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WOMEN AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

MAY we take up just a little time and space to tell of a few of the delights we women have at Indiana University? Of course, we are firmly convinced that at no other college do the students lead such a thoroughly enjoyable life as here. First, we have plenty of earnest work to occupy the main part of our time, though we realize that in that respect we do not differ from the students of other colleges. Our recreation is wherever our desires suggest; frequently we indulge in long tramps, often we have little gatherings of the girls, or of girls and boys, in our parlors — anything that pleases our fancy just as if we were at home. There is no dormitory in connection with the University and we room and board wherever we please. Bloomington is a town of about four thousand inhabitants and the students are a privileged class. There are no rules as to hours, studies, etc. Our work must be well done and it is supposed our womanly sense of propriety will be sufficient guide for our actions. Nor are the trustees disappointed in the confidence they place in us; the girls are earnest, womanly students.

Owing to the elective system of study, we are enabled to take the work for which we are best adapted. This plan also meets the objection of many who claim that the same course of study is not fitted for both men and women. We have exactly the same advantages as the men and must meet the same requirements. No difference whatever is made in the class-room, laboratories, or examinations. We meet with the most thoughtful consideration at the hands of the young men of the institution. We feel that we are indeed favored mortals: beautiful college buildings

with every facility for work, a delightful campus, great personal liberty (which we are careful not to abuse), and last, but by no means least, a flourishing chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. DELTA.

PHYSICAL CULTURE AT SAGE COLLEGE, CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

ASK any college girl what the latest "fad" is, and she will undoubtedly answer with an involuntary straightening up of her shoulders, "Oh, Physical Culture."

No, she is mistaken. It is not a fad, this systematic training of the body. It is one step nearer towards a perfect education.

Every one knows that the greater the use of one set of organs of the body, the greater the circulation towards that part, and the consequent less effective action of the other organs. One cannot develop one portion without developing all; it must be even; — the training of body and mind must go hand in hand.

In the Sage College gymnasium, though undoubtedly not the most perfect in its equipment, the girls of Cornell University are making considerable progress towards putting themselves in good healthy condition; fitting themselves for four years of brain work; enabling themselves to graduate from their Alma Mater, not all broken down in health, but ready to go on with their life work with strong healthy bodies.

The classes are two in number, the Freshman and Sophomore. Every girl in these two classes is required to take the prescribed work, unless excused by written request of some physician.

When the classes are formed at the beginning of the fall term, each girl is examined as to the condition of heart and lungs and general health, by Dr. Elma Griggs, who is the appointed examiner of the gymnasium. Their measurements are taken; height, breadth of shoulders, hips, girth of biceps, of forearm, etc.; and are all recorded on printed forms compiled

by Dr. Edward Hitchcock, Jr., the director of the University gymnasium.

In this way a record of each girl's measurements on entering the gymnasium is kept, so that in the future, all increase in size of muscles, or in strength, may be easily noted.

The gymnastic dresses, or "gym suits," as we call them, are of a uniform style,— short skirts (to the knee), over full trousers of the same length; and the customary blouse. The requirements of the gymnasium include the wearing of black rubber soled shoes.

At a quarter to five, the girls enter the "gym" ready for work, and at the command of our instructor, "Class, fall in!" we arrange ourselves in lines according to height. Last year the Psi girls had the pleasure of seeing one of their number, Miss Wilder, occupying the platform in the position of instructor.

The exercises are not simply those of one system, as the Swedish, the Ling, etc., but consist of a series taken a little from each system, and compiled, with original movements, by Dr. Hitchcock, and his assistant, Mr. Nelligan.

The extremities of the body are first exercised, to get the blood circulating freely, to draw it from the brain.

Gradually movements are given that necessitate exercise of the trunk and head, until the whole body has been well exercised— then slow movements of the lower limbs and the arms, to reduce the action of the heart, which has been increased more or less according to the violence of the exercise.

The program may be relieved of monotony by ending the day's order with a marching exercise with frequent commands of "Double quick!" and the girls then rush off to their own rooms or try to get "first chance at the bath-rooms."

As to the material equipment of our gymnasium, it is not of the most perfect; yet as the number of women entering the college increases each year, we soon hope to be able to boast of one of the finest gymnasiums in the country. Side and chest weights, climbing ladders, parallel bars, leaping bars, fencing foils, and innumerable dumb-bells and Indian clubs, form the larger part of the apparatus.

The drill, with the two latter, when executed by the two classes combined is a very pretty sight.

Greatly pleased, and encouraged by the work done last year, Dr. Hitchcock trained the classes for an exhibition given in the Armory; in which Kappa Kappa Gamma took a prominent part, and to which the only ladies of the Faculty and of the town were invited.

The exercises were drills with clubs, dumb-bells, broadswords, and a "Virginia reel" with fencing foils. The leaders in each one of the figures were Psi girls. It was pronounced a great success.

An advance class in Physical Culture was formed during this last college year, advantage of which was taken by three Kappa Kappa Gamma's. They studied the theoretical as well as the practical work of bodily culture.

Such is the course of training given here at Cornell, and such is a course that every growing girl should have so as to obtain a good healthy body as well as an active, healthy mind. The one is the outward visible sign of the other.

AMY GERECKE (*Psi*).

WOMEN IN THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

(From the Philadelphia Ledger.)

FOR an institution which is openly opposed to co-education the University of Pennsylvania has a large number of women among its students this year. The registration is not yet complete, but, so far, there are 75 women among the 2,000 students. These are divided into several departments, the various courses in the College Department claiming 45 of them, the Musical Department 15 and the Laboratory of Hygiene five. They are all, however, entered under the head of the Graduate Department for women, recently instituted, which occupies a very important place among American post-graduate schools,

This department was opened with the idea of giving to women special opportunities in pursuing post-graduate work. The Department of Philosophy, which is the University's regular post graduate department, was open to women equally with men from the time when it was opened, 10 years ago, but the new department for women gathers them together under a distinctive head, and offers some additional privileges. The first of these is the dormitory, which was opened this year, through the generosity of Colonel J. M. Bennett, at the corner of Thirty-fourth and Walnut streets, just across from the University campus. At present there are seven permanent residents in the house, but it is, besides, a centre for much social activity. Many of the women students come there for lunch every day, and last week a very successful tea was given by some of the older students to all women in the University. [This tea was given by Beta Alpha Chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma — Ed.]

The Graduate Department for Women has also six fellowships, each of which provides a student with her board and tuition free. At present these fellowships are held by Miss Josephine F. Ancona, A.B., Miss Alice M. Atkinson, A.B., Miss Kent R. Dunlop, A.B., Mrs. L. B. Cross, A.B., Miss Emily R. Gregory, A.B., and Miss Eleanor B. Tibbetts, A.B. Including these there are now eleven women in courses leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. Eight of these are taking chiefly science studies, such as chemistry, biology and mineralogy, and three are engaged chiefly with philosophy and languages. One of the latter is engaged in a translation which will be of some importance, and another student will take up shortly the preparation of an exhaustive monograph in chemistry. The University offers in all twenty-one distinct lines of study, leading to the post-graduate degree, among the most important being those in general and comparative philology: Sanscrit, Semitic Languages, Classical Languages and Literature, Modern Languages and Literature, American Archæology and Linguistics, Philosophy, Ethics and Psychology (general and experimental), History, Political Science and Political Economy, Mathematics, Natural and Physical Science, including Hygiene and Music.

But, besides these entered in those courses leading to the Ph.D. degree, there are many women taking special work. Thus twenty-

one are specials in scientific work, chemistry, biology and the like, most of which is done, by the way, in the same laboratories with the men. Four women are taking special work in American history and three in European history, the lectures in history being largely given on Saturday mornings, so as to enable teachers and others who are working on other days to take the work. Among the most popular courses are those in the school of architecture, in water colors and interior decoration. The former is in charge of the well-known painter, Mr. Charles G. Dana, and the latter course is a new one and is attracting many women who wish to turn their artistic tastes to practical account.

The work being done by women in the University is in the main fully equal to that of the male students, and in many cases superior. This leads, therefore, to the oft repeated question, "Why should women be admitted only to post-graduate work and as special students?" It is a question which cannot be answered in a breath, but it may be said there are some excellent reasons in support of the present attitude. For one thing, to admit women to the undergraduate degree would mean at once an increased outlay, which the University cannot now afford, as was decided some two years ago, when this whole question was debated by the Trustees. But at that time it was stated that, when the money was given, the University was ready to open undergraduate courses for women, and this offer was repeated publicly by Provost Pepper during the past year. So that it remains with the women of Philadelphia to decide whether they care enough about the education of their sex to make the University fulfil its promise.

BETA TAU'S CHAPTER-HOUSE.

IN the Central City of the Empire State, on a pleasant avenue running north and south, stands this home of our college days. With its piazza, its wide, jutting bow windows and pleasant upper balconies, the house presents an inviting and homelike aspect. Facing the west, it

commands a view of the spires and chimneys of the city, with a background of rolling hills. In the evening, the "lights of the village" make a line of brightness along the horizon. Nearer in the line of vision stretch the fair grounds of an old English estate. Close by is the entrance with the family arms and motto emblazoned on the gateway, while a little farther off, rise the turrets of the castle. Between this and the lodge at the gate-way, stretches a wide lawn, dotted with trees and broken by a little ravine which is spanned by a pretty, rustic bridge. To the north of our home, the road slopes away until it is lost in a dim vista of trees and houses. The eastern windows look out upon another quiet avenue. On the south side, an intervening dwelling hides a partial view of the College of Fine Arts. Thus, you see that, as far as surroundings are concerned, we are very pleasantly situated.

Mounting the steps of the front terrace, one reaches a platform from which steps lead up again to the small, but pleasant piazza. Around this piazza runs a broad ledge forming a convenient seat for summer afternoons. Opening the front door, one enters the hall by passing through a vestibule. On either side of this vestibule is a recess, in one of which the Seniors and Sophomores hang their hats and jackets, in the other, the Juniors and Freshmen do the same; for such are the class affinities here in Syracuse. Above the carved and winding staircase, a stained glass window casts rays of mellow light through the hall. Under the stairway is a cozy, shadowy corner containing an easy couch. This corner has been called "The Wigwam." On the left-hand side of the hall as one enters, folding doors open into the parlor, where, through its wide western windows gleam the brilliant tints of sunset. Here is the Kappa piano whose familiar tones echo through the house every day under the skilful fingers of our "musicals." Folding doors again open into the library with its wide bow windows, its shelves of books and groups of Kappas smiling on us from the wall. Off of the library opens the dining-room with its side-board and long table, around which gathers three times a day a gay assemblage. On the table, one catches sight of the familiar but much loved letters, Kappa Kappa Gamma, shining on the silver. Here too, is the fleur-de-lis, standing out in relief on the pretty wall paper and making

this room an ideal Kappa dining-hall. Adjoining the dining-room is the culinary department with all its necessary accompaniments and conveniences. Above stairs a long hall runs through the house from west to east, having at its eastern end a window, through which the morning sun casts long lines of light across the floor. On both sides of the hall are pleasant, sunny rooms, marked here and there with tokens of loyalty to Kappa. Another flight of stairs brings one to still other rooms with pleasant window-seats and windows that command wide views.

In this home, so pleasant as it is, dwells a happy family of Kappas — fair and homely, grave and gay — bound by common oaths and united by common ties. Then, too, there is the gentle little woman who acts as our housekeeper. She it is who makes the wheels of the household machinery run smoothly. Nor must the presiding genius of the kitchen be forgotten who, though she is frequently a variable quantity, is nevertheless an important member of our household.

Such is our house and its occupants. Is it too much to say that, to many a Kappa, in the days when she sits dreaming of her college life, recollections of this home will call up bright and pleasant memories?

Happily has the dream of former Kappas been realized; may it prove a pleasant reality until Syracuse University shall be no more. May those who are still dreaming and still building air-castles, take courage, remembering that their vision will likewise take tangible form.

G. F. T. (*Beta Tau*).

Alumnæ Department.

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DR. MARY E. BRADFORD.

MISS MARY BRADFORD was born near Lexington, Illinois, of humble but honorable and upright parents. When Mary was sent to school, one of her early teachers was Hon. Col. H. G. Rieves, who always speaks of her in the highest terms. Even in these youthful days,

she showed her good principles and steadfast characteristics, which have since been so nobly developed.

From Lexington she went to Bloomington, where she entered Illinois Wesleyan University and pursued the classical course. While in college she boarded at the Ladies' Boarding Hall, and defrayed a part of her expenses by household work there. Miss Bradford was a quiet and unobtrusive, but a very popular girl, and was always a close student of high grade.

In 1875 she was initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma, and immediately became an active and much beloved worker in Epsilon chapter.

She often mentioned her preference for the study of medicine; but when asked why she did not enter upon that course, she seemed to hesitate and said she felt that if she did study medicine, she should go as a medical missionary and she did not know whether she was prepared for the sacrifice that would necessitate. But upon her graduation from the University, she began to prepare herself for missionary work, and finally entered the Woman's Medical College at Chicago. Here in 1887 she was graduated with high honors, receiving in acknowledgment of her excellent work a certificate that enabled her to attend for one year, free of charge, the New England Hospital in Boston. Miss Bradford was the only one, out of a large class, to receive such a certificate.

After leaving the New England Hospital, Miss Bradford practiced privately until the fall of 1888, when she was sent by the Presbyterian Woman's Board of Foreign Missions, to Persia where she has been working ever since. She is situated at Tabriz, and is earning well-merited golden opinions not only from her fraternity, her friends and acquaintances, but from Christian people all over the globe.

During the season just past, in which the cholera has raged so terribly in Tabriz, Miss Bradford has worked incessantly. Many of the Persians owe their lives to her, and not only their lives but their souls as well. The scourge, rising like a mighty cyclone to the east of Tabriz, advanced rapidly and by the last of July it was waxing furious in the city. With the first mutterings many fled from their homes, some carrying the disease

with them to village and country. Miss Bradford was the only English physician in the place, but she never wavered, never thought of leaving. Her duty was plain to her; and her Master for whom she had given up home, friends, all, sustained her in this trial, and she went about not only administering medicine but nursing and comforting and giving hope to the dying and hopeless.

Well may we be proud of our Kappa sister!

E. H. (*Epsilon*).

A DIFFERENT PHASE OF SISTERHOOD.

It may be of interest to undergraduates to know what their elder sisters in Boston and vicinity are trying to do for University extension. From the acorn of this small beginning may grow the oak of a real extension movement in this locality, but at present the managers are well satisfied with the healthy young sprout born of their activity and interest.

About two years ago it was proposed at a meeting of the Boston Branch of Collegiate Alumnæ to organize courses of talks to women in country towns within a radius of twenty or twenty-five miles of Boston. A committee was appointed, and worked faithfully to carry out the proposition; but from one reason and another the plan did not prove to be the success that had been hoped.

In the autumn of 1891 the idea occurred to the committee of offering the stores of wisdom at their disposal to the working girls' clubs of Boston and the suburbs. To their great pleasure the offer was accepted with some enthusiasm, and arrangements were at once entered into for the committee to provide speakers for, in some cases, a series of addresses, in others an occasional talk.

So great was the energy of the managers, and so efficient was the secretaryship of Miss Eva Channing, of Jamaica Plain, a Boston University graduate, that between the middle of January, '92, when the season opened and the middle of May, four months later, thirty-one talks were given.

In the autumn of '92 several clubs applied for speakers before the committee had had a chance to meet and arrange its ideas. Others

responded to a gentle hint, and new applications are now coming in all the time.

The topics offered are varied, ranging from elementary science, mathematics, and hygiene, through travels and tales of other lands, to literature, ethics and law. The speakers are all college graduates, and most of them have an especial interest in the subjects which they present. It has been found that the girls like a talk better than the reading of a paper. The directness of extemporaneous speaking holds the attention of minds unused to the concentration of attention, better than does the greater exactness and perhaps fluency of reading from the written document. From all sides come the most gratifying expressions concerning the pleasure which the girls take in talking over the lectures — to use a rather too dignified word — and the amount of matter which they retain in memory. No speaker has anything but praise, and expressions of surprise and pleasure for the interest which the girls display, and the intelligent questions they ask.

Besides the working girls' clubs of Boston and vicinity, speakers have been sent to a church guild, a boys' club, and to the prison for women at Sherborn — so it may be seen that the work addresses itself to a variety of intelligences.

That the good done is mutual there can be no doubt, but far beyond the worth to the women who have had advantages, of this broadening of sympathies and increase of tact awakened by their contact with their less fortunate sisters, is the seed of future good that is sown in the latter. A year may obliterate the memory of the lecture they have heard, but there will never be effaced from their minds the remembrance that these women of greater advantages have met them on an equal plane, have helped manage their clubs with them; have aroused common interests in their breasts in the subjects on which they addressed them; have worked with them in their efforts to help others less fortunate; have lived among them in the college settlements. Will these girls allow their sons in the years to come, when they shall have homes of their own made neater and more happy by the influences they are feeling now — will these women allow their sons to look upon the rich as the enemies or the prey of the poor? Will they not

teach them the kinship of life and interests among us all? Will not labor regard capital as its friend and not its foe? Will not philanthropy and economics go hand in hand?

To you, the undergraduate women of our colleges, we appeal for help in our movement. We know the demands upon your time, and we do not ask you to join the ranks of active workers until the right moment comes, but you *can* help by interesting clubs and associations of all kinds to ask for talks. We still hope to be called upon for courses of addresses on one theme, or allied subjects. Until the demand comes we can supply speakers in any number and on a wide range of topics.

Application to Miss Channing will secure a list of topics for which speakers now stand ready, and in several cases, when a particular subject has been asked for, there has been found no difficulty in finding some one ready to take up the theme.

To college women, graduate and undergraduate, we look for support. To the undergraduates we shall turn to swell the ranks of our speakers, as each June works its magical enchantment, and metamorphoses the *under-* into the *post*. To undergraduates we look *now* to help us enlarge our field of usefulness.

MABEL SHIPPIE PELTON (*Phi*, '87).

WOMEN AT BROWN UNIVERSITY.

That a new institution of learning, like Chicago University, should give to women exactly the same privileges as to men is what is expected. Just so much may be hoped for from the older institutions, but is not so confidently expected. When such a conservative college as Brown University really does this there is rejoicing, not only in little Rhode Island, but wherever there are those interested in the higher education of women.

Eighteen years ago a Providence girl asked for admission to Brown University and was refused. At intervals since that time applications have been made, so that the question of the admission of women has been kept before the governing boards of the college. After this protracted discussion of eighteen years among the Board of Trustees, the Board of

Fellows and the Faculty, in June, 1891, decided steps were taken. The announcement was made that all the examinations of the college were open to women as well as to men. This meant that the young women might study when and where they pleased, present themselves for examination, pay the fees imposed for this privilege and receive certificates stating what they had done. Notwithstanding this rather uninviting proposal, five earnest young women engaged certain kindly-disposed Professors as tutors and entered upon work. One of the number was invited by President Andrews to attend his class in philosophy. This experiment instead of working disaster proved so successful that in June, 1892, much more was granted.

It was then decided that all courses of study, both undergraduate and post-graduate, should be open to women on the same terms as to men, and that degrees should be given to both alike. At this early day there are thirty-nine women studying at Brown, fourteen Freshmen, five Sophomores, and twenty taking special and post-graduate courses. The fact that a young woman was the successful competitor in the prize examination in French shows that they can do good work.

The buildings of the college are not large enough for the accommodation of the women nor suited to their needs. So a building near at hand, pleasant and cosy, has been fitted up for them. Here they pursue their studies by themselves for the first two years. During the Junior and Senior years they are to attend recitations with the men.

When sufficient money is furnished, buildings will be erected and arranged as dormitories for the women, so that not only in the matter of instruction, but in everything they may have advantages equal to those of the men.

With a President so heartily interested in the movement as is Dr. Andrews, there can be no doubt as to the result.

GRACE H. PARKER (*Phi*), '92.

CHICAGO ASSOCIATION ALUMNÆ.

Since last May the Chicago Association has been holding meetings every month, and is now in a position to fulfil the hopes of its most

ambitious members. We number twenty-six, and represent eleven different chapters, Upsilon, Epsilon, Phi, Psi, Eta, Chi, Sigma, Gamma, Kappa, Nu and Iota.

Our enthusiasm only shows that Kappas are always ready and willing to work for Kappa Kappa Gamma and lose none of their interest on leaving college. We feel sure that the fraternity will never regret having given us the privilege of active work with them.

Most of our time these last six months has been spent in getting acquainted, as new ones are joining the Association every month, but this winter we have arranged a regular programme to prepare us all for Second Degree Examination, for we expect the Grand Council to hold their meeting with Upsilon Chapter in the spring. October 15, the Association were entertained at the home of one of Upsilon's Kappas, at Evanston, where we spent a most satisfactory afternoon. Last Saturday we held our meeting at Miss Bisbee's, where we were entertained most delightfully. We had our business meeting and then adjourned for a spread and songs, which took us all back to our good times in the old "chapter room."

It was the wish of most, perhaps of all the members, that a chapter should be established at the Chicago University but since the opening of college, it has been decided by the Faculty that fraternities be discouraged, and so strong is the feeling against secret societies that our own Kappas who are studying there now feel it is best not to establish our fraternity there.

We would consider it a very great favor if any of the chapters knowing Kappas living in Chicago, would send us their addresses, for we are anxious to reach all the Kappas as soon as possible.

NELLIE LAMSON LOBDELL (*Secretary*).

NOTES.

PHI.

Mrs. Mabel Goss Rogers, '85, is visiting in the East. Elizabeth Deering Hanscom, '87, is pursuing a course of study in the post-graduate department of Yale, recently opened to women.

BETA BETA.

Nellie Folsom, who for several years has taught in South Dakota, is home spending her vacation. She expects to return in January. Both Miss Folsom and Miss West, '92, were with us at our last meeting.

Jessie F. Merritt is teaching in Canton Union School and is again an active worker in Kappa.

Hattie Bugbee and Dr. Lucia Heaton are both in town, and meet with us quite often.

Mrs. Cammie Gaines is taking her husband's place in the class-room while he is travelling abroad.

We have the prospect of a future Kappa—Mrs. Manley has a little daughter.

XI.

Mildred Graham, '92, is teaching in Adrian College.

Hattie Smurthwaite, '92, is teaching at her home, Steubenville, O.

Jennie G. Hulse, '92, is Preceptress in the High School at Whitehall, Mich.

Rose Talbott, '92, is one of the instructors in Gittings Seminary, La Harpe, Ill.

KAPPA.

Carrie Louise Bates, '92, is Lady Principal in Pike Seminary, New York.

Dora Belle Andrus, '92, has a position in Wichita University, Kansas.

Lena Florence Adams is teaching at her home, Fairfield, Ohio.

Ina Dunn-Warren, '92, is studying music and housekeeping in Evanston, Ill.

Kathrina Powell and Nellie Eastman are kept at home on account of ill health.

Celeste Brackett writes joyously from the Y. W. C. A. rooms Waltham, Mass. : " I will be back next year."

UPSILON.

Maude Smith, '92, is teaching in the High School at Henry, Ill.

Effie Miller, '92, is teaching at Kensington, Chicago, and has recently

been elected president of the Chicago Alumnae Association of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Nettie Hunt, '92, is connected with the *University Extension Magazine*, published in Chicago.

CHI.

The Alumnae in the city are organizing an Alumnae Association. Miss Sammis, Miss Leach and Miss Sheldon are among those active in the work.

Miss Mathes and Miss Sterns of '92 are pursuing post-graduate courses at Chicago University and Bryn Mawr respectively.

OMEGA.

Maude Springer, '91, spent a week with her Kappa sisters this fall.

In September Etta Hadley was married to Mr. Chase, and left us for her new home in Worcester, Mass.

On the 5th of October, Gussie Price was married to Mr. Paul Hudson of Topeka, Kansas.

The Parthenon.

THE subject suggested for this month has been on my mind for a long time and is one that I fear can never be discussed thoroughly to one's satisfaction. There are so many sides to it and so many different circumstances that what might prove a help to one chapter might injure another.

The ideal invitation is one given to a girl whom all the girls in the chapter have studied and learned to love and to long for as a sister, with all that the word means. In some cases this is the real method, but I fear it is not the rule. How can fifteen or twenty strong girls with different tastes and characteristics all find in one girl the qualities and attractions necessary to make her lovable to each one? The answer is plain — they seldom can. We must admit then, that, if a chapter is going to live, some girls must come into it who are not equally dear to all the members. Is

this going to cause trouble? No, not if each one has the true Kappa spirit. Is there one of us who has not felt after each initiation that the new girls have entered into new relations with her and have been bound by the strongest ties? We cannot help loving those we have initiated, loving with a strong Kappa love. When we have once taken fraternity vows, we are no longer strangers nor mere acquaintances, but sisters, and these vows cannot be broken. Since we are to love our sisters after initiation if not before, is not what we really want to look for, not perfectly congenial girls, but strong girls, girls who will bear the name of Kappa Kappa Gamma nobly? The chapter that cannot rise above petty personal dislikes and welcome gladly real solid merit must be in a bad condition. That ought to be the one question each member asks herself on voting on a girl's name, "Will she be a help and strength to Kappa? Is she the girl we need?" One girl of the right kind is worth more to the chapter and fraternity than four or five nice girls who have no strength, and our chapter and our fraternity should be considered, not ourselves.

The question often comes up whether one girl has a right to withhold her consent to the invitation. I should say yes, under certain conditions, only. When she really feels that the girl under discussion is not such a girl as will do the fraternity good, feels that she will never make a true Kappa, and is certain that personal feeling does not enter into the question to bias her best judgment, then even if all the others do want her, she not only has the right but it is her duty to withhold her consent. We have no right to allow a girl to be initiated whom we feel to be wholly disqualified for Kappa. We have promised to protect our fraternity and her interests, and in this as in all other questions, let us take her motto for our guide.

BETA NU.

The questions of "Elections" so ably discussed by Beta Alpha in the October number of THE KEY, is of vital importance to every chapter. It is essential to the growth and wholesome development of the
Elections. fraternity that each chapter should add to its numbers those who will help in realizing the ideal set before the fraternity.

Beta Epsilon, keeping in mind this ideal, has been cautious, perhaps

too cautious, in admitting new members. Not knowing the custom of the older chapters, it found that the question of election was a difficult one to settle. The majority of the members were at first decidedly opposed to the admission of Freshmen, and, as there were only two classes in the college, this feeling prevented our gathering in new members for a time. Our chapter has now no prejudice against electing Freshmen, but does not on the whole, consider it advisable.

At first, also, we were not accustomed to subordinating personal prejudices to the consideration of the "fraternity purpose" and each member had a standard by which she judged the candidate for election. Some thought that excellent scholarship should be the chief test; others that a bright, attractive manner, combined with a moderately good record as a student should be required; and still others that new members should be combinations of beauty, intellect, and social culture. With these diverse ideas of what fraternity members should be, is it astonishing that new members were not "added daily" to the chapter?

But, however, with the progress of the years our thoughts have widened, and Beta Epsilon now has decided what qualities "make for" growth in Kappa Kappa Gamma. It has come to the conclusion, to quote Beta Alpha again, that character is emphatically what is needed, and has determined to make it the requisite *par excellence* for membership.

BETA EPSILON.

The fraternity is, or ought to be, a means of culture to each of its members; but I often wonder if we allow it to include as broad a field as we might. The time and effort spent socially is not lost, for we must have some relief from the heavy strain of college work, but I fear that the fraternity thus sometimes fails to get the best in our lives. We give the friendly chatter and gossip, the funny stories and all that, but reserve our best efforts and those thoughts which come nearest our real soul life for the cold ear of the college professor or an obscure corner of the county paper. It is preposterous that our sisters should not always be the first to know and criticize our efforts, not only

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Work.

in special fraternity work, but in the broader world in which we must bear a part.

There are many Kappas who are known as brilliant, intellectual women in a much wider sphere than their own chapter; and with our splendid organization we ought to be as great a power in the literary as we are in the social world. It is only reflected glory which the fraternity gets from our famous women; we are hardly aware that it is time to applaud until the world rings with applause. Surely it would be fitting that the first public appearance of an ambitious Kappa be the sympathetic realm of her fraternity. That we have a periodical implies that its main purpose is the free exchange of fraternity notes; but could it not be enlarged to include some of the best artistic literary efforts of our brightest minds?

DELTA.

Slowly the shadows drew down the curtains of night, and only the light of the fire lit up the room. Chi sat in a large easy chair before the ever-changing flames, which darted and curled around the logs in the fireplace. Her eyes followed them in their fantastic dances, as they took shape and then went out, till one turned into the same little man who had often counselled her before.

A Tête-à-
Tête in the
Twilight.

As soon as he saw her he began to speak, in a restless, jerky voice, "So you have come at last, have you? Here I have been fairly bursting with a bright idea for weeks, and you have not had time to listen to me a moment. Now I would like to know what you girls are going to do with your money? Very enterprising girls you are, to earn money by lectures, for the improvement of literature at the University and never do any good with it. And it is so exasperating for me to see just how to use it, and then never to be asked. You ought to take advantage of my bright ideas." Chi smiled at the little man's egotism, and said, "You always begin to talk just in line with my thoughts, Mr. Fire! That very question was just troubling me, and if you have any ideas I should be very glad to have them." "Well," said the little man, crossing one knee with a nervous twitch, "what do you think of a Kappa scholarship?" "Why," said

Chi, "that is not a bad idea, in fact I think it is rather bright." "Bright! well I should think so," said he, twisting himself with delight. "You pretend to take care of your girls till they marry and give them a spoon as a final send-off. Can you take better care of them, as they complete their four years' course, than by lightening expenses and enable them to work for higher degrees? The University deems it wise to found scholarships to promote a high grade of scholarship among her graduates and to raise her standing. Is not this what you desire for your girls, Chi? the most perfect development of mind and soul?"

Alas for Mr. Fire! In his excitement over such a long speech he tumbled from his log and was lost among the ashes. But Chi's thoughts turned into a new channel produced a wonderful future for her girls. Encouraged by the sympathy and financial aid of the chapter the maidens of Chi became so learned they were called to the most influential positions in the country.

Ah, this was wild even for a dream, Chi!

And then the maid came in to light the gas, putting shadows and visions alike to flight.

E. N. (*Chi*).

The recent action of the Chicago University in regard to Greek Letter Fraternities, expressing as it does a disapproval amounting almost to condemnation, is such as to give us food for reflection. If we "Secrecy." consider the matter at all seriously we can readily see that there are many things which could be brought forward to sustain the stand taken by the University authorities. The element of secrecy, which we understand, considered by them to be the most objectionable feature of fraternity life, is one which may easily be productive of evil results, but the same may be said of whatever can be made a source of power and the element of mystery certainly is such a source. As such, however, it is our belief that it can be made a far more powerful instrument for good than it is for evil.

Whether, however, it is or is not a desirable element, it is one which appeals very strongly to a something—call it a weakness if you will—deep-seated in human nature. And history shows that mystery adds

strength to any organization, be the organization social, political or religious. It rests with the organization as to how that strength shall be employed.

With our own fraternity we know that the underlying principles are such as if carried out will not only elevate our own character, but help to bring out the higher nature of those with whom we come in contact. We are pledged to the advancement of these principles, and to carry out our pledges we need every aid that we can have, and it is our earnest wish that every Kappa member remember the work she has undertaken to do, and laying aside all thoughts of self, seek only to show in her life the beauty of those principles which we have all professed, not, we trust, with the lips alone, but with the heart as well.

If we do not live by them we are a mockery unto ourselves, and work harm instead of good to those around. BETA ALPHA.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

.PHI — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Kappas like to share their joys, they say, so Phi brings you in the beginning of her letter the good news from initiation.

On Saturday, November 19, Phi initiated eight young women into Kappa Kappa Gamma. With much pride we introduce them to you :

Helen M. Armstrong.
 J. Helen Bartholomew.
 Susie M. Flint.
 Mabel E. Ingalls.

K. Isabelle Mann.
 Louisa F. Parkhurst.
 Emma C. Shipman.
 Ellen L. Young.

The event took place at the home of Ida Davis, one of our alumnæ. Many of Phi's daughters and two of our western sisters were present. We were much interested in the account of Xi's initiations from Mrs. Stephens

and of Eta's initiations and chapter-house from Miss Main. It was a very happy time for all of us.

But even before initiation, Phi enjoyed herself at home and abroad.

Kappa's birthday was celebrated by a tea to our alumnae. It was, as it always is, a very enjoyable occasion. We welcomed at that time Miss Derby from Beta Nu. We wish we might have her with us in college this year.

Then there have been the busy Kappa meetings and talks about convention, when the delegate has all but wearied her Kappa sisters. We brought back much enthusiasm from that happy, busy week in Indianapolis, and we have tried to share this with the others. We all have tried to bring the ideal Kappa traits into our lives that the "children" may learn what it means to belong to Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our chapter was small when we came together this fall, but we have been a very joyful company. Not a little of this joy is in our Grand President, who comes occasionally to chapter meetings.

Then there is the college life. There have been some changes in our Faculty. William M. Warren, Ph.D., the son of President Warren, has returned to the University. He assists Professor Bowne and Professor Coit. Mr. Antrim, from De Pauw, is instructor in rhetoric.

Bishop Warren gave a very interesting course of lectures on the Bible during one week in October. Through Gamma Delta, the young women's society, we have become interested in Boston charities

The young men of the University are rejoicing in anticipation of a new gymnasium, which will be ready for occupancy before long.

We have indulged in the usual number of socials. The Juniors have welcomed the Freshmen and the Freshmen have enjoyed an evening by themselves.

Several interesting debates have made the debating club so far a success. Two German clubs and a Latin Seminary offer us advantages in those directions. Truly, prosperity seems to "dwell within our borders."

To you all, Kappas far and near, Phi sends her greeting — especially to Beta Eta, the youngest of all Kappa's daughters.

Success in all good things be yours!

BETA BETA — ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

When we heard the splendid reports of our delegate we regretted that we could not all have attended the Convention and have enjoyed the business and social meetings. However, our imagination carried us away so far that we seemed to see it all sufficiently clear to awaken in us new zeal and earnestness for the year's work before us. The first hard task that presented itself was the collection of a tax imposed by the Grand Treasurer. Kappas at St. Lawrence never seem to have much "spare cash," so the collector occasionally finds it her painful duty to do a little "dunning." I wonder if the generality of girls are economical? Do they not spend money foolishly? But we must not philosophize, for this was to be a news-letter.

The college is each year increasing in the number of students and hopes in the near future to become famous despite the fact that it is situated "way up in the Adirondacks." The *New York Sun* says: "Co-education is carried out to the most practical details in St. Lawrence University, one of the earliest co-educational institutions. It was one of the faculty of this college who many years ago answered the question of a horrified English lady as to what form of discipline the school adopted when men and women were allowed to study together: 'The college has no rules, madam. The young women don't require any and they discipline the young men by their very presence. We really have nothing to do about it.'"

Very soon after college opened Beta Beta gave a reception to the young women of the freshman class. Meriam Caldwell opened her house to us and with the assistance of other girls decorated it handsomely with autumn leaves and golden-rod. Two members of each class received in cap and gown. As soon as the introductory formalities were ended the house rang with college, class, and Kappa songs. While refreshments were being served we were serenaded by the members of both Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Omega. It was late before our guests departed, and if we may presume to judge from the thanks expressed we would say that all enjoyed a pleasant evening.

We are constantly adding pretty things to our rooms. This year we have been the grateful recipients of several presents, one among which was a large picture of President Hervey, handsomely framed, all ready to hang in a vacant place exactly fitted for it. To this cosy nook of ours we often betake ourselves during a study hour to prepare a lesson or talk over some "weighty question," and among the number there is usually one who would rather pop corn than talk or study. We think we are fortunate in having rooms in the building, for when we have left college those hours between-times will hold almost as dear a place in our remembrance as the regular Saturday night Kappa meetings.

The thirteenth of October we celebrated our anniversary by having an "informal feed" in our rooms, over which an alumna presided, while the other alumnæ entertained us with recitals of some of their hair-breadth escapes.

Social life has been much the same as ever. Since our usual Freshman reception, which was a pleasant affair held in the town's popular dancing hall, the Alphas have twice cordially entertained friends at their rooms; the Betas gave us one of their jolly little parties at their clubhouse. The annual ball given by Beta Theta Pi took place last Thursday night. Needless to say, it was a great success.

BETA TAU—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter Beta Tau has added the last drop in her bucket of happiness. She has become the proud possessor of a commodious chapter-house, of modern architectural design. Ever since the organization of Beta Tau, the project of building a chapter-house has been nearly or remotely in view. Several times she has seen the goal close at hand, but as many times she has been fated to lose sight of it, until now, when the appointed time has come. Our prolonged dream has at last become a glorious realization, and sixteen of our twenty-three girls are enjoying the limitless pleasures of chapter-house life. Located at 761 Irving St., it commands a broad and beautiful view of landscape, including the stately

Yates' Castle, the city, the lake and the red-face Onondaga Hills, within whose lofty circle the Central City hides.

The chapter-house was formally opened by a reception to the Faculty of the University, and the friends and parents of the girls, on the afternoon and evening of November 29. All present expressed great admiration for the chapter-house and its furnishings. Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, our most highly honored sister, graced the occasion with her benign presence, and assisted largely in making our opening a grand success. On the evening before, Mrs. Livermore lectured in the First Baptist Church on "The Perils of the Republic." Beta Tau attended in a body, having their seats tied with light and dark blue.

At the close of a very hotly contested rushing season, we found ourselves happy in the acquisition of ten bright pledglings, whom we introduced to our frisky pet on the night of October 14. All are Liberal Arts except one and represent three classes as follows :

Ada Holmes, '94.
 Jeannette Morton, '95.
 Carrie Romer, '96.
 Margaret Hewitt, '96.
 Jeannette Halstead, '96.

Alice Weston, '96.
 Mary Caldwell, '96.
 Francis Emerson, '96.
 Harriet Doane, '96.
 Bertha Stowell, '96.

All these girls have proved themselves stalwart Kappas, noble and loyal. Carrie Crane of Epsilon chapter has been elected Assistant Vocal Instructor in our University, and she adds one to the loved occupants of the house.

The Alpha Phi Sorority held its Annual Convention with the Alpha chapter October 12-16.

The Syracuse chapters of Psi Upsilon and Beta Theta Pi are also tasting, for the first time, of the sweetness of chapter-house life. Our University is unfortunate in the removal of our beloved J. Scott Clark, A.M., Professor of Rhetoric, English and Elocution, to Northwestern University, C. Percy Goetschins, Professor of History and Theory of Music and Piano, to the Boston Conservatory of Music, and Geo. F. Cunport, S.H.D., Dean of the College of Fine Arts, to LaPorte, Texas.

There is much more which we would gladly write in our chapter letter; but already "the light burns blue," the midnight hour has arrived, the spirits are coming forth and Beta Tau must say, "*Gute Nacht.*"

PSI — CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Psi begins the year with a promising record of fourteen active members. Of these, one-half are seniors, so our dignity will be well sustained. We are glad to welcome among us also Miss Marston from Chi, Miss McKinnon from Omega and Mrs. Martin from Epsilon.

Of the many new girls most desired as fraternity members, a large majority are "specials." The tendency of the age toward specialization seems to be permeating the higher education of women, if we may judge from those who come from far and near to Cornell.

Owing to the illness of our delegate to Convention, Emma Marguerite Lang, Psi was represented by Jennie Nita Angell, who now returns to us full of fraternity enthusiasm.

We have confined our social entertainment for the new girls this year to an informal reception at the home of Mabel Stebbins, and an afternoon tea and drama at the home of Miss Hull. Both were very pleasant, and we believe far more satisfactory as a means of acquaintance with the new girls than are the "rushing" dancing parties given by some of the other chapters here. There has been this fall almost a surfeit of entertainment for the new girls, so we prefer to wait until later to give a reception of dancing.

To the old students so inclined, ways are not wanting for occupying leisure hours. Then, too, the unusually fine weather of last month made it possible to enjoy our beautiful scenery to an extent seldom allowed by the fall rains — and Cornell environments are beautiful beyond description. In extolling Cornell's advantages in learning and scenery, the past few weeks have made us feel that the weather advantages have been overlooked. For variety in extremes of storm and sunshine, Cornell is surely unexcelled. To any one wishing to experience many climates in one, we unhesitatingly recommend Cornell.

Like all eastern institutions of learning, Cornell has parted with members of its Faculty to the ambitious West; as some one has aptly said, "has conferred the new degree of C. T. C. upon certain of its Faculty." (C. T. C. means, called to Chicago). President Schurman, however, equal to the emergency, is rapidly and successfully filling the vacancies.

Long before this the twenty-four chapters of the men's fraternities represented here have initiated their new members. In accordance with agreement with Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma and Alpha Phi, feeling less haste to be more satisfactory in choosing members, we extended no invitations until November 15. Now that the more than two hundred women in the University are so scattered, Sage College accommodating only one hundred, we find the time none too long for becoming well acquainted with the new girls.

The Cornell University Christian Association is actively interested in furnishing to the students opportunities for general social intercourse not otherwise enjoyed. Numerous receptions are given in their commodious building, Barnes Hall, to which *all* are invited. The large membership of the association shows appreciation of its good work.

Just at present we are enjoying our Thanksgiving vacation of five days. Those who live near and who feel that they can spare the time from their work take advantage of the short respite to visit their homes. Those who remain here have an opportunity to make good past deficiency; or, if so inclined, to do extra work, as the library and some of the laboratories are left open for use. In any case, there are so many who spend the vacation here, that one may have a pleasant time if one wishes.

We have had one holiday before this fall, for the formal inauguration of President Schurman. For more than three hours an unusually large audience listened with interest to representative speakers. The able address of President Schurman himself, strengthened the esteem in which he was already held. In the evening, the armory was the scene of a brilliant reception for President and Mrs. Schurman, attended by the students, the Faculty and friends of the University.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

The relaxation attending the months of vacation came so opportunely to most of us, that as we stood facing the winter and its duties, we could scarcely help but give one lingering glance as we closed the door behind us, and sang — in some ways regretfully — “Good-bye, Summer.”

And yet, the college reunions were so delightful, and the work within the walls of “Old Penn.” is always so interesting and so absorbing, that we have had little chance for retrospect; were we Alexanders, our cry would be, not for *worlds*, but for *Time* in which to conquer.

Beta Alpha is hard at work; regretfully we record some changes which have taken members from our midst, and with much rejoicing we can say, others have returned.

With the beginning of the college year came also the opening of Bennett Hall, the home for the Fellows in our midst. Overlooking the college grounds, and almost at their entrance, is this hall which has been kindly given to the University through the courtesy and generosity of Col. Joseph Bennett. Six fellowships for Ph.D. work have been granted; for three of these, choice has been made in favor of members of our chapter — Mrs. Cross, Emily Gregory, and Josephine Ancona, the latter being one of the class of '91, whom we are so delighted to have with us again. Their lines, we think, “have fallen to them in pleasant places.” Even as early as this in the history of the “Bennett,” our Fellows have proved hostesses for Kappa gatherings, and its walls have echoed with fraternity mysteries.

Our European travellers have safely returned; Lois Otis, we of course looked for, but Harriet Henderson's coming from Zürich was a glad surprise, and we welcomed her most heartily.

The opening of a Scientific Department in a Rochester school, meant for us the loss of Clara Miller as corresponding secretary, and active member. We wish her God-speed and all success, but crave the power to follow our thoughts as they many times wander to Rochester.

It is always a woman's prerogative, they say, to change her mind, and so we accord the same privilege to Mary Pennington, and chronicle the

postponement of her work at the Woman's Medical College until she shall have won the Ph.D. conferred by the University.

Time would fail me to tell of all our hopes and plans; our last social gathering was a most pleasant one. The latch-string of Bennett Hall was out from four to six o'clock, on Saturday, November 5, when we — the Kappas — had the pleasure of entertaining the other young women students in the college. Two hours were most agreeably spent, and we trust that some impression may have been given which will help to dispel the idea that fraternity girls are "clannish," and also help us to catch something of the broadening and strengthening that must come by keeping in touch with those around us.

BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

In view perhaps of the way in which other chapters open the college year, with spreads, initiations, and increased membership, we of Beta Epsilon, who take a long time to get started, may with propriety be styled tortoises. We had, during the summer, a long period for reflection on the "*gnothi seauton*," and on our return to Enclitics and Differential Coefficients, the Faculty deemed it necessary to supplement the vacation's labors with a week or so to be devoted to meditation on Columbo. But at last we are in the grooves again, and fraternity matters take up no little portion of our attention.

We have, as yet, held no election of new members, but several names have been laid before the chapter, and the probabilities are that we shall have a large initiation early in the winter.

We have been much interested in our delegate's account of the Convention. Certainly the wish expressed in Beta Epsilon's last letter has been fulfilled at least with respect to our own representative. She returned full of enthusiasm for the fraternity and its possibilities, having much enjoyed the social intercourse with those that seemed strangers but proved to be friends, and having greatly appreciated the hospitality extended so charmingly by the Indianapolis chapter.

The Kappa birthday was celebrated at Barnard in conjunction with

the New York Alumnae Association, and the afternoon was a pleasant one to Beta Epsilon at least.

To the founders of the chapter at Barnard college, the present year is the last. We will do our best to leave Beta Epsilon on a firm footing for years to come. We feel that we may safely entrust it to the hands of those of '94 and '95 that are among us, and though we may be like the tortoise in the beginning,—you know the story,—may we also be like the tortoise at the end.

GAMMA RHO — ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

“Do you know the old man of the sea, of the sea?
He has fastened his clutch upon me, upon me.”

Whenever it comes time to write the chapter letter, the story of Sinbad's Old Man comes to mind. Only Sinbad's fate was far happier than ours, for when once killed his man was gone, while ours has a quarterly reappearance, and each time we wonder what new wine and what stone will loosen his hold.

We introduce first six new sisters, Agnes Coe, Maude Sutton, Frances Slater, Belle Howe, Georgia Porter and Hazel Nutt, and two new brothers-in-law.

In August Lena Donley was married to Dr. Zalmon Brown, of Duluth. In October Maude Kepler was married to Mr. Carl Zinck of Delta Tau Delta. They are now residing in New Castle, Pa.

The Wilcox Hall of Science is nearly completed, or perhaps to be accurate, I should say, is about half done. It will be a very fine building in itself, but in the worst location possible. Not only is the building made to look bare and unpicturesque, but the beautiful view from Hulings Hall is partly cut off.

Everybody has entertained this term. There have been large receptions small receptions and parties of every description without number. Kappa Alpha Theta gave a charming reception with dancing in the latter part of the evening.

Allegheny has been much aroused by the organization of an avowed

anti-fraternity society. It is called the A. C. C. B., which is supposed to stand for Allegheny College Christian Brotherhood, but it is more commonly interpreted as Allegheny College Corps of Blockheads. They have beautifully furnished rooms down town and have given one very enjoyable reception. Only three things are necessary for membership; first, to be a man; second, a non-fraternity or barbarian; third, a church member. It is a very good society and as Orpheus Kerr says "Long may they wave."

While speaking of this society it occurs to us that Allegheny College is to have an Annual. Not a funny book, the editors say, no stale jokes, or last year's puns, but bright, brilliant facts. We do not know what they mean but perhaps an illustrated College Catalogue might come near the idea. Still we have faith in it as it is to be managed by the Greeks, among whom we are numbered. The barbarians were invited to assist, but not being pleased with some of the arrangements, declined.

Our College is also to have a Glee Club, for which an instructor has been obtained. There is splendid material in the college, as was shown on the day of class elections. This club proposes to make a tour of the surrounding country and place Allegheny in her former position of Glee Club glory.

Dr. Wheeler, our honored president, has resigned his position, the resignation to take effect next July. This will be a great loss to the College, as it will be a difficult task to find a man with the broad culture, great learning, and best of all, sympathetic mind and heart of Dr. Wheeler.

We are not making history at a very rapid rate up in this conner of the Federal Union. It is as quiet and peaceful as Sleepy Hollow, and we in writing chapter letters have to be careful not to say too much and exhaust our resources, else when the next quarter comes we are lost.

BETA PROVINCE.

BETA GAMMA — WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Beta Gamma has a "home" at last where we can keep the treasures belonging to us and where we can meet each Saturday evening with out first having to inquire where the meeting is to be held. During the

summer the resident members of the chapter held regular meetings and made arrangements to carry out our long cherished plan of having a chapter-room. We first secured a cosy little room which we proceeded to paper with light blue. Next, we secured a dark blue and white matting, white curtains with large blue polka dots, hung light blue curtains before our bookselves and furnished the room in Kappa colors as much as possible. The white marble grate makes the room look very cheerful with its bright fire on a cool evening, which especially encourages a social spirit and a little harmless gossip. Just above the mantel is a dark blue panel with the letters Kappa Kappa Gamma on it in light blue and beneath it is suspended a very fair representation of the Key. On the upper shelf of our bookcase stands a very wise-looking stuffed owl which is still more of a treasure because it was formerly possessed by Karl Merz, now deceased, the kind and beloved Conductor of the Musical Department of the University, and which was presented to the chapter by a friend. A table, couch, chairs and bric-à-brac complete the furnishing of our little home.

One Saturday evening early in October, after an exciting campaign, we assembled at the home of one of our members (our room being too small) to initiate into the mysteries of Kappahood five new members. We welcomed to our midst, Cora Hoelzel, '96, Wooster; Grace Taylor, special '96, Wooster; Myvamvy Jones, '96, Lima, O.; Fannie ——— '96, Rockford, O.; and Marie Brotherton, '95, Lima, O. The service was even more impressive than usual and after light refreshments had been served, Kappa songs sung, and the evening thoroughly enjoyed we dispersed, feeling that Kappa bonds had drawn us closer than before.

On Hallowe'en, the time when spirits walk abroad and which has been appropriately celebrated each year by us, we issued invitations to our friends. The invitations were both unique and weird, being written in red ink and with a grinning skull and ghastly cross-bones at the top. Our friends were invited to

“Come where the red lantern hangeth and find what the future has in store.”

Hallowe'en,

1111 Pumpkin Avenue.

KAPPA SPOOKS.

By half-past seven the girls were gathered at the house of one of the members where hung a red lantern, and we waited patiently for the boys to find us and take us to the home of Elizabeth Johnson where the festivities of the evening were to take place. After much patient waiting and some fun at the expense of those who were searching for us we were all escorted to the home of Miss Johnson. Each person drew a card on which was written a verse rhyming with a number and of course the girl who held the same number as some boy secured him as her partner. Each couple in turn entered the "dark-room" where fortunes were told with great solemnity. The time-honored custom of cutting a cake containing a ring, a button and a silver piece was indulged in, and several other Hallowe'en customs. When we bade our hostess good-bye in the wee sma' hours of the night we felt that the spooks had been leading us a merry chase and that the evening was one not soon to be forgotten.

College life has not been quite as gay this year as it sometimes is, but has been enjoyable in many respects. Entertainments there have been in abundance, one of them being a joint meeting of the three literary societies of the college on the evening of November 25, for the purpose of awakening a greater interest in literary work than we have manifested for some time. The program consisted of declamations, orations, and a very interesting debate, interspersed with music. Our Grand Marshal, Gertrude Robinson, was president of the evening and presided in a most graceful and pleasing, manner to the honor of Willard Literary Society of which she is president, and of the Kappa fraternity.

The girls of Beta Gamma chapter and a few friends were very pleasantly entertained Thursday evening, December 1, by Mrs. William Annaton of our resident alumnae members.

BETA DELTA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan University opened October 1, and with that date came ten Kappa sisters, eager and enthusiastic. The campaign season has come and gone, and we now number seventeen.

On November 18 we had our initiation, and our new sisters are Harriet Lake, Mabel Halleck, Suzanne McCauley, Algae McGilvery, and

Bertha Barney. We have with us also two dear Kappa sisters, Georgia Smeeley from Beta Gamma and Blanche Barney from Mu.

Belle Brewster, who was with us last year, is now studying music in New York.

Many improvements at the University of Michigan may be noted this year. The University School of Music was opened October 1 with a very encouraging attendance. While there is no organic or financial connection between the School of Music and the University proper, still there is a close bond of sympathy between the two institutions, and its Board of Directors includes the President of the University and several of its professors.

The University Choral Union has been invited to sing at the World's Fair at Chicago the third week of June, the only college organization of the kind on which the honor has been conferred. The Choral Union is one of the largest student musical organizations in the world. The active chorus includes at present two hundred and eighty voices. In its public concerts it has produced with orchestra such works as Berlioz's Faust and Gounod's Redemption, and will render this season Handel's Messiah and Mendelssohn's Elijah.

At the close of the year 1891-92, a Graduate School was established here in connection with the Department of Literature, Science, and the Arts. The establishment of this school grew out of the conviction that the time had come when the advanced courses offered by the Department should be recognized and announced as something distinct from the work of an ordinary college course. Provisions have been made for a systematic and efficient administration of this higher work, and, so far as possible, for the separate instruction of graduate students.

We close our letter with heartiest wishes for the welfare of our sister chapters.

BETA NU — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The fall term has been one of special interest to every Ohio State University student, and with good reason, for we have an increased attendance, especially of women; college work has reached a higher standard

than ever before; three new buildings are being pushed rapidly towards completion; the Ohio State University spring has returned to us, and college men and women, the Faculty and trustees, and the public generally are rejoicing over its arrival; in foot-ball our eleven has won laurels, an honor unknown to us heretofore in that department of athletics, and are now tied for first place in the Intercollegiate Association; in social events, too, we have not been lacking.

As Kappas, we were interested in the increased number of girls who entered college this fall, for we had a rival in the field and the campaign commenced simultaneously with the opening of college. War was formally declared at the tea party given by the King's Daughters Circle on the first Monday of the term.

Hostilities were carried on with vim on both sides, but the "blue and blue" triumphed and the victory was celebrated on October 30, with an initiation. The goat was extremely hilarious that evening, perhaps because it was Hallowe'en, and ghosts and witches were walking, and he tested his strength to its utmost limit on Zoa Baldwin, Bess Claypoole, Mabel Lisle, and Mary Scott.

The home of Charlotte Claypoole was placed at our disposal, and in an occupied house next door, which was prettily decorated with hangings of our colors, Kappa symbols, etc., the initiation proper took place. After this, we sat down to a banquet which was followed by the usual toasts, interspersed with songs, Kappa calls and college yells. At the witching hour of twelve, some of the boys appeared and we spent the remainder of the "evening" in dancing and "consulting the fates."

On the evening of December 2, Phi Gamma Delta entertained with an impromptu dance, at which our chapter was well represented. The Y. M. C. A. reception at the opening of the college year, the entertainment by the Browning Literary Society, class receptions and fraternity parties throughout the term, show that there is not a dearth of social occasions.

Since the generous appropriation of the State Legislature for the benefit of O. S. U., our campus has been in a torn-up and sorry-looking condition, for new buildings are going up, trenches are being dug for gas, water and heating pipes, and everything is in confusion, but we are looking

forward eagerly to the time when the campus shall be restored to its former beauty, only greatly increased by the handsome new buildings.

Hayes Hall, the manual training building, is named for one of our trustees, ex-President Rutherford B. Hayes, to whose efforts is due the new course in manual training. It is an elegant structure, perfect in its style and arrangement, and the equipment will be all that can be desired.

Orton Hall, which receives its name from Prof. Edward Orton, ex-president of the University, and at present occupying the chair of geology, will contain the library and the geological museum. It is built entirely of stone, representing every strata found in Ohio. The whole interior of the main vestibule will be of solid stone. The vaulted ceiling alone will contain ninety panels of drab sandstone set in ribs of dark brownstone. Twenty-four columns of different kinds of Ohio stones, representing about every shade in the spectrum, will support the ceiling. When this building is completed it will be one of the finest of its kind in the country.

Perhaps an explanation of the return of the spring will be in order. At the foot of the elevation on which University Hall stands is a lovely lake fed by numerous springs, two of which are enclosed in grottoes, which afford a pleasant and refreshing resting-place for students and visitors, and a charming "rushing" resort. More than a year ago a sewer was built through the grounds past the lake, draining it and drying up the springs, thus ruining one of the most attractive spots in our campus. Since that time the trustees have been urging the city authorities to repair the damage, and after much tearing down and rebuilding, the main has been properly constructed, and the spring now flows in all its "pristine glory," and the deserted grottoes once more listen to the secrets of trusting friends, to class schemes and to the "confabs" of the rusher and his victim.

XI — ADRIAN COLLEGE.

This year opened with bright prospects for Xi. There were many new girls and consequently much rushing was to be done. But four of

us of last year returned this year — yet our ranks are swelling. Missing five who had graduated, we felt lost on our return.

Fraternity spirit has been strong this year and therefore was the cause of much excitement. We have had four conflicts, and, happy to say, have been successful in all.

October 1, Clara Coleman, '93, Marie Brierly, '96, and Gertrude Plum, '96, entered the mystic circle. It was rather early for an initiation, but one was an old student, and the others are sisters of Kappas.

October 8, we all met at the home of the Misses Palmer and badged Mabel Chandler, who will not be a Freshman till next year. The evening was enjoyed by all, as it always has been when spent at that lovely home.

October 29, we initiated Daisy Fink, '95, and Anna Owens, '96, who rode the goat admirably. We had the pleasure of having with us that evening several Kappas of former years. Clara Coleman was unable to be present, as she had the misfortune to have her hand badly burned while doing laboratory work.

November 22, Blanche Van Auken, '96, of Central City, Col., became a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We miss Mrs. Wilbur very much, as she was a strong member. Prof. Wilbur resigned his position here last year, to accept a pastoral call from Amity, Penn. We are pleased to have with us again Prof. Ferguson and his wife who have been spending the past two years in Germany. Mrs. Ferguson became a Kappa here several years ago, and we regard her as a valuable addition to our chapter.

Several new pianos have been added to the music department recently, thus showing an increase of students in that line of work. Athletic sports are very popular, and we expect to have a new gymnasium soon.

Thanksgiving was enjoyed in many ways. In the evening we had an informal social at which many students from Hillsdale College were present. All expressed themselves as having had a very delightful time. Our Star Course Entertainments have commenced, and are great treats to the students as well as to the citizens.

KAPPA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The fall term of '92 opened most auspiciously in Hillsdale, so far as attendance is concerned, but alas, only four lone Kappas could be found! Graduation, matrimony and like calamities had reduced us to this, and though a "frat" meeting with every member present could be had on short notice without the slightest difficulty, this was the only real advantage in having so few, so we boldly entered the lists and as a result of our prowess have Miss Deering, Daisy Blackman, Clare Sands, Nellie Montgomery, and Winifred Hill to introduce to the Kappa sisterhood.

Our days are crowded with work, but we manage to work in some pleasure as well. Early in the term Kappas gave a marshmallows bake to some of their friends and the new students. Progressive Art was one of the features of the evening, and every one voted it a success. Occasional little private "spreads" at the homes of the girls, make life seem less a dreary waste of mathematics, Latin and Greek.

Then you may be sure every Kappa was present at the wedding of our sister, Lena Seley. On the 28th day of September she pledged herself to share the sorrows and double the joys of Rev. T. C. Lawrence of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Lawrence is a member of Phi Delta Theta and a graduate of '92, so both have a large number of friends among the students. After the simple but elegant ceremony and breakfast, Mrs. Lawrence donned a sober gown, thinking after the manner of brides, to avert suspicion on the part of her fellow-travellers; but the showers of rice and old shoes sent after the departing train by the student delegation, must have removed from the minds of every one the last lingering doubt that a bride was on board.

In October every Kappa attended the Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association at Coldwater, and, as some one remarked, it was a delightful gathering in a delightful city at a delightful season of the year. Perhaps one of the most delightful features was the reception given at the Lewis Art Gallery, said to be one of the finest private galleries in the United States. The house also was thrown open and is literally filled with rare and curious things collected during European

travel. After standing lost in wondering admiration before the works of the old masters, after examining with eager interest curious mosaics, a cabinet belonging originally to Empress Eugénie, wonderful works in marble busts of the mighty dead, imagine the shock we felt when one prosaic girl — and a Kappa! — enthusiastically announced that she had discovered a broom in one of the halls *just like* one she had at home. Meeting here some Adrian Kappas did not lessen our pleasure in the occasion.

Did you ever have a circulating letter in your chapter? We started one at the beginning of term and it has been from Maine to Kansas, stopped to gladden a dozen girls on the way, and returned to us only last week, bringing such a shower of jolly, loving, enthusiastic letters. Every girl considers it the greatest invention of the age.

The Students' Lecture Course this year is better than ever. Remenyi began it and enchanted us with his divine art. Next we were thrilled by the power of Gunsaulus's eloquence, and we expect soon to have the pleasure of hearing Will Carlton, Hillsdale's most celebrated alumnus.

Floods of Junior eloquence are just now being poured out in the college chapel, the occasion being the annual oratorical contests of the literary societies.

One of the events of the term was the reception on Thanksgiving night, given by the Freshman class to the students and Faculty.

Foot-ball is raging violently among the young men, and "our teams" have won for themselves glory (?) and bruises innumerable on several foreign fields.

The college mourns the loss of Prof. Frank Smith, who resigned to accept a position in Trinity College, Hartford, Conn. Kappas were especially sorry to have him go, since Mrs. Smith is one of our alumnae. His place is filled by Prof. Munson from Olivet College.

Nellie Louise Woodbury, the new instructor in elocution, is from the Boston School of Oratory, so we are sure of "orating" after the most approved methods.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

The Convention has come and gone, and we are all far better acquainted with each other than before, and prizing our fraternity life more highly as a consequence. The Convention aroused in many ways, and more earnest and intelligent work is one result. The enthusiasm and strength gained from our association at Indianapolis are not to be lightly esteemed.

But we are so anxious to introduce our new sisters to the other chapters and THE KEY that we must present them at once. We come forward with ten girls: May Metcalf, Estelle Emison, Rose Richardson, Nellie Mitchell, Edna McCoy, Mary Morgan, Mabel Shelper, Elsie Mason, Nettie Clark, and Martha Scott. Delta entered into a contract with Kappa Alpha Theta to give no invitations till four weeks after the opening of college. The agreement expired at four o'clock in the afternoon, and the members of the men's fraternities seemed to find a great deal of amusement in watching proceedings. Every fraternity girl was greeted with broad smiles that afternoon; but nothing daunted, she kept on with her work. The above list of new members shows that Delta did not fare ill. We are proud of our success. Both chapters are well pleased with the result of the contract.

The Greeks of Indiana University were glad to welcome an addition to their number in the sorority of Alpha Zeta Beta. The original workers in the plan were five in number, but the fraternity came into existence with seven charter members. They first appeared with their colors, heliotrope and white, on the seventeenth of November. Their pin is the monogram, A. Z. B., their flower, the blue and white violet. Their meetings are held once a week. The members are strong girls, and will be good fraternity workers. We venture to say that it will not be very long before the sorority will be represented in other colleges than this one.

On October 19, Delta was called upon to mourn with Charlie Moore, on the death of her sister. Although Miss Moore was not a

member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, yet she was always deeply interested in our welfare and Delta chapter had no truer friend. Her life was a singularly pure and beautiful one, and while we sorrow for our own loss, as well as that of our sister, yet we are thankful that we have had the influence and example of so noble a young woman.

On October 5, Lizzie Murdock was married to Mr. Frank Reid
On November 22, Mame Brodix was married to Mr. Albert Faris, Phi Kappa Psi.

With thirty-one active members, we feel that we shall be able to carry on the work before us, and that next June will find us with our ideal and our accomplishment higher than ever before.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Not only a critical, but a remarkable year for Iota chapter, has been 1892. Opportunities have come to her that she has been able to meet and accept, which have made her stronger.

Every member has been in close sympathy with every other. We have been so entirely a unit, that were it possible in a short letter, we would like to give to the readers of THE KEY a composite picture, as it were, of Iota.

Our members, strongly marked as individuals and pursuing their separate and chosen work, are united as never before on fraternity lines.

In the first place our preparations for the entertainment of the Convention brought us nearer together. We had occasion to unite our efforts in raising a large sum of money. This led us to study the means other chapters had used. It caused us to come in close contact with our alumnae members not only for contributions to our fund but for advice. We were regularly incorporated as a corporate body under the laws of the State and elected our trustees. It is hardly necessary to say that although we were glad to assist in entertaining the Convention, it meant some sacrifices on the part of many of our girls — and sacrifices for a common purpose, however slight they may be, bind people together.

In the second place, nearly every member of Iota attended the Conven-

tion. Here we learned a great deal. In such an age of comparative thought as the present, such Conventions, bringing together women from all parts of a country, are bound to be great educators. We had before us young women representing in one way the leading institutions of learning from the East and West and from the North and South of the United States.

The delegates and visitors were not set up in a row like so many well developed specimens to be examined, but estimates were made by every thinking woman in that body, and mental comparisons—no matter how kindly—were nevertheless drawn. From the Grand President down, although we loved you as Kappa sisters, we saw your weaknesses, your follies, your foibles as well as your strength. We sounded as far as possible your hidden and well covered depths, as well as your heights—so full in view—just as you saw and sounded us. We are stronger and happier for having met you all. We believe that we can help to make the next Convention better. The old adage goes, "You never know any one until you live with him." Most certainly you can form no adequate conception of fraternity women until you entertain them. We advise every chapter to seek the first possible opportunity to entertain the National Convention. If every Kappa has her weaknesses, like other common mortals, she should have, and has in most instances, a larger share of riches than the common herd. It but remains for the one who is strong to separate and accept the good from the false and weak.

In the third place while we have formed a higher ideal of fraternity life, while we have seen broader possibilities open up for fraternity women, yet we have thought on other lines. We have seen as never before, that we as women must use the fraternity and fraternity associations as a means to a higher end. Consider our sisterhood in Kappa as but preparatory to a larger sisterhood where women rise above the lines of college classes and are known in other ways than through their connection with college cliques. We have taken up as part of our literary work such great questions as are agitating the minds of thinking men and women everywhere, viz: Social Purity; Temperance; Should women vote? etc. The mighty pulse of humanity is quivering today under great moral, social and

political questions. We believe that every thinking woman, as well as every man, must in some way meet these questions. This is an age of reform. Why should not college women take the lead? We may not all have the power within us to become effective educators, orators, journalists, poets. Indeed our work may be altogether removed from such spheres of activity. It may be in the home, in the nursery, in the sewing-room, in the office — but why not think? Why not be sincere? Why not be in earnest and honest, not only to our own best selves, but to people about us whom these questions so vitally affect? We believe in woman. We believe especially in college-bred women. There never were brighter, lovelier women anywhere. Let us prove by practical demonstration the falsity of the old theory that there is an incongruity between intellect and gentle manners, and on the contrary the truth of the theory that there is a divine harmony between wisdom and beauty; between intellect and grace; between firm determination and quiet dignity.

In the fourth place while we are so busy in our fraternity and regular literary work, we are also enjoying the social life in and out of college. We are always "At Home" to our friends on the first Saturday evening in every month; and as we have many friends, we always enjoy the first meeting in the month.

We want in this letter to introduce our new Kappas to THE KEY. On the evening of October 22, Lillian Cline, Haddie Daggy, May Montgomery, Clara Burnside, Erba Webber, Harriet Moore and Marie Chaffee were initiated. Two weeks before Belle Robinson, Elsie Wilson and Belle Waugh were pledged. We are very proud of our new girls. We lost no propositions.

After our new girls were initiated we had a group picture made, all wearing full Greek costume,—long flowing robes of white, bound with the light blue, and each head adorned by the Greek fillet.

Iota sends warmest New Year's greetings to every Kappa sister.

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Happy greeting to our sister chapters. When the girls of Mu returned this year they found old Butler had made good use of her

summer vacation. There were several excellent additions to the Faculty; a new gymnasium building was being erected; apparatus for electric lights was almost completed, and Irvington was supplied with natural gas. Under such encouraging surroundings, after the first week of getting initiated into hard study, fraternity enthusiasm, stimulated by the Convention in the summer, began to be very noticeable. Although we missed the familiar faces of two of our girls, Elva Bass and Grace Meeker, our first open meeting, at which we entertained the young men's fraternities *en masse*, was exceedingly pleasant and many new acquaintances were formed. Since our college authorities seemed bent upon new and beneficial additions to our institution of learning, soon the Mu girls began to gaze about with the same relative purpose. The result was that in a few weeks Josephine Buchanan was a bright new lover of the key and the blue of "sky and sea." Our next addition, quite necessary, though not coördinate, was a mysterious new archive-box. While we Kappas, however, were thus progressing so happily, and really felt our band to be one of such strength and congeniality that it was not desirable to enlarge it soon again, some opposition, evidently caused more through envy than aught else, began to be apparent. This finally materialized in the form of an anti-fraternity paper read before our chapter by our English Professor. As this was not unexpected our girls were well prepared to meet any and all criticisms; and we do not exaggerate when we say that we were the victor at every point in the discussion. Our Professor finally stated that she had been wrongly informed and had charged us unjustly. Although we know the attack to be entirely uncalled for, and met it with much resentment, yet in the end we believe this has been of great service to us, not, however, as it was intended, to weaken our zeal for our fraternity, but it has bound us more closely together and enthused us to search more closely after the true benefits and joys of Kappa Kappa Gamma; for we realize that loyalty to the high standard of our fraternity must broaden and refine our lives so that Kappa will appear even to those outside "its own excuse for being."

As this excitement gradually subsided, the marriage of one of our dearest girls gave us a more enjoyable occasion. Harriet *Iden* is of the

past, but Kappa finds Mr. Rollin Kautz, Phi Delta Theta, a splendid new brother, well worth the having. The wedding occurred in Irvington, October 19. After the very pleasant reception, quite Kappa-like, our girls closed the merry showering of rice and old shoes with their ringing call, "*Ai Korai Athenes*," which came back as an echo from the loyal heart of the bride as the carriage rolled away, "*Ai Korai Athenes*."

The next event of special interest to us was our Hallowe'en party at the home of the Misses Hay. The whole house presented a mass of spider-webs, and our guests had many queer experiences before each reached the end of his string and found thereto a laughing Kappa girl. At midnight a real old-fashioned dinner was served, and the spicy toasts given were an honor to our guests.

In our afternoon meetings Mu has lately tried the plan of written personal criticism and found much good in it.

We have done unusually good work in our literary society. Indeed the entire term has been one of interest and benefit. And let us say we think much of this has been due to our enthusiastic Kappa sister, Mrs. Professor Howe, born Jennie Armstrong, who is with us this year assisting her husband, our Professor of Germanic Languages. The help and sympathy of older sisters is always such encouragement.

Thus three months have passed. It has in some respects been a conflict, but we believe we have gained many warm friends without; we know we have increased love and strength within.

ETA — WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY.

We have initiated this term Emilie Parsons, Helen Palmer, Mary Bassett, Nellie Ford, Annie Pitman, and Georgie Hayden. Mabel and Edith Robinson are pledged to us, and we expect soon to enroll them among our number. Another young lady has promised to come to us if she is able to join a fraternity. Although it is the first year in the University for all of these girls, six rank as Freshman, the other three as Sophomore, Junior, and Post-Graduate.

October 15, we held the annual banquet at the Kappa Lodge. There

were forty present, including, besides the active members and many of the city alumnæ, several non-resident alumnæ. The table was artisticially decorated with roses and carnations, and a profusion of autumn leaves embellished the rooms. The following toasts were responded to in a felicitous manner :

“The Key and the Lock,” — Anna Wyman.

“Our Unset Jewels,” — Frances Bowen.

“The Goat,” — Emilie Parsons.

“Our Nobility,” — Laura Barber.

“Greek Youths,” — Katharine Post.

“Seniors,” — Edna Chynoweth.

“And Kappa Kappa Gamma is our Watchword to the End.” — Mrs. Olin.

We have very much enjoyed listening to the interesting accounts of the Convention, given us by our delegate, Agnes Bassett.

We gave an All-Hallowe'en party at our lodge. The games peculiar to the night were indulged in, and an appropriate and unique souvenir was presented to each guest.

The twenty-two alumnæ of the city have formed an association, which promises not only to be very enjoyable to them, but also to form a closer bond between the alumnæ and active members.

Our new president, ex-President Adams of Cornell, has fully entered upon his University duties, and has already won the hearts of the students.

The first general social event of the season was a reception given by Mrs. Adams to the young ladies of the University and others. Mrs. Adams made a charming hostess and rendered the occasion enjoyable to all.

There are three University buildings in progress of erection. The law building is a large, imposing structure, made of Lake Superior red sand-stone, its Gothic roof lending a picturesque sky outline. Although it is still unfinished, one may form a very good idea of what we shall have when it is completed. The work on the U. W. boat-house is almost finished, and close to it a foundation for a gymnasium has been laid. The

old gym. burned about three years ago. Members of '93 will not have a chance to see this building completed, for work will not be resumed until spring.

Gamma Phi Beta held its Convention here the week of November 13, closing with a reception and dance, November 18.

Two new fraternity houses have been completed lately, Chi Psi, whose old chapter-house has been remodelled and is now used by the Gamma Phi Betas, and Delta Tau Delta, a newly organized chapter here. The Delta Taus gave a house warming November 16, to the students, Faculty, and others. The Chi Psi's opened their lodge to their friends, November 18, with a reception and dance. As these three receptions occurred in the same week, it was an exceptionally busy one, socially.

UPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The students of Northwestern fully appreciate what the Faculty and trustees, and especially our president, Dr. Henry Wade Rogers, have done for the University in the past year. Progress is evidently their watchword, and they seem determined to see Northwestern take even a higher place among American colleges than she has in the past. We certainly have every advantage in situation, being delightfully located on the woody shores of Lake Michigan, conveniently near to the great metropolis of the Northwest, Chicago.

Our new professors, as we become acquainted with them and their method, prove that they are fully up to the standard of our college. Prof. Clark, professor of rhetoric and English language, comes to us from Syracuse, and is deservedly popular. Prof. White, an able mathematician, has taken the place left vacant by Prof. Moore, and the chair of Political Economy is filled by Prof. Gray, a graduate of Johns Hopkins. In connection with his department, Prof. Gray has secured a series of lectures to be given by prominent business men of Chicago and vicinity, on important social and economic subjects. The University Natural Science Club and the Social Science Club are both in a flourishing condition and the University supports besides a French club, a *Deutscher Verein*, and four literary societies.

The fraternity element is very strong here, twelve general fraternities and one local fraternity being represented. There is no strong anti-fraternity feeling among the non-fraternity students, as there has been in past years, consequently there is a stronger feeling of unity and college loyalty than ever before. The University Senate, consisting of members of the Faculty, together with ten students chosen by the student body, to consult on all matters pertaining to college ethics, has done much toward bringing the students into closer and more friendly relations with the Faculty, and student life at Northwestern runs smoothly and pleasantly. Our fraternity, of course, is nearest and dearest to us among the elements of our college life. Although we lost a large number of our girls through graduation and various causes, we have initiated seven this fall, making our active chapter number sixteen. The new Kappas are:

Isabelle Drew, '94.
 Clementine Roland, '95.
 Esther Miller, '96.
 Winifred Gray, '96.

Nunah Wakeman, '96.
 Harriet Sinclair, '96.
 Grace Crippen, '96.

Our chapter has instituted an innovation in social life here by giving a series of "At Homes," one each month, instead of one large term-party. Our first one, held at the home of Zilpha Hull, was a pronounced success, and we are looking forward to the next with anticipations of pleasure.

Kappa's birthday, October 13, was celebrated by an afternoon reception at Laura Whitlock's, to which the Chicago Association was invited, Letters were read from distant alumnae, and each girl felt her loyalty for Kappa stronger than ever.

We are all working hard now, for examinations are coming on apace.

PERSONALS.

Anna Rex and Lillian Avance, who were with us last year, expect to return after Christmas.

Sadie Montgomery, of Iota, visited Upsilon October 21.

EPSILON — ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

DEAR OLD KEY, — For thus it is that Epsilon's girls always greet thee. But when it comes to writing chapter letters, dear me, how busy the girls all are! It is impossible for the poor corresponding secretary to secure even a little help, although she thinks she is the very busiest one in the chapter. Is it so in other chapters? If it is, I am ready to sympathize with all of the corresponding secretaries.

Our little seven, for we have been only seven strong all the fall, are bravely facing the battle and are marching steadily on to victory so far as new girls are concerned. On Sunday, November 20, the time of our agreement with Kappa Alpha Theta expires. We hope to initiate at least eight new girls. This will be a great help to us. It has been several years since there have been as many desirable girls who were eligible to the fraternities.

Last week, November 11, we gave a dinner at the home of Kittie Rhinehart, at which we entertained all of these new girls and our friends from the men's fraternities. Every girl seemed to be delighted with the evening, and we received so many compliments upon it that we have voted it a success. Our decorations were yellow and white chrysanthemums. This is all we have done in the social line this fall. We intended to celebrate Hallowe'en, but before we had completed our arrangements we heard that invitations were out from Kappa Alpha Theta, so we quietly laid aside our plans.

In literary work we have been doing some reading, and trying to study the work of the other chapters. Our girls are very busy students, and I think we are sometimes too prone to spend our Friday afternoons in simply social chats. It seems, however, to be the only time we have for these during the week.

There has been a good deal of enthusiasm in our college lately over a ball park which we have just purchased. The chapel hour was given one day for raising subscriptions. The enthusiasm grew warm, and five hundred dollars were raised before chapel closed. This may not seem so great an event to those of stronger or richer colleges as it does to us.

Our athletes have been sadly in need of a good ball ground and better advantages in every way, and we consider this a step in the right direction. The Faculty have pledged one hundred and fifty dollars with which to improve these grounds, and so we hope before long to have a sporting ground of which we shall not be ashamed. We have more students, in the literary department alone, this year than ever before and the Colleges of Music, Art and Law are all flourishing. Our president, Dr. Wilder, and the agent of the Wesleyan are gone from the city the greater part of the time now and expect to be until the first of January. They are raising money to meet the requirements of an endowment which is to be given us if certain conditions are met. They report that the outlook is very bright. We students and faculty as a body feel that our college is growing and that we have a very bright future ahead.

Epsilon has been very proud of the reports which have come to us from Mary Bradford, an old Epsilon Kappa, who is now doing such a grand work.

We are also happy over the prospect of having one of our last year's girls, Clara May, with us next term.

Lizzie Dawson and Margaret Langstaff, of Lexington, have been visiting us this last week. Even if they cannot return to college it is very encouraging to have the girls come back occasionally.

Our anniversary, which will soon be here, we are talking of celebrating with a "spread."

DELTA PROVINCE.

CHI — MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

With the January issue of THE KEY comes the pleasantest duty that falls to the lot of the Corresponding Secretary. That her lot is not an easy one my sister secretaries will, I think, agree; but this one duty she would not willingly resign. It is the privilege of introducing to the fraternity the "sisters last united." With what pride and gladness do we write their names, and how we wish that the names could convey to you the likenesses of their possessors, mental, moral and physical. Chi has

this fall a large number for whom she asks your hearty welcome. They are:

Helen Seargent.
Alice Webb.
Isabelle Clarke.
Kate Ladue.
Irma Glover.

Carrie Mitchell.
Mildred Mitchell.
Bird Best.
Sarah Aukenev.

These girls are one and all *Kappas*, and no more need be said to ensure their cordial reception.

Early in September, Chi enjoyed a visit from our Grand President, Miss Bright, and from Miss Hiller of Phi. These meetings of members of different chapters must always be helpful, and Chi felt, as she has never felt before, the strength and unity of the bond which unites our sisterhood.

The chapter entertained Miss Bright and Miss Hiller at the home of the Misses McDonald, which we have reason to regard as a sort of Kappa home, so often has it been the scene of Kappa festivities. The reception was a purely Kappa affair, as we wished to glean all that we could of Kappa matters while we had our president with us. A few days later Nellie Cross, whom Miss Bright visited while in Minneapolis, entertained the chapter in her home.

Chi has rejoiced greatly in the election of Mabel Austin as Grand Secretary. We feel that the possession in the chapter of a member of the Grand Council will bring us into closer touch with other chapters and will prove an inspiration to us in our winter's work.

This year we are going to devote ourselves in our evening meetings to the study of American authors and their works; the writers of short stories and those who have sprung up in the last decade will receive our particular attention. The work as it has been arranged is certain to be enjoyable, and we hope profitable.

We feel somewhat crowded in our room of last year, as it is small, and the chapter is not, but our efforts to obtain more commodious quarters were unsuccessful. Rooms in a convenient locality were not to be had, so we were forced to content ourselves with our present home and dreams of

a blissful future when a chapter-house with all its conveniences shall be ours.

We have no medical students in the chapter, but we rejoice none the less in the handsome new medical college which has just been erected on the campus. We also rejoice (prospectively) in the chapel which is to be built this year.

Among other themes of self-gratulation the University of Minnesota does not forget her foot-ball team, of which she feels justly proud.

BETA ZETA — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

It seemed but a day between the time in the spring when we left old S. U. I. and in the autumn when we again sauntered across its beautiful campus. This idea was intensified by the fact that everything seemed so natural, just as it was when we left. To be sure, there were many new faces, but there were also many well known. Our Kappa girls were especially fortunate in being able to greet nearly all of last year's chapter. The same faces met us in class rooms; there is but one change in the collegiate Faculty, — Prof. Edward E. Hale, Jr., now occupies the chair of English. Our new chemical laboratory is used for the first time, but the exterior was familiar to us; the interior of the library is also much improved, and several large plants add greatly to the attractiveness.

The spirit of athletics has taken possession of every one this year; for the first time the girls have shown appreciation of efforts in this direction and now we shall probably feel more interested, since our foot-ball team holds the state championship. It was due to the energy of the girls that the grand stand at the athletic park was a bower of old gold at the time of the game with Iowa College, while banners stamped with S. U. I. floated from every possible corner. And when the team once suffered defeat and received none of the customary congratulations on their return, the girls supplied the deficiency by giving a consolation party.

Along with other college institutions, Beta Zeta pursues about the same course as in years before, though our chapter is unusually large. We occupy the same halls which have been our home for eight years. A new

piano makes them more attractive than before. Every Saturday from 1.30 to 3.30 we hold our meetings which are proving to be the most enjoyable part of our fraternity life. Each week two of the girls are appointed entertainers. During the first hour they must read to us, but they may choose any subject; the second hour is devoted to games, dancing, charades, or any entertainment they may devise. The time goes only too quickly and seldom do we find it convenient to leave at the stated hour; the amount of Christmas work which we manage to do while the reading is in progress is wonderful. It was at one of these Saturday meetings, that our new call was originated. It is :

“S. U. I.
K. K. G.
Beta Zeta,
The ‘frat’ for me.”

PERSONALS.

Cornelia Ingham, whose ill health compelled her to leave college in '90, is again with us.

Alice Calvin has returned from Europe, where she has spent two years in the study of French and German.

We have initiated five girls :

Frances Rogers, '93.

Eva Klechner, '94.

Lulu Swisher, '96,

Elizabeth Sawyer, special.

Ada Hutchison, post-graduate.

Rachael Sherman is in Iowa City after a year's absence.

Pi Beta Phi entertained Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma at the home of one of its members. The evening was as pleasant as ingenious hostesses and beautiful surroundings could make it. We have been entertained at other times by Mrs. Professor Wilson and Sophie Moore.

The Kappas are represented on each college paper, while two are members of the Junior Annual board. We claim the president and secretary of the Y. W. C. A., the president of class '94, and the president of the oratorical association.

THETA — UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

The summer vacation dealt rather hard with Theta this year, as of the sixteen members who left in June but four returned with September. But these four were rare, good girls and went to work at once. As a result of the "rushing" season, Lura Gilliam, and Louise Vaughn, '96, were initiated. Lizzie Schweitzer, Theta, and Lillie Porter, formerly of Chi, were made active members. Our quartette is now doubled and looks forward to a prosperous year.

October 15 is a night long to be remembered, as we celebrated the birthday of our fraternity with suitable festivities. After the initiation of our new members, we adjourned to the home of one of our true Kappa friends, where the repast of the evening awaited our coming.

The house was beautifully decorated with palms and ferns, literally transporting one to fairyland's enchanted gardens. At the table the sixteen places were outlined in Kappa colors and cut flowers, while in the centre reposed a triumph of floral art, a Key in the "two blues." Many candles shed their mellow light upon the bright faces of Theta's girls.

College and fraternity songs and yells were given between the courses, at the conclusion of which toasts were responded to by Thetas old and new. The presence of so many of our alumnae added especial joy to the occasion. After another social hour we bade each other good-night, feeling the Kappa bonds still growing stronger. Two of M. S. U.'s brightest students wear the golden key as a reminiscence of that event.

On Monday, November 7, the Iowa foot-ball team came to Columbia to play the M. S. U.'s, and notwithstanding the severe cold, hundreds of persons witnessed the game, which resulted, much to our delight, in the score 22 to 0 in our favor.

Thanksgiving a large delegation of students and friends went to Kansas City to attend the game between the Kansas and Missouri Universities. Long before two o'clock the Exposition Park was crowded with friends of the red, and the yellow and black. After a close game the score was 12 to 4 in favor of Kansas.

The most noted social event of the fall was the reception at the home

of Prof. Broadhead given by the ladies of the Faculty to the University girls. It was one of those pleasant attentions which the college girl so much appreciates.

At the last meeting of Legislature, provision was made for a building fund for the erection and equipping of new University buildings and the purchase of a new library. Of these buildings three are under cover, namely, Law, Manual Training and Power House. There are in process of erection, the Chemical Laboratory, Department of Physics and Engineering, and the Museum of Biology and Geology, and it is hoped that the next session of Legislature will make a liberal appropriation for the Main building which is to be erected next year.

One can hardly imagine that less than a year ago the campus was covered with ruins of the old, historic building. The new ones are to be erected on a quadrangle; these with a foreground of campus, containing fifteen acres covered with magnificent trees, will give Missouri a state University of which she may well be proud. Theta rejoices in such a home, and is ready to do her full share in making it the success hoped for.

And now to Kappas all, we extend our best wishes for a happy New Year, and especially to our youngest sister, Beta Eta, in the land of flowers.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

After two months of summer vacation, it is delightful to again take up college and fraternity work, to welcome again the girls whom the dear Kappa bonds unite. It is true, the vacation did not seem as long as usual, for although we were all separated, the Convention was a very interesting topic to us, and many letters were sent back and forth.

Although there were but four members in the city this summer, we tried to have meetings every two weeks as usual; but little business was transacted as we spent most of our time in longing for the dear sisters who were absent. The day our delegate was to start for Convention, the rain came down in torrents. Nevertheless two Kappas met Miss Burks at the depot, when she came in from Beatrice, and escorted her to the home of Miss Lau, who was ill, and there we had a very enthusiastic Kappa meet-

ing, while waiting for the train, which was to take Miss Burks on to Indianapolis. We regretted that we could not all go with her, when it came time to start.

The fall Semester opened with nine enthusiastic Kappas, who were all ready for fraternity work. Owing to the large number of new students, there was more material for the fraternities to work on, and consequently Sigma has had her share. The fraternities altogether have initiated thirteen new members, of whom the Kappas have four, the Delta Gammas three, the Phi Delta Thetas three, the Sigma Chi's two, and the Beta Theta Pi's one.

On the seventeenth of September, Anna Broady became the earnest Kappa that she is. There seemed to be a place in our midst waiting for her, and so readily did she drop into it that we can hardly realize that she has been a Kappa only a few weeks. There was great influence used to keep Miss Broady out of Sigma, and for that reason we feel doubly proud of her.

On the evening of October 6, we initiated three more girls, Mariel Gere of Lincoln, and Nellie Griggs and Francis Hershey of Beatrice, at the home of Anna Broady. We invited the Sigma Chi's to come out and partake of a regular Kappa feed after the initiation. Miss Gere was for some time a member of a "barb society," but became dissatisfied and resigned. This is the second sister whom we have taken from that society.

Thus far the Semester has not been "all work and no play" by any means. The Kappas started the social events by celebrating their anniversary at the home of Mabel Lindly. Invitations were issued to a few from each of the three men's fraternities, also to a few young men who entered college this year for the first time, and whom we hope soon to welcome as fraternity men.

Our foot-ball team has been participating in a series of games. The first game took place in Lincoln between the Illinois team and our own, in which we beat the Illinois team thirteen to four. On the afternoon of the game, the members of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity took some of the Delta Gammas and Kappas, in the tally-ho coach, prettily decorated with University and fraternity colors, out to witness the game. The Sigma

Chi's also invited some of the Delta Gammas, Kappa Alpha Thetas and Kappas to go with them in the band wagon. If the amount of noise made was any evidence of our enjoyment, and I think it was, this was certainly great, for each one blew vigorously on a large tin horn, causing people to rush out from their homes and stores to see the sight.

Then followed a game at Denver between the Denver team and our own, and a few weeks later another game at Lincoln, in which the Lawrence, Kansas, team played against ours. I do not think it would be advisable to give the score, since we were not victorious. On the afternoon of the game, the Sigma Chi's again favored the girls by taking them out to see the game in the tally-ho coach. In the evening the Phi Delta Thetas very nicely entertained the members of the women's fraternities at their hall, in honor of some visiting Phi's from Lawrence, Kansas. Among the visiting Phi's was Mr. Higgins, the author of one of our Kappa songs.

On the second of December the Delta Gammas very enjoyably entertained the members of all the fraternities at a cobweb party given at the conservatory of music.

There have been improvements made at the University this fall. The new Library building is being pushed rapidly forward, and when completed will form a much longed for addition to the University. The Law School which for lack of room has been obliged to rent rooms in a block down town, will probably move into the Library building.

The girls' gymnasium has now been entirely fitted up, and Miss Wilder, a Theta from the Kansas University placed in charge. Last year the work was not compulsory, but this year it is. We have regulation suits, divided skirts and blouse waists, and are not allowed to go on the floor with any tight clothing on. We have two hours of floor work each week under Professor Bowen, and a lecture in Physiology every Friday afternoon by Miss Wilder. We all like Miss Wilder very much and wish she were a Kappa. She established the Theta chapter here, and since there is now no chapter we feel that she belongs to us more than to any one else.

Within the last two weeks, we have had an addition to our Museum. Hon. Patrick Egan, United States Minister to Chili, sent us a family of

Peruvian mummies, which was found in Victor Gully, about twelve miles south of Arica. According to tradition, many of the Indians had themselves buried on the arrival of the Spaniards in 1532, but Minister Egan thinks that, in this case, the man probably died a natural death, while his wife and children were buried with him.

Politics has created quite as much interest in our University as in the outside world. The young men of the University have organized political clubs, one for each of the leading parties. In this they have followed their own political proclivities, and in all respects have been free from interference. These clubs have met one evening in each week, and discussed the leading questions of the day.

The first three mornings of each week, chapel exercises are conducted by the different ministers from the city. Once a month the Chancellor secures some prominent man to deliver a lecture, during the chapel hour and the hour following.

The University colors have been changed from gold to cream and scarlet. They seem to be much more popular with the students, and certainly show off better in decoration.

For several years, there has been a monthly periodical edited by members of the "barb societies." This winter we have a rival periodical edited by the fraternities. The editorial staff is composed of a member from each fraternity. Miss Burks from our chapter has charge of the musical department.

Sigma feels very joyful over the establishment of another western chapter, Beta Eta, and wishes her, as well as all the other chapters, much prosperity for the year.

OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Omega sends greeting to her sister chapters. The seven active members who conducted the campaign for new initiates this year, have welcomed into Kappa sisterhood Josephine Russell, '96, Jettie McBride, '95, and Jessie Amy Pickering, special in English. We have also pledged Abbie Noyes, music, '96, Carrie Lyon, '96, and Alyce Shepard, music, (violin).

We have had a number of jolly times so far this year. Early in the fall we treated a few of the new girls to an excursion up the Kaw river on a steamer. The boat ran on a sandbar before we had reached our final destination, and although Kappa generally surmounts all difficulties, this one proved too much for her. However, all agreed to follow the example of Mark Tapley and "make a merit of being jolly." About a fortnight after our river trip, we gave a spider-web party at the home of Don Bowersock. And last but not least, was the initiation at the summer residence of Georgie Wilder. Many parties have been given this fall, and Kappa Kappa Gamma has been well represented at each of them.

Omega has adopted a new plan of work this year. We have decided to study the lives and works of the most important writers of the present day. At our meetings committees are appointed, each one to serve two weeks, and composed of three girls, whose duty it is to obtain all the information they can about some author of their own choosing, and give it to the chapter on the days assigned to them. Each member of the committee uses whatever means she wishes in giving her share of the work; a paper, a short talk, or a selection characteristic of the author. The other members may ask any questions they wish; if these cannot be answered, some one person is asked to look them up and be prepared for the next meeting.

PERSONALS.

Jean Fullerton, of Beloit, Kansas, made a short visit with Nellie Morris.

Sadie Montgomery, of Iota chapter, passed through town on her way to Empire, Kansas. Several of the girls were at the train to meet her.

Jettie McBride, a pledged member of two years ago, entered school again this fall.

BETA ETA — LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

Beta Eta sends the heartiest greetings to all of her eastern sisters and hopes by this letter to make them better acquainted with her and her surroundings.

It is hard for us to realize that there are many who do not know all about our University.

This University stands as a glorious monument to the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanford. In 1885 the grant was made which conveyed over twenty million dollars' worth of property to the University, and on May 14, 1887, the corner-stone of the great institution was laid. October 1, 1891, the University was formally opened to admit students; about four hundred presented themselves the first Semester, the young women having been admitted on exactly the same conditions as the young men.

For this step, every eye is naturally turned upon us and it will not take many years, we hope, to prove that the young women are not going to abuse their privilege and are treated just as they should be.

On approaching the University one is not very favorably impressed, as the buildings lie at the foot of gentle rolling hills which make them appear smaller and lower than they are. The architecture follows the style of the old missions, the low one-story buildings connected in one oblong structure by an arcade running about an inner court which is beautified by beds of tropical plants. No words can describe the feelings which take possession of one's mind when walking or sitting beneath this beautiful arcade.

The massive stone walls, the absolute symmetry of the whole structure, the occasional song of the birds, the rustling of the bamboo and banana trees, the dark green ivy climbing over the arches mingling with the tender jessamine, which breathes delicate odors to the birds nesting in its arms, the dull red tiles upon the buildings, and over all the deep blue Californian sky; no mind can help being inspired to the greatest efforts with such surroundings.

There are twelve distinct buildings in this Quadrangle thus united, each one being divided into numerous lecture-rooms and laboratories.

The young men's dormitory, Encina Hall, is built of the same yellow sandstone as the Quadrangle; it is four stories high and can accommodate four hundred students. The rooms are large and sunny and the building is fitted up with all of the modern improvements. To the south and east of this building are the base-ball and foot-ball grounds, running tracks and tennis courts.

The young women's dormitory, Roble Hall, is much smaller than Encina Hall, and is built of artificial stone. It was put up in sixty days,

as Mrs. Stanford did not wish the college to open with young men only. The dormitory is very homelike and pleasant; it has a large reception-room nicely furnished, and several music-rooms.

The Museum is also built of artificial stone and rather follows the Grecian style of architecture. A very fine collection of painting, sculptures, and antiquities is to be placed in this building.

Mrs. Stanford has taken particular charge of the Museum; the collection of curios which the son made during his life has been added and will probably be placed in the building during this year.

Besides these buildings mentioned, there are several work-shops, electrical power-houses, two gymnasiums and other minor buildings.

Back of the young men's dormitory are numerous houses built for the Faculty and their families; here also are to be located the fraternity club-houses.

As to our courses of study, it may seem strange to you when we say that there are no regularly prescribed courses which we must take; we have broken away from all old customs. Our University has sprung up suddenly into full action, and we have gone ahead of all other Universities in freedom in the election of studies.

We are supposed to have some aim in view when we enter college, and our studies are selected in regard to this aim. The student selects as a Major subject, the subject taught by some one professor; this professor acts as an advisor to the student in the selection of the Minor subjects to be taken up.

Any student who has completed a course of work equivalent to four years' work of fifteen hours of lecture or recitation work weekly is given the degree A.B.

Among our Major subjects are Greek, Latin, German, Entomology, Romance Languages, English, Philosophy, Psychology, Education, History, Economics, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Horticulture, Physiology, Physical Training, Zoölogy, Geology, Drawing, Architecture, Civil Engineering, Mining Engineering and Mechanical Engineering.

At our first Commencement last June the degree of A.B. was conferred upon twenty-eight, and ten took advanced degrees.

There are about seven hundred and fifty students attending the University at present. The University as far as religion is concerned is absolutely non-sectarian, but two principles being taught, the immortality of the soul and the existence of a Divine Creator. Chapel exercises are held in the Quadrangle every morning at 8.15, but attendance is not compulsory.

Every Sunday morning at ten o'clock Sunday School is held in the Chapel and at eleven services are conducted by some minister who has been invited to address us.

Each week on Tuesday evening some professor or prominent man from elsewhere is invited to lecture to us. These lectures form one of the most interesting features of the year, as we hear intellectual men speak on many of the subjects in the different lines of thought and investigation.

The Societies and Associations of the University are as yet quite new, but are increasing in number. The students are all banded together in what is known as the Students' Association, which manages affairs relating to the student body in general. Under this are different associations, such as the Athletic Association which looks out for our athletics, the Coöperative Association which attends to the Coöperative book-store, and our editorial staffs which attend to the management of our weekly and daily papers. Outside of the Students' Association have been organized numerous other societies and clubs.

We have one debating society, the Alpha, which meets every week on Saturday night, being open to all; its members consist of both young men and young women, the membership being limited to forty.

The Students' Congress is a popular organization among the young men; as yet the young women have not been admitted.

There are several scientific organizations: the Physics-Chemistry Club, Engineering Society, Histological Quiz Club, Biological Club, Mathematical-Astronomical Club and Geological Club.

Furthermore there are numerous musical clubs, brass bands, orchestras and quartette clubs.

The Christian Associations form a very important feature of our college. We have what is called the Students' Christian Association to

which any one is admitted for membership whether a church member or not. The meetings are held every Sunday evening in the Chapel and are well attended. The Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. both have strong organizations, each holding weekly prayer and praise meetings.

Fraternities in the L. S. J. U. are well represented, there being ten already which have charters, and several others which are represented by two or three members each. There are at present but two women's Greek-letter societies, while another one is just being organized; Kappa Alpha Theta and our Kappa Kappa Gamma are the pioneers. Kappa Alpha Theta was the first to have her charter; she came here with it, bringing it from the University of the Pacific, where the sorority could no longer be maintained. But even if Kappa Kappa Gamma had no charter, we were hoping to get one from the very first and were on the lookout and succeeded in binding our eleven girls firmly together and remained so, anxiously awaiting for the arrival of a charter.

The long hoped-for and expected charter came at last on the 10th of June, and without more than an hour's delay after its arrival we were initiated by Helen Orton of Beta Zeta into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma. Our charter members were:

Mabel Holtzclair.
Bonnie Burckhalter.
Jessie P. Wood.
Maude E. Stinson.
Alberta L. Merritt.
Harriet A. Buck.

Ollie Vogel.
Mabel Cory.
Edith Liliencrantz.
Lizzie Chapman.
Bertha Chapman.

That was the last day of the college year. The next morning we parted for the long summer vacation, hoping to meet again in September; when September arrived it brought all but two of our number together again. Miss Burckhalter and Miss Vogel found it impossible to return to college, although they wished to; still they are loyal Kappas and are much interested in us all.

We went to work at the beginning of this Semester getting acquainted with the new girls to see if we could not add to our number, but we had

an agreement with the Kappa Alpha Thetas that we would not ask any girls to join until the first of November. We found this a very wise plan, for we have no Preparatory School connected with our college and therefore have no opportunity to judge new girls until they have been here some little time.

There were several girls that we liked, and it seemed a long time to wait, but we managed to do it.

On Hallowe'en we gave a party to some of our friends in the music rooms of Roble Hall; we spent the evening very pleasantly in an old-fashioned Hallowe'en style.

On the next day, November 1, we succeeded in pledging the four girls that we had selected for prospective Kappas. Two of them will not be regular college students until after Christmas, so we cannot initiate them now. But the other two, Fanny Mitchell and Mabel Coombs, were initiated last Monday night, November 28. It was very rainy and disagreeable, but we succeeded in piloting them to the girls' gymnasium where we had gotten permission to perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Hopkins, a graduate Kappa Kappa Gamma of De Pauw University, taught us how to initiate in true Kappa style.

Miss Orton who was with us last year did not return, but often sends us good advice in regard to our chapter.

We have one other graduate member with us, Flora Kendall of the Indiana University. We find these experienced Kappas very helpful to us in many ways.

As yet we have no chapter-house, so hold our meetings in the West Music-room of Roble until we can get a better place. All but three of our girls live in Roble Hall and all sit at the same table at meal time.

We have a meeting every week on Thursday; once a month we have a literary and musical programme and as often we have a social meeting to which we invite our friends. The college boys have treated our fraternity very kindly; different ones have taken us as a whole on several picnics, and all have recognized that we have come here to stay.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas have a very comfortable house rented near Mayfield which they occupy; this separates them somewhat from us.

Very near their house the Phi Gamma Deltas have built a fine chapter house which they moved into in September.

The Phi Kappa Psi's, who also brought their charter with them from the University of the Pacific and are the largest fraternity here, are having an eight-thousand-dollar house built in College Terrace which they expect to occupy by January.

The Sigma Nu's are soon to begin a ten-thousand-dollar house on the Campus near the Faculty houses.

The Phi Delta Thetas occupy a large club-house south of the Quadrangle, while the Sigma Alpha Epsilons have a very pretty home in Palo Alto.

Kappa Kappa Gamma is agitating the chapter-house question, and we hope that it will not be long before we too can boast of a comfortable home.

Beta Eta again sends greetings, and hopes that soon we can clasp hands with some of our eastern sisters.

In Memoriam.

FOR the second time in its history, the hand of death has fallen upon Sigma chapter, and it has removed one, CARRIE C. REED, from the number of our associate members. Miss Reed was born September 12, 1868. She was initiated in 1887. Shortly after her initiation, she left school so that the members of the chapter had little chance to become intimately acquainted with her. Many of us younger initiates had never met her, and although we could not feel the deep sorrow which we would have felt had we been in the chapter at the same time that she was, still the loving bonds of sisterhood made us feel a deep sympathy with the sorrowing mother and brothers. Miss Reed was of a very retiring disposition, and only those who saw her daily could recognize her many sweet, womanly qualities. She died August 14, 1892. It was evident that Miss Reed was

warmly loved by those who knew her best, by the tear-stained faces of those who gathered to hear Rev. Newman's last words ere she was laid to rest.

SIGMA CHAPTER.

LIZZIE SHINN.

Born January 11, 1866.

Initiated into Phi Chapter, Kappa Kappa Gamma, 1883.

Died October 13, 1892.

ON the 13th of October, A. D. 1892, there ended here a life of singular loveliness. She was thoroughly genuine. She took up her work in life with cheerfulness as it came to her, and got out of it much honest enjoyment, while she carried into every detail her earnestness and thoroughness. She had a clear and vigorous mind, and this endowment combined with habits of patient application made her successful as a student. Her first position as a teacher after graduating from the Boston University was at the West Newton English and Classical School. After that she was invited to the charge of the Classical Department of Lasell Seminary, at Auburndale, which position she held at the time of her death.

How gracious was her influence over others, and how she won their esteem, are shown in such expressions as the following:—

Said one who was first a classmate and then a fellow-teacher: "Her life has always been an inspiration to me and will continue to be." Said another: "I never knew any one in whose character the sweet gentleness of childhood and the strong conscientious purpose of womanhood were so beautifully blended. The memory of her life will be with us as a constant benediction."

College and Fraternity Notes.

THE Faculty deems the establishment of secret societies in the University of Chicago undesirable. In its judgment the ends sought by these societies, so far as they are laudable, may be secured by other means, which shall be free from the objections of secrecy, of rigid exclusiveness, and of antagonism to the democratic spirit which is inherent in the highest scholarship and manhood and the most exalted citizenship, and it would be deeply gratified if the high purposes and lofty feeling of the body of students should lead them to coöperate with it by voluntarily excluding that which works against a broadly fraternal spirit and a primary concern for the intellectual aims for which the University was founded.

It will be seen by this that the Greek letter societies are not prohibited, although the following Faculty rule for their establishment is restrictive. It has been decided

That each chapter organized shall submit its house rules to the Faculty for approval.

That membership in the societies shall be restricted to students of the second year academic colleges.

The University reserves the right to withdraw from societies permission to exist in the University.

That each shall appoint a representative with whom the Faculty may confer at such times as may be desirable.

The Faculty is authorized to add any regulations which it thinks proper.

The secretary, Mr. Goodspeed, says that President Harper has not antagonized the societies in any way, but that the whole object of the Faculty was to secure the best results for a student body. The establishment of the Greek letter societies means an opposition to the ordinary literary societies such as they could not stand and be prosperous. Though there is often some opposition to the rule concerning the membership in the first year, it was adopted on the idea that young men entering the Univer-

sity should be given a year to look about and determine intelligently what would be best for them. As a matter of fact, the matter is attracting less attention from the student body than might be imagined.

The policy of the Faculty is to regard the graduate department of the University as chief in importance. The Greek-letter fraternity is peculiarly an undergraduate institution, and for that reason as much as any other is not of the importance that it would be in other places. Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, and indeed many other fraternities are represented in the University by both graduate and undergraduate members, but only Beta Theta Pi has an active chapter. Phi Kappa Psi, upon learning the desire of the faculty in regard to fraternities, concluded to hold off a while before establishing a chapter. — *Boston Transcript*.

At the University of Michigan the lot of the freshman young woman is by no means the unenviable one which is decreed to the freshmen of so many colleges. The Women's League, an organization of all the women of the University, for the purpose of promoting social unity, and leveling class distinctions, makes it its business to give a cordial welcome to all new girls. Not a welcome of mere words, but practical assistance in securing rooms, room-mates, arranging work and learning the ways of the college. Under these conditions no girl can feel utterly friendless and alone. She instinctively feels that there is a spirit of help and sympathy abroad.

Indeed, there seems to be a tendency here to break down the barriers which usually stand between fraternity and non-fraternity women, and to create an atmosphere of general good will.

Pi Beta Phi has publicly indicated her attitude toward this movement by entertaining the Women's League at an afternoon tea, thus being the first fraternity here to extend its hospitality to all the women of the University.— *The Arrow*.

THE FRATERNITIES CONGRESS.

It has been decided to hold the Fraternities Congress during the week beginning July 17, 1893. Several fraternities have already arranged reunions in Chicago that week, and it is hoped that all contemplated meet-

ings will be set for that time. The World's Congress Auxiliary will undertake to furnish meeting-places gratuitously for all fraternities from July 17 to 22, inclusive, in the great building where the congresses are to be held. Correspondence on this subject may be addressed to Geo. A. Katzenberger, Reaper Block, Chicago.—*Fraternity Magazine*.

WOMEN STUDENTS IN THE SCOTTISH UNIVERSITIES.

Considering the recent date of the passing of the commissioners' ordinance admitting women to the Scottish Universities, and the institution of an entrance examination, an unexpectedly large number have availed themselves of the privileges offered. In Edinburg about one hundred women have joined the art classes, including thirty-eight who are studying music under Professor Niecks. Edinburg University has as yet made no arrangements for giving a medical education to women; but over fifty ladies are studying medicine in the School of Medicine for Women, Surgeon's Square, and in the Medical College in Chambers Street.

Glasgow University is ahead of all the other three as regards medical education for women. In Queen Margaret's College, which is affiliated to the University and recognized by the court and the Senate as the Woman's Department in Medicine and Arts, about one hundred students, of whom forty-three are medical students, have matriculated. Some of these are working for the M.B., C.M. of the University of Glasgow, some intend to take the triple qualification of the Edinburg and Glasgow corporations and one, a B.Sc., of Victoria, is studying for the degree of her own University. The students in the Arts Faculty will work for the Glasgow M.A. Eight of the medical students passed the first professional examination in October last, this being the first time that women have been admitted to examinations in the Faculty of medicine in a Scottish University since the doors in Edinburg were closed twenty years ago on the ground of illegality, after several ladies had passed their first professional examination. A scholarship of £25 a year for three years, offered by Mrs. Arthur to the first year's student in Queen Margaret's College, who should stand highest in the first professional examination, was awarded in October last to Miss Agnes T. Anderson, of Dundee.

In St. Andrews University nineteen women have matriculated in the Faculty of arts, ten of whom have been awarded bursaries of various amounts. The lady students look extremely well in the red gowns and trencher caps, which is the usual dress of St. Andrews undergraduates. A boarding house, in charge of a lady superintendent, has been already provided for them by the University authorities. In Aberdeen the number of women students is eleven. All four Universities may have an increase in their numbers before the winter season is much further advanced.— *London Queen.*

Colby has just adopted the University Extension Plan, with the different courses. This promises to be one of the prominent features in the Maine Educational System. — *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.*

President-elect Grover Cleveland will, within the next two weeks, go through the mysterious and possibly painful ordeal of initiation to membership in Theta Theta chapter of the Sigma Chi fraternity, which body made him an honorary member at Ann Arbor, Mich., last February.

Chauncey B. Ripley, a wealthy lawyer of this city, and ex consul of the alumni chapter of Sigma Chi, has been charged with the duty of initiating the president-elect. The time and place of the ceremony have not been fixed yet, but to settle these and all other details the following letter has been sent out by the direction of Dr. Theodore A. K. Gessler, consul of the chapter, from the headquarters of the Sigma Chi, in this city :

NEW YORK, December 14, 1892.

Dear Brother : Dr. Gessler requests you to meet with Sigma Chi at his residence, No. 107 East One Hundred and Third Street, on Monday, December 19, at 8 P. M., to arrange for the initiation of Mr. Grover Cleveland, recently elected by the Theta Theta chapter a member of Sigma Chi.

Yours fraternally,

H. S. COLLETTE, *Annotator.*

R. S. V. P.

P. O. box 3067, New York.

— *Boston Herald.*

It is an interesting experiment in University extension work that Dr. Harper's new college has undertaken. This is the establishment of a series of evening and Saturday classes for teachers, professional men, students and young business men. The courses have been selected from those of

the regular University calendar and cover such fields as would appeal to those whom it is especially designed to reach. Those who take the studies have the privilege of consulting with the deans of the several departments as to their work and have the use of the libraries of the college. Practically, the plan is the same as if Harvard were to throw open its doors to evening classes, but under less strict rules as to the amount of work to be done and without the *ultima thule* of a diploma. — *Boston Journal*.

STATE UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

A new ladies' fraternity has been organized, to be known as Alpha Beta Zeta.

Several of the professors have established extension classes in different parts of the country. — *The Butler Collegian*.

THE NON-SECTARIAN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY.

Bishop John F. Hurst tells the New York Methodist ministers that the plans for the great non-sectarian American University at Washington are progressing very satisfactorily. The ninety-two acres of land at the capital, which have been bought and paid for, have risen in value until the land is now worth at least half a million. A good beginning has also been made in money subscriptions, and the bishop is confident that enough of the \$10,000,000 which it is proposed to raise will soon be in sight to warrant a start in the work of building. — *Boston Transcript*.

Alpha Phi convened in its twentieth annual session with the Alpha chapter, at Syracuse, N. Y., October 12, 13, 14, 1892. — During the past year two strong chapters have been established, Zeta at the Women's College, Baltimore, Md., and Theta at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich. A charter was granted the Central New York Alumnae chapter at Syracuse, N. Y. — It was decided that Alpha Phi would not join the other fraternities in an exhibit at the World's Fair, but would participate as far as is feasible in the Pan-Hellenic Congress. — *The College Fraternity*.

Editorial.

A TEST OF VIRTUE.

CHICAGO UNIVERSITY has taken an unexpected position in regard to Greek-letter fraternities,—a position avowedly neutral, but whose neutrality provides itself with defensive weapons of respectable strength. The fraternities, watching this University with interest, as an attractive field for future enterprise, find themselves looked upon with disfavor. President Harper's objections are those usually offered by those who oppose fraternities. We are not now concerned to argue against these objections, further than to remind our readers that the granting to Greek-letter societies of a place for exhibition at the World's Fair would indicate that their place in American college life is respected. They do not attempt to compete with literary societies, which President Harper fears could not withstand their opposition. Literary societies have flourished hitherto in the absence of such "protective measures." Indeed we know of one college where the most prominent club of that kind arose and became popular long after fraternities had taken a firm hold.

It is the good in fraternities that keeps them alive and gives them their influence. If the time ever comes when the evil that they share with all human association should overbalance the good, then of that evil they will certainly perish. No such downfall threatens, however, in the immediate future; and as sure a method as any to prove that good predominates is, not that of argument, which commonly leaves each side the more settled in its original opinion, but that of experience, which may be made to show that secret societies do not wield the baleful influence feared by the Chicago authorities.

A good degree of courage is required to establish chapters against such obvious disapproval as shows itself in the restrictions announced. Many fraternities will probably hesitate, as did Phi Kappa Psi, to enter an institution whose head considers them "rigidly exclusive," "antagonis-

tic to the democratic spirit which is inherent in the highest scholarship and manhood, and the most exalted citizenship," and whose Faculty exercise such a supervision of chapter affairs. Such as do decide to enter will feel something of that sense of responsibility which animated women in the first days of their admission to colleges, when it was theirs to show the wisdom of a new departure. The societies indeed have not that oppressive newness to overcome, but in Chicago they must establish their own worthiness under pressure of disfavor.

One of the limitations, however, may prove a substantial advantage, heretofore unattainable. "Membership in the societies shall be restricted to students in the second year academic colleges." By this possibly ambiguous regulation we understand, not that a member must relinquish his ties on completing the second year, but that no freshman shall be admitted to membership. Here is an opportunity to test the merits of a long probation. It is generally allowed that one great mistake in fraternity life is the demoralizing scramble for new members, which sometimes disgraces the first weeks of the college year. In Chicago, where no freshmen could be honorably initiated, much of this unedifying haste could be avoided. Some students, to be sure, might pledge themselves too early in their course; but the wiser freshmen would reflect that such hurry was needless, while the wiser chapters would take advantage of the year's opportunities to become well advised of the character of newcomers. The literary societies would possess an added attraction perhaps not contemplated by the authorities, as offering a means to such knowledge of character and attainments. A chapter built up in this careful, thorough fashion, would have an enviable opportunity of becoming solidly congenial, and of proving the worth of the fraternity idea.

We have inserted in the College and Fraternity Notes, a full account of the measures decided upon by Chicago University for the regulation of fraternities. The decision, and the feeling of President Harper, form a curious contrast to the sentiment at the Leland Stanford, Jr., University which divides public interest with Chicago, where the fraternities have been cordially welcomed.

“ A DIFFERENT PHASE OF SISTERHOOD.”

The “phase of sisterhood” of which Mrs. Pelton writes in our *Alumnæ* Department is one that should especially commend itself to Kappas. We say very frequently that it is wrong to let ourselves be shut in by our fraternity ties, that our friendships, made possible by these ties, should rather teach us a greater sympathy for all women. Here then is a practical way of testing such a sympathy. The help that college women may bring to those not so fortunate as themselves is indeed great. If there are any Kappas who can join in this sort of “University Extension,” we would urge them to make the fact known to the secretary of the organization, who will gladly welcome reinforcements.

WILL ALPHA PROVINCE PLEASE ANSWER?

Beta Tau has requested *THE KEY* to publish the following notice, or query. Beta Tau would very much like to know where the circulating letter is that was sent out last October, 1891. The letter started on a tour of Alpha Province. We remember reading it with great pleasure when it reached Phi, and should be grieved to learn that any mischance had befallen it after it took its departure from Boston. Perhaps it has merely come to a halt for a while, as the electric cars are wont to do in our beloved city, and Beta Tau's inquiry will be what is needed to put the current once more in motion.

CHAPTER LETTERS AGAIN.

It is one of our cherished hopes to see the chapter letters in *THE KEY* forming a department whose merit shall surpass anything yet known in *THE KEY*'s history. The present indications that the chapters are awaking to the importance of this department, give a satisfaction to our expectant soul, known only to those who have striven for similar results. We

would ask each Corresponding Secretary to study with particular care the productions of the other chapters, in order to adopt such features as seem worth imitating, and to avoid such as would keep the letters from reaching their highest mark. It would not be possible or wise if it were possible to prescribe a set form as a "model letter" or to hold up the letter of one chapter as a copy for all. Each chapter must show its individuality, in matter and manner; but often, without sacrifice of individuality, one may profit by the good work of others. To show our readers how their Greek brethren are exercised on the subject of chapter letters we will offer an extract from the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield*, in which an alumnus writes: "Keep on hammering away at them (the chapters) till you get them to understand the necessity of electing their best man as correspondent to the *Shield*. A chapter letter should be the finished work of an artist, and not the practice of an amateur." We would call attention to the new arrangement of chapter letters in THE KEY, which places them in the order of the chapters according to Provinces, corresponding thus to the order on the Fraternity Directory page.

Exchanges.

A fine smile of satisfaction radiates from the pages of the *Scroll*. Phi Delta Theta seems to have good reason to be proud of her sons, and she somewhat naively tells us what very good boys they are.

The list is indeed interesting, including such names as Benjamin Harrison, Hon. John W. Foster, and Eugene Field. We most heartily indorse the following remarks on the subject of honorary membership, as it appears in some quarters :

“ We regret to see this practice in this day when everything among Greek Letter Fraternities is tending to self-reliance, and resting on the merits of actual membership and work. The chief glory of a fraternity comes from the character of its active membership, and the honors that the members are able to achieve in the work which has brought them together in college. The honors which may come to these members in after-life are an incentive to their successors. But what ambitions can be born in the college man from the fact that his fraternity is allowed to use the name of some man eminent in public life, who never had the associations of college fraternity life, and never will? This method of seeking greatness is rather a confession of weakness.”

The *College Fraternity* is of interest to every enthusiastic fraternity man and woman. It is just what the Greek world needs, and the recent numbers are what one would expect from the promising pages of the first issue, — bright, sensible, and full of interesting bits culled from the organs of the various fraternities. We would recommend every chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma to become a subscriber. Subscription price is \$2.00 a year, and the business address of the magazine, The College Fraternity Company, 171 Broadway, New York.

The *Trident* is entering upon its second volume. It is a promising and vigorous one-year-old.

Anchora is inclined to be captious ; the November winds have chilled her criticisms until the spirit of kindly humor is not so evident as it might well be, in her “exchanges.”

The *Shield* gives us bits from a number of college annuals, and discusses their merits pleasantly.

Beta Theta Pi waxes eloquent and entertaining over "The Man I met at the Convention":

"The man I met at the Convention was an American citizen, an educated American, a thorough gentleman. He never once belied his character. He was a Beta. I was with him not a week, but I learned to esteem him. I want to meet him at Wooglin again next summer, and I want you to meet him there, too.

"The man I met at the Convention
You know him as well as I,
The sort of a fellow one always finds
In Beta Theta Pi."

What are our college women doing in the world? * * *

Very few college women are to be found in professional life. Not many more take up literary work, though some brilliant journalists may be pointed out who have dazzled the world for a time with their wit and wisdom, but whose brilliancy has afterward subsided into the quiet, even glow of domestic life. Social and philanthropic work has demanded much time and attention from college women. They have talked to housekeepers and factory girls on subjects relating to sanitary science and kindred topics; they have made themselves friends in need and in deed to some of the most deplorable specimens of humanity in our large cities; they have taught the women how to make healthful and pleasurable homes in the midst of dirt and squalor, and have worked more for the prevention of evil than for its relief. Thus they have made practical and helpful their little knowledge of physical and social science.

Yet it is undoubtedly as teachers that the college alumnae are doing the most and best public work. They are bringing to bear, on the old prescribed routine of common school life, the force of a higher and broader intellectual growth, awakening new and better impulses in the young minds committed to their charge, stimulating deeper and more conscientious thought. The result of their original and improved methods of instruction has already caused the standard of general scholarship to be raised throughout the United States. More than all else the influence of their ever-inspiring personality over pupils of a susceptible scholarly age cannot be overrated.

But, after all, the sphere in which the college woman is doing the most lasting good and exerting the most potent influence is in her family. This is a view of the subject which unbelievers have not yet considered or appreciated. The majority of college women have become wives and mothers, and it is in this capacity more than any other, that their higher education is of benefit to themselves and to the world.

The influences which affect the child at home under the immediate and almost sole tuition of his mother during the first few years of his childhood, are the most formative and important that will ever be exerted over him, in school, in college or in the world. The proper or improper use of his mother-tongue is learned then, never to become completely unlearned again; his habits of thought and observation become fixed, and it may not be too much to say that his whole future experience is determined by the influences he receives at home during the first few years of his life. How incalculably beneficial is the constant companionship and care of an educated mother! To those, then, who are seeking an answer to the question, "What

are college women doing in the world?" we would not point to the *bas bleu* or to the strong-minded advocate of her "rights" who loves to be heard for her "much speaking," but rather to the teachers, the wives and the mothers who are quietly and unostentatiously, in the school-room and in the home, working out the social problems that are perplexing the age. — *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The biographical phase seems to be growing more and more prominent in our fraternity magazines. The *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly* contains a sketch of the life of Hon. James W. Husted and a number of shorter "historical sketches" of more or less distinguished Dekes.

The editor makes some very vigorous and thoughtful remarks with regard to college politics and fraternity antagonism.

Let the best man win! If he does not win, he must bear defeat and disappointment like a gentleman. If, by unfair means, he was made to lose his honor, such redress must be sought as the circumstances demand, but two or more fraternities must not be brought face to face in antagonism, simply because the offenders or the aggrieved happen to belong to Greek-letter clubs.

Endeavor to come to a full understanding of facts, not only to a recognition of the facts as you regard them, but find out just what your adversary supposes the facts to be. If he supposes the facts to be other than you have found them, he may be theoretically in the right, or he may still be in the wrong. At any rate, seek to settle the facts, and then look at them from your opponent's standpoint. Be fair, be just, be honorable, be considerate, and be calm. Every social scandal is a reflection on society at large to a certain extent, and every fraternity squabble is an injury to all fraternities. Preserve peace, even at the sacrifice of a little pride. We talk about our *sister* fraternities. Let that relationship exist that shall ennoble and elevate our college fraternity life, that shall inspire feelings of friendly intercourse. Careless, thoughtless words and quarrels so often "strike hot, sear deep," that we cannot risk our honor and our self-respect by stooping to such cruelty and injustice. Friendship is so much better. As Emerson says: "Our intellectual and active powers increase with our affection. The scholar sits down to write, and all his years of meditation do not furnish him with one good thought or happy expression; but it is necessary to write a letter to a friend, and forthwith troops of gentle thoughts invest themselves, on every hand, with chosen words."

FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

The opposition of many high-principled, and other well broad-minded people against fraternities is the result of their belief that the fraternity fosters a tendency toward aristocracy and exclusivism, and that such a tendency has no place in the democratic atmosphere of an American college. They claim that a few congenial spirits, united in the bonds of a fraternity, satisfied with the ready-made friendships at hand, selfishly employ themselves in having a good time together, indifferent to all outside the magic circle. The result is a narrow, self-centered clique. At least so it looks to outsiders, from whose point of view we wish now to

consider fraternities so that we may know just how we look from the "other side." A recent fraternity journal quotes a clergyman as saying, "The conservative, selective element in college fraternities is a sad hindrance toward the development of the broad, universal Christian feeling which should exist among college students as a whole, and owing to this the fraternity is detrimental to the *general good*." This criticism has no weight against the fundamental principles of fraternities, which are founded on the highest command in the law and the prophets—love thy neighbor as thyself—or, universal brotherhood. From the very name which we bear—fraternity—we *must* believe in the brotherhood of humanity, and in the establishment of harmony and peace. And as fraternities we are doing something, at least, toward this ideal. We believe we have made friendships a little deeper and stronger, sympathies a little more susceptible and active, and natures more social and humane. And what man, clergyman or otherwise, whose ideal is universal brotherhood, can make his ideal real in any other way? No man can love the whole world, he must learn universal love by loving *this* man and *that* man, by doing good to *this* friend and to *that* friend. Fraternities do just this. No further justification for their existence is needed. — *The Arrow*.

There are several very readable articles in the *Journal*, of particular interest to Kappa Alphas, as they deal with the history and prospects of the fraternity, and of more general interest is a discussion of "The Limitations of the Greek Press." While there is certainly room for some difference of opinion, with regard to the subject, there is much of interest and suggestion in the article. The conclusion is worth quoting:

"Broadly stated, whatever treats of the principles that fraternities inculcate, or with the subject matter with which they deal—with youth and ambition, with the love of beauty and purity and truth—is not inappropriate to the pages of a fraternity magazine."

Henceforth be it known that the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* is an appreciative observer of certain peculiarly feminine characteristics. We wish to say "Thank you, kind sir," for the following:

"The first illustrated number of THE KEY that has reflected light upon our retina is that for June. A frontispiece reproduces the faces of seven members of Kappa Kappa Gamma, now in Berlin, Germany, who have formed the Berlin chapter. No one but a miserable MAN would notice and comment upon the fact that six styles of dressing the hair are exemplified in the picture. Such is the versatility of genius. Thus is again exploded the fallacy that the literary woman is careless of appearances and neglectful of the personal daintiness that belongs to femininity."

The November number of the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* celebrates the Convention of that fraternity held last August in Indianapolis, while the Convention of Kappa

Kappa Gamma was taking place in the same city. We must confess to a feeling of surprise at the exaggerated importance given by the *Quarterly* to the exchange of courtesies between the two Conventions. It is flattering to Kappa Kappa Gamma that Sigma Chi should have taken the trouble to bring about the "happy coincidence" by making a change of both time and place in the original plans for its own assembly. But without wishing to appear ungrateful for the compliment, we have some doubt as to whether such a change argues favorably for the stability of that fraternity's government.

We had always believed that the essential aim of a fraternity Convention was to transact fraternity business. Such, at any rate, has been the purpose of Kappa Kappa Gamma; and we are glad to receive the assurance, in a speech delivered at the Sigma Chi banquet, that the Pan-Hellenic festivities at Indianapolis did not turn aside her Convention from that purpose. In the forcible words of the speaker, "the fact is, the girls are here for business and not for fun. Now the Sigs always would adjourn a Convention for a circus, or lay a committee on the table for a boat ride. But the girls have no time for such frivolities." Most certainly they had not in the three days allowed for disposing of the work of two years, however much they may have envied the leisure enjoyed by the other assembly. When our next Convention meets, there may or may not be more time for "frivolities"; there probably will be more time to spend in cultivating a personal acquaintance of Kappas with one another.

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