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IN the existence of every institution there comes a time for a looking back over the past; a time for the realization of the advancement and improvement made. As the Nebraska State University located at Lincoln neared its 25th mile stone, the past was viewed with pleasure and it came to the mind of its head that a celebration of the wonderful achievement of the institution might be fitting. To this first thought were added other thoughts and words of encouragement which resulted in the completion of arrangements for a celebration of the 25th anniversary on Charter Day, February 15.

In 1869, a charter having been granted by the State Legislature, the first building of the institution was planted in the midst of cornfields and sheets of waving grain. From that time to this she has struggled on, adversity sometimes staring her in the face, until now she stands a pride, not only to the State she represents, but to the glorious West. Little was it thought that this beginning meant that the 25th Anniversary would reveal an enrolment of 1200 students, under the guidance of a most estimable Chancellor and an interested faculty; surrounded by beautiful buildings upon a spacious campus, and spurred on to study and pursuit of learning by every environment imaginable for the acquirement of the best education. Every educational institution suffers set-backs, and the N. S. U. seemed to receive more than her share, but under the management of clear heads, and encouraged by admiring citizens, and a brilliant and aspiring body of students she emerged from the sea of trouble a victor and a glorious one. Little by little she has risen, each year money has been appropriated by the Legislature for her support and improvement.

At her head to-day may be found Chancellor James H. Canfield, and

among her faculty some of the most brilliant and promising professors of the time. In her curriculum are seen the Classical, Literary, Scientific, Philosophical, Civil and Electrical Engineering, Agricultural and English courses. Her graduates are admitted to advanced standing in and well recognized by the highest and best colleges and universities of this country. She is the possessor of a magnificent Military Department consisting of 350 cadets under the command of Lieut. John J. Pershing, First Lieutenant 10th Cavalry, U. S. A. Lastly, she is blessed with a liberal presence of the Greek letter fraternities, whose powers of ennobling, elevating and encouraging the life of a student are too well known to demand explanation.

But to the celebration. Special invitations were issued to the surviving members of the Legislatures which granted the charter, the present Governor, his staff, other State notables, presidents of leading colleges and universities of America, the foremost educators of the country, and distinguished alumni. A general invitation was extended to the public. Two days were set aside for the festivities, February 15, and the day following. Most of the special invitations were responded to by the presence of the individuals themselves. On Thursday, the first day, an assembly was held in the Lansing Theatre, Gov. Crouse presiding, in which many of the distinguished guests responded to five minute speeches. In the afternoon the Governor and his staff received their friends and the public in military form at the University Armory, Grant Memorial Hall. In the evening the Lansing Theatre was packed with people who listened to the Charter Day Orator, Professor George Elliott Howard, A. M. of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, who spoke on "The West, and the American Public University." His lecture was followed by the conferring of honorary degrees, by the Chancellor, upon several of the noted visiting educators, and some of the benefactors of the University.

On Friday morning the theatre was crowded to its fullest capacity with those anxious to hear the students' program set apart for that day. This consisted of selected orations, music by the University Glee and Banjo Clubs, and scenes from Plautus' "Captives" and Sophocles' "Antigone" and "Electra" in the original Latin and Greek. The plays were

in charge of Dr. Lees, Professor of Greek, and of Rachel Manley, one of Sigma's alumnæ. Great praise is certainly due the Latin and Greek Departments for the commendable manner in which these plays were presented. They gave evidence of months of continual study and practice under the directorship of experienced instructors. On Friday afternoon came the Alumni meeting, and later the Alumni banquet in the Armory. On Friday night the annual Junior Hop in Representative Hall of the State Capitol closed the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the Grand institution. May she live to celebrate her 50th anniversary, in as fitting a manner, and she surely will.

J. D. (*Sigma*.)

WOOD'S HOLL.

THE "Tip End of Yankee Land," is dotted with quaint and interesting villages, some of them well known in the early history of our country. At the very heel of Cape Cod, in a country beautiful with woods and flowers, straggling along the irregular shore with its Great Harbor and Little Harbor, its Bay Shore and Sound Beach, with picturesque miniature capes and islands, lies Wood's Holl. It faces the Elizabeth Islands across the narrow passage, connecting Buzzard's Bay and Vineyard Sound, which gives the town its name and which is alone of no little interest on account of its strong currents, its shoals and rocks marked with many innumerable buoys, spars and other devices to warn the sailor. Although apparently so retired, this spot has still its touch of the busy world through being the junction where passengers by rail from Boston and the Cape take the boats which ply between New Bedford and Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket. Here too are the Laboratories of the United States Fish Commission and the Marine Biological Laboratory. In the summer months the investigators, teachers, and students at these laboratories add noticeably to the life of the village.

Let me tell you more of the Marine Biological Laboratory. For six years the laboratory has stood for the first and the only co-operative or-

ganization in the interest of marine biology in America. It is governed by a board of trustees on which the leading colleges and universities are represented. Its officers have been drawn from as many as fifteen of our higher educational institutions, and its membership has extended to one hundred and thirty-one colleges, universities, seminaries, academies, schools and laboratories. The following eighteen institutions subscribed for tables during the session of 1893:—

Bowdoin College,	Missouri Botanical Garden,
Brown University,	Mount Holyoke College,
Bryn Mawr College,	Northwestern University,
Chicago University,	Princeton College,
Cincinnati University,	Rochester University,
Columbia College,	Smith College,
Hamilton College,	Vassar College,
Massachusetts Institute of Technology,	Wellesley College,
Marine University,	Williams College.

[The American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Society of Naturalists have become subscribers for 1894.]

During the same session forty-one investigators worked at the laboratory, while the whole number, including students, was one hundred and eleven, representing seventy-two institutions and no less than seventeen states. Nearly one hundred scientific papers and books have resulted from work at the laboratory, and have been published or are now in press. These data have just been received from Dr. C. O. Whitman, of Chicago University, the eminent biologist and able director of the laboratory.

The buildings have been most carefully planned to economize space without causing inconvenience. There are laboratories for zoology, botany and physiology, another for advanced students in zoology, a number of separate rooms for investigators, a lecture room and library. The laboratory has a large pound in Buzzard's Bay and a steam launch with apparatus for dredging.

No money has been spent on ornament, but as far as possible whatever is essential for thorough work and comfort is supplied.

For those by whom the cost must be considered, perhaps the following statement of actual expenditures for six weeks may be interesting :

Board at Homestead,		\$30 00
Room (\$2 a week),		12 00
Washing (very low).		1 10
Use of Microscopes,	\$4 00	
Share in boat,	2 25	
Bathhouse on Bay,	2 00	
Excursion,	1 30	
Ex.	48	
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Extras,		3 47
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Additional cost of tuition for regular classes, \$35.00, Advanced, \$50.00 and investigators, \$100.00, will make total cost aside from travelling expenses, \$91.60, \$106.60, or \$156.60.

Here one meets a company of earnest, courteous students, each one of whom wishes to gain as much as possible in the short term, but the old adage "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy" is an accepted theory here, and recreation is not forgotten. Talk and laughter enliven the mess hall, where some some tables impose a fine for talking "shop," and rowing and walking parties, by daylight and moonlight, trips to Nantucket and Gay Head, an occasional dance in the Parrish House, college songs, with a violin, perchance also a flute and guitar accompaniment, offer all the recreation a lover of nature requires. Of town amusements there are none, unless an occasional hand-organ, dancing bears, and a miniature ice cream saloon may be so labelled.

Further, I can only say "Go and see," and if you do not long to go again you will be the exception which proves the rule

EMILY R. GREGORY (*Beta Alpha*).

Alumnæ Department.

KATHERINE L. SHARP.

Among the incoming freshmen at Northwestern University in the fall of 1881 was one whose fine physique and gracious manners made her at once a conspicuous figure in our student world. Original in thought, decided in action, and withal so companionable and generous, she won the respect of all who met her and the enthusiastic devotion of a large circle of friends. Though one of the youngest in her class, Katherine Sharp was recognized as a natural leader, and, though she chose to take but little part in the literary contests of the college, her influence was widely felt intellectually and socially.

The founding of Upsilon chapter in the spring of 1882 was due to the efforts of Miss Anna Boyle and Miss Sharp. During the three years following, Miss Sharp was regarded as the Nestor of these young modern Greeks. And indeed the chapter has never ceased to consult her on all matters of importance.

The years that followed her graduation she is wont to call her years of apprenticeship. A little business experience, two years as teacher of Latin in the Elgin Academy, and two years as assistant librarian in Scoville Institute, at Oak Park, Ill., developed her taste for bibliography and her ability as an organizer.

She entered the New York State Library School, at Albany, in 1890, and completed the two years' course with the degree of Bachelor of Library Science, which was given only to college graduates who had maintained a record of over 90 per cent. in every study in the course. Her thesis on Local Public Libraries and their Relation to University Extension won the prize of one hundred dollars offered for the most practically useful essay on that subject.

Soon after leaving Albany she was asked to take charge of the comparative library exhibit, prepared by the N. Y. State Library School for the World's Columbian Exposition, an exhibit of methods, furnishings,

and labor-saving devices, shown by samples, photographs, charts, and working models.

This position of trust and her work as classifier and cataloguer of the new Adams Memorial Library, at Wheaton, Ill., and of the public library at Xenia, O., at the time of its reorganization in 1892, brought her into prominence among librarians, and in January, 1893, she was made Director of the Department of Library Science of Armour Institute, that promising young school for technical training in Chicago. This school differs from the New York Library School, in that its present aim is only to raise the standard of library assistants, rather than to train librarians; but so great has been the demand for more advanced work that the one year's course must soon be extended, to equal that of the other, older schools of the kind.

Miss Sharp has secured for her class the privilege of co-operating with the Director of Electrical Engineering to catalogue electrical periodicals, and hereafter these students will have charge of *Electrical Literature*, a supplement to the monthly periodical *Electrical Engineering*, a publication that is a "Poole's Index" for that science. A new feature of the library work here will be a book-bindery, where not merely the technical work of a bindery will be taught, but the art and history of book-binding, as well. This will be the first school of the kind in our country.

Miss Sharp is a member of the co-operative committee of the American Library Association, whose duty it is to take note of all inventions for simplifying library work, and bring them to the notice of the association.

If "work is a blessing" (and who of us can doubt it?) Miss Sharp is doubly blest. In the new field of library science, she is almost a pioneer, and we hope for great good from her faithful work, for that rare union of intellectuality and winsomeness that has won for her so many laurels in the past, augurs many successes in the years to come.

LYDIA L. JONES (*Upsilon*).

GLIMPSES OF BRYN MAWR.

There are certain charms about a stereopticon lecture. Eminent among them is the fact that since the hall is dark, if there is not absorbing interest, one can entertain one's self among the imaginings of dreamers without manifest discourtesy to the speaker. Perhaps, then, a description of life at Bryn Mawr might wisely keep to the college symbol, the lantern, and appear as a series of lantern-slides.

First come some charming landscapes, for the college is on high ground, with an outlook to the north and the sunset, and, on the other side, with woods that Penn might recognize as creditable namesakes. The gray stone halls almost surround the campus proper, and find fitting place in the scene, whether they are bright with the autumn crimson of vines and gay with the streamers that wave upon a tennis tournament, or harmonious in the gray of cloudy sky and mist and winter earth.

Here is the chapel, and the students in cap and gown are gathering for a meeting of the Self-government Association. At the door stands a guard to keep tally and to make it hard to recall one's steps; for the quorum is large, and there is important business. After the college grew beyond the bounds of life as a single family, there came the problem of the regulation of common interests and rights. The graduate student, working on her Ph.D. dissertation, might appreciate the high spirits of the Freshmen and Sophomores, giving an impromptu concert in the corridor; yet the interruption to study might be serious. The Self-government Association is the solution of that problem. Matters that do not naturally fall to the Faculty or the mistresses of the halls of residence are decided by this organized body of the students; and its "resolutions," not rules, guide student-life into smooth waters.

Several pictures must be passed over with but a word—the library with its broad windows and open fire-places; the mighty audience that fills the Dean's lecture-room for "General English;" and in some seminar the class of one; an exciting game of basket ball in the gymnasium; a Sunday evening meeting, where the students help each other with interchange of

thought; a merry party coasting on the snow; and an evening bonfire on the campus.

Teas are much the same, society over. Yet now and then, at Bryn Mawr, where teas are as numerous as the famous violets in the spring, there comes a tea not like all the rest. Perhaps it is a tête-a-tête, and Browning's "little more" is said, throwing a sudden light into one life, or two. Perhaps it is a troop of friends, called in to the inauguration of a new tea-pot. The hostess brings out the best of Japan tea-buds, but somehow the tea she pours looks just as the water looked, and the guests suggest the addition of sugar "to give it color." The normal decoction cannot compare with such a beverage in point of entertainment.

Though the drive to the college is, with a touch of the ludicrous, protected by the notice, "This is a private road," the "Let no man enter" is not hung out. Man may enter as Faculty or factotum. With tributes from these,—if as Virgil's dogs that bark on the tapestry, the figures on the screen may speak—let this sketch close.

The mistress of one of the halls, to the gardener: "But William, why do you trim the shrubs so close? They will not be any ornament to the grounds." "Oh, the young ladies is ornaments enough."

And last, the kindly, earnest greeting of the beloved President, to a new comer: "We are simple folks here, but we try to be genuine."

WINIFRED WARREN (*Phi*).

SHALL FRATERNITY ORGANIZATION BE PUT TO FURTHER USE?

It was an article on this subject that caused the alumnae editor to look into the possible future. And there she beheld what follows.

There was a certain Kappa who had been abroad ten years, during which time she had heard little of the progress of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Like many other alumnae, she failed to help support THE KEY, thereby lacking much necessary information. With this one exception, she was still loyal to her fraternity. It had brought so much warmth and love into her life, so much strength and inspiration in her striving for a higher, holier life,

that she could not forget her fraternity obligations. Many a time had she done something for the love of Kappa. Kappa had made her sympathize with many a woman and see in her a sister whom she must help. Many a time had the golden key reminded her of the better way and inspired her to do the right. She thought of those who said that the quiet, apparently aimless fraternity was only "a feature of college life" and she felt that they were wrong, she knew that it was of "appreciable, definite value," because it made one member do so much more in the world than she would have done otherwise.

She often longed to see something of the active chapter life again and, when she was at home once more, she planned to visit her own chapter, which would be still the same, although the members would all be new to her. There would be the same old-time talks, the same exchange of help and sympathy. Fancy her astonishment at finding a program consisting of reports and plans for temperance work. On inquiry, she found that the members took turns at addressing meetings and that all did much personal work. It seemed to the visiting Kappa that the old life need not have been sacrificed, but that the members might do this work in connection with some other society organized for temperance work. She was told that the aim was to put the fraternity organization to further use. Another chapter was devoted to charity work; still another, to the cause of advancing woman's rights. It seemed to the visitor that, with so many temperaments as are found in any one chapter, it must be difficult to unite in any one line of work instead of allowing each to work in her own way. She missed the quiet discussions that had strengthened her and she wondered if these young women would grow better, stronger after this restless life. She said nothing, but asked for THE KEY, which was no longer a fraternity journal, but devoted to women in general. This too, seemed a needless sacrifice, for she found in the journal no superiority to the leading magazines of the day, and it would not attract the countless readers of the various home magazines. She had supposed the only reason for the existence of a fraternity organ was to give fraternity news and to deal with matters of fraternity interest, as any other journal in connection with a fraternity was illogical. As for herself, she would continue to read the

Era and have no more compunction in regard to supporting THE KEY.

The change seemed to this Kappa to be wrong. With this perpetual bustle and struggle there was no time for the calm talks about the solemn vows of fraternity, no time for the ripening of friendship. The four years spent in college should be a season of preparation for the business of life, not of rash participation in it without preparation. If any member had superfluous time, she might, she must, use it in the way pointed out by conscience. After college there would be opportunities for philanthropic work, and, if the fraternity training had been right, she would do all she could. The special need in fraternity progress, so this Kappa thought, and we think with her, is a direct, practical application of the old true, sweet aims to all phases of life. Then all work that is done by other good organizations will be helped by individual Kappas, beside and after the active chapter life, not instead of it. One will be called to do one thing; another, something else. Let each live true to Kappa principles and do her own work in her own way.

ALICE RACHEL SHEPPARD.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Phi.

February 20, 1894, Ida Sabin Davis, '89 was married to Mr. William Z. Ripley.

Winfred Warren, '91, has the Latin Fellowship at Bryn Mawr College.

Agnes H. Chase, '91, married October 9, 1893, to Mr. Samuel M. Holway, of Machias, Me.

Emma J. Blackstone, ex-'95, married December 24, 1893, to Mr. Albra L. Reed.

Xi.

Meryle K. Tyler, a graduate of '93, is now Professor of Instrumental Music at Black Hills College, South Dakota, and is meeting with remarkable success in her work.

Mildred Graham, '92, who taught in Adrian last year, is now Principal of the High School at Richwood, Ohio.

Jennie Meikle, a former student, recently visited in Adrian, and was heartily welcomed back by all her friends, and doubly so by her Kappa sisters.

Clara E. Coleman, of '93, is now teaching in the public schools of Delta, Ohio.

Iota.

Jessie Cowgill, one of our alumnae members, was married last month to Mr. William Happ. Their home is at Paxton, Illinois.

Eta.

Helen G. Thorpe, '92, one of our alumnae in the city, is to be married March 8 to Mr. John H. Nicholson of Pittsburg, Penn. Eta Chapter will miss her very much, for she is ever a loyal Kappa, recognizing no dividing line between college days and after life.

Theta.

Mary Donnohue, '93, is teaching in Burlington, Iowa.

Belle Donnohue is studying music at Liberty, Mo.

Mille Gordon, '92, who has been teaching at Rockport, Mo., this past year, has returned to her home in Jefferson City.

The Parthenon.

IT was growing late. Gray twilight shadows were beginning to fall about the room, and the tones of the clock reminded me that it was time to leave. But still I lingered.

From the depths of an easy chair I listened with half closed eyes to the tinkling of the piano and the fresh, girlish voices ringing out the dear old refrain :

" When
Dreams are
True."

“ Kappa, O Kappa!
Strong and firm our ties shall be,
Nothing shall sever
Our fraternity.”

The music died away, but the words lingered in my mind and I mused dreamily—“Nothing shall sever our fraternity! Is this true? How can we assure Kappa of a bright and glorious future?” The answer came as if from a Personification of Kappa, a being born of twilight fancy, clad in the two blues of sea and sky with a key of gold on her breast and a single fleur-de-lis in her hand. Some thing of what the dream vision counselled I will now transcribe, although it will suffer, no doubt, transferred from the poetry of twilight to the prose of mid-day.

Would you have Kappa Kappa Gamma glorious unto the end?

Know that it is upon the individual wearers of the key that the welfare of Kappa depends. The responsibility rests upon each one of you. The fraternity has received you with open arms, and you in your turn, have promised to do all in your power to further her best interests. Are you doing this in its deepest sense? Have these been merely idle words, or have you made them your own by striving faithfully to fulfill your part?

Yours it is to uphold her standard by moulding your own life upon all that is purest and truest and best; for the end and aim of Kappa is perfect womanhood.

You are bound together in friendship. You are pledged to make your own the joys and sorrows of each wearer of the key. But do not be content with this. Live from within, out. Let Kappa be but the inner circle from which shall come ray after ray of light and love. Let the sympathy you feel for each sister in Kappa make you more tender, more sympathetic toward those without the circle. As you loyally defend those within, bear with you that same mantle of charity when you step without. And as your heart glows with love toward each wearer of the golden key, let it enlarge its circles, like the pebble tossed into the pond, until from loving Kappa you come to that broader love that embraces all humanity. And thus let Kappa be the watch-word that shall inspire each one of you to live

up to the best that is within, for by so doing you shall indeed make her future a bright and glorious one!

The singers were going; only a single voice hummed softly—"Strong and firm our ties shall be"—and ever more softly and lingeringly, "Nothing shall sever our fraternity!"

ETA.

The subject of philanthropy has wonderful attractions. If one thinks of the good to be done, one is at first amazed, then frightened, finally overwhelmed by the immense amount of work to be done and by the little that is accomplished. To a college girl, especially, many opportunities are given. We, as an association, could make our influence widely felt. We could have a fund, raised by subscription, to maintain a bed or a ward in some charitable institution, yet this seems withal a very narrow channel of usefulness.

The thought of a Kappa scholarship seems much more attractive. Even in our fraternity there are girls whose dearest wish is to study, but whose means, for the pursuit of this end, are limited. Why not have a scholarship to help such? You may consider this selfish, but do you not also believe that "helping to make stronger women of their members is indeed a worthy work of women's fraternities?" Almost anything that we could undertake would be limited necessarily to some one object; why not let a worthy and deserving Kappa be that object?

In the January KEY mention is made of the work of Beta Alpha Chapter in Biology. They have made a beginning, it remains for us having received the incentive to take up such work and extend it until tangible results are secured.

DELTA.

Old association renders dear to us events which in their happening we seldom appreciate for their full worth. And in Bygone Avenues that traverses memory's realm we revisit many a scene possessed of that indefinite charm which only time can give. Nowhere in book of life do we write "Finis" on the page with such a lingering regret as at the close of the chapter headed, "College Life."

Truly, this time is to all of us the heyday of existence. Gay hours and busy hours fill the days and the months and the years as they glide away into the vista of the past, and almost before we are aware of it, we are face to face with active life, and all its opportunities and possibilities. But what care-worn man or woman does not look back upon these four years as the time when life seemed fairest and gladdest and brightest? Here are forged the strongest links in friendship's chain, and here "the Junes with their roses are straying." Fain would we, even in this practical nineteenth century, search for some elixir to render eternal these halcyon days of youth.

Fluxion is the law of the universe. New students take the place of the old, and the world goes on at the same mad pace. To-morrow becomes to-day and to-day becomes yesterday, but there are some yesterdays that we cannot forget. Who would not be a Freshman once more and hear the strange sounds and see the strange sights? So charming do we remember the fresh ingenuousness of this period to have been, that the recollection almost makes us murmur, "where ignorance is bliss, 'twere folly to be wise." And O, that we might feel again the thrill of exultation that came with our Sophomore year! Delightful days when we were happy in our own conceit! A time when Freshmen were compelled to do us the obeisance that flattered our vanity; a time when the feeling of our wings of knowledge brought an assurance of utmost strength. O, to be a Sophomore again,—condensed essence of importance and self esteem! And who would not repeat the Junior year, the time when first we felt the responsibility of upper classmen! As we looked down upon the lower classmen as lesser lights, their frivolities, too, seemed lesser pleasures. It was then that we felt that Sophomores and Freshmen should conform to our idea of what was sanctioned by college custom; then we first awoke to the conclusion that there was a flaw in the argument for Sophomoric supremacy. Then the well-remembered days of Senior dignity! Surely this was a time when the brightness of departing joys became apparent, and the thought of breaking the ties of association gave the echo of a minor strain. Yet, O, grave Senior, that we might again stand where you stand, with your roseate dreams of future achievement and your illusory theories that would baffle prosaic circumstance!

Thus, looking backward, we seem to see again the gay companies and the phantom outlines of former banquet halls; and we hear again the sound of merry laughter and listen to toasts that laud faculty and students and every known subject. Once more we go over the happy days of fraternity; we feel anew the solemn awe of mystic rites, and there come to us sweet waftings of Kappa love and Kappa faith. Ah! yes, the pale, pressed rose is sweet, but its sweetness is sadly suggestive of the rose that was fresh in a bygone June! *Optima quaeque dies prima fugit.*

MABEL A. POTTER. (*Beta Tau.*)

It is the sense of fellowship, of union in love, that makes life truly worth living. The greatest love, the slightest degree of good-will alike constitute to its sweetness. With the growth of our affections our intellectual powers increase. Education is growth. It is development from within outward. But one cannot learn anything for one's self alone; the education of all is for each and of each for all. The memory of a face, an act, or a word may change a life, may make eternity different for us. It is a serious thought that we live not alone for ourselves; it makes life solemn and character of greater importance. "We take our colors like the clouds, from the light around us, as we drift into shade or sunshine." It is because every Kappa feels the force of a personal influence that she should endeavor to make her life a benefit to others. There must be sacrifice, but how great the gain! If we may turn Browning to our use,

"The whole
World is a
Chord of Love
Divine."

"For this is *life* and the only *life*,
Where a man's *gain* comes to him from his loss."

P. E. R. (*Omega.*)

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

To all her sister chapters, Phi sends her most cordial greetings and best wishes.

The past two months have been rather quiet for Phi, but nevertheless there are several events to record.

First came the Xmas Box, rather late, but the delay piqued our curiosity and added zest to the occasion. The Box (as regards its contents) proved to be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." Of course, some of you may say there is not much beauty in dish pans and gas stoves, but you will surely agree that the quality of usefulness, commendable usefulness, is beautiful and likewise a joy forever, and therefore the quotation still holds. It was really a most interesting and joyful occasion. The ten Freshmen were allowed to take turns in emptying the box, which reposed a most mysterious looking object, covered with a dark cloth, in the middle of the floor. One by one, each Freshman knelt and drew a package from its dark interior. Sometimes the package came but just to the edge of the box, when a quick "Oh!" from the kneeling girl and a sudden relinquishment of the object proved undeniably the fact that she had barely escaped proudly exposing to view her own donation. Our room is now enriched by all manner of pretty and useful objects and we think a motion should be made that one or more boxes be held during the year, the time and number to be decided by the chair.

We have all been very, very happy recently. One of our Kappa Seniors, Alice Cary Weeks, has been appointed Commencement Speaker. Surely something must be done to evince our pride and happiness, was the thought of every one and soon one of our alumnae, who always stands ready and eager to lend a helping hand, Margaret B. Dodge, announced that she was to give a reception in honor of our newly-appointed Speaker.

How very pleasant was the occasion and how sincere were the congratulations offered, it is difficult to express. That evening will linger long in our memories as one of the happiest of our lives.

Thursday, December twenty-eighth, our Grand President, Emily Hudson Bright, was married to Mr. Addison C. Burnham; Tuesday, February the twentieth, one of our alumnae, Ida Sabin Davis was married to Mr. William Z. Ripley. Some of us had the pleasure of wishing all happiness to our sisters, in person, but we all most sincerely desire that their lives may be flooded with the sunshine of true joy and gladness.

We are missing from college and from Kappa meetings one of our Seniors, Martha W. Locke. It was hard to bring ourselves to the idea of losing her in June, but we were exceedingly sorry to give her up at the beginning of the Winter Term. One of our Sophomores also is missed by all, Judith Helen Bartholomew, who has been kept out of college by a severe illness, but we hope soon to have her back again.

At college we are looking forward to the French play, which is to be produced soon after Easter. We are especially interested in this as all but one of the girls who are to take part are Kappas. There is also talk of a German play, to be given sometime in the spring term. Several English plays have already been produced by the Philomathean Society, which has been in a very prosperous condition this year. The Boston University Glee Club gave a very enjoyable concert recently. January the nineteenth, Upsilon Chapter of Beta Theta Pi gave a most pleasant reception to a large number of its friends at the Chapter House. Friday, February the twenty-third, occurred the annual Klatsch Collegium, given by the Gamma Delta Society, which is composed of all the young women of the college. Dorothy Simmons presided over one of the Junior tables. Mrs. Burnham, our Grand President, was present and a large number of our alumnae.

We were greatly pleased to welcome at our meeting recently, two alumnae, Mrs. Stevens of Xi, and Mrs. Turk of Iota. We are always exceedingly glad to welcome the alumnae at our meetings and are very fortunate in receiving quite frequent visits (or promises of visits) from them.

Of course the principal subject of thought and conversation with all Kappas now is the Convention, and as Phi is on the Entertainment Committee, we are already conferring with Psi concerning the arrangements, and the Convention does not seem so very far distant. Ithaca is so near that we hope every one of us will be able to attend and we are all working and striving for the accomplishment of that plan. It is very helpful and inspiring to hear about the past Conventions but we long to see and hear for ourselves, to receive direct into our own souls the inspiration that must come to us as we go out into the larger Kappa world and meet so many of our sisters, who, hand in hand, are struggling ever onward and upward towards a grand and beautiful ideal. We shall realize more fully the length and breadth and depth and height of the tie that binds us. It will be to us all a Renaissance, a new, joyful birth into Kappa life and service, another strong, sweet impulse to lofty aims and noble living.

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

As Beta Epsilon's letter did not find its way into the January number of THE KEY, the chapter is especially glad of this opportunity to greet all their Kappa friends. New Year's Day is a thing of the past but we can at least extend New Year's wishes for the remainder of '94.

In looking back over the last three months, the first thing in order of time that occurs to us is the Freshmen's Christmas party which we shared with the rest of the college. The bare old rooms were prettily decorated with holly and mistletoe, and the tree looked beautiful. Santa Claus himself — or in this case, herself — was there and with a comical little speech or verse presented to each one some appropriate gift. Our Registrar, who is constantly besieged with requests for stamps, received a little stamp-box, considerably *filled*; an "engaged" maiden, a dainty little "Recipe for Cooking a Husband;" one who is generally late, a wonderful watch. The Junior who in more than two years had not found courage to face the battery of eyes at the Columbia Library found herself in possession of a pass to the terror-inspiring place; one secretary had a blotter decorated with a pen-and-ink sketch, and another, a calendar; the

girl who hated Instructor X, received a framed picture of him cut from one of the papers. And so it went on through the list, each gift hitting off more or less brightly some peculiarity of the one for whom it was intended.

While we were examining one another's presents and wondering where our hostesses obtained all their ideas, those precocious young persons appeared bearing all sorts of goodies; and when an hour later we departed for our holidays we voted the affair an entire success, and the Class of '97 altogether charming.

We Kappas all enjoyed our two weeks of rest, in the course of which Miss Irwin and Miss Whithed entertained us at high tea in their rooms; and we came back to our work refreshed and happy. But a cloud soon came over us. When we reached college on the morning of January tenth we were met with the announcement of the death of Miss Ella Weed, Chairman of the Academic Committee of our Board of Trustees, and virtual head of the college. It is to her largely that Barnard owes its very existence, and its present high standards of scholarship are due to her insistence. Individual students, too, miss her kindly sympathy and interest; and in fact all with whom she was associated testify that her loss is irreparable.

College affairs cannot stop for long, however, and we were soon in the whirl of mid-year examinations. They were especially interesting this time as a new system of marking has been introduced. We are now ranked from A to E according as our work ranges from excellence to failure. Of course no Kappa has E.

Examinations out of the way, the past week was devoted to preparations for an interesting Kappa event, which came off on Saturday. As a result we ask your welcome for four new Kappas: Antonie Junge, '95, of Brooklyn; May Roper, '96, of Pelham Manor; May Dobbs, '97, and Adaline Wheelock, '97, of New York City. The initiation service was as impressive as usual, the play which was given afterwards was a success, and the committee in charge had provided a delicious little feast, so the affair passed off very well. We have felt our chapter to be rather weak since the charter members left us, but through the influence of Satur-

day's ceremony we hope to regain the old spirit. We have been much stimulated by visits from several members of other chapters. According to THE KEY there are a number of Kappas in this city, but we have seen only two. We should be very glad to have the others call at any time.

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

First of all we wish to introduce our new members, who were enrolled as Kappas on December 9, 1893.

Bessie Penniman, fair, who is dainty and small;
Francis Pearson, her room-mate, commanding and tall;
Mabel Root, who is gracious and always thinks twice;
Mabel Simis, who is popular, witty and nice;
And last, but believe me, quite far from the least,
Miss Lewis, who *Graces* each dance, ball and feast.

We were very sorry that Miss Pearson had to leave before the end of the fall term on account of ill health.

Thanksgiving night was the occasion for fun of a novel description with Psi Chapter. We were all invited to witness the ceremony of uniting in the blessed bonds of room-matesy, Virginia Radix and Simple Simon. There was considerable anxiety to know who these happy mortals might be, but we were not surprised to see Mabel Root and Mabel Simis approach the altar where stood the dignified reverend individual (modesty prevent my giving the name) who read the clever service written for the occasion by a brother of one of our Kappas. After the ceremony the happy couple announced their intention of accepting our invitation to join the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and you may well imagine that this statement was greeted with cheers of enthusiasm.

The new rule of having "pre-lims" instead of finals has kept most of the Kappas busy, but it has not served to dampen the ardor of some of the "Kappa Kids" who have a peculiar fondness for practical jokes. One day two Kappas received an invitation to a dancing-party. They are always ready to dance and grew several inches because they were the only ones favored. They soon found it was all a joke. However, one of their

sisters invited them to her house, which invitation was accepted with great pleasure. The morning after the party the "Kappa Kids" were very mournful, for they had been left out of the party planned by themselves.

Psi decided to have a ride the first night of good sleighing. When the appointed day came, it brought a storm of wind and snow. The plan was given up and we had a spread in the rooms of one of the girls. All thought the ride was a "never-to-be" affair, but on Saturday night some of Psi's enthusiastic freshmen arranged for it, and it was one of the most successful events in our history this year.

This term has been very gay with the Junior Ball, Sophomore cotillion, masque, and Glee Club concert. We were glad to have Miss Grafft, '93, with us for these gayeties.

We are all busy planning for the Convention. The question of sending a circular letter to all our alumnae, to give them an idea of what we are doing and ask them for any suggestions they may have, is now under discussion.

Psi sends greeting to all her sister chapters and hopes to meet many of their members personally at the Convention in August.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

On December 19 college hall was haunted by the Kappa girls moving about with muffled tread. By their hushed voices and earnest gesticulations it would have been very easy for a Kappa alumna to surmise the style of operations which were taking place. That the work done by the Kappa goat was effective, was demonstrated on the following day when five happy freshman girls, Hattie E. Robertson, Daisy M. Jones, Annie L. Eaton, Jessie D. Stearns and Emma C. Robinson, appeared wearing the golden key.

On January 24 we entertained the members of Beta Zeta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi at the home of Miss Lynde, one of our alumnae. After a decidedly informal reception we ushered our guests into the dining-room where we served them with dainty and appetizing refreshments. In looking out for the good things to eat we did not forget to please the eye as

well and our table was artistically decorated with a profusion of smilax and scarlet carnations. The effect was heightened by the soft light from the scarlet shades of the candelabra falling on the strikingly-contrasted colors. Later we indulged in dancing for a short time, and then, after expressing our hearty thanks to Miss Lynde for her kind hospitality, we departed, feeling it was a delightful way of fostering the Pan-Hellenic spirit.

Not long since the Betas gave one of their delightfully social parties at their chapter house. The evening was immensely enjoyed by the many Kappa girls who attended.

We thoroughly appreciate our new chapter rooms, and although the main room is large it is nevertheless very cosy and already seems home-like.

Our meetings have been very interesting and we are now endeavoring to instill into our minds the importance of a knowledge of fraternity matters. Heretofore there has been a tendency to make our chapter too local in its feeling and we are striving to become imbued with the broader fraternity spirit. We look forward to the coming convention to help us in this. It is our best, almost our only opportunity of meeting our sisters in other chapters, and we shall certainly appreciate the privilege of seeing and knowing those of whom we have merely heard.

Owing to the pressure of college work which has been unusually heavy this year there have been fewer social gatherings than usual, but the Kappa girls have been fully represented at all that have taken place.

BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Once more we solicit your welcome for two new sisters, Maud Sprague and Blanche Ashley, who, after the delights of rushing, endured the terror of initiation with due fortitude. We are proud to present them to the fraternity as sisters who are, and will be, not only a pleasure but an honor to us.

On January 24, Beta Tau was very pleasantly entertained by the New York Epsilon Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, at their chapter house on Waverly Place.

Our new Chancellor, Dr. Day, will begin his duties April 1.

The first annual contest of the New York State inter-collegiate oratorical league occurred in the hall of the John Crouse Memorial College, March 1. This league consists of Union College, Rochester University, and Syracuse University. Mr. Whittic, '95, was the contestant for Syracuse University. Mr. Varney, '94 of Rochester University was the successful one.

The new reading-room of the Art Literary Club of Crouse College was formally opened February 1. This was one of the pleasantest social events of the season, as all the faculty, students, and friends were present.

On January 30, our '97 girls gave a Geography Party to a few of their friends.

Syracuse University has a new feature, known as the "Ladies' Glee and Guitar Club." They are soon to give a concert for the benefit of the Athletic Association.

Two new societies have just been organized in the senior class ; the ladies' known as the Literary and Conversational Club and the gentlemen's the Tennyson Club.

Miss Nicholson, '92, Miss Bessie Reed, '93 and Miss Woodworth, '93 are taking post graduate work here.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Again the time has arrived to send a message to our friends through THE KEY, and what is a greater pleasure than to begin looking forward to having a record of the last three months from them.

Miss Mac Gowan, of Omega, Kansas University, is living at present in Philadelphia, and with Miss Taggart of the same chapter and Winifred Warren of Phi, Boston University spent Saturday afternoon, January 20, with our chapter. We much enjoyed the opportunity of meeting them. Miss Warren and Miss Taggart are students at Bryn Mawr. As may have been reported through their chapters, it was only by accident that Miss Warren and Miss Taggart discovered that they were united by the common bond of Kappahood. Miss Davis, the head worker at the College Settlement in Philadelphia, was to have met us this same Saturday, but was

unable to do so, on account of illness. We were disappointed that the strangers with us could not hear directly from Miss Davis of the work being done by the College Settlement Association. Two weeks later Miss Davis did give us and a few of our friends a talk. We shall be glad if we are able to help awaken an interest in the movement.

The dissipations for the winter of Beta Alpha have been moderate, and the work hard. We held our second reception for the winter on January 6. In February we did no entertaining but are now looking forward to having another tea in March. The examinations have been safely passed, which is always a relief.

On the evening of the 22nd of February, we had the pleasure of initiating into the mysteries and joys of fraternity life, five new members, Edith A. Reed, Mary P. Nicholson, Sarah E. Ives, Harriet C. Powe and Emily I. Atkinson.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Beta Iota again sends greetings through THE KEY to all her Kappa sisters, and with great pride and pleasure takes this opportunity to introduce to them Edith Flint Kenderdine, '97, who was initiated on January 24, 1894, at the home of Lydia Biddle, Lansdowne. Already we find in her a true and enthusiastic Kappa and have cause to be proud of her.

On January 17 Beta Iota received Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi, at Lydia Biddle's home, which was a very happy event as such warm interfraternity feeling was present among us. We also had the pleasure of having with us Miss Margaret E. Smith, Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta.

A chapter of the Delta Upsilon fraternity was established here on March 3, 1894.

Lydia Biddle, from the Letters Course, and Emma Seal Chambers, from the Arts Course, have been made Honor Speakers for Commencement Day, and Mary Amelia Hayes has been made Joy Poet for Class Day.

A short time ago Beta Iota became acquainted with the fact that she

had a sister in Kappa living here at Swarthmore Village. Mrs. Thomas F. Carter attended the University of California, and was a member of Pi Chapter. Although the chapter is now extinct she is still loyal to Kappa. She has only lately come to Swarthmore and we anticipate much pleasure in having both her and her sister, Miss Breck, who is also a Kappa, so near us.

Before THE KEY will be in the hands of our sisters another will be added to our list Grace Walton Stevenson, '97. She has entered college this semester, and is a sister of Frances Brewster Stevenson, one of our '93 graduates.

Otherwise things have been going on as usual. Our meetings have been most interesting and enjoyable, and it is with the greatest pleasure that we look forward to that time every week when we can all devote our selves to Kappa and Kappa's interests.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

We have the pleasure of introducing two new friends, Fannie Stevenson, pledged the last week of the fall term and Grace Borland, pledged the first of the present term.

Phi Kappa Psi opened their new rooms on Chestnut street, by a reception given to their friends.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave a small reception to a few friends in their rooms in Hulings Hall.

New foot ball and base ball teams have been organized and are in working order, taking advantage of the fine weather for practising.

Dr. Crawford gave his lecture "Savonarola" to a large crowd a short time ago. The lecture was for the benefit of the Y. M. C. A. of the college.

Work has begun on the "*Kaldron*," to be published exclusively by the Greek letter fraternities. If present indications do not fail, a very interesting book will be finished in good time.

The Phi Gamma Delta boys gave a very pleasant reception to their friends after the completion of various improvements on their house.

A very amusing contest between two of the college professors for the office of School Director in their ward resulted in the triumph of the Republican over the Democratic candidate, and caused many laughable incidents.

Very little of interest occurs nowadays and as a result, news is very scarce. When the time to write the news letter arrives, we are almost tempted to buy a few columns from some syndicate.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda is nicely settled in her new hall, which is the pride of her heart. After fraternity meetings it is not unusual for us to invite the Delta Gamma girls to join in "tripping the light fantastic" on the polished floor, so genial is the friendship existing between us.

We have a new Kappa baby to introduce to you, Bessie Whitehead. Our second degree is one of the most interesting events of the term, and took place at the home of Belle Armstrong; six victims were driven on the shaggy back of the Kappa goat through many mysterious realms.

A concert given by Lambda was very enjoyable, besides being a financial success.

We were visited by one of our old members, Florida Beach; a supper was given in her honor in the hall. After partaking of all the "goodies," burdening the table, dancing and amusements marked the festivities of the evening.

"Founder's Day," January 19, was observed as usual by representatives from the four classes; Kappa was honored by having two of her fairest daughters chosen. In a similar manner Washington's birthday was recognized, when Kappa was again prominent.

Belle Armstrong made our hearts swell with pride when she won second place in "The Sophomore Contest."

The Glee and Mandolin Club of Buchtel have given several entertainments, and have been most cordially received wherever they have gone.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma wonders whether her sisters elsewhere have been enjoying the winter term as much as it has been enjoyed by all the girls here.

College re-opened the third of January after ten days' vacation, which was heartily enjoyed by all. During that month, the ranks of Kappa were greatly strengthened by two very desirable girls—Edna Pennell of the class of '97, and Minnie Elliott, pledged.

Soon after the term began, Mrs. Annat, one of our most loyal alumnae, offered us her lovely home in which to give a reception that we had been wishing to give for some time past, so the second of February was arranged to be the night for the event. Everything was done to make it a thorough success, and to say it was such seems, indeed, a mild way of singing its praise. Mrs. Annat's home is on one of the principal streets of Wooster and a more beautiful house in its arrangements and furnishings could not have been desired.

The house was decorated in smilax, and large bunches of hyacinths, the chapter flower, could be found in the different rooms; one room especially attracted the attention of all present, a room draped with the two blues in a very artistic manner. In one corner was a table with a large bowl of frappé behind which the girls sat in turns and served it to their friends. The dining room table was indeed, a thing of beauty. The trimmings of this room were red. The chandelier was gracefully draped in smilax, strings of which came to the corners of the table alternately with the red ribbon, in the center was a red banquet lamp, on a white satin center-piece, the reflection of the lamp giving it a beautiful opal effect. There were over two hundred and fifty invitations, very few being refused; the town as well as University people were well represented.

There have been several small receptions and ladies' teas to which a number of the Kappa girls have had the pleasure to go.

On the twenty-third of February, occurred the Sophomore-Senior banquet at which Fannie Dysert, one of our girls, had a toast, and as she was the last of the toasters her subject was "Farewell," the sentiment

being "Ambition's Debt is Paid." Many said it was the best toast of the evening. We were indeed proud of our Kappa sister.

The second of March, the students are going to give a farce comedy, "Which is Which," the parts of the two principal characters are taken by Kappa girls, so, of course, we are taking a double interest in its success.

We of the chapter of Beta Gamma wish our sisters elsewhere a very happy Eastertide.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

To all our sister chapters we extend a hearty welcome.

First of all we wish to introduce our four initiates, Flora McCarter, Florence Corner, Marion Twiss and Minona Schweir, all of them Columbus girls.

On February 1 Florence Derby's home was thrown open for our initiation. This is a particularly appropriate and delightful location, being in a picturesque and rambling suburb where the goat has ample room to prance. Several months of hope and anticipation only rendered the affair more enjoyable.

Early in the winter the Pan-Hellenic association gave a hop at the K. of P. hall. This was a great occasion, prepared with the utmost care by the men's fraternities — which alone compose this association — but heartily enjoyed by the young women as well.

Following closely after this was a party given by Mr. John Leutz to his Beta Theta Pi brothers and their friends. This was a charming affair, as many of our Kappas can testify.

Beta Theta Pi again entertained less formally on February 17. On this occasion "taffy," or rather I should say, "taffy pulling," was the feature of the evening.

Aside from the regulation class receptions and parties there was introduced into our institution this last term a feature novel here if not in some of the older institutions. It was a Junior Promenade given to the Seniors, *the* event of the season. On the evening of February 21 Lyndon hall presented a gay and festive appearance, with its dignified Juniors and

Seniors each intent upon giving and having the best time possible. It is hoped that this custom so well introduced will become established.

The year could hardly pass without a Freshmen-Sophomore rush of some kind. We thought that '96 was going to make herself famous by refusing to take part in so brutal a contest; but when the young Freshmen, despairing of bringing their wise elders into the arena, appeared on the campus with canes, this was more than our poor Sophomores could stand. Immediately a fight began, and although there was no such bloody scene as our newspapers would paint, the canes were either broken or successfully concealed before peace was again restored.

Our literary societies have been working more or less faithfully during the winter. The Browning and Horton societies have already given pleasant evenings to the public, and Alcyone is soon to show herself last but not least.

Our Glee Club does not compete with Yale or Princeton, but it succeeded in giving a very enjoyable concert to some music loving people.

During the last month the Faculty and Trustees entertained the Ohio State Legislature, when Orton hall was for the first time fully lighted up and thrown open to the honored guests. The new library, geological museum and spacious halls appeared to great advantage, and their natural beauty was enhanced by the florist's skill.

About two hundred guests were delightfully entertained. One of the pleasantest thoughts of the occasion came from the fact that this building should be equipped and formally opened during the lifetime of our honored professor, Dr. Orton, for whom it is named.

PERSONALS.

Helen Lemert, '94, is teaching in the Columbus High School, having been asked to substitute there temporarily.

Fanny Fern Howard, '95, has been compelled to leave college on account of illness.

Louise Merrill, '93, of Chicago, is with us for a brief stay.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The first thing of great importance which happened to Beta Delta, after the sending of the last letter, was our initiation. The first initiation of Beta Delta in a house of her own. There was no debate this time as to which of the Kappa mothers should be asked for her house; there was only one place and that "the" house. How exciting were the preparations! How pretty was the initiation room! How beautiful the banquet table! Surely there was never another such initiation. "And the freshmen?" do you say? We will remember them, never fear, for we are proud to introduce to you three new wearers of the golden key,—Daisy Florence Evans, Florence Raymond Howland and Mary Estella Benson.

In January we enjoyed a visit from Nita Angell, our Grand Treasurer, who was entertained by Belle Donaldson and Mildred Hinsdale at the home of Professor Hinsdale. We had the pleasure of seeing her at fraternity meeting and of entertaining her at tea, when Beta Delta and her pledgelings were present. Her visit was decidedly too short and we hope to see her again.

The last of January we held an informal initiation and welcomed May Van Horn to the ranks of the true blues.

The south-west corner of our campus is being adorned with a new red brick structure with gray stone trimmings. It is to serve as a recitation hall and is a much needed addition.

February 22, the U. M. celebrated like a loyal daughter. Mr. Dollier of Iowa gave the address of the day. It was one of the best ever given in University Hall, which was handsomely decorated for the occasion.

The meetings of the Woman's League have been unusually interesting this year. In January a health symposium was held. The young women of the medical department gave us talks on "The House We Live in, and How to Care for it." At the last meeting Mrs. Angell gave us some valuable hints on "The Guest and the Hostess."

Of course in the midst of all this were some examinations and

of course, though the thought of them makes us groan, the Kappas have acquitted themselves nobly.

Delta Gamma gave a library party to their fraternity friends and members of the Faculty at the home of Mrs. Nancude. The Kappas were represented.

A few of the Kappas were entertained at a dancing party given by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Psi Upsilon entertained the Faculty and some of the Greeks with a delightful musical — keys were not missing here.

Mrs. Maude McGregor Vanderwater, U. of M., '92, is visiting in Ann Arbor at present. We are very glad to have our sister with us again To-morrow we give a tea in her honor.

Next Friday night the Kappa Juniors will entertain all the Junior girls of the University at Prof. Hinsdale's.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

It is with good tidings that Xi greets her sister chapters once more. Our little circle has been increasing, and since our last letter to THE KEY, four worthy women have identified themselves with the "mystic sisterhood," and it is with a just thrill of pride that we think of these lives that have been linked with our own. Kathryn Godman, Helen Baker Thomas and Grace Vernon Thomas, daughters of President Thomas, and Adaline Wilson, a talented young woman, who is already winning for herself a place in the literary field, are now proudly wearing the little golden key.

Although at the beginning of the college year, our numbers were small, we feel that we have met with good success in all our fraternity work, and are enjoying, as ever before, a high degree of prosperity, and yet, while we may boast of the present condition of our chapter, we realize that our pathway has not always been smooth and easy to travel. Obstacles have presented themselves before us, and barriers apparently well-nigh insurmountable have lifted their threatening heads and bidden us defiance. But not for a moment did the heart of Kappa shrink back in fear. With undaunted courage and an invincible spirit she marched

boldly forward, overcoming every obstacle, breaking down every barrier, and retaining as of old, her lofty position from which no power is able to thrust her down, so long as the flame of Kappa love and loyalty, kindled on the altar of each heart that has ever tasted the joys of sacred sisterhood, continues to burn.

Xi was recently favored with a visit from one of the Grand Council, Miss Jennie Nita Angell. Aside from the pleasure afforded us by her visit, we feel that we derived much benefit from it, and are all the stronger for the glimpse she gave us into the broader field of fraternity life. Our enthusiasm and loyalty was fanned into a brighter flame, and each one was inspired with a firmer determination than ever before, not only to prove herself a worthy wearer of the key, but to do her part toward making Xi retain her wonted position among her sister chapters.

The monotony of college life has been broken by several social events, chief among which was a Senior reception given by the class of '94, in the South Hall parlors. The rooms were tastefully decorated with the class colors, while vases of cut flowers lent their beauty and fragrance to the enchantment of the scene. Dainty refreshments were served, and after an evening of unalloyed pleasure, all departed, feeling that Adrian College ought justly to be proud of its class of '94.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon recently gave a reception in the city, at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented, all who attended professed to have had a delightful time.

The annual inter-class day entertainment will be held the latter part of March. Kappa will be represented on the program by Mary F. Ewing, essayist of the Freshman class, and Anna M. Owens, orator of the Sophomore class.

To all her sisters Xi sends greetings and best wishes.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The winter term is drawing to a close. With mingled feelings of joy and sadness does Kappa Chapter bid it adieu; joy for the dear associations and privileges of our college life, and sadness that these happy scenes must so soon be abandoned.

The term has been one of unusual activity in many respects. The social events have been numerous and very pleasant but not so alluring as to detract from the interest in school work.

Hillsdale College has now a department of Military Science and Tactics, in charge of Lieut. E. A. Helmick, a graduate of West Point, in the class of 1888. For some time past efforts have been made to secure from the government the appointment of this department and the result is most gratifying to all.

One of the most enjoyable social events of the year was the reception given to Lieut. and Mrs. Helmick by the faculty and resident trustees of the college, on the fifth of February. Over five hundred guests were present. The chapel presented a very attractive appearance, which was described in the *Hillsdale Collegian* as follows: "Upon all sides were seen the stars and stripes. The national flags of Great Britain, Germany and Italy smiled across the room upon the standards of France, Russia and Spain. Upon the platform, instead of the sober faces and unwarlike forms of professors, gleamed the bayonets of several stacks of muskets and the furled banners of the Republic."

On the evening of February 22, Miss Deering entertained her German students in a very unique and charming manner. In accordance with the German custom the guests remained at the table during the entire evening. At each place was a souvenir in the form of a small card with a German sentiment inscribed upon it and in the upper right hand corner black, red and white ribbons were tied, representing the German flag. Refreshments were served at intervals during the evening; German games were played; Prof. Salley told the story of George Washington and his hatchet in German, and impromptu speeches were made by the guests. All report a very delightful time.

We were very glad to have a visit from our Grand Treasurer, Miss Angell, this term. On Friday, January 26, the faculty and fraternity students were invited to meet her at the home of Zoe Smith.

We have three new sisters to introduce to you. January 20, Myrta M. Phelps was initiated, two weeks later Nellie Wilder, and February 17 the Delta Tau Deltas very kindly gave us the use of their chapter house

for the initiation of Cora H. Bailey. When the goat had received proper attention and all other mystic rites had been duly performed, the Deltas returned and proudly introduced to us a new Delta, Roy Bailey, a brother of our new Kappa. Congratulations were exchanged and a merrier, happier gathering could not be imagined. Refreshments were served by the young men and the evening's merry-making was brought to a close by singing fraternity songs.

Three entertainments of our lecture course occurred this term: on January 11, by the Jessie Cothoui company; on February 6, by Rev. Thos. Dixon, Jr., who lectured on "The Almighty Dollar." February 26, the Detroit Philharmonic Club entertained a large and appreciative audience.

To all her sisters Kappa Chapter sends greeting and wishes for their peace and prosperity.

PERSONALS.

Alfrieda Mosher and Winnifred Hill, both of the class of '94, have been obliged to leave college on account of ill health, but we hope to have them back again next year.

Myrta Phelps is president of the G. S. S. literary society this term.

Lena Adams will be in college again next term.

Lena Seeley Lawrence, of Cleveland, Ohio, visited us the first of the term.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Delta has begun the new year most auspiciously. At the first meeting we initiated our two pledged members, Elizabeth Bettcher and Claudia McMurrin, both of '95.

January 13 Kappa Alpha Theta entertained her sister fraternities informally at her pretty home. Theta is the first fraternity here to have a home. They can well be proud of it, for a prettier one would be hard to find.

Of course our spiking agreement was in force this term. Accordingly

on the afternoon of the 31st, knots of girls could be seen wearing very anxious and interested faces. The next morning, Kappa proudly marched into chapel, escorting her latest victims, Mrs. J. R. Commons and Miss Alice Patton. Mrs. Commons is the wife of the Professor of Sociology and Economics. She has always been an enthusiastic friend of Kappa, and very proud we were to pin the key on her.

February 9, marks an important event for Delta. On the afternoon of that day we entertained the faculty ladies and our friends at the home of Nellie Showers. The house was beautifully decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. The dining room was especially beautiful. Our guests unanimously pronounced it the prettiest and daintiest reception they had ever attended. The evening of the same day Mrs. Commons gave a reception in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Herron. Dr. Herron is Professor of Applied Christianity in Iowa College. We were very fortunate to secure three lectures from Dr. Herron.

Two more girls have been added to our list: Fanny Jones, '96, and Florence Hawkins, '97.

We have been enjoying visits from many of our former members. Grace Perry spent a week with us, prior to her departure for the South. Edna McCoy and Gussie Buskirk have made us long visits. We were much surprised by seeing Nettie Clark; but her visit was altogether too short.

Mrs. Morgan visited her daughter and attended our reception. She brought an immense cake, which was most heartily enjoyed by Mary's sisters.

We miss one dear and familiar face: Amy Brown, who was called home and is now teaching in Columbus, Ind.

We hope all Kappas are enjoying themselves as much as we and that they know the secret of combining study and pleasure.

Heartiest greetings to you all, dear Kappas.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

With what more welcome news could Iota come than that she has three new sisters to introduce, who will help to raise the ideal of Kappa

Kappa Gamma. February 10, Clara Hight, who had been pledged for two years, and Bertha Lauriens, both of class of '97, were initiated. Again on the evening of February 24 the ranks of Kappa were opened and Ina Rosger, a Junior, became one of Kappa's own.

Both of these initiations took place in our new Kappa home. With many of our sister chapters we may say that "a long cherished dream is realized," in that we are all together under the same roof. Our "Kappa sitting-room," as we like to call it, is now the place in which all lines of action originate. It is made attractive by a large damask-covered divan, pillows, piano, and what is not least, song books.

A pleasant evening was spent on February 12 in receiving our friends in our new home.

But far more than these pleasures which appeal to our physical senses, we feel and appreciate the true and womanly impulses and ideas which have been disclosed in this closer touch with each other. The point to every conversation shows an earnestness of purpose and a seeking after the best that is in life. But the universal cry is *individualism*, and with all the changes which are made, this is left.

The college life, made gay by the short stay of earth's white covering, seems now, in this spring's awakening to grow more earnest and work out its true purpose.

There is unusual interest centered upon the coming oratorical contests, the State Contest not only for DePauw's own representative but for our sister Kappa from Butler; and the Inter-state because it is to be here close at home.

We think we have bright prospects for the remainder of the year and we have some new plans for our next year's spiking. We send heartiest greetings to all.

MU—BUTLER COLLEGE.

We have seen the sun drive away the ice and snow king, and have heard the first robin proclaim the advent of spring. But not even the anticipation of spring pleasures can dim the memory of winter's delights. The jingle, jingle of the sleigh bells still rings in our ears, mingled with

the gay voices of skaters, as they glide to and fro — now and then a dull thud on the ice — an “O!” and, “Are you hurt?” then all go merrily on again. Perhaps it is needless to say that the Kappa share in the fun has not been a small one. Among the various sleighing parties, was one which after a several miles’ ride, unloaded in Indianapolis at the home of a Sigma Chi. There after a warm reception, refreshments were served, and the party returned home in fine spirits.

The great social event of the term has been a party given by the Sophomores, at which Freshman and Sophomore, Junior and Senior seemed to forget class grievances in the endeavor to get and give all possible pleasure. The Juniors entertained the Freshmen in good old fashioned style, at the “Gym.” Popcorn served from big baskets, bananas on the stalk dangling from the rafters, and lemonade dipped from stone jars with bright tin cups furnished amusement for the intervals between dancing of “Tucker” and “The Virginia Reel.”

We have been especially favored this year in our Monday morning lectures. Through the efforts of President Butler, we have had very interesting addresses from some of the most talented ministers, lawyers, and literary people of the city.

At the primary oratorical contest, Georgia Noble Galvin, Kappa’s representative, won first place and will represent the college at the State oratorical, which takes place in Indianapolis on the ninth of March.

The men’s fraternities have several times issued invitations: the Sigs to “Informals” at their hall, and the Delta Taus to parties, first at the city home of one of their members, then at their hall to celebrate its founding. The Phi Delta Thetas are furnishing a hall, which, they say, is soon to be opened.

Visions of a chapter house once went flitting past our minds-eye, but we finally came down to possibilities and decided to be satisfied, for the present, with rooms. In all the zeal of a fresh resolve, we immediately set out to find some which should be all that could be desired as to location and arrangement. But, alas, our hopes were even yet too high and our rooms still exist only in a beautiful vision. Remembering, however, the final success of others who at first met with discouragements, we hope that

our dream may some day be realized in rooms which shall be decked out in the light and dark blue.

On February 24, Gertrude and Emma Johnson threw open their home to the Kappa girls, whose appearance in white caps and aprons seemed to presage something unusual. Soon all gathered about a white covered table, filled with plates of different colored taffies, and although blisters were carried away as souvenirs; one of the happiest evenings of the year was enjoyed.

We are already beginning to think of the time when so many of our girls will be graduated and sad thoughts will mingle with the glad ones, as we hear them gaily planning for Commencement, and then more earnestly and soberly for the real life, for which college has been laying only the foundation. Seven merry girls they are, "those Senior girls!" whose places in fraternity and college will be so hard to fill.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, we have initiated Georgie McFetridge, and the first of next term we hope to bring Fay Parkinson—our other pledged girl—into the ranks of sisterhood. On account of difficulty in arranging the work this year, it has been found necessary to hold recitations six days in the week. As a result the students feel that they have very little time for "play." The class parties, of which formerly one was given by each class in the University, have been given up this year.

On the evening of the 17th of February, the U. W. Battalion gave an informal "Military Hop," in Library Hall, which proved very successful. The eve of Washington's Birthday, an indoor athletic contest was held for the benefit of the Athletic Club. The exhibitions took place on the platform in Library Hall, while the audience-room and gallery were crowded with spectators. The building fairly shook with the enthusiastic yells of the different classes. The program concluded at ten o'clock, and an informal dance followed, which lasted far into the small hours of the night.

A new local fraternity—Sigma Delta Sigma—has been organized here. It starts out under favorable circumstances with nineteen active members.

Our Glee, Banjo and Mandolin clubs are practising daily to prepare themselves for their annual tour. We have reason to feel very proud of them and are looking forward with great expectations to the concert which they are to give here on the sixteenth of this month.

Two weeks ago our active Kappas and four of the alumnae took tea together at our chapter house. It was as delightful as such gatherings always are, and, before separating for the night, we sang the songs which are so dear to every Kappa sister. We sometimes wonder if all our sisters enjoy these songs as we do. We sing them often and each time they act as an inspiration, binding us together more closely by the golden cords of love.

Agnes Bassett, '95, is not with us this term, but we expect to welcome her back to Eta's home at the beginning of the spring term.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

This winter term has been marked with prosperity and progress at Northwestern; in the general push forward, existing institutions have taken on new life, and not a few new ideas of real worth have taken root and promise fair to become permanent in our college-life. It was in January that Prof. J. Scott Clark, late of Syracuse University, delighted his students with the announcement of his plan for a conversational club, with a "conspiracy" in place of a constitution, "conspirators" for members, and "arch-conspirators" for officers. Under the proposed "conspiracy" the Coffee Club is now enjoying a healthy and vigorous existence. The fact that the membership has swelled to one hundred is sufficient proof of the high favor which Prof. Clark's club has already gained with faculty and students; and the pleasant and profitable evenings, spent once in two weeks, in conversation over coffee-cups, and in singing the club songs, portend a glorious future for the club.

“Hail to our Coffee Club,
Long live our Coffee Club,
Fair be its fame;
Jolly good fellowship,
Helpful companionship,
Broad, genial scholarship,
These be our aims.”

Another new institution to which general interest attaches, and which is still in anticipation, is an annual debate between Northwestern and the University of Michigan.

The preliminary oratorical contest of March 2, will decide who shall represent Northwestern University this year in the contest of the Northern Oratorical League, to be held at Madison, Wis.

My record of life at Northwestern University would surely be incomplete were I to omit the great strides which Pan-Hellenism has taken during this past term; for surely it is an important occurrence in the life of Northwestern, and especially in the fraternity life that the spirit of friendliness and unity as Greeks with similar aims has brought our six sororities into a closer relationship than they have ever before enjoyed. A Pan-hellenic evening has surely become an established annual event, if we are to judge from the alacrity with which the fraternity women entered upon plans for repeating last year's experiment, and the success which crowned their effort on the evening of February 24. The preëminent success of the occasion was surely the growing spirit of Pan-Hellenism which is making itself everywhere felt.

On February 2, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Raymond gave a most delightful reception to the chapter and friends. and Upsilon is more than grateful for the evening of pleasure and hospitable entertainment.

During this college year not only the young women of Kappa Kappa Gamma but many friends have sincerely regretted the loss of Clementine Roland, '95, from college, but especially since we are now aware that Miss Roland will not return. On February 14, at Freeport, Ill., was celebrated the marriage of Clementine Roland to Ransom E. Kennicott, Northwestern University, ex-'94, Beta Theta Pi. Hearty good wishes follow the couple to their new home at Carbondale, Ill.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The winter term so far has been a very quiet one for Epsilon chapter. We had anticipated giving an "At Home" each month to our men friends but the faculty passed a new law restricting the societies of the college to one party a term.

We have had splendid meetings and there is no doubt but every girl looks forward to Friday afternoons with great pleasure.

We have thirteen active members this term, all of whom are at college. On the evening of January 4, Olive Coates, one of our old girls, was married to Mr. John Ludduth, a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. Many Kappas and Phis were present to witness the ceremony and to wish the happy couple joy and prosperity.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

What has happened since the last chapter letter was written? Very little, and yet our lives have seemed so full! College work has left us time for very little else and we have been happy in seeing each other every day, in strengthening the ties of sisterhood.

Chi has become a member of the Woman's Council of Minneapolis, which represents every department of woman's work in the city.

We have just renewed the contract of last year in regard to the pledging of preparatory students. This was quite an experiment then, but we feel more than satisfied with the result. Indeed, how could we feel otherwise when we look at our twelve "little girls?" We do not want to puff them up with undue pride, but the "old ladies," as the disrespectful Freshmen call us, are frequently observed watching a little group of them and saying, "Aren't they lovely?" Yet we cannot help thinking with regret of the time when such contracts were unnecessary because no one ever thought of pledging a preparatory student.

Chi has extended her hospitality to her friends once this year by a little play entitled "Which is Which," given at the home of Nellie

Merrill, which has been the scene of Kappa festivities so many times. Our guests numbered nearly two hundred including not only outside University girls but also some who are not in college. The actors and actresses all covered themselves, and Kappa, with glory. Indeed, it would be difficult to decide who was the star of the occasion.

Twice we have been entertained, once by Ethel Farnsworth and again by Nannie Holbrook. The first time each girl wore in her hair or on her dress something betokening her particular fad and to guess these was one of the evening's amusements. The fads were everything from "the sublime to the ridiculous," and were very cleverly expressed. Here are some of them, Kappa, poetry, college settlements, "down on slang," pen and ink sketches, music, and several of local signification. You may wonder how girls with such a diversity of aims can associate with each other so peaceably, but I strongly suspect that some of the fads were manufactured for the occasion, as we have heard nothing from them since.

The other morning our little world was very much surprised to find a chapter of Delta, Delta, Delta in its midst. The girls had been very quiet about their plans, and only a few had heard anything about them. We are glad to welcome another sister fraternity.

To be continued in our next.

PERSONALS.

Elizabeth Northrop is in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Ethel Farnsworth left for Boston, February 22.

[The following verses are from the pen of a friend of Chi.—EDITOR.]

THE BLUE, THE OWL, AND THE FLEUR-DE-LIS.

Let poets sing of larks that wing
 Toward heaven by morning's light;
 Give me the owl, that wise old fowl,
 The monarch of the night.

Let England's host her roses boast,
It matters not to me,
The flower that wins a Kappa's heart
Is our dear fleur-de-lis.

Though some be true to crimson hue,
Or white's sweet purity, —
The blue of skies and maiden's eyes
Is just the shade for me.

So now in praise your voices raise,
Ye Kappas, staunch and true,
And shout in glee, — Hail fleur-de-lis,
All hail our blessed blue.

W. OAKLEY STOUT, (*D. K. E.*)

BETA ZETA — IOWA UNIVERSITY.

“The stormy March has come at last, with wind and cloud and changing skies ;” so says the Kappa calendar, and we breathe a sigh of satisfaction at the thought, for though March be stormy and capricious it also has the winning sweetness of Spring and brings glad promises of birds and blossoms and sunny skies soon to follow—promises half fulfilled already. Down town alluring displays of pink gingham and white lawn give joy to the feminine soul, and visions of tennis, picnics and boat-rides rise before our happy eyes. Yet we cannot be so heartless as to bid old Winter good-bye without one thought of regret or farewell—old Winter who has been so kind to us and brought us so many pleasures.

The Kappa girls look back with pardonable pride and delight upon our “German,” to us the most interesting social event of the season, and to our guests, we hope, an evening of enjoyment and pleasure. You can all picture it in your mind's eye—the great hall gayly festooned in the two blues, the pretty favor tables, the bright assemblage of “brave and fair” gliding through the quaint, graceful figures, bright lights and strains

of music. The Kappa mothers who came to act as chaperons and also to see the fun, declared enthusiastically that the "girls looked too sweet for anything;" and with such authority how could we think otherwise?

It may seem not in accordance with the eternal fitness of things to mention such common every day affairs as "spreads," after the excitement of the party, but you must hear of one we had to celebrate a visit from Frances Rogers, '93. Her time was so limited and her friends so unlimited that the only time she was available was one evening from five to eight, so we took her then, and had our supper all together in the halls. It was a sight dear to the Kappa heart, some of the girls seeing to the coffee, and spreading a tempting array of "good things" on the long table, while another group surrounded the piano, the rest flying restlessly from one to another, or telling secrets in little confidential groups; then the delightful clatter of dishes and chatter of voices, ending with a toast to our guest and the reluctant parting.

One Saturday we had a delightful Kappa tea at the home of Eva Kleckner, at which we were served in style by two handsome young "waitahs" of deepest ebony hue; they were exceedingly dignified and imposing, but after the first start of surprise at their appearance, the girls seemed to be convulsed with silent laughter. What was the matter? Had they never seen anything of the kind before? Ah! yes, that was just it; they had seen them too often before, and Eva's cousins were too well known not to be recognized even under such disguise; they gave no heed however to the suppressed giggles, but were politeness and stately unconsciousness embodied — at least while in sight.

Fraternity life at the University has been enriched this winter by the addition of three new chapters; Phi Delta Phi, a law fraternity, Theta Nu Epsilon and Sigma Nu; all starting out under favorable auspices.

"Bob" Burdette received a hearty welcome at S. U. I. in his lecture on "A Twice Told Tale;" the heartiest and proudest one undoubtedly coming from his Phi Kappa Psi brothers, who attended the lecture in a body and afterwards gave him a pleasant reception in their halls, at which many of the Kappas were present and had the pleasure of meeting the well-known humorist.

PERSONALS.

Annabel Collins, '94, has been at her home in Iowa Falls during the winter term but will return in the Spring to graduate.

Laura Clark, '92, has returned to Iowa City for this year.

Sophia Moore, '92, has gone to Omaha to visit her brother.

Mae Lomas, '95, does not expect to return to S. U. I. next term.

Cornelia Ingham, ex-'95, came down to attend the party.

THETA—MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

When the time to write the news letter comes round and there is no news to write, what then?

Since examinations all has been very quiet at the University: students being engrossed in study for the most part.

The University has been called upon to wear mourning for a true friend since we last wrote. In the death of Judge Rothwell, President of the Board of Curators, the University has good reason for sorrow, for this institution never had a truer friend and will never have a better officer. The material monuments of his work stand in six new buildings and the growing walls of a great main building. It is a magnificent structure and within a few months the hill on which the University stands will be crowned with a building of which Missourians may well be proud.

The season of contests is now at hand. The Intersociety comes off Saturday and is followed in three weeks by the Junior Oratorical, after which the Shakespearian, a contest, the result of which is eagerly looked forward to by lovers of the dramatic world. The fraternities are jointly publishing a weekly, which is not in any sense a fraternity organ, but purely a college paper. It is styled the *M. S. U. Tiger*, and promises to fulfil its mission. On the afternoon of February 22, which was a holiday, Phi Delta Theta gave a most charming informal, at the Town Hall, at which the Kappas were well represented. After spending a few hours dancing we adjourned to the Fraternities' Hall, where dainty refreshments awaited us.

The matters of interest concerning Theta are meagre.

Epsilon Chapter will be interested to learn that Miss Carrie Crane one of their alumnæ, is here as vocal teacher in Christian College. She was gladly welcomed by Theta Kappas, and we find her a pleasant accession to our number.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

In glancing over past numbers of THE KEY how many times one meets with this expression, or its equivalent: It is time for another chapter letter, and all our girls are so busy that it seems impossible to impress upon them the necessity of their assuming that duty. One does not realize how rapidly the weeks are passing until a glance at the calendar shows the near approach of the date for another chapter letter.

Our University celebrated its Silver Anniversary during the past week, having been founded February 15, 1869. Lessons were laid aside and everyone, enthusiastic, did her share to celebrate the founding and rapid advancement of the institution.

In the year 1869 the membership roll numbered 123, and in 1894 we proudly claim 1200. The buildings assumed their gala day appearance, and in fact from the home of every enthusiastic student was seen an abundance of University colors, scarlet and cream. Delegates and principals were present from every high school in the State, as well as Presidents of different colleges. The opening exercises consisted of addresses by speakers prominent in educational circles, and experiences told by members of the Legislature of the year in which the University was founded. The charter day oration was delivered by Prof. George Howard, formerly occupying the chair of History in the Nebraska University, at present at Leland Stanford. At the close of the oration honorary degrees were conferred upon President Harper of Chicago University, President Slocum of Colorado College, President Gates of Iowa College, and others.

Friday was students' day, and right royally was it enjoyed by all. Between the different numbers of the program the enthusiasm of the students was vented in college yells somewhat deafening.

The Kappa spirit, as well as that of the Kappa goat, was aroused to its fullest extent—as we always think at an initiation — on the sixth of January. The girls had just returned from their Christmas vacation, so glad to

meet each other again at their Kappa home and to introduce another to our mysteries. Maud Shaw was this time the victim, making our fifth this year.

The Sigma Chis entertained their young lady friends at their beautiful hall two weeks ago.

Delta Gammas received their fraternity friends last Thursday evening.

The Annual University Oratorical Contest took place three weeks ago. Mr. Montmorency, Phi Delta Theta won second place.

Sigma sends greeting and kindest wishes to all.

OMEGA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Easter greetings from Omega to her sisters and friends, even if it is a little late in the season.

Wonder if everyone has as much difficulty in starting a chapter letter as a certain small girl we know of.

The students came flocking back to Kansas State University after the Christmas holidays, ready for work; almost before one knew it, the end of the first term had come, and there was work in earnest for a few days, plenty of it. When examinations were safely out of the way, the local Oratorical Contest was held. Mr. Lorin Sears, a member of Sigma Nu fraternity, won first place, but at the State contest a few weeks later he was not so successful.

The students have had the opportunity this year of hearing a number of lectures on subjects other than those they are pursuing in class. Several of our professors have been giving courses in connection with the University extension in town. At present there is a Course in Electricity by Prof. L. J. Blake, and some evening we are to hear a concert by telephone and enjoy the songs of the famous quartet of the Kansas City Fire Department in spite of the distance which separates us.

That great interest is taken in President Snow's lectures on evolution is shown by the crowd that assembles in University Chapel although the hill is so formidable to our town people.

A short time ago the members of the class of '94 chosen for Phi Beta Kappa were announced. Of the eight selected, two are young women; one is a Kappa Alpha Theta, the other is not a fraternity girl.

We are sorry to say we have no Seniors this year, and yet glad that we do not have to lose any members.

From the beginning of March, Mr. Cowan of St. Joe will be connected with the University as Chapel Director; he is also to have charge of athletics. The girls have not been forgotten, classes in physical culture have been arranged for and a teacher engaged. We hope it may prove a remedy for spring fever which many of us are catching already.

Two assistant librarians have been appointed and will arrive soon to take up their work.

Lawrence has not been so gay this winter as last year; but the parties which have been given were enjoyed thoroughly from the fact that there have not been enough to tire one out. The Women's League of the University, which is formed of the professors' wives, has entertained the young women of the college several times. The last gathering was a musical at the new home of President Snow.

On January 27, the members of Kappa Alpha Theta gave a delightful reception to the Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gammas.

During the afternoon and evening of February 10, at the home of Don Bowersock, Omega received the members of the Faculty, of the eight fraternities and other friends. The Faculty and the members of Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi were invited in the afternoon, and the young men during the evening. A number of Kappas from out of town were with us. And if our guests enjoyed themselves as much as we enjoyed entertaining them, we feel the affair was a success.

Jettie McBride and Carrie Lyon, two of our last year girls, came back after Christmas.

Something seems to be in the air here in Lawrence, an epidemic has broken out, and has evidently taken hold on some of the Kappa Gammas, for two of our girls have "committed matrimony" within the past month. On February 5, May Rushmer was married to Mr. Ed. Schall of Lawrence. So we had a bride and groom at our reception. And February 28, Nettie Herriot became Mrs. Samuel Elliot. Each couple will make their home in Lawrence. We are slowly recovering from the shock of having two brothers-in-law inflicted upon us in so short a time; we think our feelings

might have been considered, but its not a case of sour grapes—oh, dear, no!

We beg the pardon of any one who has had the patience to read through to the end of this letter, and will try to recover from a state of general good-for-nothingness before the July KEY appears.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta sends greeting.

Ex-President Benjamin Harrison arrived at the University this afternoon. To-morrow he will begin his course of lectures on Constitutional Law. While he remains here he occupies a suite of rooms in Encina Hall, the men's dormitory.

This year we have enjoyed the lectures of many eminent men. Among these were the lectures of Rev. Dr. Haweis of London, Prince Wolkowsky of Russia, and Prof. Nargarkar, a delegate from India to the Parliament of Religions. Harriet Hosmer and Anna Addams have also addressed us. This week Dr. Gonzolas, Dr. Phil Armor and Bishop Keane will be with us.

We are sorry to mention the sad news of the death of Harriet Buck's father. Miss Buck has not returned this semester and her absence is greatly felt by the fraternity.

Since the last issue of THE KEY the chapter has been increased to seventeen by the initiation of three girls—Florence V. Brown, Elizabeth Braley and Bertha H. Braley. Irma Glover, a representative of Chi Chapter, has also affiliated with us.

This semester we have succeeded in making an agreement with the two other women's fraternities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi, not to pledge any girls within six weeks from the beginning of the semester. We believe that great mistakes are made by pledging girls immediately after their entrance to college.

President Jordan has recently moved into his beautiful new residence upon the campus. The Zeta Psi fraternity now occupies a handsome chapter house.

On February 14 about sixty friends were entertained in Roble reception-room by the Kappas. Everything was appropriate to the day; the invitations, decorations, favors and prizes were heart-shaped, and hearts were played at the fifteen tables.

A large number of Kappas enjoyed a very pleasant evening on February 17 at a hop given by Phi Kappa Psi at their beautiful home.

Last Friday evening a very successful concert was given in the chapel by the Stanford Glee Club. During the Easter vacation the Club will make quite an extensive tour through the state.

Editorial.

KAPPA SCHOLARSHIPS.

MORE than a year ago, in January, 1893, Chi Chapter sent to THE KEY a little story about a "*Tête-à-Tête in the Twilight*," when the Fire gave his Kappa listener some advice on the subject of a scholarship for the benefit of Chi's members. The Kappa to whom he discoursed was inclined to think his notion a trifle wild, though certainly most attractive. We remind our readers of that "*Tête-à-Tête*," because after all the Fire's proposal may not have been so entirely a pleasing fancy as it seemed. Here in April, 1894, Delta Chapter is seriously suggesting Kappa Scholarships, in answer to our request, that the chapters consider the advisability of "putting fraternity organization to further use." Delta has in mind, we think, a scholarship endowed by the fraternity as a whole, whereas Chi was thinking of one for the chapter to maintain. The latter sort would be free from one great difficulty, the choice from a large number of applicants, personally unknown to those who made the decision. On the other hand, there would be more inspiration to a student we fancy, in the knowledge that Kappa Kappa Gamma herself, the whole fraternity, like some royal friend, was helping her to the coveted opportunity. And possibly the sense of obligation would be less burdensome than if the chapter

gave the gift. The fraternity officers, too, might constitute or choose a committee of decision.

This suggestion of a Kappa scholarship interests us especially, because very lately the Association of Collegiate Alumnae has called on its members to contribute for fellowships. If an association of that kind, held together entirely by bonds of intellectual interest, can provide such opportunities for college women, surely Kappa Kappa Gamma should not find such an enterprise impossible. We can profit by the plans of the Alumnae Association, already carefully elaborated. Here is the scheme, according to their announcement:—

“The Association of Collegiate Alumnae proposes to devote five hundred dollars every year towards paying the expenses of some young woman who wishes to carry on her studies in a foreign country, and three hundred and fifty dollars towards the expenses of another who proposes to take advanced studies in this country. The candidates must be graduates of colleges belonging to the association, and applications for the year 1894-95 must be handed in before May 1, 1894. The fellowships will be awarded only to candidates who give promise of distinction in the subjects to which they devote themselves. It will be the aim of the committee to appoint the candidates who are best fitted for the positions through original gifts, previous training, energy, power of endurance and health. To this end they will receive applications in writing from eligible candidates, who will present, as clearly as possible, their claims to the fellowships. A competitive examination will not be held, but the bestowal of the fellowships will be based upon evidence of the candidate's ability, and of her prospect of success in her chosen line of study. Such evidence will naturally consist of (a) her college diploma; (b) testimonials as to superior ability and high character from her professors and other qualified judges; (c) satisfactory evidence of thoroughly good health; (d) a statement of the work in which she proposes to engage subsequently; (e) last, and of chief importance, examples of her scientific or literary work in the form of papers or articles, or accounts of scientific investigations which she has carried out. The fellowships will not usually be granted to those who are intending to take up the practice of any of the three learned professions, though such are not formally excluded from the competition; they will rather be bestowed upon those who are looking forward to positions as professors and teachers and to literary and scientific vocations. Preference will be given, other things being equal, to graduates of not more than five years' standing. The fellowships will, in general, be held for one

year; but in an unusually promising case, the term may be extended at the discretion of the committee."

The committee of decision is made up of five graduates from as many colleges. Each branch of the association has a Fellowship Fund Committee, upon which falls the duty of soliciting money. All this of course, means a good amount of work. Still Kappas are capable of much hard work when their interest is aroused. And it seems to us that here is a direction in which a great deal of energy would be well spent.

CHAPTER-HOUSES ONCE MORE.

While we are on the subject of enterprises, that old perennial favorite, the chapter-house, meets us again. We found in a late number of the *Beta Theta Pi* some practical information on this head which may prove valuable to any chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma that entertain hopes as to chapter homes. The Betas at Beloit, Wisconsin, have our thanks for the chapter letter in which occurs the following plain tale of encouraging success:—

In 1890 the chapter-house problem was before us. Chi chapter must have a chapter-house, but exactly how to gain this was the perplexing question. Many plans were suggested which, after discussion, seemed impractical. At last a well-to-do real estate dealer of the city came to the rescue, and offered to build a lodge for the chapter. The contracts were made, and late in the year 1890 "Beta Lodge" stood ready for occupation.

The expense of living in the house is no greater than the cost of equal accommodations outside. We pay \$500 a year rent, making \$50 for each school month. This expense is met by room rent, which is fixed at \$5 a month for each man. With sixteen occupants we get along admirably. A matron is hired, who furnishes her own help, takes care of the house, and boards us at a low figure, usually about \$3 a week. As to furnishings, when the house was completed \$1,000 worth of furniture was purchased on the instalment plan, almost all of which has now been paid for. We have thought some of borrowing the money to buy the house, but we find

that under present circumstances it is cheaper for us to pay the rent on the house than interest, taxes, repairs and insurance. Unless money can be obtained at a very low interest, the plan is not at present feasible.

TO THE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES.

Last year at this time we asked you to make a change in the usual order, and to send chapter letters to the July KEY, reserving the Public Semi-Annual Reports for the October number. We hoped that the change would be an improvement ; but as Commencement time falls variously in the different colleges, some chapters found themselves rather inconvenienced. Therefore we will return this year to the old way, with a slight addition. The objection has been made in the fraternity that the Semi-Annual Reports, though valuable for reference, by themselves are somewhat dry reading, and that the next following letter, if it attempts to be a chronicle of six months, is likely to contain old news. Will you, then, please send to the July KEY, along with the usual Semi-Annual Report, a brief newsletter, giving the most interesting events of chapter history up to date.

The Corresponding Editor wishes to ask, that if *alumnæ* notes are sent with chapter letters, they may be on a separate sheet, marked distinctly "*Alumnæ Notes.*" Otherwise she cannot distinguish them from chapter personals, and they will fail to appear in their proper place in the *Alumnæ Department.* The best way is to send them directly to the *Alumnæ Editor.*

The *Alumnæ Department* is now in charge of Alice Rachel Sheppard, Dalton, Massachusetts. Miss Sheppard will be glad to have you send her any news about prominent *alumnæ* and their work. THE KEY is always grateful for such contributions as that of Upsilon to the present number, regarding a charter member. No doubt all the chapters have some members of whom they have reason to feel especially proud. Let the other chapters know about it and sympathize with you. Do we not all rejoice in the joys of each ?

Exchanges.

It compensates one richly for the labor attendant on a review of a dozen or more journals, to find one's self more in touch with the wide interest of fraternity in general, and better informed as to the government and tone of the individual fraternities. Our labors would be lessened, and our pleasure heightened, however, if our exchanges never forgot to send *two* copies. When the Business Manager inexorably demands tribute to her file, we cannot use the editorial scissors on the copy which is to go to her, and so, sometimes, we refrain from quoting what might be interesting to the readers of THE KEY. Very few of our exchanges treat us so penuriously now, but mistakes still occur, at times.

The *University Review* comes to our table rich in items of interest concerning many sides of college life. We cannot regret the loss of the *College Fraternity*, since we get so much more than it gave us, in the new publication into which it has developed in the course of evolution.

We want to speak of one article, quoted from the Nassau Literary Magazine, entitled "One of the Freshmen." There is a truth, a sympathetic insight about it that gives the sketch a very real pathos and power. After reading it, one thinks involuntarily, "how that boy needed fraternity!" Here is one particularly strong and significant bit:

It seemed as if he had been at college a long time and yet he was no more acquainted and even more silent than on the first day. His table mates did not expect him to talk and when he asked in his thin voice for the butter his neighbors would stop and look up at him surprised apparently at hearing him speak. He hated to have them look at him in that way, so he learned to eat his bread without butter and to drink his coffee without sugar.

Miss Maud Stumm has also an enjoyable article in the same number. The illustrations of ancient Greek costumes for women are charming, indeed the whole article gathers together the fragments of allusions and information not wholly unfamiliar to us in a delightful way.

Beta Theta Pi is keeping up to the somewhat new standard introduced along with its new cover, but presents nothing in the December number of marked value to "outsiders." Pan-Hellenism is evidently not an extinct idea, for here, as elsewhere, occasional croppings out of the Pan-Hellenic enthusiasm appear.

The Exchange Department of *Theta Delta Chi Shield* contains a brief review of the several fraternity magazines, not ignoring the women's fraternities:

The ladies' journals are sharp competitors for Greek honors. "The ladies wield trenchant editorial blades, and for spicy and witty criticisms we place them at the head of the fraternity class" says Editor Glazebrook of the *Palm*. We quite agree with him. Fraternity journalism is brighter and better because of them. As a class these journals excel not in size but in quality.

THE KEY of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been the longest and most constant visitor to our table. It is published by the Boston University chapter, and edited by a board of four ladies elected by the chapter and changing each year. The journal is made up of Symposia, largely contributed by the alumnæ. Chapter letters and the alumnæ department are very full. Editorials naturally do not predominate as the work is divided into sections, and therefore are not so strong. Occasionally, however, a spicy and strong one appears on some leading subject. In spite of all this, however, THE KEY like all other Sorority journals is very enchanting and popular. THE KEY will later rank among the very best of Greek journals. Exchange notes are brief but good. No change has been made in the appearance of the journal. The only objection we entertain to it is its odd size which makes it a bad library book.

Of the other journals, the *Alpha Phi Journal* and *Kappa Alpha Theta* are nip and tuck, both good, about the same size and general appearance. The cover of *Kappa Alpha Theta* is the most attractive of any of the sorority periodicals. The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi is of quite the same standard.

It is assumed to be a pleasant thing to be called "enchanting and popular," but "there do be" ways,—and ways of putting things!

However, we feel sure that the *Shield* had no very prominently patronizing feeling in writing of us. The *Shield* is too sternly just for that!

Kappa Alpha Theta opens with a sketch of the "Origin and Development of the Fraternity System." The reference to women's fraternities, though presenting no new facts, reviews their progress, and reminds us that we have not only a history, but a future.

Among women, fraternity life must be regarded as one of the products of co-education; and it was not until women were admitted into some of our Western colleges that the first woman's fraternity appeared. The first to organize as a regular Greek letter fraternity, with principles akin to the societies already in existence, was the Kappa Alpha Theta in 1870; six months later in the same year Kappa Kappa Gamma followed; in 1872 Delta Gamma; about the same time Alpha Phi; Gamma Phi Beta in 1874; and Tri Delta in 1888. The I. C. Sorosis, now under a new name, Pi Beta Phi, antedates Kappa Alpha Theta in its establishment, having originated in 1867; but not until 1888 was it organized with Greek nomenclature and as a regular collegiate fraternity.

In the main, I think, we may congratulate ourselves upon the progress our societies have made. They have far out-grown the expectations of those women

who twenty-five years ago labored to establish them. They have assumed proportions of which their founders did not dream. We have accomplished a great deal, it is true, but there is still much that can and ought to be done. With most of us the constructive period of organization is passed, and our existence is now sufficiently insured for us to look beyond the pale of our own being. There is a growing demand for a broader and more liberal fraternity culture, and for what might be called a more thorough fraternity education. The growing tendency toward Pan-Hellenism is an indication of this. The first Pan-Hellenic Convention, held in 1891, with Phi Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, was able to do a certain amount of good; but some of us at that time were not secure enough in ourselves to be ready for permanent Pan-Hellenic organization. Pan-Hellenism, it is true, will never accomplish all that we who participated in the first Pan-Hellenic Convention hoped that it would. It may be that as a movement it will never assume a definite, tangible shape, yet its spirit ought to be cultivated, for it possesses a strong educating power.

Kappa Alpha's *Journal* full of solid matter in neat form, contains a ten-page article on the missing rituals of the order. It seems that, partially owing to successive revisions, there are at present not a few of Kappa Alpha constitutions and rituals floating about the country, — their exact whereabouts unknown to the powers that be.

It is not strange that the officers of Kappa Alpha are urging the strictest possible search for these documents. It would be well if the importance of a strict account of fraternity property were fully realized by us all before it is too late for anything but regret.

Chapter Births: Minnesota, Theta Nu Epsilon; Iowa, Phi Delta Phi (law); Iowa, Xi Psi Theta (dental); Iowa, Theta Nu Epsilon; Nebraska, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Leland Stanford (Cal.), Pi Beta Phi; Wisconsin, Pi Beta Phi; Lehigh (Pa.), Sigma Chi (re-established); Wisconsin, Phi Gamma Delta; Mississippi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Johns Hopkins (Md.), Phi Theta Psi; Michigan, Delta Phi (re-established); Chicago, Delta Kappa Epsilon; Vanderbilt (Tenn.), Pi Kappa Alpha; North Carolina, Kappa Sigma; Columbia (N. Y.), Phi Kappa Psi (re-established); Columbia (N. Y.), Phi Delta Theta.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

