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HILLSDALE.

If we wish to hear of the work of any of our great universities, such as Harvard or Yale, or of the famous American schools for women, such as Vassar or Wellesley, we need only turn to our current periodicals for descriptions of their work and discussions upon it. This is but right, for size and wealth have made them justly prominent. But we would ask you to look with us at a college not so widely known; rich only in students and teachers who are earnest, thorough workers, and who claim their smaller numbers to be an advantage, rather than otherwise; a college which has lifted hundreds of men and women to a nobler, loftier plane of life and thought—Hillsdale. Will you not come with us for a time?

As you step from the train and look about you, the college buildings will doubtless catch your eye, for they are situated on what is familiarly known as "College Hill," and are plainly visible from nearly every part of the city. A ten minute walk brings us to the six tasteful, yet substantial buildings which occupy the center of the twenty-five acres included in the college grounds. The many well kept tennis courts, the drill and football grounds, and the thoroughly equipped gymnasium show us that the faculties of body as well as of mind are developed here.

Just now the groves are deserted, the fountains wrapped up for the winter, and the brilliant dress of red and gold with which the maples delighted us a few months ago, has been changed for one of downy whiteness, while even the stalwart pines and cedars are stretching forth their stiff, green branches for a trimming of the same soft material. If you will visit us again in the spring, you will see the same trees sheltering many a hammock and rustic seat, and forming many a nook for study or quiet chat. Then, too,

you will see the art class seated in rows on the green cushion, with the white-haired German professor walking from one to another, to see how they are progressing in his beloved profession. But now they are busy in Fine Arts' Hall, the building at our right, and thither, if we would see the beauties of the studio, we must turn our steps. Strains of music reach our ears, and we pause for a peep at the rooms of the music department, which are rapidly becoming inadequate for the increasing number of music students.

The third floor of this building is given to the two women's literary societies, whose rooms are a decided addition to the college buildings. Beautiful frescoing and paintings adorn the walls, and the easiest of opera chairs invite you to a seat where you may enjoy the music and literary productions, which are a feature of every Monday evening. The three men's societies are in the building directly opposite, and there they rival their sisters in the excellence of their literary work, and in the beauty of their halls. It was on these platforms, encouraged by words of kindly criticism or praise, that the work of such men and women as Will M. Carleton, Washington Gardner, and Helen M. Gougar was begun ; and we of to-day claim for our societies the same steady, thorough work. This building also contains Alumni Hall, the library of the English department, several recitation rooms, and the college museum, whose collection is especially good in lines of geology and natural history. The main library, comprising about 9,000 volumes, besides all the best newspapers and periodicals, occupies the second floor of the main building. But hark ! The cheery notes of the bugle are sounding the "Assembly," and, if we would see the boys form for military practice, we must hasten. Soon the battalion, looking very soldierly in the suits of cadet gray, are ready to move off to the drill grounds where, under the instruction of Lieutenant E. A. Helmick who has been detailed to Hillsdale by the U. S. government, the commands are executed with military precision.

We would like to take you with us to the class room, that you might see for yourselves the kind of work we are doing ; to the laboratories, where many a budding scientist is struggling with the mysteries of nature ; or, better still, to the rooms of our genial Lady Principal, whom every girl claims as a dear friend, and where many a discouraged and homesick one has found help and com-

fort. But the clock in the tower of the Central Building is striking noon, and as the students pour out of the buildings and turn their faces towards their boarding places, we, too, must turn away regretful that we can see so little of the real life of the college. For, while Hillsdale is proud of her grounds and buildings, her modern improvements and her corps of instructors, she is prouder still of the cordial, friendly relations existing between teacher and pupil, the helpful Christian influences, the loyalty to truth and right, for which she has always stood. We may forget our rules of calculus or our Latin conjugations, but we shall not forget the life lessons which an intimate acquaintance with these grand men and women teach us.

As we stroll down to the station again, we can tell you many an amusing story of the days when fraternities were supposed to be detrimental to the good of the college, and how $\Delta. T. \Delta.$, the only one then established here, was compelled to hold its meetings in the utmost secrecy. But those days are long gone by, and the five Greek letter fraternities now play an important part in the social life of the college. But there is your train, and as it bears you swiftly away, we hope it will be with many a pleasant recollection of the time you have spent with us at Hillsdale.

CORA H. BAILEY, (*Kappa*, '97.)

A KAPPA'S IMPRESSIONS OF GERMAN SCHOOL LIFE.

As an American pupil in the Höhereschule für Mädchen in a German city during the past year, several points of contrast between the environment of German and American girls were forced upon me. For one thing there are no free, public schools. To be sure there are public schools, and the school I attended is such a one, but it is not a free school in our sense of the term. It is free and public only in the sense that the girl whose father has the money with which to pay her tuition, is free to attend this school and probably will do so as, aside from the greater advantages it offers, attendance there is considered a mark of superiority. Those girls whose fathers are less fortunate financially are obliged to attend a cheaper and inferior public school, called the Bürgerschule, while there are other still cheaper and more infe-

rior public schools for poorer children ; but even then, a tuition of one mark, the coin which corresponds to our quarter, must be paid.

The people do not regard this money at all in the light of tuition but rather as a tax, and a German is so accustomed to a tax on everything, that he thinks it right that a larger tax must be paid where a better education is to be obtained, just as one must pay more taxes upon one's real estate as it increases.

From this system, it is easy to see how difficult it is for the daughter of poor parents to obtain a good education, since the very limitation of her poverty compels her to be educated apart from those more fortunate. This would not be so bad in itself, of course, could she have the same advantages elsewhere, but the cheaper the school, the lower is the standard and the poorer the work done.

Born in a democratic country, and drawing in the spirit of liberty with every breath, it was quite a shock to me to find my German sisters so far behind in educational advantages and so contented withal. Until I became accustomed to the idea of a caste line based upon money and rigidly drawn, it was something of a surprise to me to hear the Höhereschule girls speak contemptuously of the scholars of the Bürgerschule. But that spirit is a part of their education and they are not in the least responsible for it themselves. Speaking to one of the girls one day about their indifference to those less fortunate than themselves and how strange it seemed to me that lawyers' daughters should associate with lawyers' daughters, bankers' daughters with the daughters of bankers, professors' daughters with professors' daughters and so on, she replied, "Why, you would not wish continually to associate with your washer-woman would you?"

One excellent feature of the social system there, since the lines are so rigidly drawn, is the contentment on the part of the people with the existing order of things. Our landlady's daughter went to the Bürgerschule. I asked her one day why, since she complained so much of being poor she did not send her daughter to the free school and she replied, somewhat in disgust, "Only the poor children go there." Then I asked her why she did not send her to the Höhereschule, and she said in surprise, "Only the children of the 'beste Leute' go there." She meant the rich

children and seemed so happy in the thought that her children were not so degraded as to be obliged to attend the free school, that the impossibility of their attending the Höhereschule with the children of the "beste Leute" did not disturb her in the least. That phrase, "beste Leute," is one which is very often in the mouths of the common people, for to them it signifies a world of propriety and splendor, whose glory is not dimmed by the yawning and unbridged gulf which separates them from it. The social system reminded me very much of a ladder upon which all climbed; some went higher than others, all went as high as they could, and when they had gone as far as they were able, the only thing left for them to do was to kick backwards and try to trample upon the less fortunate climbers, and keep them down. "Down where they belong," they would say, but why they belong there is a question too difficult for an American to answer. In the opinion of the people, the professors and their families, and the army officers and their families have reached the top of the social ladder and all look up to them. Happening to belong to a professor's family in this country, proved there to be my golden key, my open sesame, and to that fact I owe a great deal of the pleasure of my stay in that city.

One of the delightful features of the school was the regular Thursday afternoon excursion into the country, under the supervision of the teachers, of course. The walk of several hours out and returning furnished abundant opportunities for German conversation, and many stray items of interest were gained thereby. On one of these jaunts, one of the girls was questioning me in regard to our school methods and I told her first about our system of co-education. The very thought of that shocked her, and she inquired with horror in her voice, "Did you go to school with boys?" On receiving an affirmative answer she continued with increasing horror, "And did you study Latin?" A second affirmative seemed almost too much for her, but she kindly continued and told me it was considered unwomanly for a girl to study Latin and Greek. The privilege of delving into the beautiful literatures of these languages is confined exclusively to the male sex.

The key note to the educational system for girls in Germany is "häuslich," and to the average German mind the two ideas of a

woman being at the same time häuslich (domestic) and educated seem entirely incompatible. The course in this high school mentioned covers eight years, and it may be well to remark that the "high" refers to the character of the school and not to the age of the pupils. They enter at the age of six, and are taught the "three Rs," especial stress, in the lower grades, being placed upon good reading. They are usually required to take the same selection over and over again until it is known by heart. At the age of ten or eleven, they begin the study of French and, at twelve or younger, the study of English and the work done in these branches is equal to that done in junior classes in many of our universities. Indeed, the most stress seems to be placed on the study of these languages. The recitations are conducted entirely in the language to be learned. In essays read in the class in English, giving the reasons for the study of English and French, the chief reason given was, "Without them we can not be cultivated young ladies." The pupils are well drilled in German literature and history, and one very excellent thing is that they are obliged to commit to memory gem after gem of German literature. The instruction in literature and history is given by informal lectures or talks, a system of which many American educators would question the benefit to pupils of this grade. Of chemistry, physics, astronomy and geometry, they have a mere smattering and on asking one of the girls if she had studied physiology, I received the reply, "No, what is it?" During the eight school years, an hour a week, each, is devoted to singing, sewing, gymnasium and dancing, but "dancing" does not mean what the word implies to us. Their dancing consists of a succession of ungraceful hops and is anything but pretty. In the sewing class, they are taught to make underwear, coverings for feather beds and plain articles of all sorts. Whatever studying is done, is done at home. The requirements of that sort did not seem to be severe except in the matter of memorizing quotations in German, French and English. School, which is in session on Saturday as well as the other week days, begins at eight o'clock and lasts till one, with a recess of twenty minutes. During this recess, the children are all obliged to go into the court where they eat their second breakfast, usually a black bread sandwich, while the younger children play a quiet game of ball.

The instruction is given almost entirely by men and, since it is these men who are opposed to the higher education of women, they have the opportunity of withholding the privilege from them.

The girls usually complete their school course at the age of fifteen and are much more mature than American girls of the same age. After leaving school they devote their time to music or, possibly, to French and English, certainly, to domestic matters and preparation for a home of their own, which they all look forward to as the *summum bonum* of earthly existence. The thought of further study seems to be entirely foreign to their minds, for their husbands' opinions must be theirs and it would be worse than useless to have any of their own. A case in point came to me at the time of Carnot's assassination. In talking about it with our landlady she repeatedly said, "Mein Mann sagt" for instance, "My husband says he was a good man." She herself thought and knew nothing about it.

Such being the outlook for the higher education of women in Germany, many decades will pass before the Kappa key will be worn on German soil by any but American girls. To be sure, the doors to some university courses are open wide, but it is the American and English girls who enter them, for the prejudice among Germans in regard to their own daughters entering the university halls is so great, that time alone can bring about a reform. Here and there, already, brilliant minds have burst forth from the level prescribed by custom and, in spite of prejudice, in the face of almost every opposition, have borne off with womanly dignity the university degree.

BETA ZETA.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

WHEN we consider the vicissitudes through which the University of Missouri has passed in late years, and the difficulties which it has survived, we may congratulate ourselves on its present prosperous condition. On January 2, 1892, the university suffered a serious loss in the burning of its main building, but, as a member of the faculty remarked, "The university consists in brains, not bricks," hence it still flourishes. In the succeeding March, the

Missouri Legislature gave it \$236,577 for buildings and equipment; this fund was increased in March, 1893, by a second appropriation of \$264,000, and by \$25,000 additional for a building at Rolla. No state in this country has ever given its university so much money in so short a space of time.

During the two years that followed Dr. Law's resignation, Dr. Fisher acted as chairman of the faculty until, in the fall of 1891, the present incumbent, Dr. Richard H. Jesse, was duly installed as President. It is to his energetic and judicious management that much of the present prosperity of the university is due.

The University of Missouri is located in the central part of the state at Columbia, a town noted for the beauty and healthfulness of its location, as well as for the culture and refinement of its citizens. Columbia is, preëminently, an educational centre, since it possesses two colleges for young women, a conservatory of music, a high school and academy, besides the university.

The university campus is an undulating piece of ground, studied here and there with a fine natural growth of elms and oaks, and containing thirty acres of land through which a brook makes its way, crossed at intervals by rustic bridges. The five handsome new buildings, which have been placed around the quadrangle on the university campus, were ready for occupancy in the fall of 1893, and next June, the main building, an imposing structure situated at one end of the quadrangle, and containing the chapel and library, will be dedicated.

In the centre of the quadrangle stand six giant Corinthian columns, monuments of the old university erected in 1824, which crumbled under the clutches of the fire fiend. Since these pillars, though fine in themselves and interesting on account of their history, do not harmonize with their new surroundings, the Board of Curators hope in time to be able to remove them from their present position and erect them in some other spot, where they will still serve as a landmark for old students as well as add to the attractions of the campus.

The corps of professors and assistants of Missouri University comprises a body of able men, who are steadily bringing the institution forward and striving to make it all that a university should be. A year ago, the preparatory course was abolished as it is no longer regarded necessary for a university to do prepara-

tory work, and while this cut down the number of students, it had a tendency to raise the standard of those who remained. The high aim of the institution is best expressed by the president of the Board of Curators in his annual report, "It is the sincere wish of the present management that the university may grow in influence, in character and in numbers with each succeeding year, until there shall be but one sentiment in every county within the state in reference to it, viz: that at all hazards, and all times, it must be cherished and honored and patronized as the head of the great school system of a glorious state."

L. V. L., (*Theta.*)

Alumnæ Department.

DR. ANNIE LOUISE MACKINNON.

IN the fall of 1884, Kansas State University first made the acquaintance of Annie MacKinnon, then a shy, little maiden experiencing her first absence from home. Soon after entering the university, she became a member of Omega Chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma and her connection with the chapter, from the first, was a constant revelation of the unselfish, sweet, attractive nature she possessed. The quiet yet positive influence which she exerted over Omega's members was great; at chapter meetings, in her home or in her presence at any time, we were made to feel that through her we caught a glimpse of the high ideal she possessed for women. Her influence socially and intellectually did not stop with her fraternity, but her courtesy and ability won for her the admiration and personal friendship of her instructors, fellow-students and associates everywhere.

Miss MacKinnon always took an active part in the work of her chapter and filled, in turn, several of its offices. She wrote readily and, as corresponding secretary, took a lively part in discussions in THE KEY. She represented her chapter at the Minneapolis Convention and gave a toast at the banquet.

While seeming to be ever ready to comply with the social and

fraternity demands made upon her, she never allowed anything to interfere with her work and her record as a student was excellent. Graduating from the high school with the honors of her class, she maintained this high rank of scholarship throughout her university course. Her methodical manner of study and her power of concentration were remarkable.

In 1889, she graduated with honor from Kansas University, receiving the degree of B.S. The succeeding two years, she pursued a graduate course in mathematics and English at the same institution and in 1891 received the degree of M.S. While carrying on her graduate work, she successfully filled the position of instructor in mathematics in the High School at Lawrence, and continued to hold this position until 1892, when she decided to go to Cornell for further study in mathematics.

During the last two years of her work at Kansas University, Miss MacKinnon not only attracted the attention of prominent scholars of Kansas, but her ability was also recognized by letters of congratulation and encouragement from distinguished men of letters in the east. Although born at Woodstock, Ontario, and of Scotch parentage, Miss MacKinnon has lived in Kansas since early childhood and Kansas is proud to call her one of her daughters.

MAUDE SPRINGER, (*Omega*, '89.)

PSI, too, wishes to twine a leaf in Miss MacKinnon's wreath. She spent two years in graduate work at Cornell University, holding a fellowship during the latter year, 1893-94. Although her loyalty to Omega kept her from becoming a member of Psi chapter, she came to Psi's meetings from the very first, took enthusiastic pleasure in Psi's joys, shared Psi's sorrows, and found her warmest friends among Psi's members.

In the spring of 1894, she was elected by the Kansas University chapter to membership in the honorary fraternity of Sigma Xi, and, in the following June, she received her doctor's degree. She applied for the traveling fellowship given by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae and, having obtained it, went to Göttingen in July, to study with Professor Klein. From Göttingen she will go to Oxford or Cambridge to complete her year.

The award of this fellowship to a member of our fraternity may well inspire us with pleasant thoughts, as it is an honor for which there are many applicants. Its award to Miss MacKinnon was well deserved, for she has shown that steady adherence to a definite purpose, combined with tireless patience and unswerving energy, which is only found in association with strong characters and is the sure foundation of success. She is a woman of high character and possesses that spirituality of nature which does not always accompany intellectual achievement.

M. J. H., (*Psi*, '93.)

THE ALUMNÆ AND THE CHAPTER.

UPSILON has reopened the subject of Alumnæ and Chapter, and it is one on which I think we might profitably spend a good deal of thought, for it is one which is to grow more pressing each year as our band of alumnæ increases. Though it ought not to be, it is a rather delicate subject to broach, for it seems that the fault lies with both chapter and alumnæ, and no one likes to have another point out his faults. Where did the trouble begin? how serious is it? and how can it be remedied? are questions which we all, alumnæ and active members ought to think of and try to answer.

I can speak for no chapter but my own; but since I was in college at the establishment of Beta Nu, and a member almost from the first, I feel that I know her and have all the interests of an active member in her welfare. Having been out of college two years—one in the position of an alumna member with no vote—I can speak for the alumnæ as well.

To take the first question, I think the trouble began with us soon after the last of our charter members had graduated. That year, some of our alumnæ left town, and the others for one reason or another stopped coming regularly to fraternity meeting. The girls were all younger, and were apt to stay by themselves talking over college affairs in which an outsider, naturally, had little interest. New interests had come into their own lives, and new demands upon their time came with them. Then, besides, too many of us are apt to think of what we are to get—not of what

we are to give, and it is not in the nature of things that the young girls in college can be expected to give *alumnæ* much help, though if we considered it carefully I believe we should find them more helpful than we might expect. No doubt, the reasons for staying away are good ones, yet the fact remains that the *alumnæ* do not come to meetings and this to the chapter seems to be due to indifference.

So much for the *alumnæ*, now for the chapter. Seeing that the older girls did not come regularly, the girls in college came to think that they had lost all interest in the chapter and did not want to come. They could not realize how many other claims the *alumnæ* had upon their time and attention. For a while, all Kappas in town were invited to our initiations and "feasts;" but, as few came, the chapter naturally decided that they did not want to come, and so does not always ask them now.

I think there is a mistake here, for it is my belief that all Kappas should be welcomed and even expected at all Kappa gatherings. If all *alumnæ* do contribute to the expenses of the chapter, and I think it well that they should, they certainly ought to be made to feel that they are welcome; but they ought to be made welcome at any rate. Even if they can not come, it does them good to be remembered with an invitation.

Another point. When a girl joins Kappa, does she join the chapter or the fraternity? If the latter, would she not, in reason, wish to know the older girls and even the *alumnæ* members of the chapter as well as the girls of her own age? I have known of girls who, though pledged, were not ready to come into the chapter because they did not know the older girls.

I do not know but that I have entered upon the second question in this first, and shall combine what is left of it in the last. It is a serious matter and we all feel it, yet it is not a hopeless one. This seems to be the era for reforms everywhere. The air is full of investigation and searching after truth. Let us investigate. Let us gather the truth from chapters and *alumnæ* and then make new plans. I think the trouble can be remedied only by a thorough understanding between all concerned. Let the chapter make all attempts to invite its *alumnæ* and make them welcome, and let the *alumnæ* do their part by coming when pos-

sible and sending greetings when they can not be there. What a good thing it would be for a chapter, in addition to a circulating letter for the chapter and absent members, to have at every meeting short greetings from all Kappas in town, active or alumnæ, who could not be present. These would keep the bond firmer.

There are alumnæ who feel that they have been out of active fraternity life for so long that they have lost all track of Kappa matters. For their benefit let me say that they are just the people for whom the Second Degree exists. Any member of the Second Degree, and particularly each officer, holds herself in readiness to try to answer all questions. If each chapter could, in her circulating letter, or otherwise, let all alumnæ and associate members know this, it might do some good. There might also be thrown in a mild suggestion that one dollar spent for THE KEY might prove a judicious investment. Since the editor-in-chief is on the Council, she can make THE KEY even more helpful than before, as far as information goes.

BETA NU ALUMNA.

PERSONAL NOTES.

PHI.

Gertrude Small, '89, is in Europe. She expects to remain until March, and will spend most of her time in Paris.

PSI.

Annie Cameron, '93, is teacher of languages in the State Normal School at Mansfield, Pa.

Marie Hoppe, '94, is teaching at Flushing, Long Island.

Jennie B. Grafft, '93, was married in June to Mr. Frank J. Hathway. Her present address is 302 South 40th St., Philadelphia.

Harriet Bisbee, Special, '89, has gone to Paris to spend a year in study. She is with a party of southern girls, and writes that she finds their life of study together possesses all the pleasures of college companionship.

The engagement of Mary G. Taylor, Special '92, to Mr. Bruce Kennedy, a member of Chi Chapter of Psi Upsilon, is announced.

BETA IOTA.

Frances Brewster Stevenson, '93, is teaching in the Felton High School, Felton, Del.

Emma Seal Chambers, '94, has charge of the department of elocution and English at the Friends' School, Wilmington, Del.

Mary Amelia Hayes, '94, is teaching in the Friends' School, West Chester, Pa.

Mary Booth Janvier, '94, is pursuing the library course at the Drexel Institute, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rose Clifton Spencer, ex-'94, is pursuing a course in art at the School of Design, Philadelphia, Pa.

BETA NU.

Ellen Talbot, '90, is taking graduate work in philosophy at Cornell University.

UPSILON.

Miss Katharine Sharp, who is in charge of the department of library science in the Armour Institute of Chicago, has proved to be a successful instructor. Seven out of the ten students under her charge last year have secured places in various libraries.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

Ida Simmons, who left Northwestern University in 1888, to study music at the New England Conservatory, is now living in Nollendorf Platz, Berlin, Germany, and studying with the well-known teacher, Herr Raif.

CHI.

Marion Jean Craig, '94, is studying at Professor Curry's School of Elocution, in Boston. Miss Craig had arranged to board at 71 Hancock St., where Phi has her rooms, without knowing it was the place for the "gathering of the clans."

The Parthenon.

WE who are far away out in the west, sympathize with Mu in having no sister chapter near with whom we can discuss fraternity matters, so we are going to ask for suggestions through the columns of the *Parthenon*.

There has been some discussion among our girls, of late, regarding the selection of new members. Is a fraternity chapter something that can be made perfectly ideal, or must it, like almost every-thing else, be coldly practical? Next spring, Beta Eta will lose several of its oldest and strongest members; the question now arises, whom shall we choose to take their places? Those who hold to the ideal view say, "Even if we take in but two or three girls to fill the void, they must be girls for whom every one in the chapter has a strong affection. That is what fraternity means." Our practical girls answer, "It is impossible for fifteen or twenty girls to have the same tastes, the same likes and dislikes; our chapter must be kept up and we should choose the girls whom we think would make good strong fraternity women even if some members of the chapter are indifferent to them. Of course, we do not wish to initiate a girl whom any of us really dislike, but we hope, when united by the bonds of Kappa, to grow to love the girl to whom we were earlier indifferent." It seems to me, that the girls holding the first view would have a more harmonious and a happier chapter, while the practical girls would have a stronger, better rounded one. But, as Sir Roger de Coverley says, "There is much to be said on both sides." Will some of our more experienced chapters help us to arrive at some conclusion?

What shall our
Chapter be?

M. E. S., (*Beta Eta*.)

ACTING upon that oft repeated suggestion that the Kappas should do something outside of chapter work, Upsilon has recently sent help to the poorer districts of Chicago. Our Grand President, Katharine Sharp, has become interested in placing home libraries in parts of the city where the city library is unknown. First, let me tell you what a home library is.

Twenty story books, ten children and a visitor are the requirements. We all searched among our nursery treasures in order to find the books that we had wearied of or outgrown, and sent them to gladden the hearts of the little ones. A neat bookcase was found, filled and placed in a home on the north side where the mother was willing to become responsible for its care and where a child of twelve or fourteen years old could act as

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librarian. Next, ten children in the neighborhood were invited to join a "library club" and you may be sure that no invitation was refused.

The children feel themselves highly honored by an invitation or attention of any sort and so thoroughly enjoy the privilege of drawing a book every week, and of meeting with the club on Saturday afternoon, that the task of visiting them and entertaining them or being entertained by them with the wonderful fairy stories that they have read, ceases to be a task and becomes a pleasure. When one library has grown familiar to the children, it is sent to a different part of the city and a new one takes its place. When the children grow eager for more books, as the members of the library clubs always do, their visitor tells them of the city library and their privileges in it. We can then feel, that our aim has been accomplished in teaching them something of the world of books to which we have introduced them.

Miss Sharp chose her own chapter to initiate this work and "Kappa" library was the first one placed. Our second one, "Upsilon," is soon to follow. Perhaps others of our sisters who live near large cities would like to widen Kappa's helpfulness in the same way or, if the undertaking seems too great, Miss Sharp would be very glad to put in other Kappa libraries in her work in Chicago. In whatever way we may choose to "work out our own salvation," let us strive earnestly not to mar the beauty of our fraternity life with narrow selfishness.

ESTHER M. MILLER, (*Upsilon.*)

THE time has come for us, as a fraternity, to decide whether radicalism or conservatism is to be our policy in the future. For some time past this question has been staring us in the face, demanding an answer. Now, it is imperative that it be settled.

Are we to continue enlarging our numbers indefinitely or are we to close our doors and turn our attention entirely toward the improvement of those within our circle? There seems to be no happy medium between the two extremes. Would that there were, that we might settle all difficulties at once by adopting it!

It seems to me, that the great argument against the radical policy is this: there are new colleges and universities continually springing up all over our country, while those already established are constantly gaining in strength and popularity and, as these new colleges reach and surpass the standard of many of the colleges where our chapters are located, can we refuse them admittance to Kappa Kappa Gamma? I should say we cannot and, therefore, we must continue to add chapters to our already long list for an indefinite period of time until our society shall become so large and so widely scattered, that we can no longer be a united, harmonious whole and then our *raison d'être* will have been destroyed.

The Ideal Fraternity.

Is it not better, for the present at least, to devote our energy entirely to building up the chapters already within our gates? Then, when we have twenty-seven ideal chapters we shall have an ideal fraternity.

BETA GAMMA.

BETA EPSILON'S article in the Parthenon of the last KEY has given a certain member of Chi some thoughtful moments. We had many of the same difficulties and yet we had never thought of them as standing in the way of the closest friendship between us and the dear sisters, whom we cannot look at without feeling our hearts swell with love and admiration. Of course Minneapolis is not so large as New York, but some of us are five miles from the university and quite a number of us live in St. Paul. Indeed, a member of a rival fraternity was overheard saying to a man, "We have the Minneapolis girls, while Kappa has the St. Paul girls." The latter part of the statement we are willing to accept, but we are afraid that she was unduly prejudiced in the first part of her remark.

Chi on the City Chapter.

Every year, the question comes up of the best time for our meetings. Experience has taught us that, for some unaccountable reason, we seem to gain more from our evening meetings, but it is very difficult to manage for these, and last year we did not have them at all. This year we have hit upon the following plan which so far has proved very satisfactory. We meet regularly every week. Twice a month it is only a short business meeting at the noon hour. The other two meetings are longer and are devoted to fraternity study, to the reading of some short story or article and to having a good time generally. Of these last two meetings, one is at our rooms near the university, and the other is in the evening, at the home of some member, making only one evening meeting a month. An added pleasure on these occasions is having our St. Paul sisters and those who live the farthest away from the place of meeting stay with us all night. Our fathers and brothers do not seem to mind doing escort duty for us once a month.

Sweeter still to me is the memory of talks and walks along the beautiful banks of the Mississippi, just behind the university and of visits back and forth during the summer, when college life is not uppermost in our thoughts, and our minds and hearts expand as they will.

Our ideal of fraternity life is to live in a chapter house, but although we cannot attain that at present, we do not find the substitute wholly inadequate. When trouble comes to any of us, Chi girls have never been found wanting in helpful sympathy, and a sister's grief is as our own which, to my mind, is conclusive proof that fraternity life in a city chapter is not impossible.

A. C. W., (*Chi*).

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Phi sends warmest greetings for the New Year to Kappas everywhere. And before we tell you anything else about our doings we must introduce the recent initiates, Phi's babies: Bertha P. Marvel, '96; Emma F. Ripley, '97; Esther Dodge, '97; Helen Forbes, '98; Bessie C. Spinney, '98; Amy H. Wales, '98; Ethelwyn Wallace, '98; A. Gertrude Crosby, special.

These new Kappas were initiated at the home of Ellen Breed, '95, in Lynn. It was a great pleasure to have with us there one of Beta Beta's girls, Miss Florence Cross, now at Tufts College. Our own alumnæ came "frequenter" and added very much to the gaiety of the spread.

Our toastmistress was Helen M. Armstrong, '96, whom some of you met at Convention; she was, of course, a great inspiration to the babies, poor dears, who acquitted themselves most creditably.

On the thirtieth of October all the Kappas went to a wedding, the first Kappa wedding of the season, when Dorothy Simmons, '94, was married to Edward Ray Speare, B.©.II., '94, at the North Avenue Universalist Church in Cambridge.

Mr. Speare's chapter and Phi's girls went out in a special car and sat in two bodies at the church. After the ceremony the Betas received the girls very pleasantly at their chapter house. Mme. Geddes matronized the affair, which was of an informal character and most enjoyable.

For our Christmas spread this year we have a scheme, not exactly original, but new to us. We are going to have a book party to increase our small library. Already one of our '94 girls, Lida S. Penfield of Oswego, has heard of our plans and has sent the first offering, a valuable selection of the poets and essayists dearest to her.

The college annual, "*The Hub*," is to be published by the men of '96, since the class decided not to edit a "*Hub*." Among the sketches of prominent alumnæ in its pages we expect to see several concerning Phi's graduates.

Once again, greetings and a "Happy New Year!"

BETA EPSILON—BARNARD COLLEGE.

Beta Epsilon has been so busy this fall that it is hard to decide just where to begin an account of her doings. But what will interest the fraternity most is, I suppose, the song-book.

As soon as we received our delegate's report with the instructions of the convention, letters were sent to the various chapters asking their choice of the old songs. I do not wish to seem to scold, and those whose consciences are clear need not take it unto themselves; but some of the chapters were very slow in responding. As the songs could not be sent to a publisher until a revision of our first selection had been made in accordance with this new vote, we were very much delayed and are still awaiting the last estimate. Miss Wight, our former Grand President, has kindly offered to use her influence in our behalf, so we are hopeful of a speedy settlement.

In our immediate chapter work, one very important step has been the addition of a fourth meeting to the three we formerly held every month. We have also changed the nature of our social meetings somewhat, giving them rather more of a literary character than they had before. At the last one, the first under the new *régime*, we had, instead of our usual play, some of Austin Dobson's "Vignettes in Rhyme" and one or two of Landor's "Imaginary Conversations." Miss Colgate opened her house to us, and we had the pleasure of having with us Miss Wight, (Beta Beta), Miss McDonald and Miss McMillan (Chi), and Miss Hewitt, (Beta Tau). The whole affair was voted a great success.

At our October meeting, Mrs. Charles Sears Baldwin, who was Miss Irwin, '94, entertained us at her new home and we had a most delightful time. We are now busy preparing for the first initiation of the year. Before THE KEY reaches the chapters we shall have five new members: Miss Mellick, '96, Misses Roe, Dunn, and Wilcox, '97, and Miss Osborne, '98. For them we bespeak your hearty welcome.

Beta Epsilon congratulates all initiates, and sends to them and to all the fraternity her heartiest wishes for a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

PSI—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Of all terms in the history of Psi chapter, the fall term of '94 will longest be remembered, for it has been one of the busiest "rushing" seasons ever known at Cornell. A larger number of girls entered the university than in any previous year and, as all Psi Kappas had moved out of Sage College, it was difficult to become acquainted with them. However, we were very successful and can announce five girls already pledged.

The season began with two informal parties held in pleasant rooms occupied by five Kappas. This was followed the next week by a candy pull at the home of Mrs. Stebbins, who is a faithful Kappa mother and a dance at Mrs. Barr's, where Kappa girls played the part of men. The following Monday, Psi chapter gave an inter-fraternity tea at Mrs. Hammond's.

We have never been especially dramatic until this fall, when our histrionic talent has suddenly developed; first, in "A Box of Monkeys;" second, in three scenes from Shakespeare. The scene from "The Merchant of Venice," where Portia discusses her lovers with Nerissa, the "Balcony scene" from "Romeo and Juliet," and the last scene from "A Winter's Tale" were those chosen. The "Box of Monkeys" was given by the younger girls at the home of Elizabeth Bump, and, as all the actors entered into it heartily and played with confidence and spirit, the audience enjoyed it thoroughly and laughed at all the jokes in a gratifying manner.

The Shakespeare scenes were participated in by our sister Kappas, Mrs. Hammond and Mrs. Wilcox and were given at the home of Mary Hull. These had been carefully prepared and the thoughtful management of lights, with the tasteful stage settings formed a charming background for the pretty dresses and picturesque grouping of the actors.

We were pleased to welcome Amy Gericke, '92, and Anna Van Benschoten, '94, at Thanksgiving.

Psi chapter is glad to receive Miss Lathrop, '90, Miss Lawrence, '89, and Miss Talbot from Beta Nu, Ohio, into its inner circle.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

October 13, Beta Beta spent a delightful evening in commemorating the founding of the fraternity. A number of the alumnae were present, and added much to the pleasure of the evening by relating anecdotes of the early days of the chapter. An original poem by Mrs. Mary Manley was an interesting feature of the program. Light refreshments were served in our rooms, and genuine Kappa fun made the evening one long to be remembered.

We take great pleasure in introducing four new members: Elinor White, '95; Zoa Rowland, '97; Jessie Kinney, '98; and Helen Clemence, '98. The initiation banquet was held at the American House, November 24. Our toastmistress, Gertrude Smith, '95, presided in a charming manner. An enjoyable feature of the evening was a serenade by Beta Zeta Chapter of Beta Theta Pi.

Genevieve Lynch, '95, has been compelled to give up her college work, temporarily, on account of ill health.

Again the wedding bells have pealed for a Beta Beta girl. At her home in Canton, November 28, Helen Jackson, '93, was married to Mortimore Hinchman, Beta Theta Pi.

One of the most delightful social events of the season occurred December 7, when the Beta Thetas gave their annual reception and ball at Miner Hall. The hall was handsomely decorated, and the music was furnished by an Italian orchestra from Syracuse.

The national convention of Delta Delta Delta was held in Canton in the latter part of October.

Our chapter meetings have been unusually well attended and profitable this term, and a great deal of chapter work has been done. A strong effort is being made to increase fraternity interest, and to avoid narrowness in chapter life.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Again the girls of Beta Tau find themselves in the midst of college work. After a delightfully long vacation, eighteen of us reassembled in our chapter house, eager to hear "all about Convention," and ever since, Convention has been a favorite topic of conversation among us. We never tire of the story of that long walk

to Taughanac, on a hot summer's day, nor of hearing of the man who patiently pumped water for almost fifty thirsty girls. But Beta Tau has so much to tell you that she must hastily lay aside the thought of Convention.

As a chapter, we greet our sister chapters at the opening of the new year, and hope that all have enjoyed as pleasant and successful a fall as we have. Of all the fall's events, that of the most importance to us was the annual initiation on October 13. Eight bright girls joined our ranks to take the places of the eight who were unable to return this year; so with the names of Marie Cary, Florence Carpenter, Helen Richards, Carrie Allen, Blanche Barber, Charlotte David, Minnie Hasbrook, and Nellie Telfer, our roll still numbers twenty-six. Five of these initiates are liberal arts students, one is studying music, and two take the course in painting. We feel sure of a hearty welcome from our sister chapters for these, our "new girls," and we feel that you would be proud of them if you could but know them.

On November 7, we gave an "orange party" to our friends. The chapter house was prettily decorated with orange ribbons, bunting, and chrysanthemums, while orange and black butterflies were seen hovering about our window curtains. Each guest had been requested to bring an orange, which was cut open in his presence and its seeds counted. The man whose orange contained the largest number of seeds, then received Mrs. Barr's pretty story, "A Bow of Orange Ribbon," as the prize. Refreshments, suggestive of the popular orange, were served, and the rest of the evening was pleasantly spent in chatting and visiting a hall of curios. Of other social gatherings at our chapter house, we can no more than mention a small Hallowe'en party, a party given by the freshmen during the first days of December, and a birthday anniversary on December 6.

But with all of this fun we do not forget our work. Mabel Potter has again been chosen as the essayist of the Lowell Literary Society in the semi-annual literary contest, and every one of us expects her to be graduated *summa cum laude*, the highest honor given by the university.

A number of changes and additions in our faculty are to be noted this year. Professor Peck has left for a year's study in Germany and Mr. Stewart Scott is taking his place as teacher of

freshman mathematics. Professor E. C. Morris comes to us from Harvard as professor of rhetoric and Mr. Reddington from Yale as instructor in Latin. Mr. Jakway and Mr. Hawkins, graduates of our own university, have also been added to our faculty. Under our energetic chancellor, Dr. Day, our university is steadily improving. The promised belles lettres course has become a reality and we are soon to have a course in law.

Our letter would be incomplete without a mention of football. What can so arouse the enthusiasm of every college student as a well contested game of football, especially if the home team wins? And Syracuse has been very successful this year. Of the three league games played, our team won two and almost gained the pennant. The men have worked bravely and we feel sure that the next season will bring them complete success.

PERSONALS.

Bessie Reed, '93, is teaching music in Darlington Seminary, Westchester, Penn.

Miss Hull of Psi visited Beta Tau in October.

Just before Thanksgiving we were glad to welcome back Susie Brown, who has been spending the fall in Detroit and Buffalo.

Jessie Pearl Brooks, '97, was unable to return to college but Katharine Allis, ex '94, re-enters with Ninety-seven so that our sophomores remain the same in number.

Caroline Romer, '95, was a delegate to the state Y. W. C. A. convention held in New York City.

The Misses Walker of Beta Beta visited us during the Thanksgiving vacation.

We were again permitted to hear from Chi through Miss Eugenia Cole who called at the chapter house while visiting Alpha of Alpha Phi.

BETA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

In mid winter each of Beta Alpha's members is so busily engaged in her own special work, that she is unable to greet her sister Kappas except at chapter meeting. This gives the meetings an interest which they probably would not have, if all the members studied in the same department of the university.

The last meeting, which was held at the home of Miss Faxon, was especially entertaining. After the business meeting was over, a literary program in memory of Dr. Holmes was presented. Each of the members at roll call responded to her name by a quotation from one of his works. An excellent biography was prepared by Miss Powe, and selections from his principal works were read. Refreshments were served and as we sipped our tea from the dainty little cups, some of the familiar conversation from "Over the Tea Cups" was read to us.

A very pleasant feature of our meetings is the addition of new faces, those of this winter's initiates. Let me acquaint you with their names;—Mary Lawton Hammer, Bertha Elizabeth Yocom, Sarah P. Miller, Elizabeth Belden Gendell and Anna L. Wistar.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Since our last letter Beta Iota claims the sisterhood of two more girls who have entered the ranks of faithful Kappas. To the Kappa world, we present Mary Gertrude Scott, '96, and Helen Price Cheairs, '98; and before this letter is in print another will be welcomed into the mysteries of K. K. Γ.

The name of Mrs. T. Fred Carter, of II chapter, has recently been added to our roll, as associate member. Mrs. Carter is an invaluable addition to our chapter, and we never fail to appreciate her kind hospitality when out on our daily strolls, for her cosy little home is a general rendezvous for "all the Kappa sisters," as her little daughter invariably calls us. It is there that we have initiated our girls this year, and there we have spent many happy hours.

Beta Iota is very fortunate in meeting congenial Kappas from other chapters. No doubt Beta Tau will agree with us when she hears that Miss Reed recently visited us. She gave us very interesting accounts of Beta Tau and entertained us about an hour after lunch with both vocal and instrumental music. We hope to see much of her this year, as she has charge of the musical department at Darlington Seminary, Westchester, Pa., which is quite near Swarthmore, and where one of our alumnae resides, so they may often visit us together.

On November 23, the Delphic and Somerville Literary

Societies, those of the young men and the young women respectively, held their annual joint meeting in which a number of our girls took an active part.

In the class and society elections of the beginning of the year, we were represented by four girls, and three of the five girls who served on the committee for the sophomore-freshmen reception, November 7, were Kappas.

The junior class will receive the freshmen on December 8, on which occasion three Kappas have been invited to serve on the committee.

During the past year a new electricity building has been added to Science Hall, and a well equipped gymnasium has been erected for the young women, who have already begun work under the direction of Dr. Mitchell Green.

GAMMA RHO—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

During this fall term the fickle goddess Fortune has aided our efforts and we have the pleasure of introducing some new sisters to swell the ranks of Kappa Kappa Gamma. October 6, at an early hour in the evening, the Kappa girls assembled in their rooms to prepare a pleasant reception for the waiting candidates. Soon, all was ready and as time passed on the mystic stillness was only interrupted by the occasional piercing shrieks of the victims. When this was over, the Kappas with their initiates, Mary Colter, Margaret Kramer and Grace Borland and pledges, Lottie Gunn and Elizabeth McCracken adjourned to the banquet room. When the banquet was finished, flash light pictures were taken, and then all dispersed to rest from their labors.

Again, on November first, the Kappas assembled for a second initiation and this time two more sisters, Nell Laffer and Alice Roddy were added to the circle.

Although we have all been busy with our college work, still we have found time to indulge in some gaieties, and several informal parties have been given at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented. Phi Kappa Psi has entertained three times at her rooms on Chestnut Street, and a delightful reception was given by Phi Gamma Delta, Thanksgiving eve. Alpha province of Phi Delta Theta held its biennial convention here in October and a large re-

ception was given the visiting delegates by the home chapter. The Kappa girls and a few men were pleasantly entertained by Miss Rebie Flood, a town friend, at her home on Diamond Park. Flossie Scott, '94, gave Kappa Kappa Gamma a rushing party early in the term which was followed, a few days later, by another given by Margaret Harper, '93. Gamma Rho entertained a large number of friends Friday evening, November 2, at the home of the Misses Howe, on Arch Street.

During the first week of the rushing season, an inter-fraternity compact to delay giving invitations until the end of the first college month was seriously contemplated but, although very satisfactory to Kappa Kappa Gamma, it was not approved by the other two fraternities and was given up for the present. We hope, however, to report more satisfactory results another year. The Pan Hellenic spirit is strong among the women's fraternities. At the instigation of Rho, inter-fraternity meetings with Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi Omega have been planned. The first was held in Kappa Hall and seemed a most successful experiment in promoting friendly feeling.

This term of college opened with some slight changes in the various departments. One important change is in the length of recitation periods which were formerly three quarters of an hour and are now an hour long. Recitations were formerly confined to the morning but are now extended into the afternoon. Dr. Crawford's two years as President of Allegheny College have resulted in many marked changes. The college course has been made much broader and more comprehensive. An increase of one-third over the entire number of students enrolled last year is due to the advance made by the college. A new chair of literature has been added and a new fund appropriated for enlarging our already magnificent library.

We close with cordial greetings to our sister chapters.

PERSONALS.

Flossie Scott, '94, is with us again, having charge of the advertising department of the *Chautauquan*.

Winnie Mount, '94, gave us a pleasant surprise at our last initiation and spent several weeks visiting the different members of the chapter.

Mrs. J. Robert Anderson, *née* Jeanette Porter, was visiting friends in this city during the first of the term and attended our chapter meetings.

Fannie Stevenson spends a few days of each week with us this term.

Margaret Fromyer and Grace Borland spent Thanksgiving at the home of Lottie Gunn.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

Lambda girls have enjoyed many delightful meetings in chapter hall this fall, spending the time in discussing the "pros and cons" of the new girls. We were overwhelmed this year by the number of girls entering college and the desirability of so many of them. At last, we decided on eight of the finest and waited anxiously for Nov. 1 to arrive, when our fate would be decided.

When the day arrived, Lambda was victorious, getting the eight most desirable girls, Metta Dague, May Scudder, Edith Mallison, Susie Hill, Flora Goodwin, Mabel Goodwin and Harriet Parsons, of the class of '98, and Bess Fisher, special. They are now wearing the golden key, which is the emblem of our sisterhood. How proud we feel that Lambda can write such encouraging news to her sister chapters.

Lambda spent a most delightful evening not long ago with Grace Stanley, one of our Kappa sisters, who entertained us at cards.

In October we entertained our friends in chapter hall. Dancing was the order of the evening and all had a very merry time.

We have improved the appearance of our hall by a fine window seat and feel very proud of the addition.

Lately two new literary societies have started at Buchtel. Great interest is taken in the societies and their success is due to the seeming absence of the fraternity spirit, which has had a tendency to crush all like enterprises in the past.

Alice Cary Slade of Lambda and Dr. A. A. Kohler, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, were married at Columbus, O., Nov. 29, '94, at high noon. They make their future home in Akron, Ohio.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

If the dear readers of THE KEY have such a dark, rainy day as this one, on which to read the inscription which Beta Nu carves on her particular link of the golden chain, we only hope that they can make it out and gather some hint therefrom of the Kappa "sweetness and light" which inspires the present inscriber.

Can our fraternity bring as much inspiration to any one as it does to the members of the city chapter? This year finds us unusually glad, I think, of the refuge which Kappa affords from college hurry and worry, and our happy Saturday meetings have not been without many good results. In September, we began with a "Kappa tea" given for the new girls, at the pleasant home of Florence Derby. September 30, the good work was continued by a very jolly dance at Zoa Baldwin's home and, with the help of our little golden keys, we have opened the hearts of a goodly number of fine new girls whose names we shall rejoice to give you in our next letter. The goat's shadow even now falls on this page and the white owl hoots in the distance.

November 18, brought us the announcement of the establishment here of a chapter of Delta Tau Delta. This makes the twelfth man's fraternity and swells the number to four, of those not in the "Inter-fraternity Association."

In October, Beta Nu was called to mourn with her dearly-loved sister, Florence Comer, for the death of her mother. We trust that our true Kappa sympathy proved a strength in time of need.

Beta Nu, in closing, sends greetings and "Auf Wiedersehen." She is quite strong and happy with her fifteen members and looks forward to a happy new year, full of work for the prosperity of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

The first term of another successful year for Beta Gamma chapter is about to close. From the opening day of college until the present, we Gamma girls can shout "Success! Victory!" We have much to be thankful for, since no east wind has chilled

our endeavors, and all our efforts have been crowned with success.

When the opening of college saw all of last year's Kappas back again, we went to work together to win others into Kappa's circle and the result is seven fair maidens. Our initiation was so enjoyable that we wish we could tell our sisters in the other chapters all about it and the wit and wisdom that shone forth at the banquet proved that the owl has ever been our patron.

Just before Thanksgiving, we entertained our friends at the hospitable home of one of our alumnæ. The parlors were decorated in light and dark blue, while the dining room, in pink and white, was exceedingly dainty. Music was a feature of the evening, and little slips of paper, each containing a conundrum, were to be found hidden about the rooms. We spent a charming evening.

This fall has found all Beta Gamma's members quite busy with social duties. The term has been an unusually gay one and few evenings have passed without some social pleasure.

Beta Gamma says good bye, with best wishes for a "Merry Christmas" and "Happy New Year."

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta is very happy in being able to introduce to the ever widening circle of Kappas five new sisters, who recently pledged their loyalty to the two blues: Ella Rouech, Mabelle Turner, Elizabeth Toms, Helen Dunham and Charlotte Kennedy.

As our chapter house exists this year only in memory, the initiation ceremonies were held at Mildred Hinsdale's home and, on that evening, no thought but of Kappa entered our heads. We had many little notes of greeting and good wishes from our alumnæ, and we only wish they might have been with us in reality.

Besides our five freshmen, we consider ourselves very fortunate in having with us this year two members from other chapters, Ernestine Robinson from Omega, and Nina Paddock from Upsilon.

May Van Horn, who solemnly announced last June that she would not be back this fall, surprised and delighted us all by re-

appearing upon the scene of action. Katharine Alvord, Jessica MacIntyre and Sue Macauley happen to be quite near Ann Arbor this year, and each one has paid us a visit, altogether too short ; visits, however, which were highly appreciated and which we hope will be repeated.

Tappan Hall, the new recitation building, was opened this fall, and is the pleasantest building on the campus, with its spacious, well lighted rooms and bright, new furniture and fixtures.

Waterman Gymnasium, too, has aroused a great deal of interest among the students. It is finely finished and completely equipped, and the classes, which have just been formed, are enthusiastic in its praise. As the women's annex has not yet materialized, the morning hours from nine to twelve are given to the girls, who are making good use of their opportunities.

Speaking of athletics, reminds us of the Cornell-U. of M. football game at Detroit. About two thousand people, faculty and students, went down to the game, and a more excited, more jubilant crowd it has never been our lot to see. Yellow and blue ribbons floated everywhere ; tin horns and college yells and songs took a prominent part in the proceedings ; enthusiasm was rampant, and when the time was called, with the score twelve to four in Michigan's favor, well—words fail us—it was indescribable. You, who have seen similar events, can imagine it.

Turning to entertainments of a little more refined nature, we might speak of the concert given by the Thomas Orchestra. It is not necessary to say that the program was a fine one, and the audience large. Thomas has very few rivals.

We are very proud of the fact that the mammoth pipe organ, which stood in the Liberal Arts Building at Chicago last year, is now set up in University Hall, and is to be dedicated on the 14th of December. Every lover of music anticipates a great deal of enjoyment to be derived from it in the future.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

The term that is just closing has in every way been a pleasant one for Xi. She has met with even more than her usual success in fraternity work. On the evening of November 10, the doors of Kappa were opened, and six loyal women were received into

the sacred bonds of fraternity. Mildred Moore, Blanche Ruff, Gertrude Milne, Bess Milne, Lucy Belle Webster, and Edna Gibson are now proudly wearing the key; while Florence Milne and Jennie Gilkey wear the colors as pledged members.

At our initiation, we had the pleasure of having Miss Montgomery of Kappa chapter with us. We think that these visits from members of other chapters are not only very pleasant, but also very helpful, as we learn to know more of the inner life of our sister chapters and are brought into closer sympathy with them.

Our fraternity life is very dear to us, and we feel that without it, college life would lose half its charms. We know that we have a loyal band of noble women, who are in every respect worthy to wear the key. Our college may be small, but its students are as earnest in purpose, as ambitious, and as well equipped mentally and morally, as the students of any other institution in the land. Many noble men and women have gone out from Adrian, who will make the world feel their power and influence for good, and whom any fraternity might be proud to claim as its own.

We have great reason to rejoice in the progress of our college. Our institution does not stand still, nor is it going backward. Within the last two years, especially, it has taken great strides forward. The new Metcalf Hall will be ready for dedication soon after the Christmas holidays, and, within another year, the long-talked-of gymnasium will become a reality.

The Thanksgiving vacation though short, was very much enjoyed by all. On Friday evening, a phantom social was given at South Hall. The many blunders that were made in attempting to recognize each other afforded great amusement, and all went away feeling that they had spent a very happy evening.

On Saturday, December 14, a reception was given at the home of Professor Cornelius, to the A. T. Ω. fraternity, at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was very well represented. All agreed in saying that they never spent a more enjoyable evening.

Although our school days are our happiest days, and school life is full of pleasure, yet vacation is always welcomed with delight. We are all looking forward eagerly to the Christmas holidays, and anticipating the usual amount of fun which belongs to that happy season.

Greetings and a "Merry Christmas" to all our sisters.

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

September eleventh saw the dear old college halls again thronged with students. On the following Saturday evening, thirteen Kappas assembled, all eager to hear Convention news and to devise plans for the work of the coming year. Early in October, we gave an informal reception for the new girls at the home of Bessie Mosher. Since then three have been united to us by the sacred bonds of Kappa: Alice L. Brainard, Kate A. Campbell and Cora B. Twichell.

Saturday evening, November 10, Miss Deering, our lady principal, received Pi Beta Phi and Kappa Kappa Gamma. The entertainment of the evening, consisting of a mock initiation into the Kappa Pi fraternity, afforded us much amusement. After the initiation, Miss Deering presented the colors, the light and dark blue of Kappa, and the light blue and wine red of Pi Beta Phi; the blue typical of love, the red of fidelity. May they be emblematic of the harmony existing between us as sister fraternities!

On the same evening, Xi chapter held an initiation to which Kappa was invited. One of our number attended and reported a most enjoyable time. We hope that the interchange of visits between our neighboring chapters may be more frequent.

We are glad to report that Winifred Hill is again able to attend to college duties.

We have received visits this term from Winifred Root Dewey, Hattie Rice Bates, Sadie Benedict and Myrta Phelps.

Tuesday evening, November 27, the freshmen received the juniors and though the seniors and sophomores had several times anticipated the event, in the hope of obtaining the ice cream and dainties by clandestine methods, the arrangements were so quietly conducted that the noble seniors and bold sophomores remained in blissful ignorance of the occurrence, while everything passed off in the pleasantest possible manner. Other events of the term were the reception given by the seniors to the sophomores and the reception given by the freshman class to the students and faculty on Thanksgiving evening.

The students' lecture course is unusually fine this year. Three entertainments have already been given, Marie Decca Grand Concert Company, a lecture by Senator J. B. Gordon, and the concert by Professor Max Heinrich and his wife.

Kappa extends her best wishes to all whom Kappa bonds unite.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Never has an opening year brought greater occasion for rejoicing to Delta than has this. Her dream of years has been realized ; at last she has her " golden milestone " whence already she

" Measures every distance
Through the gateways of the world around."

Our plans for a chapter house were not mentioned in our last letter, for it was so difficult to secure a suitable house, that we scarcely dared hope that they could be carried out. However, before Commencement we put the matter into the hands of a local committee of arrangements with full power to decide. Who could chronicle the tribulations of those devoted girls ! But thanks to their indefatigable efforts, coupled with the enthusiastic support of our resident Kappas, we returned to find a beautiful home ready for us. What that means to Delta, only ye who for twenty-two years have led the life of a homeless fraternity, can know ! The house is well arranged for entertaining, as it has three parlors and a large hall. Seven of the girls room in the house, and there are also apartments for the matron. The parlors are most tastefully furnished and full of beautiful things, either given or loaned by Kappas and their friends. We owe especial thanks to Ida Fulwider, for loaning us her fine piano.

Our house-warming was an open meeting, and on Hallowe'en a party was given, at which the girls dressed as babies and masked. One girl was an especial puzzle both to the men and to her Kappa sisters. At the unmasking she proved to be Maud Wilson, who had arrived in town that evening and had slipped in among the maskers without being discovered. The refreshments, fortune telling and games were all in keeping with Hallowe'en. Early in the term Nell Hendrix gave an elegant reception in honor of Miss Coffee, an Iota Kappa. On Friday of this week another open meeting will be held.

We have greatly missed seven of the faithful who did not return this year ; but, at the close of the spiking contract, we found ourselves possessed of eight new sisters, fully imbued with Kappa enthusiasm. They are : Flora Love, Olive Daily, Frances

Hawkins, Mary Bain, Sallie Cauble, Gertrude Munhall, Lola Hewson, and Roxie Smyth.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of the university, Nov. 10, a most prosperous state of affairs was reported. The attendance upon the university is very large, and the financial outlook warranted several additions to the teaching force. An associate professor of law, a full professor of Latin, and one of economics were appointed. This will give to the department of history and economics four full professors the coming year. On the evening of Nov. 10, President and Mrs. Swain gave a reception in honor of the trustees. Two members of the board received political honors in the last election. Charles L. Henry was elected to Congress, and James H. Jordan, Judge of the Supreme Bench.

Our handsome new stone building, Kirkwood Hall, will be dedicated January 25. Extensive preparations for the event are being made. The members of the legislature and other state officials will attend.

PERSONAL NOTES.

Maud Wilson and Gussie Buskirk have been visiting their Kappa sisters for several weeks.

On November 12, Birdie Roseberry was married to Mr. Arthur Cravens, of Bloomington.

On Thanksgiving Day, Ida Jean Louden was married to Mr. Henry Evan Coblenz, I. U., '94, a member of Sigma Chi. They will reside at Franklin, Indiana, where Mr. Coblenz is Professor of English in Franklin College.

IOTA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Through the happy fortune, which brought to our halls the meeting of the distinguished Presidents of the Methodist colleges, we have become a little better acquainted with the college homes of some of our sister chapters, and have thus been brought nearer to Kappas.

With hearts made happy by the brightness of the days, Iota's girls have passed straight through ten weeks of steady work. The professors seem to be vying with each other for the reputation of giving the hardest and most work and it seems to have a universal good effect upon the students. Yet it was scarcely

necessary for the professor of ethics to discourse upon the relation of *Turkey* to the civilized nations of to-day, to call our attention to the fact that a recess was at hand and many of us could lay aside our cares and go partake of some of the good things away from boarding houses. But that was soon over. While it brought as a visitor Cora Bennett, one of our last year's graduates, its close witnessed the departure of one of our senior girls, Ina Rosger, who has gone to a sister who lives in Denver, Col. We hope she may be with us again after Christmas.

At the first of the year, our two remaining pledglings, Myrtle Madden and Myrtle Switzer, having reached freshman classification were received into the mystery of mysteries. Since we no longer pledge girls below the freshman year, the four new girls who donned the blues were initiated. We present them to you as sisters: Clara Eaken, Rosella Ford, Ethel Campbell and Elizabeth Mahan.

In recounting our qualities both general and individual we may say we have unity and discussions; friendship and criticisms; congenialities and varieties; arguments and—well, yes—decisions.

Supposing, after all, that nothing definite should come from all this, yet the world will be better in so far as we have expressed noble purposes and have aspired to higher ambitions.

After the discussion of such weighty subjects as have been hinted at above, we have been glad to encourage latent talents by witnessing impromptu pantomimes, caricatures, tragedies, etc. We find some of them very amusing and *sometimes* we may praise the participants for ingenuity, at least.

A new feature in the university life this year, is the organization of the conversational and literary clubs "Der deutsche Bund" and "Cercle Française." We are pleased to find so many Kappas receiving the benefits to be derived from them.

We leave you with these words:

"Only he earns life and liberty,
Who daily conquers them anew."

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

May Brayton and Edna Wallace are the new Kappa sisters whom Mu now introduces to you. When the term began there

were thirteen of us. We are not superstitious, but, as these girls looked fit for Kappas and the goat was becoming impatient for want of amusement, they were at once selected for victims. To us, it seems preferable to initiate one, two or three, at a time, rather than to keep girls whom we know out of the fraternity while we are becoming well enough acquainted with others whom we think we want.

The last term of '94 has chronicled other events in Mu's history of which we must tell you. Of two open meetings we need only make mention, they being much alike with all of us. But we think you will be interested in hearing how we celebrated October 13.

In the summer, while one Mu girl was visiting another Mu girl, a plan was evolved from their two brains which brought about a reunion of old and new Kappas. Letters were written to alumnae extending invitations to come or to send something to be read and, although it was impossible for many to be present, the result was very pleasant. Had some curious person glanced into the home of Mrs. Harriet Iden Kautz, on the evening of October 13, he would have seen a row of bright faces and, had he ventured to enter, he would have been surprised by being greeted with peals of laughter. For those reminiscences of the old times by the older Kappas contained some very funny incidents. Then the younger generation had its "say", and if their speeches were not so wisely witty as those of their elder sisters, they were funny too. There were also memories which caused faces to become sober, tender memories of never to be forgotten things; then, more letters from far away Kappas, from the west and the north and a long letter from our dear Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns. Toasts, giving in a way a short history of Mu chapter from its beginning, were arranged as follows:

Toastmistress, Kate Hadley; The Charter Members, Mrs. B. M. Dill; Ye Olden Kappas, Mrs. Tade Hartsuff Kuhns; Matrimonial Bliss, Mrs. A. H. Chamberlain; The Girls of '89, Mrs. Prof. Howe; We Uns at Present, Anna Charlotte Stover; The Infants, Nell Breevort; The Seniors, Jeanette Sweeney; Far Away Kappas, Ora Murray; The Owl, Elva Bass; The Goat, Iona Louise Iden; The Key, Mary Galvin. We hope other chapters have tried this plan for their anniversaries and have had our success.

College has gone on much as usual with its studies, its receptions and its class parties. October 16, the senior class enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the home of one of its members.

A cadet corps, under command of Lieutenant Defree of the Indiana Light Artillery has been organized and, in the spring, will probably enter into contest for first place with the other three of the state.

Just at present, foot ball is, of course, in the minds of all college people. With the coaching of Mr. Flint, of Princeton, Butler has beaten with large scores all but one of the colleges in the state league, thus having won second place. After her last college victory with a score of 58-0, an enthusiastic alumnus furnished fire-works while the students furnished noise for a very expressive celebration held in front of the "Gym."

The new term begins to-day and we hope to see an increase in attendance, as the first term had an increase over that of last year.

ETA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

Eta writes to her sister chapters from new headquarters this fall. We have given up the old house in which we have lived and had so many good times for four years, and although we were happy there and consequently we felt some sadness in leaving it, we rejoice in our new home.

We have not the whole house to ourselves as we had before, but we rent all of one floor and have our parlor on another. In this way, we are rid of the responsibility of keeping house.

We have this fall initiated into our little band, three pledglings who are already proving themselves strong and loyal Kappas. They are Fay Parkinson of '97, Edith Griswold of '98 and Meta Schumann also of '98. And, as the rushing season still seems to continue, we hope to add several more to our list.

On the evening of October 19, Eta had one of the most delightful banquets it has ever known. It was held in the attractive parlors of the Presbyterian church. The tables were arranged in a large hollow square and the decorations were of pink roses and palms. What a splendid reunion of Kappa sisters we had! About fifty of us were there, including one of Eta's charter members of the class of '76, who could tell us of the

babyhood of the chapter, and there were others to trace its growth and development through the twenty years of its happy life. How many new faces some of the older members must have noticed, and yet they did not seem quite as strangers, for were they not all friends by the little golden key which was the common tie of friendship?

One of the pleasant features of our banquet, was a wedding cake which was sent to us by one of our alumnae, Phoebe Wood, who was married a few days before to Mr. Hontoon. Mabel Robinson of '94, our toast-mistress, prefaced the following toasts :

Kappa Days of Long Ago, Mrs. Simpson ; Last Year's Barracks, Georgie McFetridge ; Kappa Vignettes, Agnes Basset ; All Sorts and Conditions of Men, Daisy Sames ; Kappa Hopes, Agnes Bowen ; Through Kappa Windows, Francis Wells ; Kappa's Majority, Mrs. Olin ; Positively their Last Appearance, Annie Pitman.

We have been very pleasantly entertained twice this fall by masquerade parties at the homes of Fay Parkinson and Annie Pitman. Of *course* only girls were admitted. If I should attempt to describe the costumes, I am afraid I would shock some of my older sisters, so I guess it will be wise to refrain from so doing. A few weeks ago, a new sorority Pi Beta Phi, made its way into our university, which increases the number of women's fraternities to five.

I must not close without telling of the great football game which our boys played with the Minnesota team on the seventeenth of November. Great was the excitement which prevailed on that day, for the result of the game would decide who should hold the championship of the northwest, which Minnesota has held for several successive years. The whole city seemed draped with cardinal and as the day grew old the excitement increased. At three o'clock about 5,000 spectators were assembled on the campus waiting for the game to commence. About one hundred of Minnesota's men (O, how happy they looked when they came) with their maroon and old gold ribbons could be seen amidst the mass of cardinal. What cheers, what blowing of horns and waving of colors there were as the players came on to the field ! And what an exciting game it was ! And, O ! the shouts of joy

when, time being called, the score was declared six to nothing in favor of Wisconsin! I hope, Chi, you will pardon me for this description of the game which brought such sorrow to you, but Minnesota has had its share of football victories and now Wisconsin is having its turn.

Well, I am afraid Eta has taken more than her share of space, so she will say adieu until next April.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern is pushing ahead with characteristic American enterprise, and, as a result, we find that no year has seen her in so prosperous a condition as this. The constantly increasing staff of instructors has received new additions, and we have further a new chair of sociology and ethics—filled by Dr. William Caldwell. The courses are continually growing in worth, while seminary work is taking a more prominent place than it has hitherto held.

We can make no boast, however, of our football team which can scarcely be said to have had an existence; but we are hopeful and believe that we have still a future in athletics.

Gamma Phi was heartily welcomed at Evanston, Nov. 13-16, when delegates from their seven college and three alumnae chapters attended their convention.

Delta Upsilon has set a good example to the Greek world of Northwestern by living in a *bona fide* chapter house, and in October, scores of their friends were delightfully entertained in their new home. Sigma Alpha Epsilon has come into Northwestern recently and has also established itself in a house. Chapters in our university have been slow to take up with the house plan, and a beginning is, therefore, worthy of commendation. Up to this time, Sigma Chi has made the only attempt in recent years, but their experience has been somewhat checkered, and their house has been abandoned. The conditions of life here have become such that the only feasible plan for preserving the old fraternity fellowship and close association, is the chapter house.

Upsilon has begun a happy and propitious year. We were glad to be able to welcome all our undergraduates back, save Nina H. Paddock, '96, who is at Ann Arbor. Only a few days

since, however, Theo U. Irvine, '96, was called home permanently by the death of her only sister. Two freshmen, E. Louise Whiteside, and Erma W. Hill, were added to our circle on the anniversary of the fraternity. Many of our alumnæ were present, and we celebrated the evening with becoming enthusiasm. We are hoping for the success of our Grand President's plan for province convention.

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Epsilon entered college this fall with very promising prospects. One sad feature, however, was that our first social gathering was a farewell spread to our sister, Idelle B. Kenwick, who left us to enter the Woman's College at Baltimore. We spent a happy evening together and were made both glad and sorry by a touching little speech from Miss Kenwick.

On the evening of October 4, we assembled at the home of Miss Nellie Parrit to initiate Misses Eva Williams, Clara Burke and Leona Miller.

The Kappas received their friends Hallowe'en at the beautiful home of Miss Gertrude Shreve. No trouble was spared in making the arrangements; strings of popcorn forming a canopy and portieres gave a fairy like appearance to the scene, weird faces of jack o'lanterns grinned from the chandeliers and dark corners, while the faint rays of an artificial moon and stars struggled through the branches of autumn leaves where a close observer could see our faithful owls solemnly keeping watch over a tempting rustic seat beneath the moon-lit branches. In a narrow passage way was an inviting bower of autumn leaves, which caused a great deal of curiosity when it was discovered that in this bower a gypsy fortune teller was ready to tell the future of the guests from her witch's broth. The evening was spent in amusements suitable to Hallowe'en and the refreshments were in keeping with the amusements.

One of the social events in Bloomington this fall, was the military wedding of our Kappa sister, Miss Katharine Rinehart to Lieutenant Leonard M. Prince, U. S. A., who is a member of the Wesleyan chapter of Phi Delta Theta. The church decorations were flags, stacked arms, and white chrysanthemums. The

bridal party consisted of a maid of honor, four bridesmaids, a best man, six ushers, and four military groomsmen. As the party were passing from the church, Professor Marsh, a brother Phi, played a march which he had composed and dedicated to the bride. After the ceremony the bridal party and invited guests went to the bride's home, where an elegant reception was given by her parents. The bride's future home will be at Ft. Omaha, Neb., where Lieutenant Prince is stationed.

Epsilon observed her anniversary this year in a novel way, by giving a donation tea. Every active member and quite a large number of our associate and alumnæ members presented Kappa Hall with some gift. Tea was served from three to six and we had a merry time, as Kappas always do. Some of our brothers also, kindly remembered us on this day. On the whole it proved such a successful way of celebrating our anniversary that we have decided to make it an established custom.

Epsilon has been especially remembered this year. Mr. Wood and Mr. Murray composed a song for us and had it printed in our fraternity colors. Professor Marsh composed a waltz and dedicated it to Epsilon chapter. This waltz is bound in a light blue cover tied with the two blues. On the first page is a design of the key and at the back a very pretty design of the key and scroll, Professor Marsh being a Phi Delta Theta.

Miss Hester Fell, a member both of Epsilon and Beta Theta chapters, was married on November 28, to Mr. C. L. Peterson of Mt. Forest.

Miss Nellie Bates was married in September, to Mr. Morris of Champaign.

We are anticipating with pleasure a visit from Miss Sharp on December 7 and 8.

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

Seven more girls are wearing the little golden key with a Chi attachment. We are very proud of them and we feel that you will be, too, when you know them. They are: Eleanor Mitchell, Belle Parry, Bess Robinson, Margaret Castle, Jessie Schulton, Marion Crosby, Nellie Huston.

The initiation occurred October 15, at the home of Sisters McDonald, and was never more beautiful or impressive. Already the girls are proving their worth, for at the very first meeting, one was found in the corner, eagerly devouring the Standing Rules as though it was the most interesting book she had ever read.

Having told the most important news, I will proceed to the minor details. Friday evening after college opened we gave a party at Nell Merrill's for the purpose of getting acquainted with the freshmen. Mabel Robinson and Flora Brewer gave a little play, entitled "The Happy Pair" which was a great success. Afterwards we went to the dancing hall, where we whiled away a couple of hours. The following Monday afternoon, we entertained some of the same girls at Florence Powell's. Here music and tableaux, representing the titles of books, were the chief sources of amusement. The next Thursday, these same popular freshmen were entertained by some of the alumnae with a luncheon at Irma Glover's. Our "rushing" season was brought to a close on Saturday by what was to have been a lunch on the campus. But, alas! it rained and turned cold, and the lunch was had without the campus. Early in the year, we spent two afternoons in hearing from our delegate and from the former Grand Secretary all about Convention. Mabel Austin told us of the business transacted, while Mary Hawley described the fun, and we were filled with admiration and wonder at the amount of work accomplished by that body.

For a number of years, it has been the custom for the chapter to entertain the alumnae on October 13, a date of deep import to every Kappa. But this year, we were very pleasantly surprised by receiving an invitation from the Alumnae Association to a reception at Lucy Leach's. They sent word to us to come early and stay late, and you may be assured that we did. It was delightful to find presiding at one of the tables one of Chi's charter members, for most of that little band are strangers to us in all but name.

On November 12, we entertained the other women's fraternities of the university with a reception at Nannie Holbrook's. The rooms were prettily lighted with candles and looked very sweet and dainty. We received about one hundred guests, and whether the reception was a success or not we leave for them to say.

The chapter meetings this year have been very helpful. Indeed, I think we all enjoy those times most when we are all alone. Is that snobbish, I wonder! I hope not, for that is a fault which we none of us wish to have. Besides all the fun, we have been very busy with college work, and are all happy over the prospect of a week's vacation at the end of the term.

With this letter the present Corresponding Secretary says goodbye to *THE KEY*. In some ways she is sorry to give up her duties and responsibilities, but in others she is glad, for she feels that the work will be much better done next year, and that the news from Chi will be given much more interestingly.

BETA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Through the gathering darkness of our autumn twilight the people are hurrying homeward; the settling shadows blend all things into an indistinct grey, pierced through by the twinkling lights and heightened by the rosy glow of the sunset. Among the hastening figures there is one of a young girl, carefully carrying a queer shaped bundle. She moves swiftly down the street, around the corner, and up the steps of a great, gray stone house, going with sure steps across the lower hall, up the stairs and raps on the door at the right, when, presto! grayness and chill have vanished, and she is in the midst of light and warmth and merry laughter, while a chorus of Kappa voices exclaim: "Oh, here comes the coffee! Good for you; come, now, and be refreshed with a pickle." And forthwith the spread proceeds. And a gay little spread it is; for the girls discuss the ball game along with the scalloped oysters, and wonder if their prospects are as good as the macaroons; while the whole is savored with a plentiful lack of ceremony and an abundant supply of happiness.

For Kappas are always happy when they meet in their own home, and Beta Zeta rejoices to tell you that she has a little home all her own, cosy and comfortable, which has already been the scene of delightful spreads and initiations.

So many times, indeed, have we Kappas been together since last we wrote, that it would take a voluminous epistle to record all the things we have done. Some of them, though, you must hear about.

Early in the year we entertained a number of the new girls at the home of Ada Hutchinson; hospitality and enjoyment seem diffused through the very atmosphere of that home and so, although we declare that we had "a perfectly lovely time," the real pleasure that lies back of the words cannot be expressed.

Later, the Kappas, a few friends, and the "Kappa mothers," spent a delightful evening with Alice Calvin. Our guests were entertained by a little farce, written in verse by one of the girls, and representing an interesting phase of life at S. U. I.—the freshman banquet. It was acted in pantomime by a number of the girls during the reading and won enthusiastic applause. Four of the girls then gave us "A Scientific Game of Whist," and then there was music—piano and violin—and a good time generally.

On another occasion we met, upon invitation, at the home of Helen Currier. Among our guests were Bertha Traer, '96, whose presence we miss this year, and Miss Juliet Hammond, who is visiting Ada Hutchinson. It was a treat to have them with us, and when the evening was over another happy time had passed into Kappa history and another bright scene was stored away in Kappa memories.

We have had two spreads in our own rooms, both in honor of visiting friends and both bringing such pure fun as only Kappa spreads can.

We are glad and proud to introduce to you our five new Kappas. Four of them, Mamie James, Helen Clapp, Mamie Sherman and Ruth Paxson were adorned with Kappa keys soon after college began, as we had known them before and three of them were pledged in the days of pre-freshmanism.

And then, Nov. 26, at six P. M., Nellie Bowen rode the Kappa goat "all by her lonesome." After the initiation and supper we immortalized ourselves in a flashlight picture, which gives quite a good view of the room and of the girls, with the "baby" as the center of attraction.

But in the midst of all this enjoyment we have been made to realize that life is not all sunshine, that there are times of sorrow as well as of gladness. This thought was brought home to us in the death of a dearly loved friend, Mrs. Wilson, wife of the Professor of modern languages in the university, and sister of two

of our Kappa girls, Ratie and Mamie Sherman. Her death means a personal loss to all who knew her and our hearts go out in deepest sympathy to the grief stricken family.

The subjects that awaken interest in the larger circles of university life are the gifts to S. U. I. of two libraries, one of 1500 volumes, from the late Judge Hammond ; and the Talbot library of 6000 volumes ; the addition to our university of two new buildings, one for the dental and the other for the homeopathic students and the return of our Arctic explorer, Frank Russell, who, after an absence of two years in Alaska, has brought some exceedingly valuable contributions to the museum of the university.

We shall be so glad when the next KEY comes and tells us what you all have been doing, and of the pleasure and success this new college year has brought to Kappa everywhere.

THETA—MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to THE KEY, Theta has been strengthened by the accession of four fine girls ; Jessie Blair, Maud Isbell, Hattie Gordon, and Susie Alexander, and we have one more girl pledged. Jessie Blair has been chosen " editoress " of the *Tiger*, a weekly paper published by the different fraternities of the university, and Susie Alexander has been made secretary of one of the literary societies, so we feel quite proud of our new girls.

One of our old Kappa sisters, Ulie Denny, was with us and assisted at the ceremony. At the conclusion, these girls felt more thoroughly initiated into a Greek letter fraternity than any of their predecessors.

The university is steadily pushing forward ; class spirit is growing stronger, the law students have decided to don the Oxford cap and gown and already plans are being made for a class football team.

We now have a promising glee club, a banjo, mandolin and guitar club, and our first college annual will appear in June, '95.

We have had several additions to our already able faculty and we find in Professor Place of Cornell, a staunch Kappa friend.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the old Editorial Board upon the last issue of THE KEY. It was indeed interest-

ing, and we heartily approve of writing about the different colleges in which we have chapters.

Theta wishes all her sister chapters a "Merry Christmas" and a "Happy New Year."

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Sigma is in a gossipy mood, and feels like saying a good deal of herself this time. The fact is, she is proud of herself. In the first place, her twenty-two active members make the chapter larger than it has ever been before, and then, all of these twenty-two members are bright, wide-awake girls capable of making and keeping fraternity life the very best for a college girl. Of course THE KEY recognizes most of us as old girls, left over from previous years, so it is only necessary to point out the seven new ones. First come the little "inseparables," Ellen and Frances Gere. Ellen is the one with the brown hair, and big brown eyes and serious face. You see, she is different from Frances, with her round face, and blue eyes and mouth continually threatening a smile. The tall one with the rosy cheeks and dark eyes is Nell Lau, who was pledged three years ago, and then went off for a year in Europe before we had time to initiate her. You see that girl—the blonde, with the dark blue eyes? She is Stella Elliot; the girl beside her—the brunette, is Cora Cropsey. One needs only look at her mischievous face to surmise that her initiation was a lively one. Here is Gertrude Hansen, our musician; then last, and so far as quantity goes, least, is Grace Broady. Lack of quantity, however, is fully made up in quality in her case. They were all initiated on the sixth of October. The goat had been wandering anxiously about in the basement of Lottie Whedon's home all morning, and, judging from his actions when the seven arrived about one o'clock, he had been quietly planning out a line of action during his solitary hours. How I wish I could tell you all about it! Surely there is not a Kappa who would not have declared it an interesting event. At half-past five, twenty-eight girls sat down to a spread, and the old girls told of Sigma's days of yore. Then, there was a general rustling of silks and laces, and by eight o'clock all were prim and proper, but radiant in evening gowns, receiving their friends of the various men's

fraternities. There were bright lights, and music, and a vision of graceful figures moving in time to it, across the smooth floors—and then all was over. No, not all. When the girls bade each other good-night, there was an unusual sincerity in the grip, and each read in the eyes of the other the true meaning of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Next Saturday, December 8, we initiate Hattie Mayne, a student in the musical department of the university. To say that she comes up to Kappa standard is sufficient recommendation for her to readers of *THE KEY*, I am sure.

But, I said in the beginning that Sigma is in a gossipy mood. And a true gossip talks about her neighbors, so it will hardly do to leave out the doings of our other fraternities. They have all done well this year. In fact, fraternity spirit is growing very rapidly in Nebraska. Not long since the fraternities were decidedly in the minority, but that is almost wholly changed now.

Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon have all increased their membership, and have prosperous chapters.

Delta Gamma who has for so long been the friendly rival of the Kappas, initiated seven girls on Hallowe'en; and on the day after Thanksgiving, twelve university girls went to Ashland, where one of them lives, and were initiated into the Delta Delta Delta fraternity, by Miss Allen of Simpson College, Iowa. The chapter starts out with a strong charter membership, and is heartily welcomed.

The new Conservatory of Music brings a good many new girls, to the university, but even outside of this the remarkable growth of the university attendance furnishes ample material for at least two more strong fraternities.

Just now, everybody is hoarse shouting for the university football team. Its campaign this fall has been unusually successful, which is proved by the fact that they have carried off the pennant of the association. About four hundred students attended the game between Nebraska and Iowa at Omaha on Thanksgiving. When the game closed with the score thirty-six to nothing, in favor of Nebraska, it is not much wonder that our college yell rang through the streets and that scarlet and cream decorated the Omaha theatres that night. And in Lincoln—well! of course

those who staid here, felt like rushing to Omaha and carrying the men back, but they had to content themselves by ringing the college bell, firing off the cannon, and shouting themselves hoarse, in front of Chancellor Canfield's home, until the team came back next day.

Social life has not been very active in the university this fall. Everybody is too busy. But when parties are few and far between, they are the more enjoyable. Phi Delta Theta has issued invitations for its second party.

Mabel Lindly entertained the Kappas at a one o'clock luncheon just before college opened, and it was a veritable "gathering of the clan." We all had summer experiences to relate and, of course, Mabel told us all about Convention. It's too bad we cannot all of us go to Convention and meet our other girls—our Kappas in other colleges. We so often wonder what you are like and what you look like, and try to form some idea of you as we read your names in *THE KEY*. But we feel acquainted with all of you, especially just after Convention, and we hope you are as prosperous and happy in fraternity life as we are, here in Nebraska.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Hattie Babcock Seacrest, of Denver, visited for a short time among old friends in Lincoln during September.

Rachel Manley is instructor in the English department.

Stella Kirker is doing post-graduate work in American History.

OMEGA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

When our last letter was sent to *THE KEY*, the roll of Omega was shorter by twelve names than it is now. We therefore take great pleasure in presenting to their sister Kappas our ten new girls: Daisy Alison, Issie Potts, Lingah Anderson, Mabel Powell, Pauline Chandler, Daisy Starr, Grace Duff, Maggie Sweeney, Lou Nash, Mabel Wilson, and Mary Riddle, a pledged Kappa. The two others on our roll are those of Gertrude Leverett, from Kappa Chapter, and Lillie Freeman, an old Omega girl.

We were very fortunate with our invitations this year, not losing a girl.

On the 21st of September, we had our initiation at the home of Don Bowersock,—a regular Kappa Gamma service, and an occasion long to be remembered.

The October anniversary was observed by attending in a body the Duane College (Neb.) and K. S. U. football game, from which our home team came out with the crimson floating victoriously in air.

A week or so later, by invitation of Mr. J. D. Bowersock, the girls formed a box party at the representation of "Iolanthe." The boxes and supporting pillars were draped in light and dark blue bunting, caught up here and there with the fleur-de-lis. We made the flowers of tissue paper, but at a little distance they looked very natural, drooping from their long, green stems in much the same way as do the heavy heads of the real flower.

At one of our meetings this fall we enjoyed hearing Maude Nichols' report of the Ithaca convention, and hardly a meeting passes without some mention of interesting points from last summer's gathering.

This fall seems to have been a successful time everywhere, and especially at K. S. U. For the prosperous condition of Omega seems but to follow in the lead of the good fortune which has been showered on our university this year. It is only a little over a year ago that the university came into possession of the money bequeathed by an uncle of Chancellor Snow, with which Spooner Library and the Chancellor's home have been built.

This past summer, after the death of ex-Gov. Chas. A. Robinson, who was, until shortly before his death, one of the regents of K. U., it was found that his will provided for a large portion of his estate to be given to the state university.

The latest gift is that of Dr. Bell, of Kansas City, who has given valuable property for the purpose of establishing a Medical School at K. S. U., with the condition that the hospital is to be in Kansas City.

The library building was not ready for use when college began in September, but the work was rapidly completed, and the building dedicated October 10. Of course, it was a holiday and a great event in the history of the university. In the morning the exercises consisted of addresses and the formal presentation of the building to the State of Kansas. At two in the afternoon

luncheon was served in the hall of the library to the visitors, regents and the faculty. The girls of the senior class were waitresses, and the part of the program they enjoyed most was being able to listen to the toasts, which lasted until the shadows of night crept around the building and the crescent moon shone in the windows. Then, as its light was not sufficient and the electric globes were not yet in place, the guests departed, wishing they could attend library dedications oftener.

The exterior of the building has been described in an earlier KEY; the interior is very handsome, the oak furnishings and the oiled floor of hard pine are harmonious in tone, and give the reading room a rich, substantial appearance. The north side of this room is lined with shelves, on which are placed reference books in use by different classes. Along the south side are four alcoves provided with tables and chairs, and separated from the main room by curtains. They are reserved for students who are doing special work. As one enters the reading room from the hall, on one hand is the newspaper room, and on the other a seminary room. Directly opposite the entry from the hall, is the delivery desk, on either side of which are semi-circular rooms lined with shelves and separated from the large room by glass windows and doors. They are the private rooms of the librarian and her assistants. Beyond this part of the building is the book stack, of which—in order to render it as nearly fireproof as possible—every part except the window casings, is of iron. There are five stories, connected by iron stairs, and the books rest upon skeleton shelves of iron. The second floor of the building proper contains a large hall and two ante-rooms; the basement has several seminary rooms and what the young women of the college universally enjoy very much, a room fitted up for their especial benefit, with rugs, a table, rockers, etc. It makes a delightful place to eat one's lunch, and it is quite a relief when tired of the straight backed library chairs to take your book or your writing down to the "girls room."

The Physics Building is far enough along to show what a handsome structure it will be. The material is smooth white stone.

In a social line, the university holds its own, though there has not been such a whirl of gaiety as in some preceding years. The Women's League has given two very pleasant receptions to the

young women of the university, and there have been a number of parties given by the different fraternities and by the independents.

K. S. U. is not so proud of her football record as she could wish this year, and baseball and tennis seem to have vanished completely.

Now as the season of fall games has closed, we will end this letter, which is the last from the present scribe, by wishing that by the time it is read every Kappa Gamma will have had a pleasant Christmas vacation, and by introducing to the readers of *THE KEY*, Miss Maude Landis, who will then be the corresponding secretary of Omega.

BETA ETA—LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY.

Rah, rah, rah, rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, Stanford !

From thousands of throats already hoarse from long continued yelling, amid excited flapping of cardinal banners, vigorous waving of cardinal umbrellas and wild flights of cardinal banded hats, went up this last mighty yell. Yes, the victory is ours. Thanksgiving day has come and gone and with it the great event of the season, the anxiously, eagerly, hopefully anticipated intercollegiate football game between Berkeley and Stanford. And Stanford is victor ! We are glad, but not surprised. How could it have been otherwise with such men as ours, backed up by our famous coach, Camp, "the father of football."

But now let us turn from the excitement of football to that which is nearest to our hearts, our fraternity. We were much interested in the report of our delegate to Convention and only wish that such reunions could occur much oftener. This one has seemed to bring us nearer to our far away sister chapters and to make them seem less of myths and more of flesh and blood realities than ever before.

A little bitter is beginning to mingle with the sweet of our happy times together, for it is hard to face the fact that next Commencement time will rob us of five of our firmly united band. There will be others to take their places then, but even this will not make the loss less hard.

I think we will all agree that our happiest day this year has been that on which we welcomed to our ranks three new sisters, bright, lovable girls, all of them possessing the qualities of true Kappas. Anna H. Martin has entered the college as a junior, Georgia L. Gilmore is a sophomore and last, but not least in our estimation, comes "our freshman," Gertrude A. Martin.

We Stanford students are not so completely absorbed by study, nor so demoralized by football that we have not been able to enjoy occasional social events. One of the most delightful parties of the season was that given by the Sigma Nus a few weeks ago at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented. It was the first formal affair ever given here by the Sigma Nus and they proved themselves entirely at home in their new capacity. The Phi Psis entertained the Kappas very pleasantly at dinner a few evenings ago at their lovely home on College Terrace.

I wish I could send a bit of our ideal Thanksgiving weather to our eastern sisters, a glimpse of our bright, blue sky, a gleam of our golden sunshine, or a whiff of the warm, rose-scented air which comes in to me through the open window. But instead, I will send brightest hopes for their future, kindest thoughts and warmest love from far away.

BETA ETA.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, God in His almighty wisdom has seen fit to call to himself our sister in Kappa Kappa Gamma, Winia J. Scott, and,

WHEREAS, We desire to express our sympathy for her sorrowing relatives and friends, be it

Resolved, 1. That in her death, the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity as well as Beta Gamma chapter has lost a beloved and honored sister and whilst we sadden at the thought that the first link in the chain of our beloved chapter is broken, yet in this we recognize the hand of God and humbly bow in submission to His will.

Resolved, 2. That in this dark shadow of affliction, we tender

our heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family, commending them in their bereavement to God who doeth all things well.

Resolved, 3. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, placed in the fraternity records and sent to THE KEY for publication.

EMELINE S. MCSWEENY,
EDNA MADGE BITTENBENDER,
EDNA ESTELLA PENNELL,
Committee.

College and Fraternity Notes.

In connection with Beta Zeta's article in this number we quote from the *Nation* as follows :

"The preparation of women for, rather than their admission to, the universities is at present the paramount question with all Germans who advocate the higher education of the sex. The universities have all along intrenched themselves in their refusal to admit women or to grant them degrees behind the fact that, having no gymnasia, women could not properly prepare for university study. This argument, the faculty's chief bulwark of defence, is now being met and undermined by the establishment of such gymnasia or classical preparatory schools. Three such schools are now well under way at Carlsruhe, Berlin and Leipzig, respectively. and associations for the foundation of similar institutions are formed or are forming in other cities, that in Munich, the Verein zur Gründung eines Frauengymnasiums, counting among its most active members several of the university professors. The stress laid upon these preparatory schools by the universities is sufficient proof of their importance, and it is not too much to say that their inception marks an epoch in the education of women for the opening of the universities must inevitably follow. Indeed, the executive committee of the Berlin Vereinigung zur Veranstaltung von Gymnasialkursen für Frauen, whose chairman, Prince Heinrich zu Schoenaich Carolath, is a member of the Reichstag, announces boldly that it can confidently assure graduates from such gymnasia of their admission to the philosophical and medical faculties of Prussian universities.

“In all these schools, the plan of study is modeled more or less on the regular boys’ gymnasia. Greek, Latin, mathematics, German, English, French, philosophy, and the natural sciences—zoölogy and physics, or botany, or both—are taught. These gymnasia are, moreover, so far officially recognized as to have received from the respective educational authorities in whose domains they lie, permission to exist; and there is little doubt that their graduates will be admitted by the same authorities to the staatliche Maturitätsprüfung, which tests the fitness of students to pursue their studies in the universities.

“The advance in their status as teachers is as important, in its way, for the women of Germany as is the opening of the girls’ gymnasia. In these schools, too, the teaching is at present almost exclusively done by men. Latin, Greek, mathematics, and the sciences are still a masculine monopoly. But with the graduation of the first class from one of these new institutions, this will have ceased to be, and the German woman will be armed at last with what by their own confession the universities must accept as the open sesame to their doors.”

Delta Delta Delta established another chapter, Iota, at the University of Michigan, November 1.—*The Trident*.

Of the 250 successful candidates for the degree of B. A. from the London University, eighty-one were women.—*N. Y. Tribune*.

The first formally organized, undergraduate society for women in the University of Chicago announced its advent under the name of “The Mortar Board.”—*Cornell Sun*.

The first colored woman to receive the degree of M. A. in the United States was Miss Mary Patterson, who graduated from Oberlin College in 1862. When Oberlin opened its doors to women, she was courageous, indeed, who dared to brave public opinion by taking what was commonly called the “gentleman’s course” on the principle that it belonged exclusively to the lords of creation and no woman need apply. Only young women of the loftiest ambition and the keenest thirst for knowledge presented themselves as candidates for the degree of A. B. Miss Patterson was the first to prove to the world that Greek and mathematics could be mastered not only by young women of the

avored race, but by their sisters of the oppressed race as well.—*Harper's Bazar*.

An association of women in Detroit who, for some time have been urging the creation of a female professorship in the University of Michigan, have been told that \$30,000 would endow such a chair. Mrs. T. W. Palmer, wife of ex-Senator Palmer of Michigan has subscribed \$10,000 conditional upon the whole amount being raised and several other women have raised the fund to \$14,000. The Board of Regents passed a resolution at its last meeting that sex should be no bar to the candidacy for professorship in the university.

The organ which stood in the Liberal Arts Building at Chicago, out of loyalty to the state was offered by the manufacturers to the University Musical Society for \$15,000. The alumni and friends of the university have already subscribed \$7,000 towards paying for it and the society expects to raise the remaining \$8,000 before its dedication.—*Ann Arbor Correspondent of the N. Y. Tribune*.

The forty-eighth annual convention and the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity opened at the rooms of the D. K. E. club of New York, Wednesday, November 14. On Thursday evening, a literary meeting was held at Sherry's, a special feature of which was the presentation of a beautiful cup to William B. Jacobs, Yale, '46, the only surviving founder of the fraternity. The membership of D. K. E. now numbers 12,000 with thirty-five chapters in the United States.—*Cornell Sun*.

There is a strong inclination among the recent women graduates of Barnard College to enter the comparatively new fields of sociology and political science.—*New York Tribune*.

From an article on Women's Colleges in America in the *Revue des Deux Mondes*, comes the following paragraph :

“On one or two occasions when I have ventured to express astonishment at the liberty which reigns in the colleges, men without exception have always replied dryly that at the age which these girls have reached, sixteen or seventeen years, they ought

to know how to conduct themselves. The surveillance, the restrictions that convents and boarding schools of the Old World judge necessary would be considered in the colleges of the New World, a gratuitous insult. The irreproachable attitude which distinguishes the American girl at college is preserved in all the details of her life. To doubt that would be to doubt the benefits of the educational system which rules in America and which is founded on self-respect. In no country is there greater *esprit de corps* among women; in no country are individual friendships more noble or devoted. I have had many proofs of it and a similar solidarity is greatly to be desired among French women in all ranks of society."

It is rumored that Sigma Alpha Epsilon has received her charter back and will be revived.—*Missouri University Correspondent of K. A. Journal.*

The past year has been an interesting one for our historian. Three times have chapters long since dead, including one which could be said to have died at birth, been brought to life again; the last is the regeneration of the old Psi at Wabash College into the Beta Psi of to-day. It begins well, with a lot of enthusiastic and energetic men, who have been organized since 1890 as the local society Alpha Theta Phi.—*Delta Tau Delta Rainbow.*

Editorial.

Happy New Year.

LOOKING BACKWARD.

The beginning of a new year is, by its very nature, a time of retrospection as well as a time of vision. We stand upon the threshold, looking back with regretful fondness upon the realities of the past while dreaming of the possibilities of the future. We cannot go forward to meet the new year without pausing to think what changes the past years have brought us, what their ef-

fect has been upon us, and how they will influence our future development. *THE KEY*, too, pauses to review its past growth, seeking to find in it some augury for the development of future usefulness.

The history of *THE KEY* may be divided into two periods; from its establishment by the Bloomington Convention, September, 1881, to its transference to Phi chapter by the Akron Convention, August, 1886, and from that date to the present, when Psi chapter succeeds Phi. The Convention of 1881 intrusted all arrangements for the new magazine to a committee, consisting of Minnetta T. Taylor and Laura Kelley of Greencastle and Lou Landers of Irvington, Indiana. These three served as the first board of editors, Miss Taylor acting as editor-in-chief, and in May, 1882, the first issue of the first periodical published by a woman's fraternity made its appearance under name of *THE GOLDEN KEY*. The enterprise which Miss Taylor showed in securing funds for the new undertaking, and the dignity with which she maintained her position and won recognition for herself from the other Greek periodicals, who were inclined to patronize the new comer, are the more remarkable when we realize that, at this time, Miss Taylor was but nineteen years of age.

The position of the first editor of *THE GOLDEN KEY* was no sinecure: for, in the absence of suitable contributions from the members of the fraternity, she was forced to write the greater part of the early numbers herself. The first issue of the magazine contained a poem, a story, a political survey and several pages of editorials, all from her pen; while an account of the Bloomington Convention, two articles from Beta Beta, news letters from ten of the eighteen chapters then existing, and two pages of general fraternity notes complete the number. In a short article entitled "Salutatory," we find the early policy of the magazine outlined as follows:

"The object of our paper is three fold. First, to afford a field for the literary labors and intellectual cultivation of the girls. Second, to give fraternity news. Third, to summarize current topics. As regards the literary department, we expect it to be supplied very largely by the contributions of Kappas . . . because Kappas will feel it a duty to write for us regardless of their own convenience. However, we do not propose to limit our liter-

ature to our own fraternity. Contributions from any source will be gladly welcomed, and if considered worthy of a place in THE GOLDEN KEY will be promptly published. The criticism will be the same in all cases. We do not intend to publish anything weak because a Kappa wrote it, nor to refuse anything good because written by a member of another fraternity, or of no fraternity at all. Indeed, we consider that articles from the latter classes will be of especial advantage to us, as they will not only instruct and entertain, but also stir up a desire to emulate their excellence. Whenever original matter is lacking we shall supply its place with carefully selected sketches and poems from the best modern publications. The fraternity news department will be made as full and complete as possible. In the discussion of current topics, we will endeavor to give a brief, plain summary of the questions in politics, literature, science and art that are attracting general attention.

“In conclusion, we would say that our paper is not a secret publication. We hope to make it worth taking by every one whether belonging to a fraternity or not. The fraternity news will not interest many outsiders, but it will not occupy any more space than the local society notices found in every newspaper and certainly will not be less interesting.”

The third department mentioned, that of current events, which consisted of a brief review of the political situation in England and America, did not survive the first number. The department of general fraternity news and the exchange department, which Miss Taylor added at the end of the first year, have continued in almost unbroken series to the present number. In June, 1885, a page of items about graduates, and a page of marriage notices remind us that Kappa Kappa Gamma no longer consists exclusively of women in college, and are the bud of the present Alumnae Department.

At one time Miss Taylor thought that THE KEY should espouse some cause, such as “Woman’s Rights,” but the mere mention of the plan met with an unfavorable reception and she gave up the idea.

At the Madison Convention, August, 1882, Miss Taylor was re-elected editor of the magazine with the power of choosing her own associates and, during the three succeeding years, the work

was divided between a business manager and herself. At the close of her term of office, the Canton Convention determined to place the publication of *THE GOLDEN KEY* with a chapter, selecting Eta chapter to bear this responsibility. In October, 1884, unforeseen circumstances compelled Eta to send in her resignation to the Grand Council, and Iota was next appointed but declined the appointment. Matters were at a standstill, when Miss Taylor generously came to the rescue and offered to resume her office until satisfactory arrangements could be made. The following year was marked by the inauguration of a department of new books where works on art, literature, biography, history, science and theology were impartially treated. This department was designed to guide Kappas in their selection of reading matter, but, apparently, it met with small favor for it was soon discontinued. Up to this time, the articles in *THE GOLDEN KEY* had been largely of a literary nature, such as "Realism in Literature and Art," "Nights with Dickens" and "The Troubadours," but the Akron Convention now recommended that its future contents be chiefly of fraternity interest and decided to give the magazine to Phi chapter for publication. Accordingly, in December, 1886, it first appeared at Boston under the name of *THE KEY* and Phi, with colors flying, explains her presence in martial strain,

"Company Phi, Alpha regiment, first brigade, first division of the grand army of Kappa Kappa Gamma suddenly received orders to march to the frontier. . . . 'Theirs not to make reply, Theirs not to reason why' and Company Phi obeyed orders."

Although Phi was prepared to march at the sound of the bugle, the other divisions were not on duty and Company Phi must have had some difficulty in obtaining supplies for, in the number issued previous to the 1888 Convention, the editor urges that each delegate go to Convention prepared to state the views of her chapter as to the future disposition and management of *THE KEY*, or, as to its discontinuance. From the following number, we learn that the Minneapolis Convention decided to give *THE KEY* literary, as well as financial support, in order that the magazine might be more nearly representative.

With the promise of literary support, the editor seems to have taken heart again for a new department, Open Letters, was immediately introduced. This department, subsequently

rechristened *The Parthenon*, which was intended by its founder to give the chapters an opportunity for the free discussion of fraternity policy, has now become the most prominent feature of THE KEY. Here, from time to time, each chapter has given or asked counsel; here Beta Nu talked to us about practical plans for a chapter house, here Delta suggested that fraternity organization be put to further use in aiding some specific charity, here Chi chatted with the fire about a Kappa scholarship, and here Sigma gave her views on extension. From the chapter letters we learn to know each other but it is in *The Parthenon* that we learn to help each other.

THE KEY is now entering upon the third period in its history which we shall aim to make a period of usefulness. Miss Titus, the previous editor of the magazine, was guided in its management by the principles laid down by her predecessor, Miss Dodge. These principles were fully discussed in the July KEY, and we, too, shall take them as a guide to our feet. We shall try to continue the series of "After Commencement Papers" which was also planned by Miss Dodge and has already resulted in four excellent articles, "Women in Medicine," "Women in Law," "Women in Journalism" and "Women in the Ministry." While not bearing directly on fraternity matters, these articles are entitled to a place in our magazine because they treat of the future for which our college life is fitting us. The girl who is in college is still in the Happy Valley shut in by the Delectable Mountains, but she is often wondering what she will find on the other side when she makes her way out and we wish to help her.

Our task is not an easy one. We come after a line of able editors to whose faithful and persevering service THE KEY owes its present position in the fraternity world, and we feel that we have a high standard to maintain. We are reminded of the passage in Götz von Berlichingen, where George in an armor much too large for him, comes to Götz and begs to ride by his side. Our armor seems large for us and our literary spurs are yet to be won but we will do our best and we ask the cooperation of every loyal Kappa.

The October KEY was the best number which has appeared in the history of the magazine and the fact that it contained a

graphic account of Convention should, in itself, have been sufficient reason for every active member of the fraternity to read it. But subsequent events prove that this was not the case for, notwithstanding the large notice on the fly leaf of a change in the place of publication of the magazine, notwithstanding the suggestions which might have been found in the farewells of its former editors, some of the corresponding secretaries still persisted in sending the manuscripts and chapter letters to the old addresses.

That the subscription list is a long one must, of necessity, be a cause for rejoicing, but no matter how long the subscription list, no magazine can fulfill its mission so long as it remains unread. It is for this reason, we say you can aid us in two ways; by writing for *THE KEY* and by reading what others have written for it. The magazine is a sort of fraternity compass and the chapter who never looks at it can not know in what direction the fraternity is steering. Read it, then, whether you like it or not and try to realize that it is the duty of every Kappa to aid in making it readable. No chapter is limited in the supply of manuscript it is allowed to send to the magazine; so if you have new ideas about fraternity policy, if you know something you wish other Kappas to know, if you have pleasant thoughts you would like them to share with you, write them for *THE KEY*. There is no danger that we shall ever know each other too well and one of our pleasantest meeting places should be in the pages of our magazine.

“To live is to change and to be perfect is to have changed often.” So said the October *KEY* and we involuntarily recalled it in looking over *THE KEY* file for the first time. From its first appearance, the cover of the magazine has been subject to numerous changes. Only the older chapters of the fraternity can remember with what delight they received the early numbers and how they admired the cover of sombre brown adorned with a large golden key, how this cover was changed for one of pale blue and how that, in time, gave place to one of a brilliant blue which seemed like an emphasized copy of its predecessor. Every chapter, however, is familiar with the dark and light brown cover which *THE KEY* assumed at the beginning of Phi's reign

and few who have once seen it can ever forget it. What the editors themselves thought of it, we learn from an editorial:

“The cover of THE KEY! Who can narrate the sufferings with which we first viewed that same cover? It was not the color which affected us ‘done in shades of brown,’ nor the shape, just the aesthetic approach to a square, nor the size, large and pronounced but not too large, but O, the cut! ‘I like it,’ it suggests. Suggests? Yes, indeed. Memory travels back—not so very far, believe us—to a certain underground room where skeletons hang from the walls and all sorts of the once alive are preserved in bottles and jars. Forget those hydra charts? Never! There is no doubt about it. The man who made that cut had studied biology. Anyone who can look at the protoplasmic antennae on the outside of this book and come to any other conclusion—we will not call him a bigot or a fanatic but offer him our own biology note book, postage free. The original drawings therein contained will be better than the Statue of Liberty to enlighten him.”

Notwithstanding this expression of feeling on the part of the editor, the brown and brown cover for two years gladdened the hearts of Kappas who forgot its horrors in their appreciation of the good things it contained. In December, 1888, it was replaced by a cover in two shades of blue and the biological cut appeared in the modified form which we all know so well. This blue and blue cover which a former business manager profanely calls a “chinese laundry sign” has become so much a part of our chapter life that, in parting with it, many Kappas will feel they are losing an old and familiar friend, but we hope that the new cover will appeal to them by its more convenient size and will soon find a warm place in their hearts.

The new design, which was the outcome of the new shape, was drawn by Mr. Arthur N. Gibb, a member of the Xi chapter of Chi Phi and, in adding it, we hope that the change will be regarded as one step more toward the perfection to be attained by future generations of Kappa editors.

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If any one can give any information about the desk which stood in the Kappa corner at the Chicago Exposition, 1893, and which was offered for sale at the Convention of '94, she will confer a favor on Beta Epsilon chapter by communicating with Miss Brombacher, 343 Madison Avenue, New York City.

Exchanges.

The making of new acquaintances will never cease to be interesting, and it is with pleasure that we make our bow to *The Trident*, *The Anchora*, *The Kappa Alpha Journal*, and *The Rainbow*.

The November number of *The Trident* is largely taken up with editorials on convention matters and notes of the Canton Convention. The literary department has an interesting account of a visit to the home of Miss Alcott, and we note with pleasure the article on "Women at Yale," reprinted from the October KEY.

The Anchora comes to us clad in so Quakerish a garb that we would fain believe it came from Philadelphia rather than Minneapolis. The number opens with an excellent article entitled, "The Better Part." One paragraph seems particularly pertinent.

"I do not mean to say that a fraternity girl should do no outside work, far from it. If she has time and inclination, let her do it, by all means, but the fraternity is not an organization for such purpose. The fraternity should to a great extent take the place of home. Let it be the place for breeding and cherishing good influences; for making character that shall be strong for its work in the world. Let the meetings be breathing spells in the week's hurry, places where each one may say and do the thing which interests her most, where individuality is fostered, not suppressed."

This is as it should be. In most of our large colleges, the work absolutely required of the students during the week is so severe that the additional burden of an essay or literary "production" of some sort for chapter meeting is worse than a nightmare. After all, a fraternity is primarily a social organization and its first aim should be the cultivation of friendship pure and simple.

“Rival fraternities are in good shape but seem less active than usual. Kappa Kappa Gamma recently held a very successful reunion which was attended by a number of her *alumni*.”

So says a correspondent of *The Rainbow*. This is astonishing indeed! We are rivals of Delta Tau Delta, and our graduates are spoken of as “*alumni*.” Henceforth, let us spell woman with a very large W.

The Kappa Alpha Journal surprises us with three illustrations of Oxford and the article which accompanies them is a picture in itself. We wish to acknowledge *The Journal's* salutation and assure the editor that we recognize him by it as a gentleman of the old school. *The Journal* impresses us very pleasantly, and we wonder how the editor can do it so well and do it so often.

We wish to quote a few lines from *The Shield*, by way of *The Trident*, for the encouragement of our corresponding secretaries.

“By the way, girls know just how to write letters for their journals. They are newsy, spicy and full of true, sisterly spirit.”

