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HOW A COLLEGE GRADUATE WENT ON THE STAGE.

"BUT the life will kill you." "The people will be unbearable." "You will lose all your friends." "You will throw away your education."

It was with such pleasant prophecies as these ringing in my ears that I took my life into my own hands and deliberately crossed the line that separates stageland from the rest of the world. In spite of apparent bravado, I was not unmoved by these adjurations, and, during the first weeks of my engagement, stood ready to grapple with all sorts of unpleasant situations. Like many who after long delay have with many doubts and premonitions entered upon a seemingly dangerous undertaking, I found that once the step was actually taken, my forebodings melted into thin air.

Of course there were difficulties at the start. These attend the apprenticeship to any profession. But of the peculiar trials and temptations that are popularly attributed to the life theatrical I found almost no example. Instead of losing my health I became astonishingly robust. My associates in the company I found polite, agreeable, in some cases decidedly congenial. The manager, contrary to my ideas of the traditional manager, proved courteous, dignified, and even amusingly solicitous for the dignity and reputation of his company. And when, after several months on the road, I returned to my home, I found that not only had I lost no friends, but that among my acquaintances at large I was regarded with an interest quite unprecedented in my past experience.

So much for personal impressions. In response to "all inquiring friends"—as old fashioned letters put it—and to all who ask my opinion

in regard to the stage as a profession for college women, I can say truthfully that I find the life pleasant and the work absorbing; and that even if I never acted again I should be glad of the experience, and, apart from professional considerations, should consider it broadening and strengthening in its results. At the same time, I do not advise every girl who leans toward the profession to go on the stage.

Success and happiness in Stageland depend upon more than one factor. Two at least are indispensable, talent and temperament. Many girls who read their lines correctly and are clever at stage business would find the changing Bohemian existence utterly distasteful. On the other hand, the majority of those who wish to go on the stage are in love with the life, nothing more; they crave its novelty and excitement, they long for the atmosphere of wings and dressing-rooms. But of trained aptitudes, the continued study, the long rehearsals, the *minutiæ* of business that are necessary to professional success, they have no conception.

To the girl who has both talent and temperament, who will be an actress to whom any other life and profession would be distasteful, I should say very heartily, go on the stage. Don't be afraid of humble beginnings. If nothing better offers, join a repertory company, where you will play everything, from Irish cooks to "leading emotionals." It will be good experience, and if after a few months "of roughing it" through small towns and playing new parts every week, you wish to continue in the profession, be reasonably sure that you have found your vocation.

As to preparation, that may or may not be advisable. If in the shape of elocution as it is commonly taught, decidedly not. If, however, you can study with a really good actor or actress, you will gain some useful knowledge. "Schools of acting" abound, but with a few exceptions,—the Lyceum School in New York for one, and Nelson Wheatcroft's Empire School in the same city for another,—their instructors are obscure unsuccessful actors, or worse still, "elocutionists." The only sure way of learning acting is to act. When you have "faked" twenty lines while you were waiting for the hero to open an obdurate trap door and rush to your rescue, or have killed the villain by clubbing him with a revolver because the cartridge failed to go off, or have clutched at your heart and an enlarg-

ing gap in your bodice through five dreadful minutes after a mishap to your bodice lacing, then you have learned what schools can never teach,—the real exigencies and emergencies of a business that is nothing if not uncertain and exciting.

In so short an article I have of course left much unsaid. I have not enlarged upon the increasing social recognition showed to successful actors, nor have I spoken as I should like of my special friends in the profession, brilliant, cultured and congenial as I found them. But at least I have confronted the vague objections of outsiders with the results of actual experience. I have presented, I think with fairness, the possibilities of a profession as yet practically untried by college women. M. D.

NOTES.

THETA

Theta has a wedding to announce. Dollie Holloway, 91, and Mr. James Cooper were married June 15. This is especially delightful since it brings Miss Holloway back to the chapter.

PHI.

We find in a New York paper the following note concerning Mrs. Fall, a Kappa of '83:

“Mrs. Anna C. Fall, who is described as ‘an able young lawyer of Malden, Mass.,’ has been appointed by Governor Russell a special Commissioner for the Commonwealth. She is thereby authorized to take depositions and acknowledgements of deeds, to issue summonses for witnesses, to administer oaths and to take affidavits. She may not, however, perform the ceremony of marriage, nor read the riot act to quell a riot, both of which privileges appertain to the man holding a like position.”

The Parthenon.

This pledge is of a much more serious nature than the average high school girl is likely at first to regard it. It means that for all her life she shall be identified with the wearers of the anchor, of the Kite, or of

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Preparatory
Students. the Key. That she is to link herself with those with whom she should have the closest relations, in whom she shall center some of her highest interests, and with whom she can and should be most congenial.

Barring the sisters of present or past Kappas, who have long been prejudiced in favor of their sister's society, and who are generally enthusiastic workers, it does not seem to me a good plan to pledge high school pupils.

It is not so easy here as Chi may find it to live up to our convictions. There are here three other women's fraternities besides our own; we have no agreement with them in regard to giving invitations. A plan was formed, the result of which, it was hoped, would be much as it now is at Minnesota University, no invitations to be given before a certain time. The conditions could not be agreed upon unanimously, so the matter was dropped for that year. When others interest themselves in a girl of whom we are also desirous it is hard not to work for her, too, although she is not yet in college.

Still, I can but believe it would be better in many ways that the invitation be not given until she is among us, in our classes, where we see her every day. First it does not seem honest to the girl. She may not have had an opportunity of becoming acquainted with girls of other fraternities and a "pledge isolates her as the badge never will." She may pledge in eagerness to wear a pin or to be able to say that she was pledged. And we ought not to put the temptation before her, to make a pledge, that she might wish later had not been given. Each one of us should remember how sacredly she regarded the keeping of her own pledge.

It seems unfair not only to the prospective, but to the chapter members. Circumstances and changes in surroundings may show phases of character that "rushing" teas, parties, or any other planned situations may not have revealed. There must be no chance for regret on either side.

The way examinations are now arranged in our college, the time necessary to spend over pledging or would-be pledging and that necessary for examination preparation conflict. One can not do both well, and what is the result?

In the Fall term the work of all classes is not often well begun before the

end of two weeks. Then we have renewed vigor, should be rested physically and mentally, instead of being in the condition too often discovered at the close of the year.

We have not only these two factors to consider but another which greatly affects the result. Mothers are loath to see their high school daughters enter any sooner than necessary the social life of college. They do not respect those who rob their daughters of time, each moment of which has particular value with closing work. Some duties are neglected, and we receive the blame.

ETA.

The question of pledging preparatory students, like most questions, has two sides; undoubtedly great evils may arise from the practice; it is equally true that good may often result.

To my mind, the great question for each chapter to settle is this: "Do we know these girls well enough and do they know us and the college well enough to make it advisable for us to pledge them early?"

The Pledging of Preparatory Students. The answer to this will not be the same in all cases. Certainly many chapters of our fraternity are so situated that they cannot become well acquainted with preparatory students, while in others the relations between the members of the fraternity and the younger pupils are close and strong.

In institutions which have no preparatory department there need be little doubt as to the impropriety of such pledging. The cases would be rare indeed in which the question with which we started could be answered in the affirmative. And unless it can be so answered it is both unwise and unjust for us to give the invitations.

In the first place, by taking such risks we are wronging ourselves. The highest good of the chapter and of the fraternity should be the first consideration. To bind a girl whom we know only slightly is to endanger the peace of our chapter and the welfare of the fraternity at large.

Moreover, it is manifestly unfair for a chapter to let a young girl pledge herself to them unless she fully understands what she is doing. To

take advantage of her ignorance of college life, of the binding force of the fraternity pledge, and of the deep meaning of the fraternity vows is little less than cruel. Under ordinary circumstances we look with great disapproval on a woman who asks to be released from her pledge in order that she may join another fraternity. But is it not often the fraternity to whom she is pledged that has taken the first false step?

Again in binding a student who is unfamiliar with our college life we are unfair, not only to her, but also to our rivals if we have any. The old saying is, that "everything is fair in war." But "war" is not the true relation among fraternities. Undoubtedly, there must be competition among the various chapters in any college; but it ought never to lead us into injustice. If a young woman, by her disposition and her tastes is better suited to another fraternity than to ours, we are wronging, not only ourselves and her, but also this other fraternity, by pledging her before she has had an opportunity to know the members of the rival chapter.

In the college, however, which has a preparatory department connected with it, these objections to early pledging may not exist. There are such institutions, where the number of women is small and where the older and the younger ones are constantly thrown together, so that there is ample opportunity for acquaintance and friendship. In such cases the chief ground for hesitation in pledging one of the younger students would be the fear that her character was not developed sufficiently to show what her future tastes and tendencies would be. Wherever there are such doubts, the wise course clearly is to wait; but it seems to me that there are cases where we can safely offer the pledge. Further, I believe that there is some advantage in pledging a young student and training her up "in the nurture and admonition" of Kappa Kappa Gamma. However, I am not in favor of the frequent pledging of preparatory students. The contention simply is that there are cases where it is both safe and justifiable.

But we should remember that too much caution is better than too little. Better, far better, lose a girl who would make a strong, loyal Kappa than take in one who will be a hindrance to the work of the chapter or a disturbing element in the fraternity circle.

BETA NU.

Beta Delta has lately been seriously considering the question of a chapter house, and has been much advised, both pro and con. Many of her friends, whose opinions she highly respects consider chapter houses a detriment, believing that the attendant influences are not conducive to good scholarship. They think that the girls will be almost sure to infringe upon one another's time, and that the care and responsibility necessarily involved in the possession of a house, make too heavy a burden for students whose time is already fully occupied. Another argument is that there is likely to be a lack of sufficient restraint, and that some girls, with the most innocent motives, are likely to make mistakes and to do imprudent things.

Still another reason is found in the fact that the distinctions between fraternity girls and their independent friends are more keenly felt when the former live in a house exclusively their own.

On the other hand, there seem to us to be strong arguments in favor of the chapter house. First, a house gives its chapter individuality. Second, every college girl feels the need of more home-like surroundings than are to be found in an ordinary boarding house; and such, we think, are to be found in a well-regulated chapter house, where each one has perfect freedom, yet at the same time feels some responsibility as to the welfare of her associates and the prosperous management of her house. Moreover, with such a common center of interest the chapter must become more united and hence stronger. Under minor advantages, we realize the convenience of having a place in which the chapter may entertain its friends, and a regular place for fraternity meetings.

Beta Delta would like to hear the experiences of her sister chapters, and will gladly receive any suggestions on this perplexing theme.

BETA DELTA

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

PHI—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

How true it is that "only man in the plan ever shrinks from his part." As we look back over the year that is past, and remember our sins of omission and of commission, is it the plan—the idea and ideal of the fraternity—that we blame, or is it ourselves? We would all surely say that it is we who must bear the censure. But it is to both the fraternity and ourselves that we give the credit for the good that has come to us and that we have brought to others.

And so to our fraternity we give thanks for the happy term that has passed,—so happy that it has gone all too quickly. Our first especial joy was in the return of Mary Hitchcock whom we had missed for over three months. We were so happy that no ordinary spread with which we are wont to regale ourselves on the slightest excuse seemed fitting, and a more elegant feast, where ices could take the place of cheese, and cakes of crackers it was necessary to provide.

Later in the term our Freshmen entertained us and provided not only food for the mind in abundance, but as well a more material food. Such a spread as that was! We solemnly assured them that only our annual banquet could hope to rival it.

That banquet at the Hotel Huntington was a glad reunion of Kappas young and old.—But no one ever grows old in Kappa. After we had interestedly devoted ourselves to that part of the banquet which in the menu begins with blue points on shell and ends with coffee, we even more interestedly gave ourselves up to listening to the toasts, which, with our Editor as toast mistress, were responded to by members of our active chapter and by alumnae. Some were merry and mirth-provoking, some were grave and thoughtful, but all were hopeful as they must be when Kappas make them. We had hoped to have our Grand President with us, and to listen to helpful words from her, but since she was forbidden by her doctor to come an ex-Grand President, Miss Charlotte Barrell, responded in her place. Two

Kappas from far-away chapters joined us, Miss Esterly of Beta Gamma and Mrs. Stevens of Xi.

Pray do not think that all the joy for which we thank our fraternity has been a joy in eating. We have spent two delightful afternoons with two of our alumnæ, one with Miss Sarah Bird, and the other at the pleasant rooms of Miss Margaret Dodge at "The Hancock." Miss Dodge has lived so near us this spring that almost every Thursday afternoon she has joined us at our meeting.

The term has brought to us one gift which it has given to all other chapters, that of a new sister chapter, Beta Iota, to whom we can send no better wish than that they may ever keep in their minds and hearts those feelings which were theirs on Saturday, June 3. There have been the happy Kappa meetings which I need not describe, for every Kappa knows well what they are, when we have followed the program proposed by our Grand President, and have pleased ourselves with the thought that other chapters were discussing the same subject as we, perhaps on the same day, and, yes, possibly at the same hour.

So "the days have glided swiftly by." Into the college work have come several welcome breaks in the way of socials of each of the four classes, and Saturday excursions to places of interest near Boston. The Seniors have seen that their superior importance is recognized, for a lawn party has been given in their honor, held at the home of Sara Cone Bryant, in return, I suppose, for the reception which they, as Juniors, gave to the then Freshmen.

The various organizations connected with the college life have all been very prosperous of late. The Debating Club loses none of the interest and enthusiasm imparted to it this year, while the Philomathean has demonstrated its wide-awake existence by giving a French play and two German plays, besides the more usual English.

The Junior Annual, The Hub, has at last made its appearance, universally acknowledged the best yet published. It is bound in red and white, the college colors, while its one hundred and seventy pages are divided between literal facts concerning the various classes, organizations and fraternities, and matter of a more fanciful character including grinds of all descriptions.

Interesting pages to the Juniors are those devoted to statistics of the class of '94, which tell with more or less truth the age, the number of "plucks," the favorite author and study, etc. of each member.

Now Commencement week is before us, which has for us a particular pleasure, for then we shall see Louise Morey, '91, who has come from her home in Tennessee. We had hoped that she might be with us when we celebrated our eleventh birthday, but that pleasure was not given us.

The first exercises of Commencement week are those of Class Day, which has once again been instituted in this College. The Juniors are asked to be present then,—that they may assist in serving the guests at the tea following. In the evening of the same day the Seniors will receive their friends. On Wednesday the one of our two Seniors who is not a Special will receive her degree of A. B., while Miss Elizabeth Deering Hanscom of '87 obtains that of A. M., and Miss Emilie A. Young of '91, that of M. D.

We shall say our last good-by, however, not then, but on Saturday, when Miss Locke will entertain us at her home, where, freed from the cares of examinations and the necessity for "small talk" attendant upon receptions, we may discuss everything under the sun, from the "whatness of the why," supposed to form the main subject of the conversation of one educated in The Athens of America, to plans for the next campaign, or may, like the Quakers, in silence sit, and enjoy the beauty of the blue sky and the glory of all nature in the perfectness of the June day we hope to have. Then will come to each of us the feeling of all Kappa life together means, of all it ought to be made to give, and while we try to bring ourselves to say "good-by" to our Seniors we shall resolve that in the college years that are left to us and for all time we will make Kappa life richer, more abundant for us and for all others.

BETA EPSILON — BARNARD COLLEGE.

For the first time in its existence, Beta Epsilon has to record a diminution in its numbers. With the completion of the first four years of the existence of Barnard College and the graduation of her first senior class, Beta Epsilon has lost her nine charter members, and the chapter has

been left to the guidance of members so young that the oldest has just entered upon that trying period known as her second summer.

But I am beginning at the wrong end of my story, so I had better go back and begin all over again and try at least to be chronological this time. The first event of real importance since our last letter was the second initiation of this college year, which took place on April 29. We then added to our roll the names of three new members, making a total of twenty for the chapter. One of our initiates, Mrs. Bryson, is a Junior, the other two, Miss Brombacher and Miss Tatlock, were Sophomores. (I have put them in the past tense, for, by the time this letter is published, the arrival of Commencement will have moved them all up a peg.) The graduation of the senior class and the fact that Beta Epsilon took in no freshman this year has left the chapter so evenly divided between the members of the classes of '94 and '95 that, if only we were a round dozen instead of eleven, I should say we were six of one and half a dozen of the other.

And now I have reached a point where I can talk about our first Class Day without too gross a violation of the unities. A little chapter pride is only right and proper on the occasion, for has not Beta Epsilon the right to boast that every member of Barnard's first graduating class was also a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma? And Barnard is justly proud of her first graduating class. Indeed, I am sure that, though classes may come and classes may go, yet after many years the name of '93 will still be found graven upon her heart. It would take too long to tell you all the reasons for which we are proud of '93 and, besides, I do not wish to seem boastful, so I shall merely confine myself to telling you about Class Day.

Friday, the 2nd of June, was the day appointed for Class Day exercises. The last examination of the college year had been held the day before, so there was nothing ahead save pleasuring for the whole undergraduate department. When we left the building that Thursday afternoon, everything wore its accustomed air of uncompromising stiffness. Broad-armed chairs, only too suggestive of examinations stood in the rooms, while the four bare walls of each recitation room, broken as they were only by lines of blackboard, looked pleasantly familiar but undeniably ugly. But the

next day all was changed as if by magic. No amount of difficulties seemed able to daunt '93. On Class Day afternoon, when we all assembled in the college building, behold! the bare walls had budded, banks of roses and ferns met one's eyes at every turn, and in each nook and corner palms had shot up in the night in a way so astonishing that one could only think of Jack's fairy beanstalk. The sophomore class, wearing caps and gowns served as ushers, and the rooms were crowded with students and invited guests. After the meeting had been called to order and the roll called, the president of the senior class made the address of welcome which was followed by a very amusing history of '93's doings in its four years of college life. Then, after an interval filled with the music of a stringed orchestra, the prophet stepped forward upon the platform and fairly electrified the audience by the wonderful future she foretold for her classmates of '93. If laughter be a proof of satisfaction, I think the members of the senior class were well satisfied with the stirring futures foretold them.

The prophecy was followed by a very clever poem, and the exercises were brought to a close by the presentation of a scroll of knowledge to the class of '94 and of a silken banner to '95. The exercises were followed by a charming reception, Mrs. Seth Low, the wife of the president of Columbia College, assisting the seniors in receiving their guests.

On the 14th of June, the eight members of Barnard's first graduating class will receive their degree of Bachelor of Arts from President Low of Columbia College, at the same time that the diplomas are given to the Columbia men. The following is a list of the members of the class of '93.

Jeannette Clenen; Lulu Grace Farrant; Jessie Boyne Garretson, President; Alice Mapelsden Keys, Secretary and Class Day Historian; Clarita Mercedes Knight; Alice Kohn, Presentation Orator; Laura Grace Levy, Class day Poet; Mary Stuart Pullman, Treasurer and Class Day Prophet; Louise Merritt Stabler, Vice-President; Arthur Brooks, D. D. Honorary member; Class Day Committee; Alice Mapelsden Keys, Clarita Mercedes Knight.

1891—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

How quickly the spring term passes! It seems only a few weeks ago that we had just come back and were greeting each other after the long

absence of two weeks. But here we are at the end of another college year and another parting is at hand.

Psi is particularly interested in this commencement as she will lose six members who are to graduate. We began the year with seven Seniors but Miss Swearingen finished her thesis and left college at the end of the winter term. Miss Grafft has been elected poet of the class.

We feasted our six "stately Seniors" Saturday afternoon, May 20th. This year our Senior Banquet was in the open air and was decidedly informal. Theses were finished, the day was perfect, and dull care far away, so the picnic was voted a great success.

A different method for insuring honesty at examinations has been lately adopted, to be tried for one year. The "proctor" system is abolished and the student is put upon his honor. He is required at the close of the examination to make a written statement to the effect that he has neither given nor received aid. Any case of fraud which arises hereafter will be tried by a committee consisting of representatives elected from the several classes with the President of the University at its head.

In the second week of this term, a dramatic representation of Tennyson's Princess was given at Barnes Hall by some of the girls of Sage, Miss Von Utassy taking the part of the princess. It was the first attempt here toward a higher standard of theatricals and created quite a *furor*.

A musical club has been organized among the girls and gave its first entertainment June 3rd. Psi gave a dancing party at Sage this spring which was very pretty. The gymnasium was used as refreshment room, being draped entirely with light and dark blue. The porch leading to it was crashed and hung with lanterns. We were glad to have Amy Gerecke, '92, with us for a few days.

Following the example of Iota we had our fraternity picture taken this year in Greek gowns. It is more satisfactory than any previous group.

Mrs. Professor Barr, with whom Miss Marston of Chi has lived this year, gave a very pretty and dainty lunch to several of the Kappas.

Miss Emma Louise Sawyer gave an enjoyable tea at her home May 27.

Mrs. Halliday opened her beautiful home to the chapter the next Wednesday evening.

PERSONALS.

Frances Tappan, formerly '92, entered college again this term and will graduate with '94.

Miss Grace Swearingen is teaching at Flushing Seminary, Flushing, Long Island.

Miss Annie MacKinnon of Omega chapter who has been studying here this year has been appointed to a fellowship in mathematics.

BETA BETA—ST. LAWRENCE UNIVERSITY.

Beta Beta Chapter has been comparatively quiet this spring. Since our last letter to THE KEY we have had two social gatherings.

As usual we gave a banquet to our new members. It was held at the residence of one of our alumnae and proved an extremely enjoyable affair. Toasts were given, with the hearty good-will and loving loyalty that belong to every Kappa reunion. During the evening we were delightfully serenaded by the men of Beta Theta Pi.

Tree Holiday breakfast is always a very jolly occasion with us. At an early hour in the morning Beta Beta, as well as the other fraternities in College, plants a tree gaily decked with dark and light blue on the Campus. After tree planting the girls adjourn to the rooms for breakfast. The preparation of this in the rooms causes so much merriment and takes up so much time that it is a very hungry crowd who at length sit down to their picnic-breakfast.

One of our Senior girls, Mrs. Nettie Robertson Mason, who has not been with us the past year, returned in time for Tree Holiday and will remain until after Commencement.

We also had with us at one of our recent meetings three alumnae, Annie Woods '89, Anna West '92, Charlotte Kimball '92. Miss Kimball has been in New York the past year engaged in literary work.

The College Field Day has just passed. The sports were particularly good, and the bicycle races were intensely interesting. In the evening occurred the presentation of medals and prizes followed by an informal dancing party.

The Senior vacation has begun, and we are all resting as much as possible and drawing a long breath preparatory to the gayeties of Commencement time. For from the moment that the graduates and friends of St. Lawrence University begin to pour in, until the last waltz at the alumni reception, there is a continual round of pleasure.

It is the prettiest, happiest season of the college year, and the saddest as well. For we dislike to leave our senior class,—we would keep them always with us, were it possible. Our chapter will lose seven of her members this year.

Ella May Adam of the graduating class has been engaged to teach French and German at Clinton Liberal Institute, Fort Plain, N. Y., the coming year.

Jessie Hanna, after a three years' course in college, returns to her home in Texas.

BETA ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Wise heads sometimes make indiscreet decisions, and so the present one, to transpose the position of the semi-annual report and the usual fall chapter letter, seems, from the corresponding secretary's standpoint, an unwise innovation. "Fresh accounts of commencements"—to quote from the notice in THE KEY—cannot be given, as we are now only deep in the work of examinations. Every one is weary with the added burden that the last days of any college year must bring and we of "Beta Alpha" now beg your indulgence, and ask your acceptance of a communication rather more telegraphic in its style than epistolary.

Examinations and Commencement over, we will scatter in search of some of the duties and pleasures that summer affords. From snatches of different conversations we hear "Chicago," "Montana," "seashore," "mountains;" giving us a glimpse of some of the many plans. Wedding bells will ring for one, and for all will come the needed rest, and with it renewed energy to take up the scattered threads again, and weave them carefully into the pattern of life.

BETA IOTA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

For the first time Beta Iota Chapter has the pleasure of sending greetings to all her new sisters through THE KEY.

On Saturday, June 3, seven girls were initiated into the mysteries of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Lydia Biddle's home near the college. Miss Bright, Miss Angel and Miss Stearns, a Kappa from Chi Chapter, and several of the Kappas from the University of Pennsylvania were present at the initiation. We felt especially honored in having two members of the Grand Council, Miss Bright and Miss Angel, with us. The names of the charter members are, Frances Brewster Stevenson, '93; Lila Keese Willets, '93; Lydia Biddle, '94; Emma Seal Chambers, '94; Mary Amelia Hayes, '94; Mary Booth Janvier, '94; Fanny Whitney Cheairs, '95.

These seven girls although they waited so anxiously, and sometimes, I fear, a little impatiently, to obtain their charter, now fully realize what a great honor has been conferred upon them and appreciate greatly the kindness of their many friends in the fraternity.

Miss Bright, Miss Angel and Miss Stearns all returned to the college with us and staid over Saturday. The kind advice of these Kappas was deeply appreciated by their new sisters and the true Kappa spirit was instilled in us by them. Congratulations and greetings were received by our chapter. We have been very cordially welcomed by all the other fraternities in the college. Kind notes of greeting have been received from the Pi Beta Phis, Kapa Alpha Thetas and Phi Kappa Psis. The Kappa Alpha Thetas are to receive us at the home of one of their members, Elizabeth Miller, on Wednesday, June 7. We are received also by the Swarthmore Chapter of Phi Kappa Psi at the home of the Messrs. Clothier on the evening of Saturday, June 10.

On Tuesday, June 6, we initiated four new girls whom we have had pledged since the beginning of the year and who have been looking forward to the coming of the charter as anxiously as the original seven. Their names are: Rose Clifton Spencer, '94; Carolyn Hayes Chambers, '96; Violette Taylor Haines, '96; Hallie Hanson Haines, '94.

Perhaps some of the far-away Kappas would like to know something

about the college. Swarthmore College, the only Hicksite Friends' institution in the country, is about ten miles from Philadelphia. It is situated on the brow of a hill, which gradually slopes to the Delaware river, about three miles distant. The view for many miles around the college is one of great beauty and picturesqueness. We have two hundred students about equally divided between young men and young women. There are four courses of study, Arts, Letters, Science and Engineering. Fraternities are comparatively new here. A chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity was established about five years ago and it was soon followed by Phi Kappa Psi. Young women's fraternities came into the college about two years ago upon the establishment of a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta and it was followed by a chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

That we may realize and live up to the vows we have but lately taken and that the Beta Iota chapter may be a credit to the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity is our earnest wish.

To Kappas one and all we send our warmest greetings, and a hearty welcome is awaiting any of our sisters who may come to Swarthmore.

BETA PROVINCE.

LAMBDA—BUCHTEL COLLEGE.

The writing of the chapter letter ought not to be called a task, but with the demand in every KEY for something better, the undertaking assumes more the aspect of a responsibility and we wonder if we have anything really worth writing.

Buchtel has taken one step forward this year in doing away with the Commencement Day orations. Class Day exercises take their place and an especial effort is being made to make this day one long to be remembered with joy and pride in our old alma mater. The exercises will consist of such class articles as the poems, the prophecy, the history, the laying of the corner stone in the new Science Hall, etc. Lambda is represented in the program by her only graduate, Alice Slade, who has the Salutatory. In the evening the whole college joins in giving a "promenade."

We are pained to learn of the severe illness of one of our dear pledglings,

Burton Halcomb; though she has never been admitted to the shrine of Kappa, yet we feel that she is very near us, and hope that another year we may have her back, a real, full-pledged Kappa.

The opening of the spring term did not bring many changes to Lambda. Mary Crosby was obliged to leave us, but Gertude Lewis, one of our old girls, has opened a studio in the city and has entered actively into our work again, so our numbers remain the same.

A few weeks ago Otillia Poilibman of '93 made us a short visit on her return from Germany, where she has been studying for the last year.

The Schumann Quartett gave a delightful concert in the gymnasium, April 27, under the auspices of Phi Delta Theta.

The National Convention of Delta Gamma was held with Eta Chapter May 10-13.

Lambda has enjoyed several small parties this spring, of which one of the most pleasant was the "Marsh-Mallow Roast" given by Jean Lister and Eva Dean at their cosy rooms on Carroll street.

The latest gathering was our Decoration Day picnic at Silver Lake. We wonder if our sister chapters have such jolly picnics as we. Ours have become an annual celebration, and we look forward to them through all the long, cold winter months.

When our next KEY comes we shall be started in another year. We wish that our little band might return unbroken. One familiar face will be missed as we look about,—that of Alice Slade, our graduate. But we shall still have her interest and enthusiasm with us.

BETA GAMMA—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

This last term has been a very quiet and uneventful one for Beta Gamma, so materials for a long and interesting chapter letter are wanting. Almost the only excitement which has interrupted the routine of our studies was the trip to Columbus to the Inter-State Contest. Almost a hundred Wooster students attended the Contest, among whom were five Kappas, who brought back glowing accounts of Ohio State University and the

hospitality of our sisters of Beta Nu. The high place which was taken by our representative rendered the trip doubly pleasant.

On the evening of May 27 we were entertained very delightfully by Nettie Childs at her lovely new home on North Market street; the presence of our resident members made the evening the more enjoyable.

A number of changes will take place next year in the corps of our professors. Clifton Price, Principal of the Preparatory Department, has been elected to a fellowship in Yale. Miss Covell and Prof. Boyd, both instructors in German, also Prof. Frank Conrad, Director of the Musical Department, will spend next year abroad. Prof. Pierce, Instructor on the violin, will also leave; his place is to be filled by Miss Anna Hunt, who has spent the past few years studying in Germany.

A new feature of our Commencement this year is the Master's Oration to be delivered on Commencement Day by Mr. Forgy, a graduate of '90.

This Commencement will bring with it many sad partings for a number of our sisters will leave us, never to return. Three will graduate and several others leave to attend school elsewhere or to spend next year at their homes. We hope however that the bonds which bind us together are too strong to be severed by mere absence; though we may never all meet together again, may the sisterly love for one another which marks all true Kappas ever be strong in our hearts. May all the Kappas enjoy the summer vacation and be so refreshed and invigorated by the rest that we shall enter next fall's campaign with such great enthusiasm that success shall be ours.

PERSONALS.

Harriet Agerter is attending the University of Chicago this term.

Georgia Smeallie '93, of Ann Arbor, visited the members of her old chapter during May.

Olla Allmendinger, who has been out of school this year on account of ill health, is the guest of Nettie Childs.

BETA NU—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

IN accordance with the new plan of dispensing with the usual spring vacation recently adopted by the trustees of the University, school opened bright and early Monday morning, finals having closed the preceding Fri-

day. Despite the fact that there had not been the accustomed week's rest, the term was not lacking in social life.

The University had long looked forward with pleasant anticipation to the Inter-State contest with the hope of being able to make it a time long to be remembered by all. On the afternoon preceding the contest, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta, with the desire of giving all an opportunity to become acquainted as far as possible, entertained informally in Hayes Hall. The rooms were tastefully decorated with the colors of both fraternities and potted plants, while music was furnished by an Italian orchestra. Light refreshments were served during the afternoon. The contest came up to the expectations of all, but the banquet was not well attended on account of the lateness of the hour. Beta Nu was very glad to have with her at last a fair representation of Beta Gamma.

The evening following the contest Chi Phi entertained with a dancing party at which Kappa Kappa Gamma was well represented. The evening passed all too quickly, as is always the case when Chi Phis are the hosts.

There has been a departure from the routine of college life in the organization of the Dramatic Club. Naturally all interested in the college have watched its work and progress during the past month and have felt proud of the success it achieved in the production of "The Rivals." What was to us an innovation, though the eastern colleges have for some time followed the practice, was the idea of having the women's parts sustained by men. The Opera House was draped with the colors of all the fraternities of the University while the boxes were occupied by their representatives.

Several Kappas accepted invitations to a delightful theatre party given by Beta Theta Pi.

Decoration Day Chi Phi royally entertained with a tally-ho party which attended the ball game and then drove to Worthington.

Beta Nu regrets that she is unable to accept the invitation of Lambda Chapter to attend the Field Day Contest.

With Commencement Beta Nu loses four active members, only one of whom does not live in the city; so we shall expect to see them frequently next year.

BETA DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Beta Delta sends hearty greeting to all her sisters.

During this beautiful spring and summer weather, the Kappas here find more pleasure in walks, tennis, etc., than in books; but our second semester examinations, which are approaching all too rapidly, cannot but cast a slight shadow over our jubilant spirits. Commencement week begins June 26.

A few weeks ago Beta Delta entertained the Woman's League at the home of Mrs. Carrow. From three until six the parlors were crowded. The Independents as well as the different sororities were well represented. The dining room was prettily decorated and the tables were strewn with smilax and pink roses. Our Freshmen served the guests.

Two weeks ago the Kappas had a fancy dress party at the residence of Prof. Hinsdale. Some of the costumes were gotten up with a close regard to the smallest details, and this, with any change in manners and speech that the characters represented might demand, added much to the success of the evening.

June 3, the girls of the Sorosis Society gave at their sorority house one of the prettiest receptions of the year to the Senior girls.

On May 19 occurred the Wagner Concert given by the Boston Symphony Orchestra. A short time before Anton Seidel and the Metropolitan Orchestra of New York gave a Wagner concert, assisted by Emma Juch. On May 31 was the Wagner concert given by the U. of M. Choral Union, assisted by a full orchestra and several eminent soloists.

We regret that Belle Ballou has left us for the rest of the year, having accepted a position in the Bay City schools.

XI—ADRIAN COLLEGE.

It was with feelings of despair that we saw in the last number of THE KEY that a chapter letter should be sent out instead of the Public Semi-Annual. Fraternity life has been very quiet of late, and we had hoped to give a description of our Commencement festivities. But Commencement does not come until the last week in June, so it will be too late.

We expect a number of our Kappa sisters to be with us, and no doubt we shall have a delightful time together.

We have two seniors this year; one, Clara Coleman, is now at home for her senior vacation.

Our time of meeting has been changed from Saturday until Tuesday evening, as one of our girls, Meryle Tyler, is organist at the College Church, and has to attend choir practice on that evening.

June 1, we were delighted to receive a card announcing the birth of a little "Kappa" to Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Timmons, New Comerstown, Ohio.

Monday evening, May 22, one of the boys, who has a beautiful home in the city, gave a reception to the students. The house was very prettily decorated, and in an alcove, hidden from view, the orchestra discoursed sweet music. Dainty refreshments were served, and at a late hour we bade the host "good-night," having spent a most delightful evening.

One of the most pleasant days of the school year to the students is Lake Day. This is celebrated the last Saturday before Decoration Day; so May 28, about twenty couples left the college for the lake, which is about thirteen miles from Adrian. The most of the day was spent on the water, and with the exception of a few accidents we had a delightful time. We all wish Lake Day came oftener, for a day's outing invigorates us, and we return to our studies with more zeal.

From 3 to 4 o'clock every afternoon the girls have the use of a tennis court, which belongs to the Sigma Alpha Epsilon boys. We are becoming quite proficient in the art of tennis playing.

We have two baseball nines in the college, and the boys are very enthusiastic. One of our professors is interested in sports, and has prepared a fine program for Field Day.

Anna Owens has been elected one of the essayists for Lambda Chi Contest, which occurs June 9.

This is one of the many similar positions she has held, and proves her ability as a writer.

There is a small lake just south of the college, where the fleur-de-lis grow in great abundance. The boys are very kind to keep the girls well supplied.

An invitation to attend the reception of Kappa chapter of Hillsdale, June 8, was received by Xi chapter. We are sorry none of our girls could attend, as we would like to become better acquainted with our sister chapters. Not long ago we were pleased to receive a picture of this chapter.

Mabel Chandler, our pledged member, has been entertaining two different girls at her home every Sunday. We are eagerly looking forward to the time when she will be a full-fledged Kappa.

Wishing all a pleasant vacation, we bid you "adieu."

KAPPA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

How many things happen in three months. In school, time is always short as it goes by, but when we stop to think of what has occurred we can scarcely realize how so much has been crowded into so short a period.

To begin with, Kappa has a new member, Sara Stamats, who was initiated in April with fitting ceremonies. She is a sister of one of our alumnae, Dora Stamats Smith, '90. Miss Stamats is taking the course in music, and will be with us for some time.

We are having the usual number of spring parties and receptions; almost every evening of the term has been taken with something.

A recital, April 26, at the home of Professor Chase, was one of the early events of the term. A program of twelve numbers was given and enjoyed by all present.

The Junior Reception to the Seniors and Faculty was held May 4, at the home of E. Winnifred Hill; about seventy guests were entertained. The junior class is rather smaller than usual this year, three members having been obliged to leave school on account of sickness, and several more are teaching.

The Senior Reception was held at J. R. Sutton's, May 24. A large number of guests were present besides the Trustees, Faculty and Juniors. It was one of the pleasantest events of the year.

Mrs. Myrtle Koon Cherryman of Grand Rapids gave a very pleasing elocutionary entertainment in Union Hall, May 26. Her readings were very natural and she showed great talent.

Pi Beta Phi fraternity entertained their friends, May 11, at Miss Boutwell's. A large number were present, and it was a delightful occasion. We were glad to see two of Pi Beta's alumnae, Miss Graham '91 and Miss King '92. Mr. E. D. Powers, music, '91, who has been studying for two years in Berlin was a guest, and kindly played several selections, which were appreciated.

Mrs. Pres. Mosher attended the Woman's Congress, in Chicago, where she represented the Woman's Missionary Board of the Free Baptist church. She gave an interesting account of the Congress, and also of the Fair to the students upon her return.

Our chapel has been redecorated and generally improved and we are to have new chairs. Pretty chairs for the platform have been presented by Mrs. Helen M. Gougar, who is President of the Woman's Commission of Hillsdale College. The ladies of the Commission held a reception in the chapel May 29.

Memorial Day exercises were held in the college church, by the five literary societies of the college. An excellent program was presented.

Alfrieda Mosher is President of the Ladies' Literary Union Society this term, and gives the address of welcome at the joint anniversary of the two literary societies, Amphiction and L. L. U., June 13.

Our local Field Day came May 23. A great time had been planned, but the weather was so unpleasant that many of the sports had to be postponed. Such exercises as could be held in the gymnasium were given. There was a crowd and enthusiasm in spite of the wind, rain and cold. The Inter-Collegiate field sports occurred at Jackson, June 1, 2, 3. Not so much interest was manifested as usual; very little could be done on account of the rain.

The State Convention of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity was held this year in Albion during the last week in May. The Hillsdale chapter was well represented.

We are enjoying visits from several of our girls: Miss Nelle Eastman, of Limerick, Maine, who left school last year because of illness, is visiting here on her way to Chicago; with her is Miss Alice Lane, also of Limerick, who was here four years ago; since Miss Lane was here she has

spent a year in the Boston University, and she tells us how kind she found her Kappa sisters there.

The Misses Andrus, now of Wichita, Kansas, alumnæ of the class of '92, and Miss Lena Adams, of North Fairfield, Ohio, are expected soon for a visit.

We have had a short call from Ina Dunn Warren and hope for a visit soon. How good it is to see those who have been away; the Columbian Exposition has our thanks for attracting so many this way.

We have certain news that Celeste Brackett will return in the fall, and we are rejoicing over the fact.

We must not forget to mention our Kappa baby, Frances Craig, aged six weeks. Her mother is one of the Upsilon Kappas, but we claim her while she lives in Hillsdale at least. We have called on the little Kappa and have decided that she "will do" at some future date.

We lose one of our members this spring, Mrs. Leggett, who will be in La Porte, Ind. next year where Mr. Leggett has accepted a position in the schools. How we wish we could always keep everybody.

Kappa chapter receives her friends, Wednesday, June 7, at Miss Hill's.

Professor Chase of the Music Department gives a concert at the Michigan building, World's Fair, July 12.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

DELTA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Although the examinations are not yet over the Commencement festivities have already begun. We realize that we are about to be separated for the summer, and we are trying to enjoy the last weeks as much as we can without affecting our work. Bloomington is always the scene of more or less gaiety in the spring, and this year social circles are even brighter than usual. The boys have exerted themselves to the utmost. Each fraternity seemed to vie with every other fraternity in trying to give the most successful reception, party or dance. They all have done so admirably that it is impossible to tell where the laurels should go. We would say, divide them among all for they all deserve a share. The girls have also

done their share of entertaining. Besides our regular monthly open meetings we want to vary somewhat. The Thetas have already entertained and did it well indeed. But the Kappas' time is yet to come. We will entertain our friends June 8 at the beautiful home of Laura and Nellie Hendricks. The Panden Brothers' orchestra, from Indianapolis, will furnish music, and our success is more than assured.

Notwithstanding our numerous social events we have done some good work this term in college. The temptation to stroll over our beautiful campus is ever a great one, but we have for the most part refrained from such pleasures except during vacant hours. We are now in the midst of examinations which are not the most pleasant things in the world, but we know they will not last long. Commencement is June 14th but work ends 9th. An excellent Commencement program has been prepared and we are sure that its pleasures will furnish us with happy material to fill the our thoughts all summer.

Delta will lose four girls by graduation, Mary Hoit, Bess Hewson, Nelle Showers and Nora Hunter. Perhaps some of the other girls will not return, but we are expecting some girls back who have been out this year, who will take their places.

Charlie Moore spent a few days with her sisters and friends which we all enjoyed very much. She is such a delightful girl and such a loyal Kappa that it is a help to have her here. But sorrows must go hand in hand with joys, for at about the same time we lost one of our strong girls, only temporarily, however; Martha Dorsey was compelled to go to her home in Princeton, Indiana on account of ill health. We expect her with us next year.

The baseball season is almost over, and I. U. still ranks at the top; still we do not possess the pennant yet. Of course we think we deserve the state championship but must anxiously wait, for there is "many a slip."

Indiana University has had the misfortune to lose her president this year, and this fact is indeed the source of much grief to all who are interested in the University. He has accepted the presidency of Lake Forest University, which we most certainly can congratulate for securing him. He has been such a help to our University that we would scarcely

be able to bear the loss were it not for the fact that our new president, Prof. Swain, is a man of rare excellence and ability, and will doubtless fill the place with credit to himself as well as to the institution he is to direct. We also regret that we are to lose several other strong men from our Faculty, but in each case good men have come in so that the loss is not so appalling, after all.

IOTA — DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

Just a few more days and some of our number will have passed out of school life into life's school, will have realized a little more fully why the exercises at which their diplomas are given them are called commencement and not endment, as we, in our pre-collegiate days, thought this desideratum of our life ought to be called.

The scales did not fall from our eyes all at once—gradually we learned better than to sing —

“Life 's a joke that 's just begun.”

It seems as never before that the spirit of the realization of our privilege and duty as moral agents has brooded over our girls, as a whole, during the last semester. No matter what the subject for discussion may be, it will at last veer around to our old theme—a woman's *summum bonum*. Yet such subjects as Catholicism, the Jews and Ibsenism furnish much of good were the work on them confined to the subject proper. In casting up accounts with ourselves in the way of studentship we find that three regular instructors in the University and two tutors are Kappas, all from our chapter except one, Miss Agnes Foster of Syracuse, teacher in the Art school,—which fact behooves us to bestir ourselves, (as one of our worthy professors is wont to say), lest we sit idly by, and, admiring the present glory of the double blue, forget that it is our privilege to perpetuate that glory,—of which privilege, we may say, we hope to take advantage.

We have held our monthly drawing rooms as usual, which continue to increase in attendance and interest. Recently we have had the pleasure of having as visitors some of our girls from Mu and Delta.

Next year, as usual, there will be a contract between ourselves and Alpha chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta. The spirit of this con-

tract is the protection of the fraternities concerned and also of the new girls; it provides that no rushing be done or propositions for membership be given until four weeks after school opens. We find such an agreement indispensable. During this reprieve we hope to devote as much of our time as possible to the new girls, not simply to those whom we hope to pledge our own, but, as Christian women, to help make the ordeal of getting settled in college life and work a little less of a trial to the many strange and friendless new girls.

We lose this year six of our girls, by graduation. They will be gone in body, but we shall have them in what they have been to us these five or six years. Their firm hold to truth and sincerity, even where it seemed expedient to depart just a little from the straight and narrow way, and then patient bearing and forbearing have made a higher life, as women, and a greater usefulness as fraternity members, possible to us.

We feel like old war comrades. Have we not fought, bivouacked and rejoiced together in this common warfare against the *Adam*? And so over the stretches of time and space we keep at one, for we repeat in unison the untranslatable words of our German poet, "Das Ewig-Wielliche zieht uns heran."

MU—BUTLER UNIVERSITY.

Mu's scribe felt something like Rip Van Winkle last month, when she awoke and found her chapter letter long since due. And her feelings on viewing the place in THE KEY where her letter should have been were certainly not less despairing than those of the old hero of the Catskill at the sight of his rusted gun.

We have now, therefore, the pleasure of recording our life and events for the last two quarters.

Our winter term was very fittingly closed with an initiatory ceremony. Miss Retta Valeria Barnhill, Miss Edith Dorthy Surbey and Miss Lenora Hazel Barnhill were the victims warmly welcomed into our Kappa band.

Our greatest interest after the holidays was centered in the State Oratorical Contest, for our representative this year, Miss Mary Bemis Galvin, wore a golden key. Although first honors were not awarded our

Kappa, Mu felt proud nevertheless. We are also much gratified that of five young women, chosen by the Faculty for our "Collegian" staff next year, four are Kappas, and that a Kappa is to be the Editor-in-Chief.

Socially, our best evening efforts have been an Art Reception and a "Dove party." Kappa also enjoyed a very happy evening with Phi Delta Theta at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kautz.

Our last regular meeting was held at Miss Surbey's home in the city. As our crowd was speeding in on "Our 'lectric car — shootin' like the lightenin'—now an' then a jar," the rain began to descend, and it was suggested that we stay under shelter, and have our meeting in the car. It was agreed that this was a very original idea, but, disliking to disappoint our city hostess, we refrained, and therefore, as the sensational novelist would say, the most unique affair in the world did not occur. Thus we philosophized as we shouldered our umbrellas and hastened to our Kappa sister's, where we spent a most delightful afternoon.

As Butlerites we are now enjoying a series of lectures upon Germany and German Universities by Professors Howe and Iden, who have lately returned from foreign study and travel.

As a fraternity we are at present dividing our attention between our fraternity picture, our Preparatory pledges, and our Commencement plans. We suppose that all fraternity chapters are similarly interested. Mu's wish is that all may have "angelic" pictures, the strongest, truest girls for our new pledges, and the most enjoyable Commencement possible!

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Is there any time during the whole college year so perfectly delightful, and, at the same time, so thoroughly demoralizing to all methods of regular work as the "spring term?" Study! it is almost impossible to compose one's self to the perusal of dull histories and prosy note-books while the birds are singing all around, and everything is bright and warm and sunny out of doors. Fortunately our professors seem to realize the situation, and to sympathize with us in our honest efforts to put "duty before pleasure" for the work is, on the whole, somewhat lighter as the warm weather comes,

on, and many of the college rules are relaxed a little. There is more time for walking, driving and boating, for jolly tramps and for tennis. We are all well acquainted now, and are beginning to feel as if we had "known each other always." Fraternity ties are drawn closer, and sometimes we are a little pensive, when we think how soon we must say "good-by" to a part of our number, while we resolutely make up our minds to have just as good a time together as we can possibly have before we separate.

Five of our Eta girls are to leave us this year,—Frances Bowen, Nellie Ford, Katherine Post, Otilie Schumann and Anna Woodward. One of our graduates, Jessie Griffith, has just accepted a fellowship in German, and her Kappa sisters are rejoicing at the thought of having her with them another year, as they endeavored to demonstrate by the "spread" with which they celebrated her victory. Another of our girls, Mabel McCoy, has achieved honor for herself and her fraternity by capturing second prize at the Freshman Declamation Contest, held at Library Hall, Friday evening, May 19. On the evening of June 9 floods of eloquence will again descend upon the ears of the multitude assembled in Library Hall, the occasion being the annual Junior Exhibition, or "Junior Ex.," as it is familiarly called, when one representative from each of the five literary societies of the University will compete for oratorical fame. Library Hall was also the scene of a very enjoyable concert given early in May by the Choral Club, with the assistance of the Schubert Quartette from Chicago and several talented soloists. The occasion proved an exceedingly enjoyable one for audience and participants alike.

There have been a number of pleasant social events during the term, the first to be mentioned being, of course, our own Kappa party, which took place on the evening of April 28 at Brown's Hall, in Madison. The reception and supper rooms were very prettily arranged with handsome rugs and portieres, cozy couches and tempting little seats, tall lamps and screens; with the supper table decorated with dainty candelabra, quantities of beautiful flowers, and delicate little sprays of smilax. The supper table was presided over by two of our most charming alumnae. The dancing hall proper was hung with pictures and pretty window draperies, behind which the cushioned window seats offered cute little resting places for two

The orchestra was stationed in a little alcove, banked with palms in front, and from there floated forth the sweet strains of the "Wang" waltzes or "Over the Waves," while large feathered owls, perched here and there above us, looked down in mild astonishment upon the gay dancers below, and tiny owlets with Kappa neck-ties served as souvenirs of the occasion. About thirty-five couples were in attendance, including several guests from out of town, and when the party finally broke up in the "wee sma' hours," all united in pronouncing it the most successful fraternity party of the season.

There have been two large University parties this term, the Senior Dance, held early in April, to which Juniors, Sophomores and even "Freshies" were admitted, and the Athletic Ball coming three or four weeks later, gotten up by the young ladies of the University for the benefit of the Athletic Association, and affording a most enjoyable evening to about eighty couples.

The Junior class held a very pleasant reception at Library Hall, May 6, which was distinctively a class affair and was quite informal. Dancing was not the only feature of the evening. Those who preferred a quieter sort of amusement played cards, while all had their silhouettes taken, sang college songs, and became better acquainted.

One of the pleasant features of the social life of the University has been the Saturday evening receptions which President and Mrs. Adams have given for the students during the past two terms. Their beautiful home was thrown open, and the young people were free to roam about as they pleased. There was always good music, light refreshments were served, and the evenings were passed in pleasant conversation. Mrs. Adams has also given literary and musical afternoons from time to time, to meet the young ladies of the different classes, and these have proved delightful occasions.

Friday, May 19, was Field Day at U. W., and an ideal day it was for the sports. A crowd of enthusiastic Kappas hired a large carriage, and, equipped with red parasols, gorgeous cardinal streamers, and cameras, spent a jolly afternoon watching the athletic looking youths sprint, vault, and accomplish various other feats of strength and endurance calculated to inspire their fair spectators with awe and admiration. The following week Kappa.

again chartered "rigs," and turned out *en masse* to see Wisconsin defeat Ann Arbor at baseball. This had been anticipated as *the* game of the season, so everyone was anxious to witness it; the grounds presented a very lively appearance with the many gaily decorated turnouts, the crowded grand stand, and the enthusiastic "bleachers," rendering the air melodious with their tin horns and "Kazoos." But alas for our misplaced confidence! Our boys were obliged to suffer defeat at the hands of the mighty Michigan men,— the first defeat of the season,— and, a thunder-storm coming up suddenly, we were glad to hurry home and leave the heavens to weep over our disappointed ball nine, while the jubilant "Michiganders" celebrated their victory. However, we still hope to beat them "next time." "U-rah-rah, Wis-con-sin" !!!

To use a popular expression, athletics are simply "booming" here at present, and we realize more than ever that our University is growing rapidly. Our magnificent Gymnasium and Armory, so long dreamed of as a future possibility, is at last under way, while the new University Boat House is completed, stocked and in running order, and the crew is rejoicing in the acquisition of an elegant new racing shell, the gift of a prominent Milwaukee gentleman. The annual regatta is to be held on Lake Mendota, June 17, and bids fair to be one of the greatest events of the year. A slight check has been put upon the general college boating, however, by a sad drowning accident which occurred on the lake a short time ago, in which two of the students lost their lives, and a third was rescued only with great difficulty. Beta Theta Pi had issued invitations for a party, to come off that very evening, and had everything in readiness for the guests when the sad news was received. The boys immediately decided to give up their party, and every one of the girls respected them the more for this kind expression of sympathy.

Mrs. Pope is preparing to give "The National Pageant," an entertainment which she has already presented in many of the large cities of the country, at the Madison Opera House, June 10 and 12. The proceeds are to go to the Athletic Association, and the students themselves are to take most of the principal parts in the performance. Rehearsals are at present

a matter of absorbing interest, and Kappa is doing her full share toward the success of the entertainment.

An air of mystery surrounds the Laurean Literary Society, and it is whispered about that she is preparing a "blowout," with which to astonish her admiring friends; but the truth of this rumor, as well as the exact nature of the aforesaid "blowout," time alone will disclose, as each girl seems sworn to secrecy.

Memorial Day was a holiday for the students, and picnics of assorted sizes disported themselves at the various charming places along the lake shores, spending a glorious day, and coming home by moonlight to the accompaniment of banjos and guitars, with choruses of merry laughter.

Another year has nearly passed away; in a few short weeks exams. will be over and the jolly college boys and girls all scattered for the summer, some of them never to return. Yet, already some of us are looking forward to the coming year. Eta had hoped to have a new house in which to begin the new year; but has decided to keep the old one a few months longer, with the prospect of a charming home in the not-distant future. We are to have very pleasant chaperons next year, a young professor and his wife, who have promised to come to us; but we are more than sorry to lose Madame Carson, who has been with us for three years, but expects to return to Europe in the fall.

A short time ago our chapter was saddened by the death of Mr. Locke, the father of Edith Locke, one of our Madison alumnæ.

Before closing, Eta wishes to introduce her new pledgling, Maud Thorpe, whose sisters are all loyal Kappas, and who has herself promised to wear the key. And now we send to one and all our heartiest wishes for a long, pleasant summer, and a restful vacation.

UPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Upsilon's girls are looking forward to a very pleasant vacation, especially during the first week when our Grand Council will be with us. We are trying to grow very learned in matters pertaining to our fraternity, in preparation for the second degree examinations, and we shall be very

proud to wear the fleur-de-lis pendant. We are sorry that our grand officers cannot come earlier for we should like to have them meet many of our friends who will be gone, but we shall be glad to have them all to ourselves, and we hope to make the bond of Kappa sisterhood one of personal friendship. Edith Baker has opened her home to us for a reunion of our alumnae on the first night of the council meeting, and we expect to have many of the old girls with us. Clemma Roland's uncle has kindly secured the Evanston Club House for us, and in a few days the invitations will be out for a reception June 19, to the Grand council, Eta chapter, and our Evanston friends.

Ten of our girls have engaged rooms four doors from the cottage where eight more of us live, so that all, except the girls who are in town, will be close together, and we shall come as near the home life as we can without a chapter house.

Consistent with their new ideas of propriety, the Faculty has made a request that is equivalent to a command, that all the sororities give up their halls in public buildings for next year, and the dean has offered us rooms on the fourth floor of the Woman's Hall just across the street from the cottage, so we shall be nearer our hall, as well as nearer each other. The old hall has grown into our hearts so deeply that it will tear some chords to give it up, but we shall probably like our new home, and spend more time in it than we could when it was down town. The only objection is that we shall have to climb the stairs, and then be on the same floor with all the other sororities, and we fear that we shall have to banish our real live goats.

Last week our college annual, the *Syllabus*, made its appearance. It contains over three hundred and fifty pages, and is very prettily bound in blue and silver. The *Syllabus* has always been published by the Greeks until this year, when we gave its management into the hands of the Junior Class,—by the way, a Kappa, the only girl who ever held the office is president of the class,—and it is certainly as good, if not better than before, and receives a much larger support from the non-fraternity element.

The students enjoyed a rare treat during the first week of May when the Methodist bishops held their conference in Evanston. We were

honored by their presence at chapel exercises, and we listened eagerly to their addresses both to the students and from the pulpit.

We held our last "at home" at Faerie Bartlett's. One of our Kappa brothers had procured some napkins from China folded in the shapes of Chinese gods, and we had great sport unfolding and trying to refold them. Some of the brightest persons were puzzled a long time, and it was jolly fun to aid each other and laugh at the helplessness of the boys until we lent them our wits and our fingers. It was at the time of the World's Fair opening, so we had tiny silk flags for favors. Later in the evening the banjos responded to the touch of our musicians and we sang college and Kappa songs until it was time to go home, when every one declared that the last was the most delightful of all our delightful "at homes."

There has been plenty of society this term, and some of our girls have been very tired for weeks at a time, for Kappas will keep up their scholarship and as it is hard work to study after a night of dissipation, everybody, is glad that there is less society now than last year. Phi Delta Theta gave a delightful reception to Eugene Field, at the Evanston Club house, at which a number of keys were prominent. Seven of our girls report a very enjoyable time at the Delta Upsilon banquet. Many Delta Upsilon alumni were present, and we were pleased to see that with them were Kappa alumnae. The invitations are out for the Psi Kappa Psi "symposium" and several Kappas are going.

Jessie Bliss has returned from California and Mexico where she has been spending the winter, and she has grown so well and so plump that we are almost repaid for doing without her in the chapter room. Lucy Shuman and Theo Irvine will be in school again next fall, but Carla Sargent goes to the Chicago University, and though she will be near us and often with us we shall miss her sadly. We shall lose for good one of our freshman girls, Neenah Wakeman, for she will not be in existence after June twentieth. To console us for our loss she has invited us to her home to see our Neenah annihilated, and to wish happiness to Mrs. Schaad, who will hereafter take her place, and be just like our old sister except the name, while she gives us a new Kappa brother.

I must tell you about our chapter meetings; we are so foolish, but we

have a delightful time and we love each other so dearly. As we gather in our room first one girl and then another will tell of a compliment from a professor, or a note of commendation for excellency in general scholarship, or some one will tell of an invitation to go to some lovely place, and we crow to think how smart we are; then the program begins and we learn more and more about our fraternity, and letters are read from other chapters telling us about their life, and we resolve to adopt their good ideas, and see points of superiority in ourselves; and when one girl announced that an Alpha Phi had said in the most matter of fact way, "Why, everybody knows that Kappa is the best sorority," we all agreed with her and our enthusiasm waxed warm until we all fell to hugging each other, and giving delighted little squeals, and we decided most emphatically that Kappa is by far superior to every other fraternity that does or ever will exist, and that of all her chapters Upsilon is the dearest, and then we sang the doxology and adjourned to a soda fountain. We have many sunshiny days and moonlight nights on our dear old lake this spring, and our girls are becoming "nut-brown maidies," but very happy and very well "maidies" for this time of the year when examinations are just beginning. We all find time between hours of hard "cramming" for strolls in the woods and up the lake shore, and long spins on our wheels, and boat-rides and rowing, so life is still full of pleasure both in our chapter and in school, although it is the time of hard work and long good-byes.

"So here 's my hand,
And mine, with my heart in 't. And now farewell
'Till three glad months hence."

EPSILON—ILLINOIS WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

School will be out June 15, and then there will be many happy, light-hearted students. They are all waiting patiently for that time. We shall all appreciate the vacation the more, since the last week of school is occupied by examinations.

This June we lose four of our members by graduation, Misses Lizzie Fulinwider and Mame Hickman from the literary department and Misses

Belle Marsh and Willia Young from the music department. We shall miss these girls very much, but are glad to enroll them among the alumni of our University. The chapter presented each of them with a beautiful Kappa Kappa Gamma monogram pin.

Misses Allen, Kewick and Long, three of our new girls, are not in school this spring.

The Faculty allowed us Decoration Day as a holiday and several of our girls spent the day in picnicing at Kappa, Ill. They report a most enjoyable time in hunting flowers, boat-riding, etc.

Our college paper, *The Wesleyan Echo*, published a souvenir edition this month consisting of thirty-two pages. It is gotten up well, and the students, who have been looking forward to the time when it should appear, are not at all disappointed in their expectations. It has in it a picture of the five different Greek fraternities, and a short history of each.

Lucy Bates, class of '94, will teach in the City schools next year and then finish in '95.

Grace Loudon is visiting her sister in Iowa.

Emily Wright, class of '96, expects to attend the Normal school at Normal, Ill. next year.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Susie Foreman, one of our Kappa girls, and Mr. Homer Hall, a Phi Gamma Delta. The affair will be one of the social events of the year. We all wish them a long and happy life. They have built a lovely new house in this city, and expect to make it their future home.

Miss Birdie Kewick will attend the Northwestern next year.

The active members of our chapter were agreeably surprised one Friday afternoon when the resident members came up with their baskets well filled. The afternoon was spent in "feasting" and, as they said, in "teaching the babies how to eat."

Miss Grace Adams, class of '94, will not be in school next fall and winter terms. Also Miss Mary Baker will not be in school next year.

Miss Hallie Long visited her old friends at the Wesleyan in May.

On May 6, from 7.30 to 10.30 at the home of Miss Carrie Cole the Kappa girls entertained a number of their friends among the young

women. The first part of the evening was spent in games, conversation and in giving the Kappa call and whistle, after which an elegant supper including all the delicacies of the season was served. We had planned a picnic but owing to the unfavorable weather substituted the party in its stead. Miss Cole, as is well known to Kappa girls, is an admirable hostess, and all present had a delightful time.

The Athletic Association is prospering finally. The base ball club played the nine from Bloomington, Ind.; the game came out 6 to 5 in favor of the Wesleyan. They played the nine from Kankakee, June 9, and also came out victorious.

The Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Chi have invited several boys this term.

The Y.W.C.A. of the Wesleyan, of which most of our girls are members, entertained the Y. W. C. A. at the Normal University in May. They had a picture on the Wesleyan campus and the afternoon was spent in playing tennis, croquet, etc. In the evening the Y. M. C. A. from both Universities came in and the time was spent in games and conversation. Every one reported a very nice time. Supper was served at six o'clock.

Kappa Alpha Theta gave a reception May 26 to about seventy-five of their friends, including ladies and gentlemen.

CHI — MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Commencement week is here with all its gayety and excitement. We are glad at the prospect of the three months of rest and fun ahead of us, for we have worked hard, and we are human, most of us.

But when it really comes to leaving, all feel a little sadness creeping into their hearts. The year just past has been a busy, happy one, rich in its broadening influence on heart as well as mind.

As we are getting ready to leave, everything about the University seems trying to induce us to stay. It is so beautiful. The green banks and trees smile upon the Father of Rivers, as he sweeps down from St. Anthony's Falls, just visible around the curve above. Minneapolis, like a dream city, lies shining in the sun on the other side, while, close at hand,

the trees snuggle up to the dignified buildings, and seem to coax them to unbend into a frivolous summer aspect.

The chapter gayeties during the spring have consisted in "At Homes," those following our Fraternity party, at Bird Best's, and a later one at Nellie Merrill's to favored young men friends. One evening Marion Craig and Katherine Everts gave a presentation of the balcony scene in Romeo and Juliet and the garden scene in Twelfth Night before an audience of Kappas, active and alumnæ, and a few friends. The characters had been carefully studied, the costumes were appropriate and beautiful, and the rendering was unanimously voted excellent.

The annual alumnæ banquet was given at the home of Hope and Margaret McDonald, at which Miss Tupper of Iota was present.

Many other social pleasures might be mentioned, such as the buckboard ride to Fort Snelling, indulged in by a number of Chi Psis and Kappa Kappa Gammas, but these may be better taken for granted than told in detail.

The University girls, the Kappas by no means behind the others, have spurred our athletes on to fresh efforts by their interest and enthusiasm in regard to all athletic affairs, and by their pocketbooks as well.

The last week has been full of pleasures and festivities arising from Commencement, but our hearts ache as we think of what it means to us. Our sister, Mable Austin, is one of the graduates, and we find it hard to think of Chi Chapter without her guidance and cheery presence.

That is all; college year '92-'93 is past; already we are making new plans and resolutions for college year '93-'94. The King is dead, long live the King!

BETA ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The time of Commencement is upon us and all interest is directed toward our graduates. We hear Seniors constantly talking of rehearsals for class day; we see notices from the president saying that names should be left for diplomas, and the college papers tell us where the members of class '93 will be next year and what line of work they will be following.

This year the collegiate department of the University of Iowa gradu-

ates a class numbering forty-six, though several who are members of the Bahama Expedition will not be present on Commencement day. A very interesting program has been prepared for Commencement week, and we are all looking forward with pleasure to that time. On the evening of June 9 occurs the anniversary of the literary societies. A program is to be presented at the Opera House, consisting of orations given by representatives of each society. Class Day is June 12. In the afternoon exercises will be given on the campus and in the evening an original play at the Opera House. June 13 is Alumni Day, June 14 Commencement for the law department and on June 15 the collegiates receive their diplomas. As usual these exercises will be held in the morning and will consist of six orations given by the six members of the class receiving highest markings. Miss Jessamine Jones, one of our senior Kappas, stands third among the speakers; all three of our Seniors, however, received places on the "honor roll."

This spring the University of Iowa has ventured a new enterprise. She has sent an expedition consisting of professors and students to the Bahama Islands for the purpose of pursuing scientific studies and to collect specimens for the University. Only those students who make a specialty of science were allowed to become members of the expedition, and credit is given for the work done. This is the first expedition of the sort ever sent out by an American University and we are all anxiously watching the progress made. Also a member of class '92, Mr. Russel, is travelling in the most northern part of the continent collecting specimens from that region.

This spring term has been an unusually busy one with us. It seems that every organization — and we have many — has been struggling to distinguish itself. Owing to the pleasant weather, much interest has been shown in athletics. On our home Field Day there was much enthusiasm, and the records made were fairly good. The Kappas went to the exercises together. Imagine a large carriage drawn by four horses, voluminous decorations of light and dark blue with here and there a glimmer of S. U. I. old gold — the carriage overflowing with Kappas, and you see us. That we might have a more lasting memento of the occasion than memory

could furnish, one of our members took along her brother's camera. Nine pictures were taken in as many different positions, but as the cap was removed in no case nothing material has yet developed. On reaching the grounds we were invited to share a stand which commanded the best view possible, with Beta Theta Pi. This was a great kindness on the part of the Betas, as the stand had been reserved for members of their own fraternity. Two very successful entertainments have been given for the benefit of the athletic association, a Shakespearian Burletta by the women of the University, and later a "minstrel show" by the men.

Our ball team has met with more defeats than usual, but perhaps the reason lies in the fact that more games have been played. Aside from many games in our own state, they have played the Universities of Chicago, Northwestern University, and the University of Wisconsin. Ann Arbor was to have played here May 21, but a mistake in railroad connections prevented their arriving on time; the University of Wisconsin will play here June 1.

One cause for rejoicing has been the debate with the University of Minnesota; three representatives from each University were chosen and Minneapolis was selected as the field of conflict. The decision was unanimous in favor of S. U. I.

We feel that Beta Zeta has not allowed herself to be left behind in this general spring impetus. In the first place we have strengthened our numbers by adding two very charming freshmen, Helen Currier, of Iowa City, and Helen Stewart, of Des Moines. The initiation was made doubly pleasant by the presence of Miss Crosby, of Lambda.

Then we have been entertained several times as a fraternity. Teas have been given by Mrs. Sawyer and Miss Rees, and by Mrs. Professor Neff, in honor of her sister, Miss Loyd, of Iota, who is spending a few weeks in Iowa City.

May 30, Phi Delta Theta gave a most enjoyable boating party to the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We went in boats several miles up the river, ate luncheon on shore, and then floated down in the moonlight.

THETA — MISSOURI UNIVERSITY.

Another school year is ended; examinations, anniversaries and Commencement are of the past, while to many a life full of work and pleasure is just opened. Our chapter had no academic graduate this year and only one in the Normal school.

The graduating class was smaller than usual.

Commencement this year possessed several new features. This is the first year Class Day has ever been regularly observed. On this occasion Theta was represented by Roberta Waugh, who was chosen Historian of the Normal Class.

One of the pleasantest additions to the usual programme was field day of the Athletic Association.

On May 31, the annual address to the alumni was delivered; and for the first time this honor was conferred upon a woman, Mrs. Sallie Gentry Ellston, of '72. The address was grand and could not fail to inspire with fresh courage and zeal all who heard it.

The annual hops of Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Nu were given May 29, 30 and 31; at each Kappa was well represented. Theta gave her usual dance May 8, at the home of Dr. Schneitzer, which was most kindly offered us. It was a grand success as one of the most elegant and delightful events of the season.

For the coming year we anticipate great prosperity for our chapter.

Since our University is growing so rapidly we expect a large number of new students among whom we hope to find some real Kappas. Of the new buildings the Law, Engineering and Physics, and the Manual Training buildings are completed, and by next fall we hope to have the Chemical Laboratory and the Biological building finished. The Main Building, for which the legislature appropriated two hundred and forty thousand dollars, will not be completed for a year or two as it is to be a very elegant building. The campus at present is in a distressing condition but by fall we hope it will present an inviting appearance. Fifteen thousand dollars were appropriated for improvement of the campus and the contract has already been given. Throughout all Kappadom we would send greeting and a most earnest wish for success.

SIGMA — NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Commencement is here again. We can hardly realize that it has been nine months since we met and arranged our work for the year. As we recall to mind our ten new initiates, we feel that it has, indeed, been a prosperous year for Sigma. We trust that during the three short months of our summer vacation nothing will happen to sadden our homes, or render it impossible for any one of us to return.

On the twenty-fifth of March we initiated five girls — Florence Winger, Besse Gahan, Maud Risser, Sallie Groh and Elizabeth Seacrest. Miss Risser and Miss Seacrest had both received invitations from Delta Gamma. The evening of the initiation we invited the Phi Delta Thetas out for tea.

The Michigan Glee Club gave a concert April eighteenth, at which a large audience was present and showed great appreciation. At the close of the concert, Mrs. Chancellor Canfield and several prominent ladies tendered the club a reception at the home of Chancellor Canfield and to which the alumni of the Michigan College residing in the city, and a delegation of two from each fraternity were invited. Misses Mattie Burke and Nellie Griggs were the representatives from Sigma. Kate Scothom, one of our associate members, and her cousin, Mr. H. T. Ricketts, a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity gave a very pleasant library party in honor of the Phi Delta Thetas and Kappa Kappa Gammas.

On the evening of May fourth, Sigma entertained all the fraternity members in college at the home of Anna Broady. In one corner of the room, before the grate we pitched a tent, in which sat a gypsy, who told the fortunes of the guests in rhyme. After this, we danced and played cards.

The Beta Theta Pis gave a very pleasant party, May eleventh, at which the Kappas were well represented. The Sigma Chis entertained the Kappas very nicely at a dancing party May seventeenth.

Next year the Junior Class expect to have a college annual. Of the editorial staff, which was elected a few weeks ago, just one half are members of fraternities. Miss Marie Gere of Sigma is one of the associate editors.

We feel that we did well, since there are ninety-six in the class, and only thirteen of them fraternity members.

It is rumored that by next fall the Sigma Alpha Epsilons and Delta Tau Deltas will each have a chapter at the University of Nebraska.

Two hundred and fifty of the cadets left yesterday for Nebraska City, where they expect to camp out for a week. They will take part in the exercises on Decoration Day.

Rev. Mr. Buss of Fremont will deliver the Baccalaureate sermon at the Lansing Theatre. On Monday evening, June 5, the graduating exercises and last concert of the Department of Music will be given. The University chorus and orchestra will take part. On Tuesday afternoon the buildings will be thrown open to the public, and in all departments the apparatus and all the appliances of instruction will be displayed. In the afternoon Chancellor and Mrs. Canfield will hold a reception in Memorial Hall. On Tuesday evening the Junior Class will tender the Seniors a banquet at the Lindell Hotel. Wednesday morning Dr. Von Holst will deliver the commencement oration — "The Nationalization of Education and the Universities;" the degrees will be conferred; the Governor will issue the commissions to the graduating battalion officers, giving them rank in the State Militia, and then will come the congratulations, and the leave takings, and then — the end.

OMEGA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The notice to corresponding secretaries in the April KEY, was probably hailed with thankfulness, at least, by most of the chapters, as the Commencement theme is an all-absorbing one, especially when sister Kappas take a part. But it did not altogether lighten the heart of the "scribbler" for Omega. Our Commencement will not take place until after the letter to THE KEY has been written and sent, as it is not till June 7, and we are just now struggling through the depths of examinations. We hope to prove ourselves good Kappas by coming through triumphant, but, oh, how much that word "final" does mean. We have but one graduate this year, Nellie Morris, and as she is a resident of Lawrence, we shall not lose her from our ranks next fall.

The senior class has been exceedingly enterprising this year, and has sent out an Annual which even the Juniors must allow is a credit to them. The only thing about it that does not seem a success is the name they have given it. You have heard the "Annual" discussed very frequently but it is only the daring few who attempt "Quivira." The book is neatly bound in dark blue with gold lettering. It contains a picture of each member of the Faculty, views of the exterior and different parts of the interior of all the buildings, pictures of groups in Professor Dyche's collection of animals (now at the World's Fair). The printed matter includes, in a short review the history of the school, and the body of the book is given up to this year's school and its happenings. In the space allotted to fraternities, Phi Psi, only, has a cut.

On May Day the four classes had their usual frolic. There were only two factions, however, for at Kansas University the sophomores always side with the Seniors, and the Junior is the little Freshman's hero. Though each side was determined to have its own way, it was a good-natured crowd, and there was no injury done, unless it was to the dignity of a stout telegraph pole that was broken in two during the day. Of course there were no recitations; our professors seemed to enjoy the fun as much as did the boys. At first the girls watched from every available window and door, but as the interest grew we gathered out on the campus, but always at a safe distance, if you please. The spirit of mischief seemed to be infectious, as at about four in the afternoon, when quietness was settling down over the University, the public school boys began their war.

Though we must confess to not having followed in detail the work outlined by our president, yet, if all the Kappa girls have had as much enjoyment from the topic, "Our Nearest Chapter," as we have had, we think our president would feel fully repaid for her trouble in writing to all the chapters. Sigma, Lincoln University, was our selection, and the corresponding secretary was at once troubled for a letter of information about that chapter; Miss Lindly responded with a delightful, chatty account of Sigma's girls and their doings. In this way a correspondence has opened, which we hope may continue. In the letter Miss Lindly mentioned that they would give a party soon; we felt a little piqued at not

having received an invitation, and wrote something to that effect. The summons to the festivity arrived in haste, and the other day came a letter mildly insinuating that it was manners to acknowledge an invitation. But as we had to beg for it we feel equal to the reply and our little spat will keep matters lively for awhile.

In the last KEY the letter from Beta Eta made us long to enjoy their lovely climate, for in this latitude it seems as if a second deluge was imminent.

Omega is to have the pleasure of entertaining our national secretary, Miss Austin, next week, and we are eagerly awaiting her arrival.

Two or three of our members go to Chicago as soon as school closes; others will visit the White City during the summer or fall. We will all watch for golden keys, and girls that have a "Kappafied" look. We even hope that that air may be perceptible about those of us who come from the wild West.

We wish all Kappas, wherever they may go or be, a pleasant vacation and success with new girls next fall.

BETA ETA — LELAND STANFORD, JR., UNIVERSITY.

One more letter before we part for our summer vacation. We that live far away and perhaps can go home but once a year are indeed happy. Commencement will soon be here, and the customary festivities that usually precede such an event have already been initiated by the Junior hop. This was the first event of the kind on the campus, and for weeks was the great topic of conversation. It was given in the young men's gymnasium, which had been transformed into a bower of beauty. Parallel bars and horizontal ladders decked with evergreens formed cosy little corners for tête-à-tête.

The following Wednesday evening the Phi Kappa Psis welcomed many of their friends in their new home at College Terrace. Several of our girls were there and report the best kind of a time.

Last Friday the Zeta Phi fraternity gave a very lovely party at Hotel Vendome in San Jose. A special train left the campus at eight o'clock bearing the merrymakers away.

The Inter-Collegiate Field Day between U. C. and Stanford was held April 22; as it was our first Field Day, we did not do as well as we hope to in the future. But our defeat was recompensed by gloriously winning the first Intercollegiate Debate in the evening.

The last of three baseball games with U. C. was held in San Jose on Saturday last. We feel very proud over our victory since it was our good fortune to win all three of the games.

Leland Stanford, Jr.'s death occurred on May 14; and this is kept as Memorial Day. An excursion is always planned and this spring we shall spend the day at Santa Cruz, a seaside resort.

We shall feel very lonely next semester at not seeing Prof. Swain and Prof. Todd in our midst. Prof. Swain will accept the President's chair at Indiana University, and Prof. Todd, the chair of Romance Languages at Columbia College.

Our chapter has issued invitations for a reception on May 13, at the home of the Misses Chapman in Oakland. We shall spend the evening in dancing, and anticipate a merry time.

Editorial.

TO KAPPAS VISITING CHICAGO.

We have received notice that all Kappas visiting the Exposition are to register at the Organization Room, Women's Building, in the World's Fair grounds. Do not fail so to register, in order that members of our fraternity may have every opportunity to meet one another.

The Congress of college fraternities will be held July 19-20 inclusive. On the morning of the 19th, from 10 to 12, joint sessions of the men's and women's fraternities will take place; from two to four in the afternoon of the same day, the editors' congress. On the evening of the 20th, the women's fraternities will give a Pan-Hellenic banquet. This banquet is in charge of the chapters at Northwestern University, and the Knox chapters of Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi. The afternoon of the 20th will be "fraternity day" at the Fair. Those who have the good fortune

to be in Chicago at this time will need no urging to induce them to enter heartily into all the pleasant things that have been planned, with the purpose of bringing fraternity people together.

We would remind our readers of the notice concerning accommodations for college women at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, published in the April KEY.

WELCOME TO BETA IOTA.

The chapter roll of Kappa Kappa Gamma still unfolds. Hardly a year's weight of life rests upon the cheery California spirit of Beta Eta, when she is enabled to take up the dignities of a senior member of the family. She joined us on the 10th of June, 1892. On June 3, 1893, in Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pa., Beta Iota began to play the rôle of our youngest. She tells her own story so well in her chapter letter that any further account of her entrance into K. K. G. seems hardly necessary. She has assumed her place with a delightful combination of loyalty already well assured, and of understanding of the fraternity as thorough as could be gained before the doors were widely opened. THE KEY takes great pleasure in saying its cordial welcome to Beta Iota.

THE FRATERNITY DIRECTORY.

With the present number a new line has been added to this page of THE KEY, marking the advent of a new group of Kappas. The page has grown much fuller since we first made its acquaintance. We have always looked upon it with esteem, as a feature of THE KEY, which, while putting forward no claim to literary merit, possessed solid worth, and a high order of suggestiveness. It records the material growth of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

In our freshman year, we remember that a zealous classmate, as soon as she wore the key, set herself to learn by heart the Fraternity Directory.

At the risk of seeming to insist too often upon the desirability of a thorough knowledge of the fraternity, we desire to commend her example to our sisters in the bonds. Instead of learning the secretaries' names and addresses, however, which have not a character of unswerving stability, we would suggest the rank and general character of the colleges.

In the April KEY, Beta Nu discourses from the "Parthenon" upon the Second Degree. She says: "Perhaps the most immediate of its benefits will be a wider diffusion of knowledge among the individual members of the fraternity as a whole. Certainly there is much room for improvement in this respect." The "technical knowledge," as she calls it, seems reasonably easy to attain. Still, K. K. G., as her followers reflect with pride, is by no means a small fraternity; and the Kappa who has at her tongue's end the location of every chapter, and the nature of the college where each is located, may boast of a considerable store of information.

As we said not long ago the chief means by which to learn about the college life of the chapters is the chapter letters. We find with great satisfaction that the correspondents are making especial efforts to give the necessary and welcome details. It is possible also to discover such information in places apparently the least likely. The other day we read in a local paper dear to our suburban home a letter from Minneapolis wherein appeared a concise and interesting summary of the history of Minnesota University.

Far be it from THE KEY to urge upon its readers any strenuous toil for the summer months. But since vacation studies are often undertaken in these days, and being in vogue do not present an unpleasing aspect, we do heartily recommend to all Kappas as a holiday task the study of the Fraternity Directory, as one of the text-books of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

FLEUR-DE-LIS AND MAIDEN-HAIR.

Our last bit of work for the July KEY is finished in a country town high among the hills of western Massachusetts. The purple fleur-de-lis grows thickly here, and our hostess, a Kappa friend, brings great clusters

of the Kappa flower, and of maiden-hair. We sit writing while the strong west wind makes havoc among sheets of editorials, and we think for the hundredth time how greatly Kappa Kappa Gamma has helped to make some lives worth the having.

Exchanges.

The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for May is an especially enthusiastic number and the mainspring of its enthusiasm seems to be Grover Cleveland and the wonderful White Cross Pin.

On the opening page of the number we find the following :

“The election of Grover Cleveland as an honorary member of our brotherhood received so widespread an attention from the press of the country, that our fraternity was for a time the subject of what might fairly be called national interest. From one end of the land to the other the jubilee journals discussed this action of *Sigma Chi* with such fullness that their comments, if collected, would form a volume of considerable size.”

Yet the *Shield of Theta Delta Chi* has a spirited article on another phase of the subject and for its heading has “Unhealthy Notoriety”—another name for what *Sigma Chi* calls “National interest.”

A great deal depends on the point of view !

“Harm is always done by the initiation of any honorary member as each one increases the negative element.”

Such a statement is a little too sweeping for immediate and complete ratification.

We wish heartily that those who think that fraternity is narrowing might realize fully the truth of the sentiment expressed by Vice-President Stephenson at the banquet given in his honor by his fraternity, the *Phi Delta Theta*.

“In a certain sense,” he said “we are partisans, in a higher sense we are more than partisans.” “There comes a time,” he continued, “when American is a higher term than either Republican or Democrat.” All fraternity men and women are indeed more than partisans if fraternity means to them what it should—“a step by which they may ascend” to fuller and broader humanity.

The Shield of Theta Delta Chi does well to reprint the Vice-President’s words; it does better when, in its own comment, it says :

“*Phi Delta Theta* may glory in the honor bestowed upon her loyal subjects. We glory with her. So long as we cannot have them we are glad that some fraternity has.”—Magnanimity indeed !

"*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma* is fairly redolent with enthusiasm for that broad culture which makes the college girl what she is to-day." *The Key's* cordial thanks to the *Shield of Theta Delta Chi*.

The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta has a very commendable editorial on what it calls "monkey work" in initiations.

"It may be heresy, it may be contrary to all the canons of fraternity etiquette, it may be opposed to all the traditions of the fraternity life and practice, but if we could have our own way, we would, once for all, annihilate the custom of having any 'monkey work' connection with initiation into the Delta Tau Delta fraternity.

"The incongruity of the impressiveness and solemnity of the initiatory service and of the rowdyism that follows it too frequently!—ought to stamp the whole proceeding as unworthy of the modern college fraternity."

In the case of much milder and less dangerous practices than those mentioned in this editorial, we feel like saying with the writer quoted, "These things ought not so to be."

Kappa Alpha Theta gives us her usual number of daintily written articles on all sorts of subjects, more or less closely connected with fraternity interests, and all touched with the sentiment that seems to come so readily from *Kappa Alpha Theta* enthusiasts. The discussion of "the disappointing thing about girls" is taken up again, and "we are all condemned."

The dragon still bristles, fiercely as ever, on the covers of *Beta Theta Pi*. At least, the horned "beastis" of such varied and ferocious aspect, which we have always tacitly assumed to be a dragon, so bristles. Having gotten past the dragon, but with difficulty, for he has a weird fascination for us, we found a number of sketches, short articles on various colleges. The pioneer colleges of Ohio are treated briefly but interestingly, and are illustrated with small cuts.

The Alpha Phi Quarterly makes its appearance at our table, a welcome guest after so long an absence. That is a sense in which the *Quarterly's* visits are like those of the angels, but as we hope some day to be better acquainted with the heavenly visitants, so also we still aspire to an intimacy with the *Quarterly*.

In the *Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi is an article of great interest to us, touching upon the origin, aims and present arrangements of Harvard Annex. After a brief outline of its growth the Annex is spoken of as follows:

"The Annex is not a college and never intended to become one, yet the character of the instruction offered is essentially collegiate. The Annex does not confer degrees upon its graduates, but to those acquainted with the nature of the work done

at the Annex, a certificate from that institution is as valuable as a similar degree from Harvard.

"It has always been the plan of those who first conceived the plan of the Annex to make it such an institution for graduate work for women as Johns Hopkins is for men. Consequently every effort that the institution can afford is made to offer advanced courses to women. Four such new courses have been offered in the catalogue of this fourteenth year. This seems to me to be just the opportunity to do independent work under the guidance of scholarly men that women all over the country desire. But in order to meet this demand a large endowment fund is needed, as well as a publishing fund in order that the papers prepared by students in their research may be printed and placed in college libraries.

"Throughout the west where there are no traditions to delay the growth of reforms, where co-education is universal and successful, I know that the Annex is sometimes called the "tag end of Harvard" and that the president is considered narrow-minded in so far as he is said to be opposed to the higher education of women, or at least to the admission of women to our greatest schools of learning. It is remarked here in Cambridge however, quietly, it is true, but with conviction, that money would immediately open the graduate department of Harvard to women."

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* expresses some views upon the editor's necessary qualifications, very similar to certain remarks often heard in our vicinity.

"The fraternity editor must be a man of facile pen. A man who can express every idea that he has, and many more. He must be able to draw at sight from the bank of thought, and to discount his I. O. U. at the bank of ideas. While it is true that if a fraternity editor is a man of discretion and forethought, he can usually persuade his friends to contribute enough articles to leave him time to prepare the editorial departments; yet there is no telling when, at the eleventh hour, he may be called upon to fill up his magazine with articles of his own composition. He should possess a general information as to the history of his own order, and have a smattering of the history and condition of other similar organizations. He should be like Silas Wegg, able to drop into verse occasionally in order to relieve the monotony of page after page of prose. He must have nerve enough to publish his own lines, and at the same time reject the lines of others, which lines may not be up to the standard he arbitrarily fixes in such matters. It is a good rule never to let deformed verses go in. By deformed verses are meant verses which have lines of various numbers and lengths of feet, and lines which have no feet at all. In other words, the verses should run smoothly, and it is a patent impossibility for lines to run smoothly without feet, and feet that match. To these qualities may be added any quality that the editor happens to have in stock. He may be a clear thinker, a stronger reasoner, and a forcible writer. He may be a leader by nature, and a mold of opinion. He may be a man of judgment and discretion in choosing that which he writes, and he may be able not to write anything that is not for the good of his fraternity. He may be a prompt and punctual correspondent. He may never become irritated; on the contrary, he may possess indomitable patience. He may have nothing to do but to edit the magazine he conducts; but it is more than likely that there are other things demanding his attention, and filling his mind. The fraternity editor may possess many other qualities not necessary to mention. He may be married or single, rich or poor, tall or short, fat or slender, but he should try to write so as to impress the readers that he is married, is rich, is tall, and broadshouldered and has a voice resonant and commanding."

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