma Delta, 15 ; Beta Theta Pi, 17 ; Sigma Chi, 20 ; Alpha Chi Omega, 14 ; Delta Upsilon, 17 ; Phi Kappa Psi, 21 ; Delta Tau Delta, 12.

Literary Work.—First and second terms : Miscellaneous subjects, including conversations, readings, papers, and recitations. Third term : Discussion of current events.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Commencement exercises included, "Commencement of the School of Music," of the "Preparatory School," "Musical Festival," "Celebration of 50th Anniversary," "Cloud Prize in Declamation," "Beveridge Prize in Oratory." Reunions of classes '77 and '81. Lectures by ex-Governor Porter and Bishop Bowman and "Graduation Exercises."

In the "Cloud Prize Contest," Sidelia Starr received the highest grade of nine competitors, but owing to the fact that the first place could be given to an oratorical selection only, we had to be satisfied with seeing our Kappa take second place. The prizes were fifty, thirty-five, and fifteen dollars.

We have made arrangements with the Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity to send out circulars the beginning of the year to the new girls and to make no propositions until after the fifteenth of November.

Several of our members have married this year and we have had one death.

Mollie E. Clark, class '81, died at Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 23, '87.

Married, Dec. 29, '86, Maggie T. Watkins, Clifton R. Cameron; address, Minneapolis, Minn. Dec. 22, '86, Josephine George, Chas. A. Dolman; Kokomo, Indiana. Mary L. Wood, Lewis M. Riley; address, Tribune, Kansas.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Active Members.

'87. Kate May Stoddard.

'90. Annie M. Bartlett, In. Oct. 16, '86.

'88. Jennie Brown Winship.

'90. Lillian Kirkwood, In. Jan. 22, '87.

'89. Sadie Genevieve Collett.

'90. Winifred Root.

'89. Shirley Holmes Smith, In. Oct. 16, '86.

Dora Stamats (asso.), In. Oct. 16, '86.

'89. Florence Wyllis, In. Oct. 16, '86.

Chapter.—Active members, 8; Associate, 24; Alumnae, 20; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 5.

College.—700 to 800 students, 4 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 8; I. C.'s, 8; Delta Tau Delta, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 14.

Literary Work.—Reading and discussion of the current news, with articles from Woman's Journal, by Mrs. Livermore and others; also short poems, by eminent writers.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Our Commencement exercises were very pleasant indeed, and Kappa's graduate received the honor of a position on the class day and also on the Commencement programme.

The class of '87 numbered thirty-one members, ten ladies and twenty-one gentlemen.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

'87. Nell Frances Dages.	Maud L. Hill.
Helena May Cannon, In. March 18.	Mabel Marvin.
Addie Henrietta Commins, In. March 18.	Gertrude H. Matthews.
Alexandria Daisy Commins, In. March 18.	Mary McMillen, In. Sept. 18, '86.
Anna Sanford Gunter, In. Nov. 9.	Jennie Lenore Sisler, In. May 21, '87.
Madge Putnam Harris.	Janette Titus Vail.
Winifred Carrie Herriok.	Cora Widney, In. Nov. 9, '86.

Chapter.—Active members, 14; Associate, Alumnae, and Honorary, 46; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 7.

College.—370 students, 5 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Delta Theta, 11; Lone Star, 9; Delta Gamma, 13.

Literary Work.—First part of the year devoted to the reading of the New York *Tribune*, with discussions upon topics of interest. During the latter part of the year each member brought in any item of interest found during the week, and one member appointed brought in the principal topics of interest of the times, and all discussed them.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Saturday, June 18, Senior preparatory exercises.

Sunday, June 19, Baccalaureate sermon, by President Cone.

Monday, June 20, Address before the Literary societies, by Rev. F. L. Hosmer, of Cleveland, Ohio.

Tuesday, June 21, Meeting of the Alumni Association; address before the Alumni Association.

Wednesday, June 22, Annual address, by Rev. A. J. Canfield, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

Thursday, Graduating exercises; Commencement dinner; Reception by Dr. and Mrs. Cone.

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Martha O. Murry.	Lona Iden, In. Nov. 16, '86.
Jennie Armstrong.	Grace Murry, In. Sept. 27, '86.
J. Maude Gougner.	Vesta I. Hobbs, In. Sept. 27, '86.
Margaret Griffin.	Jennie Gates, In. Nov. 30, '86, (ex.) May
Kate B. Hadley.	4, '87.

Chapter.—Active members, 7; Associate and Alumnae, 12; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 4.

University.—225 students, 4 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 6; Phi Delta Theta, 20; Delta Tau Delta, 19; Sigma Chi, 11.

Literary Work.—Rehearsals of performances to be given in the literary society. Spring term,—An hour at each meeting devoted to the reading of Tennyson's "Princess." Winter term,—Reading of shorter poems.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The friends of Butler University regard our last Commencement as the best we have had for several years. Not only was the graduating class larger and stronger than former classes, but the enthusiasm of friends was greater, and the quality of the oratory better. An entire week was devoted to the exercises attendant upon Commencement day. Friday evening, June 10, the Athenian Society, of which our girls are all members, gave their annual entertainment. Martha Murry, Kate Hadley, Margaret Griffin and Grace Murry occupied places on the program. We feel justly proud of the way in which "our girls" acquitted themselves, but our grand triumph was reserved for Commencement day, when Martha Murry carried off the honors of the day. Her theme was, "Woman in Emergencies," and her treatment of it was popular and pleasing in the extreme.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Active Members.

'87. Hannah Henry.	Alberta Oakley.
'87. Hettie Meikle, In. Oct. 5, '86.	Cora Palmer, In. Oct. 28, '86.
'87. Hattie Smoot.	Sadie Palmer.
'87. Enid Ware.	Anna P. Tabor.
Jennie Debore.	J. Zane Wilbur.
May McElroy, In. May 18, '87.	

Chapter.—Active members, 11; Seniors, 4; Year's initiates, 3.

College.—225 students, 3 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15; Alpha Tau Omega, 16.

Literary Work.—Readings in works of general literature.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The week was opened Sunday evening, June 19, by a sermon to the graduating class, by Rev. Mark B. Taylor, of Sharpsburg, Pa.

Monday evening occurred the fete on the campus, conducted by the literary societies.

Tuesday evening the contest between literary societies took place. The Star and Lambda Phi societies were represented by Miss Meikle and Miss Palmer, of Xi, as essayist,—the latter receiving the prize.

Class day exercises occurred Wednesday afternoon, in which all Kappa graduates took part. Enid Ware delivered the salutatory, Hettie Meikle the history, and Hattie Smoot and Hannah Henry assisted in the music.

The Commencement exercises took place in the Opera house, Thursday morning. There were eight graduates, four of whom were Kappas.

The exercises of the week were concluded with the annual concert of the department of Music, at the Opera house, Thursday evening,—our girls covering themselves with honor on the occasion.

OMICRON—SIMPSON CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Active Members.

'87. Abbie Creighton.	Minnie March.
Inez Alsworth.	Eva Moore, In. Oct. 23, '86.
Nettie Barngrover, In. Oct. 23, '86.	Laura Moore.
Allie Gordon, In. May 21, '87.	Mary Powers.
Susie Henderson.	Lizzie Proudfoot.
Esther Huff.	May Ramsay, In. Feb. 14, '87.
Anna Jones.	Maud Rickey, In. Feb. 19, '87.
Lou Loper.	Julia Taskett, In. Oct. 23, '86.
Mary Loper.	Clara Townsend.
Lou Mann, In. Oct. 6, '86.	Mattie Watson.

Chapter.—Active members, 20; Associate, 27; Alumnae, 5; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 7.

College.—7 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10; L. F. V. (local), 20; I. C., 13; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Phi Kappa Psi, 15; Alpha Tau Omega, 10.

Literary Work.—A study of "Ben Hur" and discussions of poems.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

- June 23: Philomathean exhibition.
- June 25: Address before literary societies.
- June 26, 10 A. M.: Baccalaureate sermon.
- June 26, 8 P. M.: Annual sermon.
- June 27, 10 A. M.: Missionary anniversary.
- June 27, 8 P. M.: Park Prize orations.
- June 28, 10 A. M.: Badley Prize essays.
- June 28, 8 P. M.: Commencement concert.
- June 29, 10 A. M.: Buxton Prize orations.
- June 29, 8 P. M.: Alumnaal lecture.
- June 30, 10 A. M.: Commencement.

SIGMA—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

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| '87. Sarah Kyle Daley. | '89. Mary Edna Appelget, In. Oct. 11, '86. |
| '87. Laura Melle Roberts. | '89. Agnes Josephine Young, In. Oct. 11, '86. |
| '87. Adella Eugenia Stratton. | '90. Harriet Maria Curtiss, In. Sept. 25, '86. |
| '88. Alma Celestia Benedict. | '90. Eugenia Linn, In. April 16, '87. |
| '88. Rachel Emera Manley. | '90. Lucy Cornelia Braun, In. April 18, '87. |

Chapter.—Active members, 10 ; Associate, 7 ; Alumnae, 3 ; Seniors, 3 ; Year's initiates, 5.

University.—381 students, 4 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 10 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 4 ; Phi Delta Theta, 12 ; Sigma Chi, 13.

Literary Work.—The study of the lives and works of prominent authors. A committee selects the author and makes out a programme for each meeting.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

June 10 : Palladian Society exhibition.

June 11 : Philodicean Society exhibition.

June 12 : Baccalaureate address.

June 13 : Union Society exhibition.

June 14 : Commencement concert.

June 15, A. M. : Commencement.

June 15, P. M. : Chancellors' levee ; Phi Delta Theta banquet.

TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

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| '87. Mary D. Allis. | '89. Ellen L. Bryant, In. Jan. 8, '87. |
| '87. Elizabeth Bridgeford. | '89. Caroline E. Morton. |
| '87. Agnes E. Foster, In. Oct. 8, '86. | '90. Lettie C. Farwell, In. Oct. 22, '86. |
| '87. Jean E. Weller. | '90. Lena C. Hammond, In. Dec. 3, '86. |
| '88. Emma Brigham. | '90. Grace M. Hill, In. April 29, '87. |
| '88. Mary B. Moore. | '90. Nellie K. Reilay, In. Oct. 8, '86. |
| '88. Anna B. Packard. | '90. May L. Robinson, In. Oct. 22, '86. |

'88. Jessie T. Peck.
'88. Alice A. Webster.
'88. Anna B. Webster.

'90. Violet M. Telfer, In. Oct. 22, '86.
'90. Grace E. Townsend, In. Jan. 8, '86.
'90. Lida E. Wagner, In. Oct. 22, '86.

Chapter.—Active members, 20; Associate, 9; Alumnae, 6; Seniors, 4; Year's initiates, 10.

University.—437 students, 8 fraternities. Alpha Phi, 20; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 20; Gamma Phi Beta, 24; Delta Upsilon, 27; Psi Upsilon, 16; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 24; Phi Kappa Psi, 22; Phi Delta Theta, 14.

Literary Work.—Miscellaneous study of Kappa Kappa Gamma constitution. Life and works of Hawthorne. Debates. News of the week. A weekly paper.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Kate M. Alling.	'89. Isabella Morse.
'87. Matilda P. Hutchinson.	'90. Amy Jarritt, In. Sept. 19, '86.
'88. Belle E. Alling.	'90. Clara I. Tompson.
'88. Ida T. Sunderland.	'90. Abbie Maud Kendall, In. Nov. 13, '86.
'88. Carrie H. Botkin.	'90. Jennie M. Jones, In. Jan 24, '87.
'88. Hattie C. Botkin.	Emma Thompson.
'89. Elizabeth M. Brown, In. Oct. 13, '86.	

Chapter.—Active members, 13; Associate, 21; Alumnae, 6; Seniors, 2; Year's initiates, 4.

College.—220 students, 9 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Beta Theta Pi, 13; Sigma Xi, 16; Phi Kappa Sigma, 7; Delta Upsilon, 19; Phi Delta Theta, 11; Phi Kappa Psi, 25; Delta Gamma, 9; Alpha Phi, 16.

Literary Work.—Readings, reviews, essays, and criticisms upon the lives and works of the following authors and poets: Dickens, George Eliot, Washington Irving, Lowell, and Robert Browning. In addition to this, interesting debates upon the topics of the day, and the regular reading of the constitution and minutes of last convention.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Commencement week opened with the Kirk contest, which is, perhaps, the chief event of the college year. The five successful contestants for the Deering essay prizes compete for a prize of one hundred dollars, given to that member of the senior class who shall write and deliver the best English oration. Upsilon was ably represented by Kate M. Alling, who is the first of our chapter to take a "Deering." Her masterly oration on Savonarola, for the Kirk prize, showed her ability as a fine writer, and reflected great credit on her chapter.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached by the president, Dr. Cummings, D. D., L.L. D. Rev. John Williamson addressed the University Christian Association Sunday evening.

Class day consisted of the usual oration, history, class poem, and prophecy. The presentations were unusually interesting and appropriate.

Monday occurred Preparatory Commencement.

Tuesday afternoon, the Field day exercises.

The Conservatory of Music graduated, Tuesday evening, its largest class. Its prosperity has so increased under Director Prof. O. E. Locke that the trustees have been obliged to erect a temporary building, in order to accommodate the increased numbers.

Northwestern University graduated a class of thirty-four,—the largest ever departing from her halls. Following the usual custom, twelve of the number represented the class on Commencement day. Our Kappa graduates were Matilda P. Hutchinson and Kate M. Alling. On Commencement day it was announced that Miss Alling had gained "special honors" in Natural History and Greek. She is the only lady who has ever taken honors in Greek in this university.

Commencement week closed with the reception given by Dr. Cummings to the alumni and members of the graduating class.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Margaret Giles Bradford.	'89. Gertrude Evelyn Small.
'87. Elizabeth Jane Lynn Downing.	'90. Sarah Leonard Bird, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'87. Anna Eliza Gooding.	'90. Emily Hudson Bright, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'87. Elizabeth Deering Hanscom.	'90. Mary Lyon Hinckley, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'87. Sarah Matilda Hobson.	'90. Katharine Kendrick Wheeler, In. Dec. 9,
'87. Lizzie Shinn.	'86.
'87. Mary Helen Teele.	
'87. Bertha Gertrude Young.	
'88. Julia Azubah Latham.	
'89. Ida Sabin Davis.	
'89. Clara Anne Johnson.	
'89. Mara Melinda Kingsbury.	
'89. Florence Louise Nichols, In. Mar. 22, '87.	
'89. Lilly Maud Pierce.	

SPECIAL STUDENTS.

'90. Katherine Merrill Davis, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'89. Mary Hayden Lord, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'89. Belle Shinn, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'90. Margaret Leslie Strong, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'89. Gertrude Woodberry, In. Dec. 9, '86.
'90. Mary Eva Woodward, In. Dec. 9, '86.

Chapter.—Active members, 25 ; Associate, 3 ; Alumnae, 19 ; Seniors, 8 ; Year's initiates, 10.

College of Liberal Arts.—163 students, 5 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 25 ; Alpha Phi, 24 ; Gamma Phi Beta, 8 ; Beta Theta Pi, 16 ; Theta Delta Chi, 24.

Literary Work.—Subjects studied and discussed under the direction of a leader chosen for each meeting : "Robert Falconer,"—George MacDonald ; American Humorists ; College Life—its dangers ; Societies—their advantages and disadvantages ; Activity—socially considered ; A Noble Character—its qualities ; Music—its influence ; Quotation meeting.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Commencement week opened with the Class day exercises, held in Jacob Sleeper hall, Monday, June 1.

Phi was ably represented by Elizabeth D. Hanscom, who gave the address to undergraduates, and Mabell Shippie Clarke, who had the prophecy.

In the evening a reception to friends was given by the Seniors in Jacob Sleeper hall.

Tuesday, the Baccalaureate address was delivered by Bishop Foster, D. D., L.L. D., in Jacob Sleeper hall. A large part of the day was devoted to meetings of the Alumni associations.

Wednesday was Commencement day. The exercises were held in Tremont Temple and were fully attended. Phi's speaker was Margaret G. Bradford, whose oration, "Life and Learning," deserves special mention.

A reception, given to graduates by the trustees, Wednesday evening, closed the exercises.

CHI—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Alice Anna Adams.
 Alice Maria Berry, In. Nov. 3, '86.
 Blanche P. Berry.
 Nellie Cross, In. Oct. 2, '86.
 Isabel Gale.
 Nellie Jewett Hall, In. Oct. 2, '86.

Susan Hawley Olmstead.
 Sadiebelle Pillsbury.
 Edith Viola Phillips, In. April 13, '87.
 Olivia C. Porter, In. Oct. 2, '86.
 Anna Shillock.

Chapter.—Active members, 11; Associate, 9; Alumnae, 18; Seniors, 5; Year's initiates, 5.

University.—400 students, 6 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Delta Gamma, 11; Chi Psi, 15; Phi Delta Theta, 16; Delta Tau Delta, 9; Theta Phi (local), 17.

Literary Work.—"Back-Log Studies,"—Charles Dudley Warner. Later, a study of various novelists, their lives and works. Hawthorne,— "Blithedale Romance," "Scarlet Letter," "House of Seven Gables," "Marble Faun." Books read outside, discussed at the meeting.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Monday: Field sports.

Tuesday: Class day. Senior class meeting.

Wednesday: Ball games. Musical and literary entertainment by the Herman Literary Society.

Thursday: Exercises. Alumnae dinner. Reception given by the President.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

Janet Jacks (P. G.), In. Jan. 23, '87.	Katherine Bates (trans.), '89.
'87. Lois Macy Otis.	'89. Helene Bouleau, In. Oct. 26, '86.
'88. Ella Maud Boulton.	'89. Mary Amy Otis.
'88. Gladys France.	'90. Mary Alinda Lathrop, In. Jan. 21, '87.
'88. Mary Williams Lougee.	'90. Martha Moulton Whittemore, In. Feb.
'88. Agnes Adelaide Rogers.	19, '87.

Chapter.—Active members, 11; Associate, 3; Alumnae, 8; Senior, 1; Year's initiates, 4.

University.—829 students, 14 fraternities. Zeta Psi, 19; Kappa Alpha, 24; Alpha Delta Phi, 21; Chi Psi, 20; Delta Upsilon, 18; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 24; Theta Delta Chi, 18; Beta Theta Pi, 10; Psi Upsilon, 29; Phi Kappa Psi, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Delta Gamma, 4.

Literary Work.—"Cupid and Psyche," "True Success,"—William Morris. "Queen's Garden," and "Sesame and Lillies,"—Ruskin. Extracts from "Being a Boy,"—Charles D. Warner. Essay on Keats, and selections from "Endymion." A weekly synopsis of the news of the week.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

'87's Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by the Rev. Lyman Abbott, D. D., of New York City, in Armory hall, the chapel affording too scanty accommodations. The Class day exercises were held as usual in the Armory, the essayist being our only Senior, Lois M. Otis. Her subject was, "Why all this Toil for the Triumph of an Hour."

The next day being devoted to meetings of the alumnae, the commencement exercises occurred on Thursday, June 16th. There were ninety in the graduating class.

One of the theses, on Modern Bohemian Poetry, was especially noteworthy, and was written by a lady of the class. Some of the poetry introduced had never been translated before.

At noon a bust of ex-President White, presented by the Alumnae, was unveiled; and in the afternoon the reception to the trustees, faculty, alumnae, and members of the graduating class, took place at Sage College.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Active Members.

'87. Mabel E. Gore.	Ida E. Hofford, In. Oct. 15, '86.
'87. Cora L. Kimball.	Eva F. Howe.
Bertha N. Atwood, In. Oct. 15, '86.	Jessie M. McBride, In. Sept. 24, '86.
Daisy G. Clendinen, In. Sept. 14, '86.	Annie L. McKinnon.
Lillie M. Freeman.	Nellie Palmer.
Etta E. Hadley.	Bertha A. Starr.
May I. Hair, In. Feb. 26, '87.	Inez L. Taggart, In. Feb. 26, '88.
May E. Henshaw.	M. Ila Williams, In. Sept. 14, '87.
Kate Hewins, In. Oct. 15, '86.	Mabel Wemple.

Chapter.—Active members, 18; Associate, 1; Alumnae, 3; Seniors, 2; Year's initiates, 8.

University.—490 students, 9 fraternities. Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18; I. C., 19; Kappa Alpha Tau, 16; Phi Delta Theta, 21; Beta Theta Pi, 18; Phi Kappa Psi, 23; Phi Gamma Delta, 14; Sigma Chi, 14; Sigma Nu, 19.

Literary Work.—Varied programme. Declamations, essays, readings, music, etc., with discussion of current events. Also reading and discussion of several Shakespearian plays and Scott's "Lady of the Lake."

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Commencement exercises of the Kansas State University were of unusual interest. The city was full of visitors from abroad, and the spacious University hall was crowded to overflowing with attentive audiences. The order of the exercises was as follows:—

Thursday evening, May 26, the graduating recital, given by Mabel E. Gore, assisted by Miss Josie Hutchings, vocalist, of Lawrence.

Tuesday evening, May 31, Commencement concert, given by the department of Music.

Thursday evening, June 2, Prize contest in declamation, won by Walter W. Davis, of the Phi Kappa Psi.

Friday evening, June 3, Anniversary exercises of the Orophilian Literary Society.

Saturday evening, June 4, Prize contest in oratory, won by T. F. Doran, of Beta Theta Pi.

Sunday evening, June 5, Baccalaureate sermon.

Monday morning, June 6, Anniversary exercises of the department of Pharmacy.

Monday evening, June 6, Address before the Literary societies, by Noble Prentiss, of Atchinson.

Tuesday morning, June 7, Class day exercises.

Tuesday afternoon, June 7, Annual meeting of the Alumni Association.

Tuesday evening, June 7, Alumni oration, by J. F. Tucker, followed by a banquet in Snow Hall.

Wednesday morning, June 8, Commencement day.

The graduating class numbered fifty-three, the largest class ever graduated from K. S. U.

New Books.

BIOGRAPHY AND CORRESPONDENCE.

- Caddy, Mrs. F.—Through the Fields with Linnæus: A Chapter in Swedish History. 2 volumes. Illustrated and with maps. Little. \$4.50.
- Foster, Mrs. I. H.—Stories of Remarkable Women. Lothrop. 60c. Brief, suggestive sketches, which will arouse an interest in further investigation.
- Foster, Mrs. I. H.—Stories of Great Men. Lothrop. 60c.
- Hill, F. H.—George Canning. [English Worthies Ser.] Appleton. 75c. A brief, unprejudiced biography of one of England's most celebrated statesmen.
- Kennard, Mrs. N. A.—Mrs. Siddons. [Famous Women Ser.] Roberts. \$1. An excellent biography, written in a most interesting manner.
- Longfellow, S.—Final Memorials of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Ticknor. \$3.00. This volume includes the journals and selections from the poet's correspondence.
- Reade, C. L. and Rev. C.—Charles Reade, D. C. L. Dramatist, Novelist, Journalist; a Memoir Compiled Chiefly from his Literary Remains. Harper. 75c and 25c.
- Reves, J.—The Rothschilds; the Financial Rulers of Nations. McClurg. \$1.50.
- Schurz, C.—Life of Henry Clay. [American Statesmen Ser.] Houghton. \$2.50. One of the best works in this series, and a most able review of the political changes in this country between 1810 and 1850.
- Symonds, J. A.—Shelley. [English Men of Letters Ser.] Harper. 75c.

DOMESTIC AND SOCIAL.

- Sherwood, Mrs. M. E. W.—Manners and Social Usages. New enlarged edition. Harper. \$1.25.
- Strohm, G.—The Universal Cookery Book. White, S. and A. Oilcloth. \$1.50.

FICTION.

- Baylor, F. C.—Behind the Blue Ridge. Lippincott. \$1.25. A Virginia story with brilliant character drawing.
- Beckett, C. H.—Who is John Norman? Cassell. \$1.

- Black, W.—Sabina Zembra. Harper. \$1.25 and 20c. A strongly drawn picture of an ill-assorted marriage worth much good advice.
- Brooke, H.—The Fool of Quality. [Leisure Moment Ser.] 2 volumes. Holt. Each 30c. A reprint of a novel famous in the time of Dr. Johnson, and though not easy to describe in a few words, it is a book no one can afford not to read.
- Celiere, P.—The Startling. Exploits of Dr. J. B. Quies. Harper. \$1.75. A translation from the French which fulfils admirably its author's intention to afford amusement simply.
- Clarke, R. S. [Sophie May.].—Drones' Honey. Lee & Sheppard. \$1.50. A fascinating novel, refined and elevated in tone.
- Crawford, F. M.—Saracinesca. Macmillan. \$1.50. An historical novel dealing with its characters in such a masterly way as to make it one of the most effective romances published since "John Inglesant."
- Ebers, G.—The Bride of the Nile. Gottsberger. 2 vols. Paper, \$1. Also Harper, 25c.
- Fisher, Miss F. C. ["Christian Reid."].—Miss Churchill; a Study. Appleton. \$1.00 and 50c. "The book is one that holds attention by unveiling hidden springs of character and revealing human motives, noble and ignoble, with the certainty of insight belonging only to the true artist."
- Fogazzaro, A.—Danielle Cortis. Holt. \$1.00 and 30c. A love story, pure and simple, but of great power, and translated admirably from the Italian.
- Hardy, T.—The Woodlanders. Harper. 75c. A masterly novel in Mr. Hardy's more subdued, recent style.
- Harlan, H. ["Sidney Luska."].—The Yoke of the Thorah. Cassell. \$1.25. A strong story of the love between a Jew and a Christian.
- Hearn, L.—Some Chinese Ghosts. Roberts. \$1.00. A collection of Chinese legends.
- Jackson, Mrs. H. H.—Between Whiles. Roberts. \$1.25.
- Jefferies, R.—Amaryllis at the Fair. Harper. 15c.
- Kokhanoosky, Mme.—The Rusty Linchpin. Lothrop. \$1.25. A quiet but charming story of Russian Life.
- Lyall, Edna [Pseudonym for Ada E. Bayly.].—Knight-Errant. Appleton. \$1.50.
- Mann, Mrs. M.—Juanita: a Romance of Real Life in Cuba Fifty Years Ago. Lothrop. \$1.50.
- Royce, J.—The Feud of Oakfield Creek: a Novel of California Life. Houghton. \$1.25.

- Stinde, J.—The Buchholz Family. Part 2. Scribner. \$1.25.
 Stinde, J.—Woodland Tales. Whittaker. \$1.
 Thoroddsen, J. T.—Sigrid: an Icelandic Love Story.
 Tolstoi, Count L.—Katia. Gottsberger. 50c and 25c.
 Wingfield, Hon. L.—The Lovely Wang, a Bit of China. Holt. \$1.

FINE ARTS.

- Davis, L. S.—Studies in Musical History.
 Van Dyke, J. C.—Principles of Art. Pt. 1, Art in history. Pt. 2, Art in theory. Fords, H. and H. \$1.50. The treatment is popular and interesting.
 Wood, H. T.—Modern Methods of Illustrating Books. Armstrong. \$1.25.
 Compiled with care, and both instructive and readable.

HISTORY.

- Creighton, Rev. M.—History of the Papacy during the Reformation. Volumes 3 and 4. Houghton. \$7.50.
 Durand, Mme.—Napoleon and Marie Louise: a Memoir. Rand. 75c and 35c.
 Fyffe, C. A.—A History of Modern Europe. Volume 2, 1814 to 1848. Holt. \$2.50.
 Gilmore, J. R.—John Sevier, as a Commonwealth Builder. Appleton. \$1.50.
 A graphic account of the early history of Tennessee.
 Johnston, A.—Connecticut: a Study of Commonwealth Democracy. Houghton. \$1.25.
 Lecky, W. E. H.—A History of England in the Eighteenth Century. Volumes 5 and 6. Appleton. Each, \$2.25.
 McCarthy, J.—A History of our Own Times; with Appendix of Events to the end of 1886. Scribner & W. 2 volumes. \$6.00.
 Mahaffy, J. P., D. D.—Alexander's Empire. [Story of the Nations Ser.] Putnam. \$1.50.
 Moberly, Rev. C. E.—The Early Tudors: Henry VII; Henry VIII. Maps. [Epochs of modern history.] Scribner. \$1.00. In a clear and concise style this book gives a very interesting account of an important period.
 Rawlinson, G.—The Story of Ancient Egypt. Map and illustrations. [Story of the Nations Ser.] Putnam. \$1.50.
 Symonds, J. A.—Renaissance in Italy: The Catholic Reaction. Holt. 2 volumes. \$7.

LITERATURE.

- The Best Hundred Books ; containing Sir John Lubbock's list and additional suggestions by Ruskin and others. Paper. Kellog. 20c.
- Burt, B. C.—References for Students in English Literature. Paper. Andrews and Witherby. 25c.
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Exchanges and Reviews.

THE April number of the Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly contains the song and the oration of the famous fortieth convention of the fraternity. The other literary articles are not interesting to any except members of the fraternity. But the editorials are useful to all Greeks. We like especially the one upon "Literary Exercises," which abounds in helpful suggestions. Many thanks, Mr. Editor, for your neat account of the origin of our KEY; we didn't know the secret was abroad. But we have no fear of any one finding it in the middle of that prosy editorial, unless he is reading for the sake of reviewing, and only a very conscientious reviewer would find his way out of that article awake. So we think the secret is safe.

We fear that our review of the Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly may not be very intelligible, for the frontispiece has had an injurious effect upon us. That ruined temple with the icicles projecting over the luxuriant palms which tower high above a Greek temple perched upon the brink of an ice-covered precipice; that Assyrian lion (?) pawing the ground, flapping his wings, gazing into space, and grinning; that coffin from which a skull of some departed Feejee has been spilled; that eye in the pillar fixing us with its stony glare — truly the effect of all these features is unique. But wouldn't a key of explanation be a good thing?

The title of the first article, "A Fraternity is what we make it," sounds natural, as do all the ideas set forth therein. The account of the Columbia College Centennial would be more interesting if every one hadn't read it in the newspapers a month or more ago. The department devoted to "The Hellenic Press" quite charms us and we have read the wise and just reviews with interest. But do you really want to know what "display of excess" and "ostentation in lack" are? You hit the former when you designated our magazine, THE KEY, as the "K. K. KEY," and you come pretty near the latter when you mention K. K. Γ. as "K. K." Anything more upon which we can enlighten you?

The chapter letters are delightful; those that are there are excellent, but those that aren't there please us most. Twelve chapters fail to report, twelve times is "space reserved" for a letter, four times do the editors urge Indiana to "keep her reputation," and three times is the same pathetic request made of Pennsylvania. But that is just what the states are doing, keeping their reputations — out of sight.

The May number of The Diamond of Psi Upsilon is of unusual interest in its account of the convention in New York. President White's speech upon College Fraternities is useful to all Greeks, and although we have read it in another form in the Forum and have seen extracts in so many fraternity organs, we are glad to see it again in its original form. We miss however the editorial and correspondence departments of the magazine, for we believe that they cannot be spared without harm coming to the society.

The Beta Theta Pi for June is, like all issues of that magazine, decidedly *Beta-ish*, but we fear lest Wooglin is ill, at least he is not mentioned as frequently as usual. The editorials are well written and energetic and are upon subjects of great interest to Betas. The chapter letters are among the best we have seen.

The Rainbow for June is a remarkable number. Our copy is marked and underscored and deserves to be read and re-read for its thoughtful words. The opening article is called "The Ideal Delta and How to Get Him." It is a good paper to read during the fall campaign, full of common sense and practical suggestions. The plan for the selection of new members for an already large chapter seems particularly good. It is, in brief, to appoint a committee that shall secure the necessary information and report to the chapter its results. "This method unites swiftness of action with correctness of judgment."

The second paper is entitled "The Ideal Meeting." This is an article that could advantageously be placed in the hands of the initiate. It discusses three questions: "Where shall we meet? When shall we meet? What shall be the character of our meetings?" In answer, the writer strongly advocates the necessity of a chapter hall, not infrequent meetings, and a system of alternate meetings for business and social intercourse.

The third article, "Division Conferences," is one in which all fraternities should be interested. It is a forcible plea for what we would call province conventions. Then follows a reprint from the Forum of President White's able paper, "College Fraternities."

This number of the Rainbow should be in every chapter library. We congratulate Delta Tau Delta on its able magazine.

In a chapter letter of the Delta Gamma Anchora we read: "Lamda has had quite an experience lately. 'The lion and the lamb have lain down together,' so to speak. In plain English, Lamda of Delta Gamma received an invitation

from the Kappa Kappa Gammas to an informal evening at the house of one of their members." We are left in the pleasing uncertainty of not knowing whether to look upon ourselves in the light of a lamb or of the lion. Possibly next fall will solve the problem. Still if we might have been there we would have done our best to have brought about the millennium, for as the Anchora truly says, "girls are girls," and refreshments and girls *have* an affinity. The Anchora is essentially a girl's paper; one cannot read a dozen lines without finding that out. Girls are different from other people and have certain privileges. We speak as an oracle to you, girls, both young and giddy, old and superannuated, and answer your question—Go to a resort. You have before you not only the illustrious examples of Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Upsilon and Delta Tau Delta but of a chapter of that great and glorious fraternity, of which you doubtless have heard since childhood's early hour—the Kappa Kappa Gamma. It makes little difference where you resort to, if only you are in the bonds of—well, a fraternity like the above mentioned Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In the course of events it again becomes our duty to peruse the Kappa Alpha Journal, with a view to writing something about it. That view is hazy. We read with unappreciative wonder the wish of an enthusiastic or demented Kappa Alpha, that there were two journals a month! We have a deep sense of truth; we have also a deep sense of courteousness. It would be an easy and courteous thing for us to say in the words of the Turkish salutation, "May your shadow never be less"—but truth. When these two emotions clash, then it becomes indeed a great moral question. By the way, is the frontispiece a permanent feature or only a passing shadow?

We have felt obliged to keep these numbers in retirement, lest the gentleman in ostrich feathers and moustache should ensnare the heart of an innocent Greek maiden. We ourselves are obliged to keep before our minds constantly the thought of the Kappa Alpha who would have his journal twice a month, in order not to fall a prey to the enticements of Kappa Alpha moustaches and feathers. It must be that the Kappa Alphas are not wholly demented since they are able to extract such remarkably good chapter letters once every month. This is the strongest and best feature of the Journal.

In an open letter of the Arrow is suggested the plan of having a definite system of correspondence between chapters, which plan has the advantage of uniting in feeling and purpose the different chapters during the intervals between

the convention. "Let each chapter appoint a correspondent for every other chapter and send the name of the scribe to be published in the September Arrow. Then each chapter may address a letter to each scribe, who, after reading the letter to her chapter, will deliver it to the proper correspondent to answer."

We quote and endorse a quotation on honorary membership: "The constant aim for a long time to come should be to restrict membership rather than have any excuse for shoddy admissions." That must be an unusual person who can enter into the aims and feelings of a fraternity as does an active member.

There is a vague rumor in the chapter letter from Simpson College, Indianola, Ia., that the authorities there are trying to suppress the secret societies. We hope, for the sake of our sister chapter, as for all other chapters there, that the evidently strong feeling in favor of the fraternities may prevail.



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