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## MINNETTA TAYLOR.

MINNETTA THEODORA TAYLOR, known in fraternity circles as the first editor of *THE KEY*, was born in Illinois, November 2, 1862. Her parents are Virginians and her ancestors were English on one side, and Scotch and English on the other. She learned to read at the age of three years, and her childish education consisted largely in being allowed to roam through a good English library, where her favorite books were Plutarch's Lives and Scott's poems. Her poetic taste developed early, and before she could write she had composed and dictated several short poems of fair metrical construction. Her first verses in her own handwriting, dated 1870, are still in her possession. The subject is a vision of time and the treatment is rather gloomy. Miss Taylor entered Asbury, now De Pauw University in 1877, classed Freshman in most of her studies, Sophomore in mathematics and Senior in German.

Taking two more studies than were usually allowed, she finished the Sophomore year in the summer vacation and was classed regular Junior the next year. At the close of her Freshman year, she won the first prize for a Latin essay, the only time this prize was ever conferred on a lady.

In her Junior year she contributed verses to several periodicals, including the college monthly; made a specialty of French and logic, at the same time receiving the highest grades in her other studies; and gained a local reputation as a debater in the literary circles, and an orator on the college rostrum.

In the spring of this year she became a member of Iota Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In her Senior year she was elected to the editorial corps of the *Asbury*

*Monthly* and began the criticism of men and affairs which afterwards characterized the *Golden Key*. Lively recriminations on the part of the college papers followed, but it was generally conceded that the *Asbury Monthly* had the best of the contest. It was during this year, also, that she took extra Greek and became so fond of the language that she committed to memory, and still retains, the whole of the sixth book of Homer.

She was graduated from the university in 1880 with the salutatory and honors in modern languages, an unusual record for a student who had gained almost an entire year in the college course.

At the Bloomington Convention in 1881, she was elected editor of the *Golden Key*; and in the spring of 1882, after some months spent in securing funds and literary material,—a task which was rendered difficult by the newness of the project and the fact that the fraternity was being reorganized under the first Grand Council—the first number of the first magazine published by a woman's fraternity duly appeared.

In collecting literary matter, the editor had not been altogether successful, and the first number of THE KEY was, for the most part, the product of her own pen. It contained some fifty-two pages, and was bound in chocolate color with the key in gold on the back. The magazine was well received; but after accepting the chivalrous compliments of the Greek press in silence for some time, Miss Taylor decided that their patronizing tone was too unjust to a fraternity and magazine which had asked no favors from any one, and in a series of witty and spirited exchange notes, proceeded to assert and obtain the recognition of Kappa Kappa Gamma's ability to manage its own affairs.

At the Madison Convention in 1882, Miss Taylor was formally thanked for her labors in behalf of the fraternity; and she retained the editorship of THE KEY until the Akron Convention of 1886. By this time the magazine was firmly established, widely quoted, and much praised. She then gave her time up wholly to the philosophic, linguistic and poetic studies which she had pursued since graduation, and continues ardently absorbed in them. She reads twelve languages, several of which she has taken up without a teacher, and speaks seven.

She is a member of the Western Association of Writers, and of the De Pauw University Philological Association, and is secretary of the De Pauw Alumni Club, critic of the Woman's (literary) Club of Greencastle, and one of the three trustees of Iota. Concerning a speech made before last summer's convention of the Western Association of Writers, a letter to the *Woman's Journal* of Boston says :

The literary honors were fairly carried off by a woman—Miss Minnetta Taylor—who electrified her audience by a brilliant and remarkable impromptu address on the "Limitations of Art and Nature in Poetry." Miss Taylor is a young woman of undoubted genius as well as of great learning. She has a critical knowledge of eleven different languages, and is devoting her time largely at present to translations from the Spanish, a language she has recently acquired. But her linguistic acquirements are paralleled by her originality and wisdom of thought, combined with an unusual union of a high order of poetical and logical expression. Her address, followed by an excellent paper by Mrs. Ida May Davis on the same subject, called out a discussion the most noteworthy in the annals of the association.

Originally of a feeble constitution, Miss Taylor has developed under the care of her parents, who are both physicians, into a large and vigorous womanhood, and her mentality is balanced by an unusually even and serene temper. She is in fraternity always obliging, and though a "born fighter" in behalf of justice, she has never been accused of infringing on any one's rights, or attempting to domineer or seek selfish ends.

IOTA.

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### Alumnæ Department.

**A**LUMNÆ have two great prerogatives. One is the sweet office of reminiscing.

The active member doesn't realize what a store she is making of interesting events that shall afterwards many and many a time be doubly dear in memory. There is a sense in which even that which was bad has become good.

If there were once upon a time a too heated controversy, if ever there were hard fought battles, what remains in memory is the sense of victory or of a deeper sympathy in defeat. The scars and smoke, and bloodshed, even, are quite forgotten in the thought of a gallant song sung in glowing hope, or the victorious flag waving from an outpost won.

But if this were all that memory brought, perhaps it would not have been worth while. Conflict, battle, surely these are not the watchwords of our fraternity. It is the Ideal that makes memory glad. And this Ideal includes all notions of strength. If strength has been abused, let us not blame the Ideal.

When the alumna looks back, then she sees what she cannot but term "a glorious past." She sees strength, courage, strictness, high scorn, obedience, devotion. In other words, she sees vitality, youth.

And now when she has indulged in this one prerogative she begins to indulge in the other, and that is, criticism. She remembers and is glad. She looks forward, and is perhaps just a little anxious. But when she asks herself the reason why, she can only smilingly reply, "Shall greatness die with us?"

Let us have confidence in eternal principles. Greatness is not likely to perish. In fact, have we not seen many a loyal heart and many a quick and steadfast mind that we knew perfectly well are a good deal better fitted to take up the active work of fraternity and chapter life than we were in our palmiest days? We alumnae are too often a Vague Order. We have premonitions, but they are of a misty sort that do not materialize. We would like something or other, but what is it? If we intend to be anybody, or to amount to anything, let us in the name of loyalty get to work.

From time to time let us give good clear suggestions. There is nobody more willing to receive a careful criticism than the active members of our fraternity.

Right here in the Alumnae Department of THE KEY is the best place—a very good one at any rate—for the airing of our views.

For example: We are decidedly of the opinion that strong city associations should be founded. There must be plenty of material in Indianapolis, in Minneapolis, and in Chicago for good associations. And Kappas

are not lacking on the Pacific slope. An *alumnæ* association should start with the idea of getting every Kappa in the city where the club is organized to join. It should have an arrangement by which impecunious members should not be left out. That is, wherever practicable, the voluntary system of running the financial part of the association should prevail. In this case the treasurer should send out notices stating how much money is needed, trusting to the members to make up the amount. This sounds most remarkably unbusinesslike. Well, what if it is? The fraternity principle and the business principle are far from identical, and if trust in the former is lost it is time to disband.

An *alumnæ* association may do about what it pleases. It may be a purely social organization, and no one can object. On the contrary, it may engage in the study of Sanscrit, or hire for its edification a lecturer on Socialism. Least of all is it obliged to be exclusive. An association should have an open constitution, and should feel at liberty to invite to its meetings whomsoever it chose.

But what makes it a different affair from other collegiate clubs will be the underlying and constant consciousness that it has a fundamental and abiding unity. And this unity is one of spirit, not form. It will also have the advantage of realizing that it is not an isolated affair, self-made, and lightly viewed, but that it is a part of an organization greater than itself, whose life continues from one generation to another, and whose principles are as undying as Truth itself.

We count ourselves in our relations to our fraternity first as Kappas, second as chapter members, third as members of associations. The first is the real and underlying force, the second is its incarnation, the third is a reminder of both.

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#### IS FRATERNITY "BUNKUM"?

The other night we were shocked to hear a fraternity man speak of fraternity as "bunkum." There is nothing like experience to contravene theory. I would like some good testimonies for this department from any *alumnæ*, that will show that fraternity is a reality to some and far removed from "bunkum."

## N. Y. ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

It is surely the wish of every Kappa, that her share in fraternity matters should not end with her college life. After four long years of hearty interest in the work and play of our individual chapters, we are not willing to lose from our lives, so pleasant and helpful an association. It is therefore, natural, that although no longer active members, we should seek some means by which to retain our connection with the working forces of the fraternity. The question then presents itself, how shall this be done? The answer seems to have been found in the various attempts in different cities to form alumnæ associations of Kappa Kappa Gamma. It is of the effort in which I am personally interested, that I wish to speak to you at present.

During the autumn the alumnæ were very pleasantly entertained by Beta Epsilon Chapter and it was then that the plan, long talked of by some of us, took definite form. It was proposed by our Grand President, Miss Wight, and we decided to obtain as complete a list as possible of all Kappas in the vicinity of New York. A list was finally obtained by application to the different chapters and it seemed probable that the New York Association should soon become an established fact in the history of Kappa. But owing to unavoidable delays nothing definite has, as yet, been done.

The list of alumnæ is, however, completed and a meeting appointed for Saturday, February the twenty-first. A constitution will be prepared which will be presented for discussion at the end of a social meeting. This decided upon, a president, secretary and treasurer will be elected and the future work of the association discussed.

Beside our Grand President, we hope to have with us the Grand Secretary, Miss Bright, and the Historian, Miss Kingsbury.

The following alumnæ will be notified of the proposed meeting:

Kathleen Carter, Beta Alpha, 343 Madison Avenue.

Margaret G. Bradford, Phi, 32 Fort Green Place, Brooklyn.

Ida S. Davis, Phi, 136 East Sixteenth Street.

Mrs. C. C. Park, Psi, 303 West Eighty-sixth Street.

Jessie J. Cassidy, Psi, 703 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn.

- Louise S. Fagan, Psi, Hackettstown, N. J.  
 Helene Boileau, Psi, 292 Washington Avenue, Brooklyn.  
 K. D. Burnett, Beta Beta, 527 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn.  
 Lucy Evelyn Wight, Beta Alpha, 190 Keap Street, Brooklyn.  
 Inez Jones, Beta Beta, 85 Lee Avenue, Brooklyn.  
 Lucia A. Heaton, Beta Beta, 321 East Fifteenth Street.  
 M. A. Daily, Beta Beta, Middletown, N. Y.  
 Emily Stebbs and Mary Stebbs, Beta Gamma, 54 and 56 West Fifty-  
 fifth Street.  
 Mrs. Heptnar, Beta Beta, 414 West End Avenue.  
 Mrs. A. H. Wetherbee, Beta Beta, 100 Keap Street, Brooklyn.  
 Lillian White, Beta Beta, Harlem?  
 Minnie C. Fuller?  
 Olive Slade (?).

ANTOINETTE LAWRENCE, *Acting Sec'y.*

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MEMBERS OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA IN CHICAGO.

We sent notices to all the chapters asking for names of members resident in Chicago, and have received the following names. But there are many chapters not yet heard from. Psi's list is

Harriet H. Bisbee, 3912 Vincennes Avenue.

Mrs. Harry Lobdell, 3991 Ellis Avenue.

Mary B. Livingstone, 198 Thirty-Ninth Street.

Agnes A. Rogers, 6805 Perry Avenue, Englewood.

Eta is represented by

Helen Starrett, 5001 Lake Avenue, Kenwood.

Darlene Hatcher, 414 Englewood Avenue, Englewood.

Georgia Kendall, 6758 Perry Avenue, Englewood.

Sigma has one resident member—Ida Bonnell, 243 Park Avenue.

Phi also has but one—Gertrude E. Small, "The Argyle," Flat 22.

Jean E. Colville, of Beta Gamma, is assistant librarian in the University of Chicago.

Upsilon is represented by the following alumnae:—

Jessie Houston, Lawndale Avenue.

Mrs. William Rankins, Englewood.

There are in addition three undergraduates:—

Carla F. Sargent, 3140 Forest Avenue.

Ora E. Wakeman, 1326 Wellington Avenue.

Josephine Young, 71 Park Avenue.

Epsilon's representatives are:—

Olive Read, 1191 Adams Street.

Hester Fell, 197 Bowen Avenue.

Mame Fell, 197 Bowen Avenue.

Carrie Darnall, 163 State Street.

Kappa claims two suburbans—Mrs. B. J. Arnold and Florence Wyllis, of Austin, Ill.

Beta Alpha, Beta Beta, Delta, Beta Delta, Lambda, Mu, Gamma Rho, and Omega are not represented in Chicago.

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#### IOTA PERSONALS.

Margaret Wishard Noble's article, "What Next in Women's Societies?" in the *January Chautauquan* has been copied in the *Public Opinion*. Miss Noble is an honor girl of Iota in '82, and has since graduation devoted herself to literary work.

Bess A. Rose, '91, is teaching Latin and Greek in the High School at Jamestown, N. Y. Miss Rose received first and second honors in Latin, excelling her competitors in grades.

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#### FROM BETA NU.

During the holidays the alumnae of Beta Nu held a meeting at which it was decided to start a fund for the benefit of the chapter. It is the aim of the girls, some day, to have a chapter-house, and the object of this fund is to provide a means to that end.



## JULIA A. AMES.

JULIA A. AMES was born in Livingston county, Illinois, October 14, 1861. Died in Boston, Mass., December 12, 1891.

These dates mark the beginning and the ending of the earthly existence of a life beautiful and rare; a character genuine and symmetrical; a woman widely known and much beloved.

We are told: "From her father she inherited a strong physical body and a great thirst for knowledge. Like him she never tired of reading books; when others slept she read and searched with an insatiable desire to learn more and more of all things in earth and heaven. She likewise inherited from her father her emotional nature. She dreaded to see suffering in others.

"She inherited from her mother a determined, inexorable perseverance. When Miss Ames had studied her course, when she had determined what was the right thing to do, she never halted for policy's sake, nor stopped to inquire what this person or that person would say or think, but with relentless courage and undaunted spirit, inherited from her mother, she would push on to the end. She likewise inherited from her mother a disposition capable of great self-denial. She never tired of doing for others."

At an early age she completed with honor the High School course in the town where she spent most of her childhood and girlhood years.

In the fall of 1879 she entered the Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill., where she spent two years or more in the pursuit of her favorite studies.

As a student Miss Ames was quick, earnest and faithful. She was wonderfully ambitious, and was satisfied with nothing short of the *very best*. She was mature and thoughtful far beyond her years.

She possessed a rich, strong, musical voice, and one of her chief delights was in declaiming. The receiving of first honors in an elocutionary contest is marked as one of her college victories.

During the early part of her first term at the Wesleyan, Miss Ames

was initiated in Epsilon Chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and she wore with pride the small golden key.

Epsilon Chapter has had few as gifted members, and on her roll is no name so widely known as that of Julia A. Ames.

Miss Ames was compelled to leave the Wesleyan University because of greatly impaired health. Later she moved with her parents to Chicago, where she was enabled to give further study to elocution, and was graduated from the Chicago School of Oratory.

The summer of 1885, while spending a few days at Lake Bluff, Miss Ames formed the acquaintance of Miss Frances E. Willard and other temperance leaders. These women saw in that bright young woman a future worker of great power.

With her disposition and desire for usefulness, it is not to be wondered that Miss Ames, that same fall while in attendance at the National Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union held in Philadelphia, purposed to give her best powers and talents to the cause of temperance.

Her first duty was that of Press Superintendent for the Central W. C. T. U. of Chicago. In fulfilling the duties of that office her friends discovered her true vocation, journalism.

When once she had found her true place, and a work best suited to her taste, her latent talents developed rapidly. She astonished even her friends.

November, 1886, at the early age of twenty-five, her name first appeared as associate editor of the *Union Signal*, which position she filled until her death. She greatly endeared herself to her co-workers.

Miss West, the editor of the *Signal*, writes of Miss Ames as follows: "From the hour she entered this office she has brightened and blessed it, and her loss is irreparable."

Said Miss Willard, in speaking of her work on the *Signal*: "How grandly she has done it. How she has measured up to her possibilities. It has been given to no other woman in America at the age of thirty to have made such a record, and we know that she was just upon the threshold."

Though far from well, Miss Ames felt that she *must* attend the World's and National W. C. T. U. convention which met in Boston in

November last. But in a few days she was taken ill, and the best care and most skilful medical aid proved of no avail. After a lingering illness of several weeks in that far eastern city, she passed away.

She was buried at Streater, Ill., the home of her girlhood, where her parents still live.

Miss Willard preached at Miss Ames's request the funeral sermon, an eloquent eulogy upon the life so soon cut off.

"Heaven's glad welcome awaited her, opened, it may be, to her closing eyes, and her freed spirit swept through the pearly gates. Our tear-dimmed eyes cannot follow her, yet we know that ours is all the grief, hers the gain."

EPSILON.

### In Memoriam.

*JULIA A. AMES.*

BORN  
October 14, 1861.

DIED  
December 12, 1891.

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom to call from this world to his home above our dearly beloved sister, JULIA A. AMES, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That by her death Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has lost one of her most honored members.

RESOLVED, That we, the members of this chapter, will ever lovingly cherish the memory of our sister, who by her noble life and work has endeared herself to all the world as well as to us.

RESOLVED, That we extend to the bereaved friends our sincere sympathy.

RESOLVED, That a copy of the resolutions be kept in the chapter records and a copy be sent to THE KEY for publication.

EPSILON CHAPTER (*Kappa Kappa Gamma*).

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**ROSA HILES.**

BORN  
April 17, 1871.

DIED  
November 30, 1891.

For the first time in its history has the hand of death fallen upon Xi Chapter, and it has removed one from the number of our alumnae, who held a high place in the hearts of all who knew her. ROSA HILES became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the fall term of 1888 and graduated in the class in music of the next year, with the honors of her class. Although with us for so short a time, she won in our hearts a place all her own.

Her rare musical gift, her sweet winning disposition, her loyalty to friends, all united to make us love her, knowing her beautiful and true.

Since leaving college her time has been spent in travel in a vain effort to ward off the effects of that dread disease consumption, contracted while at college, and her death occurred at Boulder, Colorado.

XI CHAPTER (*Kappa Kappa Gamma*).

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Mrs. F. B. SNYDER (SUSAN MAY PILLSBURY) was born in Minneapolis, Minn., on the 23d of June, 1863. In 1881 she became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and as one of its earliest and most prominent members was dearly beloved by all. She left the University on account of poor health at the end of her junior year, but continued her interest in the chapter, always responding readily when called upon. In 1885, September 23, she married Fred B. Snyder. Her death occurred the 3d day of September, 1891. In all her walks of life the sterling qualities of her mind and the unassuming sweetness of her manner won all hearts, and in her death all who knew her in life lost a friend. Placed in a position of influence, she used it to the best advantage and her sweet spirit is still with us through the memory of her deeds. In the common bond of sympathy, we mourn with all who sorrow for her loss.

CHI CHAPTER (*Kappa Kappa Gamma*).

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## Chapter Letters.

### BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The college year is passing swiftly and pleasantly with us, and we gladly take this opportunity for greeting our numerous and widely scattered sisters.

Although the number of women entering the University this year is small, yet we are hopefully looking forward to much better times, and have faith that our chapter, founded in the pioneer days of co-education here, will yet be a worthy and helpful centre of inspiration for years and years to come.

We number now eleven active members.

Misses Josephine and Rose Ancona remain this year at their home in Reading.

Miss Henderson is studying in Zürich.

Miss Martha Bunting is pursuing her biological studies at Bryn Mawr, but meets regularly with the chapter.

Miss Mary Schively attends the Women's Medical College, yet finds time for Kappa meetings.

Kathleen Carter and Jessie Colson have left us too,—the former to teach at Barnard College, New York, the latter to study at the same place.

We have given no social entertainment thus far; in fact we have not yet had any initiation. We are still free from the trials of a "rushing season" as no rival has appeared on the field.

On the evening of February 4 we shall meet at the home of Miss Jastrow to initiate Miss Atkinson and Miss Griffith.

There are often passages in the chapter letters that arouse longings in the heart of Beta Alpha, for she, alas, has no chapter-room. Instead of taking their mending and slipping "down the hall," her members have to be reconciled to long rides in the horse car or even the steam car, to attend the meetings, and then have to manage to make up parties for the late home trip, have an escort sent for them, or "go a piece" with one another.

We have borne with these great Philadelphia distances, but are now planning afternoon meetings and foresee pleasant times in the long light, spring afternoons, which we shall have so soon.

A brief visit from our Grand President gave us much pleasure and fresh Kappa spirit.

What she was able to tell us of Kappas in other colleges particularly interested us, of course.

#### BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta has been unusually successful this year in capturing nine charming freshmen, who, after a brave encounter with the "savage Kappa goat," have entered their new life with a true Kappa spirit. The names of Josephine Edmunds, Carrie Foster, Rhoda Hervey, May Irwin, Genevieve Lynch, Marion Howard, Katharine Moog, Eva Bates and Gertrude Smith now grace our roll, making an active membership of twenty-four.

Every one is filled with enthusiasm and the chapter meetings are largely attended despite the great amount of illness among the students. Mumps are *à la mode* at present, especially so with the professors and seniors; occasionally an under classman dares to announce "I have them."

Beta Beta was pleasantly entertained by the members of Beta Theta Pi at an informal dance in their chapter-house January 22, and again February 1.

November 27, 1891, dates the establishment of Beta Chapter of Delta Delta Delta at St. Lawrence. With nine charter members they are now in good running order.

Arrangements are being made by Beta Beta to give a reception to the new fraternity February 13, at the home of Margaret Traver. We hope for a pleasant evening.

#### PERSONALS.

Florence Lee spent her winter vacation at her home in Canton. Before returning to Knox College she made a concert tour, singing at several places in New York and adjoining states.

Gertrude Lee and Jessie Stiles also visited Canton during the holidays. Mrs. McDonald, who has been seriously ill is again able to attend to household duties.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Whether the corresponding secretary be a great transgressor or not, her way is certainly hard. Confronted with a combination of reports, communications for THE KEY, and *la grippe*, to say nothing of her college work, it is not to be wondered at that she sometimes doubts her calling.

Since the last letter to THE KEY, we have initiated Anna Lane, class '95, of Bainbridge.

In December we enjoyed a visit from our sister, Harriett Caspar, who graduated last June. We are always delighted to have our sisters with us, but on account of her broad culture and wide knowledge of the fraternity in general, a visit from Miss Caspar is unusually helpful. She always gives us many points of information and many helpful suggestions.

Last Thanksgiving the other two chapters of this state met with Mu at Indianapolis. The acquaintance among the sisters was greatly extended and many interesting points brought up. Delta especially feels much indebted to Mu for the hospitality so cordially extended. We expect Iota and Mu to be with us soon in a similar meeting.

In December Mrs. Livermore lectured here, and it goes without saying that every Kappa was glad and proud to meet so distinguished a sister.

Delta Chapter was greatly saddened by the death of Mr. Hunter, father of Sisters Nora and Josephine Hunter. Not only do we sorrow for our sisters in their bereavement but each of us feels the loss of a true friend of Kappa. Yet "we sorrow not as those that have no hope."

Notwithstanding the fact that *la grippe* laid violent hands on many of the Kappas, we are still prospering, still earnest in our work, and once more send greetings to all sister chapters and THE KEY.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

To our sisters in the bonds of Kappa Kappa Gamma, greeting.

We were not able in our last letter to THE KEY to introduce our new

girls, but at last Katharine Ross, Isabelle Ballou, Belle Donaldson, and Elizabeth Alexander will stretch out their hands and give you all a hearty Kappa grip.

It was on the sixth of November that these young women became the earnest Kappas that they are, and it really would be difficult to tell to whom it was a more important day, to the new members or to the old. For it was our first experience in planning alone for the solemn rites which made the barbarians our Kappa sisters, and it was with much trepidation that we undertook the task. We were fortunate enough to have with us at the banquet four Kappas from other chapters, and inspired by their reminiscences and by the toasts to Kappa Kappa Gamma, to THE KEY, and to our alumnae, we spent a delightful evening, saddened only by the thoughts of our absent members.

We have now gained so much confidence in ourselves from our first experience in performing the initiatory rites, that we expect to do it again soon when we shall welcome Belle Brewster as one of ourselves.

Though there are only twelve of us in the chapter this year, we are trying, for that reason, to become more and more true Kappas, both among ourselves and toward the outside world. We felt as though we had really accomplished at least half of our endeavor, for it was said of us not long ago, "the Kappa girls all look alike." And why should we not when we have the same hopes and ambitions, and when all are cemented together by Kappa love?

We were delighted not long ago by a flying visit from Miss Tupper of Psi, who remained with us only long enough for us to be like the little boy, "and cry for more." After Christmas we also enjoyed a visit from Miss Barney of Mu, who was at home spending her vacation, and who invited us to a delightful afternoon tea. Beta Delta's doors are always open for her sisters from other chapters, and she would be most delighted to extend her hospitality at any time.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon sends greetings and wishes each of her sister chapters a prosperous and happy New Year.



We are proud to introduce to the fraternity as a result of our earnest labor last term, five new girls who wear the golden key. Nellie Bates, Lydia Hammond, Ethel Hopson, Clara May and Villa Stafford. With these added to our number we hope to accomplish much this year.

On January 29, the members of Phi Gamma Delta entertained most royally their friends at a banquet. Kappa was well represented among the guests.

Our chapter has two weddings to announce. Ross Webber, one of our ardent workers, was married to Stanley Sutton, a Phi Delta Theta of Evanston, on November 25, 1891, in Chicago. Also Lulu Cash was married to Mr. Bert Timmons, January 12, 1892.

On St. Valentine's Eve the Kappa girls were "at home" to their friends at the beautiful new home of Grace Loudon. The party was truly a Valentine affair. The invitations were in the form of hearts, and fancy hearts abounded everywhere. After spending the earlier part of the evening in pleasant conversation, about sixty were served to refreshments, after which the guests departed, pronouncing our "Valentine party" a perfect success.

Our Wesleyan Lecture Course is prospering. We were delighted by hearing Mrs. Mary A. Livermore the last of last term. On February 19 we are to be favored by a lecture from Max O'Rell, the great French lecturer, who is now making a tour through this country. All of the students are anxious to hear him, we have heard so much about him.

So our Wesleyan prospers, and with it Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

#### BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

Since the last letter from Beta Epsilon, our membership has increased to thirteen. On Friday evening, January 22, at the residence of the Corresponding Secretary, Misses Landan and Crocker, '94, and Miss Whited, '95, were initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma.

There is a very strong prejudice here against the admission of fresh-

men, so much so that out of five names proposed from '95 only one was elected. There is an equally strong feeling against the initiation of specials into the fraternity at large. At Barnard we have no specials except some students who work only in the laboratories, and who attend none of the college lectures. These are not looked upon as undergraduates at all; we rarely see them and have no intercourse with them.

Among the semi-annuals received Beta Epsilon felt most in sympathy with the views expressed by those from Sigma, and those from the Universities of Pennsylvania and Michigan.

Too much rushing, even any at all, detracts from the dignity of the society.

Our chapter has this winter developed largely into a social one, and our members are deriving more pleasure from it thus than they did last year, when our ideas were fiercely literary.

Having no dormitory system, and as most of us live at our own homes, we lose much of that college social life so prized at other colleges, and we have sought to supply that loss in this way.

The great success this year was a comedy given December 26. We got it up very informally, without the aid of scenery, and with extremely original costumes. But it was enjoyed more thoroughly than the elaborately produced plays of the real stage.

In conclusion, there is one thing more I would mention. At Barnard there is intense class feeling, and the greatest benefit that we have derived from our chapter is the cordial relation it is beginning to establish between the Junior and Senior classes.

#### BETA ZETA — IOWA UNIVERSITY.

We have had another initiation since our last letter to THE KEY was written, adding to our number Miss Mae Lanas, and we hope to have another soon. For various reasons we have been slow in adding new members to our list this year. For one thing the "anti-frat" feeling has been running very high here for a year or two. I do not think it will

affect us much in the end; it only makes those who are invited to join fraternities more cautious and slow in their replies.

Laura Clarke, who was appointed one of the Proctors in the English Department this term, has been very sick and is still confined to the house. We have labored under a good deal of difficulty in our meetings this year because of so much sickness. It has been impossible to have all of even our few members present at any one meeting. But in spite of all difficulties we are not daunted. Our fraternity spirit and enthusiasm is higher than ever, and we wish to make the bond that binds us all that it may and should be.

At our last evening meeting we were charmingly entertained by Mrs. Neff. We enjoyed a visit from Veda Shaffer a few days this month.

Two of our members, Cornie Ingham and Helen Orton, are attending Leland Stanford University this winter.

#### THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

The Missouri State University has recently suffered a serious loss in the burning of its main building, but the students are still at work, and the Kappas are loyal and zealous as ever. A beautiful chapel, dozens of lecture rooms, society halls, offices and a magnificent library went down in flames on the memorable evening of January 9, but, as a member of our noble Faculty remarked, "the University consists in brains, not bricks," and hence is still in existence. Most of the buildings of the campus were left unharmed by the fire, and we have every assurance that our loss will be more than repaired at the earliest possible time. Meanwhile, the work of the students has been going on uninterruptedly as before.

Theta Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma has been unusually prosperous this year. Nine new names have been placed on her roll since September 1, swelling the list to a number greater than ever before. We had an exciting time rushing some of the new members, and this, of course, added to the interest taken in the matter. Our last two initiations were veritable works of art. Each step in the proceedings was planned beforehand by efficient committees, and the effect of the whole was exceedingly good.

In the way of social entertainments this year we have had occasional receptions given at the homes of our members. These have been always well attended, and have in every instance proved very delightful. We fear there is some need of caution lest the social life of Kappa gain an undue prominence over other privileges and duties of her votaries.

Doubtless we have been a little lax in the performance of fraternity duties during the trials and tribulations of the examinations through which we have just passed, but we enter on the second semester of school work with renewed zeal and great expectations. To all sister chapters Theta sends heartiest greetings.

#### IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Just at present De Pauw students are enjoying a rest of a few days before entering upon the work of the second semester. The past semester has been a prosperous one for Iota, and we are ready to begin work with renewed enthusiasm.

It is rumored that we are to have another women's fraternity. The movements of several girls, who are seen in frequent consultation, give strong corroboration to the report.

This winter the heaviest snow of several years has gladdened the students. Sleighing fever ran high, and the merry jingle of sleigh-bells could be heard at all hours of the day and late into the night.

The primaries for the oratorical contest have been held. Miss Jean Nelson of '93 obtained a place in the final contest.

#### PERSONALS.

Zella Ward, '92, after a serious attack of typhoid fever, has left college. Mayme Anderson, '95, has not returned since the holidays.

We were very sorry to hear of the death of the father of Jessie Noble, '91, of Greenwood.

Since our last issue we have a new brother.

In December, Minnie L. Royse was married to Guy M. Walker, of Terre Haute, Ind. Mr. Walker is a graduate of De Pauw, and is a member of Phi Kappa Psi. They are both members of the class of '90. The wedding was attended by members of both fraternities.

Iota is very much rejoiced at the last victory attained. On February 12 the oratorical contest was held, E. Jean Nelson receiving first place, with eight contestants. This is the first time a young lady has attained the honor of representing this University at the State Oratorical Contest. Iota sends greeting to all.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

“Oh, life! How sweet thou art when tides flow in!  
 When skies are bright and health is in the air,  
 When sunny waves cover the weary sands,  
 And radiant hope laughs gaily at despair,”

writes Margaret E. Sangster.

Truly, for us, the tides must be flowing in, for our skies are bright. We are hopeful and happy in the sweet bonds of Kappa. We are twelve, with three of our alumnae resident in the city, always ready with hints and suggestions, and frequently attending our meetings.

Since writing last, Alfrieda Mosher, '94, the daughter of our President, has been initiated into the mysteries of fraternity life. She is a tiny girl, but we feel sure that there is enough of her to make a good Kappa.

Florence Keith was married December 23 to E. D. Reynolds, '91, of Delta Tau Delta. Mr. Reynolds is Superintendent of Schools at North Adams, Mich.

Ella Irish, '94, one of our promising new members, was unable to return on account of illness, but her place is taken by Kate Powell, whom we are glad to have with us again.

Kappa girls sympathize deeply with Winifred Root, '90, who mourns the loss of mother and sister.

Lena Seley, '93, soprano in the Æolian Quartette, is winning laurels for herself and honor for Kappa.

Miss Deering, who has been studying in Germany, has returned, and resumed her duties as Lady Principal.

Our girls have given their attention almost entirely to work this term, but we are planning to entertain our friends in the near future.

## LAMBDA — BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda wishes all Kappas a prosperous and happy new year. We spent the latter part of the past year pleasantly, the first social event of mention being the second degree, November 25, at Hotel Winsor. It was a complete surprise to the "victims," Mary Crosby, Special; Amy Herriff, '94; Estelle Musson, '94; Neva Shoeman, '94; Florida Beach, '95; Gertrude Pierce, '95; Avah Stockman, '95; Lillie Stewart, '95. After the initiation was the banquet, at which our pledged members joined us. At the head of the table sat our three charter members, Miss Jewett, Mrs. Parschal and Mrs. Voris. It was an occasion which will long be remembered by all.

Mrs. Steves, mother of May Steves (one of those whom we lost at the time of the fire), spent part of last term with us. The night before Thanksgiving the Phi Delta Thetas gave a reception to the Kappas in honor of Mrs. Steves. On Thanksgiving Day Mrs. Clark, the matron, gave us a table in the dining room all for ourselves.

On the 11th of December two of our pledged members living in the city — May Hardy, '96, and Belle Armstrong, '96 — gave a dinner party to the Kappas.

The last week of school was, as is usual, a lively one, the Kappas having their share of jollity. Miss Lillie Stewart, '95, entertained a few Kappas and their friends very pleasantly at a card party.

We have had sleighing here for about three weeks. A party of Kappas and Phi Delta Thetas improved the opportunity by enjoying a ride to Kent, stopping at the home of one of our girls, Amy Herriff, '94.

Miss Addie Buchtel, '94, was chosen one of the two representatives of her class for the Founders' Day exercises. We quote the following from an Akron paper: "The most enjoyable was Miss Addie Buchtel's recitation, 'Christmas Night at Baker's,' a short sketch of a negro's frolic. The dialect was done especially well and the spirit of the piece was so heartily entered into that the audience caught the infection." Miss Buchtel also took the second place in the preliminary oratorical contest.

One of our members, Florida Beach, '95, was obliged to return to her

home the first part of this term on account of sickness. She expects to return soon.

Miss Jean Sisler, '91, has a position as retoucher in a photograph gallery in Delaware, Ohio.

Another desirable girl, Bessie Whitehead, '96, has pledged herself to us. We now have six pledged members.

Five of our girls are wearing new keys, and they wonder how they ever lived without them.

#### MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu chapter is in the most flourishing condition of her existence, with more members, better work, more fraternity spirit and a better general idea of what a fraternity should be than ever before. Formerly we have worked much within our own immediate chapter, but we have at last begun to realize how much benefit may be derived from intercourse with other chapters and Kappahood at large — not only through THE KEY, but through personal correspondence.

Now that Chi has taken the lead in sending out letters for personal, correspondence, why not let all the chapters follow suit and find out more about what our sisters are doing? We are looking forward for the Convention to help us in this matter, but for those who cannot send all of their girls to the Convention, wouldn't this be the next best thing?

We had a pleasant visit from seven of the Delta girls on Thanksgiving Eve, and on Thanksgiving Day some of the Delta, Iota and Mu girls held a joint meeting.

Although some of the sterner sex at Butler have debarred us from the primary and state oratorical contest, Miss Anna Stover, Kappa Kappa Gamma, succeeded in winning the first place in the Sophomore oratorical contest. Henceforth the boys may well refuse us our rights, for they have reason to fear us.

Since our last meeting we have added one more to our number, Miss Mary Galvin, '94, entered the mystic circle on Thanksgiving Eve.

We have found our plan for literary work this term very successful.

We first have a paper on some popular subject, proposed by one of the girls ; then follows a discussion of the paper by all of the members.

We are still hoping and wishing for another women's fraternity. There are many girls here who would make lovely fraternity girls, but our chapter is already so full we cannot take them all.

#### BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Although it is rather late in the day, Beta Nu sends greeting to her sister chapters and extends heartiest wishes for a bright and prosperous New Year.

We celebrated the Friday evening after Thanksgiving with a reunion at the home of Charlotte Claypoole, where the time was pleasantly spent in games, dancing and pulling candy. Besides having most of our own girls with us, Miss Parsons of Beta Gamma and Miss Latham of Phi were present.

Last Monday after our usual meeting, Mrs. Raymond gave us the freedom of her house, and we had a most delightful spread, followed by acrobatic performances.

Since the beginning of the term we have been making desperate efforts to get our hall, a new one, properly furnished, our latest acquisition being a huge chest which closely resembles a coffin-box and which looks rather significant.

We are now looking eagerly forward to the session of the Grand Council, which will undoubtedly meet here. We feel that through this meeting we will be brought face to face and heart to heart with the entire body of Kappa girls, and that the bonds uniting us will be made closer and stronger.

Clara Byus, '93, has returned to college and resumed her old place in the Kappa circle.

#### XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Another new year has dawned upon us and found most of our members here again. Those that are away will soon be back.

Jennie Hulse went to Iowa to spend the holidays, and has not yet returned.



Iva Hussey is in Indiana for her health, but is expected back in a few weeks.

Since our last letter, we have initiated four more into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma. They are Mildred Ferguson, Amy Brierly, Carrie Plum and Meryle Tyler. Amy Brierly is at the present writing sick, but we hope to see our new sister with us at our next meeting.

Have received quite a number of reports from other chapters and Xi rejoices with all in their successes.

We are sorry to announce the first death in our chapter, that of Rosa Hiles. But we console ourselves with the thought that she has gone to join another fraternity above where all is love and peace.

#### GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Gamma Rho has cause to rejoice. We have received a letter containing the welcome news that our Grand Secretary, Miss Bright, will spend Sunday with us.

We also have something to be sorry for; Jean Frey, one of our Seniors, has left college to teach.

Gertrude Mills, our only pledge, was unable to come back this term because of illness.

We are happy to have with us this term Miss Noble, who has come to Meadville to work in the *Chautauqua Century Press*.

It is our custom to have a chapter picture taken every year, and we would be pleased to exchange pictures with any of the other chapters.

Three of our girls are entertained this week by our sisters at Akron, Ohio.

#### SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

After enjoying our holiday vacation we have again commenced our college work. The opening of the winter term ushered in many new students. There seems to be much more enthusiasm among the students this term than last. We were all anxious for our vacation, but were glad to come back to college after our two weeks' rest.

The chapter has added two new sisters to its list since it last wrote to THE KEY. On the fifth day of December Martha Burks of Beatrice, Nebraska, was initiated into the fraternity. The initiation took place at the home of Miss Helena Lau. This being the first initiation of the year, all members were much interested and anxious to see how the goat would conduct himself after so long a rest. "Billy" did his duty well; to this fact I am sure our new sister can fully testify. This is Miss Burks's first year in the University. Miss Bonnell, who graduated from the University last spring, came from her home in Chicago to attend the initiation.

The opening of the winter term was not without its excitement, for on the sixth day of January Miss Althea Robarts of Rising, Nebraska, was made one of our sisters. Miss Robarts took her first degree at Miss Jury's home and her second, which is by far the most interesting, at the home of Miss Mabel Lindly. Sumptuous refreshments were served both at Miss Lindly's and Miss Jury's, and were heartily enjoyed by all members. The appetites of the Kappas seem never to fail them. Miss Robarts is a bright energetic member of the class of '95. She was formerly a member of one of the "Barbarian" societies.

Last term Miss Nellie Lau, who is now a member of the Lincoln High School, pledged herself to our fraternity. It will probably be a year or more before we can take Miss Lau into the chapter; but we can wait, for when she becomes our sister we receive one whom we all love.

Our last social meeting was held at the home of Miss Bertha McMillan. Miss McMillan is a charming hostess, and we were very pleasantly entertained. At this meeting we planned our new initiation gowns.

Sigma is at present in a very flourishing condition. We have a larger active membership than any women's fraternity in the University. Miss Kate Scothorn, who has been out of college for some time, has now returned and is taking some advanced work.

The students of the University are now busily engaged in work on the annual, which is to come out in April. Kappa Kappa Gamma will be represented.

## BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Another new term finds us without two Kappa sisters, Anna Richards and Eugenia Titcomb, both of whom were unable to return on account of illness.

Our Juniors and Freshmen entertained their gentlemen friends the 25th of January, at the home of Miss Libbie Ruland, at a "Circulating Library" party. At a late hour the company adjourned, pronouncing the evening a success.

Psi Upsilon is giving a series of receptions to each of the sororities in order of their establishment. Last week Beta Tau was pleasantly entertained by them at the home of Mr. Waldo Weston.

We enjoyed a visit from Miss Skinner of Beta Delta, and Miss Tappan of Psi, who is with us often.

Miss Dickey, of Psi, was on the hill the first of this term.

Mrs. R. B. Smith, '90, has been seriously ill at her home, but is improving and expects to go to Colorado Springs soon.

Georgia Ross, '92, is attending the Albany Normal School.

Margaret Brown, '93, attended Psi's initiation.

Mabel Webster, '94, is studying music in Chicago.

Susie Brown, '94, visited Hattie Hollis, '94, during the holidays.

Inez Harris, '95, and Fannie Ford, '95, spent February 22, it being vacation, with Ella Pierson, '93, at Waterloo.

## UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Never was Upsilon in a more prosperous condition. Our active chapter has received two additions since the holidays—Miss Zilpha Hull, '95, by initiation, and Miss Olive Edwards of the School of Oratory, by transfer from Epsilon. We have also pledged Miss Gertrude Seager, who came from Hamlin University, and entered '93 here. We hoped to number her among our active members, but she was taken ill shortly after school opened, and has decided to leave college for this term at least. We shall be sorry to lose her, but hope to have her back among us next fall.

Just before the holidays we received a short visit from Mrs. Walker, *née* Royce, who was a member of Iota Chapter, and graduated in '90. We felt especially favored, as she was on her wedding trip, and we enjoyed her bright talk and the news she brought from Kappa sisters in Iota.

The first week of this term we had a very pleasant party at the home of Miss Jessie Bliss, one of our loyal Freshmen. Miss Bliss is a charming hostess, and the party was voted a success by all present.

Miss Maude Smith, '92, will not be in college this term, but will return in April and graduate with her class in June. The Chapter gave her a farewell party at the home of Miss Edith Baker, '94.

Preparations are now in progress for our annual party, which will be held February 26.

The students of political economy are being favored with a course of lectures on that subject, which are delivered every evening in the lecture room of the First Methodist church. These are a new departure, and are enjoyed by many of the town's people as well as by the students. In this department especially the University shows marked improvement, and we hope for even greater things in the future.

#### PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

When Phi last sent her greeting she was in a very thankful mood, and the thankfulness still remains.

Our younger sisters, who are only a few months old in Kappa, are our greatest source of thankfulness. We enjoy very much having them with us and are proud to call them Kappas. Our chapter room has been another cause for thanks this winter. Instead of wandering far and wide, as we have sometimes done, we have been happy all the year in our bright, cheery, homelike room, made especially homelike by the remembrances received since September.

Our alumnae have received us since last we wrote you. The afternoon was enjoyed of course. It couldn't have been otherwise.

Some of the well-known authors that are not well known to all of us, have been studied this winter with an occasional real Kappa meeting when

we stop in our busy college life, and call up before us our Kappa ideal and find what Kappa means to us.

On Friday, February 5, the young women of Boston University received their friends at the annual Klatsch Collegium. Miss Sheppard acted as hostess at the Senior table, and Miss Breed at one of the Freshman tables. We were glad to welcome there some Kappas of far away chapters, Miss Austin of Chi, Miss Esterly, Miss Stambaugh, and Miss Frazier of Beta Gamma.

On Wednesday afternoon, February 17, Margaret Dodge, our former editor of THE KEY, invited the chapter to meet Miss Austin informally. We have a very pleasant feeling now of being much better acquainted with Chi since this afternoon spent with one of her senior members, who told us many things about our sister chapter in Minneapolis.

We are looking forward to another initiation, when we shall put the golden key upon another maiden, and Phi will have another sister.

And now Phi must say, "*Lebe wohl.*"

#### CHI — MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Chi sends greetings to her sisters far and near. She also sends the name of "the sister last admitted," Sarah H. Miller, believing that you will welcome her as gladly as we have done.

We have little other news to write. Our chapter life is quiet and uneventful. We meet regularly and feel that we are profiting by our plan for becoming better acquainted with other chapters.

This winter we have enjoyed very much decorating our room. An artistic blue canvas carpet takes the place of a greenish rug with which last year we were forced to content ourselves. "The elephants," which is our name for certain long window seats shrouded in denim, have had added to them a handsome white cord and tassel fringe which adds very much to their personal appearance. A set of oaken book-shelves stands on one side of the room, upon which shelves repose those volumes which we fondly call "our library." The librarian's duties are not as yet arduous, but we hope within the course of a year or two, to make them so. On the

top of the shelves is perched a whole row of owls. A regular owl family, including distant relations. The great grandfather is there and the smallest baby. A quantity of sofa-pillows for the elephants, three or four pretty new chairs, several really fine pictures and new curtains make us feel very cozy and comfortable. And we enjoy the meetings better in our pretty room, for pretty things certainly do make a difference in one's enjoyment.

A little bird whispers in my ear — I am sure it is one of the owls — that my letter is growing long. The owl is a wise bird so I will heed his suggestion and close.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

To follow the example of some of our sister correspondents, we begin our letter by sending greeting to our Kappa sisters.

In the next place we should like to participate in a jubilee to celebrate the completion of the semi-annual reports for another year.

We have eighteen active members this term, and one associate member, having initiated six girls since our last letter.

We notice the names of two of Cornell's best men in the list of the Chicago University Faculty which has been published, Professor Hale who is at the head of the Latin Department here, and Professor Laughlin of the Department of Political Economy.

Our beautiful Campus is continually receiving additions. As soon as the *débris* was cleared away from about the new Library building, the new building for the Law school was commenced. It is of gray-stone, and will be very fine when completed. It will be ready for occupancy next fall.

Cornell has been more than usually musical this year. A series of five chamber concerts is being given. Mr. Walter Damrosch with his famous orchestra has been here, and we have also had the Banjo and Glee Club concerts, which are always enjoyed.

Collectively, Psi Chapter has not done much in a social way this term, but we have been represented individually at all the social gatherings, which have been rather numerous this winter.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Emma Lang, 1892, who has been absent from the University for the past two years has returned and will graduate with '93.

Miss Edna Smith is teaching in the High school in Washington, D. C.

Rev. Mila Tupper called upon us last month, on her way to the Woman's Council in Washington.

Mrs. Chas. C. Baker, *née* France, looked in on us for a moment on her way to her home in Seattle, Washington.

Miss Livingston, '93, is teaching in Maywood, Ill.

Miss Austin is teaching English in the High School in Clinton, Iowa.

Mrs. Wickham, *née* Clock, has left Ithaca to reside in Brooklyn.

Miss Truman, '93, is still teaching in the High school in Wellsborough, Penn.

## OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

K. S. U. is now entering on its second term with a larger enrolment than it has ever had before. Omega has just initiated three new members, Georgia Wilder of Lawrence, Alma Hayes of Paolo and Anna Banks of Topeka.

One of the girls we pledged this year, Helen Collins of Seneca, has been detained at home on account of sickness.

Don Bowersock is now studying music in Chicago, but will be with us next year.

Mayme Henshaw, now of Denver, and Gussie Price, now of Omaha, are visiting their Kappa sisters.

Nell Franklin, who has been studying music in Berlin for nearly a year, has decided to remain there for another year. This is a great disappointment to Omega as we expected to have her with us next year.

Belle Chapman has been called home by the illness of her mother, and will probably be unable to return.

Mr. Will Franklin, a former student and assistant professor of K. S. U., has been elected to the chair of Professor in Physics in the State Agricultural School of Iowa.

Omega has given up the hall in which it has been holding its meetings for some time past, and is now meeting at the homes of its members.

## ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Fortune has appeared in such a generous mood that Eta's head is in danger of being a little turned by success.

After unusually long and exciting campaigns, Anna Woodward and Mary Thorp have consented to become of our number, and are now wearers of the golden key.

Our chapter-house, supplying a much-felt need by those pursuing a collegiate course, is daily growing more attractive, and is in the truest sense a home.

One face is missed from our circle, that of Ottalie Schumann, who will not return until next term. But Eta considers herself especially fortunate in welcoming to her home Dollie Hatcher, one year with '92.

Effort is being made on the part of the women's fraternities to agree upon some plan by which the objectionable features of rushing may be eliminated. It is proposed to appoint one day toward the end of each term on which days only invitations may be issued by the various societies. But as yet no definite agreement has been arrived at.

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### The Parthenon.

THE pulpit has long taught that it is the Christian's duty to make the best of the talents given him by his Maker. As a partial result there is a "Revival of Learning" if the expression be allowed.

In the training toward which we are now turning, and I speak of educational training, we make two divisions, that of *College Life.* physical and mental.

Under Mental Training we have the subdivisions of intellectual and moral.

Intellectual training should mean, however, something more than a knowledge of the text-book used in class.



In order that there be a symmetrical training there should be contact of heart with heart and mind with mind among the students.

The hours spent with those whom, we might say, to have loved was a liberal education, make some of the happiest recollections of our college days. There is another consideration of value to us aside from this pleasurable one. Who will deny that this is a period of character-building? Here of course the Intellectual Training overlaps, as it were, the Moral. In this period self-reliance should receive our attention as one of the essentials of success in after life.

Who could put these thoughts better than Emerson has done?

“High be his heart, faithful his will, clear his sight, that he may in good earnest be doctrine, society, law to himself, that a simple purpose may be to him as strong as iron necessity is to others.”

Let the students of the next decade keep this in mind and they will be better able to meet the needs of the world and the demands of the times.

Let there be the heart culture with that of the mind at the same time, permitting this self-reliance and striving for the beautiful and good, and our graduates can in after years look back to college life and feel that there was an education obtained outside of the class-room. What more beautiful appeal have we for better work than this?

“Build thee more stately mansions, O my soul!  
As the swift seasons roll,  
Leave thy low-vaulted past.  
Let each new temple nobler than the last,  
Shut thee from heaven with a dome more vast  
Till thou at last art free  
Leaving thy outgrown shell on life's unresting sea.”

When in boarding-school I heard one of the girls ask the preceptress why there was such a variety of girls in boarding-school, some being of such almost angelic disposition, while others were so intensely disagreeable. The preceptress smilingly replied that the peculiarity was not in the girls but in their relations to each other; we wore no masks; if one was good and true and kind, her loveliness was ever

before us ; if one had faults, they were forever interfering with our happiness. In short, we mingled together so freely, exchanged thoughts so continually that we were warned and thrilled by every bright smile and loving deed, chilled and jostled by every sign of envy and strife.

If this is true of boarding-school life, what must be our relation to each other in the chapter ?

But, you say, disagreeable girls are excluded from our fraternity : I am happy to say that I think such is the case, but at the same time, did you ever realize how much you expected from a Kappa sister ?

We feel toward her very much as Emerson did toward his friend when he wrote,—“ We overestimate the conscience of our friend. His goodness seems better than our goodness, his nature finer, his temptations less. Everything that is his, his name, his form, his dress, books, and instruments fancy enhances. Our own thoughts sound new and larger from his mouth.”

Holding this exalted opinion of each other, is it strange that we are mortified and disturbed when we discover the slightest blemish ? Little faults that we would not notice in an acquaintance seem almost unpardonable in a sister.

The ways we have of expressing our surprise and disapproval when suddenly awakened by the traces of the frailty of human nature in our mystic circle, is well shown by a very homely illustration. I once lived in a house where there was a rather ancient piano. It was very much out of tune besides having one string broken, but it was still allowed its old place in the sitting-room. I am no musician myself, but found it quite amusing to watch the newcomers as they made the acquaintance of the old piano.

Some one would sit down thoughtlessly and begin a lively air, nimbly running her fingers over the key-board ; the silent note would soon attract her attention, when a look, first of disappointment and then of vexation would cloud the player's face, and she would leave the stool with an injured air, never again to pay the least attention to the old piano.

Another would come and gaily begin a waltz, when from very surprise at the discord, she would stop. Then, joking at the expense of that ancient piece of furniture, she would proceed to investigate its musical power by

drumming out every tune she could remember, until we felt like banishing the old piano together with its tormentor.

Another would come and, sitting down quietly, would run her fingers softly over the key-board noting with quick musical instinct every faulty note. Then she would play on and on, avoiding the silent note and touching the discordant ones so lightly that we failed to hear anything but harmony, and we would wonder how we could ever have felt rebellious towards a piano that could furnish us such music.

It is quite impossible always to understand each other perfectly; and when we touch another's life unskilfully and perhaps carelessly, let us not complain if some discord be the result, remembering that it was none less than Hamlet who said, "Call me what instrument you will, though you can fret me, you cannot play upon me."

While a Kappa sister is a person with whom we may be sincere and before whom we may think aloud, let us not presume to make her perfect by criticism. But rather let us bring forward her beautiful traits of character, and soon we shall be surprised to find how perfect she has become.

I fear that I should not make a very good minister, for I have preached my sermon without announcing my text, but you can find it in Proverbs xvii: 9. It reads,—“He that covereth a transgression seeketh love.”

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Having been ten years an active member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, first of one chapter while in college, and then of another since graduation, one might well believe that my experience in fraternity life had been enough to fill a volume. True, it has been of a variable nature, and to me a most invaluable experience. In searching through its realm for some particularly interesting reminiscences for THE KEY, I meet with difficulty, for many crowd upon my memory. That which seems to me the most appropriate, because the most liable to lend a helpful suggestion to all chapters, is an account of the influence exerted by the Pan-Hellenic meetings, both business and social, held by the chapters of all fraternities represented at our college. Such meetings are an education in right feeling among fraternities, and the more of them held,

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the better for each and every chapter. They are conducive to greater care in the selection of members in the chapter, to a better understanding and a higher sense of honor among the fraternities. It is in such a meeting that executive talent, intellectual excellence, and social prestige is tried without prejudice. It teaches that culture and refinement exist in other orders as surely as the occasional black sheep does in our own.

It inspires one to greater effort in elevating the character of his or her own chapter, individually and collectively. With all reverence and love for my own fraternity, I still maintain that the greatest loyalty to one's own fraternity is best manifested in a charitable consideration of others.

I was very happy in my own chapter. I loved all its members devotedly, and vaguely thought I loved everybody; but the Pan-Hellenic meetings gradually revealed to me how narrow I had grown in feeling, how absorbed one may become in one's very own, blind even to its most serious faults. I found my heart had been masked behind selfishness and prejudice. This conference had the effect of tearing away the mask as a new world burst upon my vision, and in turn, consideration for other fraternities developed the deepest and tenderest sympathy with my own.

Whoever is willing and ready always to recognize the good in others may be assured that she has done so much to further the interests of her own fraternity. Her influence will be a helpful, refining one, not only in her own chapter, but in other fraternities, for she credits good wherever it is found. Her kind consideration of other fraternities is the noblest and best reflection upon her own chapter, and more firmly establishes the truth that fraternityhood, as a factor in the college life, is regenerating and elevating in its influence.

As a man is known by his deeds, so a fraternity is judged and ranked by the character and standing of its individual members.

The high standard required for membership in Kappa Kappa Kappa Gamma should constantly be before the minds of the wearers of the "blue and blue," so that at each initiation the membership may not only be increased, but the fraternity may be made proportionally stronger, in the sense that virtue and firmness of purpose make it strong.

The Kappa  
Kappa Gamma  
Standard.

We need true, noble women, women with high aspirations, and a desire for more than the frivolous pleasures of this life.

In choosing members for fraternities, I have observed some to have been selected for an especial trait or brilliancy exhibited, while perhaps there would be no other redeeming quality visible.

While it may be of honor to gain those greatly talented in any particular direction, yet I believe the best policy is pursued when we seek those equally balanced, and thus combine the intellectual, social and beautiful.

A graceful figure and a face beautifully outlined, or a power to attract and entertain, or a mind active and alert, continually reaching out and grasping new truths and striving to unfold the hidden mysteries of nature, any one of these would add great worth to a fraternity; but when the harmonious blending of these three gifts may be found, then the ideal fraternity standard may be reached.

Our aim should not be lower than this, and many there are who reach this plane. Study the girl you desire, learn well what is true and noble and beautiful in her, and then give her the advantages necessary to display her true character, remembering that the lustre of the diamond is only gained by removing the outer roughness, and subjecting the gem to a high degree of polish.

XI.

“Not only with the sense of present pleasure, but with pleasing thoughts that in this moment there is life and food for future years.”

Although I know I will be classed with those people who put  
 Wordsworth's  
 Lesson: much more into a poem than the author ever meant, still, because we all like to apply the most beautiful thoughts to Kappa life, I venture to borrow this one from a poet who never had even the pleasure of knowing a Kappa girl.

It was a landscape that Wordsworth looked upon, but with us it will be many different scenes, girls always in the foreground, a frolic, a group sitting around the fire when all are present, talking, of course, part sense, part nonsense, three or four of those that have most in common enjoying a

more serious talk, or even two Kappa friends getting a glimpse of how much more there is in mind and heart than is shown in act. In all this there is no doubt as to the sense of present pleasure, and surely the memory of it in future years will mean much.

Nor is this all; each girl, the strong, firm one, the bright, happy one, the ambitious, the enthusiastic, and the one that still looks up to us as a model of Kappa womanhood, brings to bear a pressure that will help to mold our character into something more beautiful than it would have been had we not known these intimately in Kappa bonds.

As the years pass we will have the pleasure and profit of watching the development of these girls, seeing which of their characteristics are lasting, and which support them best in the life-work chosen.

E. R. (*Beta Zeta*).

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In the chapter letter from Xi in the last issue of THE KEY, the growing opposition in some colleges to fraternities was mentioned. The **Opposition to Fraternities.** correspondent spoke of the organization of the anti-fraternity element and said, "We must discover the source of this opposition." This is a subject which certainly demands our attention, and it is somewhat the state of affairs at this university. Sometimes the opposition is purely from prejudice, or from not knowing enough about fraternities to know whereof they speak; but there are also some who are conscientiously opposed. Two such are warm friends of mine, and both have had opportunities to become Greeks. They said they believed that in the large majority of cases fraternity made one narrow (think of that), and that when a girl was a member of a fraternity she seldom went beyond her sisters for friends or acquaintances. It was their belief that something more than the same badge should be the ground of our love, and that in the nature of things there must be some persons outside of fraternities that were as deserving of our friendship, and would give as much for value received as any Greek.

I feel confident that no Kappa will dispute these words entirely. To be sure, it is not the badge that makes us sisters, but the unity of interests,

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We do not love our sisters merely because they are Kappas, but being so associated with them, we have an opportunity to see their characters and know they are lovable girls. If we are not so friendly to those outside the Greek world as we should be, we will all say at once that it was only because we didn't think. Ah, but "evil is wrought by want of thought as well as want of heart." This we know positively: If fraternity makes one narrow, it is the fault of the individual, not the fraternity; for nothing can be more opposed to narrowness than the true fraternity spirit. Naturally, the majority of our warmest friends are in our own fraternity, as the unity of interests, the constant association would tend to make it; but that need not prevent our showing a friendly spirit to all. If we allow our interest in the fraternity to make us narrow, then we were better off without the fraternity, and the fraternity were better off without us.

Let us say to each other frankly: "We have made many mistakes, we have been careless; but henceforth we will endeavor to show to the world that fraternity life, if lived in the true spirit, must make one broad and generous toward every one, Greek or Barbarian." If we do not live up to the advantages we have as Greeks, we are far worse than if we had no such opportunities.

DELTA.

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### *SUBSCRIPTION TO THE KEY.*

#### BUSINESS MANAGER'S NOTICE.

The business manager wishes to state that hereafter THE KEY will be sent to subscribers until they order it discontinued. She has been put to considerable trouble in attempting to find out whether old subscribers wished their subscriptions renewed, and has thought it best to adopt this method, which is used by many publications.

## College and Fraternity Notes.

We are glad that there are some compensations in going to press at this late date. We are by the delay able to send greetings to the Zeta chapter of Alpha Phi, established December 1, at the Woman's College, Baltimore, Md., with a membership of twelve. Now, not alone "The East and the West," but also "the North and the South"

"At Love's own behest,  
Join hands in union  
And firm loyalty."

The February *Quarterly* will give a full account of the christening of the "baby" and a description of her home and home-life.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

Phi Delta Theta, Zeta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, and Phi Kappa Psi have entered Leland Stanford University. Rumor has it that Senator Stanford has consented to erect houses for the fraternities established there, and that plans for a Zeta Psi house are already in the hands of an architect.—*Exchange*.

Kappa Alpha Theta is building a chapter-house at the University of California.—*Exchange*.

Since Columbian became a co-educational institution, two years ago, the girls have taken the opportunity of celebrating the fact of their admission by entertainments given at the close of the college year. The first year the girl students numbered thirteen, and they have since been known as the "Original Thirteen." This last year we were known as the "Original Thirteen — Plus." — *Pi Beta Phi Arrow*.

A Pan-Hellenic scheme has been put on foot by which the fraternities will arbitrate over the offices of the oratorical and athletic associations, and hotly contested elections will become a thing of the past. When the



lion and the lamb lie down together without any injurious results to the latter's anatomy, the average De Pauw collegian will expect De Pauw fraternities to confab together in peace and quiet.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

The Ohio State University is the coming university of Ohio. The signs of the times point with unerring finger to this college as the best in the State. Last winter the Legislature passed the Hysell Bill, giving us an annual appropriation of \$100,000. Congress gave us \$18,000, which is to be increased by \$1,000 yearly, until the amount reaches \$25,000, at which sum it is to remain. These two revenues, added to what the University already possesses in the way of endowment, assure to her a bright future. A Law Department has been added. The Chief Justice of Ohio, M. J. Williams, is the Dean of the Faculty, which is composed of about twenty of the best judges and lawyers in the State. The school offers unusual advantages for the study of law. Columbus is the capital, and here are the Supreme and other courts with their immense law libraries. The department will turn loose about twenty young lawyers in the spring, one of whom is a young lady.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

President Harper says that the Faculty of the Chicago University will be American, only about six in one hundred coming from abroad, and they will be English scholars.—*Exchange*.

One hundred and fifty-one women have attended the University of Pennsylvania courses within the last ten years.—*Exchange*.

The decision of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts of Boston University that the present course in the curriculum leading to the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy be removed, and that students be required to matriculate only as special students or for the regular degree of Bachelor of Arts, will cause much discussion among the graduates of the institution, as well as in other colleges in which that course is maintained. The course required only the presentation of a satisfactory graduation thesis and the weekly attendance upon ten hours of recitation, or their equivalent a week for four years or upon fifteen hours for three. This system led to many abuses. In the first place it was thought that the degree

carried with it a greater influence than was warranted by the amount of study necessary to obtain it. Again, it was found that this method of attending college found special favor with those whose intellectual endowment was not superior to their inherent laziness, and thus the element which the Faculty desired to shun was attracted to the college. The influence of these ten-hour students upon those in the same classes who were pursuing the regular course was found to be hurtful. Under these circumstances the action of the Faculty is a wise one, and in perfect accord with their purpose to maintain a high grade at the expense of a numerous attendance.—*Boston Journal*.

A very pleasant custom has recently been adopted by some of the sororities here of having an evening "at home." On the first Saturday of every month the Kappa Alpha Thetas, and on the first Wednesday the Delta Gammas are at home to their friends at their respective chapter-houses.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield, University of Minnesota Correspondence*.

Of the 365 colleges of the United States 204 are co-educational.—*Exchange*.

And now it is the University of Michigan that has had to adopt the tactics of the Russian censor, and suppress certain of the opinions of one of its students relative to co-education. The extreme action of the college officials shows that the opinion of the offending student that "co-education had stricken the name of the University of Michigan from its place among universities like Yale, Harvard and Princeton," and listed it with Oberlin, Hillsdale and Albion, is shared by at least a considerable number of the students. Their only object, of course, was to get their complaint before the public, and the interference of the Faculty has given them an opportunity of doing this that they never could have dreamed of. It rather seems as if the professors of the University of Michigan have been following a "penny-wise and pound-foolish policy."—*Boston Journal*.

A number of students, who participated in the initiation of a new law student into a "bogus" fraternity, were rather dazed at the cold and unappreciative reception of their alleged joke by the college authorities

and students. A public general reproof from the chapel platform, a private interview with the President full of painful remarks, and the withdrawal of an invitation or two to a party given by a ladies' fraternity, showed the cordial appreciation of the University of the profound humor of the young "men" who would torture an unsophisticated student, and publicly disgrace him by allowing him to appear before the student body at chapel exercises wearing colors pinned on him by a collection of bogus gentlemen. Such acts should be condemned by every Greek letter society member as lowering the general respect for their organizations.—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield, De Pauw Correspondence.*

A university settlement will be opened, January 1, under the auspices of Northwestern, at No. 143 West Division street, Chicago, which is one of the neglected portions of the city.—*Exchange.*

The preliminary steps for the organization of the University Club of Boston have already been taken, and a circular signed by seventy-five graduates of different colleges was sent this week to men who are regarded as eligible. "Graduates of three years' standing, who have received a degree in regular course of at least three years, or an honorary degree, being distinguished in literature, art, science, or public service, from any university or college, or who shall have graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, or from West Point or the United States Naval Academy, may be admitted." The number of resident members is to be limited at present to 500. The club proposes to have a ladies' restaurant. Such a club would undoubtedly bring college graduates into pleasant and more intimate relations, and would do much toward dispelling the singular idea entertained by many Bostonians that the two largest colleges have absorbed all the ability and good-fellowship of collegians throughout the land.—*Boston Journal.*

Alpha Delta Phi, in accordance with Dame Rumor's report, has issued from her conservatism and entered Minnesota University. This is the second chapter Alpha Delta Phi has granted in many years, the last being her Johns Hopkins chapter, chartered in 1889. Just what is the import of the recent westward movements of Psi Upsilon and Alpha Delta Phi, it

is difficult to determine. It is significant that even they are coming to realize that the centre of population and wealth pursues the setting sun westward.—*Exchange*.

Gamma Phi Beta held its annual convention at Ann Arbor, December 2, 3 and 4.—*Exchange*.

The tenth annual convention of Alpha Phi, which was opened Thursday, October 8, was the first ever held at Cornell by a Greek letter fraternity. Barely two years ago did Alpha Phi find a home in Sage College of Cornell University, and when Delta extended the invitation for the convention, we were all exceedingly anxious to accept and become acquainted with this comparatively new member of our fraternity. Certainly, Delta has done nobly, and the commendation of her elder sisters is extended to her.—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

#### A GREAT UNIVERSITY IN NEW YORK.

The New York papers have hardly risen as yet to the magnitude of the opportunity which is opening in that city for the building up of a University which shall stand among other American institutions where the proposed Cathedral will stand among similar structures in the United States. When President Low announced on Tuesday evening that the Columbia trustees had the option of the grounds of the Bloomingdale asylum for a site, to which the present institution could be transferred, it was not for him to say, and it did not at once occur to others, what this plan involved. It was then simply the intention to throw out the idea and let it work. In the comments of the New York papers there was a hasty glance at a larger view of the situation, but the press did not rise to the greatness of the opportunity which is before the people of that city in the proposed transfer of Columbia to new quarters. This cannot be done without promoting the college to a university, enlarging its sphere and equipments, and practically making it a new institution. It is believed that President Low has the capacity to manage such an institution, and to administer its affairs successfully in a period of transition; and it is possible, with this change in view, to lift up the whole conception of Columbia's work to the plane of what the foremost institution of learning in the United States

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should be. New York is our metropolitan city, and, with Columbia in the proposed location, it would not be difficult to obtain for it all the aid which would be needed to give it the foremost rank in the country. It is in this light that the opportunity seems not greater for New York than for Columbia, and, if the existing New York University could be united in some proper manner with Columbia, the way is open for an institution which would be not more the pride of New Yorkers than of all who are interested in the higher education of America.—*Boston Herald, Dec. 18.*

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### Editorial.

#### TO BETA ALPHA AND MU.

THE KEY desires to relieve its conscience and obtain the benefits believed to follow confession. The chapter letters from Beta Alpha and Mu did not appear in the December KEY, not because the corresponding secretaries failed in their work, but because the letters were mislaid by an unfortunate accident after the editor had received them. THE KEY asks pardon of Beta Alpha and Mu for this omission, and promises to watch manuscripts more closely in future.

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#### CONTRIBUTIONS.

In looking over back numbers of THE KEY, we note how from one year to another the editor finds her work made easier by an increase of suitable contributions. We are thankful indeed that such is the case, and feel encouraged to ask specifically for certain kinds of articles. The sketch of Minnetta Taylor, with which the present number opens, is precisely the sort of article that the magazine needs. The more the better of such histories of members who have worked faithfully and successfully for the fraternity.

Again, it is most interesting to hear of the different aspects of life among the young women of the various colleges. Articles like those in

THE KEY for September, 1891, on *Life at Cornell*, and *Women at the State University of Iowa*, give all the chapters an opportunity to learn one another's college surroundings. The chapter letters give this information to some extent, but naturally are more occupied with purely fraternity matters.

We should like also to hear from our alumnæ sisters who have taken up professions or business life, what part the aims and teachings of Kappa have played in their more mature experience.

These suggestions have been made before in the pages of THE KEY, but we venture to repeat them, since new contributors come every year into the ranks, and since we still receive articles interesting in themselves, but having no immediate and obvious bearing upon fraternity life.

#### KNOWLEDGE OF THE FRATERNITY.

THE KEY should help all it can to make our chapters acquainted with one another. But THE KEY cannot do it all, nor could it if it appeared every week instead of at the long interval of quarter years. In the December number we read with much pleasure that one chapter, Chi, has determined to be thoroughly acquainted with Kappa Kappa Gamma, and has begun correspondence with every chapter. This correspondence is to be followed by study of the different chapters in chapter meeting. Some such plan as this is necessary, if Kappas are to understand their fraternity, now that it has grown so widely. A fraternity of many chapters runs some risk that these chapters feel themselves too numerous to become intimate; and little by little they may withdraw each into her own shell. A deliberate purpose to know the fraternity is certainly a sign that promises well for the chapter that tells us of such a purpose, and if all the chapters make the same effort, we need not be fearful on account of our numbers.

Correspondence is one good means to acquaintance. Another is definite knowledge of the position of the chapters. Names are useful, but geographical accuracy is a good thing also. Some one has suggested to the editor that a fraternity map would help in this respect. An ordinary map of the United States, with the homes of Kappa marked in the two blues, would make a very desirable addition to the chapter-room. We fancy the

girls putting searching questions to one another as to the place of this and that college, and planning journeys from one to another, as they used in younger days to imagine water routes from Detroit to Alexandria.

Photographs are still another help. Many chapters are situated in colleges that can boast of beautiful buildings. Some are so fortunate as to live in houses that they can call their own. An exchange of pictures of such buildings would make our respective homes more real to the imagination. Better still would be an exchange of group photographs of the chapters. Such pictures are apt to be but poor representations of our charms, and yet they serve to give a glimpse of character that never fails of interest. With letters from our far-away sisters, photographs of themselves and their college homes, and a map which exalts the importance of these homes over all other towns of the United States, we ought to reach a pretty thorough knowledge of our beloved Kappa Kappa Gamma as it appears at present. It would be well also, as the correspondent from Chi suggests, to study the history and character of each chapter.

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#### SLACK TIMES.

They are only too common everywhere, in social life, in business. College students find two varieties in particular to deal with,—slack times in the intellectual life, slack times in fraternity. The two no doubt belong together, and perhaps depend, like unaccountable business distress or epidemic diseases, on some widespread evil influence, removed from human intelligence. The slack times of the mind are bad enough. One ceases to care for what one's teachers are laboring to impart; one sees in unpleasant relief the flabby character of the mental existence of people one has tried to admire. One fancies that the best life would be a placid, animal career, unvexed by seekings after the inward truth of things. This is sufficiently distressing; but the weariness in fraternity life that sometimes accompanies it is perhaps even more to be dreaded. For this is a trouble of the feelings as well as of the mind. If it were lasting, if the brothers and sisters in Grecian bonds, once struck with the imperfections in their relations, could never recover from the shock, then indeed it would be better for editors to hold their peace, and let those who are still in blissful

ignorance remain unawakened until their fated time arrives. But fortunately no such dismal truth needs covering from happy youthful spirits. To be sure, one feels occasionally a bitter disappointment over one's own attainments and those of one's sisters. The discrepancies between our ideal, and the actual performances of our daily lives will bring a horrible jar and grating upon the nerves of the spirit.

Once in a while one hears a professedly religious person criticised for some lapse. "What good is that woman's religion?" says the critic. "Look at her hasty temper." If the charitable are in the audience, one answer never fails to be heard,— "Think how much worse she might have been without her religion!" So when these fits of disgust appal the soul over the meanness and smallness of all things, and over the failures in fraternity as well as elsewhere, it does no harm to apply the homely consolation, "How much worse we all might be without the help and stimulus of fraternity life and work." These bring out qualities that would otherwise remain undeveloped, even in an active college life. For it takes a spirit more energetic than the average to make a deep mark on the affairs of college; while in the fraternity circle, as in the little Greek republics of old, every citizen is trained in many duties, and finds himself capable of more than he could have imagined.

The best encouragement, however, is not this cool comfort, that we might be worse without the aid of fraternity, but the fact that slack times do not last forever, and that when one emerges, one knows that discouragement is not the normal condition, that happiness and brave effort are the natural ways. The lift out from the pit of depression comes, perhaps, by the hand of some friend who has herself suffered and escaped. She tells us that she has again the old interest in the intellectual life. And while she speaks, we see the clouds lifting from over our fraternity castle, and we know that in spite of the flaws that enter every mortal fabric, this one is worth our love,— and our hard work.

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#### SESSION OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

We speak of work, and are reminded of the Kappas who are at the head of fraternity management. The Grand Council of Kappa Kappa



Gamma will hold a session in Columbus, Ohio, beginning February 23. This means a week of work as well as of pleasure, for the fraternity offices are no light responsibility. The corresponding secretary of Beta Nu writes to us of two receptions which will be given during the week, one an informal affair at the chapter hall, one a formal "Greek" reception, to which fraternity men are invited. THE KEY will probably go to press before an account of the session can be received, in which case the account will appear in the June number.

### Exchanges.

We always like to read the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, but we must say that very many of its articles, although interesting, have no direct bearing on fraternity interests. Such articles as a weird and romantic tale entitled *The Old Windmill*, an *Essay on Sidney Lanier*, *A New Legend of Japan*, *Lost and Found*, *The Literary Character of Nathaniel Hawthorne*, are in the January number. They are very entertaining, but seem rather out of place in a fraternity journal.

There are two articles of special interest to fraternity women. One is *The Other Girls*. The writer speaks of the life of the unattractive girl when she enters college in contrast with that of her more attractive sister who is much sought for and flattered. The writer would not have a fraternity a "charitable organization," but she recognizes the danger of a barrier between fraternity girls and "the other girls," and says:

Surely our fraternity relations, if fraternities are all we claim, ought to make our sympathy wider, to teach us loyalty, not only to those in our own circle, but to all of our sex who, like us, are trying to become that higher type of woman whom we honor and admire.

It is an old, old story that humanity, particularly the feminine portion of it, is prone to lay too much stress upon mere outward attractiveness, but so long as young women spend several years of their lives in the close association of our colleges and many among them find those years embittered by small stings and small slights, the subject is not worn out. Fraternity women, especially, need to think of this that it may never be truthfully said life is made harder for any of our sisters by the order to which we belong.

The other article is about *College Girls*. The writer thinks that the average college girl is not the "most bewitching of her kind." She may be good. She may be learned. But is she interesting? Has she that which is more than beauty, wit, and knowledge? The following paragraphs contain "food for thought," though we would take it *cum grano*:

Perhaps it is the vast amount of undigested knowledge that makes them just a trifle too knowing and apt to be pert. A lack of reverent ideals, and an exaggerated sense of their importance relative to others. A loudness as of cymbals, and in which a hint or aroma were too mild to characterize aught pertaining to them. Above all, there is an unpleasant self-consciousness in college girls, perhaps inseparable from the unwholesome high light in which they suddenly find themselves, and a lack of originality, due to the public school methods of grinding out students as nearly alike as ginger cakes cut with the same tin.

Cultivate the Charles Lamb kind of humor. It is the mellowest, most difficult of acquisition, but will pay. It is the humor of the philosopher. College girls take life very hard. It seems of such vital consequence that they should have things their own way. It is said that the feminine is not the humorous sex. Yet I cannot imagine an interesting woman destitute of humor. Conceit and tolerant humor cannot dwell in the same young woman. Pretence shies at it. It recognizes that we are dust.

Last and best of all, love as much as possible, for its own sake, for the uplift and with no thought of return. There is nothing so winning and inspiring as the habit of loving. Nothing so cultivating to the person who exercises the talent. Not an indiscriminate gush of affection. But a delight in whatever things are lovely. Love books, love pictures, love music, the sunshine and nature. If you wish to be interested in the woods, listen to one who loves them. Love people. If you wish to be interesting to your friends, love them well enough to give them of your best and brightest self, and they will come out of their shells and shine for you. A loving soul draws the best from all it touches.

It is always a pleasure to review the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*. The number at hand is that of last August. The *Quarterly* contains a letter of interest to all, a letter written by James A. Garfield while at Williams College and an active member of Delta Upsilon. He writes a business letter in regard to the fraternity pin and shows interest and loyalty for his fraternity. The letter is reproduced.

There is a lengthy article on *Extension and Expansion*. We glean the following prominent suggestions in regard to extension:

Every new chapter should be admitted for the sake of benefit to the fraternity and not to the new chapter. When possible, dead chapters should be resurrected. New chapters should be established only in institutions of considerable size and reputation. No chapter should be admitted except at Convention. Consent for granting a charter should be unanimous. In regard to the petitioners, there should be "assurance of their ability to maintain a successful chapter." This assurance should be given by their having a local organization for a year before becoming a chapter of a fraternity. There should be a "certain territorial connection between the chapters."

Despite the efforts of our friends of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi and others to discourage any inclination towards Pan-Hellenism in the fraternity world, the movement seems to be steadily gaining headway and taking definite shape. The successful Pan-Hellenic convention, held by the ladies in Boston, in the spring, has given added impetus to thought and action in this direction. Practical exemplification of the idea is seen in the numerous Pan-Hellenic clubs which are springing up all over the country. The most recent, and the one which will probably

prove the largest in its way, is about being formed in Chautauqua. Associations of college men are delightful and can be made productive of much good. Whatever will facilitate the bringing together of educated men should be given every possible encouragement. College graduates are not given to the lowering of the standards of morality. Their sympathies are with better government, deeper patriotism, higher education, purer morals, and all that will uplift mankind.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

The *Quarterly* speaks further of the Pan-Hellenic Convention of women's fraternities held in Boston last spring and closes with the following:

But, while our mind's eye is fixed on visions of loveliness clad in ravishing gowns, on willowy Greek figures with daintily poised heads, from whose lips flow streams of persuading eloquence and Aspasian wisdom, our corporal eye rambles down the page and alights on this passage:

"With college yells, and yells suitable to this occasion only, and with an impromptu entertainment the banquet closed."

Alas, we are swiftly brought back to the commonplace and our idol is shattered! To the above the *Arrow* replies:

"Alas! we are swiftly brought back to the commonplace, and our idol is shattered." What is the trouble? That Delta Upsilon appreciate ideals better than human idols? Could they participate in a fraternal grasp with "visions of loveliness clad in ravishing gowns, willowy Greek figures with daintily poised heads, from whose lips flow streams of persuading eloquence and Aspasian wisdom"? Men and women make fraternity people; visions, and those who see them, are off the wrong piece of material. No harm done, but we were wondering just why such things were ever said. Women such as represented the women's fraternities at the Pan-Hellenic, don't care for such things or feel that they are the women to call forth such from such men as the Delta Upsilon.

We must differ from the *Arrow*. We honestly confess that, while we do not aspire solely to "ravishing gowns" and "daintily poised heads," yet the criticism of the *Quarterly* is just and milder than might be expected. Yells are not to be expected at women's gatherings, and if women care to indulge in them, they must not be surprised at some sort of comment. When one has done an unwise thing, he shows still more unwisdom by resenting any criticism.

The *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi appears in a new cover which is a great improvement on the former one. The shape and size are more convenient, the leaves are cut, and altogether the journal is very attractive, without and within.

Associations of college women are the legitimate result of college-bred women. The tendency of education is to make people useful, not to make ornaments or cranks. Nothing is more wholesome or more reconciling to the ills of life than the atmosphere surrounding an association of educated men or women, or both. Fraternity people are just the people to make successful organizations after college days. Pan-Hellenism, as it is developing now, looks toward much usefulness from the college fraternity world, which, by the way, is fast becoming populous, and responsibilities correspondingly numerous and important.—*The Arrow*

Next appears the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, "wreathed in smiles," the editor informs us. The *Journal* desires to be considered "smiling" and "complacent." The *Journal* nearly always is complacent, and it is always interesting. Among its most interesting features are its constantly occurring remarks on the *Anchora*, to which *Anchora's* answers are equally interesting. At present the *Journal* is amused at an editorial which appeared in the *Anchora* remonstrating at the attention given to woman as a "problem."

"To the sentimental the *Rainbow* should always be welcome." So says the critical *Kappa Alpha Journal*. Delta Tau Delta does publish an exceedingly sentimental journal. Its very name is sentimental. The *Pansy*, we think, would be a very good name. The January number shows that the members of the fraternity have a deep and fond affection for their fraternity flower, the pansy. There are no less than three poems on the pansy, and one contributor has had the patience to write an article on the flower giving its history and sounding its praise. "Sentimental" is just the adjective for the *Rainbow*.

Again we have recourse to the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, which uses adjectives with propriety and profusion. It speaks of the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi as "colossal," and one may give a sign of relief after reading through the massive volume. But the *Shield* may well be "colossal," for it is full of news of the Convention at New York last November. The opening article is the address by the Rev. David Gregg, and is full of enthusiasm for Theta Delta Chi. It shows the real fraternity spirit, the spirit of true friendship, hearty good will, earnest zeal, and high ideals. We copy the closing paragraph:

A fine personality is a fine power. The gates of human souls drop their bars and draw their bolts before a deep-souled, strong, manly man. Since this is so, let us give our fraternity power in the world by becoming deep-souled; and by building up for ourselves strong characters and full-orbed personalities. Let us see to it that in selecting our successors we select only such. There is nothing grander on God's earth than young men through whose being the tide of a noble love is surging, who have all the susceptibility, the intensity, the tenderness, the passion of a fine nature, who are just beginning to look out on the sweetness and beauty of life; who are thrilled by all that is good and great in the world; whose nature is a delicate instrument played upon by all the touches of an immense universe, and which gives back in response the wondrous music of holy ambitions and God-like resolves: whose reason is luminous, and whose self-respect is positive, and to whom honor and virtue and noble friendship and pure love are all and in all. Of such young men our fraternity is worthy, and of such young men only let our fraternity be composed.

Much of the *Shield* is taken up by Convention news and is therefore of more interest to Theta than to any others. One contributor has an article on *Fraternities vs. Societies*, and emphasizes the need of all chapters of a fraternity being in close contact and harmony with one another, having similar by-laws as well as the same constitution.

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