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CONVENTION NOTES.

IN future the editor of THE KEY will attend Convention in her official capacity. The cares and responsibilities of her position as a member of the Grand Council will weigh upon her more or less, according to her temperament. But never again is she likely to go, as she went to the Convention of 1894, with the free mind of a visitor, concerned only to understand as much as possible of the working of her fraternity organization, and to enjoy the hospitality of the entertaining chapter. This freedom is the compensation of the present historian for having occupied the editorial chair before it became a seat of governmental authority. "Every sweet hath its sour, every evil hath its good." She will not envy the greater glory of her successor.

After Convention was all over, and the editor had returned to the seclusion of her home, she was indulging one evening in a habit that grows upon her, now that the age of school-days is past,—namely the perusal of school announcements in the *Century*. There is a mild excitement in the attempt to form a notion of these institutions, so invitingly described, and to decide which one she would prefer, if she were sixteen once more, and if schools were all before her, where to choose. The heading "New York, Ithaca," caught her eye, followed by the statement that the Cascadilla School, is recommended by President Schurman, of Cornell, as one of the best preparatory schools in this country. Upon this discovery, the editor was obliged to revise one of her Convention impressions; "Cascadilla" had meant to her only one thing,—a great building of gray stone, standing at the curve where the electric cars begin to climb the campus; a place where delegates and visitors, along with other people of secondary importance, were known to obtain their daily food during the week of August 22, 1894.

“Cascadilla” remained for the editor an appearance, and a euphonious name. Not so North Cayuga St. At number 23, the trim little house, most modern of the modern, which Psi chapter had secured for the use of the Grand Council, and at number 40, lived two families of Kappas, who met three times a day at their appointed table in the dining room of the Clinton House. The Clinton House was on North Cayuga St., too; a tall, old-fashioned hotel, the pillars of whose porch served as a landmark for Kappa travellers. Most of our table-talk ran upon Convention themes; but one evening, after Convention labors were at an end, our new grand president told the tale which remains to the editor as one of her most cheering souvenirs,—the tale of the book about women’s ways, which narrowly escaped being named “Ravellings from the Sphinx.”

“All meetings and business sessions will be held at Barnes Hall, University Campus.” That is what the blue programmes had told us before we reached Ithaca. It happened that a few of us made our first acquaintance with Barnes Hall and the University Campus in the dimness of a cloudy evening. As we walked on and on in the growing dusk, we could manage to believe that such a building was Barnes Hall, which the Christian Association of Cornell had kindly lent for the Convention; and that another was the law library, and a third the place of many recitation-rooms. But we should have found it almost easier to fancy the campus an enchanted park in a fairy-tale, an endless domain of trees and lawn, and palaces faintly outlined against the sky, so strong was the magic of that still, gray twilight. And at last our guide brought us to the enchanted castle; the empty home on the heights; in whose shadow we stood looking across the gorge towards the dark western hills, while we listened to the story of the lady who was to have been very happy in her castle, but who crossed its threshold only when death had closed her eyes to earthly loveliness.

Although we saw the campus often afterwards in the bright day, that first impression remained the characteristic one, and Cornell’s beauty, to the imagination of those Kappas, at least, must be tinged with something of the other-worldly.

In the daylight we climbed many stairs up into the library tower, to see the fair prospect of hills and lake spread out beneath us. We climbed many stairs down into the gorge, and crossed the stream by its little suspension bridge, delightfully uncertain to the foot. We never tired of looking with

fearful pleasure down the steep sides of another gorge, over which the intrepid electricians carried us day after day on our journeys to and from Barnes Hall. "Climbing, climbing, climbing," is the legend for Cornell; or Excelsior, to be more classic. If a course at that university fails to produce agility in the student, let no one trust again the evolutionary theory of powers brought to life by the need of them.

"Does the beautiful country keep people from studying?" asked someone on the sunny afternoon when a little party looked from the western windows of the White Library. "Oh no," said the professor who stood to us for the *genius loci*; "we learn to work with our eyes away from it, and we know it is there to rest us when our work is done."

A chapter that entertains Convention makes light of all the task of preparation, because the coming of Convention is looked upon as a privilege. Nevertheless the details are many, and visitors can give considerable help, if they are careful to let their entertainers know just when and where to expect them. Such is the conviction of one who was permitted a glimpse behind the curtain, just before Convention opened. The final arrangements were being completed. In all the excitement and inevitable hurry of the last moments, nothing could disturb the gay good spirits of the leader of those hospitable forces. Trains, boats, boarding-places, programmes, menus, boat-ride, — her thoughts travelled nimbly in the circle, and still she laughed and joked like any care-free visiting member. But she said once, with a whimsical sigh, "How am I to send anyone to meet a girl who writes that she will probably reach Ithaca some time Tuesday afternoon? And I wish I knew what to do about boarding-places for some people who thought in April that they could come to Convention, and have not told us anything definite since then."

It is only the outward life of Convention that can be sketched for THE KEY. The record of work will come to the chapters in the form of minutes, possibly before THE KEY can reach them. One of the most distinct impressions made upon the observer was that the Convention of '94 was characteristically a Convention for work. The quiet of the university town in holiday season, and

the plan of entertainment, helped toward this effect. At the business sessions which were sometimes unavoidably longer than had been planned, the steady, faithful attention of the delegates never failed. Every chapter had sent its representative. Every delegate was in her place at the meetings. Many of the visiting members, also, who brought the members of Convention up to seventy-five or eighty, were in constant attendance, and were often able to help, when their counsel was invited. The Associate Chapter sent several visiting members, besides its delegate, who gave by their interest good proof that alumnae need not lose interest in their fraternity.

At the Convention banquet, veteran loyalty showed itself once more. There the "honored alumnae" sat together, at the head of the cheerful room. Three presidents at one table is a sight not vouchsafed to every Convention. Lucy Wight, president from 1890 to 1892; Emily Bright Burnham, the retiring president, Katherine Sharp, our president-elect, all Kappas to whom this Convention was not their first, assured us by their presence and by the earnestness of their speech-making, that Kappa Kappa Gamma keeps her power beyond college days.

Do the veterans remember how, at a certain Convention when the subject of a fraternity flower was under discussion, someone mentioned as a possible objection to the fleur-de-lis the fact that it cannot be obtained at all seasons? "Well," said a delegate whose *Alice-in-Wonderland* arguments were a treasure of entertainment in her own chapter, "neither can the owl be easily procured at all times, but is that an objection to our bird?" The owl and the fleur-de-lis, in a state of nature, cannot, to be sure, always grace our festivals with their presence; but our affection for them suffers no decrease on that account. They came to the Convention banquet, in forms that we can treasure as souvenirs; the fleur-de-lis painted in its blue stateliness on the menu cards; the owl, a large family of him, appearing magically from his hiding-place after the speech-maker had dwelt upon his virtues.

Chapter banquets are good; but a Convention banquet brings the same pleasure intensified by the knowledge that between women of many different chapters there have been found, during the brief Convention season, the same direct sympathies that hold us in the chapter. To sit between two Kappas whom one knew not at all a week ago, but who seem strange no longer, and to hear

their praises of a third, who may be one's familiar friend; to remember that there are people in the room for the sake of whose acquaintance alone it was worth while to have come to Convention; that is the sort of enjoyment that leaves one thankful indeed for one's home in these United States, and for the American college, and for the college fraternity. E. A. T.

THE CONVENTION AS IT LOOKED TO PSI.

FOR the first time in the history of Psi chapter have her members been able to extend to the fraternity at large the welcome they have always had in their hearts. To those members of our fraternity who were not here in person to receive this welcome, Psi sends her heartiest greeting and best wishes, and she sends greeting also to our new officers.

The Twelfth National Convention! A week of joyful realization of the breadth and power of Kappa Kappa Gamma, of its high standards and of the executive ability of its Council, a week of the formation of new friendships and strengthening of the old; one never to be forgotten by those who enjoyed the great privilege of being present.

You poor dear sisters who were disporting yourselves elsewhere, how can you realize the excitement of meeting trains, each with its load of expectant Kappas; how little know the eagerness with which each passer-by was scanned, to see if she wore the golden key. Finally on Tuesday evening all Kappas then in town assembled at the home of Julia Melotte, one of our town girls, where, with the help of lemonade and cake, delegates and visiting members had a chance to become still better acquainted.

The first business session held on Wednesday morning in Barnes Hall, one of the finest buildings on the Campus, was a short one and opened the way for the important work to be accomplished by the Convention. This had been previously outlined in Council session and committees were appointed to take the different branches in hand. The afternoon and evening were devoted to the meetings of the committees, the results of which appeared in Thursday morning's session. The afternoon was given up to pleasure: a trip down our beautiful Lake Cayuga to Taughannock Falls. Seventy-five loyal Kappas responded to the call, and the steamer "Kellogg" bore down the lake a gay party of girls; and the prevalent spirit of enthusiastic Kappaism called forth responses from

loyal Kappa mothers, who were summering on the lake shores. And when we arrived, such a jolly supper! The substantial were interspersed with Kappa songs and the yells of every college and university represented. The homeward trip was taken about ten P. M. and one more happy event had passed into memory.

Friday was the busiest day of the week. So much had to be done that the business session lasted till nine P. M. The Twelfth National Convention closed with the installation of the new Council. The lateness of the session delayed the banquet till nearly eleven o'clock, but it was well worth waiting for. Mirth and good fellowship reigned supreme and the room rang with the happy voices of nearly eighty Kappas. In addition to our "*Ai Korai Athenes*," were heard various appropriate couplets given in honor of both incoming and outgoing Councils, and other prominent members of the fraternity. At the close of the banquet the following toasts were responded to.

1. "Kappa Kappa Gamma," Emily Bright Burnham, *Phi*.
2. "The Convention," Lydia Biddle, *Beta Iota*.
3. "The Council," Ella Titus, *Phi*.
4. "The Fleur-de-lis," Lucy Evelyn Wight, *Beta Beta*.
5. "Other Greeks," Harriet Nell Brevoort, *Mu*.
6. "The Owl," Mary Josephine Hull, *Psi*.

Several impromptu toasts were proposed, Laura Stanley Dickey, *Psi*, being toastmistress. About two o'clock we dispersed, many saying good-bye for the last time.

Early Saturday morning the Second Degree examinations were held, the successful candidates being initiated in the afternoon.

The feeling remains with *Psi* that nothing more delightful than a Kappa Kappa Gamma Convention can possibly be imagined.

Psi.

The Thirteenth National Convention will be held at Evanston, Illinois, with Upsilon Chapter, the fourth Wednesday in August, 1896.

SECOND DEGREE INITIATES.

On Saturday, August 25, the following young women were initiated into the second degree :—

Harriet Nell Brevoort, *Mu*,
Georgietta Fisher, *Beta Nu*,
Antoinette Lawrence, *Psi*,
Julia L. Melotte, *Psi*,
Charles Anna Moore, *Delta*,
Mary Grey Morgan, *Delta*,
Grace H. Parker, *Phi*,

Bertha P. Richmond, *Phi*,
Carla Fern Sargent, *Upsilon*,
Katherine L. Sharp, *Upsilon*,
Addie Smith, *Iota*,
Ethel Stebbins, *Psi*,
Mabel Stebbins, *Psi*,
Ella A. Titus, *Phi*.

Helen M. Armstrong of *Phi*, and Harriett K. Ballou of *Psi* were obliged to leave town before the initiation.

In June, 1893, after the Council Session at Evanston, Illinois, the following were initiated. Their names have not previously appeared in *THE KEY*, and it was thought best to publish them at this time, with the names of the initiates of 1894: —

Mabel F. Austin, *Chi*,
H. Isabelle Drew, *Upsilon*,

Mary B. Livingston, *Psi*,
Nellie Lamson Lobdell, *Psi*,
Anna L. Mosemiller, *Delta*.

Alumnæ Department.

WOMEN AT YALE.

In May, 1892, the graduate faculty of Yale University voted to open to women the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and the graduate courses of instruction leading thereto. The significance of this totally unexpected action was at once apparent. That Yale should recognize the existence of women was sufficiently remarkable even to the uninitiated in scholastic matters; but those

who had watched the progress of education saw in this new opening an importance far different from the mere destruction of a traditional reputation for conservatism. To them it meant the culmination of a movement which, from its incipency, had gone steadily and rapidly toward this point. When one of the leading universities of the East offered its best to women, and in its highest department placed them on the same plane with men, the struggle for the higher and highest education of women was completed. That institutions of equal rank with Yale still jealously guard the approaches to their masculine precincts, and that the comparative merits of co-education, co-ordinate education, and separate education are still under discussion, does not affect the finality of the decision. As far as the main issues are concerned, for this country the question is closed.

Beyond the reach of undergraduate possibilities lies an indefinite region of knowledge which, by laborious imitation and adaptation of German methods, American students have recently begun to explore. A quarter of a century ago, an American desiring to be in the highest sense a scholar went to Europe for his training, and returning imparted to his own college something of the spirit of foreign scholarship, until in time a distinctively American university has begun to develop. Both by their youth and by their poverty, women's colleges were prevented from this evolution, even had the sources of inspiration, the European universities, been accessible to their graduates. At first, too, it was natural that they should rest measurably content with that already accomplished; but as college education has become common and even commonplace, its limitations are increasingly apparent, and the natural question has arisen, "If so much, why not the whole?" It is the old problem that Col. Higginson propounded twenty-five years ago, "Shall women learn the alphabet?" Granted the fundamental A, B, C, and intellectual and educational liberty is logically assured. The admission of women to the western universities at once opened to the new students the best that part of the country could offer; but in the East, where separate education has been the rule, the women's colleges were unable, and the men's universities unwilling, to give advanced work.

Almost simultaneously with the University of Pennsylvania and apparently unmoved by outside influence, Yale offered its highest degree to women. It was the natural answer to a natural need; and Yale seized its opportunity with that rare ability to recognize the demand of the hour and to supply it before stated, which characterizes a true university. The ripeness of the time was

evidenced by the ease with which the change was made. In the fall of 1892, twenty-three women registered for graduate study, and entered on their work as if they followed a century of predecessors; and when, last summer at its 194th commencement, Yale for the first time gave diplomas to women, there was not a newspaper in New Haven or New York to comment on the fact.

Yale offers 244 courses of graduate instruction, arranged in seven departments: (1) Philosophy, Ethics; (2) Political and Social Science and History; (3) Oriental Languages and Biblical Literature; (4) Classical Philology; (5) Modern Languages and Literatures; (6) Natural and Physical Science; (7) Pure and Applied Mathematics. The instruction is given by lectures, classes, and seminaries, with the main emphasis on individual work by the students. There is also in each department a working club composed of instructors and students who meet for the reading and discussion of papers. A candidate for the degree of Ph. D. must have taken the bachelor's degree, studied at Yale not less than two years, passed a satisfactory final examination, and presented a thesis giving evidence of high attainment and original research in the branches of knowledge pursued. It frequently happens that the work cannot be satisfactorily accomplished in two years, and the heads of departments reserve to themselves the right of requiring longer residence.

University life differs so entirely from college life that a comparison is practically impossible. While the key-note of the former is presumably work, it is work mitigated; of the latter it is work unmitigated. By the system of individual study the community of intellectual interest that characterizes the college class is destroyed; each student deals with her own problem, and usually feels and often manifests the greatest indifference to the problems of others. The social life also that so largely absorbs the time and interest of college students is almost entirely lacking in the university. Study means something different from the learning of lessons and develops unexpected possibilities as a consumer of time and energy. As a rule, the students have outlived that period when new friendships and intimacies are the inevitable result of new surroundings, and are both able and content to live the recluse existence demanded of a scholar.

Already seven women have received the highest degree of the university, four in the department of modern languages and one each in astronomy, chemistry, and history. Of the five fellowships open to the graduates of all colleges two have been for two years held by women. Both officially and personally,

the gentlemen of the faculty have accorded to the new students a hospitable welcome; while the attitude of the under-graduates has been one of extreme courtesy, not unmixed with amused curiosity. In no sense has the new departure made Yale *college* co-educational;—that ancient body still preserves its essential masculinity; but it has frequently happened that in the classes open alike to graduates and undergraduates, graduate women and undergraduate men have sat side by side, to the harm of neither and to the very appreciable good of one; but which one it becometh me not to say.

ELIZABETH DEERING HANSCOM. (*Phi*, '87.)

SMITH COLLEGE.

USELESS OR USEFUL?

When so many of our fraternity sisters are being graduated from college, to take here one brilliant position and there another, in the world at large, or to shed sweetness and light over some homes, there is sometimes the thought that those of us who cannot say, "Lo, here! Behold the results of my labors!" are therefore accomplishing nothing.

One of our superior brothers set me to thinking this summer by his gentle, though rather significant, remark—"I wish you could have a life of usefulness and happiness and let—" but the rest of the sentence would not apply to us in general, so we need not trouble it. A life of usefulness and happiness! There is scarcely one of us that need look far for such, it would seem. Indeed, but I am not unhappy—why should you think so?—and is my life so apparently useless? Are all of us who are not in some clearly defined position of trust and honor, in no position of trust and honor whatever, but merely useless? Such was my thought.

In spite of our brothers' inappreciation of "old maid life" there is a world of trifles in this rushing universe—trifles which show only when they are unattended to; and much as these same brothers would undoubtedly scorn the idea, there is, if one only knows how to find it, a world of happiness also in performing these trifles—in giving happiness, or perhaps merely comfort, to others. It may not be the life of our choice, any more than it is one which they would choose, yet it sometimes seems as if the most opportunities for usefulness, and for happiness with it, came to those of us who were not bound by some profession, or by that most supremely unselfish of selfishnesses—a home of our own.

Because our tasks are insignificant, our lives are not necessarily so, and because our brothers, or companions, or critics, deem our talents of too great value for ordinary commonplace life, it does not follow that we are to cast this life behind us and begin our flight in one direction or another far away from the "duty that lies nearest us." Truly I am a firm believer that one of our greatest duties is self development, but take care lest it be selfish development. The great majority of us who go forth from college life find ourselves, through no fault of our own, from no choice of our own, in positions where some unkindly kind friend says we are hampered, cramped, tied down. We may have felt so ourselves, at least we catch at the thought when it is suggested and we chafe under it. Yet there it is our lot to remain and we know it. What next? Are our lives to be useless and joyless? It is for ourselves to say.

Do you know Gannett's* little talk on the fresh beatitude, "Blessed be Drudgery?" I had not thought of it when I began my letter to you, but I cannot refrain hunting up one or two of its sentences now. He has been speaking of the tasks of daily life, and then—"To lay the firm foundations in ourselves, or even to win success in life we *must be* drudges. But we *can be* artists, also, in our daily task. . . . 'Artists,' I say—not artisans. 'The difference?'—This: The artist is he who strives to perfect his work; the artisan strives to get through it. The artist would fain finish, too; but, with him, it is to 'finish the work God has given me to do.'"

I wish I could go on and quote it all, but read it—read it for yourselves! Do our tasks seem petty? Let us remember that they are what the universe cannot exist without. Every little corner of this great workshop must have its guardian, and there is no life of more noble usefulness or of greater happiness than to prove oneself equal to the guardianship of her particular corner, and an Artist.

ONE OF THE YOUTHFUL OLD MAIDS. (*Beta Delta.*)

CHARITY ORGANIZATION.

At one of the sectional meetings of the first International Convention of Charities and Correction held at Chicago last June,—I remember not whether

*"Blessed be Drudgery,"—by William C. Gannett. Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago; James Pott & Company, New York; Publishers.

it were after a discussion of "Increase in Idiocy," or of that oft mooted question Out-door Relief, silence fell on the assembly of the elders.

Suddenly at my left there arose a Johns Hopkins graduate with enthusiasm in no wise dimmed by his few years of struggle with the submerged classes, and proposed that we of the Profession should take unto ourselves a name.

He urged ably that we needed the *esprit de corps* of other professions, that neither we nor our work would have the respect deserved while we were among the unclassified: that our influence in the social questions of a community would be no more than that of amateurs in charity work: that the name philanthropist was not applicable; the term "paid charity worker" was ridiculous.

The elders and wise men could not have been more astounded had my Johns Hopkins friend proposed that they tie blue ribbons in the top button holes of their boots as insignia of the profession, and after a few moments of disapproving silence a motion was made to adjourn.

Nevertheless, name or no name, the profession exists and has existed since 1869, when Charity Organization began in London; where it was discovered that the thousands of so called charitable societies, with their indiscriminate alms giving were but adding new victims to the whirlpool of pauperism and crime. And the profession *will* exist until society has gotten at the underlying causes of all the destitution and degradation of our city life: until society learns that incarceration without industrial training is brutalizing.

We are often asked "would you restrain personal liberty?" I see no reason why the state should allow those who will not support themselves to have so large a share in populating the state. I believe the state bound to give each of its newly born citizens the freedom of a birthright that can come only from being born of parents that are occasionally sober and industrious. I believe the state bound to give through its building laws and boards of health, homes for the children to grow up in that are clean, sunny, and airy. I believe the state bound to give industrial education for their busy moments, parks, playgrounds, baths, and out of door gymnasiums for their leisure moments. In this way only can children grow up strong, happy, and industrious. The state has gradually assumed more and more power over children. Its truant laws enforce the child's education, its factory laws care in a measure for the child's health, and in time I have no doubt the force of popular opinion will bring other good and necessary changes.

Neither do I feel that our paupers, our tramps, our criminals are beyond the reach of restricting and reforming influences. Let our prisons become

reformatories, let our poor-houses be work-houses. Let the criminal be taught the trade he likes best, two or three trades if necessary, and what is of more importance, let him continue to work at them year after year. Let him have evening instruction in literature and science and he would come out of his imprisonment the better for having had his liberty restricted.

To educate the public in the New Charity and in municipal reform, to deal wisely and vigorously with crime, and that which leads to crime, to deal tenderly and lovingly with the victims of crime and misery: in short to do the work our hands find to do, and at the same time to get at the needs of the class from an experience with individual families, and finally to make clear to the many who must work with us as amateurs what it is that needs to be done: all this is the work we undertake when we join the band of "paid charity workers" — alas that we should be so called.

It is no wonder that the profession has proved attractive to many young college men and women; those who care for such work may enter it with the advantage of having made sociological studies; it is no wonder that as each Commencement day draws near and we call loudly for recruits, our call is responded to; and I am proud to say that at last the salaries paid to our workers are equal to those of the bookkeeper and school teacher. To those who are willing to undertake extra care and responsibility there is a wide field for advance in those cities which do not yet know the meaning of the phrase, "The New Charity:" the charity that gives for the good of those receiving, not for the ease of those who give; the charity that gives from personal knowledge, not from careless ignorance; Christ's *caritas*, rightly seen again. "And the greatest of these is charity."

EMILY HUDSON BURNHAM. (*Phi*, '90.)

RELATION OF THE ALUMNÆ TO THE CHAPTER.

The alumnae editor has no carefully developed theme to offer in this number of THE KEY, — only a salmagundi of suggestions, which bear on the relation of alumnae to their chapter.

First. She would suggest that alumnae who are near their own, or some sister chapter visit that chapter often enough to become, and remain, acquainted with its members. Perhaps some alumnae fail to visit the chapter because of a feeling of delicacy, fearing lest their presence may be a restraint in the meetings

and lest they may seem to interfere in chapter business. While regular attendance on the part of *alumnæ* might be objectionable, yet constant absence may, on the other hand, be interpreted as indifference to the chapter. By occasional visits *alumnæ* will gain fresh inspiration and the chapter will be helped by knowing that *alumnæ* are interested in chapter life.

Second. Where there are a few *alumnæ* in any place, would it not be well to meet occasionally and regularly even if there are not enough to form an associate chapter? Thus there would be mutual help and stimulus in Kappa, and by their united efforts some aid would be given to the nearest chapter, as is suggested, for instance in the following part of this collection.

Third. This is to suggest that *alumnæ* remember their chapter in material ways. A chapter may have extra expense sometimes, when a little help would be very acceptable. Then there are the chapter rooms which *alumnæ* might help to make more beautiful in various ways, such as giving books, pictures, or any adornment.

Fourth. In some of our chapters there is a pleasant custom of writing to the *alumnæ* at stated times during the year. As the *alumnæ* become more numerous, this task becomes harder and should be more appreciated. Can it be possible that any of these letters are unanswered? Perhaps some careworn *alumna* delays her reply until the next letter comes and then it is too late. Perhaps she feels gratitude for a letter of chapter news and, without much reflection, thinks that a reply would be uninteresting and unnecessary. However this may be, one chapter has become so disheartened that the members have decreed that no more letters shall be written to *alumnæ* who do not answer chapter letters. We are sorry that this decree has been made, but, as suggestions in this department are to *alumnæ* and not to chapters, we will not give our reasons for disapproving this decision save to say that indifferent or careless *alumnæ* are the very ones who most need these chapter letters. Surely no *alumna* deserves a letter if she is not willing to answer it. It takes only a few minutes to write a letter, but it helps the chapter simply by showing that the *alumna* is interested in the chapter. You may be interested in your chapter, but your interest will hardly be appreciated unless you manifest it.

Fearing lest we should go on *ad infinitum*, as it so very easy to make suggestions, and remembering Portia's opinion in regard to giving advice, we forbear adding a fifth to this collection, and herewith close.

ALUMNÆ EDITOR.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Phi.

Anna E. Gooding, '87, was married June 26 to Mr. Henry Davies Dodge, of Arlington, Mass.

Elizabeth Deering Hanscom, '87, took her degree of Ph. D. from Yale University in June, 1894, and is now teaching rhetoric and Old English at Smith College.

Psi.

Ida M. Hill, '90, is to teach physics and mathematics in Wellesley College.

Lambda.

On Monday, July 9, Jennie Sisler, '91, was married to Mr. Wilbur Rood. We are pleased to know that she is to reside in the city.

Beta Delta.

Alice Damon, '90, is teaching in the Deaf and Dumb Institute at Northampton, Mass.

Kappa.

Winifred A. Root, '90, was married to Herman Dewey, '91, Delta Tau Delta, August 15, at Odell, Ill. All Kappa unites in extending to them best wishes.

Alice Dewey, '94, accepts a position at Corunna, Mich., as lady principal of High School.

Myrta Phelps, '94, teaches music at Marshall, Mich., this year.

Shirley H. Smith, '90, returns to her work in Y. W. C. A., at Lincoln, Neb., August 1.

Delta.

Two more of Delta's girls are receiving congratulations, — Bertha Freese, '94, who was married in July, to Rev. Mr. Baker, of Ellettsville, Indiana; and Grace Perry, '93 who was married July 25, to Alfred Murray Bain, of Martinsville, Ind.

Epsilon.

Nellie Pollock has been spending her vacation here. She is teaching French and German, at Ripon, Wis.

Lucy Bates of '94, goes this year to Chaddock College, where she expects to teach.

Carrie Cole of the class of '91, is in Brooklyn, N. Y., studying painting.

Lizzie Fullenwider of the class of '93 is teaching at La Crosse, Wis.

Beta Zeta.

Married, June 28, 1894, at the home of the bride, in Iowa City, Kate Leyler, '90, to Mr. Morris Evans, Law, '63.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans will make their home at Pipestone, Minnesota.

The Parthenon.

The high standing of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the fraternity world makes union with it so desirable that applications for charters for new chapters are continually coming in. In view of this fact there is constant discussion of the qualifications to be demanded. I do not wish to consider here those with which everyone is familiar, but to take up one which I have not heard mentioned so often.

One of the first questions I should put to an applicant is, "What opportunities does your college offer for Kappa life?" To many, this question will have no force at all. They are so situated that Kappa life has come to them as one of the delightful but obvious consequences of their initiation. To a Barnard Kappa, however, the question seems an important one.

Kappa life under a dormitory system must be ideal, and where the members are collected in a small town it must still be fascinating; but where the girls are scattered through a large city and the surrounding towns within a radius of forty miles,— I had almost said, "It does not exist." Of course I am not speaking of anything so fundamental as Kappa *spirit*. Every Kappa can and should have that working in her. But it may be so hampered in its labors that the fruit is not worthy.

Take the case of a college situated like Barnard, which answers to the

description of the third class above. In the first place there can be no evening meetings. For out of town girls they are impossible, while for the city girls—the New York girls, at any rate—there would be the necessity of providing escorts to and from the place of meeting. The afternoon meetings, too, are not the easiest thing to arrange. One girl must catch such a train; another would be obliged to stay in town all night should she miss a certain boat. Even the girl who depends on ordinary city cars may have a journey of an hour and a half to take, and after a long day at college it is not to be wondered at that she wishes to reach her home within a reasonable time after the dinner hour. When, further, it is recalled that recitations are scattered through the day, at any time from 9.30 A. M., to 4.30 P. M., and that, owing to the high rents in the city the chapter must depend on the college for a meeting room, it will be seen that it may be a pretty difficult task to fix a time when representatives from four classes may all be together.

Naturally these meetings are not so numerous as they should be, and the girls are not thrown together as often as is desirable. In consequence their fraternity does not mean to them what it might and should. This is their loss, but the fraternity suffers too. It does not get the best that is in such members and what it does get is given under such strain and friction that the *joy* of the giving is lost.

Beta Epsilon is looking to the time when Barnard shall move with Columbia to its new home. But meanwhile we listen with envy to the reports of the chapter delegate to convention, and long for the time when Kappa shall be known as our sisters seem to know her. I know that if we were applicants and the matter were put to us in this light we should still say, "Only admit us and we will show you what we can do in the face of such difficulties." But from the vantage-point of membership and experience my opinion is that the vote should be negative in all cases where possibilities for Kappa life are not already a fact.

CAROLINE G. BROMBACHER. (*Beta Epsilon.*)

Rumors have lately reached the ears of Kappas that the question was under discussion as to whether or not some of the chapters in the smaller colleges should retain their charters. While there has never occurred to us the shadow of a reason why they should not continue their fraternity life, there have occurred to the writer several reasons why they *should* do so.

The Benefit
of Fraternity
in Small Col-
leges.

It should be borne in mind that although a college may not be great in numbers, its work should not necessarily be proportionately judged.

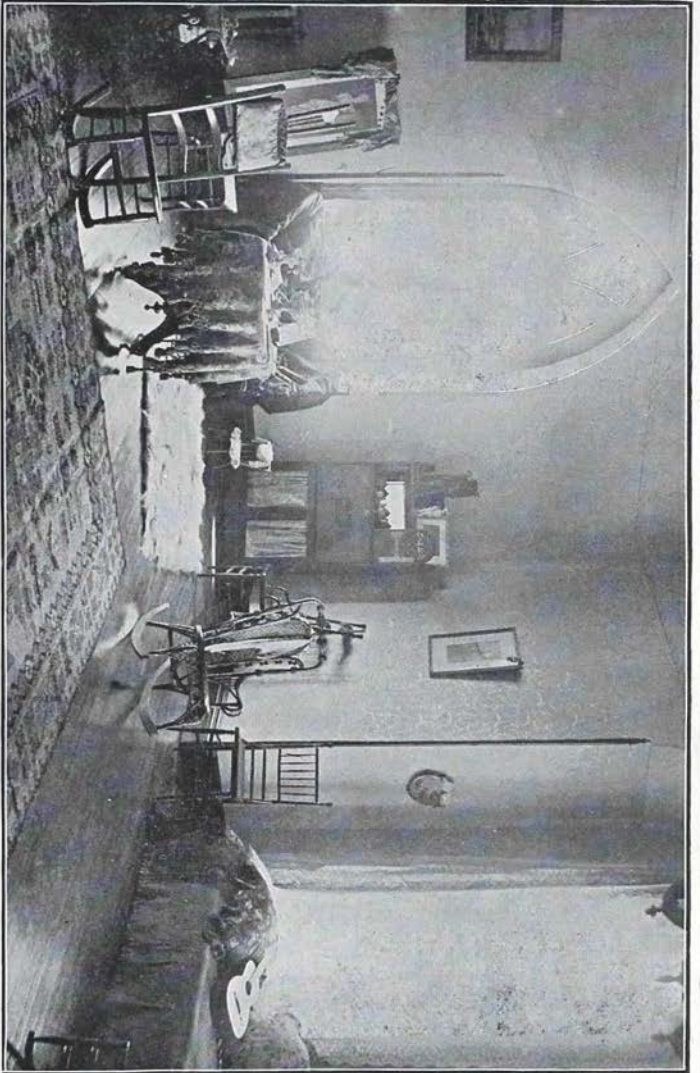
It will be conceded, I think, that in many small colleges a good portion of the attendance is comprised of students who are working their own way; sons and daughters of people in limited circumstances who cannot bear the expense of their children's education. These young men and women attend college under many difficulties, undergoing hardships little dreamed of by the casual observer; many of them "boarding themselves" and having barely the necessities of life. Many of them, although ladies and gentlemen at heart, never have had the opportunity to mingle in social intercourse with young people of their own age. To such as these, fraternities are an unlooked for haven of opportunity and rest, socially, mentally and physically. Only those who have been summoned from the dingy, cheerless little room, where the pangs of homesickness and discouragement were fast entering in, to the bright good-fellowship of the first "spread" in their honor, can know what fraternity truly means, or appreciate as thoroughly the lasting friendships formed.

What better opportunity in college life is afforded the student to become acquainted with the inner nature of his fellow students and with himself, than in the fraternal circle? The class room and the casual meeting cannot do it. Fraternity supplies the missing link. And why should not the smaller colleges be allowed to contribute their mite toward the furtherance of this good end?

DAISY C. BLACKMAN. (*Kappa*.)

"Shall Kappa Kappa Gamma still continue to establish new chapters?" is a question which now confronts us. It seems to me that it is better to continue to establish a *few* new chapters in colleges which although small are growing and have good prospects for the future—especially in the West. Our chapters should become more in touch with one another and thus strengthen the bond of sympathy and love which many of them feel in only a vague way. In the Eastern half of our fraternity many of the chapters are located near together. But the Western chapters are not so located. We can never say that "our meetings have been enlightened by the presence of members of sister chapters" or that "we were received at tea" by a neighboring chapter. The Western chapters until within the last year have been practically

New Chap-
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LAMBDA'S CHAPTER HALL.

strangers. There is no friendly rivalry whatever, to serve as an incentive to good work. To see which chapter can have the best members and do the best work, can have no evil results and would probably bring about much good. Then too, the little friendly calls from the members of other chapters help. It must always increase Kappa zeal and enthusiasm. But the Western chapters receive no help in this way, and were it not for our Convention I fear we should lose much of our enthusiasm. Therefore I think new chapters should be established in the West, so that the Western chapters may enjoy the same privileges as the Eastern chapters.

MABEL LINDLY. (*Sigma*.)

Is it not a serious thing for us as a few hundred girls banded together in fraternity, to refuse like associations to other girls just as intelligent and refined as we? Are we justified in withholding from them that which would surely be of as much real good to them as it has been to us?

When a Fraternity is Justified in Extension.

These questions which must be considered by every fraternity, as it grows larger, may be answered by another question. Is not the first duty of any association, whatever its purpose, to the members that are? In a fraternity then, professing to offer that which tends to the attainment of individual perfection, attention should first be turned toward acquiring and maintaining in all chapters, equally, the highest standard of fraternity excellence. When this state of perfection has been reached that fraternity is justified in extending; until then, the admission of a chapter into an imperfectly organized association is an injustice to that chapter and to the fraternity at large. *Mu.*

In the discussion of the powers and privileges of our associate chapter, we constantly hear the statement that the fraternity is for college students alone. We immediately question, "Is the fraternity for its active members only, or is it for every woman who wears the golden key?" The founders of our order doubtless had in mind an organization which should be supported and controlled entirely by undergraduates; but should we be confined by the ideals of twenty-five years ago? Its originators little dreamed that Kappa Kappa Gamma could ever claim two thousand college women for

The Alumnae and the Chapter.

membership; yet we are proud of the growth of our fraternity. Of how much strength a chapter advocating the principle of exclusion of *alumnæ* deprives itself and the fraternity, only those chapters can know who have received guidance and inspiration from their *alumnæ*. In the experience of chapters it has often been found that *alumnæ* are reluctant to offer advice and co-operate in chapter work except on the heartiest invitation. It has also been the experience of every fraternity that the greater knowledge and the maturer judgment of those who have been for a number of years actively associated with it are invaluable in furthering its aims. If a chapter desires the power of keen discernment in choosing its members, can that not be better acquired through the advice of women who have spent three or four years in training, and have the added experience of a world larger than that of the active chapter? The veterans in chapter work and chapter government are quick to see the needs of that body and are ready with apt suggestions. Some of our chapters have been slow to recognize this, and their *alumnæ* have gradually drifted away from chapter and fraternity interests, simply because in Kappa Kappa Gamma, they have found little place for *alumnæ*. With whom does the fault lie?

Would not the chapters help one another by writing of their respective positions on this subject?

C. F. S. (*Upsilon*.)

Who has not while swinging in her hammock by ocean, lake or mountain this beautiful summer-time built many a castle-in-air?

All the abuse hurled by the wise men of ages past against this "profitless building" avails nothing with the builder to whom is given the suggestive environment of a cottage in the pine grove, near a lake with birches quivering on the shore. Why could not the Kappas have a summer home at some place where each and every one could go?

What a foundation for an air-castle! Straightway it was built. This summer-house should be near a beautiful lake or among the mountains or perhaps at the shore. It should be open the entire summer and Kappas from all over the country could congregate there. It would become common ground for the interchange of ideas, the giving of advice and assistance. How much enthusiasm would be aroused by the daily intercourse of Kappas from far and near! The place would become the meeting place of the conventions, both

A Kappa
Summer
Home.

province and biennial. Then, aside from such advantages, think of the enjoyment, the pure fun! What Kappa girl was ever ready to forego them? Year after year the dwellers would return and eventually some of the dearest association of the fraternity would cluster around this summer home, which would become the very "Hub of Kappadom."

JOSEPHINE SHELDEN EDMONDS. (*Beta Beta.*)

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Those of Phi's girls who were unable to go to Ithaca have been eagerly waiting for Convention news. And now our delegate and Miss Richmond, the Grand Secretary, are being called on again and again for tales of Convention doings.

What was news in the early summer has now grown such an old story that Phi refrains from telling of good times past. But Phi has a certain old story to tell after all: she is home-hunting again.

Our quarters last year were in a building which has since been taken by the city, and will be demolished. And of course this set us in the path of discovery once more. Before THE KEY goes to press, however, we expect to be fairly settled, and at home.

The college is apparently entering on an exceptionally prosperous year; the freshman class is very large, for this institution.

PERSONALS.

Nellie I. Simpson, '94, is taking graduate work at Radcliffe College.

Lida S. Penfield, '94, is in Paris, but hopes to be in this country before Phi's initiation occurs.

Alice Cary Weeks, '94, is teaching in Middletown, Connecticut.

Helen Bartholomew and Estelle Ingalls, both of '96, are not with us this year. The latter is teaching in Swampscott, Mass.

The engagement is announced of Martha Washington Locke, '94, to Lewis C. Strang, Beta Theta Pi, '92, of this college.

The engagement of Dorothy Simmons, '94, to E. Ray Speare, Beta Theta Pi, '94, is to find a happy culmination before the next issue of THE KEY.

Another announcement, which should have appeared in the July KEY, is that of the engagement of our Commencement Speaker, Alice Cary Weeks, to George Bridges, of Newton Centre, Mass.

Married, June 27, Anna E. Gooding, '87, to Henry Davies Dodge. At home, October 3 and 17, Arlington, Mass.

BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

If my sister secretaries are situated as I am there must be a good deal of wrinkling of brows over the October letter. Beta Epsilon has not met as a chapter since May, and there is little news of general interest. Our members are scattered to the four winds. Letters have come from Europe and at least half a dozen states describing the delightful time everyone seems to be having. But I suppose it would hardly do to transcribe them for THE KEY.

For the secretary, the convention, together with the new song book, has entailed considerable work. Every secretary, however, has had the former experience, and the latter has not yet resulted in anything sufficiently definite to give to the fraternity at large. So I will simply ask pardon for a short letter, hoping that everyone is having so good a time that she will not notice the deficiency.

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Summer is past, and all over the country Kappas are gathering once more in "the dear old rooms." Psi sends greetings to all, and heartiest wishes for a successful rushing season.

Registration day, the 27th, has not yet arrived, so many of our girls are still taking last rows, paying formal calls and enduring the awful trial of the dress-making season.

Since we last wrote Commencement has come and gone. Commencements are the same the world over and of no particular interest to any one unless

directly concerned, so we shall not attempt to describe the delights of senior week. Suffice it to say that Psi enjoyed herself to the uttermost. Probably most of you have read of the very interesting event to the women of Cornell, that of the winning of the Woodford Prize by Miss Connor. No other woman has ever received this honor, and we congratulate the Delta Gammas upon having such a brilliant member of their fraternity.

Of course the Convention has been the all-absorbing topic with us this summer and we feel now it is over, that we know and appreciate much more deeply the greatness and advantage of our fraternity. Over thirty members of our own chapter came on here, and in addition to meeting girls from other chapters we had quite a re-union of our own members.

This year the contract with the other fraternities here with respect to asking and pledging new students has been radically changed by the withdrawal of Alpha Phi. As it now stands she can ask and pledge a student at any time, while Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma are bound not to do so until November 17.

Our best wish for Upsilon is that she may enjoy entertaining Convention as much as Psi.

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

The short and happy weeks of vacation have slipped by and Beta Beta girls are looking forward with pleasure to the opening of college and a happy re-union of Kappa sisters.

First of all we have the pleasure of announcing, to all the readers of THE KEY, the marriage of Mary Green, '94, to Mr. George Allison Logan, Beta Theta Pi, of Waddington, New York, on September 12.

The pleasure of meeting together once more is not unmixed with pain, for some of our most loyal members will not be with us this year. Josephine Edmonds, '95, is expecting to complete her college course at Radcliffe and we are sincerely sorry to lose her from our number, Eva Bates and Sybil Bailey, both of '96, are compelled on account of ill-health to give up their work in college for the present. We hope to have Miss Bailey with us however, as she expects to remain at her home in Canton.

Florence L. Cross, '97, has decided to enter Tufts College with a view to special study in the modern languages.

In spite of the many changes the chapter is full of courage and enthusiasm and hopes to make this year unusually profitable and pleasant.

BETA TAU — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The present outlook for the coming year savors of success for Beta Tau.

Beta Tau was represented at the Convention by delegate Mabel A. Potter and visitors Jennette A. Morton, Margaret Brown, Bessie Reed, Ella Peirson, Alice Weston, and Etta Robinson.

Ada J. Harbottle, '94, has accepted a position as teacher of elocution, gymnastics and the sciences at Ryland Institute, Berkeley, Virginia.

The last social event was our regular commencement rushing party. Although the weather was very unpleasant, the invited guests were not detained and the evening was agreeably spent.

Our annual alumnae banquet was held Saturday evening, June 23, at the chapter house. A large number of our older sisters delighted us with their presence. Toasts, interspersed with Kappa songs, followed the more substantial part of the banquet.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

During the summer months, although the university doors have been closed, many of the Kappas of Beta Alpha have still been plodding the roads to knowledge. Miss Pennington has been diligently pursuing her scientific work at home, and has been made a member of the American Science Association. Miss Griffith has been extending her knowledge of physics, at Harvard. Miss Ives and Miss Gendell studied marine biology at Wood's Holl. Miss Schively has been collecting biological specimens in the Bermudas.

As autumn comes we find Miss Hitchcock leaving us to study in the University of Berlin; Miss Gregory to take charge of the biological department of Milwaukee College. Miss Griffith has commenced her labors as teacher of physics in our Philadelphia Girls' High School. Miss Ives, our third medical Kappa, is about to enter the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Vacation is nearing its end and Beta Iota will soon again be in her place, ready for the duties of another college year.

It is the chapter's good fortune to have her girls residing comparatively near one another, so that many happy reunions are held, and with her circulating letter, together with much individual correspondence, each one continually learns of the doings of her sisters. One of our greatest pleasures is our circulating letter. It has gone the rounds several times, and in each reading we realize more fully the strength of Kappa bonds.

Our delightful vacation opened with a "cottage party" of twenty young people at the shore, in which many Beta Iotas were represented. All the young men of the party were loyal to Kappa, and the "light and dark blue" was always conspicuous.

One of our alumnæ gave a "house party" over July 4th, at her home at Roslyn, Long Island. She entertained the girls of '93's chapter. On the Fourth our ex-president Miss Wight joined them on a sailing-party. The girls were delighted to become so well acquainted with Miss Wight, and greatly appreciated the opportunity.

Through the summer we continued to enjoy reunions in twos and fours, thus making the vacation full of common events and pleasures.

Much to our disappointment many of us did not get to the Convention, as we had hoped a goodly number would represent Beta Iota. However, two of our girls were so fortunate, and we have since received very enthusiastic and interesting accounts of their delightful trip and visit to Ithaca.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

"Better late than never," is a saying that is certainly very appropriate for news of Commencement at this late time.

Several of our old Kappa girls came back for Commencement and the fraternity banquet was well attended and a very enjoyable affair.

Phi Gamma Delta entertained its friends by a very pleasant evening party Monday before college closed.

Several changes occur in our faculty for the coming year: Professor Elliot goes abroad for a year's travel and study. Professor Holmes resigns as

teacher of Latin and is succeeded by Professor Lease, and Mrs. Laffer, our preceptress, will be assisted by a lady teacher who will live in the Hall. Flossie Scott, one of our graduates, will be back at Meadville and swell the number of our fraternity. Josette Linn, one of our new members, will teach at Painesville. Fall work soon begins and another busy rushing season.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA — BUCHEL COLLEGE.

Active Members.

H. Gertrude Pierce, '95,	Mae Willoughby, '96,
Avah M. Stockman, '95,	Mary L. James, '96,
Arbella R. Armstrong, '96,	Blanche S. Chamberlin, '97,
Carrie Bell, '96,	Jessie L. Moore, '97,
Margaret T. James, '96,	Grace C. Stanley, '97,
Hattie E. Van Orman, '96,	L. Elmie Warner, '97,
Bess M. Whitehead, '96,	Mary E. Baker, (special),
	Elizabeth McDerment, (special).

Lambda's little happy family sends a hearty greeting to you, dear sisters, and the very best of wishes for the coming year.

Commencement week passed away very pleasantly at Buchtel.

At ten o'clock Tuesday morning, June 19, we gave a little reception to our old Kappa girls, who had come to attend the Commencement exercises.

Wednesday was Class Day, and how proud we were of one of our senior girls, Eva Dean, as she gracefully delivered the class poem.

On Wednesday evening a thrill of delight ran through the hearts of all, for was it not the evening of the Senior Promenade, which had been eagerly looked forward to for so long? It was given in Crouse Gymnasium which was tastefully decorated, while daises, ferns, palms, and water lilies lent their beauty to the enchantment of the scene. It is an undisputed fact that every one spent a very pleasant evening.

Thursday we listened to the address to the graduates by Dr. Cantwell, and

with pride we saw four of our dear Kappas receive their diplomas, yet it was with sorrow too. What shall we do without our '94 girls next year?

On the last night of the year, Dr. and Mrs. Cone gave a reception to faculty and students, in honor of the graduates. The occasion proved a most enjoyable one.

We should like our Kappa sisters to know a little more about our new chapter hall, which is to have its picture in the October KEY.

Would you like to step in and see it? If you would, be patient and try not to get out of breath while you pass through Buchtel's corridors and up several flights of stairs. Upon reaching the last stair you will see, immediately at your left, a door upon whose dark blue transom are painted the letters K. K. G. in light blue. You know yourself at once to be before Lambda's *sanctum sanctorum*. Upon entering you find a large, airy room, finished in dark wood. The polished floor is made cheerful with a huge Turkish rug in the center, together with several others cosily arranged. The ceiling and walls of the room are covered with dainty paper of silver and blue; here and there hangs a picture. At a respectful distance in the corner the owl presides. Besides our easy chairs one of the attractions of comfort is a lounge which we try to have take the place of a much longed-for window seat. Pray, don't let curiosity tempt you to lift its drapery.

Our library is not very extensive as yet, but it is increasing all the time, for each member when she leaves contributes a new book. The hall is pleasantly located on the fourth floor, in the north-west corner of the college building, facing the front campus; it commands an excellent view of the city and surroundings. No doubt you have been in much more elegant rooms, but as the home, no matter how humble, is dear to the child, so the chapter hall is beloved by its members.

Lambda is eagerly looking forward to the time when all of its members shall assemble in the home circle, and listen to the news of the Convention.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma sends her best greetings to her Kappa sisters as they start into another college year and begin anew to strengthen Kappa bonds.

We are hoping to see all our last year's members back, having initiated two of our pledged members during Commencement week. The initiation was held at that time because we were expecting a number of our alumnae back, and we

wanted them to be present. The initiation was in the afternoon, after which was a Kappa tea, so we could all get better acquainted with our sisters that were with us at that time. The room in which the initiation took place was decorated very tastefully in the two blues, and the chapter flower held a predominating place in that room as well as in the others. We certainly did have a good time, but we always do at our little Kappa teas.

The college opens on the 12th of September, and I think most of us after our long vacation will be glad to go back to study again.

The accounts that have been brought home to us by our more fortunate sisters that attended the Ithaca Convention in August have made us very enthusiastic, and our deep regret is that we were not able to attend. Our hope for the future is that at least more of us will be able to attend the Convention next time at Evanston.

Wishing our sister chapters a very pleasant and prosperous year, we say for the present "*Auf Wiedersehen.*"

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The summer is practically gone. Before this letter reaches its readers the next school year will have begun and the season of rushing will be well under way.

As the new year opens we cannot help wondering what possibilities are before us and what new developments may appear. What shall be our policy? What new work can we undertake? Who will be our new sisters and what can we do for them?

Now we have the year—to make or to mar. It is certainly a time to fix our standard and set our ideal even higher than we can hope to attain, remembering that the real never reaches the ideal.

Beta Nu begins the year with fifteen earnest workers. With such a number we can afford to be conservative and let a girl show herself worthy of Kappa ties before binding her to ourselves.

During the vacation we have been widely scattered. One of our number has spent a delightful summer in the mountains of Colorado, one in the Adirondacks, while others have enjoyed the beauties of the Great Lakes.

We have two announcements to make which are of especial interest. Two

of us have left college life for the sterner responsibilities of married life, and may possibly in the next number of THE KEY entertain us with experiences of the young housekeeper.

We were very sorry that more of our chapter could not attend the Convention. We hope, however, through our two representatives to imbibe some of the enthusiasm there inspired, as well as to attain the wider and fuller benefit.

We send a hearty greeting to each of our sister chapters, with best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

We wish through THE KEY to express our sincere sympathy with our former president and beloved sister, Mrs. Burnham, in her grief for the loss of her father.

PERSONALS.

On June 20, Maude V. Smith, '94, was married at her home to Rev. Thomas Chalmers, of Port Huron, Mich.

Mary L. Hull, '94, and Chas. Farber, '94, were married at the Church of the Good Shepherd, July 2, 1894.

Clara E. Byers, '94, with her father and mother are soon to leave for Atlanta, Ga., where they will make their future home.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

After this long summer's vacation filled with so many delightful experiences and happy times, most of us, we think, are well rested and ready to return to work, eager to meet again the friends who will seem dearer than ever after this three months' separation.

Beta Delta gladly greets all the Kappas once more through THE KEY, and wishes she could give the grip all around; but as that is an impossibility, she extends her heartiest good wishes for the coming year to every one of the mystic circle.

It seems a little absurd to tell of things that happened three months ago, before our last college year had closed; but such records form the links that bind the years together and give one the satisfactory feeling of "beginning where she left off."

For us, the chief event in June was a reception given by Beta Delta to

members of the faculty and their wives, at the residence of Professor and Mrs. Hinsdale. The broad, sloping lawn was illuminated with electricity and Chinese lanterns; the orchestra sat in one corner of the veranda and added the harmony of sweet sounds to the beauty of the surroundings. The house within was decorated with trailing vines and cut flowers. The mantel in the dining-room was covered by a bank of ferns, and a huge centerpiece of ferns decorated the table. Our own girls, in dainty white gowns, served the ices and cake, each one taking her turn, so that all had ample opportunity to help entertain the guests. The evening was perfect; warm, still and clear, and the fates seemed to smile upon us most kindly, for everything went smoothly and merrily; there was nothing for us to regret. We were very fortunate, too, in having with us two of our alumnae of '93, Katharine Alvord and Gertrude Bagley. Our friends were most generous in their praises of the affair, and we feel very glad that our first annual party was so successful. We say first annual party, for it is our intention to give one large party every year; we think the custom a good one to establish, for it gives the chapter a certain standing and identity in a college where there are so many fraternities, and keeps the members more in touch with both faculty and students.

"After the bitter comes the sweet" was reversed in our case, for, the reception over, we began "bohning" for examinations. Then came Commencement, and two of our girls, Katharine Crane and Jessie MacIntyre, joined the ranks of the alumnae.

We wound up the year with a genuine old-fashioned "spread" at the chapter house, and such a good time as we had. We substituted the spread for supper, and in spite of the fact that it was our last meeting together, our appetites were uncommonly good, and we had such a jollification as only girls know how to have.

This fall our members will be few, a number of the girls being unable to return, and our cherished chapter house must be given up, only for lack of girls to live in it. However, we shall keep our courage up and do our very best, and hope for better times a year from now, when several of those who leave us now expect to return. We shall have a chapter house again as soon as possible, for we enjoyed ours so much in spite of a good many trials and difficulties.

The inter-fraternity contract in regard to rushing, etc., will not be in force this year, and it will be everyone for herself, at any time and any place. The future only can tell what is in store for us, but we confidently hope to be able to tell a tale of great success and pleasure in the next number of THE KEY.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

Once more our college halls are open, and old and new faces greet us. After an absence of three months it is pleasant to mingle with the dear friends again, especially with those bound to us by the ties of fraternity. We rejoice to find so many of our sisters returned, eager to enter upon another year's work for Kappa. The term is opening most auspiciously for Xi. Strong in numbers and a determination to expend our best energies in the interest of our chapter, we feel assured of success. School has just opened, but already we see among the strange faces a number that we expect soon to introduce within our mystic circle. Not for years has the future of Xi looked so bright. For with the prosperity of the college, comes increased prosperity to the fraternity, and in all departments of our institution we find continued advancement. The appearance of the buildings and grounds has been altered so much during the vacation that on our return it seemed scarcely like the same old place. A handsome new hall is being built, which will improve greatly the already fine appearance of the campus. Great interest is also being manifested in athletics. A splendid athletic field has been prepared, and we are already looking forward to the exciting games of football to be played here.

The South Hall parlors have been refurnished and present a very cosy appearance. Besides these many minor improvements have been added, which gives evidence of the continued prosperity of the college. We rejoice to see our institution thus steadily advancing toward her rightful position among her sister institutions. The changes that have been made within the last year are indeed wonderful and we are glad to see the good work continuing.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Oh that some sweet Muse might whisper gently in our ear all that another year will bring to Kappa! By September eleventh we hope that fourteen of our bright, happy girls will have returned to beloved Hillsdale — all overflowing with gayety and new ideas, and ready for a year's earnest work. Perhaps, then, we will not trouble faithful Muse, but take our fortune as it comes to us, thus making the sorrows not half so sad, and the joys all the more joyous. With so many lively girls to begin our fall term's work, the studies we have planned and the course we have marked out look very attractive to us and we are very anxious to begin.

Commencement with anniversaries, receptions, parties and serenades, was a great success. The weather was perfect, nature seemed to pride herself on shady green trees and beautiful flowers, and frequent trips to old Bawbeese Lake lent additional charm and inspiration to the student.

But Commencement entertained one feature of sadness—mid so many joys—to take from us six of our girls—Alice Dewey, Cornelia Lillibridge, Myrta Phelps and Jennie Stiles by completion of courses, and Clara St. John and Nellie Wilder, who cannot come back. But though they are absent in body, we are sure that fraternity life has grown so dear to them that their interest will be with us always.

We shall be glad to have Sadie Stamats with us again this year.

The marriage of Mr. J. McLonth, Phi Delta Theta, and Ethel Fulton, '94, Pi Beta Phi, occurred August 23, at Clear Lake, Ind.

Mr. A. Ebersole, president of our freshman class, won first prize at the National College Contest of the Prohibition club in July.

Pres. Mosher has returned from his summer trip in the East, and the professors and early students can already be seen wandering about the campus in groups of threes and fours—planning all sorts of good things, it is supposed, for the coming year.

We hope to have Winifred Hill, who was out of school half of last year on account of illness, with us again this fall.

Our delegate to Convention, Claire Sands, and visiting delegate, Nellie Montgomery, are now enjoying a visit to Boston. They report by postal card a "splendid time right through Convention," so we expect to have them back with us full of new enthusiasm and loyalty to Kappa.

Then with hearts filled with pleasure and good will, Kappa hastens to send greeting to all her sisters in Kappa Kappa Gamma.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Delta's June meetings were "red letter" days. First, Mrs. Batman, a Kappa at heart, tho' she has never worn the key, invited us to meet with her and surprised us with dainty refreshments at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Fannie Campbell handsomely entertained us the following week. On the evening of June 9, Mrs. Flora Wallingford Bradfute, wife of the editor of the *Bloomington Telephone* gave a brilliant reception to all the Kappas in the university and city including several visiting sisters. And on the last Saturday of the term,

Mrs. Professor Hoffman opened her house to us for our farewell meeting. These gracious courtesies on the part of our older sisters were deeply appreciated.

Commencement week was full to overflowing. Parties and dances in honor of visiting friends, given by several of the fraternities, filled up the time unoccupied by the regular Commencement exercises. At Class Day the seniors used to the full their prerogative of ridiculing everyone — faculty and students. On Monday occurred the base-ball event of the season — the faculty-senior game, when victory smiled upon the faculty. On Tuesday the alumni meeting and dinner took place, and the exercises closed Wednesday, June 20, with a brilliant address by President Harper, of Chicago University.

Among the graduates were three of our Kappa girls, Bertha Freese Estella Emison, and Martha Dorsey. We shall miss them greatly next year, as well as several of our other loyal sisters, who cannot return. However we shall welcome back two of our old friends, Anna Lane and Georgie Bowman, who take up their work again in the fall.

There promises to be a full attendance upon the university at the opening of the year, Sept. 18. The faculty remains the same for the most part, with the exception of Professor Aley, who exchanges places for the year with Professor Miller, of Leland Stanford, Jr. University; Professor Davidson, who has accepted the chair of English at Adelbert College, Cleveland, O.; and Professor Merrill, who takes the chair of Latin in the California State University.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Most sincere and hearty greetings are extended to all chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

The best thing that we could wish our sister chapters is that they were well represented at the Convention last August and that that delegation has transmitted some of the Convention spirit to the individual members of the fraternity.

During commencement week, last spring, six of the "old" Kappas were entertained at the chapter "home," making the last meeting of the year doubly attractive. Not the least enjoyable event of the week was the reunion of resident, visiting and active members in the parlors of Merryweather's Café. After partaking of the "good things," the time was very pleasantly spent in listening to the older members' experiences in "rushing" and being "rushed."

Most of the members of Iota have spent their vacation quietly at home with

a few interruptions of short summer trips. A small number being unable to tear themselves from the fascinating work of study remained to attend the summer school.

From the number of letters passing to and fro we are expecting a happy meeting, with renewed energy to enter the rushing season soon again.

We are looking forward to a large freshman class, and are anxious to extend our bonds to such of them as are desirable. We entered into no contract concerning pledging with other societies; so we have our own self-respect to maintain, also the dignity of the fraternity.

PERSONALS.

Erba Webber, music, '94, has been studying music at Detroit this summer.

Cora Bennett, '94, has accepted a position to teach in Marion High School.

Stella Jordan, '94, was married June 27, to Mr. C. W. Smith, (Phi Delta Theta) '93.

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu finds much trouble in writing this letter without giving Convention the principal place. Her representative enjoyed herself thoroughly and came away with her memory store room full of pleasant things, cullings from which she will put here although they will be old to some.

But although Ithaca could not be called the city of a thousand hills, yet one's dreams there at the end of the first day are of hills, hills, hills, which must be climbed in order to reach the beautiful topmost spot. And a prettier site for a college could not be chosen than that of Ithaca's hills. At "Cornell on the hills," then, girls, representatives from Boston of the Atlantic to Palo Alto of the Pacific coast, gathered for solemn conference and for pleasure.

Of the former we will not speak here except to say that in that meeting the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity received new impetus which will impel her members to a better realization of the meaning of "fraternity." There were young women of the varied characteristics necessary to make such intercourse interesting. And one, seeing those girls together, must have acknowledged that they at least had found companionship with one another congenial, for man did not appear in the festivities of this occasion.

The first opportunity for becoming acquainted was well improved at the informal reception for which a Kappa home was thrown open. A boat ride on Lake Cayuga ended in a tramp over hills which presented glimpses of grand scenery, both in the ravines at our feet and in the wide expanse of alternately wooded and clear country in the distance. Ended was too hastily said for the dinner, enlivened by songs and college yells.

The last thing in this storeroom of memory was a gay banquet scene where happy faces formed the picture on which bright sayings threw touches of light.

At home the summer was spent by the different girls in various ways.

One practical Kansas girl made her father's home happy even when she mixed German with the jelly, and French verbs with the bread.

For a fortnight the woods were made merry by a camping party including thirteen Kappas. With the commencement of college this week all of our girls returned to Irvington, and are anticipating with much pleasure the first meeting of the year.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

DEAR KAPPA SISTERS :

The spring-term and Commencement have come and gone since Eta last greeted you, bringing with them many jolly times and some sad ones, too, for we parted with two grave and reverend seniors this year, Anna I. Wyman and Mabel P. Robinson.

The senior class gave a pageant this year at Library Hall, substituting it for the usual Class Day exercises. The graduating exercises were held in our new gymnasium and the alumni ball also, which in spite of the high temperature was very largely attended.

Our gymnasium was dedicated Friday, May 25. The day was a holiday for the students and was devoted to boat-racing and base-ball; in the evening was given the much talked of, "event of the season"—the athletic ball. Words cannot describe the splendid scene; it was all that we had ever dreamed it could be.

We Kappa girls enjoyed several steamer-rides during the beautiful, moon-light nights of Commencement week, and the week before, but the most enjoyable was the one given by the alumnae chapter to the active. Mrs. Olin, one of our charter members, entertained the chapter at her home on the shore of Lake Mendota; the evening was spent out of doors and the girls had a delightful time.

Another of Eta's girls, Sadie Newcombe, was married on June 7, to Walter Marling, Phi Delta Theta, and several of the girls, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Williams drove across the country to Columbus for the wedding.

Eta wishes all her sisters every success next fall.

BETA THETA — CHICAGO ASSOCIATE CHAPTER.

Just at this time of the year when colleges and universities all through the land are beginning their work, and when old students eagerly eye all new comers within college halls, we of the associate chapter feel fond memories rise within us of the days when we, too, were wont to seize school books with renewed vigor, meet old friends with fervent hand-clasp, and have the pleasure of helping some poor, untried one through the mazes of matriculation and the first week's arduous tasks. We feel a longing for those happy days of impromptu teas and spreads, when lessons were forgotten, and we gave ourselves wholly to the pleasures of the hour. But though college days are over we are glad that in our chapter we still have so many of our college friends and that we keep the fraternity feeling and loyalty to our "blue and blue" strong and bright within us.

The reports from Convention have been of great interest to us, and we welcome our new officers to their untried work, and wish them all success. Also, we are glad to learn that two summers hence will find the Convention met again, and that time within our borders. We shall be glad to welcome all Kappas, and repay some of the kindness and hospitality that have been shown us by sister chapters.

Beta Theta sends to all chapters its best wishes for a successful and happy year.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

A newsletter written during the summer, at a distance of six hundred miles from Evanston, can scarcely picture chapter or college life. I can report for Northwestern and for Upsilon only what Dame Rumor has brought to me through various messengers.

It seems to be an established fact that our new Orrington Lunt Library, of which we are so justly proud, is now complete, and is to be dedicated in October. It stands just north of Memorial Hall on the campus facing Sheridan

Road diagonally. Through the trees on the circling drive, shine the white columns of the Greek portico and the heavy oak doors beyond. The old library rooms in University Hall have been fitted up for recitation rooms to accommodate our fast increasing members. Rumor whispers mysteriously of plans for a school of technology and a fine new building for the school of oratory.

Of our chapter I may speak with perhaps more certainty. It is at any rate true that Susan Conde Osgood, '94, is now residing in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, under the new name of Mrs. Geo. Brewer. Edith Mae Baker, '94, is now Mrs. Geo. E. Dickson, but is to live in Evanston where we may still have her help and encouragement. Our plans for chapter work for the coming year are numerous indeed. Among those plans, two objects are prominent—to learn more of the fraternity and parliamentary law, and in some way to unite the active chapter and the alumnae more closely. The ways and means for best accomplishing our ends are as yet imperfectly developed, but we hope for great success. Now that Upsilon is to have the honor and pleasure of entertaining the thirteenth national Convention of the fraternity, our plans must include the finding of devices for making Convention eminently successful. While we cannot hope to improve on the royal hospitality of Psi and Phi, it behooves Upsilon to see that the standard set shall not be lowered.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

To Kappas one and all Epsilon again sends greetings through THE KEY.

First of all we wish to introduce to you our new Kappa, Irene Bassitt, initiated Wednesday morning, June 13th, at the home of Clara De Motte.

Since our last letter our sisters have been enjoying their summer vacation. A number have been away, but on the 11th of July we got together about twenty-five and went for a picnic to a grove near the city. We had a very delightful time and plenty to eat.

On July 31st, at Lexington, Ill., occurred the wedding of Miss Margaret Langstaff to Mr. Bird C. Van Leer, of this city. Miss Langstaff was formerly teacher of elocution at the Wesleyan, and Mr. Van Leer was a prominent member of the Phi Gamma Delta fraternity. We are delighted that they will be with us in Bloomington, where they expect to make their home.

A reception was given for Mrs. B. C. Van Leer, on the 15th of August, by her Kappa sister, Belle C. Marsh.

Rachel Bauman, who has been teaching in Denver, Col., is spending her vacation here.

Idelle B. Kerrick has been spending her vacation in Indiana. We regret that she will not be with us this year as she intends going to Baltimore.

We had a very pleasant visit from Mary Baker, who had been teaching music at Chaddock College.

Charlotte Probasco has been spending the summer at northern resorts.

Mamie Fell, of Chicago, made us a short visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hall are the happy parents of a boy baby, born on June 4.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI — UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Kappa news is rather scarce this time for we have been scattered far and wide during the hot summer months. However, those of us who have been in the two cities have managed to see a good deal of each other and we have kept the postman busy carrying letters to our sisters far away. A number of Chi's girls have summer cottages at Minnetonka and other lakes not far from the cities and they have entertained their less fortunate sisters royally at different times during the summer. Quite a large party of Chi Kappas spent the week of the Northwestern Tennis Tournament at the Cottagewood Club House, Lake Minnetonka. Of course we had more than a good time. How could we help it? We were very fortunate in having Miss Main of Eta visiting near by at the same time.

Thus we have been storing up health and strength for the coming year. May it be as prosperous as it promises!

No news of Convention has reached us yet, but we hope to hear all about it very soon.

Irma Glover has returned to us with kind words for Beta Eta, and Chi's corresponding secretary has had a delightful surprise in finding a cousin among the girls of Beta Iota. Thus are the chapters brought nearer together.

A walk through the university grounds not long ago showed the summer schools in full blast with a large attendance, the new library building nearing completion, and our dear old Coliseum a black unsightly ruin. Although the latter could be spared better than any other building, perhaps, still many happy memories clung around it, and we were sorry to see it disappear in the bright flames.

With best wishes for a prosperous year to Kappas everywhere, we close.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

As Beta Zeta's scribe seats herself with a pen in one hand and a fan in the other and bends her mind wholly upon things fraternal, save a glance now and then toward the hammock just outside swaying temptingly in the summer breeze, she thinks to herself of like occasions in the past when chapter letters were due, and how the inditing thereof was a part of the busy school-life along with the hurry and rush of examinations and committee meetings, with a merry chatter of Kappa voices as an accompaniment; and with the remembrance comes the thought of the days yet in store when college wheels will "begin to go round again" and Kappa re-unions will come, the anticipation of which causes even a bright summer day and a restful hammock to lose some of their charm.

So we push our eager thoughts forward to the time of seeing "the girls" again and of hearing from our delegate a glowing account of the Convention and an enthusiastic description of the delightful Kappas there assembled.

We shall miss some familiar faces though, when we go back, and sigh in vain for their helpful presence. Beta Zeta is fortunate, however, in having two of its seniors—beg their pardon—alumnæ, within the fold next year.

Commencement seems now a thing of the distant past, but the memory of that festive season does not vanish in our summer vacation, especially when one has three Kappa sisters in the graduating class, and all playing important parts in the class exercises.

In the "Farewell to the Buildings" on Class Day, Annabel Collins bade adieu to the library; the balloon of '94 arose in majesty after a speech by Eva Kleckner; and Stella Price was one of the six speakers chosen to represent the class on Commencement morning.

Then after that came good-byes and separations, followed later by the little missives that fly back and forth between Kappas during vacation.

From this source we learned that the home of Eva Kleckner was destroyed by fire early in the summer; how heavy the loss was we do not know, but of one thing we are assured, "she saved her Kappa pin."

Most of the letters contain also the inquiry "How is Mae Lomas?" for the dear girl has been ill all summer; we are glad to say she is looking towards recovery now.

To all Kappas, Beta Zeta sends wishes for many happy meetings and greetings in the near future, so near is it indeed that when the chapter letters are read it will belong to the past, and fraternity life will be renewed once more, with all its pleasures and beautiful friendships.

THETA — MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Theta's girls are so widely scattered during the summer vacation that no connected account can be given of them.

"Some go East and some go West" but September generally finds a good number of them back and ready for work.

The university opened September 11, and we have been busy entering and planning our work for the coming year.

We held our first Kappa meeting last Monday afternoon, which proved exceedingly interesting, as Kate Hayes, and Zanney Denny, two of our old girls were with us. After the regular meeting we had tea and talked of old times until a late hour.

There is good Kappa material among the girls who have entered the university this year and in our next letter Theta hopes to introduce some new Kappas to her sister chapters.

The Y. W. C. A. of the university gave their annual reception last Friday afternoon. It was a most enjoyable event, and furnished an opportunity to meet the new girls who had entered.

Anna Bates, one of Theta's brightest and most zealous members, who has been teaching in the Mary Institute of St. Louis for the past three or four years was married this month to Dr. Hersman of that city and will reside there in the future. Theta extends to Dr. and Mrs. Hersman cordial wishes for a future of prosperity and *double* blessedness.

Katharine Horn of '91, has been visiting in Columbia for the past week. She will be in Fayette, Mo., this year where she holds a position as teacher of Latin, in the Female College of that city.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It is hard to realize that the long vacation is almost at an end, and that the college year, with that momentous beginning the rushing season, with all its delights and anxieties will soon be upon us.

To recall Commencement,—how far in the background it seems and yet how distinct among pleasant memories. May twenty-fourth and fifth saw the annual gymnasium exhibitions, and there we enjoyed ourselves for the last time until the torture week of examinations was over. Of course the Kappas came out radiant, but everything falls in the U. of N. before the dread duty, "Semester Exams." Then for Senior Promenade But alas! The rain which we now so sorely need deluged us as we returned home in the "wee sma' hours." But what did we care? We shall have new party gowns next winter. The Class Day exercises were a grand success and the German play in which Mr. W. L. Westerman, Phi Delta Theta, Mr. J. B. Bicher, Beta Theta Pi, and Mr. H. T. Ricketts, Delta Upsilon, sustained the men's parts was enthusiastically received. The three young ladies were "anti-frat" as Kappa had no senior and Delta Gamma but one. Prof. Herron of Grinnell, Iowa, who delivered the Commencement oration, was a "bone of contention" for some weeks after, as some of his ideas were rather startling to even enterprising Nebraska.

But not the least pleasant affair of the week for the Kappas was a farewell fraternity meeting at Mariel Gere's home. We always enjoy ourselves there and this occasion proved no exception to the rule, and our hostess had provided that which makes a Kappa meeting more enjoyable—a dainty luncheon. On this occasion Sigma received the largest gift in her history. A mammoth package was unloaded from a mammoth wagon and when seventeen eager pairs of hands tore off the wrappings, there lay revealed a key of such high dimensions, that I fear I shall scarcely be believed—it was nine feet long. In the proper place was our dear Kappa Kappa Gamma, while Phi Delta Theta on the ward of the key revealed the donors.

No sooner was college closed than Helena Lau and her "pledging" sister Nell invited us all to tea. Did we accept? Yes indeed, and what a good time we had! Early in the vacation Phi Delta Theta gave two of their charming parties as a sort of farewell to their rooms which will be so completely remodelled by fall as to be almost unrecognizable. Ena Ricketts has issued invitations for a party in which her sisters are not forgotten. These pleasant gatherings are by

no means demoralizing but are bringing us closer together and making us more ready to take up our work in earnest in the fall.

Greetings to all Kappas, from Sigma.

OMEGA — KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

To her sisters far and near and to the friends of Kappa Gamma, Omega sends greetings.

Our little town has awakened from its summer nap, has washed its face (which means that we have had rain at last) and is ready to receive and care for the throng of students, new and old, that will soon be here. As someone told our Chancellor, "there is no corn to husk, and so there is nothing to do but come to the State University."

All but four of our girls are to be back, and while glad to welcome our sisters, we are eager to meet new girls. It is too early yet for any report as to new members; but we live in hope, and probably by the time the October KEY appears, our hopes will be fulfilled — at least to some extent.

This past summer the all-absorbing topic of conversation was The Strike, but when our chapter meetings commence, we shall have ears for nothing but Convention. Speaking of Convention — we girls who wear the little gold key ought to feel pretty well acquainted this fall. Last year the fair and this year our own gathering brought us together. Meeting so many girls in Chicago must have made it doubly pleasant for our delegates to Ithaca.

We must not forget the books have all been moved into our new library building, and that the new physics building is rapidly taking shape.

Word has just been received in Lawrence of the safety of Prof. L. L. Dyche who has been in the Arctic regions all summer. The vessel he was in was lost, but the party of explorers were rescued by a passing boat. Any one who was in the Kansas Building at the fair will remember Prof. Dyche's exhibit of animals.

The members of Omega have joined in many of life's pleasures and this summer we have shared its sorrows. The Angel of Death stopped at the homes of two of our girls, and called from the one, a young girl who was to have been "one of us" this fall, and from the other the father of three Kappa sisters.

In closing we send wishes for a successful year for each chapter.

PERSONALS.

Carrie Lyon of Chetopa, Jettie McBride of Great Bend, Nerva Duff of Holton, and Pearl Robinson of Lansing, Mich. will not be back this year.

Daisy Starr, a sister of Mrs. Birdie Grosvenor, one of our charter members, entered school this fall.

Miss Leverett, formerly a Hillsdale, Mich. Kappa, is with us.

Ella Anderson is to bring her sister when she comes down to school.

Grace Duff has entered K. S. U. We could not give her Nerva's place, but while here visiting, last winter, she made a place of her own, and we are glad to have one if we can't have both.

BETA ETA — LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY.

Pray tell me how am I to record the deeds of Beta Eta's little flock, which is so widely scattered from California's northern limits, even to the orange groves of the sunny south, during these vacation months.

I have it — you shall have a condensed form of our circulating letter or "Round Robin" as we have styled it. Industrious girls truly, busy with sewing, fruit canning and housekeeping. And they all promised to fill up the spare corners of their trunks with these preserves and jellies, to be in readiness for some of those famous Kappa "spreads."

Perhaps the most interesting feature of "Round Robin" was the criticising of "Ships that Pass in the Night." How many of them are in love with "the disagreeable man," I couldn't say, although they were generally dissatisfied with the book as a whole.

One of the unwritten laws of Beta Eta is that the first one to be married should be presented with a sack of flour. A handicap race, for there were three who took advantage of this method, but now Harriet Buck has raced on ahead of them all — the sack of flour is hers. The fortunate young man in the case is Herbert S. Stark, of Phi Delta Theta.

College opens very soon now, and with promises of a larger student body than ever before. A large number of these are young women which will make the "rushing" season interesting. Nearly all of our girls will return, so the prospects are very bright for us.

We hope for much from Convention, and are anxious for Elizabeth Chapman to return and tell us all about it.

That this may be a prosperous year for Kappas everywhere, is Beta Eta's best wish.

In Memoriam.

ALMA BENEDICT CODDING.

In the death of Alma Benedict Coddling, June 3, 1894, Sigma's list has been broken the third time.

Mrs. Coddling graduated from the University of Nebraska in 1888. During her college days, she was known as a careful, thorough student, a musician of great promise, a devoted, loyal friend and an unusually strong woman.

Three years ago she became interested in foreign missions, and a year later she sailed for Africa. She was married upon her arrival at Freetown to Roy G. Coddling, Phi Delta Theta of the class of '87, who had preceded her in the missionary work.

The work of a missionary is necessarily hard. In a pioneer field it amounts to a supreme sacrifice. After encountering almost unendurable hardships, she was stricken with the African fever. It was after months of slow recovery that she dared attempt the long journey home. She reached Lincoln early last February. Her sea-voyage had proven so beneficial, that her friends had hopes of her entire recovery. And she herself was planning to return to her chosen work, when she was taken with a second attack of the fever in May, and after a brief illness succumbed to the dread disease.

The noble purpose of her life is expressed by this extract from her note book; "The mind of Christ (He) gave himself not to be ministered unto, but to minister. The servant is not greater than his Lord."

SIGMA CHAPTER.

NETTIE I. MASON.

Beta Beta chapter has suffered a grievous loss in the death of an alumna who has been loved and cherished by her sisters during the five years in which she has been a member of our fraternity.

Nettie I. Robertson, wife of E. G. Mason, died at her home in Hightstown, N. J., September 15. She became a member of Beta Beta chapter October 16, 1889, and graduated with honor from St. Lawrence University, June, 1893.

She was deeply loved by all on account of her pure and beautiful character, and has left a large circle of mourning friends. We extend our sincere sympathy to her sadly bereaved husband.

BETA BETA CHAPTER.

College Notes.

The *Boston Herald* for Sunday, September 29, published an article called "Higher Education," a review of the leading colleges of the country, their aims and advantages. From this article we have made the following extracts:

LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

Leland Stanford University owns an extent of territory in California which about equals the eastern half of Massachusetts, and the climate, being never very hot and never cold, is delightfully invigorating. The mountain scenery from the university itself, situated as it is in the midst of a vast tract of wine-producing land between the Hamilton range and the mountains on the other side of the bay, is magnificent.

The campus contains about thirty buildings, one of which is an enormous four-story dormitory for the accommodation of 800 students. All of these edifices are built upon a plan which may be described as a cross between the Oxford cloister and the Spanish mission. Most of them are one-story high, and they are connected by arcades, and a number of additions must be made very shortly, probably this year. No one hall is large enough to hold anywhere near the entire number of students, and when ex-President Harrison went out there to deliver the course of lectures, which proved such a fiasco, the chapel would only hold half of the number who wished to hear him read for one hour and three-quarters, and he had to give each reading on two successive days. After the first two lectures, however, matters were different.

The present number of dormitories is sufficient, considering the fact that the students prefer to live elsewhere; but some new recitation halls must be put up before long.

Eastern people have no idea what a "howling" little atmosphere the young university has acquired in its brief existence; it does not rival that of Harvard's 258 years of cultured existence, but it is veritable, it is there to stay, and it is of the right sort. The increase in the attendance will probably amount to one-half of the number last year, so that 1800 persons will be in the university during the present academic year.

An immense and ever-growing influence is exerted by the university over the whole of the state by means of a sort of university extension. People out there have not been lectured to death, and they flock in numbers to hear the discourses which the professors and students drive all over the state to give. This system will be extended and strengthened during the coming year. The university exerts an influence in the whole of California which is out of comparison with that exerted by Harvard in Massachusetts.

The strongest tendency at the present time, in connection with the accommodation of students, is toward the building of small houses which can be hired by a number of students, and with a housekeeper, administered entirely for their comfort. The tendency to break up into cliques is non-existent, and the few fraternities which have been introduced do not cut up the body of students into factions.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Since Dr. Shurman came to the presidency in June, 1892, the instructing corps of Cornell University has increased from 123 to 145, and the number of students from 1537 to 1801. In addition to this, two new departments were added—one a winter course in agriculture and the other a summer school for teachers, the former having had during the year 61 students and the latter 287. Along with this expansion has gone an increase in material equipment, two new buildings having been erected during this time, and the architect is now planning a third.

During this period of two years the greatest growth has been in the graduate department, which has been strengthened by the addition of 10 new graduate scholarships and five fellowships, making in all 43 foundations of this sort which the university now has for the benefit of graduate students. During the year 1893-4 there were in the university 287 graduate students, of whom 247 were pursuing graduate courses leading to the master's and doctor's degrees. The corresponding number in 1892 was 132. At the June commencement 57 graduate students received the master's degree and 19 the doctor's degree. In numbers, in magnitude, variety and thoroughness of work done, there is probably no graduate department in America which now exceeds that of Cornell University. The growth

of the library since 1892 has been phenomenal. It had then 125,000 volumes and 25,000 pamphlets; it has now 175,000 volumes and nearly 30,000 pamphlets.

Along with this increase in numbers and expansion in equipment, President Schurman has laid great stress on raising the requirements for admission and graduation. In 1892 the requirements for admission to the courses in engineering and architecture were raised by a year's additional work of advanced mathematics, and they are now at a point higher, it is believed, than any other similar courses in America. In 1894 the courses in arts, philosophy, science and letters were reorganized and the requirements for admission in all of them were brought up to the level of the B. A. course, which means a year's extra work in B. S. and considerable additions in the Ph. B. course, while the B. L. course was abolished.

The available income at Cornell for the year 1893 was \$509,135.19. Only one-fifth of this income was received from tuition fees. This makes the needs of Cornell University very great. It endeavors to make the highest education accessible to the largest number at the lowest cost, and for this reason it needs and deserves the generous support of wealthy people throughout the country. A year ago it celebrated the 25th anniversary of the opening of its doors, and during the last year it has been greatly strengthened by the wise and comprehensive administration of President Schurman. The number of graduate students at Cornell has greatly increased, and the attendance of students has grown from 412 in 1868 to over 1800 in 1894.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO.

The first summer quarter of the Chicago University was an interesting experiment, with especially satisfactory results. It was anticipated that teachers would for the most part avail themselves of the facilities offered for advanced work in their particular lines, and so it proved. During the quarter, which was one of regular university work, not a summer school affair, there were in attendance 597 students, 395 men and 202 women. The attendance in the colleges was comparatively small, showing that the undergraduates do not care as a rule to forego vacation and shorten the college course, as would be practicable under this system.

President Harper has here made possible what President Eliot proposed at Harvard, namely, the pressing of the college course into three years instead of four; only instead of compressing the work or lessening its amount, as was proposed at Harvard, here the vacation time is eliminated and the amount of work remains the same.

The summer quarter proved that there was a demand for the highest grades of

university work, and will become a feature of unique interest in the university year.

The outlook for the coming quarter is excellent. The number of students will doubtless exceed 1000. It should be remembered that, as there are no medical or law schools as yet connected with the university, these students are engaged in collegiate and post graduate work. In the two years now completed there have been about 1600 matriculants. The faculty now numbers about 160. The department of philosophy has been made very strong by the selection of Prof. John Dewey, formerly of Michigan University, as its head, Profs. Mead and Angell coming with him.

In the two years of its existence the university has made remarkable progress and won high rank among our educational institutions. Its groups of great stone buildings already present an imposing appearance. Its graduate schools are attracting the attention of advanced students in all parts of the world. With an endowment of between \$7,000,000 and \$8,000,000 the demand for twice as much more is made apparent by President Harper's broad plans. Chicago is awake to the advantages afforded by such an institution, and all educational interests in the middle West feel the influence of the university, and will increasingly be benefited by the high standards which it has raised and maintains.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Boston University is a people's college. Though existing in the heart of the city, it is comparatively without buildings, and is known chiefly from the quality of its work.

It is largely patronized by the Methodist people of this part of New England, and it receives a great many students of both sexes from the neighborhood of Boston. It is constantly raising the standard of its work, and it has rapidly grown in dignity and power.

For a decade and a half the registration at Boston University has each year, without exception, been greater than that of the preceding. Two departments have just opened, and judging by these the rule will hold good the current year.

The "opening day address" in the college of liberal arts is a feature found in few, if any, of the other American colleges. It is delivered before the entire collegiate body by one of the teaching staff elected by the faculty the previous spring. The universities of Italy have a similar solemnity at the annual opening, as have some other European institutions. At the last but one in the Royal University at Rome, the well-known Prof. Angelo de Gubernatis delivered the address, taking as

his theme, "Rome and the Orient." This year in Boston University the chosen speaker was Mr. Joseph R. Taylor, assistant professor of Greek and Latin, who treated of the "Characteristics of American Classical Scholarship"—particularly as contrasted with those of the English and German. Each year the interest of this occasion appears to deepen.

The freshman class numbers over 80, which is a decided gain over last year. From other colleges new students have also come into each of the advanced classes, and also into the postgraduate department. The whole number of new students in the college is given as 136.

Many new courses of instruction are available the coming year. A number of these are portions of biennial and triennial cycles of courses, by means of which in the last three years of the student's residence he can cover many related or mutually complementary subjects or authors under the same professor.

COLUMBIA COLLEGE.

Columbia, which, though a college in name, is a university in fact, represents a large number of departments and is unique in its history and developments. Its catalogue is different from any other, and in its treatment of studies it deals with the usual undergraduate studies in the academic department, with engineering and related subjects in the school of mines, with political science in another section, with medicine in another, and with philosophy, law, pure science, and education in another. Its courses of study are elaborate and comprehensive, and under President Low it has grown rapidly in the direction of a university. President Low in his report says: "Great as New York is, Columbia should never yield to the temptation to be satisfied with a metropolitan sphere. It ought always to be her aim to exert an influence over the whole country."

The recent advances in Columbia are chiefly in the acquisition of new college grounds, on which a university is to be built which will be one of the most important structures in New York city; an inspection of the president's annual report and the last catalogue shows that Columbia is in a prosperous, healthy and growing position. If dormitories as well as halls for recitations are built upon these grounds, a great advance will take place in the college life of this institution.

The lack of a common dining hall and the absence of accommodations in the shape of rooms for the students have so ordered the college in past years that there has never been any of that mysterious fellowship known as "college life." This has been a serious hinderance to Columbia. The tentative efforts to establish chapters of the fraternities which have a place in every similar institution in the country

with the exception of Harvard have partly succeeded in overcoming this tendency to segregation: but in the houses of these chapters alone has there been any of that genuine *esprit de corps* which animates every student of other colleges. "I would never send a son of mine to Columbia," said recently a man who had been a member of one of the best of these societies, and his unprejudiced view of the subject shows that there is something lacking in this institution, fine as are its educational opportunities, the remedying of which will be a long step in advance. — *Boston Herald*.

BARNARD COLLEGE.

Barnard College is about to enter upon the sixth year of its existence. It has grown far beyond the expectations of its supporters. The authorities are puzzled to know how to provide recitation room for the large number of undergraduates. . . . In graduate work, Columbia offers to women, through Barnard College, 92 different courses of study.—*Boston Transcript*.

UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

One department of undergraduate work has been opened to women; they may take the degree of B. S. Kappa Kappa Gamma may take some credit to herself for this change, as our Beta Alpha chapter has taken part vigorously in the efforts made to bring it about.—EDITOR.

WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

The Woman's College of Baltimore, founded in 1885 by the Baltimore Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was opened to students in September, 1888. While its discipline is in harmony with the views of Methodism, the college is in no other sense sectarian. Students of every faith are received. No attempt is made to proselyte them, but the study of the Old and New Testament, and daily attendance at chapel are required of all students. . . . The College Home, provided for the convenience and protection of students who may wish to avail themselves of it, has been planned with care-

ful attention to social and hygienic requirements. . . . Large personal freedom is allowed student residents of the Home, yet there are certain restrictions. "No resident of the Home is permitted to attend theater, opera, or dancing parties, or to use wine, or play cards while she is in residence." . . . The course of study is arranged for the purpose of laying a foundation of liberal culture and of securing symmetrical intellectual development, rather than early specialization, although the desirableness and even necessity of subsequent specialization are not ignored. The Bachelor's degree is the only one offered by the college upon graduation. . . . Candidates for the degree must take somewhat more than twelve courses, each of five hours a week, throughout the college year.—*The Outlook*.

Editorial.

CHANGE IN THE COUNCIL.

The Convention made one very considerable change in fraternity management, which it is expected will bring improvements in several directions, — namely the substitution of the editor-in-chief of THE KEY for the grand marshal, as an officer of the Council. The fraternity has learned that Convention arrangements can be made to better advantage by a marshal from the chapter with which Convention is held, than by an officer of the Grand Council. The change has besides this, the further advantage of bringing THE KEY into close relations with the governing body of the fraternity, relations that will ensure to readers of the magazine more complete information, and to the Council the benefit of looking at the chapters from the editor's point of view.

A SUGGESTION FOR 1896.

The Convention of '94 has come and gone. It left strong impressions with us, a few of which we have tried, in another place, to give to THE KEY. One that we did not mention there, is that the Convention would have been even bet-

ter if there had been more of it. Every Convention finds more work than its predecessor. In spite of the pains taken to lay out the work beforehand, in spite of the comparatively little time given to entertainments, and the faithfulness of the delegates at business sessions, the days were crowded too full, and at the end, there was too great weariness felt by some who attended. Women are given to exacting of themselves more than their strength can well endure. For that very reason, they need to make their plans so as to guard against that tendency. In August, 1896, let the Convention be held for four days instead of three, and there will be more opportunity for making the acquaintances which are as vital a part of Convention as the business itself, as well as less fatigue from that business.

EXTENSION.

Sigma, and others of the western chapters, desire the establishment of new chapters in the West, for the reasons given by Sigma in the Parthenon. The editor would like to add a few words to the discussion, premising that her words represent her individual opinion and are not in any sense an "official utterance."

Is the fraternity justified in putting in new chapters merely for the sake of giving neighbors to those already established, provided there are no more colleges of high grade for the fraternity to enter? We should say not.

Sigma speaks of colleges "which, though small are growing, and have good prospects for the future." In the past, Kappa Kappa Gamma has not refused to enter such colleges. The fraternity position in this matter was well stated two years ago, in an article by the alumnae editor in *THE KEY* for October '92. We refer our readers to this article; but in case they may not have it at hand, we will quote a few sentences: "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 with 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. But holders of char-

ters 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 characters 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 . . . Women first, colleges second."

Kappa Kappa Gamma has formerly taken the view of small colleges expressed by Mr. Bryce in the "American Commonwealth" from which also we desire to quote (although it may be familiar to our readers) in order to set before them a particularly friendly judgment of such institutions. Mr. Bryce begins by speaking of the feeling that in America these colleges are too numerous. "In America itself educational reformers . . . complain of the multiplication of degree-giving bodies, and consequent lowering of the worth of a degree. They point to the dissipation over more than thirty colleges, as in Ohio, of the funds and teaching power which might have produced one first-class university. One strong institution in a State does more, they argue, to raise the standard of teaching and learning, and to civilize the region which it serves, than can be done by twenty weaker ones. The European observer, while he admits this, conceives that his American friends may not duly realize the services which these small colleges perform in the rural districts of the country. They get hold of a multitude of poor men, who might never resort to a distant place of education. They set learning in a visible form, plain indeed, and humble, but dignified even in her humility, before the eyes of a rustic people, in whom the love of knowledge, naturally strong, might never break from the bud into the flower but for the hand of some zealous gardener. They give the chance of rising in some intellectual walk of life to many a strong and earnest nature who might otherwise have remained an artisan or store-keeper, and perhaps failed in those avocations. They light up in many a country town what is at first only a farthing rushlight, but which, when the town swells to a city or when endowments flow in, or when some able teacher is placed in charge, becomes a lamp of growing flame, which may finally throw its rays over the whole State in which it stands. In some of these smaller Western colleges one finds to-day men of great ability and great attainments, one finds students who are receiving an education quite as thorough, though not always as wide, as the best universities can give. *I do not at all deny that the time for more concentration has come, and that restrictions on the power of granting degrees would be useful.* But one who recalls the history of the West during the last fifty years, and bears in mind the tremendous

rush of ability and energy towards a purely material development which has marked its people, will feel this uncontrolled freedom of teaching, this multiplication of small institutions, have done for the country a work which a few State-regulated universities might have failed to do."

The italicized sentence (whose italics are ours) gives one reason why we do not believe in putting new chapters into small Western colleges. And although it may sound harsh to say that a charter should be withdrawn simply because of the size of the college, yet if the number of students constantly diminishes until there are not enough women in the institution to maintain a chapter with proper care in selection of new members,—that is, if the chapter must invite not always the best sort of girls but the best they can find among the few that come,—then there is no real harshness to the chapter in removing its charter, nor any cause of reproach to the fraternity. The college has not fulfilled its early promise of success; the chapter and the fraternity must submit to the disappointment. The small colleges have done a good work, but their time of usefulness is passing.

"The time for more concentration has come." These "educational reformers," of whom Mr. Bryce speaks, are doing their best to influence rich people to make their gifts to the great universities rather than to the small colleges. Harder and harder is the struggle of the small colleges to compete with the attractions of their great rivals; smaller is the likelihood of first-rate fraternity material being found in the former. State universities have good prospects; but for many of the small institutions, the chances are that instead of proving a light that burns more and more brightly, their flame will flicker and die. Mr. Bryce himself, a few pages before the eloquent paragraphs quoted above, remarks that many of the small colleges, with which the West and South are covered, are for most intents and purposes schools, and would do better to renounce the privilege of granting degrees, and be content to do school work according to school methods.

Another reason for conservatism is the difficulty of maintaining a very large fraternity in a thoroughly well organized condition. Some of the men's fraternities, having the help of greater experience, may be able to govern themselves properly when they reach the state of possessing chapters in every college in America that offers reasonable promise of financial support and desirable students; but we cannot but think that Kappa Kappa Gamma will make a mistake if she follows their example.

Certainly it is to be deplored if the Western chapters feel themselves deprived of any of the benefits of fraternity life; and the fraternity should bestir itself to remedy the defect. We suppose that by the Western chapters, Sigma means those of Delta Province, which are the most widely separated from one another and from the other chapters. Of these six, we know of only three that have at different times expressed the difficulty that Sigma feels. We believe moreover, that the chapters in the East have not as numerous opportunities as Sigma fancies to make personal acquaintance with one another, and that they too must depend to a great extent upon the convention, and occasional visits from some Kappa on her travels, for such acquaintance. Only a few chapters are near enough together to make such pleasant interchange of courtesies as are possible between Beta Alpha and Beta Iota, or among the three Indiana chapters. The latter, too, one can hardly call Eastern. Beta Epsilon, and Phi, on the extreme Eastern border, have the advantage of being in cities where Kappas from far away sometimes come to live for a while; but on the other hand, they have the "difficulties of the city chapter," which although they do not appall the present writer, our Western sisters with their different traditions of fraternity happiness might not covet in the exchange. Desirable as inter-chapter acquaintance must be considered, we believe the fraternity should find some safer method for its attainment than extension into small colleges.

THE CITY CHAPTER.

Beta Epsilon has set forth in the Parthenon the difficulties of fraternity life in the city college. That there are difficulties cannot be denied. But we think Beta Epsilon has looked too hard at these dragons of trains and electrics and high rents; not hard enough at the possibility of taming them; and in putting so high a value upon the joys of the chapter under the dormitory system, or in a college in a small town, she has forgotten some disadvantages of too continual association, the "faults of its virtues."

We heard once of a teacher in a college for women, exceedingly beautiful in its surroundings, and giving every opportunity for the sort of life that Beta Epsilon has imagined, only that its secret societies, like those in most women's colleges, are local, not national. This teacher was accustomed to flee from the college on every recreation day, to seek the society of friends to whom that

college and its affairs were not momentous above every other concern. She said that to spend all her days with the same people, whose interests ran in the same track, made life more intense and more narrow than she could bear. It was a case of "the Browns being browned to death," as Dr. Holmes said.

There is only one city chapter with whose life we are intimately acquainted, therefore we can offer only that chapter's experience as a counterpoise to Beta Epsilon's, and a possible encouragement. Other chapters no doubt have met the same obstacles, and may be able to give more help.

Boston University has much the same conditions as those at Barnard. The college provides no dormitories. Many of the students live at home in the suburbs, and must reckon with trains and electric cars. Recitations last from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. for some classes, and have been known to reach later into the afternoon. Still Phi has not found fraternity life too greatly hampered. The chapter holds no meetings in the evening, or on Saturdays. The usual time has been three in the afternoon, with variations to suit the varying hours of classes; but usually the meeting closes not later than six. The members' respective families are willing to expect them home a little late on the day of chapter meeting, and no harm has yet befallen anyone from crossing the city unescorted after sunset. The chapter meets weekly, in a rented room near the college. The meeting has all the greater charm for being the one occasion when the chapter gathers itself together as a chapter, and for being the object of so much planning in order that the members can all be present. Of course if one should try while in college to keep up with all the social life that is going on among one's old friends, there might be difficulty in leaving any time free for chapter meeting. But the girl at the city college, who must attend recitations scattered through the whole day, could excuse herself from engagements that interfered with the afternoon meeting. It is partly a question of what one prefers to give up. The chapter members are presumably people who have found one another especially congenial, and who are interested in the fraternity as well as in the chapter. The new friendships and the interest in the wider circle ought to be strong enough to accomplish a chapter meeting naturally, without any feeling that great sacrifices have been made in the process.

The question of room-rent is of course a serious one for the city chapter, unless the members are richer than most young women at college. Sometimes it is solved by holding the meetings at the houses of the members; but when most of them live at some distance from college, this plan is impracticable. The women's fraternities at Boston University occupy rented rooms. A

furnished room can be obtained for about \$5.00 a week, and upward. We do not know just how rents compare in Boston and New York, except that the New York rates are rather higher. But a chapter room is a necessity for the city chapter; and necessities can usually be provided. Restriction of expense in other directions may have to be the method of provision. The alumnae should help, if the burden is too heavy for the active chapter. Beta Epsilon, to be sure, has not yet a long alumnae list, but her ten were in college so recently that they cannot have forgotten chapter needs.

Chapter meetings are the strength of chapter life. But when we remember our own college experiences, the Kappa good times that come up in fancy were outside the chapter meeting as well. Even in the city college, even if the friends must separate at evening to suburban dwelling-places, and must consult watches oftener than is restful to the imagination,—Phi's girls managed to enjoy a good deal of one another's society. Their leisure moments were likely to be spent together. We think of long confidential talks in the chapel, on some afternoon when recitations came mercifully far apart; of gay half-hours at the lunch-table, away up towards the roof of 12 Somerset St.; of spring days when the four walls seemed too close, and we escaped for a walk over the Common with some sister in the bonds. In the quaint West End, where the hills slope down steeply toward the river glittering in the west, and house roofs stand in fanciful lines against the sky, like a picture of a foreign town,—hardly a street but has it picturesque beauty more deeply fastened in our hearts for the thought of Kappas who looked at that beauty with us. Even the Athenæum, staid, solemnly-quiet, where serious gentlemen in spectacles are forever consulting learned works,—the Athenæum is a library, certainly, but it is also the place where in our freshman days, a junior Kappa once invited us to spend an hour reading with her. We didn't read; we talked about friendship. And some of the things she said are as easy to remember as if it were all not a good while ago, as easy to remember as what she said to us last week.

“ Here below, to live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.”

With this number of THE KEY the present editorial board makes its farewell appearance, and gives over the magazine to its successors in Psi Chapter. Phi has taken pleasure in the work, and must feel the natural regret that follows the breaking of any train of pleasant associations. But we feel confident that

the Convention made a wise choice, one that will be for the good of the fraternity, and of the magazine. We take this opportunity to offer sincere thanks to our contributors in general, and to the corresponding secretaries in particular, for their efforts to make THE KEY a fit representative of Kappa Kappa Gamma. And to Psi Chapter we would say — "All success be yours. May THE KEY prove as enjoyable a task as Phi has found it."

Exchanges.

The year has come around again to the ripening time, and, as years will, it has brought its changes. It is good to come back to the familiar work and the familiar faces; good, too, to see the familiar exchanges lying ready to be perused. But there is a poignant regret in the knowledge that it is for the last time that we read them in the capacity of editor.

Real pleasure has come from the opportunity to see many fraternity magazines, real profit from the broader fraternity knowledge so gained.

And now, confident that the work will go into better hands than hers, but feeling that it can scarcely go to hands more warmly interested in its welfare, the present Exchange Editor bids everyone of the exchanges "farewell" in the true sense of it, as she reviews them for the last time.

Kappa Alpha presents a clearly written, well thought-out article on "The Magazines," which we should be glad to reproduce in part, were it not foreign to fraternity interests in the stricter sense.

It is a source of wonder to note the fathomless difference between *Kappa Alpha* prose and *Kappa Alpha* verse. The former is often terse, strong and pointed; the latter is too often wholly unworthy of a place in so good a magazine.

The September *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi opens with an interesting and remarkably well illustrated history of Bowdoin College.

Following this are sketches of the old or "ante-bellum" Eta, and the new Eta.

The rest of the number is chiefly occupied with reproduced articles.

Delta of Sigma Nu is conspicuous for the amount of marrying and giving in marriage recounted in its pages. Is it an epidemic in the fraternity?

All the brides were either "winsome" or "reigning beauties," and as for the weddings,—the descriptions of them are quite the most blossomful accounts on record!

However, far be it from us to make jibes at the *Delta's* enthusiasm; of course the brides were lovely; brides always are, you know.

The chapter reports take up a large portion of the remaining space.

The *Rainbow* gives some views of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, charming bits to those who have sister chapters at that thriving, if youthful institution.

The *Rainbow* also contains an "Original Four-Act Comedy." It is a remarkable comedy; perhaps indeed "extraordinary" would not be too strong a word.

The May number of *Delta Upsilon* has but recently come to our notice. There are some things so generally applicable in its columns that we quote from them even at this late date.

Why join a fraternity? Of course a good fraternity is meant, a fraternity with a basis of good principles and a superstructure of good practices.

"Man is a social animal." From this truth comes the fraternity idea, and the existence of fraternities themselves. Whatever side arguments may be used in favor of fraternities this is the keystone. All other arguments center in this.

To be one's own friend, one's own companion, one's own chum does very well for a day, or a week, perhaps, but if persisted in it makes a man a morbid recluse, without interest in the world, and of no interest to the world. You have seen the "dig," the "grind," buried in his little room with no companionship but his midnight lamp, and you have pitied him, Scholarship, at the cost of congeniality, is dearly bought. What is a man's life to himself if he run the whole gamut of science and be out of tune, if he waken no sympathetic vibrations in his fellows?

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