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THE ELEVENTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION.

THE Eleventh Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma, called for August 24, 25, and 26 in the city of Indianapolis, was ushered in by an informal reception given the delegates and visiting members by the Grand Council, on Tuesday afternoon, August 23, at the Denison. Every one present seemed full of enthusiasm.

Tuesday evening, at the Meridian St. Church, the formal greeting was extended to the friends of the Fraternity in an Open Session of Convention. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, the first Grand President, who was introduced by Miss Wight. Mrs. Kuhns pictured the progress of women and the origin and growth of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She said, "I extend a greeting from the Indiana chapters to the Kappa sisters. Indiana is noted for its hospitality, its bright women and high intelligence, and every one will wear a monogram of W's meaning warm welcome."

Following the address two movements of Weber's concerto, op. 79, were given by Miss Flora Mathias with orchestral accompaniment on a second piano by Prof. Walter Howe Jones.

Miss Minnetta T. Taylor delivered an oration on "The Danger of Imitation." She said, "Our object is toward higher education, literature and progression. We need something new. Let the women be the ones to bring forth that something which shall be new."

Miss Jean Nelson, the memory of whose oratorical victories in the College, State, and Inter-State contests called forth applause as she appeared, sang "In Paradise I dwell," by Prof. Walter Howe Jones, the composer playing the accompaniment.

Miss Bertha Krauss read the convention poem written by Miss Alice Moodie. It was "A Legend of Long Ago," a story of golden keys. The program closed with a piano solo "Movements Musiceaux," by Moszkowski, played by Miss Mathias.

Wednesday morning the first Business Session was held in the House of Representatives of the Indiana State House. The roll-call found the delegates present from all chapters except Xi, Kappa and Beta Eta. The delegate from Xi came later and Miss Rice, Grand Treasurer, represented Kappa Chapter. Beta Eta was excused from sending a delegate. Miss Gertrude Small of Phi represented the Chicago Alumnae Association, which, for the first time, sent a delegate to Convention.

Miss Wight, Grand President, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns gave an address of welcome to the Convention. It was most interesting to all Kappas present to hear of the early years of the fraternity from the fraternity's first Grand President.

The first business session included the reading of Chapter reports; the minutes of the last Convention; the President's address and the appointment of Committees.

An Indianapolis daily paper thus speaks of the afternoon and evening:

THE IRVINGTON RECEPTION.

The afternoon was given up to a social reception at the home of Mr. Sylvester Johnson, at Irvington, when the young women of that pretty suburb were hostesses. The pleasant ride out was an agreeable feature, and upon their arrival were greeted by Misses Blanche Wilson, Mary and Louise Brouse, Lona and Harriet Iden, Clara Goe, Romaine and Stella Braden, Letta Newcomb, Rose Elliott, Mary Hay, Mary and Georgia Galvin, Flora Hay and Emma and Gertrude Johnson, who extended the hospitalities. The reception was by the Kappa Kappa Gammas to the Sigma Chi's, and was an opportunity for the members of the two organizations to become acquainted. The house was ornamented with cut flowers and plants, and ices and lemonade were served by the young women. The gathering was from 3 to 5 o'clock, and was largely attended by both organizations.

THE DANCE AT WOODRUFF PLACE.

Blue and gold were the colors, and every member was decorated with a bow of Sig ribbons. The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McCormack, at Woodruff Place, was a picture at night, and the Sigma Chi fraternity returned the compliment of the

afternoon, and gave a dancing party in honor of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Nothing was spared to make the entertainment the handsomest summer-night fête ever given here. The guests were received by Mr. and Mrs. McCormack, Nellie Johnson, Mr. Howard Feris, of Cincinnati, who is Mr. and Mrs. McCormack's guest, and the Sigma Chi entertainment committee.

The house was beautifully and elaborately adorned with palmettos and ferns, and was fragrant with flowers. The library and dining-room were used for the serving of the refreshments, which were ready all the evening. Out of doors a large platform was laid and canvassed for dancing, and to the music of Montani's orchestra the guests danced all the evening. Headlights and lanterns illuminated the grounds, and hammocks and easy chairs invited repose, while the beautiful walks through Woodruff urged the promenade. A large tent was raised, and inside was festooned with big colors in bunting from end to end. All the arrangements were excellently planned and executed and the Sigma Chi hop was a pronounced success.

Today there will be business sessions at 9 and 4 o'clock; tonight there will be a formal reception at the Propylæum. The invitations are to a large number of friends, many of whom will come from away to attend, besides the members of the society who are already here.—*Indianapolis Journal*.

Thursday morning at 9 A. M. found the Convention again assembled for business sessions.

Greetings were read from the Nineteenth Grand Chapter of Sigma Chi. The session adjourned at 12:30 to convene again at 2 P. M. In the afternoon a note was received from the Water Commissioners of Indianapolis offering the Kappas together with the Sigma Chi's the use of their boats for a ride on the canal. This offer was accepted for the visiting members.

At 4 P. M. the business session adjourned.

In the evening occurred the formal reception given by Kappa Kappa Gamma to her friends.

The Kappas proved themselves delightful entertainers last evening, and the Propylæum was filled with their invited guests. The whole building was utilized and ablaze with light. Unusually handsome palms were used to conceal the mantels and bank the corners. The guests entertaining were welcomed in the west parlor by Mrs. W. W. Bruner, Mrs. Kate C. Lufkin, Lima, O., Prof. Harriet Noble, Irvington, and Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, chaperones, and by the members of the grand council, Miss Lucy Evelyn Wight, Miss Emily H. Bright, Miss Harriet E.

Rice, Miss Talbott and Miss Kate Hadley. All the members of the fraternity assisted in looking after the comfort of the guests, who received every possible attention and honor. The east parlor, radiant with pretty lights, palms and flowers, was the refreshment room, and cooling ices were served there. Those who wished to dance found the floor of the assembly hall in perfect condition, and an orchestra in attendance. The costumes of the ladies were without exception dainty and elegant, and the delicate gauzes, shimmering silks, or heavy satins, and the ever-accompanying knot of light and dark blue ribbon, with the little sparkling key, played no small part in adding beauty and brilliancy to the scene. Knots of the fraternity colors decked the little bon-bon boxes furnished the guests as souvenirs of the occasion. Invitations were extended to the faculty of Bloomington, Butler and DePauw colleges. The Sigma Chi's were invited, and other friends and relatives of the fair hostesses. Much of the success of the reception was due to Miss Eleanor Wright of College avenue, who looked after the details.—*Indianapolis News*, August 26.

Friday morning at 9 o'clock the Convention was called to order by Miss Wight. The recommendations offered by the alumnae were read by Miss Small, delegate from the Chicago Alumnae Association. These recommendations called forth very vigorous discussions.

At 10 o'clock the secret session adjourned and met in a Committee of the whole to receive Governor Chase of Indiana, who was escorted by the Grand Secretary and the delegates from Iota, Mu and Delta. He was introduced to the Grand President and by her asked to address the Convention, which he happily did, being most cordial in his expressions.

At 1 o'clock the Convention assembled on the State House steps where a picture was taken of the company.

At 2 P. M. Miss Wight called the Convention to order for its last business session.

An invitation to a reception in the Executive Chambers was received through the private secretary of the Governor. This was declined because of limited time.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Grand President, Emily H. Bright, Phi; Grand Secretary, Mabel F. Austin, Chi; Grand Treasurer, J. Nita Angell, Psi; Grand Registrar, Anna Mosemiller, Delta; Grand Marshal, Gertrude Robinson, Beta Gamma.

The Convention of 1894 was invited to convene at Wooster, Ohio, to be entertained by Beta Gamma chapter.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted to the chapters Iota, Mu and Delta, for the kindness and hospitality shown the Eleventh Biennial Convention, and to the Retiring Grand Council for the way in which they have upheld the standard of Kappa Kappa Gamma through the years '90-92.

At the close of this session the Eleventh Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was declared adjourned.

The grand banquet given at the Denison last evening by the Kappas was a fitting finale to the convention. Parlor 5 was elaborately decorated with palms, crotons and ferns, and here amid the dazzling brilliance of the electric lights and the fragrance of flowers, with delightful music adding its harmony, the fair maidens feasted. The tables with their sparkling glass and dainty service were placed in the form of a hollow square, and there were 100 covers. A large floral key presented by the Phi Kappa Psi chapter of DePauw made a handsome centerpiece, and quantities of the fraternity flowers of DePauw, Butler and Bloomington were used in decoration. The elaborate menu kept the guests at the table until a late hour. Each guest had a toast card with a Kappa cut, the monogram date, 1870, a scroll with the society's motto, and a jewelled key, and a copy of college songs. At 10 o'clock the company was seated. At a late hour Marshal Miss Kate Hadley, toast-mistress, in a happy speech, introduced the subjects and the names of those who were to respond.

The Ideal Kappa—

“Insight as keen as frosty star
Is to her charity no bar.

“A voice shall finish doubt and dim foreseeing,
And sweep away life's visionary stir.”

The Council—

“Who comprehends his trust and to the same
Keeps faith with a singleness of aim.”

The Convention—

“A good law is a chord in the eternal harmonies.”
“My spirit kindles at the fire of thine,
And I am somewhat greater than I was.”

Alumnæ—

“Learned age should greet
My face, and youth, the star not yet distinct
Above his hair, lie learning at my feet.”

The Key and the Lock —

“ Every door is barred with gold
And opens but to golden keys.”

The Joys of a Secretary —

She grasped the pen with willing hand,
For mighty was her wit,
And to that brave, heroic band
She writ, and writ, and writ.

The Columbian Anniversary —

“ Columbus sailed the ocean blue
In fourteen hundred and ninety-two;”
His object was — I do not rant —
To find a land where we may chant:
Ai Korai Athenas.

Woman, the Latest Factor in Civilization —

“ To give or keep, to live and learn, and be
All that not harms distinctive womanhood.”

The Friends of Kappa Kappa Gamma —

“ Those who are kindest when fortune is blindest,
They shall be first in the songs that we sing.”

The responses were made by Miss Jean Nelson, Miss Evelyn Wight, Miss Martha Dorsey, Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, Miss Alice Weeks, Miss Emily Bright, Miss Jessie Garretson, Miss Clara Miller and Miss Bertha Krauss.—*The Journal.*

On Saturday the following young women were initiated into the Second Degree :

Gertrude Robinson, Beta Gamma.
Katharine Alvord, Beta Delta.
Sadie Montgomery, Iota.
Elizabeth Rose, Iota.
Cora Bennet, Iota.
Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns, Mu.

Mignon Talbot, Beta Nu.
Bertha Krauss, Beta Nu.
Jean Frey, Gamma Rho.
Alice Weeks, Phi.
Nita Angell, Psi.

Eva Dean, Lambda, was obliged to leave before the initiation.

Emily H. Bright, Phi, Lucy E. Wight, Beta Beta, Harriet E. Rice, Kappa, Kate B. Hadley, Mu, Mary M. Kingsbury, Phi, Rachel Bauman, Epsilon, were the founders of the Second Degree.

Monday afternoon the Kappas still in the city accepted the invitation

of the Monument Commissioners and ascended nearly to the top of the new monument.

The new Grand Council with the retired Grand Council held a session Monday and Tuesday the 29th and 30th of August. An invitation was received by them from Phi and Psi chapters to hold the next Convention in Ithaca, N. Y. This was accepted.

The Twelfth Biennial Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma will therefore convene the fourth Wednesday in August at Ithaca New York.

A. C. W.

Alumnæ Department.

A REGRET.

DEAR KEY: Here it is August—the first part of August—and although I am going away to one of the few cool places in the country until September I have regrets—a regret, I should say. It is this—I can't go to Convention. A friend writes: "Come out to Indianapolis with me," and I have to say "No!" By the time THE KEY comes out Convention will be over. Perhaps I may get a chance to read the minutes; I may even get a little conversation with my chapter's delegate; but what is that compared to being on the spot listening to the debates, wandering from committee to committee, listening to the toasts at the banquet, meeting again faces seen perhaps but once but remembered ever after? I went once and I shall never forget it. Illinois and Massachusetts walked arm-in-arm. Is there such warmth of feeling now? Yes, I must in loyalty and honesty reply. Only another generation has arisen that knew not Joseph. Joseph was Minneapolis. I will not ramble on. This is just a regret that a fond alumna would fain see in print, because she realizes she is but a type.

M.

SMALL COLLEGES.

“Haven't you a good many chapters in small colleges?” Is there a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma unfamiliar with this question? What is our position on this point? I do not pretend to expound infallibly the law of our fraternity nor its ideas. If I am wrong those in authority will correct me. But as a plain alumna it looks to me like this. A good fraternity is a fraternity composed of good women of more than average ability. Wherever such women are to be found, and wherever there is a prospect that such women will continue to be found, and wherever these women desire the close bonds of fraternity life, there is the institution where a fraternity may safely enter.

We are not primarily an organization such as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, however we may respect and honor this association. We certainly do well to maintain chapters in the institutions of the highest rank, not because of their rank but because in such institutions there is to be found fit material for a college fraternity. But it may be that in institutions of less ambition such material is also to be found. And indeed such is the case. I will venture to say that the fraternity spirit is fostered with equal zeal, and often under more favorable conditions than is the case in some of the larger institutions.

Of course the general rule for sensible extension is “the best women of the best colleges”; and a large fraternity does well to consider seriously all applications for charters. Perhaps, we may incidentally remark, no woman's fraternity has refused more applications the last few years than Kappa Kappa Gamma.

But holders of charters in colleges where Assyrian may not be in the curriculum, and where the gymnasium may not be fitted with Turkish baths, ought to feel that their charters are safe as long as the colleges in which they are placed are in a prosperous condition and the members of the chapter are in every way, socially, intellectually and morally, fit to be members of our order.

The small college has then a place in the roll of a good fraternity. Women first, colleges second. And circumstances often dictate that

women of the finest timbre shall go to a college of good if not extraordinary grade.

And let us never forget to judge a woman not by the name of her college but by the actual acquisitions and mental discipline that she has obtained. The impartial judge will not always award the prize where it is expected.

K.

Caroline O. Stone, Phi '84, was married to Edward Herbert Atherton Wednesday, June 20, at Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Alaric Pelton, Phi '87, and Josephine Short, Phi '86, are spending the summer in England and on the Continent.

Azubah Latham, Phi '88, and Cora Rigby, Phi '89 and Nu, re-visited Boston during August.

Lillian M. Pierce, Phi '89, who was married to William R. Wilson in March, has lived since her marriage at West Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Margaret B. Dodge, Phi '90, formerly editor of THE KEY, has made an engagement for about eight months with the Riley Dramatic Company to travel in the Southern Middle States. Miss Dodge's dramatic talent has caused her teachers to prophesy most favorably as to her success on the stage.

Margaret G. Bradford, Phi '87, has been appointed to fill the chair of history, logic and literature in Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio. Miss Bradford will be the only woman among the Faculty.

Clara Conklin, Iota '85, who has been instructor in modern languages in De Pauw University for the past year, accepts a position in the University at Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Ella Adams Moore, Iota '92, has been elected to the Latin department in the De Pauw Preparatory School.

Maybird Smith, a recent graduate of the De Pauw School of Music, and Myrtle Grubb expect to sail for Germany soon to complete their musical education.

E. Jean Nelson has been invited to participate in the dedication of the World's Fair buildings.

Chapter Letters.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Beta Alpha waded through so much study and absorbing business cares, that near the close of the spring semester, a reaction of high dissipation set in—group photographs, "spreads," special meetings and wedding bells. We have a new brother; Kathlen Carter was married to J. Percy Moore of Psi Upsilon fraternity, Old Pennsylvania, and this brought her back to us again, a circumstance for which we are more than happy.

On Commencement Day three of our chapter wore the cap and gown. Mary Pennington and May Belle Garvin will begin their musical course in the fall. Adeline Schively will return to the University to continue her work.

The Schively girls are again at Woods Holl.

Lois Otis is abroad making botanical collecting a feature of her trip; she will endeavor to see Miss Henderson, our Zürich sister, before she returns in September.

Mrs. Cross writes from Kentucky about her Institute work. She is also studying the Kindergarten system and packing peaches in between.

But think of six Kappas at the University Marine Laboratory, Sea Isle City. A delightful reunion of alumnae and active members, Josephine and Rose Ancona, Kathlen Carter Moore, Carolyn Grambo, Emily Gregory and your humble servant.

We are having a famous as well as scientific time, and we shall long remember the summer of '92.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore gave a clam-bake at Avalou last week. The clams, corn and potatoes seasoned with college, Kappa and Psi Upsilon songs were pronounced "done to a turn."

Several camping trips have been taken in order to better study the flora and fauna of the surrounding country, making an additional feature to Dr. MacFarland's very enjoyable botanical work.

Our other Beta Alphas are making these days halcyon ones of pure enjoyment before resuming their college duties.

The near approach of the coming Convention makes us naturally center our attention upon Indianapolis, where we hope to meet in person the representatives of the many chapters to whom we now send hearty greetings.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Before the September KEY shall have been issued, our Biennial Convention will be a thing of the past. We await the results and the glorious reports of our delegate.

Commencement this year was unusually gay, as many of St. Lawrence graduates returned for the occasion, and with their enthusiasm awoke in us new zeal for our Alma Mater and its welfare.

There are prospects of a large increase in the number of students this fall, and we are looking forward with great interest to our prospective "victims." For the first time in many years Beta Beta has a rival chapter, and, no doubt, will need to avail itself of the old—and yet new to it—custom of rushing. Sister chapters, wish us all success in this, our new undertaking.

Many of the active and alumnae members are in town for the summer. July 23, at our rooms in College Hall, we held a reunion, at which one of our charter members presided.

C. K. Gaines, Ph.D., our Professor of Greek and Literature, has gone abroad.

July 30, Gertrude Lee, '85, sailed for Paris where she will study art for a year or more.

The Misses Walker, after a successful year of teaching at Pulaski, have returned home for their summer vacation,

Our Grand President spent Commencement week at St. Lawrence.

Lucia Heaton, having received her degree this spring, will practice medicine in Canton, her old home.

Nettie Robertson, '93, was married August 3 to Mr. E. G. Mason of Oakland, Maine.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma has lost four of her most active members by graduation : Grace Jones of Lima, Ohio ; Mary and Helen Cornell of Youngstown, Ohio ; and Henrietta Hoelzel of Wooster.

Georgia Smeallie, '93, will not return, but will finish at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Nettie Jackson, one of our resident members and teacher of languages in the High School, has resigned and accepted a position in Blair Academy, New Jersey.

We also lose one of our resident honorary members, Mrs. W. S. Eversole.

Eva Eichar, instructor in Natural Science in the Wooster High School, has resigned and will enter the Medical School at Philadelphia in October.

Georgia McDowell, '94, will not enter college again in September, but expects to teach in Spencer, Ohio.

Elizabeth Johnson, who has been attending school at Chambersburg, Pa., is spending her vacation with her parents in Wooster, and expects to enter the University in September.

Minnie Deer, who has been teaching in Van Wert, Ohio, is spending her vacation at her home in Wooster, but expects to return in the fall.

Among the Commencement visitors were Ola Esterly, a pupil in the Emerson School of Oratory at Boston ; Minerva Frazier of Caldwell, Ohio ; Ella Culbertson, who has been teaching in Buffalo, Pa. ; Mrs. M. H. Frank, *née* Carrie Stroup, of Toulou, Ill., and Lura Kean.

Elizabeth Prestley of Pittsburg, Pa., spent two weeks with her Kappa sisters in the spring. She is preparing to enter Smith College.

Two of our members, Harriet C. Agerter of Lima, Ohio, and Olla M. Allmendinger of Marion, Ohio, were compelled to leave before the close of the last term on account of illness.

Beta Gamma will enter on the next year with thinned ranks, but with plenty of enthusiasm, so that we hope to soon have as large a chapter as usual. The resident members have been holding meetings during the sum-

mer, and have been considering the question of having a chapter room. We have found no suitable place yet but think we shall be settled before the fall term opens.

The additions which are being made to the University, are nearly completed, and the college is not only improved in appearance but is much more convenient in every respect.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

By the time this letter reaches the other chapters through the medium of THE KEY, the '92 Convention will be a thing of the past. We hope, however, that we will all be better acquainted then than now.

So many things have happened since our last letter that we scarcely know where to begin to tell about them. We have three more sisters than we had then, having initiated Agnes and Grace Clark and Blanche Wicks.

Sister Charlie Moore was obliged to leave college in April on account of the serious condition of her sister's health. She was, however, able to come back in June and graduate with her class.

We lost by graduation last June, Jennie Ewing, Charles Anna Moore and Tamar Althouse. The last mentioned graduated from the law department of the University.

Our annual reception to our friends was held June 10. Sister Lyda Clark's home was prepared for the occasion, but about half-past six that evening her grandfather dropped dead. What we should do was a question that was perplexing all of us, when the Phi Kappa Psi and Phi Gamma Delta fraternities came to our aid at once and kindly offered us the use of their halls. As may be imagined, we accepted them gladly. The Phi Kappa Psi hall was used for the general reception and cards, and after refreshments were served, the Phi Gamma Delta hall was used for dancing. We certainly appreciate very highly the kindness of the fraternities who so readily helped us.

All Kappas as well as the other students of the college felt highly elated over the game of base-ball played here May 30. The opposing team was from De Pauw University, and at the close of the game our team bore

off the pennant which proclaimed them the holders of the state championship in base-ball for 1892.

Sister Amy Brown visited us a few weeks before college closed.

Commencement brought many visitors, among whom were Anna Pote, Harriet Caspar, Anna Mosemiller and Laura Eurich.

We were glad to welcome to our circle Mrs. P. K. Buskirk, formerly Tunie Harp of Iota. She is an enthusiastic Kappa and a charming addition to our number.

We have entered into a contract with Kappa Alpha Theta to offer no invitations for membership till four weeks after college opens. We feel sure this will result in good for both parties concerned.

We look forward to a very pleasant and prosperous year—but what chapter does not? May none of us be disappointed.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

To our Kappa sisters hearty greetings.

Since our last letter, Beta Delta has been delightfully entertained by Mrs. Herdman, who gave us a reception at her home; the occasion is remembered by all as one of the most enjoyable events of the year.

Maud McGregor and Jessie Penny were graduated this year, and will be sadly missed by their sisters. We are sorry that two others, Katherine Crane and Elizabeth Alexander, may not be with us next year.

In June, Achsah Smith Hiller was married at her home in Jamestown, N. Y. Surely the best wishes of Beta Delta will ever follow her.

Mildred Hinsdale, who has spent the last year travelling and studying abroad, has returned to her home in Ann Arbor.

We were delighted not long ago, by a visit from Miss Tupper, of Psi, and also from Laura Sprague, of the class of '91.

The Beta Delta sisters are looking forward with great expectancy and enthusiasm toward the coming year, full of plans for the prosperity of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We have four prospective Kappas whom we hope to introduce to our sisters in our next letter. We are also looking forward to having with us

two loyal Kappas from Syracuse, who are coming to the University of Michigan to take post-graduate work.

Beta Delta sends earnest wishes to each of her sister chapters for a happy and prosperous year.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

This warm weather finds the girls of Epsilon busy and happy. As so many of us are resident in Bloomington we are not entirely separated throughout the summer. We have held several meetings since college closed, and have planned for a picnic before vacation is over.

The Convention also is a topic of no small interest to us for we have not forgotten the Convention two years ago which we all enjoyed so much. Several of our girls are planning to accompany our delegate. We feel as if we need all the enthusiasm we can muster to help us this fall. So many of our old girls have gradually dropped out that we feel very weak to begin the year.

Villa Stafford and Lydia Hammond expect to teach next year and we lost Grace Loudon by graduation this spring. But those of us who are left to do the work alone feel that it will take our best efforts to forward the interests of the chapter.

And with determination in our hearts we intend to succeed and we wish prosperity for all our sister chapters also.

BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

It is perhaps, a wise requirement that a KEY letter is due during the long vacation, for to at least one member in each chapter it recalls the facts of college and fraternity life.

Such a remark applies particularly well to us at Barnard, as our lectures closed this year May 13, and the fall term does not open until October 3.

Beta Epsilon has not, however, been entirely oblivious of Kappa matters since May. The approaching Convention has been a subject of interested discussion, and many and varied have been our delegate's

instructions. We hope that at this Convention and by means of the same, Kappa Kappa Gamma will raise higher than ever its standard; that as the result of its deliberations and gatherings together of widely separated members, enthusiasm will be aroused, and in each delegate's heart the earnest desire stirred of making that fraternity to which our allegiance is promised, the very best.

Since last August Beta Epsilon has been slowly but surely growing in strength and numbers. We have increased our roll-call by four new names.

Admission of freshmen is still a debated subject, but as our knowledge of fraternity methods widens, we begin to see the inadvisability of keeping our membership too small. We have made the social life more a feature of our chapter methods this year, and find that such a change has been for the best.

Kathleen Carter, Beta Alpha, who has been connected with the botanical department of Barnard for a year, was married at the close of the spring term.

These summer holidays are the very worst time for news that corresponding secretaries experience, and this is the only excuse this one pleads for a short and uninteresting letter.

From all other secretaries, past and present, she is sure of meeting sympathy and confident of ready pardon.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

The University of Wisconsin will see many changes within her walls, this year. Chicago has "stolen a march on us" and taken away our President. Other professors have left us for Leland Stanford University. We are sorry to have them go, for they are all able men, but we wish them all success in their new fields. Ex-President Adams of Cornell has accepted the presidency, and we expect great things from a man of such organizing and executive ability.

Doubtless most of the readers of THE KEY have heard of the new chair of Economics established here this year, with Prof. Ely of Johns

Hopkins at its head. It is needless to say that the University of Wisconsin considers herself very fortunate in being able to secure the services of two such talented men, and your correspondent only echoes the sentiment of the student body when she says that she can hardly refrain from giving vent to a hearty "U-rah-rah! Wis-con-sin!" every time she thinks of the brilliant possibilities now open to the University of Wisconsin.

The spring term was not one of unalloyed pleasure. It seldom is. The thought will creep in, when you are having the best of times, that some will soon leave us. We have lost three girls by graduation. Anne Armstrong had an honor thesis in German and Helen Thorp the class poem.

Elizabeth Palmer goes to Bryn Mawr this fall and Susie Main to Wellesley.

We have pledged one girl, Emilie Parsons of Whitewater, and the outlook for the fall is very good.

The Delta Gammas enter a chapter-house for the first time this fall, so that now all the fraternities at Madison are in their own chapter-houses.

Sadie Newcome of '94, who has been studying music in Chicago for the past year, will be with us through September. We are so glad to have her with us again if only for a short time. She brings with her such an enthusiastic account of the first meeting of the local chapter in Chicago, that we are forced to exclaim again: "Kappas are Kappas the world over!" This fact has been especially impressed upon us lately by a little incident which I must tell you and then stop.

One of Eta's girls noticed a young lady passing her house several times and was very much attracted by her, one day exclaiming: "She seems so much like a Kappa!" A day or so afterward, she had the pleasure of confirming her statement, for the young lady was Miss Goodwin, one of Zeta's charter members and a "true-blue Kappa." Her pin she had unfortunately left at home. What was the distinguishing mark?

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Kappas of Theta chapter are so widely scattered during the summer vacation that no connected account can be given of them. Before they

left Columbia, however, they gave a very enjoyable hop which served as a kind of reunion, and left many pleasant memories in the minds of the girls. And during Commencement they had a group picture taken of the members of the chapter, a picture which each member cherishes with fond memories of the past and fonder hopes of what is yet in store for Kappa.

Zannie Denny, '89, was married, June 7, to Mr. Potts. The wedding took place at Miss Denny's home near Roanoke, Mo., and was witnessed by several Kappa sisters. Theta offers congratulations and best wishes.

Leila Britt, '91, and Miller Gordon, '92, attended the Teachers' Convention at Pertle Springs in July.

Monta Boyer is spending the summer in Denver, Colorado.

Katherine Horn and Belle Donahue are visiting in Fulton, Mo. They find it is very pleasant for a Kappa to meet a Kappa anywhere and everywhere.

Mary Brockenborough has been very ill at her home in Boone County, but is at last convalescent.

All Theta Kappas are wishing they could be at the grand Convention in Indianapolis this month, and those who cannot go send best wishes.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Never, we believe, have the Kappas shown greater interest in their chapter than now. This interest seems to be near the minds and hearts of all, so continual has been their thought, and willing their action, in fraternity matters.

The night of May 5 there was no sleep for Kappas, too great was our anxiety for the success of our sister E. Jean Nelson, who represented Indiana at the Inter-State Oratorical Contest. Nor were our hopes doomed to disappointment, for early in the morning the message came over the wires, "Victory is ours." Never in the history of De Pauw has there been so much enthusiasm manifested both by students and citizens as over this event. Everything, every place was decorated in yellow (De Pauw color).

A great many of the citizens and business men considered it an honor not only for De Pauw but for Kappa Kappa Gamma as well, and so made the combination of the dark and light blue with the yellow. School duties were suspended for a couple of days.

On May 20 from 3 P. M. until midnight the Kappas entertained in honor of Miss Nelson; about five hundred guests were served. We entertained two of our sister Kappas from Delta and three from Indianapolis at that time. The double parlors were decorated with yellow roses and palms, the dining-room was our Kappa room, everything in it of the two blues. The centre-piece on the table was a Key banked with blue flowers.

One room was decorated with smilax festooned from the chandelier to the corners and the sides, thus forming a canopy under which lemonade was served.

Commencement at De Pauw University this year was considered particularly interesting. Besides the Columbian exercises, Class Day was pronounced a complete success. Our Kappa ranks will be smaller this next year, for we lost by graduation five of our hard workers.

Iota expects to attend the Kappa Kappa Gamma Convention *en masse* and we hope to become very much better acquainted with our many sister Kappas.

We look back with pride on a most successful and profitable year.

Now that vacation is half gone, we begin to look forward to the new year, and hope that with at least twenty-five of the "true blue" we may make this year better than any of its predecessors.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

To our widely scattered, closely united, sisterhood Kappa chapter sends greeting. Vacation days are swiftly passing, and soon Kappa girls will be gathered in their college homes.

We anticipate the time with pleasure, much as we would like the summer days to linger.

There will be some pleasant changes at Hillsdale. The new dormitory will make life seem a more attractive thing to the "Hall girls,"

while the new laboratory will probably make the study of biology, zoölogy and kindred subjects a positive delight.

We shall sadly miss the four of our members who went out with the class of '92, as well as those who for other reasons will not be with us; still we shall be an earnest and enthusiastic little band, and hope soon to win more to be "one with us."

During the spring term Celeste Brackett accepted the secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at Waltham, Mass., where she is doing excellent work and winning hosts of friends.

She, with Nellie Eastman and Alice Lane, are spending some time at Old Orchard.

In July, Alice Dewey and Shirley Smith attended the summer school for Y. M. C. A. workers at Lake Geneva, Wis. Miss Dewey will represent Kappa chapter at the Indianapolis Convention.

Nora Masters spends part of the vacation at Bay View.

Lena Seley, with the Æolian Quartette was at Keuka Park during the entire Assembly.

Ina Mitchell was married on July 20 to J. Owen Sinclair.

Ina E. Dunn, '92, was married July 5 to Homer G. Warren at her home in Woodstock. Quite a delegation of Kappas were present. The newly married couple will be at home in Evanston, Ill., during the college year, and Upsilon girls will do well to look them up.

Kappa chapter was pleased to greet a Upsilon in Mrs. Craig, wife of the pastor of the M. E. Church of this city.

LAMBDA — BUCHEL UNIVERSITY.

Again a dark cloud hovers over Buchtel and leaves us to mourn the loss of our most liberal benefactor, John R. Buchtel, upon whom the college has never called in vain in time of need. His memory is sacred to us. We all feel the most earnest desire to promote the interests which were dearest to the heart of that noble man. But amid our sorrows we also have glad tidings to communicate.

At the close of the chapel exercises one morning, Dr. Cone announced

that \$30,000 has been donated to the college for a new science building, which is to be erected at once. One-half of this liberal contribution was given by one man, the result of the noble example of our benefactor.

Mary B. Jewett, Professor of English Literature and Logic, has resigned her position at Buchtel to enter the Woman's Medical College of the New York Infirmary. She is a charter member of Lambda chapter, having been an active member for two years. For eight years her example and influence have been an inspiration not only to Kappas but to all the college girls. We scarcely know how to part with one so much respected and loved.

Our young actress, Florence Erwin, appeared in Akron a short time ago. The Kappas honored her by a reception given in the college parlors. We are very proud to have so strong a claim on Miss Erwin.

The preparatory Commencement exercises were held in the gymnasium, Saturday night, June 18. Out of ten who were chosen to represent the class there were four pledged Kappas.

The German and French classes held a picnic at Long Lake, at which the Kappas were well represented.

We enjoyed a visit from Blanche Young and Anna Litchfield, last term — two Kappas formerly from Buchtel.

Mrs. Steeves, mother of May Steeves, a Kappa, visited us during Commencement week.

The last week of school the Kappas gave Miss Jewett an informal reception.

About twenty-one Kappas posed for a picture two weeks before school closed.

Mrs. Lucy Danforth, *née* Felt, an old Kappa, visited us Commencement week.

MU — BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Our Grecian band gathered for the last regular meeting in June at the home of Mary Brouse. The usual pleasure of such occasions was increased, and much of the sorrow of parting dispelled, by the addition of two new sisters who wore the key and double blue right loyally. These were

Louise Brouse and Ora Murray. We ask for them from all a hearty and deserved welcome into the mystic realm of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In reviewing the work of the last college year, Mu has real cause to be proud of her members and of the high standard they have maintained in college work. Of the six honor pupils chosen from the Sophomore English class, four were Kappa girls. Anna Storer received the first Sophomore English prize and Rose Elliott the second. Kappa Kappa Gamma was also well represented in the editorial staff selected by the Faculty for the *Butler Collegian* next year.

We hope old Father Time may witness a greater degree of excellence in our sisterhood annually, and withal find us happy and gay.

Kate Hadley and India Martz of our honored alumnae, were with us Commencement week.

Stella Braden and Dora Green were among those who found their vacations extensive enough to embrace an eastern trip through New York and Washington City.

Elva Bass passed several weeks in Colorado and California.

We are glad that Fannie Hay, '95, has almost recovered from her long illness.

Fraternity meetings were held every two weeks during the summer by the girls at Irvington, and Indianapolis, with a view of keeping up fraternity enthusiasm for the Convention.

We trust our fraternity hall will be no myth next year.

It is a source of much pleasure to us that our two graduate sisters, Letta Newcomb and Gertrude Johnson will be in Irvington next winter to meet, and be happy with us.

Every sister in Mu chapter feels a personal interest in the Convention, and desires all to enjoy the pleasantest and most profitable time possible.

With electric lights and many other improvements, our college expects to begin the year in September better equipped than ever before; and we hope that closely connected with the progress of good old Butler, there will be found a brave and true band of the Kappas of Mu.

May such be the good fortune of all our sister chapters.

BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Beta Nu are enjoying the vacation to its fullest extent. The large majority of those who live in the city are scattered far and wide over this broad land, some in the mountains some on the lakes, others in the country or at the sea-shore. The rest of us, although widely separated in this city of magnificent distances, meet occasionally and talk over the year just past, and plan for the one that is so soon to begin.

Since our last letter, very little out of the usual order has happened. On the evening preceding Field Day a reception was tendered to the University students and Faculty by the college literary societies and was heartily enjoyed.

Commencement week passed with its usual events; five of our girls graduated, Katherine Krauss, as class poet, being the only Kappa to appear on the program.

On Saturday before Commencement we gave a picnic in honor of our graduates, several of our alumnae and pledglings being present. Everything passed off smoothly until a thunder-storm came up and then we had to seek shelter of which there was none (trees being excepted). One of the girls who is very much afraid of lightning, threw away her umbrella, which another less timid sister rescued. In spite of the storm, however, the picnic was voted a success.

In June Fannie Bancroft, ex-'90, was married to Mr. Nichols, a clergyman of Dayton, Ohio.

Alice Moodie, '90, is to be married to Arthur Hartwell, in September, and there are a few more weddings to take place in the near future (so says Dame Rumor).

Alberta Garber, '89, who has been living in Cincinnati since April, is coming back here in September and will take Cora Rigby's place in the school established by the latter and Miss Latham.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Vacation has come and has made our hearts glad, yet sad, for we have parted from many whom perhaps we may never meet again.

Commencement week found many former students back, and among them several Kappas, whom we were of course delighted to see. We had a special meeting in our chapter hall, and after the usual order of exercises, the time was very pleasantly spent in talking over by-gone days and the days that are to come.

Xi was well represented in the class of '92, as five of our members were graduated this year.

During Commencement week, the bells jingled merrily at the wedding of a Kappa sister. Villa Osborne, a former student and resident of the city, was married to Harry R. Stark, now of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Stark is a graduate of Adrian College and is a member of Alpha Tau Omega.

The wedding was attended by the members of both fraternities.

Xi sends greetings and wishes all a pleasant vacation.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHANY COLLEGE.

Last spring term was a very enjoyable one for Gamma Rho. At the beginning of the term Alice Kerr won the declamation prize over five other contestants. She was the only representative of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Of course in the necessary order of events Miss Kerr provided ice cream for us, and a few nights later we set forth a spread in her honor. Spreads in Gamma Rho have come to be the recognized method of celebrating any event.

Messrs Jaynes and Cummings, Phi Delta Theta have presented us with a beautiful chair for our rooms. This room of ours has become a "typical home," and we are adding to it every term.

The Commencement of the music schools occurred the week before that of the college. Meda Donley, Maud Kepler and Eula Manett graduated in music. We were very proud of all our girls.

Commencement at college passed off as usual. Baccalaureate Sunday, Field day, Anniversary day, concert contest, etc. Bertha Pierce as essayist represented us on Class Day. Wednesday night the annual banquets were held. Gamma Rho never had a better menu or better toasts. It was Thursday morning, Commencement day, when we went home.

Of the ten Commencement representatives four were ladies, and of the four two belonged to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Grace Henderson and Gertrude Pierce held these honored and coveted places and held them well.

We enjoyed welcoming back, Mrs. Robert Anderson, *née* Jeannette Porter, Jesse Smith, Leana Donley, Carrie Mount, Virginia Davis, Ella Emory, May Whitney and Lillian Manette.

Our news-letter would hardly be complete without a catastrophe to relate, and we have one. The week following Commencement a boat containing two of our girls was overturned just at the pump-house in the "old canal." The current into the pump was very strong but they were rescued with no injury save the wetting.

Katharine Allis of Syracuse tells us that Tau is to have a chapter-house. We congratulate Tau and wish her success. We hope some day to have one too.

Several changes were made in the Faculty this year. Prof. Fields resigned for the purpose of travelling, and Prof. Elliot advances to the chair of Latin and Greek.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

The spring term with Sigma was quiet and uneventful, and as one looks back to it, now that the summer vacation is almost over, there seems little to write that will interest you all. The girls have all scattered, some to their homes in the State, and others for visits and recreation, all intent upon getting rested and being ready again for the work in the fall. It always seems to me the pleasantest time of the year when the girls are back again in the old University halls, and they gather together to compare notes and tell of the good times they have had during the summer. It is like getting home again after a long journey.

The closing term of the year is a very busy time, as all students know, and so many things require our time that it often happens the chapter meetings suffer for lack of attention, but Saturday afternoon always found us gathered together ready for the chapter work. We have

no new initiates to report, it is true, but we have not been idle by any means, and we hope we will be able to announce the results of our work in the next KEY.

We were eight years old on the nineteenth of May, and we felt as if we must celebrate it as a gala day, so we invited all the fraternities in the University to help us do honor to the occasion. Helena Law offered her beautiful home to us, and every one, as we were repeatedly assured, had a delightful evening. The Beta Theta Pi fraternity remembered us handsomely with a large key filled with blush roses interwoven with smilax. It was a beautiful design and was quite the centre of attraction during the evening.

Commencement came and went, attended with the usual number of entertainments and parties. We went, of course, to everything and were all tired out when the last good-byes were said; but the whole summer was before us to rest in, and who cared for a little weariness? Stella Kirker was our only graduate this year, and as she expects to continue for another year her work in literature under Professor Sherman our numbers in the fall will not be diminished.

We have been very much interested in the coming Convention, as I am sure all true Kappas are, and are looking forward to the fresh start it will give us to be put again into direct contact with the other chapters. It is always a pleasure and an inspiration to meet members of the different chapters and to know what each one is doing. Our delegate, I know, will come home full of enthusiasm and with many new plans for the chapter work.

Miss Conklin, of De Pauw University, has accepted a position in our University as instructor in the modern languages. It is needless to speak of Miss Conklin's ability, as all Kappas have heard of her work, both in this country and abroad, and we can only say how pleased we are to welcome her to our chapter.

Ida Bonnell, of Chicago, a graduate of '91, was in the city for a few days and attended the alumni banquet. She was unable to remain for Commencement exercises.

Mary S. Jones, '85, has been called from her work at the Albany

School for Librarians to take charge of the University Library. She will begin her work at the opening of the fall term.

Dell Stratton, '87, from Ashland, Neb., was present at the alumni banquet and responded to one of the toasts.

Blanche Skidmore will not return to college this fall, but expects to teach for a year.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Tau's members are widely distributed for the summer, and are enjoying their vacation in various ways, but many are busily planning for the chapter-house, which is to be completed the first of September. We hope we may be as successful in this undertaking as our sisters of Eta have been.

Commencement week was enjoyed by every one, especially by Kappas, because it brought back familiar faces of alumnae and associate Kappas, although it was saddened by the thought that seven of our sisters were with us as active members for the last time. We cannot feel that these strong, earnest girls, Ella Hall, Ella Orr, May Wright, Louise Nicholson, Myra Husted, Clara Orr and Kate Rollo, are separated from us, though they leave the college halls, for the memory of their love for Kappa and their great efforts in her behalf will remain with those who are left.

Our annual banquet was held at the home of Anna Packard. We were pleased to have with us on that occasion the Misses Walker, Beta Beta; the Misses Tappan and De Long, Psi, and Miss Skinner, Beta Delta.

Among the liberal art graduates, Kappa came in for her share of honors; three received Commencement appointments and Ella Hall was chosen Commencement speaker, also prophet on Class-Day. Since the last number of THE KEY, Beta Tau has to announce the marriages of four of her sisters.

We were very much pleased with the visit we had during Commencement week from Mrs. Amsden, '87, and Mary Christy, '90.

Mame Allis, '87, of Meadville, Pa., was home for a few days; her sister Kate, '94, accompanied her on her return. Violet Telfer, '90, visited Mary Christy, '90, at Pittsburg, Pa., this summer.

Marion Corille, '91, is ill at Camillus; we hope when she returns she will be much improved.

Ella and Clara Orr, '92, have been camping at Tully Lake for some weeks.

Margaret Brown, '93, spent some time during vacation with Hattie Hollis, '94, at Pulaski.

May and Bessie Reed, '93, are camping at Texas Point.

Ada Harbottle, '94, is spending her vacation at Sing Sing, N. Y.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week, with its partings and farewells, was an unusually interesting time for Upsilon. Four of our sisters graduated and look upon themselves the title of *alumnæ*. They all acquitted themselves with honor and three of them were admitted to the honorary fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa, which has a large chapter at Northwestern.

Nettie Hunt, one of our seniors, was appointed one of the five speakers in the annual oratorical contest for the Kirk prize of one hundred dollars, and when the announcement was made that she had won the prize we all felt that she deserved it richly. Her oration on William Lloyd Garrison was not only ably written but magnificently delivered, and Upsilon is justly proud of her.

We shall lose a number besides those who graduated. Theo Irvine will not be with us, on account of ill health, and Josephine Young leaves us to pursue her medical studies.

Since last writing we have initiated Edna Kinzie, '96, and before we write again several others will join our sisterhood and wear the mystic key.

On the whole the outlook is very encouraging, and there is every reason to hope for a prosperous year for Upsilon.

We have been especially pleased at the formation of an association among the resident Kappas in Chicago. The association is quite young, but it has already done much to strengthen the bonds of friendship between the Kappas in Chicago and to bring them together. May it live long and prosper, as is our wish for every Kappa enterprise.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Commencement has come and gone and vacation will soon be only a remembrance, but we must go back to a windy day during the first of March to begin picking up the scattered threads of Phi's chapter life. March 11, an initiation was held at the home of Ellen Breed, '95, and we welcomed a new sister to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Phi introduces Emma J. Blackstone to the fraternity.

Phi celebrated her tenth birthday by the customary May banquet, held this year at Hotel Huntington. Alumnae and active members enjoyed the evening together. In May, also, the *Beacon* elections were held. Lida Penfield, '94, represents Kappa among the editors.

A College Song Book takes the place of the Hub this year. It is to appear in the fall.

Commencement came on the first day of June and six of Phi's members took their degrees. Our number will be very small when college opens again. We shall miss our '92 girls sadly.

Tuesday evening of Commencement week Phi received her friends at 2 Commonwealth Avenue. Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Sheppard, Mrs. Wendell, and Mrs. Hitchcock, mothers of our girls, received with us. An immense bunch of blue and white fleur-de-lis at one end of the long parlor, smaller bunches here and there, and a book-case decorated with numerous owls, made it seem a veritable Kappa room.

Our last regular meeting was held at the home of Grace Casey, '92. The Seniors were in charge and entertained us well. The spread was a not-to-be-despised part of the entertainment, and aided materially in keeping up our spirits.

On Monday, after Commencement, we were invited to the home of Sara Bryant, '95, in Melrose, for a picnic. We enjoyed ourselves as we pleased on the lawn, under the trees, or in a little summer-house near by; adorned our "departing" sisters with garlands, and later, when lunch was ready on the piazza, found that we had not been sufficiently sentimental to lose our appetites. It was one of the pleasantest times we have had,

although it was hard to forget that it might be many a long day before we should all be together again.

Phi has just received the announcement of the marriage of Carrie Ober Stone, '84, to Edward Herbert Atherton, Wednesday, July 20, at Lynn, Mass. At home Tuesdays after October 1, 82 Ruthven street, Roxbury.

And now we are looking forward to Convention. It has a great and new interest for those of us who were not Kappas two years ago. To be a delegate must mean a pleasure very great and very sweet, and a responsibility quite as great but not so enjoyable. Every member of Kappa must be interested in the doings at Indianapolis. May they be most successful!

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

The last few weeks of the college term were enlivened by the return of several former Psi girls. Frances Tappan and Anne DeWolf, deserters from '92, were with us until after our banquet to the Seniors, which was a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Lobdell, *née* Nellie Lamson, made us a flying visit, as did also Helene Boileau, '89, and Edna Smith, formerly '94.

Antoinette Lawrence, '89, and Fandira Crocker, '89, are spending the summer in town, while Catharine French, '94, has returned for work in the Summer School.

This Summer School is a new feature at Cornell and promises in future to offer advantages equal to any found at Chautauqua.

Among the University extension lecturers at Chautauqua this summer we notice the name of Moses Coit Tyler, Cornell's popular professor of American Constitutional History and Law.

Virginia Davis, of Gamma Rho, Allegheny College, while passing through Ithaca a few weeks ago spent part of a day with us, and was initiated into the beauties of Cornell's campus and environments by two Kappa girls who were charmed to welcome a Western sister.

Among the pleasant remembrances of the year in addition to the usual social entertainments enjoyed by the students, are several receptions

given at the homes of ex-President White, of President Adams, and of other members of the Faculty.

We congratulate our country on the recent appointment, as envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Russia, of a man so scholarly and so ably fitted for the position as Andrew D. White, ex-president of Cornell University.

Cornell's well merited advancement during the past twenty-four years under the administrations of Presidents Andrew D. White and Charles Kendal Adams promises to be continued and increased under the newly appointed president, F. G. Schumann, a man eminently fitted for his responsible position.

The members of Psi are enjoying, each in her own way, the summer rest of three and one-half months. Mary Josephine Hull, '94, is in Europe, as is also Gertrude Wilder, formerly '93. Scattered as we are, we yet maintain our interest in one another by an interchange of letters, but vacation time is not productive of news of general interest to the fraternity at large.

OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Omega closed the college year by its annual June party, at the residence of Mr. Bowersock.

Our girls seem more widely scattered this year than ever before.

May I. Hair, '91, was married June 30, to G. M. Culver, a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. They will make their home in Beloit, Kan.

Annie McKinnon, '89, will attend Cornell this year.

Nell Franklin is still studying music in Berlin. She has met a number of Kappas there.

Manie Johnson, '92, will teach music in Washington, Kan.

Daisy Orton, who graduated in our Music Department will return and enter the collegiate course.

Don Bowersock, who has been studying music in Chicago, will be with us this year.

K. S. U. is looking forward to a bright and prosperous year and Omega hopes that she may share in the prosperity.

In Memoriam.

A RUNAWAY accident brought a pleasure drive to a sad ending, and Omega chapter suffered a grievous loss in the death of one of its most active members.

MARY E. STIMPSON was born September 14, 1865, and became a member of Omega chapter in 1885. She was a member of the class of 1886, and after completing her college course always took a prominent part in fraternity affairs, until her life was brought to a sad ending on July 24, 1892. She will long be mourned by her many friends and fraternity sisters.

Lawrence, Kansas.

OMEGA CHAPTER.

The Parthenon.

FOR us Western Kappas, the subject of more chapters in the West holds a great interest. We who are right on the border of Kappa-delta have a feeling of isolation which our Eastern sisters cannot realize in the least.

Western
Chapters.

We are well aware of the progress of Kappa Kappa Gamma and of the rapidity with which Kappa chapters have sprung into existence in the last few years, but we feel that not enough of that advancement has been in our direction. We feel that the West deserves more of Kappa's attention than it has ever received. Composed of such liberal spirits and progressive minds as our fraternity is, it is certainly not in keeping with its character to deprive our Western country of its benefits, and to make the Missouri river a halting place.

Since the West has made such rapid advancement in the educational direction and promises soon to equal if not outstrip the East in that line, it certainly cannot be conservatism from that cause which has stopped the Western progress of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Whatever obstacle it may be which is depriving us of the strength and pleasure to be obtained from more sisters in the far West, may it soon be overcome, and may Kappa Kappa Gamma be inspired to go West. OMEGA.

In carefully observing fraternity life, one cannot but feel that there lurks among our chapters an undertow of unwise and fallacious discrimination as to the election of members, which is insidiously dragging us into a deep sea of dethroned power. We lose sight of our ideal. Elections. The purpose of the fraternity, I venture to say, is not thought of when a name is presented for consideration. One cannot feel otherwise when you are approached with such queries, "Is she a Special, a Sophomore or Freshman?"

It is evidently not character for which we are searching, but it is most emphatically what we need.

Strange that we who live in close communion with some of the purest and most intellectual minds of our age should not imbibe some of the characteristics of high intellectual living, wise judgment, and magnanimous spirit.

Let us eradicate these petty likes and dislikes, childish fancies, and attain to the dignity of true womanhood, which is so frequently typified in those whom we have failed to make members of our chapters, and whose aid we need. If we strive to attain to our ideal, it must follow that our fraternity will not only be widely recognized, but a most potent power in establishing the laws of and controlling society.

JOSEPHINE FEGER ANCONA (*Beta Alpha.*)

The human mind, for the most part, works in patchwork. A force pulls this way, the mind follows and a block is formed. Another force enters, the result being an entirely differently shaped block. An Alumna's Hobby. A sorry piece of crazy work is the completed whole sometimes, in which the resolution of opposing forces has produced effects entirely

unforeseen and unintended by the executor. Rare and invaluable is the mind which can see the grand *ensemble* of its finished conceptions, and seeing, can work them out without swerving from a settled purpose.

Nowhere can this quality of impulsive, uncalculated action of the human mind, shown in isolated, disconnected ideas, be better studied, than in a society where many minds, each with its wandering vision, strive to follow the uncertain lines of action to their point of culmination. Fortunate is a society if it possesses one mind which can deal with generalities; which can select and combine circumstances with a view to the best general good. The majority of us must act our impulses, then, reviewing the combined result, decide whether we have acted well or ill. In view of this fact, the experience of those who have trod the same path that we are now in, is invaluable as a help to right selection.

The time now approaches, and will be at hand with the appearance of the next KEY, when our chapters again enter upon active work, prepared to pass a year of fraternity life, which will either build stronger or render weaker the results of past labors. Shall the close of the year see your chapter, Sister Kappa, prouder and nobler than ever before, possessing the respect and admiration of all, or shall it be able to be said by any observer, "— chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, is losing her prestige. All of her strong girls have left and the chapter is going down?"

In order to protect our strength, we must know what constitutes a strong chapter, and work to that end in the selection of new members. In general terms, a strong chapter must be composed of strong individuals; for individuals make the fraternity and each individual act stamps its mark upon the whole. Do not forget this when you are tempted to lose sight of your highest ideal, toward which the motto of Kappa Kappa Gamma constantly points. As the injury to any member affects disastrously the whole human body, so does a wrong act of an individual, the whole body or society. To keep the fraternity strong each individual must walk erect in the broad light of day.

In a special way, as relates to the composite life of the fraternity, two elements are necessary to its continued strength, the social and the student. I do not mention the moral, for every young woman instinc-

tively recognizes that necessity, and no fraternity woman would ignore it. But the consideration of the social and intellectual natures frequently offers difficulties.

These two qualities exist in all, but are rarely found equally developed in the same individual. The student is apt to neglect her social nature, the vivacious girl her studies. The model fraternity would be that in which each member was as conscientious as a student as she was fond of association with her fellows. But since no chapter can expect more than one or two such members, the next best thing is to equalize forces by bringing in both the student and the social natures; taking care that the first be not utterly uncongenial, nor the second apparently brainless. It is as great a mistake to let admiration for intellect destroy the fraternal bond, as it is to let admiration for a bright, attractive manner weaken the chapter, by stocking it with incompetents, who may be left at the helm on the departure of the "strong" girls. Then where do we find the chapter? In a fair way to become a mere social clique. I emphasize it. A girl must be at least a conscientious student, one able to do creditable work before her attractiveness should make her a desirable acquisition.

A chapter composed exclusively of *exclusive* students, would perhaps be no more desirable as a factor, potent in college life, than an exclusively social society. They would surely be too exclusive to have an influence outside of their own circle (though that might be much). But there is this to say. One whole-souled, hearty, vivacious girl could leaven the whole lump of solid students, while one earnest student could by no means arouse to action the dormant intellects of social butterflies. Why? Because the social nature within is more easily touched than the intellectual.

The two forces should be as equally balanced as possible. This requires much care and perhaps some philosophy.

The power is in our own hands to be careless or otherwise in the selection of new members. Where an agreement is made with other fraternities, ample time is usually given to test most students. The manners and general character of a girl, are more easily learned, perhaps, than her merits as a student. Thus carelessness arises in investigating her student-qualities, and when the time arrives for decision, nobody really

knows anything about her, unless some member is her classmate. Why would it not be a good plan to appoint a committee to investigate the class-standing of those under consideration? An authorized committee would be more satisfactory than a system which results in nothing definite. Such a committee, working conscientiously, would prevent the uncertain haste with which students are often made members of a fraternity. Fearful of losing a desirable member, we sometimes get an undesirable one. This risk should not be taken. It is better to lose one good girl, than to initiate one who will bring shame upon her fraternity, by falling below the standard demanded of each. By taking the pains to thoroughly investigate and by trusting the judgment of the committee which reports, I believe we need never lose a good girl through uncertainty on our own part. Her choice is another matter.

I believe in the survival of the fittest so far as fraternities are concerned, and if we wish to survive, we must study the science of selection, which in this case means the study of our fellow-students.

LAMBDA.

When we enter Kappa's circle, we expect to find loving thoughtfulness and tender helpfulness, and who shall proclaim their absence from the happy active members? But when some unavoidable obstacle prevents our remaining in the working band, how many of us have felt sadly that our sisters' hearts were too full of plans for the beloved chapter, to allow space for thoughts of those who would gladly give of their best for that chapter's good?

And when that "unavoidable obstacle" appears in the form of a neatly rolled parchment, which sets forth to an admiring world the fact that college training has done its best, and has produced that acme of perfection, a Kappa graduate, then, as the mournful wail from our cherished alumnae testifies, they feel themselves lost indeed to the chapter in which they have found such pleasure.

The thought that she has filled her place in the mystic circle for the last time during her happy college days, must bring sadness enough without the added knowledge that she has become "one of the old girls," a

Our Absent
Sisters.

person to be consulted only when money is needed to carry on some cherished scheme.

These things ought not so to be. If our Kappa sisterhood means anything, it means more than "Love for a year, for a week, a day." It means ties so strong and true and tender, that they shall bind us all whether absent or present, into one great Kappa family in which no member shall feel neglected or alone.

The present state of affairs in many chapters, is detrimental to the best interests of both active and alumnae members. The former often make mistakes which could have been avoided by a knowledge of the battles fought by their predecessors and the manner in which victory was gained by them, while to the latter comes the saddening knowledge that they are forgotten.

Can we not overcome these difficulties by a regular system of correspondence and earnest invitations to the various gatherings where the key glitters and the fleur-de-lis breathes its tender message?

A. R. (*Beta Tau*).

During these vacation days, Kappa girls are doubtless thinking and planning how best to advance the interests of Kappa. How can we make our fraternity a stronger and better influence in college life?

Prejudice
Against
Fraternity. In what ways can we overcome the prejudice felt by some against fraternities?

May we not do something along these lines by trying to live nearer to our ideals? The fraternity idea is a beautiful one, but like the cause of Christ often suffers at the hands of its friends.

We must keep loving, generous hearts, as well as clear, active brains if we would honor Kappa's teaching, and while we neglect no opportunity to advance the interests of our own fraternity or its members, we can not afford to ignore the rights of others.

A common criticism upon fraternity girls is "They are so clannish." Recently a very desirable girl refused an invitation to become a member for this reason. A little more of thoughtfulness and consideration for the feelings of others would easily remedy this.

Then, outside of college circles so little is known of fraternity, excepting as the escapades of some wild young men go the newspaper rounds, and fathers and mothers look grave and decide that their boy or girl must never join anything of that sort. Are we not too much inclined to keep every thing in connection with fraternity secret, thus giving wrong impressions a chance to gain ground? Wouldn't a freer airing of our views, aims, and aspirations, at home and among our friends, tend to convince people that we are not so bad after all?

KAPPA.

"We are," not seven exactly, but thirteen, and yet our chapter meetings, far from being unlucky, are pleasant spots in our pleasant college life. And this particular one was so delightful. We have no chapter-house, but we scarcely miss it, for our members are very hospitable and it is so friendly and cosy, this meeting at one another's homes.

Theatricals
in Beta
Epsilon.

We always have plays, of the most impromptu kind, to be sure, at our monthly social meetings; and this time it was "My Uncle's Will," and it was likewise our début in amateur theatricals. The Christmas holidays were in full progress, and the difficulty of getting the three actors to agree on a day for rehearsal was alarming. But woe of woes, though as yet there had been no rehearsal at all, one of the performers four days before the play was to come off had to give up her part. Here was a dilemma, but nothing daunted our executive committee. If they could not have a star, why, an understudy would have to do. Not that we would insinuate that we have either stars or understudies in our wonderful "stock company."

The substitute was found and was told that she "need not worry over rehearsals," they intended "to have only one, the morning of the performance." Rather startling news this. But oh me! when that rehearsal began! Not a single one was letter-perfect, though all had a vague idea of their lines. The rehearsal began at eleven and ended at one, and the performance was supposed to commence at two. It didn't, however; for the actors had a full-dress rehearsal first, and about three the audience was allowed to come into the "theatre" at length.

But then the ludicrousness of the whole thing burst so overpoweringly on those unfortunate actors that they retreated to their dressing-rooms (*sc.* the passage-ways between the front and the back room), and had their laugh out.

Fearing a like demonstration on the part of the audience (which would certainly complete their rout), they sent a beseeching message that no matter how humorous they might be, the spectators *under no circumstances* were to laugh. And as our chapter is one of Kappa sisterhood, they did their best to resist temptation.

Oh, if all Kappas could have been there to see the efforts these model girls made to keep from upsetting the actors' gravity. And, do you know, the performance was not half bad. The last rehearsal seemed to have made an impression on the actors' minds and the sight of their comrades in Kappa and college making love to each other was such a rare good one that — well those poor girls had to laugh. And such a good opportunity was given them.

The "properties" had not been carefully attended to, and it was time for the hero to look for his cap. Perceiving, however, that it was not on the floor where it ought to have been (but in his hands, where it ought not), with great presence of mind he—no, she—coolly tossed the cap to its place and went on with his lines: "Where in the dickens is my cap? On the floor? How the dickens did it get there?" You can imagine that it brought down the house.

And when the play was over the audience applauded vociferously until the actors appeared. What was their surprise at receiving a basket of roses! Whence this sudden generosity? Alas for their hopes! After being allowed to admire it sufficiently, they were told that it was "part of the play," and the basket was calmly restored to the hostess, its owner.

BETA EPSILON.

We would suggest the subject of "Elections," on which Beta Alpha has written, as a good one for Parthenon articles in the next number of THE KEY.

Subject for
Future Dis-
cussion.

S. E. M.

College and Fraternity Notes.

THERE is a movement on foot to exhibit Fraternity badges, catalogues, magazines, and pictures of chapter-houses at the World's Fair. Provision has been made for such display in the prospectus of the Department of Liberal Arts. Dr. Peabody, the former Regent of the University of Illinois, who is at the head of this department, has expressed an earnest desire to have a full exhibition from the Greek-letter fraternities of all that would be of interest, either to their own members or to the world at large. — *Delta Epsilon Quarterly*.

This movement is more fully described in our Exchange Department.

Thirty students have been expelled from Heidelberg University for being identified with Greek letter fraternities. — *The Princetonian*.

Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, the former president of Wellesley College, is to take the position of advisory dean of the women's department in the University, college and graduate schools at Chicago.

Mrs. Palmer will serve the interests of the university from Cambridge by correspondence, so far as possible.

Accomplished and competent women will be in residence at the University, and will discharge the active duties of the dean's office.

Mrs. Palmer will assist in the organization of the new University and will be in Chicago in October at the opening.

During her eight years of life at Wellesley Miss Freeman was, so to speak, a converting object lesson for all persons inclined to doubt the wisdom of the higher education of girls or the benefits of co-education. She represented both ideas, and has lived for both simply, practically, and with constant womanly charm and sincerity.

Miss Freeman was president of Wellesley for six years. She took the position when she was 26 years of age. The college was then just six years established. For two years before she was made president she was professor of history in the college. Three years preceding her coming to

Wellesley she was engaged in teaching at Geneva Lake, Wis., and as preceptress in the fitting school of Michigan University at East Saginaw. During her junior year, too, she taught Latin and Greek in the high school at Ottawa, Ill., keeping up her course work uninterrupted. — *The Boston Herald*.

Barnard College is to be congratulated on its unknown friend who has just given it \$100,000 as the nucleus of a building fund. It will not be long before Columbia will be for making Barnard a part of itself instead of retaining it as an annex. Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer, says that the real difficulty, so she was given to understand, in the way of the absorption of the Harvard Annex by the University was the lack of funds. When some philanthropic person, having at heart the education of women, had provided against that, the annex would become a thing of history. — *The Boston Journal*.

Indiana University is a growing institution. As an evidence of this fact we might mention that our list of fraternities is soon to be increased. Sigma Nu is now organizing; the material is to be drawn from the "organized" bars, and its appearance is hailed with delight by all loyal Greeks. Some of the ladies, too, who have been denied admission to the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma on account of the already too large chapters, will doubtless soon be given an opportunity to shake the last vestments of barbarism. Alpha Phi will probably enter here shortly. — *Rainbow Correspondent of Indiana University*.

A dispatch from Smith College says: "The pin of the new society, the Psi Kappa Psi, is a dainty affair of white enamel and gold, the shape being three triangles, each bearing a letter, joined together with a knot of gold in the centre." — *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Kappa Alpha Theta has entered the University of Ohio. — *The Delta of Sigma Nu*.

Sioux Falls, S. D., has a large Pan-Hellenic society. — *Exchange*,

A new society known as Phi Kappa Sigma has been established at Brown University. It is composed of Catholic undergraduates and alumni.

They propose to have distinguished Catholics address the society, though the lectures will be open to all the students. — *Theta Delta Chi Shield*.

Brown University, Providence, R. I., has opened all its degrees to women. Instruction, examinations and the conferring of degrees are in all respects similar, but common class-room instruction cannot yet be offered. Arrangements, however, have been made which will bring the young ladies in close proximity to the University.

Near the corner of Benefit and College streets, within a few minutes walk of the college grounds, stands a building admirably adapted for this purpose, for which the University has secured it.

President Andrews wants not less than \$500,000 for the erection of a "woman's college," at the head of which shall be an accomplished lady principal. No mere annex is desired or intended. The college must be part and parcel of the University, giving women students the full University status, and at the same time so furnished and equipped as to offer them every facility for education, physical and social, as well as intellectual, now within the reach of male students. — *The Boston Herald*.

Mrs. Henry Sidgwick, the new principal of Newnham College, is the wife of one of the most distinguished professors in Cambridge, who was one of the founders of the college over which his wife is to preside. This is the first instance of a married woman (not a widow) being made the head of a woman's college in Europe. Mrs. Sidgwick's mother, years before woman's higher education had become the fashion in Great Britain, insisted on her daughters having the same course of education as their brothers; and so advanced is Mrs. Sidgwick's knowledge of mathematics that, had woman been permitted to subject themselves to the test of the tripos, she might have preceded Philippa Fawcett as lady senior wrangler. — *The Boston Journal*.

The ancient college of St. Andrews, Scotland, which has recently opened its doors to women, has received the fair invaders with more chivalrous welcome and accorded to them more honorable place than any of the other men's colleges which have grudgingly recognized the right of women to enter. The women students will be taught in the same class

rooms, by the same professors, and will present themselves with the men for the same graduation examination. Next year the University will receive a sum of over \$150,000 to be spent in bursaries, open to students of both sexes, one-half of the sum to be expended on the women alone.—*The Dolgeville (N. Y.) Herald.*

Strange as it may seem, the largest University in the world is to be found in the Orient. It is situated in Cairo, Egypt, and is under Moslem control. The University was founded as early as 975 A. D., and has now 10,000 students in attendance.—*University of Texas.*

Alpha Delta Phi has entered the University of Minnesota.—*Exchange.*

For some months the question of reëstablishing the Iota Charge at Harvard has been actively discussed. A petition was received from a number of students, who upon careful examination proved to be in every way worthy our favorable attention. They have been granted a charter and on the 8th of June the old Iota will be born again. A full account will be given in the next number of the *Shield*.—*Theta Delta Chi Shield.*

Twenty chapters of Phi Kappa Psi occupy rented chapter-houses.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

We learn that a "Pan-Hellenic Banquet" was held by Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma and Beta Theta Pi at Northwestern University in February. In classic Greek, "pan" means *all*; in modern Illinois Greek, "pan" means *nearly all*.—*Exchange.*

The Dental Departments of Ann Arbor and Pennsylvania College are the only ones that admit women to the study of dentistry. The first woman dentist, Mme. Hirschfeldt, who afterward became dentist to the family of the Emperor William, graduated from the Pennsylvania School.—*The Boston Journal.*

Mary Augusta Scott has been elected a fellow of Yale University, the first woman to receive this distinction. Miss Scott is a graduate and M.A. of Vassar College, has studied at Johns Hopkins, and was a student in honors at the University of Cambridge, England. She will proceed to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.—*The Dolgeville (N. Y.) Herald.*

Editorial.

INDIANA: HOSPITALITY AND BRIGHT WOMEN.

MRS. TADE HARTSUFF KUHNS, our former Grand President, in her address of welcome to the Convention said, "Indiana is noted for its hospitality and its bright women." Her words have found hearty confirmation in the thoughts of all who attended Convention or who have read accounts of that busy week. Indianapolis welcomed Kappa Kappa Gamma with every mark of kindness and consideration. That the delegates were warmly received by their Kappa entertainers goes without saying. But that Convention should hold its business sessions in the House of Representatives of the Indianapolis State House; that the Governor of Indiana should pay a visit to Convention and address the assembly, and should afterwards plan a reception in the Executive Chamber,—these are the things that make one remember how pleasant is the lot of the American woman.

Especially favored in some respects is the young woman of this particular part of America. Perhaps nowhere else in the world is her life so free, so natural in its development. Mrs. Kuhns has pointed to her with pardonable pride. She has no need to cry aloud for her rights, particularly her educational rights. Colleges do not receive her only after long debate and timid misgiving; they are meant for her from the start, as much as for the young man. She has her part in all college affairs. Even in trials of skill, which make such a fascinating feature of academic life, the young woman is at home. For these colleges, recognizing the danger of the present "making of many books," have set themselves to cherish the art of oratory, lest in our generation it come to be numbered among the "lost arts." Therefore, instead of spending all their enthusiasm upon athletics, the collegians of Indiana and the neighboring states try their powers in contests of eloquence. Kappa is very proud to claim as her own the victor in the Inter-State Collegiate Oratorical Contest, held May 5, at

Minneapolis. Miss Jean Nelson, of De Pauw University, class of '93, has brought a great honor to her college, her town, to Iota Chapter and to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

"Hospitality and bright women." Indiana makes a good epitome of her country's characteristics. For is not America the land of hospitality and of bright women?

ALUMNÆ IN FRATERNITY GOVERNMENT.

One who has been in the alumnæ ranks hardly long enough to realize her place there, cannot be accused of prejudice if she says that it seems a matter for congratulation that henceforth our alumnæ are to have a greater share in the fraternity government. True, the fraternity needs all the vigor of its undergraduates, but their enthusiasm should be tempered by the experience of older heads. The difficulties of management increase every year, as chapter after chapter is added to our roll. It is greatly to be hoped that hereafter the alumnæ associations will follow Chicago's example, and send delegates to every Convention. The presence of Miss Small at Indianapolis was acknowledged to be most helpful. Fraternity life is not all Conventions, however. Between times there are plenty of opportunities for individual alumnæ to give their care to the interests of Kappa. We are fortunate in having at the head of affairs a President who for the past six years has been constantly at work for the fraternity. Her own chapter, knowing how faithfully she has cared for Kappa's good, feel deeply pleased that the fraternity also has recognized her loyalty, by showing her its highest honor.

KAPPA AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Our Chicago alumnæ certainly mean to serve Kappa Kappa Gamma to the best of their ability. Their rooms will be the Kappa headquarters during the Exposition. Their association, together with Upsilon chapter, will have Kappa's exhibit in charge. It has been made evident that the authorities do not look with suspicion upon college fraternities. They

have granted space for an exhibit, and the fraternities will be grouped together, guarded by an entrance whose appalling gloom will typify the mysteries. Each fraternity will display its collection of interesting bric-à-brac in a separate alcove. Let us see to it that Kappa's corner is made an interesting one.

“THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY.”

On the first of October a new magazine is to appear in New York, named the *College Fraternity*. To show its purpose, we can do no better than to quote from a letter from its editor, Mr. Eugene H. L. Randolph, of Phi Delta Theta.

“It is our aim to produce a monthly journal of a high literary standard and which will cover comprehensively the whole field of American College Fraternity interests in general. Our own experience in the conduct of the *Quarterly* of Delta Upsilon and the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta has indicated a demand for a class of matter of a more pronounced literary character and in greater quantity than the journals of individual orders are able to produce, by reason of the fact that the major part by far of their space in each issue is necessarily devoted to matters of a strictly local or personal nature, such as chapter letters, local news, etc. It will be our purpose therefore

“*First.* To procure from the best of writers timely and cogent articles on subjects of general interest to fraternity members.

“*Second.* To reproduce, with permission, such matter, chiefly editorial, as may appear in the issues of the regular journals on subjects of general fraternity interest and welfare.

“*Third.* To cover the field of fraternity news in all its branches, including full reports of all conventions and general or local meetings to such an extent and detail as may meet with the approval of the order interested.

“*Fourth.* By the methods mentioned, as well as in ways that may suggest themselves later, to bring fraternity members into closer touch

with each other and into a better knowledge of fraternity affairs than is the rule now."

The manager of the new magazine, Mr. Frederick M. Crossett, is a member of Delta Upsilon. The publishing company may be addressed at No. 171 Broadway, New York. In our opinion the *College Fraternity* must prove an exceedingly valuable source of information.

"THE BUTLER COLLEGIAN."

We desire to express our thanks to Mr. Will Howe, of Irvington, Ind., for his courtesy in sending to THE KEY a copy of the *Butler Collegian*, a monthly magazine published by the literary societies of Butler University.

BETA ETA.

And last of all, but not least in our thoughts, comes Beta Eta, the youngest chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, established at Leland Stanford, Jr., University, Palo Alto, California. The wish of our Omega sister, who speaks in the Parthenon about "Western Chapters," is realized. No longer does the Missouri River mark the halting place of Kappa Kappa Gamma's progress. We trust that Beta Eta's union with the fraternity will prove all the stronger for the distance that separates her from the nearest eastward link in the chain. Prosperity and all happiness to our chapter in the real West.

BUSINESS MANAGER'S NOTICE.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Pan-Hellenic Convention held in Boston, in April, 1891, our own Convention has decided that THE KEY shall hereafter appear in October, January, April and July. The January number, however, will begin the volume, in order to accommodate the present numbering.

THE KEY will be sent to all subscribers until it is ordered discontinued.

The Business Manager finds this method the most convenient and desires once more to call the attention of subscribers to the matter.

NOTICE.

Those chapters in the province which are not already informed as to the resolutions that were adopted at the Convention of Alpha Province, can obtain copies of these resolutions by applying to the Secretary of the Convention,

MISS ELLA HALL,
Syracuse University,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Exchanges.

With deep grief and humiliation we read the following article in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*; but humiliation is good for the soul, and we trust that the bitterness occasioned by the cutting rebuke implied in *Kappa Alpha's* article will have some wholesome effect.

Ten years ago THE KEY OF KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA was founded (it deserves the dignity of the verb), and Miss Minnetta Taylor was the editress. The leading article in the current KEY is a sketch of Miss Taylor's life. It is complimentary. It is forceful. It shows that Miss Taylor was sufficiently masculine to start a journal and make it a success — the first magazine ever published by a sorority. Miss Taylor is a linguist of peculiar ability. She reads twelve languages, has a critical knowledge of eleven, and speaks seven fluently. She is an artist. She is a poet. She is a debater. She is an orator. She once delivered an impromptu speech on the "Limitations of Art and Nature in Poetry" that electrified her audience. She will soon be thirty. Miss Taylor is a remarkable woman. We salute her: She was a remarkable child. At three years of age she could read, and "her favorite books were Plutarch's Lives and Scott's Poems." She has been felt in her circle. She will be felt in a larger sphere. The *Journal* admires such an intellect, wherever found, just as it admires the skill which constructed the span connecting York and Brooklyn. The *Journal* loves the Natural Bridge. There are some women who could descant learnedly upon the comparative strength of different building materials, but somehow or other the *Journal* would hesitate before appealing to one of them to smooth its pillow or seek her for repose of heart or soul. The remainder of THE KEY is as bright and pretty as usual.

Alas for the woman who will not have the privilege of smoothing the *Journal's* pillow! We would humbly express thanks for the gracious comment which closes the foregoing paragraph.

We feel sure sure that Alpha Phi cannot have read Kappa Alpha's dissertations on the mission of woman, else the *Quarterly* would never have had the temerity to publish in the May number such a series of articles as "The Medical Profession for Educated Women," "Real Estate as a Successful Business Venture for Women," "Dr. Kempin's Inauguration." They are very interesting articles, but we tremble for Alpha Phi when Kappa Alpha reads them. The *Quarterly* contains an article on "The College Women in Society." It is suggestive, and we quote a part of it. It seems to us, however, that there is danger that the college graduate may make the mistake of thinking that she can reform society and may perhaps be inclined to think somewhat highly of herself in comparison with her less privileged sisters. Yet she will find in the world women who are true and good, wise and thoughtful, who have high ideals, who despise shams, and yet who have never been in college. The college woman must not despise the gifts of the distinctively "society woman," the pretty charms, the exquisite tact, the tender grace, that belong to the true woman everywhere, whether she is a society woman, a college woman, or a business woman. Yet we agree with Alpha Phi that the college graduate may be permitted to make society a little better and nobler. Only let her do it modestly and humbly, joining hands with other women, giving of limitless sympathy to all. But here is what we began to quote from the *Quarterly* :

But every one will admit that society itself needs to be improved in many respects. There is too much insincerity, sham, and frivolity prevalent. And upon whom does this duty fall more naturally than upon the college women? The condition of society depends much more upon women than upon men.

The college girl comes fresh from the study of great subjects, with mind and heart full of great truths, and takes her place in society. What are we to expect from her? That she will bring these great truths with her. She will raise a high ideal of womanhood by being herself pure-minded and true. She will tolerate nothing that is false. She will despise mere frivolity because greater things occupy her thoughts. She will seek to make mind and character rather than money, the open sesame into society, by cultivating a higher intellectual tone in social gatherings. Again, she will seek true friendships, not convenient acquaintances which are sought for a time for some advantage, and then cast aside. In short, she will be the champion of all that is true, good and womanly.

The society queen has an influence possessed by few individuals. Her mandates reach far beyond her own circle. Hence how necessary it is that she should exert that influence for good. Though all may not be queens, yet each college woman should make the world happier and brighter, and society purer and truer.

The *Arrow* treats of the "Social Question for Pi Beta Phi." This question deserves attention. College women go to two extremes. The few make society first and all. The many make recluses of themselves, devoting themselves wholly to studying and "improving the mind." For the benefit of the second class of

women, if any such are to be found in Kappa Kappa Gamma, which we devoutly hope and pray is not the case, we make the following extracts.

Men of all ages have tried to deprive themselves of the society of their fellow-men; monks have shut themselves in cloisters away from human life and thought, and have withered up bodily and mentally; scholars have lived with books as their only companions, and the search after wisdom their only motive, and have turned into automatic machines. Notwithstanding the lofty ideals and the earnest spirit of these recluses, and the examples of self-sacrifice or the scientific discoveries they may have given to the world, we feel as if, after all, they had misunderstood the aim of life; had failed to interpret their natures and its demands aright, and so missed life's truest meaning.

It is impossible for any man to be sufficient unto himself. He must keep in touch with the life and thought of the world, and he must do this by mingling with his fellow-men.

American life in general is too busy to develop society in its perfection. With most people society must be a relaxation, a recreation. The physical and mental work of the day makes rest imperative. We cannot expect then to have a society on a purely intellectual basis.

The conditions of life, then, of the nineteenth century demand that social life should satisfy the demand for recreation, since our intellectual self is realized in other directions. To do this without being frivolous or shallow, is the social problem of the day.

And then woman is preëminently the social being, and her charm the basis of all society. Though we cannot live merely to be agreeable, like the brilliant women of the French *salon*, we can do much to make society better than it is.

We appreciate the suggestion that society should not have a "purely intellectual basis." What we need more than anything else in society, is not to be amused or entertained, but to know one another. To know one other human soul is a happiness and blessing, and when people realize that happiness will come from really knowing their friends, then there will be no need of entertaining by means of quasi-intellectual pursuits, for there will be something like pure and free intercourse of spirit. We want to become acquainted with one another, and when society can bring about such acquaintance, it will be approaching the ideal.

The *Theta Delta Chi Shield* contains a full account of a meeting called to discuss the question of holding a fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair, and we extract an account of the business done.

SHALL FRATERNITIES MAKE AN EXHIBIT?

The question has been under discussion for some time as to whether any systematic effort should be made by American fraternities to secure representation at the Columbian Exhibition. Prompt action being necessary and no time permitted in which to confer with either graduate members or active charges, the President of the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi authorized Bro. W. C. Hawley, Delta, '86, of

Chicago, to appear at any conference which might be held for the purpose of discussing the question, and report the results arrived at. The following general call was issued from Chicago under date of May 19, 1892:

ANNOUNCEMENT.

A meeting will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2 p. m., at the Grand Pacific Hotel, parlor 23, in this city, for the purpose of considering the subject of college fraternity participation in the World's Columbian Exposition. Every Greek-letter society is requested to designate an official representative to attend this meeting, in order that the Exposition authorities may be impressed with the necessity of awarding desirable space for the interesting exhibits which the fraternities may present.

The undersigned have been appointed by their organizations to attend this meeting:
(Signed)

RICHARD LEE FEARN, for Beta Theta Pi,
TRACY C. DRAKE, for Delta Kappa Epsilon,
THOMAS R. WEDDELL, for Phi Kappa Psi,
CHARLES ALLING, Jr., for Sigma Chi,
W. CHAUNCEY HAWLEY, for Delta Theta Chi.

Richard L. Fearn was made chairman, in recognition of fact that he had originated the idea of a combined exhibit by fraternities. Gertrude E. Small, Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, was elected Secretary.

That the business to be brought before the meeting might at once be put in proper shape for intelligent discussion the following motion was made and seconded:

Resolved, That the Greek-letter fraternities make an exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition.

The motion was discussed and being put was carried unanimously.

"This meeting recommends to all American college fraternities and societies that their exhibits at the Columbian Exposition consist among other things of their catalogues, magazines, badges, flags, banners and souvenirs of particular chapters, escutcheons, coats-of-arms, and whatever is of interest in showing their history and present status, and that provision be made for the registry of all members of fraternities who visit this exhibit, and that each fraternity appoint a delegate with full power to act for it, evidenced by credentials, in the matter of representation at the World's Columbian Exposition."

Kappa Alpha Theta is at hand with its variety of matter. One of the chapter letters contains a protest against any attempt to make a literary magazine out of a fraternity journal. We agree with the protesting chapter. What is a fraternity journal for, but to give news of all the chapters, and to publish anything that may be of general helpful fraternity interest and that will uplift and strengthen the fraternity spirit? The *Kappa Alpha Theta* chapter writes as follows:

We, for one, wish to enter a protest. With the wealth of current literature there is no excuse for reading the work of amateurs. Fraternity spirit cannot make a weak article any the more readable. It simply turns what would otherwise cause

a smile or be utterly disregarded, to become a source of humiliation or real regret.

The part of the *Journal* we value is the chapter correspondence and news from other fraternities. We should like to see this department enlarged into a bright and business-like paper or magazine, with the addition of a good editorial or leader on some live question concerning fraternity or college—the whole thing free from any pretensions to literary elegance, content to give us the truth about ourselves and fellow-Greeks in simple and sensible English.

Kappa Alpha Theta writes as follows for the new alumnae:

One more Commencement has come and gone. Once more has Alma Mater opened her doors to let out her great flock of children clamoring and crying for bread, for riches, for fame, — for the thousand and one things that go to make up the "Castoria" of such children's lives. How carefully the fond Mother has prepared them for their departure. How proudly she has dressed them up, washed their faces, brushed their hair, taught them how to bow and curt'sy, and told them just exactly what to say to the World when they meet — and how to say it. How hopefully her eyes look forward into the future to the time when she can point proudly to the President, the Senate, the inventors, the poets, the statesman of the world, and say — "these are my children; it was hard work bringing them up; they were often unruly, and always ungrateful, but I am rewarded now." But what really happens? There is a great whew and stew and tumult as they first rush eagerly out of the door. How bewildering it all is! Some of the children lose their hats, tumble their hair, and soil their clothing the first thing, and are obliged to go back and be mended up before they can go on. Others forget their bows and their curt'sies, and are awkward and ill at ease when their turn comes to speak. Most all of them forget what they have been told to say, and are painfully embarrassed and mute when the World questions them. So many get hungry and tired and cannot keep up with the rest who only laugh scornfully or triumphantly as they hurry past. The girls, most of them, are afraid as it grows dusk, and seek refuge in home by the way; only a few trudge on courageously beside their big brothers as the shadows deepen. They sing their songs, but no one listens to them; they fly their kites—it calls forth no applause; they speak their well-learned pieces, the World yawns.

"What shall we say of this new and modern rival to the college man who has entered our domain — the college girl? It is not that she takes her full share of the honors at college, but — oh, men of Athens! — after graduation she contests with us on every field. Modern legislation has removed one by one the disabilities which the law placed upon women until they can do business and hold property upon equal terms with men. Every field of active business and nearly every profession has been invaded by armies of women, and many a man has surrendered to their rivalry. The college man and the college girl will have many a tournament in the coming years, and we will find them rivals worthy our steel in all things which demand industry, energy, quickness of perception, patience, perseverance, courage, and even physical endurance. The chances are that some day you will try to marry a college girl, and you may succeed. You ought to try. To meet an educated woman every day in the week, three meals a day, for the rest of our life, and keep her from finding out how little we know is a discipline which every college man needs."—*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

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