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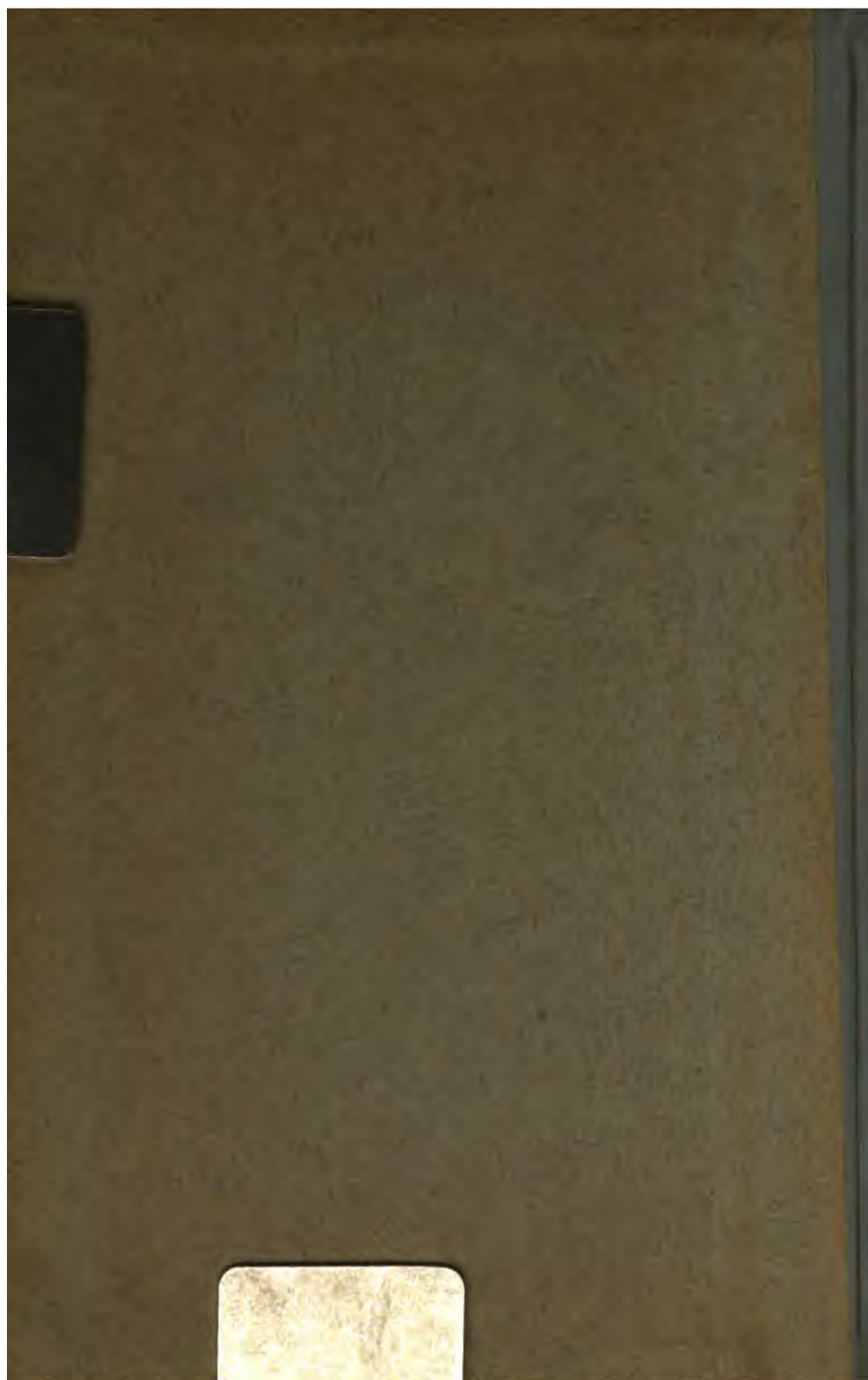
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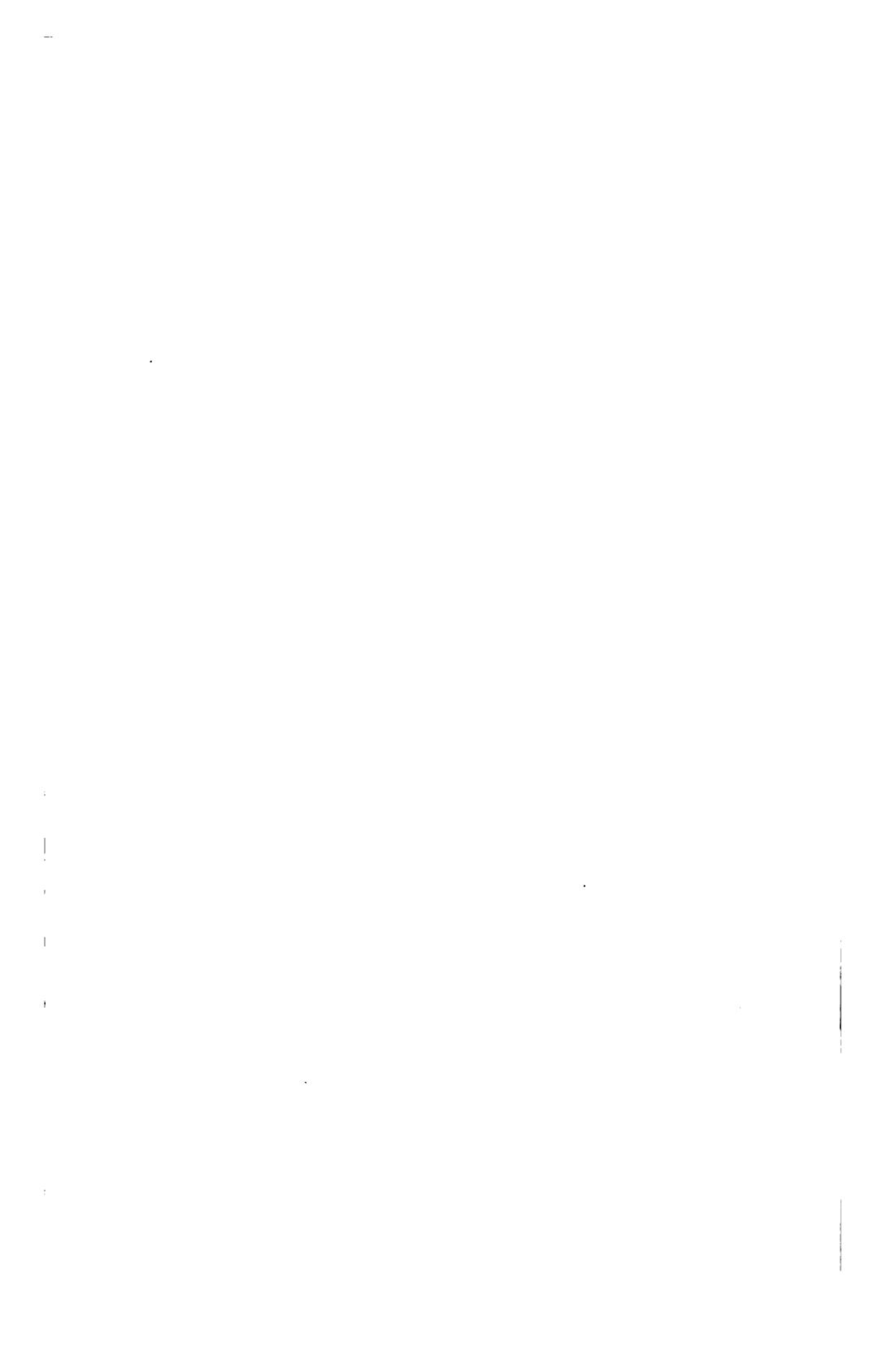
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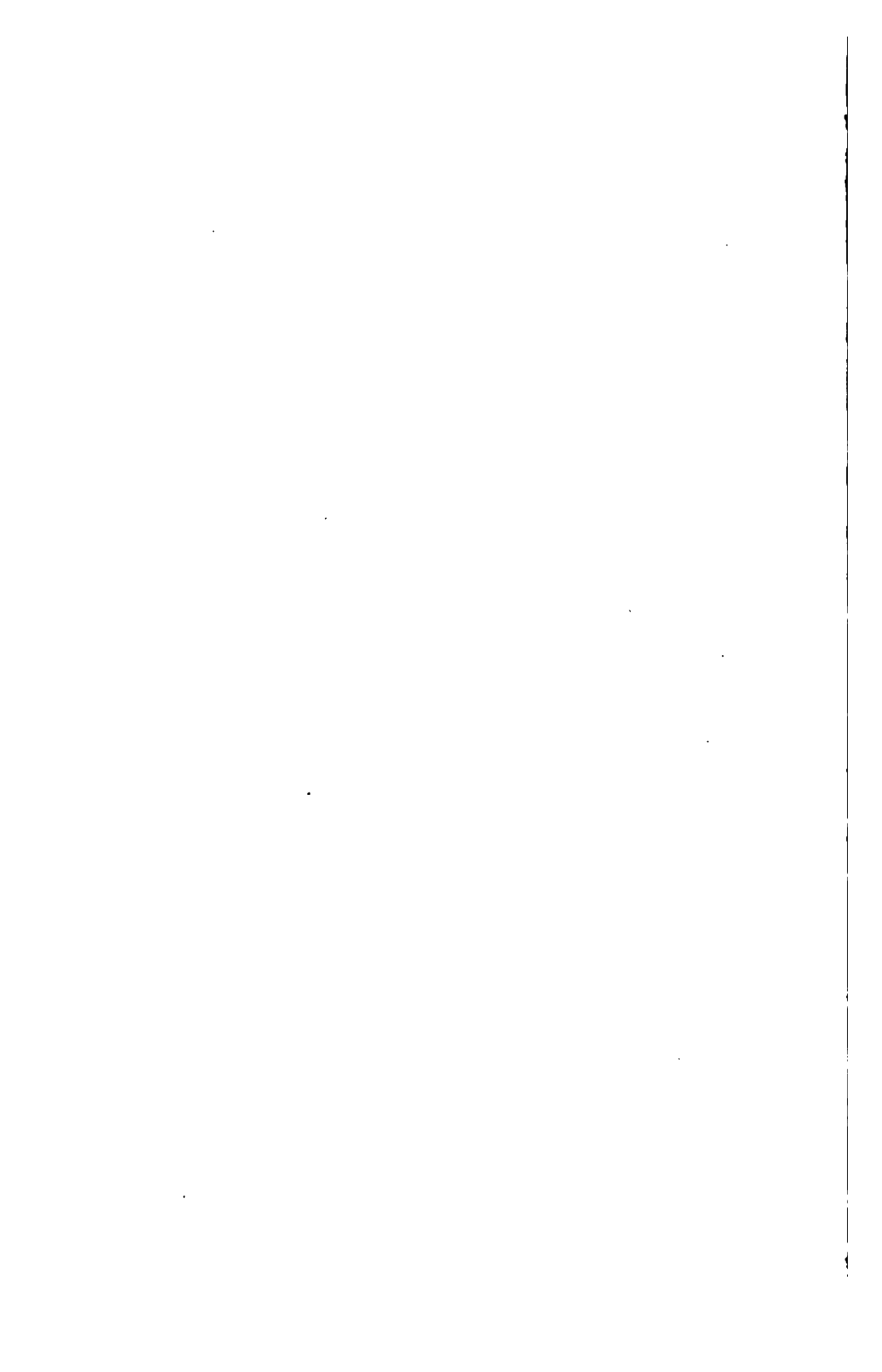




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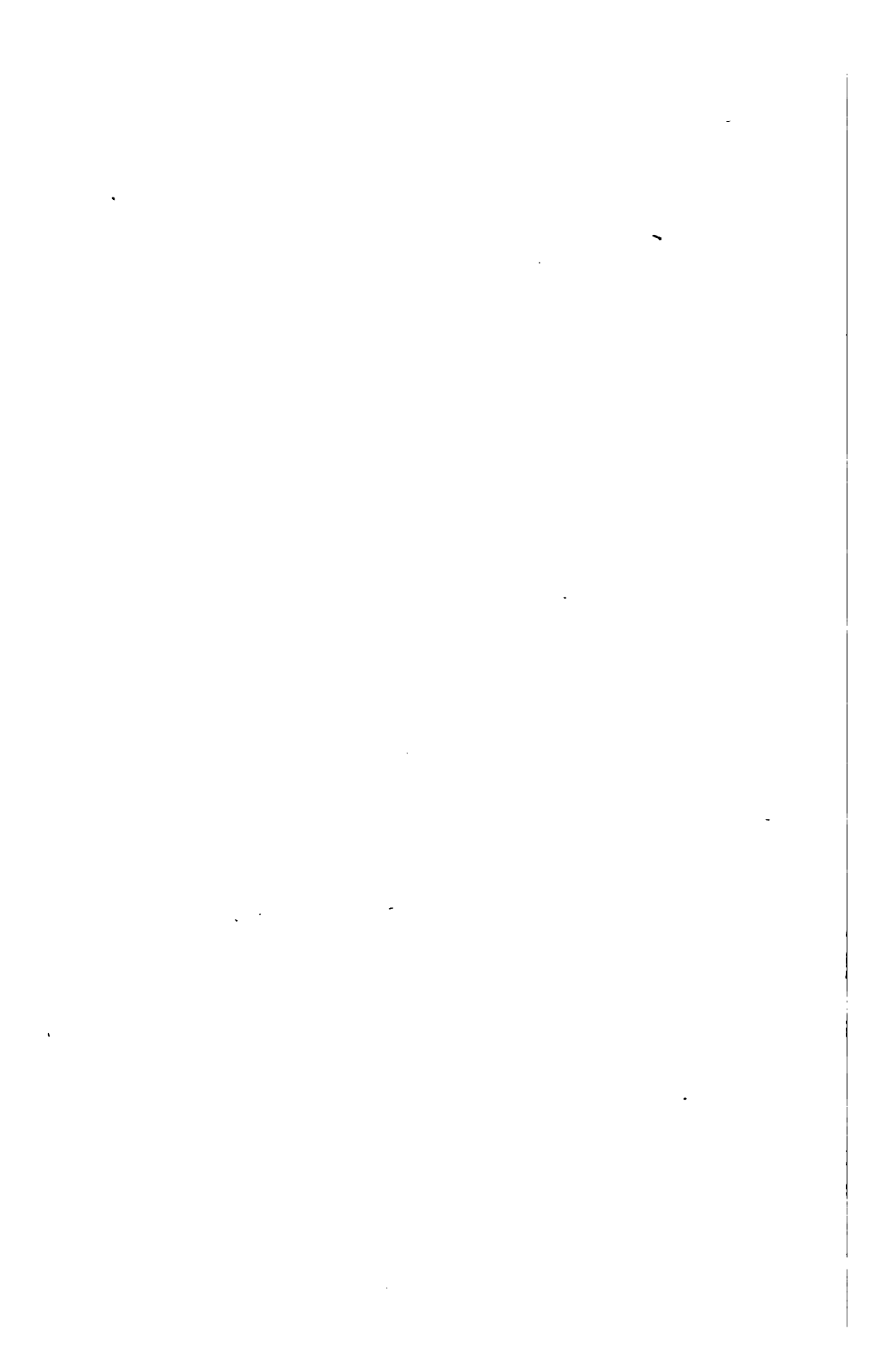
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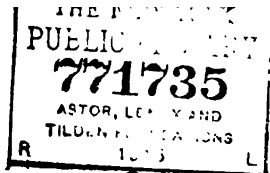
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# UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Alpha Xi Delta entered West Virginia University by the installation there of Iota Chapter on the night of May 8, 1905.

Doubtless every member of every other Chapter whether she be active or alumnae, has been trying since that memorable date to gain a better knowledge of the West Virginia University, because, with the exception of her own Chapter and the girls themselves who make up the new one, no subject is of deeper interest to an Alpha Xi Delta girl than the home of the "Baby Chapter." And now at the opening of the school year with another "rushing" season upon us, when questions "too numerous to mention" are asked, such a knowledge is not alone interesting but almost imperative.

The West Virginia University came into existence in the year 1868, by an act of the Legislature, but the school from which it grew and was finally formed, was incorporated in "Old Virginia" in the year 1814.

Morgantown, the seat of the University, is the county seat of Monongalia County, and is a beautiful town of ten thousand inhabitants, on the Monongahela River and the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, one hundred and three miles east of Wheeling and the same distance south of Pittsburg. It has the modern conveniences of natural gas, water works, electric lights, street railway, local and long distance telephones; and is noted for its healthful conditions, physical, social and moral. There are churches of the following denominations in the town: Presbyterian, Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, Protestant Episcopal, Baptist, Lutheran, Christian, and Roman Catholic. There are no saloons in the city.

Few institutions of learning have more attractive and natural situations. The University is on a hill overlooking the Monongahela River, which affords a most picturesque view and a tempting spot for artists with either kodak or brush. The grounds slope gently to the river;—an excellent stream for boating in summer, and a place equally entrancing for skating in winter. The campus comprises about twenty-five acres. There is also a farm of about one hundred acres that is used by the Agricultural Experiment Station and College of Agriculture. Cheat River in the very heart of the "Switzerland of America"





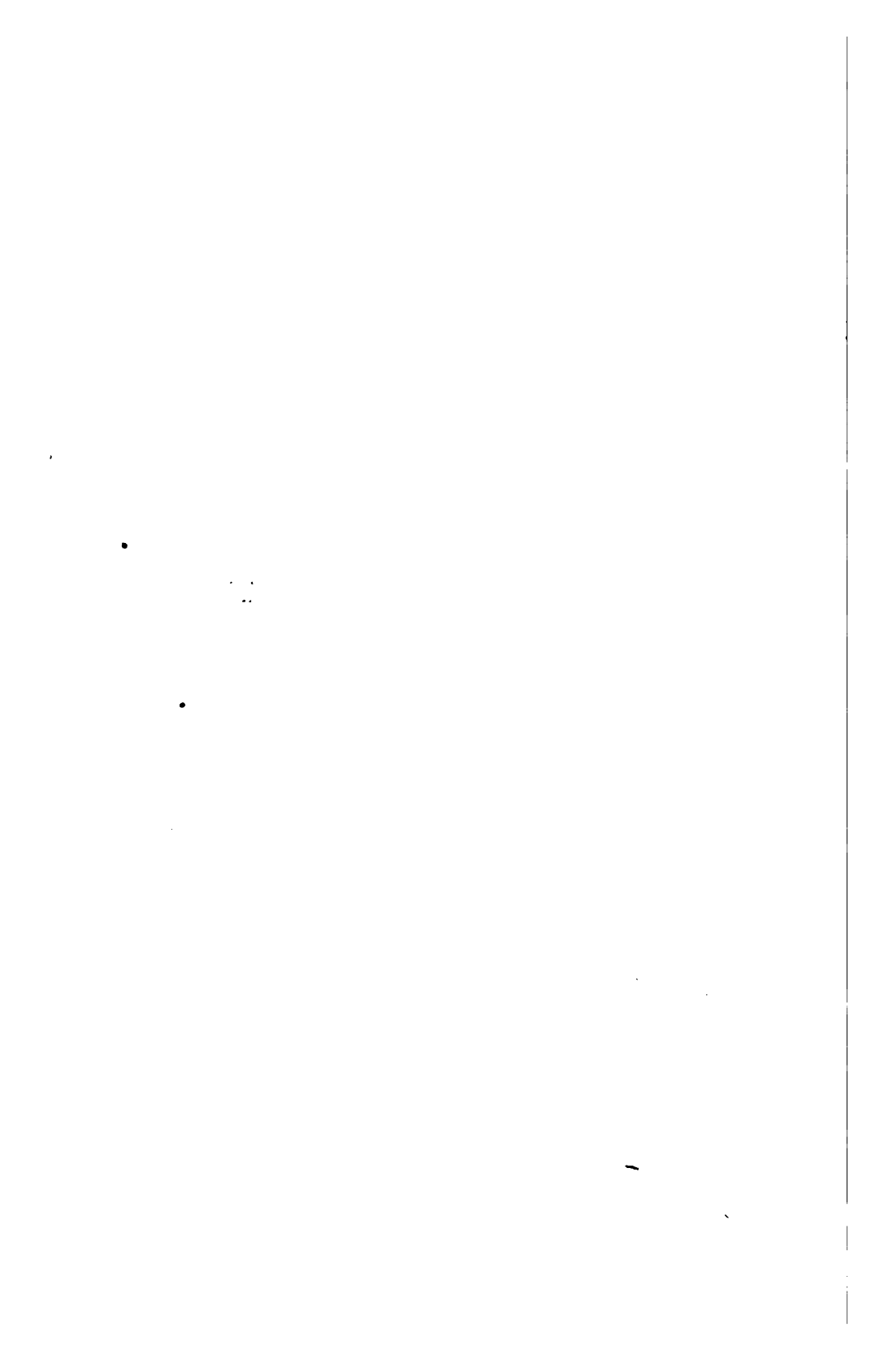
**The River, the Hills and Four of the Buildings**



The Armory    Engineering Hall    The Library    Commencement Hall    Martin Hall    Woodburn Hall  
Athletic Field    Experiment Station    Science Hall  
Fife Cottage

The President's House, Woman's Hall, Experiment Farm Buildings, Chapter Houses, etc., are not shown in this picture









**Science Hall**



**The University Library**



**Martin Hall**

**Woodburn Hall**

**Science Hall**

**Experiment Station**

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CORPORATION

is only six miles distant and the most delightful place imaginable to go for picnics, hay-rides, or sleighing-parties. Mount Chateau Hotel "on Cheat" has always a royal welcome for students.

The University organization consists of the following colleges and schools :

- I. The College of Arts and Sciences.
- II. The College of Engineering and Mechanic Arts.
- III. The College of Agriculture.
- IV. The College of Law.
- V. The College of Medicine.
- VI. The School of Music.
- VII. The Commercial School.
- VIII. The Preparatory Schools.
- IX. The School of Fine Arts.
- X. The School of Military Science and Tactics.

The funds for maintaining the University are derived from the sources mentioned below: (1) Interest on the land grant endowment of one hundred and fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars; (2) the Morrill fund; (3) the Hatch fund; (4) biennial appropriations by the State Legislature; (5) fees and tuitions, the latter being paid only by students from other states.

There are eight brick and stone buildings as follows :

1. Woodburn Hall, a three-story building, containing lecture rooms and the Botanical and Zoological Laboratories; Law rooms and Law Library. The third floor is occupied by the School of Music.
2. Martin Hall, a three-story building, containing lecture rooms and society halls.
3. Science Hall, a four-story building, containing the President's and Treasurer's offices, lecture rooms, laboratories for the departments of Physics, Chemistry, and Geology, and the Museum of Geology and Paleontology.
4. Commencement Hall, a large two-story building, containing a commodious chapel and the gymnasium.
5. Agricultural Experiment Station, a two-story building, containing laboratories, library, lecture rooms and offices.
6. Armory and Drill Hall for the Military Department.
7. Mechanical Hall, occupied by the College of Engineering and Mechanic Arts.

8. Library, containing general library, reading and seminar rooms. The School of Fine Arts occupies the third floor of this building.

9. One frame house;—Fife Cottage, used by the Medical Department.

In less than fifty years the institution has risen from a status little higher than that of the modern preparatory school to a position of first rank among land-grant universities:—a university comprising ten colleges and schools, employing more than seventy instructors, using nine large buildings, and still cramped for room. The modern elective system is followed. Co-education (the boys say "with a view to matrimony") prospers.

Among student organizations may be mentioned the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A., two literary societies, a debating club, the English Club, the Music Club, the Choral Society, the Athletic Association, the Publishing Association, the Engineering Society, the Aurora Grange, and many others among which are the sororities and fraternities.

The University has proven a splendid field for Greek letter societies. They have existed here since 1890. Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Psi, each owns a handsome house; Phi Sigma Kappa plans to build one this year. Sigma Chi and Kappa Alpha rent houses. Beta Theta Pi, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Theta Nu Epsilon, and Delta Chi have rented flats. Chi Omega, the second national sorority to enter the University, (Alpha Xi Delta was first) installed its Chapter on June 4, 1905. One local sorority remains.

The students enrolled last year, according to the Bulletin for 1904-5, numbered eleven hundred and five; about three hundred of whom were women. (The boys' theory of co-education may not be without good reason.)

The University report to the State Department of the Interior gives the value of property and equipment as follows:

Buildings,	\$450,000
Apparatus,	10,000
Machinery,	20,000
Library,	40,000
Other Equipment,	40,000
Experiment Station farm and grounds,	225,000

There are abundant indications of healthy and continuous growth in all departments of the University. The State is developing with great rapidity along industrial lines, and this development is marked by a parallel growth in the State's largest and best institution of learning, the West Virginia University.

*Bertha Jane Smith.*

## THIRD ANNUAL CONVENTION OF ALPHA XI DELTA

June 21, 22, 23, 1905 witnessed the third annual convention of Alpha Xi Delta at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, with Beta Chapter as hostess. Each of the nine active and two alumnae Chapters was represented and taking into consideration the amount of business transacted and the brilliant social events of the three days, this convention was decidedly the most successful held in the history of the sorority. Too much cannot be said of the warm spirit of hospitality pervading the welcome extended to the visitors and the thoughtful attention which made the convention days ones long to be remembered by all present.

The majority of the visitors arrived on Tuesday, the day before the formal opening of convention, and that evening a reception was tendered the guests and patronesses of the hostess chapter at the pleasant sorority house. A short musical programme was rendered after which the "Alphas" occupied themselves in becoming better acquainted and in singing the rousing sorority songs.

On the following day two business sessions were held and the evening was again given up to social pleasure. From seven-thirty until nine the guests were entertained at the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Van Cise, after which they repaired to Luburger's cafe, where an elaborate banquet awaited them.

The menu and toasts follow :

### MENU

	FROZEN FRUIT SHERBERT	
FRIED CHICKEN	FRENCH BREADED POTATO BALLS	CREAMED GRAVY
SWEET PICKLES	CUCUMBER SANDWICHES	FRUIT JELLY
	BROWN BREAD NUT CHEESE SANDWICHES.	
	CHERRY ICE	
SWEET BREAD SALAD		ALMOND ROLLS
	OLIVES	
SOUFFLE DE RUSSE	CREAM MUSHROOMS IN THIMBLE SHELLS	MACAROONS
	POTATO CHIPS	
ROSE ICE CREAM		MARSHMALLOW PARFAIT
	ASSORTED CAKE	
CAPÉ NOIR		CHEESE SANDWICHES



The toast programme was gracefully presided over by ex-Grand Secretary Axie E. Lute, who introduced the speakers in a most pleasing manner.

## ALPHA POWER HOUSE

ELECTRICIAN Axie E. Lute, *Beta*

“Let us charge these guests with the electric current of our good feeling.”

TO THE ALPHA GIRL ABROAD, Bess Williamson, *Alpha*

Here's to the loyal Alpha girl  
Who when across the pond  
Ne'er fails to let the other Greeks know  
Of which “frat” she's most fond.

THE ALPHA ROSE Lucille Strong, *Gamma*

The rose looks fair, but fairer we it deem,  
For that sweet odor which in it doth live.

SPREADS Lorena Grange, *Epsilon*

All human history attests  
That happiness for man,—the hungry sinner—  
Since Eve ate apples, much depends on dinner.

ANGLING Bertha Cleveland, *Eta*

“For angling rod he took a sturdy oak,  
For line. a cable that in storm ne'er broke.”

OUR PIN Bertha Jane Smith, *Iota*

“The feather whence the pen was shaped  
That traced the lives of these good men  
Fell from an angel's wing.”

OUR WARD Mrs. M. B. Huston

A creature not too bright or good  
For human nature's daily food;  
For transient sorrows, simple wiles  
Praise, blame, love, kisses tears, and smiles.

Throughout the evening an orchestra from the State hospital discoursed most beautiful music and furnished an accompaniment for several of the sorority songs which were sung by the guests.

On Thursday evening an elaborate affair was tendered the sorority by Beta's patronesses, Mrs. W. I. Babb, Mrs. W. S.

Withrow, Mrs. W. B. Seeley, Mrs. R. S. Galer and Mrs. M. B. Huston at the beautiful home of Mrs. Seeley. A most pleasing program consisting of vocal and instrumental music and elocutionary selections was rendered, followed by an hour of informal sociability. This was one of the most pleasant of the social events and it was a genuine pleasure to all the visitors to meet these charming women who have been of so much assistance and lasting benefit to Beta. They are all members of the P. E. O. society between which organization and the local chapter of Alpha Xi Delta there exists a strong friendship.

The business sessions came to an end on Friday at 2 p. m., when about twenty "Alphas" went for drives in various conveyances. The scenery about Mt. Pleasant is very picturesque, while the town itself is quaint and interesting, and the guests enjoyed this feature very much.

Friday evening a Pan-Hellenic reception was held at the home of Miss Ellen Ball, at which were present members of the Pi Beta Phi sorority and the Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi fraternities, as well as members of the faculty of Iowa Wesleyan University and other invited guests. A pleasing feature of the evening was the singing of songs by each sorority and fraternity present and the rendition of the "yell" of the nine colleges represented.

The house was beautifully decorated for the occasion and flowers were received from the  $\Pi B. \Phi.$  sorority, Mrs. Hancher, wife of the president of Iowa Wesleyan University, Mrs. F. P. Van Cise, the P. E. O. society and the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

This ended the convention functions, and while most enjoyable, a feeling of sadness was noticeable as a strong friendship had sprung up between Alphas from East and West; yet each took leave of the others with a new understanding of the true meaning of fraternity and a stronger hope of realizing the aims of Alpha Xi Delta.

# REPORT OF FOURTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE

The Fourth Inter-SorORITY Conference was called by Delta Delta Delta in Chicago, at the Victoria Hotel, the afternoon of Friday, September 15, 1905. An all-day session followed Saturday. Eleven Sororities were represented, as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta, . . . .	Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Chicago.
Delta Gamma, . . . .	Miss Elizabeth Williams, Chicago.
Kappa Kappa Gamma, . . . .	Miss Cleora C. Wheeler, St. Paul.
Pi Beta Phi, . . . .	Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Detroit.
Alpha Phi, . . . .	Mrs. William Forsythe, Chicago.
Gamma Phi Beta, . . . .	Miss Lillian W. Thompson, Chicago.
Alpha Chi Omega, . . . .	Mrs. Richard Tennant, New York.
Delta Delta Delta, . . . .	Miss Amy H. Olgen, Chicago.
Alpha Xi Delta, . . . .	Mrs. Robert Leib, Springfield, Ill.
Chi Omega, . . . .	Mrs. A. H. Purdue, Fayetteville, Ark.
Alpha Omicron Pi, . . . .	Miss Jeannette Wicks, New York.

It was moved and carried that the ruling of the last Conference in regard to holding of office hold good, and that Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta act as chairman, and Mrs. Leib of Alpha Xi Delta as secretary of the Conference. It was suggested that delegates to the next Conference bring credentials.

Reading of the minutes of the Third Conference. Report of the Secretary for the past year was read and her recommendations to the Conference followed. It was moved and carried that the report with recommendations be filed. The expense account kept by Miss Olgen was referred to the Secretary and upon being verified was accepted. Reports of delegates followed: Miss Gamble for Pi Beta Phi; Mrs. Norton for Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Wheeler for Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Forsythe for Alpha Phi; Miss Shepherd, alternate delegate, for Delta Gamma; Miss Thompson for Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Tennant for Alpha Chi Omega; Mrs. Leib for Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. Purdue for Chi Omega. Word from the Grand Presinent of the Sigma Kappa was read by Miss Olgen, Miss Wicks for Alpha Omicron Pi and Miss Olgen for Delta Delta Delta.

These reports included the attitude of the fraternity on motions already passed, convention action having bearing upon the Conference, complaints and recommendations to the Conference. Petitions from five sororities seeking admission to the Conference were read. A motion was made that no sorority having less than five chapters or that has a single chapter in a school below collegiate rank be admitted to the Conference. The motion carried, and consequently the Conference will not be enlarged this year.

The second session was devoted to the consideration and formation of a simple working constitution to simplify the business of the Conference and the work of the Conference Secretary.

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It was moved and carried to frame a constitution to be approved by the Grand Presidents of the sororities represented in the Conference, and to go into effect when each Grand President has approved. The constitution was presented as follows:

**CONSTITUTION.**

**ARTICLE I.—NAME.**

The name of this organization shall be the Inter-SorORITY Conference.

**ARTICLE II.—OBJECT.**

The object of the Inter-SorORITY Conference shall be to improve the methods of rushing and pledging and to consider questions of general interest to the SorORITY world.

**ARTICLE III.—ELGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.**

No SorORITY shall be admitted to the Conference which has less than five chapters or which has any chapter in an institution below collegiate rank.

**ARTICLE IV.—ORGANIZATION.**

It shall be composed of one delegate from each national SorORITY represented.

**ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.**

It shall assemble annually, time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year.

**ARTICLE VI.—CALLING OF MEETINGS.**

**SECTION 1.** It shall be called by the SorORITIES in rotation.

**SEC. 2.** The delegate from the SorORITY calling the Conference shall act as chairman, and the delegate from the SorORITY next in order shall act as secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

**ARTICLE VII.—POWERS.**

The powers of this organization shall be two-fold: first, to propose legislation to the SorORITIES; second, to act as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by the SorORITIES or Pan-Hellenic Associations.

**ARTICLE VIII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.**

**SECTION 1. Chairman.** The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

**SEC. 2. Secretary.** The secretary shall keep the minutes. 1. She shall send reports of the Conference, within one week after adjournment, to the members of the Conference and to all Grand Secretaries of the SorORITIES represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their SorORITIES.

2. She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for presentation to their Sororities and shall, upon receipt of the result, send notice of same to all Grand Secretaries.

3. She shall prepare the program of the Conference meeting and instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the meeting.

4. She shall have power on application from any Pan-Hellenic Association to appoint a member of the Conference whose Sorority interests are not involved in the question at issue, to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic. Expenses of the one sent to be paid by the local Pan-Hellenic.

#### ARTICLE IX.—METHODS OF PROCEDURE.

SECTION 1. Actions of Inter-Sorority interest passed by any Grand Council or at any Grand Convention shall be reported at once to the Secretary of the Conference, and also to the Grand Secretary of each Sorority represented in the Conference.

SEC. 2. Suggestions offered by the Conference shall be submitted as soon as possible by the Secretary to all the Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference. Voting blanks will be sent for all motions submitted to the Sororities and the result of the vote announced by each Grand Secretary to the Secretary of the Conference within two months.

SEC. 3. The Conference Secretary shall then announce the result to all Grand Councils and Chapters. The motions that have received a unanimous vote of all the Sororities shall at once become binding upon all Chapters, the Grand Councils being responsible for the observance.

#### ARTICLE X.—LEGISLATION.

Legislation enacted by a Sorority at the suggestion of the Conference can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Sororities, who must follow the regular order of procedure. Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorority or by the Inter-Sorority Conference.

#### ARTICLE XI.—EXPENSE.

The expenses of the Conference shall be divided equally among the Sororities represented at the Conference.

These articles were all approved by the Conference. The delegates took luncheon together and the afternoon session convened for a consideration of new business. The stand taken by Gamma Phi Beta was discussed and well considered, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that her action in refusing to co-operate in national rules for rushing and bidding, while willing to do so in the Social Service and other departments of work, was ill-considered and hasty. The honorable action of Gamma Phi Beta in giving due notice of her withdrawal from the compact was commended. The sense of the Conference was that although Gamma Phi Beta has withdrawn from the Inter-Sorority compact, the compact is still binding on all Sororities in the

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Inter-Sorosity Conference until after the coming convention of Gamma Phi Beta. It is hoped that this state of things will be remedied, and a motion was made and carried that a strong appeal be made to the convention of Gamma Phi Beta, urging the Sorosity to co-operate fully with the Conference and that this appeal be made through the presiding officer of the Conference and the Grand Presidents of the Sorosities. Moved and carried that in case any compact is broken in any institution by any Chapter of a Sorosity, the other Chapters be not bound. Moved and carried that in case any Sorosity grants dispensation to one of its Chapters, that the agreement be no longer binding on the other Chapters at that institution.

A petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic Association to allow pledging of non-matriculantes was read. It is the feeling of the Conference that this petition should be granted on account of the peculiar conditions at Ann Arbor. Moved and carried to submit the petition to the Grand Presidents with the advice that it be granted.

The settling of the question of calling the conference was next considered, and it was decided to proceed in rotation according to the ruling of the last Conference, and then go back to the beginning of the list. Therefore Alpha Xi Delta will call the next Conference and Chi Omega will act as secretary.

In order to facilitate the business of the Conference and to insure the best possible understanding of our position and aims at the various Sorosity conventions, it is suggested that the delegates to the Conference be, as far as possible, members of the Grand Councils of the Sorosities.

It was decided that the Fifth Conference be called in Chicago the Friday afternoon and Saturday of September, 1906, coming nearest the middle of the month. The Social Service Work of the Conference was considered at this time. It was moved to accept the printed reports of Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield and Miss Lillian Thompson, and that they receive the thanks of the Conference for their splendid work. Motion carried. Mrs. Penfield's report on securing the co-operation of college men in the formation of Social Service Leagues was read, as follows:

*To the Chairman of the Conference of 1905:*

At the last Inter-Sorosity Conference a Social Service Committee was formed through which three lines of investigation were to be undertaken. As a committee we had one meeting and, as before reported, at this time the work was arranged. You have received the excellent report of Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Telling, Delta Gamma, is to report at the conference this month, and so it but remains for me to report on the possible co-operation of fraternity men.

In the 64 colleges in which the Sorosities of the Conference are located, we find 38 national, 11 local and 13 professional men's fraternities. We are associated with many of these in only one or two institutions, but there are 20 with which we come more often in contact. The following are the number of Chapters these men's fraternities have in the 64 colleges: Phi Delta Theta, 31; Beta Theta Pi, 29; Sigma Chi, 24; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 23; Kappa Sigma, 23; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Sigma Nu,

21; Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Alpha Tau Omega, 20; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 13; Delta Upsilon, 12; Kappa Alpha, 8; Chi Psi, 7; Psi Upsilon, 7; Phi Kappa Sigma, 6. Theta Delta Chi, 6; Sigma Psi, 5; Chi Phi, 4; Alpha Delta Phi, 4.

Letters and Inter-Sorority Conference reports were sent to the Presidents of these fraternities. From some no response was received, but many letters were received expressing a spirit of appreciation and accord with the suggestions of the Conference, which convinced me that should our Sororities take up the formation of these Leagues (or similar work), as recommended by the Conference, we should find practical support from the men's fraternities. Stated in such general terms, this support seems intangible, but, as one president said to me (he was so much interested in the thought as to seek a personal interview), "the support of the men's fraternities will become actual and specific when the demand for it is made evident in local situations." One president pointed out the fact that interest in such work depends upon the man at the head of the fraternity at the time. Others seemed to think that, as men's fraternities always seek to foster the ideal in their men, any worthy appeal would find a ready response. One president suggested that where special changes were needed, resident alumni of influence and standing be quietly interested. A quiet word to the officers of the various fraternities by those interested in establishing these Leagues was also suggested. In the mind of your chairman, it all resolves itself to a faithful study of local conditions and an intelligent and tactful reaching out for the right influences—depending upon Deans of Women, faculty and also resident alumni and alumnæ for advice.

As it has been suggested that where this work is undertaken it be done by the president of the Sorority first established at each college, it will be of interest to state here the colleges for which each Sorority would be responsible. This order of founding does not recognize the first date of organization where there has been a revival of an old Chapter, and considers only living Chapters:

*Chi Omega*:—University of Mississippi, Randolph, Macon, Colo.; South West Baptist University; University of Tennessee; University of Arkansas, and University of Kentucky.

*Gamma Phi Beta*:—University of Michigan, University of Washington.

*Alpha Phi*:—Northwestern University and Syracuse University.

*Delta Gamma*:—Mt. Union College, Albion College and Woman's College, Baltimore.

*Alpha Xi Delta*:—Wittenberg University, University of South Dakota; University of West Virginia and Bethauy College.

*Alpha Chi Omega*:—New England Conservatory and Pennsylvania College of Music.

*Kappa Alpha Gamma*:—University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Ohio State University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, Adrian College, Boston University, Barnard College, Buchtel College, Butler College, Hillsdale College, Adelphi College, Illinois Wesleyan University.

*Kappa Alpha Theta*:—Swarthmore College, Vermont University, Van-

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derbilt University, Brown University (at Brown Delta Sigma, which has three other chapters, exists and was first, but is not in the Conference), Cornell University, University of California, Wooster College, Toronto College, DePauw University, Alleghany College, University of Indiana and Leland Stanford University.

*Pi Beta Phi*.—Ohio University, Simpson College, University of Texas, Tulane University, Bucknell University, University of Colorado, Columbian University, Denver University, Dickinson College, Franklin College, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, University of Kansas, Knox College, Lombard College and Middlebury College.

*Delta Delta Delta*.—St. Lawrence University, Wesleyan University, Baker University, Cincinnati College.

*Sigma Kappa*.—Colby College.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JEAN NELSON-PENFIELD,

*Chairman.*

SEPTEMBER, 1905.

The Conference urges that these Social Service Leagues be formed wherever practicable. The three already formed at the Universities of Illinois, Colorado and Michigan are doing good work. After hearing Miss Thompson's report on the legislation now in force in colleges where Women's Leagues, Women's Dormitories and Sorority Houses exist, the Conference feels that there are grave social evils in colleges to be remedied, and recommends that the Pan-Hellenics and Women's Leagues do all they can to remedy these evils.

Other recommendations by the Conference are:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the Sorority journals.
2. That all Sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of other Sororities and to all Chapters in colleges where the respective Sororities are represented.
3. That each editor send a complete list of names and addresses of officers and chapter secretaries to all other editors at the beginning of the college year.
4. That each Grand Secretary send to the Conference Secretary revised lists of Chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

It is also recommended as a matter of Inter-Sorority courtesy that any Sorority member be empowered to purchase the pin of any Sorority found and be reimbursed for it.

In closing the conference urges greater co-operation in the Pan-Hellenic Associations and Women's Leagues through the year.

ELLA B. BOSTON-LEIB,

*Secretary Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference.*



## PAN-HELLENISM

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The business report of the Inter-Sorority Conference has been given. We hope it will be read with care and consideration by every Alpha; that its suggestions will be given the attention they deserve and that each one will consider herself personally responsible for the attitude her chapter shall assume toward Pan-Hellenism.

In the working out of the Pan-Hellenic idea, in the generous and liberal spirit which has marked its conception, lies the "main chance" for many a Greek to be of personal and real service to her sorority. Pan-Hellenism is as far removed from all that is small, narrow, mean as the East is from the West. It is full of the spirit of the broader union, the more thorough understanding and co-operation of Greek with Greek for the good, not alone of each sorority, though that must follow, but of all sororities, and of all institutions in which sororities are found.

Rightly apprehended the influence of this new and broader association can be rationalizing and educational. Through it all Greek interests may be strengthened and enriched till no institution of learning shall ever again hesitate to extend glad welcome to a Greek chapter within its doors.

From an annual meeting of our delegates in Chicago, to these results may seem a far cry. But let each delegate carry back to her sorority the true spirit of the Conference—let each chapter endeavor to work out that spirit in the light and reality of life and results will not long be wanting.

As a new constellation in the Greek firmament Alpha Xi Delta has much to gain, and I believe much to give, in this union of unions. From her older and more experienced sisters she can learn to perfect her organization, to oil the wheels of her machinery, and thus save time, needless work and worry, and the ever needed and elusive cash. She can call many a lesson of reverence for the established order of things, without yielding, I trust, to that conservatism that kills. Yes and many more lessons can she learn. To them she can impart something of her youthful enthusiasm, cosmopolitanism, democracy of spirit and courage to do and dare along new and

untried lines. She is in the beginning of her victories and the first fresh glory of them is a power in itself and an incentive and an impetus to greater and better things.

Alphas—each one—know this—Circles of influence widen out eternally and grow. In justice to yourselves and to the dear old "Frat," your interests, your appreciative powers, your ambition and your ability in and for her must grow commensurately. And again—'Tis the little things that count. You in far off Dakota and Virginia, you in New York and Wisconsin and you nearer home must feel truly involved in that little Inter-Sorority Conference. It is yours. Your voice was heard there and your pledge given. To your lot it falls to make this truly worth while. First of all make your own Pan-Hellenic Association in your own college what it should be. Learn that these other Greeks, your rivals true, are still your sisters; that a common ground of interest exists for you all. Let it be your first thought and your first joy in your own Pan-Hellenic Association to keep out all unpleasantness and strife. Make this common meeting ground a place for helpful discussion, and a source of better understanding. It lies with you, Alphas, to determine largely what the Pan-Hellenic shall really be in practically one-sixth of the colleges represented in the Conference. The attitude of each one of you toward this new and important factor in the fraternity world is no small matter. We owe it to ourselves to make our influence a strong and helpful one.

*Mrs. T. C. Kimble—Alpha.*



## INSTALLATION OF IOTA CHAPTER

On May 9th and 10th an affair took place of general interest to all Alphas and of much importance to the sorority as a whole.

Some time previous to this date, after much correspondence between the Beta Pi society at the University of West Virginia and the Grand Committee of Alpha Xi Delta, Mary E. Salmon, editor-in-chief of the sorority journal, was sent to Morgantown to look over the ground and investigate the general standing of the local. Her report was one of unqualified approval and her recommendation was printed in the elaborate petition which the society prepared and sent out a few weeks later.

As a natural result of all these preliminaries the initiation of seven splendid specimens of the American college woman took place on the above named date. The rites were administered at the spacious home of Crystal Courtney by Julia E. White, an alumna of Delta Chapter, and Mary E. Kay, Grand Secretary. The girls who took the vows are as follows:

Crystal Courtney, Morgantown, W. Va.; Lillian Ballard Smith, Charleston, W. Va.; Ethel Averil Green, Morgantown, W. Va.; Drusilla S. Johnson, Cadiz, Ohio; Mary Hannah Cooper, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Bessie Julia Sadler, Point Marion, Pa.; Bertha J. Smith, Sistersville, W. Va.

The initiation proper took place on the evening of the ninth of May and was followed by an elaborate spread. Brief words of welcome were given by the visiting delegates and warm letters of greeting from thoughtful sisters at Wittenberg, Syracuse, Bethany and Mt. Union were read.

On the following day two business sessions were held when officers for the new chapter were elected and the constitution and by-laws of Alpha Xi Delta as well as the Inter-Sorority Conference report were carefully read and explained. Part of the day was spent in visiting the various buildings and meeting many of the professors and students. The occasion was one of much pleasure and long to be remembered by the visitors.

Alpha Xi Delta has placed her standard in capable hands and need have no fear for her future at West Virginia University. The members of Iota are all women earnest in purpose and of high standing socially and as students.

*Mary E. Kay.*

The seven girls who are charter members of Iota Chapter had worked so harmoniously and withal so secretly that few of the eleven hundred other students in the University had even suspected their intention and desire. Mary Salmon, inspector from Gamma Chapter, came and went as "a friend of Crystal Courtney's" and no one guessed her mission. Then came the installing officers, Mary Kay from Gamma, and Julia White from Delta, and on May ninth the secret was out.

All arrangements for an early installation to be followed by a "spread" had been carefully planned and carried out as far as possible by the initiates. But who can plan successfully against Fate and the Baltimore & Ohio railroad? Miss White, because of a late train, arrived not at 3:00 P. M., but at 10:30 P. M. Miss Kay came at six o'clock in the evening, and after much anxious consultation among the girls the ceremony was postponed only until Miss White could arrive and be ready.

The "frat hall" in the home of Crystal Courtney was made especially attractive by decorations of fraternity penants and W. V. U. colors, "old gold and blue." Here the seven girls were admitted to the sacred Sisterhood of Alpha Xi Delta.

After the installation they all retired to the dining room where the "spread" was served. This room was prettily trimmed in Alpha Xi Delta colors and the table, too, was decorated with the colors and pink rose of the Sorority. When the feast was finished the yell and songs were practiced.

On Tuesday morning, May ninth, much wonderment was caused and many questions evoked by those who wore the "double blue and gold" with a pink rose. But the other students soon learned that Alpha Xi Delta had come, and as the girls say, "had come to outdistance in all good works each and every similar organization that may come later." Because others with "much pomp and ceremony" had been trying for some time to secure a charter from a national organization the quiet victory of Alpha Xi Delta was all the more enjoyable to her friends. Iota bore her honors as meekly as could well be expected under the circumstances and so no enmity ensued even from those defeated in the race to hold "first" place.

The girls feel deeply that much of the honor of securing a chapter is due Crystal Courtney for her indefatigable efforts

and earnest unwavering enthusiasm during the time of preparing their petition, and also to Drusilla Johnson through whose life and work in her alma mater, Bethany, Delta Chapter became interested in their would-be-sisters at the University.

*Iota.*

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## OUR GRAND OFFICERS

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The announcement that most of last year's grand officers were retained this year, was joyfully received by the members of Alpha Xi Delta sorority. The sisterhood feels that the execution of its business matters rests in competent hands. The old officers need no introduction; Mrs. Ella B. Boston-Lieb, Grand-President, Miss Mary E. Kay, Grand-Secretary, and Miss Mary Power, Grand-Treasurer.

Our new Grand-Vice President and Historian, Miss Lorena Grange, is not so well known to the sorority. A few words concerning her life will be interesting to all.

Lorena Grange is a Vermillion girl, having lived in that town since her birth. Her early education she received in the public school of Vermillion. After completing the high school course she entered the State University at Vermillion and graduated from the college department with the class of 1904.

Throughout her college course Miss Grange made a specialty of the modern languages. During her last year in school she took special work in primary methods and practice work in the public school with a view to fitting herself for a primary teacher. This year she is successfully demonstrating her ability and the thoroughness of her training in the primary department at Britton, S. D.

Miss Grange is a thoroughly capable girl, a conscientious church worker, and a natural leader among girls. She has always been popular with the young people of her home town and of the University. It was largely due to her efforts that Epsilon Chapter was established at Vermillion.

## THE JOLLY ALPHAS

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*AIR : The Jolly Students.*

You may talk about your college frats  
In north, south, east or west,  
And of all the Greek sororities  
But Alpha is the best.  
She stands up in her youthfulness  
And proudly meets them all,  
Who have longer waved their colors fair  
In every college hall.  
In all the seats of learning now  
Wherever she may be,  
The other frats have come to know  
Our dear old Alpha Xi ;  
And their many gallant colors bow  
Before the gold and blue,  
The colors which we wave on high  
And to which we are true.

CHORUS.

For we are jolly Alphas, in our college town we've won renown,  
We're the proudest in the Grecian fold ;  
We wear the quill, the emblem that we love so well,  
Rah ! Rah ! Rah !  
Hail the double blue and gold.

# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

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## SOME DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SORORITY AND NON-SORORITY LIFE

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To the uninitiated, the social advantages of sorority life may seem most prominent. But the true sister, no matter how recent her adoption, thinks as little of these superficialities as does the true daughter honor and love her family for the place in society it gives her. By her the sorority is loved and honored in proportion as it helps her to a higher life.

There can be no greater incentive to the development of our best selves than the constant companionship of some friend whom we love, who expects much of us, and than disappoint whom we would rather die. And such an incentive the sorority furnishes. We dare not disappoint the girls who have trusted us. We dare not be anything but our best selves for their sakes.

This is equally true for the girl who leads and the girl who follows. The one dare not prove unworthy of the respect and admiration she receives; the other finds her greatest joy in winning the approval of the leader who serves as her ideal. And all this without a shadow of the obsequious. It is the natural law of many healthful, helpful friendships.

Then, too, there are times in the life of every girl when she hungers for a sister who will understand, sympathize, and keep sacred the confidence she would give. This hunger is well illustrated in the story of the little girl who had been sent to bed alone, and was afraid in the dark. Her mother tried to comfort her with her doll, and with the thought that God was near to take care of her. But, still she sobbed, "I don't want my dollie and I don't want God. I want a real skin face." The sorority supplies, in a most effective way, the "real skin face."

True, the non-sorority girl may, perchance, find such incentives, and such companionships, but in the sorority they are planned for, made almost inevitable. They heighten aspiration, purify ambition, and sweeten all the experiences of life.

*Drucilla V. Johnson, Iota.*

## IDEAS OF SANE RUSHING

There is probably no term more abused in practical speech than this term of sane rushing. Indeed, much of the so-called sane rushing merges decidedly and incredibly into the insane. This may be putting matters a trifle strongly, but all of us who are acquainted with the rushing methods of the present system readily admit that they are very unreasonable.

Not being able to speak in regard to fraternities altho' it is probable that the same things apply to both fraternities and sororities, but in the confusion and frenzy of the rushing season there is always a decided inclination to forget former pledges taken in saner moments. We all think every chance our last and feel certain that the desired girl is going over to the enemy and cannot be saved unless this one opportunity is seized. When everything is calm and the confusion has died away, judgment tells us that we have been foolishly rash, altho' we can readily excuse ourselves when we remember that during such a season we are practically irresponsible. No one would suggest dishonesty or lack of principle in a person because the rushing season is really a time of great consequence, eagerness and nervous excitement, especially in a small college where the desirable girls are less numerous than in a larger institution.

Another thing to be wholly condemned in rushing is "back-biting." This is no doubt practiced to a great extent almost everywhere during the busiest part of the spiking. If we cannot pledge girls to our sorority through our own personal merits—but instead are forced to gossip about our rivals in order to prejudice the new girls against them, let us give up.

A fair minded girl will think less of one who will gossip about a rival to win her friendship. She will prefer not to become intimate with such a club of girls. It is both cowardly and unwomanly.

Sometimes girls are inclined to be with a new girl too much. Cases have been known where she will become so tired of a certain rusher that there will spring up a feeling of dislike. This, of course, ends all. Judgment should and will tell us where and when to stop.

Then, no doubt, we have all seen girls whose heads were



turned by the amount of rushing and attention they receive at first because they do not understand it.

It seems too bad also, to take a sudden notion to a girl, rush her steadily and vigorously and then, finding her disappointing, to drop her, thus ruining her college happiness and placing her in a bad light with college companions.

We should practice decided moderation in all things. Opinions should be formed neither too impulsively nor too deliberately, and our own knowledge of human nature should prevent us from being too much mistaken in our estimates.

Nor should our rushing be of such a character that, when the girl is initiated and fully established in the sisterhood, she will find things somewhat disappointing. Our ideals of true womanhood and good scholarship should be made known and thoroughly understood and the impression should not be conveyed that everything for which a sorority stands merges into the social whirl.

Again, not for policy's sake but just because it is more womanly, should our relations with non-fraternity girls be perfectly intimate and friendly.

Through all the pitfalls and temptations of a rushing season let us remember that we are collegians standing for all that is true and noble in American womanhood.

*Bessie Williamson—Alpha.*

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#### THE DEPENDENCE OF A SORORITY UPON NON-FRATERNITY OPINIONS

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Fraternity girls too often forget that the place which a sorority occupies in the mind of the college world depends largely upon the attitude of the neutral body toward the particular sorority. We, as members of Alpha Xi Delta, have good friends in other sororities, and often fail to remember that more than half of the college world is not affected by a good standing in the Pan-Hellenic association. Eta's college home, for example, is in a university where the neutrals far outnumber the Greeks. A common tie—we may think one of sympathy—holds the neutral body so closely together that as individuals they agree very closely upon the rank accorded to each fraternity. So, if

we have friends among them, we may fairly conclude that a large portion of the college people think well of us. Of course, it is manifestly impossible to seek the good will of the neutrals through any formal affiliation. But we, as individual members, have here a large responsibility. To one outside of fraternity circles, each particular girl is the type of her society, and to such a one we may all too easily give the impression that our ideals are simply selfish enjoyment and selfish ambitions. On the other hand, an evident desire to be friendly and to be helpful in all the little difficulties incident to college life will win warm friends for us and through us, for the sorority which we represent. So let us strive earnestly to show to those who have no fraternity ties of love and sympathy that we are not setting ourselves apart to gain congenial and intimate comrades, but that we desire to be always courteous and considerate, and to raise everywhere the standard of womanhood.

*Martha Hutchings—Eta.*

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### SORORITY SPIRIT

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Dear sisters, are we going to be warm with enthusiasm or cold with indifference toward the upbuilding and strengthening of our own dear Alpha Xi Delta? "Our own," we say, for it should be just as much a part of us as we can possibly make it; "dear," for we should prize it as we do our best, most sacred thoughts.

How we value the girls in our chapter who really have the good of the whole order at heart and on whom we can depend for any little service for either sister or chapter.

Let us try to explain why it is that these particular girls are valuable as Sorority girls. Surely it is not because they are merely pretty or dress handsomely (though this will win a certain kind of girl in rushing). No, on the other hand some of the dearest girls have not pretty faces, but they seem really beautiful to us as they go about among the girls of our band or other such bands doing little deeds of kindness, of love or sympathy; giving some little fête for strange homesick girls, justifying some poor misjudged girl where justice lies in her power and showing to all a heart full of sunshine and unselfishness. Then think you not that this girl is full of genuine Soror-

ity spirit. True a girl cannot fill her highest duty to her chapter until she has made her self acquainted with the inner workings and principles of her Sorority as well as its social functions and has given her undivided attention to all of its business transactions. She must be able when the time comes to go abroad, and in a way reveal her principles to others by making them happy. What we want and need is more enthusiasm in Sorority, chapter and girl; enthusiasm that will carry us into the midst of all labors for Alpha Xi Delta interests, through all little troubles and worries and places us safely where we are needed in the world to do the duties expected of every true, loyal woman.

*Helen L. Tinsley—Delta.*

### AN ALPHA XI DELTA GIRL

So much has been said about the kind of a girl we want in our Sorority that it seems reiteration to write more on the subject; but the matter comes up to us every year, and it is well to think it over frequently.

For an Alpha we want first—a girl who is a good scholar and stands well in the eyes of the professors; we want one full of life and enthusiasm, who will work hard to carry out any plan she may undertake; and we want a girl who will not run down other frats, for a girl that talks about people behind their backs is not always to be depended upon.

It is not an indication of loyalty to one's own Sorority to say that it is the only one that is worth anything. Of course it is natural and right for each girl to love her own Sorority and think it is the very best, but don't let her "tear the others to pieces."

We want girls who have friends in all the other sororities, for we realize that "we do not live for self alone."

And when we are choosing our girls, let us be careful to see that each one is just what we want. Don't rush them just because someone else is; but remember that the ones we choose now, will hold the responsibility of the Chapter in their hands later on.

If we find, however, that they have all the qualities that would make good Alphas, let us work hard to bring them into our fold, and teach them to love the double blue and gold.

*Beta Chapter.*

# EDITORIALS

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The editors and manager of ALPHA XI DELTA for the year now opening, are deeply indebted to the editors and manager of the past year for many valuable suggestions and for much practical help. In the name of the sorority, as well as personally, we wish to thank them heartily and to state that any degree of success we may attain in our work is largely due to their patient advice.

The members of Alpha Xi Delta realize the great debt they owe to past editor-in-chief, Mary Salmon, and to Mildred Tucker for the successful publication of our journal for the year closing with our recent convention. We can understand that these two and the past associate editor must have given up nearly all their leisure hours during a year for our sakes. We know that they must often have taxed themselves beyond their strength in order that the ALPHA XI DELTA might be a success. Much more might be said to poorly prove our appreciation of their services; but all is best comprehended in the mere statement of our sincere gratitude.



The first article of this issue brings up again the old question of conservatism as opposed to liberalism in a sorority. We believe it narrow, indeed, to be too conservative in the admission of new chapters, but we also believe that there is a dangerous possibility of too liberal a spirit in the matter. There is a happy medium of kind-hearted reserve which we are pleased to see is the policy of our sorority.

It may seem hard to refuse petitions for admission from groups of girls, whom we know to be desirable members, yet the good of the chapters and our organization as a whole should prompt us to unbiased judgment concerning all the attendant conditions such as the character of the college or university from which the petition comes, the prospects for growth, the number of other sororities in the field, etc.

As a sorority we extend a hearty welcome to our last chapter, Iota. We feel that in this chapter we have loyal and help-

ful members. Their cordial invitation to our next convention is a proof of their future value to us.



The next national convention of Alpha Xi Delta is to be held in the fall of nineteen hundred and six at the University of West Virginia.

To make a convention truly beneficial we need to plan for it from the very close of the convention preceding it. Each chapter of the sorority should be sensible of its own needs and thoughtful for the needs of the national body. The convention at Mount Pleasant was a period of profit to us all. An almost incredible amount of work was done in the short space of three days. The enduring character of that work depends upon the committees appointed for its execution. May we take the liberty to urge that all committees from the last convention attend promptly to the performance of their allotted duties? Our sorority will be the more highly benefited the sooner it can enjoy the results of such work.



If we seek a good illustration of sorority spirit, we may find it in Beta's generous entertainment of our last convention. Surely the plans of those girls began a year in advance of our meeting with them. The cordiality of Beta's members, patronesses and friends could not have been excelled. The visiting delegates and the sorority at large feel the debt of gratitude owing these members, and would thank them again through these pages, for the pleasant time, but especially for the fraternal spirit which prompted it.



The Pan-Hellenic movement does not aim simply to unite all the sororities of a college or university in one general society. We believe its motive is deeper than the promotion of common interests. It seeks rather to kindle a feeling of friendliness and intimacy between each sorority and every one of its sister organizations; to silence criticism; to quell jealousy and unwholesome rivalry; to make each sisterhood true to her

highest ideals; in fact, to overcome by united endeavor all the influences which tend to make secret societies in colleges pernicious. It aims to establish closer relations between fraternity and non-fraternity people. In our opinion, this motive is one of highest nobility and of vital importance. A sorority should be of use to the universities or colleges where its chapters are placed. The strained condition existing between fraternity people, as a whole, and "neutrals," as a whole, in some places operates in an evil way upon the educational organizations there. Such a condition kills college spirit and frequently lowers the membership of the school where it exists. We heartily endorse the work of the Pan-Hellenic Conference, and urge the attention of all chapters of Alpha Xi Delta to the splendid efforts of this conference.



# EXCHANGES.

Through the kindness of Mary E. Salmon we are able to report the following exchanges received by the ALPHA XI DELTA since our last publication:

*Sigma Chi Quarterly, The Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega Palm, Kappa Alpha Journal, Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Eleusis of Chi Omega, Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Delta of Sigma Nu, Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Frater of Psi Omega, Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta, Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Angelos of Kappa Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Alpha Phi Quarterly, Anchora of Delta Gamma and Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

With only eight chapters Alpha Xi Delta (women's) conducts not only a most creditable quarterly, but maintains it at a uniformly creditable standard.—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

Unless there is unity of purpose within a chapter there can be no strength. It sometimes would appear that Sorority life is but for broad, noble spirits. All self-seeking and narrowness has little place among the members of a Sorority. Yet the good and true, the petty and small, must always go side by side.

The ungrateful one will learn a lesson of fidelity,—the strong will receive discipline in bearing with the weak. Each nature has need of the other. Different types of womanhood are not moulded into harmony in a short time, since not all are capable of realizing what the Sorority expects of them. It is by a gradual development that some members come to realize what unity means.

How often these ideals of unity are ignored! Yet there is always a renewal of strength when the discords are smoothed out. Trifles cause lack of harmony. Therefore, a watchfulness is required upon the part of each member that she keeps control of those feelings that are unnatural, seeking always to deal with each and every one on the highest plane.

Each member is a part of the whole. All opportunities within the Sorority are equal. In order to thoroughly enjoy its blessings a member must put herself into harmony with the whole. To this end many personal sacrifices must be made. Bitter feelings that cause unhappiness must give place to thoughts of love and goodness. Thus unity will bring strength, for in seeking to maintain harmony a Sorority woman will give forth the best she has, and in return the best will flow back to her.—*Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta.*

To live constantly above snobbery of word or deed; to place scholarship before social obligations, and character before appearance; to be, in the best sense, democratic, rather than "exclusive," and lovable rather than "popular;" to work earnestly, to speak kindly, to act sincerely, to choose thoughtfully that course which occasion and conscience demand; to be

womanly always; to be discouraged never; in a word to be loyal under any and all circumstances to my fraternity and her highest teachings, and to have her welfare ever at heart, that she may be a symphony of high purpose and helpfulness in which is no discordant note.—*Eleusis of Chi Omega.*

A few words concerning the general character of chapter letters seem pertinent here. One cannot read a group of chapter letters without feeling how inadequately they reflect the real life of the chapters. So identical are the accounts of events and the suggestions of the spirit of the different chapters, as indicated by these letters, that one would almost believe there were some pattern letter which all were supposed to follow as closely as possible. Sift the letters; what impressions remain?—new girls, “pink teas,” a Junior Prom., someone’s engagement, offices won or to be won, banalities, platitudes. Is this all there is to say of three months of life and work at college? What are the girls of your chapter really like? What are they planning and thinking and doing? Surely all of them are not continually, and merely going to dances, giving spreads, and dreading examinations! Tell us about your college or university. What are its peculiar interests and conditions, its customs and traditions? What is happening there? How is it growing? What is it doing?

These are some questions we should like to have answered. We wish to know, so far as we may, the character and life of each college, the character and life of each chapter, how it is individual, and what part each Kappa is playing in its development. Is there a danger that we are letting the deep and permanent interests and activities pass by, over our heads, while we play or drift, or dawdle or whirl through the things that are superficial and transitory at best? The more good times we can have, the better; and these good times are an important factor of college life. We are glad to hear of each other’s fun; we should be just as glad to know something of each other’s work.

At first it is difficult to account for the character of chapter letters in general. It is not that there is only the social side; it is not that fraternity affairs are in the foreground and college interests far back; it is not that the chapters are vying with each other as to which shall record the greatest number of gaieties and triumphs—though at first glance any of these might seem to be the reason for the remarkable uniformity as well as for the general character of chapter letters. Is it not rather because the letters are hastily written at the last possible moment? Have they not come to be in some degree a troublesome task, more or less a dreaded duty? And do we not “dash off” something feeling that “anything will do!” and send the result to the editor with never a thought that the contents, tone and spirit of that letter are the basis upon which opinions are formed with regard to the chapter? We seem to have dropped into a rut in this matter of chapter letters, and we ought to get out of it. Let us send letters next time that shall be, so far as we can make them so, a true reflection of all sides of the college life, and of all sides of the chapter interests.

—*Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*



# PERSONALS.

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## ALPHA.

Mrs. O. C. Evans, a charter member of the local chapter of Alpha Xi Delta and a graduate of the class of '96 at Lombard has moved from Beecher City, Ill., to Litchfield, Ill., where Mr. Evans will take charge of the Universalist Church.

Frances Richey visited several weeks in Chicago this summer.

Josephine Ericson spent a few days in Rockford, Ill., this summer as a guest of Florence Hollister.

Ora Garver, an '05 graduate of Cummoicks School of Oratory, is teaching elocution in Carleton College, Farmington, Missouri.

Florence Hollister and Frances Richey spent several weeks with Bell Stryker in Joliet this summer.

Marion Wrigley, '03, is principal of the vocal department at Hanover, Ohio.

Mary Brower is attending the University of Nebraska at Lincoln this year.

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## BETA.

Cupid has made quite a raid upon our Chapter since the Convention and has formed the following combinations :

Florence Courier, '02.	G. Ware Stephens, Beta Theta Pi, '04.
Emma Falkins, ex-'06.	C. R. Willits, Phi Delta Theta, '05.
Axie E. Lute, '08.	Rev. Wm. Mitchell, Beta Theta Pi, '00.
Mary Huston, '02.	Meade Piper, Beta Theta Pi, ex-'02.
Alice Campbell.	Irwin Crawford, Phi Delta Theta, '99.

Ina Duncan has accepted a position as reader with the Criterion Concert Company and will make a six months' tour through the Middle West. The entertainments are meeting with great success.

Maude Marken, who attended the University of Southern California last year, is with us again this year and will graduate in June.

Ellen Ball has been spending several weeks visiting and traveling through the west.

Laura Clark has been re-elected President of the Y, W. C. A.

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## GAMMA.

On August 15, Miss Mabel Olive Dewey and Rev. Mr. Harry Knox Bright were united in marriage. The ceremony took place in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Massilon, Ohio, of which the bride's father is pastor. The large auditorium of the church was crowded with the friends of the bride and groom. The bridal party consisted of eight persons. The maid of honor was the younger sister of the bride, Miss Treva Dewey.

Miss Mary Kay was one of the bridesmaids. The ceremony was performed by Dr. J. C. Smith, presiding elder of the Canton District, assisted by the father of the bride.

After the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors. A dinner was served at the home of the bride's parents to about thirty-five of the most intimate friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Bright left that evening for an extended trip through the Eastern States.

While in school Miss Dewey was one of Gamma's most popular members. Mr. Bright graduated from Mount Union with the class of 1902. This last June Mr. Bright graduated from Drew Theological Seminary.

Mr. Bright has joined the East Ohio Conference and has been appointed the church at New Waterford, Ohio, where Mr. and Mrs. Bright are now living. Mr. Bright is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity.

Early in July Miss Myrtle Carrier was married to Mr. William Clarence Mumaw. The wedding was a very quiet one and occurred at the bride's home in Vandegrift, Penn. Mr. Mumaw graduated from Mount Union in 1903 and is a member of the Sigma Nu fraternity. Mrs. Mumaw has been teaching since leaving college two years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Mumaw are living in Burton, Ohio.

Miss Fannie Porch has charge of the shorthand work in the High School at Kankakee, Illinois, this year.

Gamma is proud of the two pledges, which she introduces to all Alpha Xi Delta's, Miss Treva Dewey and Miss Nellie Campbell.

Bessie Galbreath was one of Mount Union's delegates to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Lakeside.

Olive Bracher spent her vacation in Franklin, Penna.

Helen Miller spent two weeks at Lake Chautauqua this summer.

Elsie Jones and Bessie Galbreath are Gamma's representatives in the Senior class.

Elsie Roberts is teaching English and History in the public schools of Salem, Ohio.

The undergraduates who begin the year are, Elsie Jones, Bessie Galbreath, Lucile Strong, Helen Miller, Gussie Yost, Mary Taylor, and Olive Bracher. Mildred Tucker who graduated last year is taking up work in shorthand.

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#### DELTA.

Delta of Bethany begins the year with seven girls to unfurl the tricolors. Already three girls have taken their vows for Alpha Xi Delta. We are proud to announce these—Mayis Hudson, Washington, D. C., Roberta O'Bannon, Stanford, Ky., Bertha Kluberger, Painesville, O.

Muriel Scott, '05, will spend this year at her home in Charleroi, Pa. We are expecting a visit from her soon.

Mayme Hoffman, '05, now of Toledo, O., formerly of Circleville, O.,

visited for a week not long since with the Misses Roberts, Carnegie, Pa. She will continue her study of elocution.

Ellen Blair sends us pleasing reports of her new home in Alba, Pa., where she will spend the coming year.

Pearl Saylor, '05, will remain at her home in Rudolph, O.

Nan Roberts of Carnegie, Pa., will not attend school this year but we are looking forward to a visit from her in the near future.

All Alpha sisters will be grieved to learn of the danger which threatens our sister, Virginia Stewart Erskine in Japan. Their house has been undermined by the rioters and they are obliged to flee to the mountains for refuge.

Five Alpha girls were representatives to the Y. W. C. A. Conference, Lakeside. A picnic on the rocks by way of a reunion will be remembered by them as a most happy occasion. Those of the party were Bessie Galbreath, Gamma; Margery Smith, Clara Dornblazer, Zeta; Crystal Courtney, Iota; Anna Kemp, Delta.

Zeta and Delta feel very near with Anna Miller, May Fidler, Zeta, and Anna Kemp, Delta, residing in the same city, Mansfield, O. The happy gatherings with visiting Alphas will be cherished among the happiest days of vacation.

#### EPSILON.

Olga Averkieff is continuing her medical course in the University of Iowa this year.

Lorena Grange has charge of the primary department in the Britton school.

Zola Jones is teaching Latin and German in the Miller high school.

After spending the latter part of the summer in S. D., Josephine Hanson has returned to her position in the schools of Carnegie, Pa.

Mabel Richardson will retain her position in the University library.

Georgia Hanson will not return to the University this year.

Genevieve Ochaner visited the Portland Exposition this summer. She returns to the Tyndall school for the year.

Helen Tarbell (pledge) has taken up regular work in the college department; she ranks sophomore.

Clara Salmer will spend the year at her home in Vermillion.

Zola Jones spent a part of the summer vacation with Lilla and Helen Tarbell at Watertown.

#### ZETA.

Zeta's four graduates of the class of '05 have entered the field of teaching, Anna Miller is teaching German in the schools of Mansfield, Ohio; Elizabeth Houk teaches Algebra and History in Defiance High School; Jeanette Steck is one of the instructors in the Boys' Seminary of Frederick, Maryland; Myrtle Wildasin is teaching at Selma, Ohio.

Mabel Winn is teaching German this year in Defiance High School.

May Fidler is teaching in the Mansfield schools. May and her sister Edna expect to enter next fall to complete a full college course.

All Alphas of Zeta are enthusiastic over the prospects of a chapter house and think it possible for next year. One of our patronesses is helping us to bring our plans to realization.

Senior class of Wittenberg College will give the Second Sheperd's Play and Fortune Artists during Commencement week. Our Senior Zeta, Mabel Bracher, will take part.

Anna Miller, May Fidler and Mary Hubbell had a delightful visit this summer at the home of Maud Bushy, after indulging in many horseless carriage rides and many pranks, the four journeyed to Galion to the home of Mabel Bracher and enjoyed themselves very much. It is so fortunate that the distance of their homes from each other is short, so such visits can be made frequently. Thus the ties that bind become stronger and tears at separation become fewer.

We have a new pledge, one whom it will be necessary to pledge for many years before she will be eligible for entrance to our fold. But Zeta decided to introduce her to you now so the time which shall seem long to us all may be apparently shortened by the acquaintance and friendship which Alphas can give. Sisters, our pledge, Elizabeth Schneider, daughter of one of our honored patronesses, Mrs. John Philip Schneider.

We are waiting with joyful hearts for the reunion of the girls who are not with us as active members this year and our present chapter. They will return to spend Thanksgiving vacation with us.

All of the girls who have been active members with the exception of Jeanette Steck will be together again. We shall miss our loyal sister Jeanette, our school ma'm of the east. How anxiously we await this reunion.

Zeta entertained at the home of one of her patronesses, Mrs. Harris, on Stanton avenue, on Hallowe'en evening.

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#### ETA.

Vacation days, pleasantly spent, have sent the Eta girls back with renewed energy for college work.

Helen McCormack visited Lena Baldwin in June and spent the month of August at the home of Nan Prussia. Leila Dowsland was also entertained at Miss Baldwin's home. Grace Fox entertained Miss Dowsland and Margaret Hoard. Susie Couch spent the summer at Yonkers, N. Y.

The Misses Weller went on a camping trip to Keuka Lake in August.

Of the girls of '05 Miss Bertha Cleveland is teaching at Sayville, L. I., Miss Theresa Tobin at Richfield Springs, N. Y., and Miss Laura Weller at Wellsville, N. Y.

Helen Tobin, '07, has changed her course of Philosophical at Syracuse to that of Domestic Economy at Pratt Institute.

Elizabeth Loetzer is again at Syracuse after a year's absence teaching at Towanda, Pa.

The chapter announces two new patronesses, Mrs. Nelson B. Snow and Mrs. F. A. Saunders.

Mrs. A. G. Dowsland entertained the Alpha Xi Delta girls at her home on Delaware avenue on the evening of October the seventh.

Gertrude E. Wright has been elected member of the senior society of Eta Pi Upsilon.

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#### IOTA.

"Rushing" and "Convention" are the chief themes for conversation among Iota's girls. Two "rushing" parties have been given and a third is to be had before October is gone. Thanks to our Fraternity friends one skiff, one horse and trap, and one automobile is always at our command. Hence we are not without some means to win the feminine heart.

Crystal Courtney was delegate from the University Y. W. C. A. to the Lakeside Conference in August. Four other Alpha girls were there and Miss Courtney assures us that it was a most enjoyable meeting.

Mary Cooper, whose parents moved to Tennessee last spring, has entered the University of Knoxville. She writes very homesick kind of letters, but no wonder,—for there is not another Alpha Xi Delta there.

Our patroness, Mrs. Lucy B. Johnston, with her husband spent three weeks of the summer at Washington, D. C., and Atlantic City. While in Washington they were guests of John Porter Lawrence, organist of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church.

Prof. Green and family had a camp on Cheat River during July and August. Lillian Smith, Crystal Courtney, Helen Smith, and Elizabeth Sadler were guests of Ethel Green there a part of that time.

Miss Drusilla V. P. Johnson spent the vacation season at her home near Cadiz, Ohio. She is teaching again this year in the Greek Department of the University.

Iota held her first initiation on Friday, October sixth, between the hours of 7.30 P. M. and — morning. Helen Smith of Charleston, W. Va., Mary Atkeson of Buffalo, W. Va., Lucile Johnson of Cadiz, Ohio, and Mabel Weaver of Morgantown, W. Va., are now wearing the double blue and gold. Considering that "Billy" had never been turned loose into polite society before it is not surprising that he did unusual pranks upon the unwary initiates. But after he was brought again into subjection a "spread" was served that helped much to restore peace and trustfulness to our new Sister's hearts. Bertha Jane Smith acted as toastmistress and Elizabeth Sadler as Song Leader. Toasts were given as follows:

Alpha Xi Delta.....	Crystal Courtney.
Our Chapter.....	Drusilla V. P. Johnson.
Our Initiates.....	Ethel Avaril Green.
Reply.....	Mary Meek Atkeson.

During the "spread" a timely letter from Mary Cooper was read. Songs and the yell were thoroughly practised, then the happiest meeting in Iota's history was adjourned.

Bertha Jane Smith, delegate to the Convention of '05, is again in the University as a member of the School of Music Faculty. She returned overflowing with Sorority enthusiasm and many plans for our Chapter.

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#### ALLIANCE ALUMNAE CHAPTER.

Twenty-two girls are enrolled this year in Alliance Alumnae Chapter.

Effie Allott has accepted a position with the Alliance Machine Co.

Etta Bates has returned from a visit with Salem friends.

Mary Bracher is employed as a stenographer at the Reeves Works.

Mabel Hartzell spent the second week of September at Dayton, O., attending a State convention of the Daughters of America. She is State Councillor of that organization.

Alice and Helen Henshilwood visited Salem relatives recently.

Jane Hughes accepted a position in Alliance Public Schools and returned from her home in Chicago, September 1.

Anna Jones spent a part of the summer at Sandy Lake.

Beulah Kirlin spent her vacation at her home in Beattie, Kan.

Gay Milbourne is employed in the office of the Alliance Machine Co.

Grace Newhouse of Louisville, O., was with the girls a few evenings ago, when we were delightfully entertained by Mary Salmon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Craven.

Eloise Patton has returned from a visit of several weeks in Pittsburg.

Louise Shedd-Roberts gave an informal rushing party at her pretty home on Arch avenue, September 28.

Mary Salmon spent last Sunday with Salem relatives.

The alumnae girls were entertained a few weeks ago by Delphia Aronholt-Teeters.

Mary Kay was unable to take up her school duties last week on account of illness.

Edith Whitla-Gow has returned from a visit with Toledo relatives.

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The personals from Theta chapter and the chapter letter and personals from Mt. Pleasant Alumnae chapter did not reach us in time for this issue.

# DIRECTORY REVISION.

## GAMMA.

MYRTLE CARRIER MUMMAW, (Mrs. W. C.) . . . . . Burton, Ohio  
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LORENA GRANGE, . . . . . Britton, S. D.  
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OLGA AVERKIEFF, . . . . . Iowa City, Iowa  
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ELIZABETH JULIA SADLER, . . . . . Point Marion, Pa.  
MABEL JANE WEAVER, Spruce St., . . . . . Morgantown, W. Va.

Matter addressed to any Iota girl care of Alpha Xi Delta, 723 North Front St., Morgantown, W. Va., will be promptly delivered.

# CHAPTER LEAVES.

## ALPHA.

With love from Alpha Chapter to every Sister and Pledge of Alpha Xi Delta.

There were just six of our old girls who returned at the beginning of the year, and although we were all disappointed that there were not more of us, we started ardently into the rushing season. As a result of this we were more than proud on Wednesday, September 27th, to bring out in colors Hazel Moffit of Wyoming, Illinois, and Mable Irwin of Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Pan Hellenic rules agreed to by Illinois Beta of Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, have proven entirely satisfactory to both parties because of their fairness and reasonableness. I am sure no member of either chapter would dispense with them.

During the two weeks which intervened between registration and asking days Alpha Xi Delta girls gave several rowing parties to Highland Park, a reception and luncheon besides the usual number of spreads. The reception and luncheon were both held at the home of Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, a patroness. Mrs. Mitchell is a charming hostess and her home was prettily decorated with our colors, pennants and flowers. We held the reception in the morning from nine to twelve, inviting all the faculty ladies and new girls.

At the luncheon a delightful time was had and later in the afternoon we all sat on the floor in true spread fashion and ate ice cream, cake and bonbons.

We realize that our chapter is very small this year but we also realize that there is certain to be a very strong feeling of love and congeniality among us. We all wish our Alpha sisters the greatest prosperity and hope that each chapter may grow large and flourishing.

*Bess Williamson.*

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## BETA.

"Swing, oh, swing the Alpha Banner high!" That is what we have been doing ever since the opening of college; and these glorious fall days make us feel so enthusiastic.



We started the year with eight of the fraternity girls and seven pledges, and we are expecting to have more pledges before very long. The Pan-Hellenic Association here has decided upon November twenty-fifth as pledge day, so the rushing excitement will last for a while longer.

Our first social function this semester was a reception given for all the girls of the College, the ladies of the Faculty, and our Patronesses.

Then we planned to have a picnic out in the woods, and invited just a few of the new girls, but showers smiled upon us—so we changed our minds and went to Mabel Day's home instead. We had to cook our "Weinies" and make our coffee over a gas stove instead of a bonfire, but we had a jolly time.

We will wait until after pledge day to have our annual Fall Reception when the masculine element is expected; and in the meantime everyone will be kept busy working in College.

*Edith Vancise.*

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### GAMMA.

School has been in session at Mount Union College for three weeks so we feel that we are really started in our year's work. This promises to be the best year in the history of the college. While the Dean has given out no official information the number of students is known to be considerably in advance of the number in attendance last year. There have been a few changes in the faculty and we feel that the strength of that body has been increased by the appointments made. Two of our professors have been married recently and the students are glad to welcome Mrs. Yanney, the wife of the Dean of the Collegiate Department, who was married June first, and Mrs. Gibbs, the wife of the professor of English, who was married on the seventh of August. Professor Lee, who is at the head of the Science Department, has been granted a year's leave of absence for study and is spending the year at Harvard.

There are a large number of new students and the material for fraternity purposes seems to be good, but, since "Asking Day" is still three weeks in the future we can tell you nothing of the results of our rushing season.

Gamma chapter had her share in the festivities of Com-

mencement week. On Wednesday, June fourteenth, we gave a lawn party at the home of one of our patronesses, Mrs. W. W. Webb. The affair was planned and carried out with Gamma's usual success. A larger function and one which was more of an innovation among the fraternities of Mount Union was the musical given at the home of Mrs. George Craven. The talent was all drawn from Gamma's own numbers. We were especially favored in being able to secure Miss Dora Brown of Cleveland for two numbers. She played as an encore the Alpha Xi Delta Waltz which she composed for the last number of the Journal. The program was excellent throughout and the chapter added one more to the long list of very pleasant evenings and at the same time proved her originality and ability to give a most enjoyable program.

On the third of June we were most pleasantly entertained by our patronesses at "The Maples", the beautiful home of Mrs. Arthur Wright. A five course luncheon was served at one o'clock and the remainder of the afternoon was spent on the grounds surrounding the house.

The annual reunion was held at the chapter house on June seventeenth. At twelve o'clock Mrs. A. L. Roberts, of Alliance, was initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Xi Delta. At twelve o'clock dinner was served and at this time we received two beautiful bouquets of roses from the local chapters of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and Alpha Tau Omega. After dinner the futures of the five senior girls were foretold by those present and the rest of the afternoon passed quickly in reminiscences and in welding still more closely the ties which bind us together.

On the tenth of July we held a "convention picnic." Our delegates to the convention were present and gave their report of the proceedings of that session. Later in the month we held an initiation at the home of Miss Mabel Hartzell to initiate two of our S. L. sisters, Mabel Taylor and Ida Davis.

We start the year with eight girls every one of whom is doing her best to uphold the high standard of Alpha Xi Delta and to make this the most successful year of Gamma Chapter. We began the year's work by giving a reception at the chapter house on September twenty-third, to the new girls and the new ladies of the faculty. On Tuesday the twenty-ninth Mrs.

Roberts entertained about fifteen girls including several of the new girls in school.

We wish for each and every chapter the abundant success which we feel sure you all deserve and hope to hear of many victories for Alpha Xi Delta from every quarter.

*Mildred L. Tucker.*

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### DELTA.

Dear Sisters: With the return of the Autumn leaves has come the reunion or the home coming so to speak, of the Alpha Xi Deltas in old Bethany. The collegiate year has opened with brilliant prospects for Delta Chapter. Already three girls have pledged themselves to be true to dear old Alpha Xi. They are Mavis Hudson, Washington, D. C., Roberta Obannon, Kentucky, and Miss Kleeberger of Ohio.

We regret very much that Sister Nan Roberts of Carnegie, Pa., will not be with us this year in school, but we hope to have her and sister Emily visit us often during the year.

Our new home, a room which we have newly furnished on Intellectual Avenue, is really beyond our fondest hopes in beauty.

Sister Muriel Scott has given us glowing reports of the Convention at Mt. Pleasant. We all wish that there might be one grand reunion of the Alpha Xi Deltas when each individual sister might have the opportunity of knowing personally her every sister. Oh! if we but made our lives conform strictly to all that Alpha Xi Delta sets forth might we not all hope to see and know each other in the bright beyond? We are greatly rejoiced at the prospect of the next convention's being held in Morgantown. Already some of us are planning to attend.

We extend our heartiest greetings to all and wish you a very prosperous and delightful collegiate year.

Your Sister,

*Elizabeth Carson.*

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### DELTA CHAPTER, BETHANY, W. VA.

Our Chapter Roll is as follows:—Anna Kemp, '06; Edith Justice, '06; Elizabeth Carson, '06; Helen Tinsley, '07; Katharine Keith, '07; Eunice Orrison, '07; Helen Marshall, '08.

## EPSILON.

Epsilon begins the year few in numbers but mighty in resolve. Five members and a pledge are all we muster, and for this reason we feel it necessary to plan with extreme care each step to be taken. As yet we have not definitely determined the character of our year's work, nor have we decided what our initial entertainment shall be; but plans for both are being discussed with interest by the girls, and we trust that the next Journal may record the achievement of practical results for Epsilon.

A shadow of sorrow has been cast over our little circle by the death of a brother of Clara Salmer, which occurred suddenly in the early part of September. It came as a severe shock to all of us who knew and respected him for his own sake as well as for that of our dear sister, who has our deepest sympathy in her sorrow.

*Ethel Richardson.*

## ZETA.

Dear sisters in Alpha Xi Delta: Zeta began her second year with five members, having lost six last year, but soon we pledged four girls, Clara Schwarm of Wheeling, West Va., Ella Swartout of Van Wert, Ohio, Edith Smith and Hazel Wright of Springfield, O. The two former are Alphas now but the other two shall soon be sisters of ours.

We have bright prospects for this year and hope to ever brighten the ideals of Alpha Xi Delta by constant striving to attain them. Our alumnae are very loyal to us and help us with our finances as well as their loyalty.

We have held many afternoon teas and small affairs but the one we truly enjoyed was a slumber party held at the home of Clara Dornblaser. We held a feast before we slumbered, in fact there was more time for the feast than for slumber. We indulged in heart to heart talks and thereby drew the ties that bind closer. The slumber party produced a good impression upon our innocent preps. They will not forget very soon the stunts they were called upon to do.

We extend to you all our best wishes for this year, and hope every chapter will have above all the true love and enthusiasm

for Alpha Xi Delta which is bound to make a most successful year.

We hope to hear often from every chapter and thereby to become better acquainted with every member of our true and noble sisterhood.

Yours fraternally,

*Mabel Bracher.*

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#### ETA.

To the members of Alpha Xi Delta, best wishes for the college year now opening before us.

In our busy life of rushing, reassuming college duties, and becoming established in our new chapter home, we find much to occupy each moment.

Among the thirteen hundred freshmen entering the University this fall are many desirable girls. Confronted with the problem of wise selection, we realize the responsibility resting upon the present members in offering to others our name and allegiance. Especially do we desire to maintain the most straight-forward and just relations in the friendly rivalry with the other sororities here. So far, our rushing has consisted of teas, parties of various nature, and calling upon the girls who are strangers among us.

To attempt to describe our satisfaction in being established in a house of our own, would be almost impossible. The matter of selecting suitable fittings for our chapter home has been a pleasant task. Gifts in the shape of dainty table furnishings have come to us from our alumnae and city members. Our life together is a happy one—truly happy, and yet our minds so frequently revert to the girls who were such strong members last year but who are now exerting helpful influence in other circles.

Two other sororities, Sigma Kappa and Alpha Gamma Delta have been added to the list of Syracuse sororities. The work continually in progress upon the buildings on our campus prove that our University still grows in ways other than numbers alone.

May each chapter be true to the inspiration received from the convention of last June and have attained great things to report at the one to come.

*Nan E. Prussia, Cor. Sec'y.*

## THETA.

Theta Chapter is happy to present as full fledged members of Alpha Xi Delta, Georgiana Chove, Lenore Henderson, Bessie Pettigrew and Ruth Strong. The initiation took place in our new home at 504 N. Henry street, Friday evening, October 20. After the ceremonies dancing was in order, and an informal spread followed in anticipation of the formal banquet which is to be held this coming week.

According to our University paper, "The Cardinal," "rushing season is about over and the Greek letter societies are once more living the simple life. The blue shirt and gingham dress have been taken from the drawers where they have rested the past few weeks; the laundries are no more congested and the freshmen so much idealized a week ago, are commencing to find their level."

And Theta chapter has done her share of rushing. There have been drives and dinner-parties, informal dancing and stunts of every sort and description.

The stunt which was most successful was a farce given by the Alphas who live in town. Refreshments in the form of a choclataire were served after the play and dancing furnished amusement for the rest of the evening.

Mrs. L. W. Dowling, one of Theta's patronesses, is away on a trip to Europe with her husband, Dr. L. W. Dowling, Professor of Mathematics.

Our '05 graduates are all teaching this year. Gusta Larch at St. Croix Falls, Iva C. Allen at Merriel, Nellie Rhodes at Manston, Lulu Runge at Neillsville, and Eudora Cook at Hurley.

Three of our girls are not back this semester; Mary Mac Roe, who is teaching at Rheinlander, Jessie Mabbett of Edgerton and Ruth Whittemore of Milwaukee, who remained at home on account of ill health.

We want our sister chapters to know that we are proud of our new home, our new members and of the place that Theta Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta is winning for herself among the numerous older Greek letter societies at Wisconsin. We hope that they have had success in their fall rushing and that the coming year may be most helpful and profitable.

Yours in the bonds of Alpha Xi Delta,

*Ora L. Mason, Cor. Sec'y.*

## IOTA.

The girls of Iota Chapter send greetings to the members of each other Chapter.

Iota has entered upon what promises to be a pleasant and prosperous year. Though the "Baby" is only five months old she shows much strength and activity. Six out of the seven charter members are in school, (Mary Cooper is in the University of Knoxville), and on October sixth four girls, three freshman and one sophomore, were inducted into the sacred mysteries of our secret circle. The Chapter has girls from each class in college, also two members in the faculty, one in the Greek Department, the other in the School of Music. Several new girls are being "rushed" much to the discomforture of our rivals, and another initiation may be held this term.

Chi Omega, the only other National Sorority here, has responded to our request for a Pan-Hellenic Association and arrangements for the same will be completed at once.

The girls are already making preparations for the Convention of 1906, and are eagerly awaiting that time to know personally their Sisters in the bonds.

Fraternally yours,

*Bertha Jane Smith.*

## ALLIANCE ALUMNAE.

Dear Sisters in Alpha Xi Delta: To alumnae girls is not given the privilege of relating the varied experiences of college life. For we must leave this to our sisters who are in school. But we can tell of a busy rushing season, in which we have endeavored to stand shoulder to shoulder with the active chapter, all working together to better our sorority.

We meet every two weeks to sew and read and discuss fraternity matters. In this way the two chapters keep together, each knowing what the other is doing. Frat songs are a standing feature, and some of the girls have declared they will have "song-bags" for the song books; they play so important a part in the evening's pleasures. Occasionally our patronesses meet with us and we are very glad to have them.

Our chapter roll has been lengthened by the addition of the

following names: Effie Allott, Mary Bracher, Mabel Hartzell, Jane Hughes, Anna Jones, Gay Milbourne, Mrs. Louise A. Roberts and Blanche Whitla. As several of the girls are teachers, we often have highly interesting experience meetings. Mabel Hartzell accepted a very good position as teacher of Latin in Alliance High School. Mary Kay, Anna Jones, Jane Hughes, Mary Salmon and Blanche Whitla are also teaching in Alliance schools. We all miss Fannie Porch, who is teaching in Kankakee (Ill.) High School.

Alliance Alumnae Chapter lost a loyal member by the marriage of Mary Scott, whose home is now in Minneapolis. Her marriage to Mr. Roy McCoy, a prominent newspaper man of Minneapolis, occurred last August. The wedding was a quiet home affair, the ceremony being witnessed by the relatives and close friends only. Mr. and Mrs. McCoy left at once for Minneapolis. Before the wedding the girls spent an evening at Mary's home. A linen shower was the principal feature. We also presented her with a frat pin.

Another marriage of special interest to Alliance Alpha girls, was that of Mabel Taylor to Arthur R. Campbell. Miss Taylor was an active member of S. L. club. After graduating from Mt. Union College, she went to Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., where she was graduated in 1904. She became a member of Alpha Xi Delta last summer and left two weeks later for Utah where, September 5, she became the wife of Arthur R. Campbell. Mr. Campbell is a Harvard man. Before she left for the West the girls presented her with a half dozen silver spoons bearing the frat monogram.

And, now, to every girl who wears the quill may this be a happy and useful year—a year of earnest endeavor to stand by our principles and attain our lofty ideals.

With fraternal love,

*Blanche Whitla.*



## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Arch Chapter of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity announces the installation of Gamma Kappa Chapter at University of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri, July 29, 1905.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon established Iowa Gamma Chapter at Iowa State College, June 1, 1905.

Beta Gamma Chapter of Sigma Chi was established May 6, 1905, at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colo.

Sigma Chi established Toledo Alumni Chapter, May 12, 1905.

Kappa Kappa Gamma announces the installation of Beta Sigma Chapter at Adelphi College, May 20, 1905.

Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity announces the re-establishment of Sigma Chapter at Toronto University, July 3, 1905.

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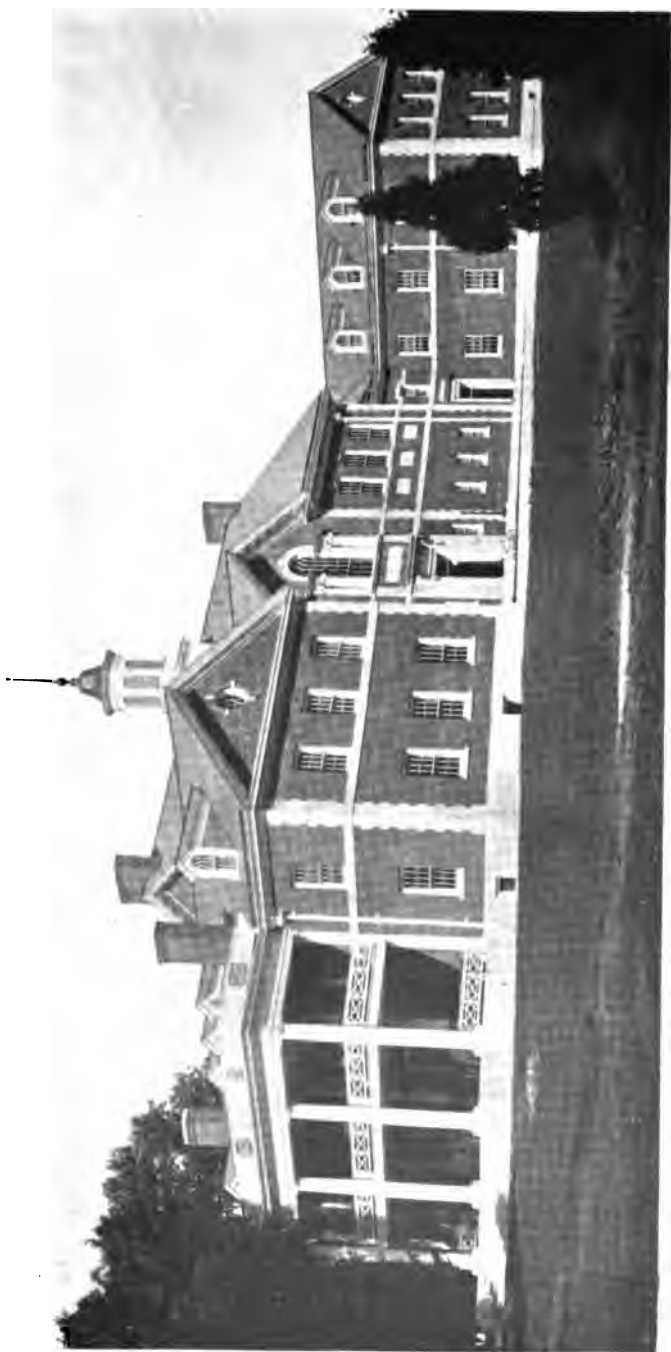
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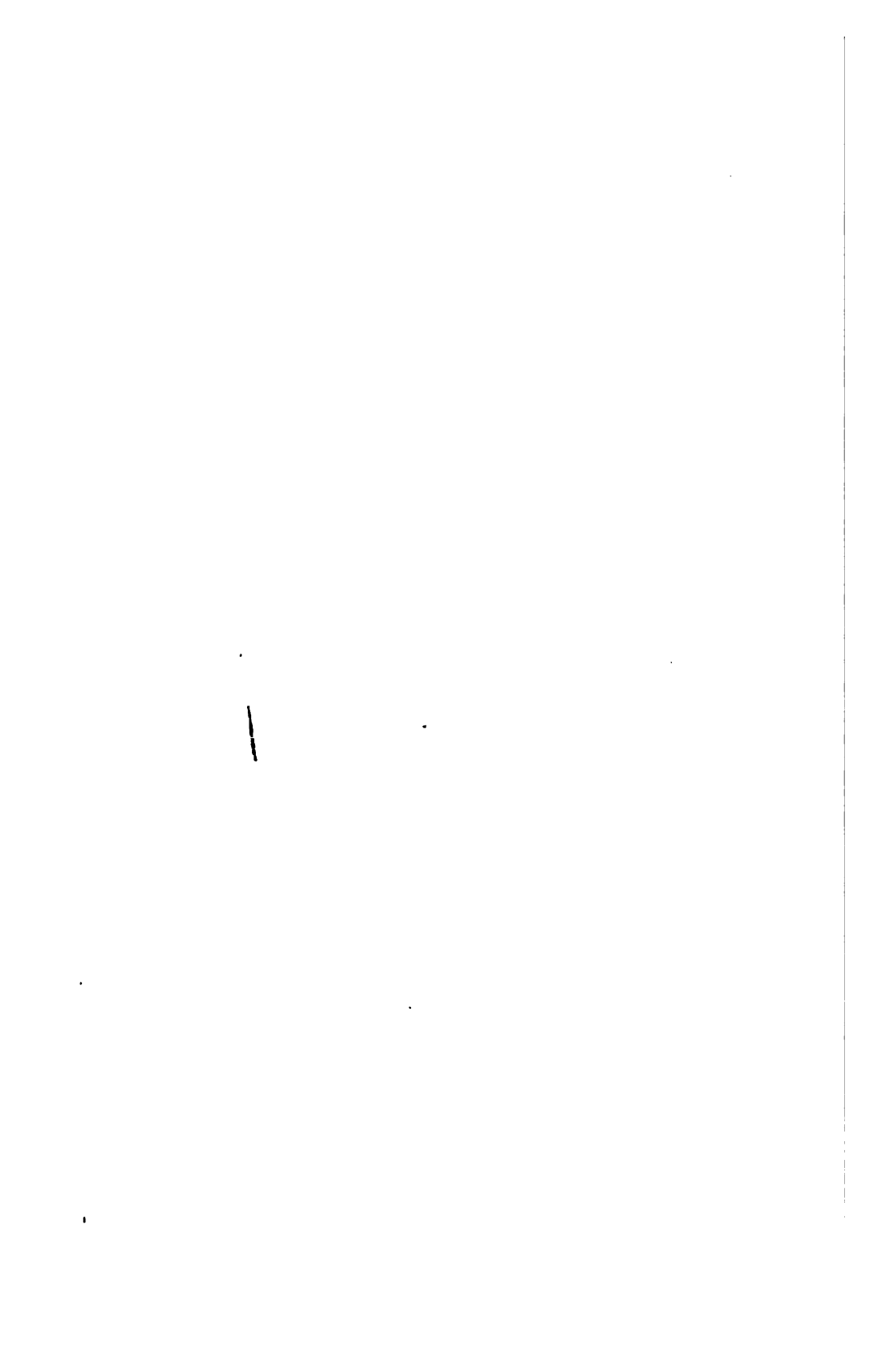
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# THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The University of Illinois is the largest of the state universities which owe their origin to the Federal land grant of 1862. In February, 1867 it was founded by an act of the state legislature, and a little over a year later (March, 1868) it was formally opened to students. The institution was then known by the name of "Illinois Industrial University." The faculty was at this time made up of a Regent and three professors, and the enrollment of students was about fifty. The University was then empowered to give only certificates showing the amount of work done, but in 1877 the legislature gave the University the power to grant diplomas and confer degrees. Finally in 1885 the name was changed to the "University of Illinois." In 1870 an important step in its development had taken place when an act was passed admitting women, and from that time the women have constituted about one-fifth of the total attendance.

From the National government the University of Illinois receives annually about forty thousand dollars, altho the institution depends chiefly on state appropriations for maintenance. The present value of its entire property is estimated at over two and a half million dollars.

Since 1896 the following colleges have become affiliated with the University: the Chicago College of Pharmacy (1896); the Chicago College of Physicians and Surgeons (1897); and the School of Dentistry (1901). The Armour Institute of Library Economy was transferred from Chicago to Champaign in 1897, and became the State Library School.

At the present time the University of Illinois is fourth in point of attendance in the United States and has a faculty numbering over four hundred.

The home of this state University is in the "Twin Cities"—Urbana and Champaign, the University proper being within the corporate bounds of the latter town. However, as one



town is simply across the street from the other, the larger part of the student body lives in Champaign, and it is here that all the fraternity houses are situated. Champaign is about one hundred and thirty miles from Chicago, on the Illinois Central Railroad, and is about fifty miles northeast of the centre of the state, geographically speaking. The two towns have a population of seventeen thousand. The Twin Cities are unusually beautiful and prosperous.

The University occupies about two hundred and twenty acres of land, and there are over thirty buildings on the campus. The campus itself is very beautiful and extensive. The grounds are kept in perfect condition, and during the warm months there is everywhere a profusion of flower beds and graceful shrubs. The campus has been called the most beautiful in the country, excepting the natural beauty of Madison. However the campus is not totally devoid of natural beauty, for a streamlet, historically known as "Silver Creek," but popularly, as the "Boneyard," wends its murky way behind the Engineering buildings and thru the town. How important a part in student life this insignificant little creek plays, can be eloquently set forth by any experienced freshman.

The University comprises the colleges of Literature and Arts, Agriculture, Engineering, Science, Law, Medicine, Dentistry, and the schools of Music, Library Science, Education, Pharmacy and a Graduate school. The colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and Pharmacy are located in Chicago, but the other schools are housed on the campus at Champaign.

The most beautiful of the buildings is the Library with its library of one hundred and fifty thousand volumes, library school rooms and offices of the different officers of the University.

The Main Hall is the oldest building, and altho not a handsome building, is nevertheless dear to all Illinois students for its traditions and history. The University Chapel, and music rooms are in this building, which is used mainly for recitation rooms.

The Science department has a large handsome building of red brick, enclosing various laboratories and museums of stuffed animals whose names are beyond the power of man to pronounce. The atmosphere is permeated with odors suggest-

ing specimens preserved in alcohol, and the air is thick with Latin names. The younger generation is often found wandering about the corridors here, flattening its nose against the cases of the stuffed wonders of the animal kingdom, and admiring the beautiful geological specimens. Connected with the Science department are the various experiment stations, geological surveys, State entomological stations and State Laboratory of Natural History.

The Engineering building is the home of one of the largest departments of the University. Connected with this department are several large and excellently equipped laboratories, steam, electric, hydraulic, mechanical, beside the wood and metal shops.

The Agricultural Building is one of the most extensive on the campus, and is a worthy headquarters for that department for which the University is most noted. This department has its various green houses, and has extensive tracts of ground which are devoted to grain raising, grape culture, and—cruel temptation placed “in plain sight,”—orchards of different fruits. Beyond the campus proper is the South Farm where the visitor is shown exhibits of prize stock and beautiful horses. The Dairy department is one of great interest and the wing of the “ag” building devoted to cream, cheese and butter—and cottage cheese and ice cream for the *chance* visitor, is one of the popular points of the University.

The Chemistry Building is very imposing without and within. All the popular and unpopular perfumes can be enjoyed here to one’s heart’s content.

The Law Building is a historic, ivy-grown home for the students of Blackstone. In the basement of this structure the Art department has its clay-modeling rooms. It is a sad fact that the Law Building is so lacking in verandas that during the warm weather the entire college of law can be seen dangling out of the many windows.

The observatory, a most popular building, is far out on the campus, away from the rest of the buildings as it should be, of course. The University has here a telescope of unusual value. About the observatory are the various arrangements for observing all atmospheric phenomena. It is in this course of

astronomy, I believe, that I learned that "John the Baptist was the Great Dipper." Indeed, many and wonderful are the observations made around this observatory on summer evenings.

The men's gymnasium is a three-story building, very well equipped. Many, many times is this the scene of exciting indoor meets, basket ball games, and water polo contests—and often has it been the scene of the most beautiful dances, for the floor of the "gym" proper is excellent for this purpose. The armory, next door, is said to have the largest unsupported roof in the country. It is, as its name signifies, the home of military science. This building is always in demand for various University functions. And "last the best of all" the large buildings is the Woman's Hall—which has just been opened to the women of the University. It is pure colonial style of architecture. The central part is the women's "gym"—with baths, swimming pool and lockers on the lower floor. The north wing is occupied by the Department of Household Science, and the south wing provides social club rooms. The enrollment in the Household Science department is very large. This department is deservedly popular, and is most interesting to the casual visitor. The laboratories are equipped as large kitchens and each student has her outfit of miniature kitchen utensils. There are trips to the meat market and grocery stores included in these courses, as well as dairy studies. The Household Science department gives a series of receptions to the curious masculine element when the culinary artists display and demonstrate their newly acquired ability. It is at such times as these that it becomes a matter of regret that the Medical department of the University is located at Chicago, a hundred and thirty miles away.

The "social" wing of the building is a revelation of beauty. There are beautiful carpets, Turkish rugs, pearl inlaid furniture, and the mission style also—with its palms, pianos and lovely furnishings, the Woman's Hall is a home of which the University girls are more than proud. The different literary societies meet here, and this is the headquarters of the Woman's Self-Governing League, which has just been established at the University. The Woman's Hall is presided over by Acting

Dean of Women, Mrs. Daniels, and a more thoroughly lovely woman, the Illinois girls think, cannot exist. On the south side of the building is a glorious wide veranda, and its colonial pillars and wide stone steps are most imposing. The veranda looks out over the girl's tennis courts and basket ball field.

The men's tennis courts are in front of their gymnasium. Behind the armory and "gym" is what is said to be the finest athletic field in the country. Here are the drill ground, the gridiron, baseball diamond, and track grounds.

The student life at Illinois is about the same as in most large educational institutions. However, there is one unusual feature in that there are no dormitories, but all the students room in private houses and board in eating clubs.

There are many clubs which correlate the work of the different courses, such as the English, German, French, Library, Mathematics, Household Science, Architects', Civil and Electrical Engineering, Agricultural and other similar clubs.

There are several honorary fraternities. The Phi Lambda Upsilon is chemical; Tau Beta Pi, engineering; Phi Delta Phi, law, Theta Kappa Nu, law, Phi Alpha Delta, law; Alpha Zeta, agriculture; and Sigma Xi, scientific.

There are thirteen national fraternities having chapter houses in Champaign. These are Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi and Delta Upsilon. There are besides these several locals having chapter houses.

The sororities also have their own houses, three of them owning their houses. The following sororities are represented at Illinois: Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Chi Omega, Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta. There is also a local, Zeta Nu, petitioning for a charter from Delta Gamma.

Fraternities play a very important part in the life of the University.

The musically inclined students have a great opportunity to display their talent. There are many recitals for the music students, which are open to the public. Then there is the Choral Society which gives very successful concerts twice a year. The

University Orchestra is one of unusual merit, and combines with the Choral Society to give a most delightful program. The Illinois Band is one of about forty pieces and is contemplating enlarging its number still more. The band is one of the most popular of the University organizations. It has its annual concert which the student body patronizes almost as a whole. The Glee and Mandolin Club is another of the popular student clubs. The club takes a tour of about two weeks every year, giving concerts in Chicago and various towns about the State.

The Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations have a large, comfortable house across the street from the campus, and this is a haven of refuge for more than one stranded student. These associations meet the trains at the beginning of the school year and find room and board for any student who has not made previous arrangements. The associations are very influential at Illinois and are most praiseworthy enterprises. There is one entertainment given each year which is of much material aid to the succeeding sophomore classes, and this is the annual opening reception to new students. The freshmen, tagged with their class numerals are most easily captured as they leave, and are persuaded to do the usual hazing "stunts," the most popular of which is a "ducking in the boneyard."

For one thing more is Illinois famous—that is that intangible something called "college spirit." "Illinois spirit" is already famous, it is becoming almost proverbial, and for a large university its sway is astonishing. Each and every student feels to his heart's core the meaning of:

" We're loyal to you, Illinois,  
 We're orange and blue, Illinois,  
 We'll back you to stand  
 'Gainst the best in the land—  
 Illinois, Illinois, Illinois."

*Louise E. DeWitt, Kappa*

## THE LEGEND OF THE ROSE

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A pink rosebud was once blooming in a thicket, its beauty almost hidden by the surrounding green hedge, but its fragrance was sweet. Many passed along the road but few noticed the rose in its green bower. Daily it grew more beautiful. The few who saw it, delighted in its beauty but still they passed it by. But, one day, a person, more thoughtful than the rest, saw it and said: "What a beautiful rosebud, hiding itself away, yet brightening the world with its beauty and fragrance. It is full of promise. I will nurture it and watch each petal unfold its golden heart." And so she did. Day by day, she watched the rose in its bloom until at last, it grew almost perfect. And as the same people passed by, they began to notice the rose, now full blown.

Gradually the people realized its worth and its mission—to help others by a touch of beauty and sweetness—and they wondered the more that they had so long passed it by.

This little legend of the rose is a miniature of Alpha Xi Delta, the bower of the pink rose. With a small beginning, growing stronger each day, we add petals of the rose type and unfold more and more the heart, the purpose of our bond. We, who at first, were but slightly known have acquired notice through following the example of "our flower." Few can realize the inspiration of our rose, few can understand its help; only to us who know what it means, is the desire to emulate our flower fully understood. Wherever we may be, whatever we may do, we can always remember that a rose of the most delicate form, with petals of coral pink and with a heart of gold is to be our constant guide.

Though we may not be of great prominence in the world, though our mission in life may seem almost a nonentity, let us remember that like the rose:

"Many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

*Helen McCormack, Eta*

## THE INSTALLATION OF KAPPA CHAPTER

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Alpha Xi Deltas are once more called to greet a new chapter of sisters in the bond. On December the fifteenth, nineteen hundred and five, Kappa was installed at the University of Illinois, and we may well be proud of each and every one of the twelve who compose the chapter. Our Epsilon sister, Clara Salmer, who spent last year at Illinois, had recommended the girls of the Omega Omicron local society so favorably from her intimate acquaintance with them that I expected to meet a splendid lot of girls, and my expectations were realized.

Those of us who were at convention last June remember the petition presented by Omega Omicron, which was not granted at that time, though all were favorably impressed. A more extensive petition and a larger membership were required and the girls worked hard to come up to requirements, with the result that a charter was granted to the petitioners by the Grand Committee and chapters on November twenty-first. Much credit for obtaining Kappa is due to Epsilon chapter, University of South Dakota, especially to Clara Salmer whose efforts have been untiring. It was my good fortune to enjoy a five days' visit with the Kappas, as I went to Champaign Thursday, the fourteenth. Although there was a difficulty, which for a time looked serious, in making connections between the receiving committee and myself, it turned out well and is amusing to think of now. From the train I went to the Omega Omicron rooms, 405 East Green street, Champaign, where an opportunity was given to meet all the girls. That evening a dinner was given for the charter members and myself by four of the girls: Winnifred Campbell, Louise DeWitt, Marion Bell and Clarinne Llewellyn. After the dinner we adjourned to the rooms where a most delightful evening was spent becoming acquainted, and chafing-dish dainties were dispensed by the girls who are artists in this line.

Friday morning was spent in visiting the campus and different buildings of the University and attending classes with the girls. As a resident of Illinois, I felt proud indeed as I



Green Street through the Campus, University of Illinois





viewed the splendid University and realized fully the completeness of its equipment for educating the youth of our noble state.

Friday afternoon Frances Richey of Alpha chapter, Lombard College, came from Galesburg, and we were driven about the pretty cities of Champaign and Urbana to view the sights.

Friday evening the installation ceremonies took place at the home of Nellie Branch, 610 South State street, Champaign. Frances Richey, acting Grand Marshal, assisted the President, and twelve earnest, sincere girls took the vows of sisterhood in Alpha Xi Delta. On account of the multiplicity of things happening on Saturday, it was necessary to have both installation and business meeting on Friday evening, so toasts were dispensed with at the installation supper owing to the lateness of the hour, but the new Kappas were too enthusiastic for Alpha Xi Delta to leave for home before singing several songs they had composed and dedicated to the sorority. These were highly enjoyed by the listeners, and I can assure the song book committee that they can look to Kappa chapter for songs for the new song book.

Telegrams and letters of congratulation to Kappa were received from Iota chapter, West Virginia; Alpha at Lombard; Theta, Wisconsin; Mary Kay, Grand Secretary; Clara Salmer of Epsilon. These were much appreciated.

The Kappa girls have been very fortunate in securing as patronesses: Mrs. William Branch, of Champaign, at whose home the installation was held and who so hospitably entertained the visiting Alpha Xi Deltas; Mrs. James W. Garner, Champaign; and Mrs. E. B. Wood, Urbana. With the benefit of the wisdom and guidance of women of their character, I feel no fear for the future of Alpha Xi Delta's "baby" chapter.

Although no sorority has entered Illinois for several years, the attitude of the fraternity world of the University towards Kappa was most friendly, courtesies being received from many of these. Especially to be thanked are: Delta Kappa Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta and Alpha Tau Omega among fraternities, and Kappa Kappa Gamma and Chi Omega among sororities. The *Illini*, the college daily, and the Champaign and Urbana papers accorded kindly notices to Kappa.

The girls sat for the chapter picture Saturday morning, and

the rest of the day was a busy one as the Fair given by the Women's League of the University and the Student's Carnival took place in the armory that afternoon and evening. It was a delight to one out of college for a number of years to view the exuberance of student life once more and get into the swing of it all, from the elaborate street parade to the real circus in the gymnasium.

My visit is especially pleasing as all my time was spent with the girls. It scarcely seems possible that I have known them but five days, and the secret of this is that they are real Alpha Xi Deltas and true, and this spirit makes us all one.

It was with deep regret that I left the girls, and I feel glad that I live near them.

After the Holiday vacation, Mrs. Daniels, head of the Woman's Building, is to give a reception to the girls.

The chapter officers elected are: Marion Bell, '06, President; Louise Yale, '07, Vice-President; Clarinne Llewellyn, Recording Secretary; Winnifred Campbell, Corresponding Secretary; Mattie Fargo, '06, Treasurer; Iris Wood, '07, Marshal; Louise DeWitt, '06, Historian; Rosalie Retz, '08, Chaplain.

That readers of the ALPHA XI DELTA may know more of the personelle of the new sisters of Kappa, I will give some points on each.

*Ella Boston-Leib, Gr. Pres*

These extremely personal notes have kindly been furnished by Louise E. DeWitt. They will be found among the items elsewhere in these pages.

## RECENT IMPROVEMENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

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Great was my dismay, when told that I was to write one of Theta's articles for the February journal, and still greater was my dismay when told the subject upon which I was to write. But second thoughts are not only wisest but oftentimes happiest. My second thought was that only the most conscientious would read an article with such an uninteresting title, and since conscientious people are apt to be very charitable, I perhaps did not have so great cause for dismay as it at first appeared, so in accordance with the old saying, "Do as you're bid and you'll not be chid," I began to look around for recent improvements. I soon found that I should have to limit my subject, for were I to include all the improvements along moral lines, such as cleaning up intercollegiate athletics, or the improvements along intellectual lines, such as the late acquisition in the instructional force, I should have to issue a journal all my own. I shall, therefore, limit this article to recent improvements along the line of building. Of such improvements there are four.

The first, in order of size, is the chemistry building, which is now in use by the four hundred and eighty students taking general chemistry as well as many more in the advanced classes. This building on the side of the hill, back of University Hall, fronts on University avenue. It is the first one belonging to the College of Letters and Science to be built on that side of the hill, and it certainly adds much to the appearance of that part of the University grounds. Its total cost was \$100,000, excluding any furnishings. It is a three-story building with a central part of eighty by one hundred and eighty feet and two wings, fifty-one by sixty-one feet each. The eighty-foot front is of Bedford limestone and the remaining exterior is of sand lime brick, which matches the stone front in color. The plans were drawn to allow the addition, when necessity demands, of two wings of Bedford limestone, so that the whole exterior when complete will be of stone. The building contains an auditor-

ium seating five hundred, seminary rooms, four small lecture rooms and library, besides large laboratories for general chemistry, advanced inorganic, organic, analytical, physical, electro and pharmaceutical chemistry with special laboratories for advanced work in each department. The equipment thruout is modern and complete making, in all, a building not only of architectural beauty but one that will do much to bring the University to the front in this branch of science.

Then there is the Hydraulic Building about which the engineers talk so much, to the mystification not only of the Alpha girls, but of all the "co-eds." This building, on the lake shore just below the path thru the woods, is built of cement stone and is to cost when completed \$20,000. It is forty-eight by ninety-six feet, with two main stories and a basement. It is designed both for instructional and investigational work. For the latter, I am told, it will surpass anything of its kind in this country. Much more might be said about this building, but I fear most of the Alpha girls would find fuller details tiresome and I will therefore leave it to engineer friends to give any further information regarding such a building. Anything they may claim for a hydraulic structure anywhere in the country is applicable to the one at Wisconsin, since this is to be all that any building of its kind can be made.

The third improvement is not yet completed and it is, therefore, hard to give any details relative to it. But since it is one that, perhaps, more closely concerns our girls than any of the others, I want to give it at least a mention. I speak of the new north wing that is being added to University Hall. This building stands at the upper end of the campus and is the one where the Alpha girls go for the greater number of their daily recitations. This wing will not only add much to the architectural beauty of the building by making it more symmetrical in structure, but it will also mean much to the College of Letters and Science in that it is to give added recitation rooms and furnish offices for the instructional force.

Last but not least, as concerns university life, is the Y. M. C. A. Building which has been erected the past year and occupied this fall for the first time. This is a splendid stone building on Langdon street directly across from the lower campus, and on

the lot adjoining the one on which the gymnasium stands. By virtue of such a location it commands a fine view of Lake Mendota and to take advantage of this fact, each of the four stories is supplied with a balcony on the lake side. The building contains about forty double sleeping rooms with a comfortable study room off each, a commodious dining room and auditorium with a seating capacity of several hundred besides all the offices, and other rooms, that are found in every modern Y. M. C. A. building. In this building is met a long felt need at our University and it is safe to say that with such a home, the association will be able not only to continue its helpful influence over the student body, but is bound to become a greater force for good.

Such are the building improvements at the University of Wisconsin. I wish that I might include in my paper a description of the Woman's building but as yet this is but an air castle, however, we as Alpha sisters, together with all the girls at Wisconsin University are hoping and working to give to this "airy nothing nothingness a local habitation and a name."

In sending this to the editor, I want to add, for the comfort, and perhaps reward, of the conscientious people mentioned above, a little rhyme found in an old book in the library which seems to be especially applicable to this article. It is as follows:

"If there should be another flood,  
For refuge here do fly,  
Altho all else be drowned  
This book will still be dry."

*Bess Adams, Theta*

## IS THE SORORITY WORTH ALL WE PUT INTO IT

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The ideal sorority, the sorority of our dreams, differs as much and in much the same way from the sorority of reality as all ideals differ from realities. The sorority whose traditions and organization become each year the property and life center of a different group of girls is primarily the sorority of reality to these girls to whom the labor and methods of sorority life are newest does this question most nearly apply. Those who lived with the sorority for so long a time that it has become almost a part of themselves cannot fail to answer in the affirmative. The fact remains, however, Can we prove it?

The sorority of reality demands of its members earnest effort, unflinching tact, broadminded intellect and much expense. Can we in all sincerity find justification for this expenditure of our best selves and most useful endeavor? Do we get from it the sense of time well spent and resources rightly expended? The only way to answer this is to find what we get out of it.

Out of the sorority we obtain first of all lasting friendships and the projection of high ideals whether we accept them or not. Besides these, there are the more material gains of training in organization and execution, the becoming accustomed to concerted thought and action, the habit of putting our best selves foremost and of being hospitable, agreeable and useful. While these benefits are secondary, still they are attributes of a well trained woman and are qualities in which no girl can become too perfect.

Do these two columns of expenditure and income balance? Does the debit of endeavor and strenuous effort equal the credit of friendships gained and invaluable training in becoming and being a woman who shall be worth while? Surely we can only answer yes.

But the ideal sorority is still beyond us and if we obtain so much from the sorority of imperfections surely we can not fail to grasp much more of the deeper meaning from the more perfect one. Is not the ideal sorority worth striving for?

*Frances Richey*

In the fraternity world, we are frequently accosted by persons, who underestimate the worth and beauty of sisterly associations, of which the ideal type exists in the sorority of college women. These unbelieving ones will say, "You put so much time and strength and affection into your sorority. Are these not wasted? Is your sorority worth all that you put into it?" And every loyal girl will unhesitatingly answer, "My sorority is worth all and more than I can ever do for it."

Who of us, on that eventful occasion, when the principles and ideals of our chosen sorority were revealed to us, did not thrill with joy at the thought that we had been given power and inspiration to work for the highest good for our sisterhood? And as the years have passed and the friendships have become dearer and our ideals brighter and better, because of our honest endeavor or to live up to them, what girl is not eager to stand up in the face of bitter opposition and declare the worth of devotion to one's beloved sorority?

As to the time and affection spent on one's sorority, who would want to call these wasted? For when we remember the perfect confidence we possess one for another and the lofty pride we all cherish for our noble sisterhood, we know that we have gained more than we ever gave forth.

So, sisters, let us consecrate the best of ourselves to showing the sceptical world that by serving our sorority, we are helping to uplift humanity. And with our lives full of lasting sunshine, and our hearts full of truth and love, may we continue in our beautiful way, keeping ever in mind that leading us is a Divine hand and upon us in a Divine smile of approval.

*Alliance Alumnæ*



## THE IDEAL ALPHA XI DELTA GIRL

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Ali Baba in the Philistine said: "The devil sends us our relatives but thank God we can choose our own friends." Most of us do not feel as bitterly as Ali Baba toward our relatives, but we are all glad that the privilege of making friends is ours. We are glad that we may choose those who shall be with us most and see our failures or successes and our habits and come to know our real selves. Friendships are often built on chance but we may choose if we will. The year's work has begun again. With whom shall we form the friendships that are to lighten the work and make it precious? As members of Alpha Xi Delta, whom shall we ask to be our sisters, to come into the closest relations with us and form a part of the chapter we have so earnestly worked to build? What are the qualifications we want most to see in a girl when we ask her to join Alpha Xi Delta?

It is hard to find the real ideal of a chapter because a statement of ideals is so often merely formal. It is much easier to vote against a poorly dressed girl than to put down in black and white that the one we want always looks stylish, and money considerations creep into a rushing party much easier than into our written ideals. But as sisters, let us ask each other: "What in reality are the qualifications we look for most in those we rush; if we were to meet our ideal Alpha Xi Delta girl what would she be like?"

The girl who says she does not take dress into consideration makes a mistake—either she does not understand her own mind or she does not realize how much personality clothes express. The ideal girl dresses neatly and with that indefinable air of fitness and simplicity and unity, which we call style and which does not depend on costliness of materials but on good taste and care. But we must not go too far. With most of us, our tastes and fancies are not the only considerations that decide what our dress shall be. If we only knew, perhaps the freshman whose dress we dislike hates it as cordially as ever we could wish and, if she were to have her way, would dress with all the charm of our ideal. But we do not know. Let us



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ask that her clothes be neat and clean and for the rest, let us learn to know the girl herself.

The ideal Alpha Xi Delta girl is beautiful—physically so perhaps but added to that she has the beauty that comes from pleasant ways and pure thoughts, the kind of beauty we build for ourselves. If she has not this, any perfection of form or face will still lack that which is vital.

We choose the ideal Alpha Xi Delta girl for herself—her intrinsic worth—and whether she has wealth or social position does not enter into the question. We are strong just in proportion as we approach this standard. The chapter that looks to anything beside the girl herself will degenerate, just as every organization in history, founded on anything except pure worth, has degenerated.

Scholarship is surely a requirement. But we want our ideal to be more than a scholar. I once heard a lecture on "Knowledge vs. Wisdom," in which the author spoke of wisdom as the power to use our knowledge to the best advantage, an understanding of the right proportions of life as opposed to a mere accumulation of facts. Our ideal has wisdom. She sees that social life and outside work, as well as book learning may train for the future. She is a good student but she is more,—a broad minded woman.

Her manners are charming, but what gives them their charm is the ring of sincerity and kindness in her voice and the simplicity and naturalness in her actions.

She is more than dress, or manner, or beauty, or learning and associating with her you feel that these are subordinate to her own personality; that, after all, what you most admire is her strong sweet womanliness.

When we compare the girls we rush with our ideal, let us look for broadness, simplicity, enthusiasm, good scholarship, that is wisdom rather than knowledge, good manners that are born of ease and naturalness, and good looks that are beauty of the heart rather than of the face. We may not find our ideal but perhaps in the effort we shall grow toward her.

*Bertha Davis, Theta.*

## A RESPONSE TO A TOAST

### "THE WIDE, WIDE WORLD"

I am glad I can lay the responsibility of my subject on the Program Committee, for although my ability as a cook is unquestioned in my own home circle, I should never be so presumptuous as to attempt the making of sufficient *toast* to cover the "wide, wide world."

My literary toasting fork has grown somewhat rusty from long disuse, so if this one small slice I present at the Alumna Board be not "done brown," please attribute it to that fact, and do not conclude that the fire of college spirit has grown cold on the hearth of my heart. No, while the fitful flames of youthful enthusiasm have somewhat died down, there are still the solid, glowing embers of undying affection for my Alma Mater and a resulting warmth toward all that pertains to college life.

If my subject means the 25,000 miles of space which must be achieved by the traveler before he can speak in the light of experience of the literal width of this old globe, the subject might better have been assigned to one of I. W. U.'s Philippine adventurers. A little summer trip "across the big pond" and up and down the tourist tracks of Europe, cannot be called a world-wide exploration; but I take it that by the "wide world" as a sentiment to which we are to touch glasses and drink a toast to-night, is meant the wide world of life—experience—the world which is so constantly held up for the inspection of the ever sanguine graduate and which is dinged into his ears so persistently, that it is surprising he does not acquire a great prejudice against it prior to his experience of it. On the contrary, he is always eager to make the plunge "out into the world" and see for himself. It is because I have made this plunge and have been seeing for myself for eleven years, that I am called upon, I suppose, to testify regarding it, not on the supposition of a world wide experience.

Some of the thoughts that come to me, which I would fain elaborate, but time forbids, are:—the contrasts in college world

and the world of after life, and the comparison of my one-time guesses and imaginings of what the world of life-experience would be, with what it has actually turned out.

The size of college world and real world depend entirely on the point of view. The hoary alumnus says in indulgent paternal tones, "The college students move in a little world, all their own, don't they?" Mark the word "*little*." Do you think for one minute it seems little to them, the college students? Why, the rivalry between fraternities, the election of a class president, and even the making of a schedule of dates for commencement, seem to them questions on which mighty issues depend. Pray do not think I mock. Do I not remember, as if yesterday, how the Class of '91 had their cuts and biographies printed in the *Ottumwa Courier* and felt confident that they had thereby been well introduced into the wide world.

This feeling that they are the "observed of all observers" is common to the graduate, I believe. The morning after High School graduating exercises, I met two of our fledglings on the square. "Well, boys," I said, "how do you feel since you are graduated?" One of them replied with great frankness and sincerity: "Feel as if everybody is looking at us."

Well, "we pass this way but once." What a glorious thing to feel at least *once*, that we are of vast importance in the eyes of the world!

But how do the dreams pan out? The dreams that come to every one of these graduates as they face the dim vistas, the unexplored avenues of the wide, wide world? At the risk of being called a croaker—truth compels me to state that several of my "castles in Spain" have *already* crumbled. But this old world is not all disappointment. Its resources are so infinite that when one castle tumbles, we can take up the refrain of that famous old game, "Skip to my Lou" and jauntily gazing upon the ruins sing, "I can get another just as good as you," and up and at the building again, with greater hope of success by the wisdom acquired in our previous failures.

I have found it most of the time, a jolly old world, and when it seemed otherwise, it was I who was lugubrious, not the world. "Laugh and the world laughs with you, weep and you weep alone," is a statement not so much to the discredit of the world

as might at first appear. If you have to weep *alone*, you're not going to do much of it or keep at it very long—and the sooner over the better.

We have it in our hands, I believe, to take the world either as Mrs. Gummidge, whose constant refrain was "Everything goes contrary with me," or we can, rather as Mark Tapley, find everything "jolly."

"No matter what some folks say," no matter what lions in the way, the birds still sing, the flowers still bloom, the sun still shines, "God's in his heaven, all's right with the world."

A clergyman once began his discourse as follows: "My beloved brethren, the heads of my sermon are two. I will first take my text—secondly, I will leave it." Following this worthy example, I will leave the discussion of "the wide, wide world." Each one must explore for himself.

*Maisy Schreiner.*



# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

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## MUTUAL HELPFULNESS IN A CHAPTER.

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“Did you ever open a drawer and find it filled with rich fragrance, every article in it saturated with the odor? What did it? A little quantity of rare perfume hidden in a corner of the drawer. Such is the effect of true heart-purity in any woman's life. It's sweetness strikes through and is manifest in every feature, in every movement, in the speech, in the eye, in the conduct and spirit. Other lives are touched and sweetened,—homes, whole circles, and communities,—all by the delicate purity of one tender, loving heart.”

Sorority life means nothing to us unless it is helpful to us. How can we be sure that it will be helpful to us?

By determining to be helpful to all in the sorority, for it is a universally-ceded truth that by helping others we help ourselves. Being sisters to each other is founded upon first proving one's self a friend worth the having, really worthy of the name friend. Some one has said in substance, I want to prove to be such a friend that my friends will never try to get away from me, will never, never want to. By being such sisters to each other nothing but mutual helpfulness can result and we will all be helped toward having the true heart culture which we have mentioned in the introduction and which is so worthy an aim for every true woman.

But of course being true sisters to each other is going to mean something to each of us, an expenditure of all the tact, courage, self-possession and unselfishness that we have command of. And how well worth our while it is, how excellent the training.

If we see in any of our sisters any very little thing that we feel is marring slightly, perhaps the formation of a beautiful character, something which is not quite womanly, that might bring a tiny little spot on our “fair name,” then we may prove our helpfulness to that sister by going to her, and using that courage born of true friendship, all the tact we possess, to tell



her in that heart to heart manner, of the little thing we have noticed. We must be sure that our manner of telling her will leave no doubt in her mind but that we have done so because we love her and want to help her. This I believe is one way of being truly helpful to each other. Another point that I wish to emphasize is to be always frank with each other. This is one of the elements which will promote rather than destroy harmony.

Now in closing may I say one little word which I hope may mean something to some of our Chapters if it happens to apply to any of them. It is this: "I wonder if any of the girls who are wearing the quill are users of 'slang.'". If so, may we all stop long enough to remember that in so doing we are limiting our vocabularies most pitifully. Never was the need for originality felt more than now. Why stunt our development along this line. Aside from this we instinctively feel that the use of slang is not an additional charm to a woman and if it does not add, it must detract so let us ask ourselves whether or not we can afford it, and act according to the honest answer we must give to this question.

May all those who wear the cherished name Alpha Xi Delta be more mutually helpful in the year 1906 than in any preceding year.

*Elizabeth Carson, Delta*

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## NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM ZETA

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Zeta sends greetings of the New Year to her sisters in the east, west and south. May this coming year be full of success for every Alpha, is her wish. To live truer to her principles and more closely attain her ideals shall be her ambition.

The church bells softly toll the death of the Old Year, a friend who has brought us so much joy, so much prosperity. He brought us friends, dear true friends whom we shall always admire, respect and hold dear. As the clock strikes twelve we shall see this friend dying and the bonny face of a new year appear for welcome.

Every new year brings us new problems to solve, new difficulties to overcome, but it brings us new friends, new ideals, and better means to attain them.

Let us resolve once more in the dawn of New Year's day to be more perfect than in the year just passed, to more bravely meet the demands of life made upon us and to live such lives that if at the close of this year we shall have gone to our peaceful Home, everyone may be the better for having come in contact with us.

Let us all rejoice and join our hearts for the coming year with stronger ties to bind us, and more loving hearts to greet each and every Alpha.

*Zeta*

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## THE CHAPTER HOUSE

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The chapter-house—yes, how many sweet memories come back at the sound of that word. We all know what it is. It is a place where a group of girls live together as sisters, working for a common end, sharing each others sorrows and joys.

The house should be a "home" to every girl. Of course, there are always some who are stronger in their influences than others, and those who know their power for good should use it here of all places, where it is most needed.

In college life there are difficulties of every kind to be met. The frat girl must go on her appearances and be judged by her actions.

When a girl first enters college little does she think how she is being "sized up" by the boys; the faculty; and the older girls. Then is the time for the older frat sisters to guard their own actions and to guide others.

One of the most important outward features of frat life is social standing. I have heard the remark that if you see a particularly fine appearing house in the vicinity of the university you may be sure it is a chapter house.

There is one great danger involved in incurring too great an expense in the maintenance of a chapter-house, and that is that on account of this expense worthy girls whom the sorority cannot well afford to lose cannot join, while the girl with

money and not much else comes to the front. We cannot have social standing without the money but there is always a happy medium in everything. Let us not spend our time in trying to outdo "our friend, the enemy" all the while with our social functions and the like. Our time would be well spent in some other direction.

After all what is dearer to the sorority girl than her chapter-house with all that it stands for. Would that every girl could have a taste of the life therein.

### DIGNITY

During the past few months several incidents have come to my notice which convinced me that not all of the criticisms on fraternities are unjustified. If a fraternity does not help a man or a woman to be more of a man or woman and to be of greater service to his fellow creatures, the fraternity is certainly subject to severe criticism and justly so.

The mission and aim of fraternities is primarily the making of strong friendships, and this carried out to its perfection can not do otherwise than make stronger and more useful men and women of fraternity members.

But when a girl, in her feeling of rivalry and desire to triumph over another fraternity, so far forgets herself and the reputation of her fraternity as to do things which would make her breeding and culture a subject of comment she has lowered not only her own dignity but the standing of her fraternity.

No lady would consider for a moment the idea of seizing another lady by the arm and drawing her away from a third lady to whom she was talking, and yet not long ago I saw a fraternity girl do this very thing by another girl who was talking to a member of a rival fraternity. In any other circumstances she would have been shocked at the idea of such a thing and yet she would probably be among the first to denounce anyone who would say that being a member of a fraternity made a girl less a lady. And this is only one of many instances which might be cited to illustrate the same point.

So if we would defend ourselves against our critics let us be



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sure that we maintain our dignity as a fraternity before the world. And by this, I mean so conduct ourselves in the eyes of the world that no one can ever say that because a girl is a member of Alpha Xi Delta she is any less agreeable and useful to the community, but rather let them say that it has made her more attractive and womanly.

In the Greek fraternity world, it seems that at times we forget that a friendly and honest spirit should characterize our dealings with one another. The foolishness of the idea that members of different "persuasions" may allow this to interfere with the observances of good breeding, is clearly evident. A fraternity pin should suggest to those who see it, high aims and ideals. It should not be worn merely as an ornament. Its meaning should be exemplified morning, noon and night.

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## LOYALTY

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The word loyalty is one of the most common words known to the Greek world, but how many of us really understand what that word involves.

It has its own meaning to active member and alumna, but that meaning is ever the same.

It is not enough for us to wear over our hearts the emblem of our sisterhood, to attend chapter meetings, and show a passive interest. That is not true Alpha loyalty.

Rather let the love for our great cause burn within your breasts, and set its interests on a high pinnacle of your hearts to the end that you may count no service too great for your chapter or its individual member.

Keep guard over your lives that you may never be the cause of internal strife, or bring the slightest heartache to a sister.

Never suggest what others might do. Be a doer yourself.

Never lower the standards of your sorority by being too narrow minded to recognize the merit in others outside of your own circle.

Make "the tie that binds" mean much to you during college days.

In all your doings, remember that we are always striving for a nobler womanhood.

Such are some of the precepts which an active member should follow to have the true loyalty for Alpha Xi Delta.

If the alumna would be loyal, let her never lose interest. This, we believe, is one of the offences which alumnæ are prone to commit.

The activities of life after leaving college so engross us that we often forget to lend a helping hand to the sisters back in our Alma Mater, who so often need our aid.

Forgetfulness should never be excused. Would that be called loyalty?

Never write back to the chapter which fostered you and ask the girls, "How is *your* chapter progressing?" Let it always be *my* chapter, even though lands and seas divide you from that shrine where once you so joyfully worshipped.

The success of a chapter depends on the individual, so does the prosperity of the whole sorority depend on the interest of the alumnæ.

Never let the fires of Alpha Xi Delta burn low in your hearts, whether you are the latest addition to the chapter roll or the first alumna who bears her name, and you will have only true loyalty for her.

*Anna Elizabeth Miller, Zeta, '05*

# EDITORIALS

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In this, our first issue of the year nineteen hundred and six, we wish to commend the chapters of our sorority for diligence and loyalty during the past year and to urge them to greater, more concentrated action in the future. Nothing is gained in any field of life without labor and sacrifice, without faith and works. Let us remember this as we fall to our tasks with renewed zeals. We wish all success and a happy year.



The journal desires to extend hearty greetings to our new chapter, Kappa, at Illinois University. We are highly gratified to receive these girls among our number. May they find in us help, strength, and faithful companionship, as we shall find in them loyalty and cheerful service.



The editorial staff feels compelled to make a few statements of a slightly unpleasant nature. We are constantly embarrassed in our work by the chapters, or individual members of chapters, who fail to get their material in our hands at the stated time. The by-law passed at the last convention, requires each chapter to furnish two articles besides its letter and personals. These must be in the hands of the editor at least two weeks before the issue of the journal. For various reasons it is necessary for us to ask that we may have these articles at least three weeks before the date of publication. Some chapters comply readily with this request, while others send the material only a few days before the journal is to be issued. If **THE ALPHA XI DELTA** is to appear on time, the material must come to us promptly.

Two articles are required of each chapter in order that the editors may have a chance for discrimination and selection. This means that not every article written will receive publication; yet some chapters, failing to see their work in print, write



immediately to know the cause of the omission, or else conclude that they need write nothing new for the next number. We may be obliged to lay aside some good work, for the sake of publishing that which, in our judgment, is better. Sometimes articles come too late for one issue and may appear in the next. In either case we beg the good-will and cheerful assent of each chapter to the decisions which we try to make of the highest advantage to the journal. THE ALPHA XI DELTA is worthy of only our best effort. Let us send to it no hurriedly or carelessly written articles.



Will the chapters kindly send material for our next issue as early as the first of April?



We urge our members to patronize as far as possible the firms whose advertisements appear on our pages. This may frequently be done with but little inconvenience to the purchaser.



# EXCHANGES

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Since the November issue of the ALPHA XI DELTA we are indebted to the following journals for exchanges:

*The Angelos of Kappa Delta, The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Beta Theta Pi, The Kappa Alpha Journal, The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta, Kappa Alpha Theta, The Frater of Psi Omega, The Eleusis of Chi Omega, The Delta of Sigma Nu, Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, Trident of Delta Delta Delta, The Phi Gamma Delta.*

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The following clippings are copied from *The Eleusis of Chi Omega*. They are taken from fraternity examination papers:

“Mock initiations are very undignified and are not worthy of college women. They are in many cases dangerous and they lessen the dignity and solemnity of the real initiation. I think our initiation should be something that each one of us may look back upon with pleasure; and this is not possible if the ‘horse-play’ forms a part of it. Our ritual is very impressive and the memory of it alone is much prettier than the confused idea of a serious and a mock initiation both of which might stand, in a way, for our beloved Fraternity.”

“There is no doubt a good deal to be said for mock initiations and such joking before the initiation, because in some cases it does put the candidate into a more willing and humble frame of mind, but this is a doubtful result. I think the question can best be discussed personally, and I for one, with recollections of my own initiation, and those which I have watched or helped to conduct, do not care to see the practice of ‘josh’ initiations carried any farther. Our own ordeal tests the mettle of the candidate well enough. Very seldom does a freshman, with the memory of the mock trials fresh in her mind, see the significance of the ritual. The loss to the real ceremony is the strongest objection to mock initiations.”

“If one can put work under the head of a mock initiation I believe thoroughly in making the freshman work: not manual labor or disagreeable tasks, but running little errands, getting things for seniors or juniors, and in all things looking to upperclassmen and alumnae for advice and leadership. To follow, to listen, to learn should be the freshman’s motto and then as a senior she may live out the sequel to her freshman rule—to lead, to inform, to teach.”

“Mock initiations, if conducted in a ladylike manner and at the proper time can be of the greatest possible benefit to a freshman and even to an upperclassman. Very often fine girls enter college with the idea that they are just a little bit better than the ordinary run of girls, and they carry

that little conceited air right through their college course unless little Willie Goatlet gets after them and by many knocks and bumps brings them down to the ordinary level of human beings. A mock initiation often shows a girl who is inclined to talk a great deal that her ideas are not called for until she has proven her ability to understand fraternity matters."

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Rushing week is over and out of the twenty or more girls whom we have entertained, five or six have been chosen to be Thetas. What becomes of the others? Some of them, of course, join other fraternities, but what about those who were "just impossible?" In the busy days which follow rushing, when we are all settling down to work, in the excitement of initiating and entertaining for our freshmen, how many of us stop to think of the girls whom "we did not take?" Some one probably speaks of the matter in fraternity meeting, and a few scattering calls are made. But the freshman who is dropped realizes only that the girls who were so friendly, who helped her through the first hard weeks away from home and whom she looked forward to having as friends do not come to see her, nor do they invite her to any more jolly "spreads" or parties.

Does it not seem too bad that our fraternity should have to answer for being directly the cause of a single heartache? Can we not, by taking a little thought and pains avoid this altogether?—*The Kappa Alpha Theta.*

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Every chapter has its natural leaders. Loyalty and intelligent devotion also make them. Good ideas are born of enthusiasm more than of mere high mentality when they are such as to elevate and make more efficient the life of the chapter. A man's life is the reflex of his feelings, not of cold mental operations. A burning loyalty is at the bottom of every useful leadership—the loyalty that is shown in attention to vital details as well as in a large and wholesome comprehension of what the chapter can do and therefore must do. On the other hand misguided leadership is generally the result of selfishness and should early be detected and thwarted. It will cause dissention and may even wreck the chapter. The men selected to office should be the best and most capable men for their duties, not merely good fellows or men with swollen purses. Let every chapter have leaders—they are inevitable even in so purely democratic an organization; but let them be devoted first to fraternity, then to self, first to fulfillment of the Bond, then to their own advancement. Then shall accrue to them the finest and most abundant blessings of fraternity life.—*Editorial from The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

# CHAPTER LETTERS

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[We are sorry to be obliged to leave out letters and personals from some chapters, but we feel that our journal cannot wait for them. It is hoped that no chapters will be without representation in this department of our May issue.]

## ALPHA

With three cheers for Kappa Chapter.

Alpha will put her news and personals in together if that will be permitted. We have been having a very quiet time but nevertheless a very good time, and two fine new girls wear the pledge pin, Eva Kough of Denver, Colorado, and Berenice Atterbury of Missouri. We are contemplating initiation soon.

Eskridge and Clio Pittman of Alpha Chapter were married at their home in Prescott, Arkansas, to Mr. Samuel Logan and Mr. Thomas McCrae, Jr., respectively. at eight o'clock Tuesday evening, December the twenty-sixth. Rev. Athalia J. Irwin of Little Rock, Arkansas, performed the ceremony. Because of the recent marriage we have not been able to obtain a detailed account of it but will do so for the next journal.

Football has been abolished at Lombard. Although the opinion of the students was to keep the game and reform it, we feel that our executive board was no doubt wise. The night after the decision was made known Liz, the football dummy, was suspended from the goal and in the wierd darkness and midst ghostly wails aud chants her body was consumed to ashes. The next morning her remains were carried solemnly around the chapel in a coffin and then were taken to the grave in the football field, followed by the entire student body and faculty. Fitting rites were performed and she was laid away on the scene of her many triumphs.

The Lombard girls are glad that a Domestic Science department has been placed in the college under the supervision of Mrs. Dudley. Many of us are taking advantage of it.

Florence Kober has visited us once since September. It is needless to say that we are always delighted to have our Alumnæ return to us. We are very sorry to lose Grace Cook, who has returned to her home in Beecher City, Illinois.

Frances Richey reports a most delightful time at Champaign at the installation of Kappa Chapter. We are proud indeed to have another chapter added to our list and we wish them the greatest success.

Fraternally, *Bess Williamson, Alpha.*

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## BETA

A happy new year to all the Alpha sisters everywhere is the wish of the girls of Beta Chapter. To be sure the year isn't so new now as it once was, but our wishes are just as strong.

We have seven new pledges this semester of which we are very prou .

They are Louise and Lucile Brady, Lucile Andrews, Effie Peden, Isabelle Pittenger, Alice Babb and Mabel Duncan.

Our Pledge Day this year as agreed upon by our Pan-Hellenic Association, was November twenty-fifth, so on that eventful morning seven new pledge pins were worn to chapel. That evening we had a spread at Florence Courier-Stephens' and the new ones were soon as much at home singing the Alpha songs as the rest of us.

The changing from the term to the semester system in the University has made a little difference in the plans for our social functions, so we have not much to tell about in that line this time. But you might be interested in knowing that we have subscribed for the ALPHA XI DELTA for each of our patronesses.

*Edith Van Cise.*

## GAMMA

To all Alpha's and our friends, the very best wishes for a happy and successful year during nineteen hundred and six:—Since Gamma's letter for this issue of the journal is necessarily written before the winter term at Mount Union has fairly begun, it must be mainly in the past tense. The present is being spent in arranging work and making plans for the future. The achievements of the past give us hope that these plans will be realized and then we will tell you more of them.

Last term's rushing season was the first under the rules of the Pan-Hellenic Association, and while there were weak spots in the compact which showed themselves during the five weeks, we feel that we are better prepared to meet the difficulties and make a stronger and better compact for future use. The results of "Asking Day" were very satisfactory to Gamma. Not all of the girls asked had the necessary qualifications for initiation but they all possess the true spirit of fraternity and will soon be ready to greet the world as full fledged Alpha Xi Delta's.

The annual Hallowe'en party was held at the home of Effie Allott, which is just far enough from town to make it interesting for such an occasion. The evening was all too short to learn all that the future held for us and the "Sybil's Cave" and the "Witches' Den" were constantly being filled by the curious minded. The supper was served in style appropriate to the evening. The only difficulty was in attempting to hold to the President's requirements as to the time for going home. There were about twenty-five present including our patronesses and their husbands.

The attendance at college was unusually large. It has been hard to obtain exact figures but we know that much to be true. The new members of the faculty all proved their claims to the respect of all with whom they came in contact, and everything points to prosperity.

Our chapter starts the new year with a membership that is capable of great things, and we hope that the results of the term's work will justify the statement that they have achieved great things.

Wishing you all success and happiness, Gamma sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

*Mildred L. Tucker.*

## DELTA

*My dear Alpha Xi Delta Sisters:*

A happy new year to each and every Alpha. The Delta girls returned after their very pleasant holidays, eager to meet again around the chapter camp-fire. At our first meeting of the new year we opened our Christmas packages. The girls, instead of remembering each girl separately, gave something for the chapter room as a Christmas gift. Mrs. Miller, our patroness, shared bountifully in this Christmas giving.

Nineteen-five has gone and with it has been taken the strongest and grandest in the college faculty, the kind and loving friend of every student. Dr. Keith was laid to rest on Thanksgiving day. It was then that we could extend our loving sympathy and comfort to a grief-stricken sister and her mother. Mrs. Keith and daughter, Katherine, expect to leave soon for California where they will make their future home. We feel very keenly the loss which we will sustain in their going. Delta will lose a strong girl and a sympathetic friend.

We are happy to announce a recent pledge, Miss Bessie Osborn of Spokane, Washington.

The Delta girls entertained a few friends at their rooms just before the holidays in the way of a Christmas party. This was a happy close for the old year, yet not without a tinge of sadness when we remembered that it would be the last which our departing sister could share with us.

And now, dear Alphas, far and near, it's much good cheer and great success we are wishing you for the whole of nineteen-six.

From the Delta girls,

*Anna Kemp, Cor. Sec.*

## ZETA

*My dear Sisters:*

Once more we are privileged to engage in a talk with all of our sisters through the kindness of our friend in common, THE ALPHA XI DELTA. Here we learn of the progressions, journeys and pleasures of each member, whereby we are helped to realize more fully the meaning of that broad term, sisterhood.

In a few days we shall return to the duties of college and university, full of renewed energy and strength, ready to meet every difficulty with bravery.

Zeta, though fewer in number than in the preceding year, is enjoying much prosperity. She has seven staunch true girls and soon will receive into her fold two friends, dear to each other, and we know they will be dear friends to each of us.

Our sorority rooms are at the home of one of our patronesses, Mrs. C. Harris. We are much pleased with them but long for a home of our own. We realize we are young but we are forming a few plans to have a home next fall. As we plan we realize more and more what a great undertaking it is and we shall call upon our more fortunate sisters for advice.

We hope to entertain our patronesses soon after Christmas at our rooms. Zeta sends new year's greeting to every chapter and best wishes for a prosperous year to all.

May each day of the year nineteen hundred and six find you closer to the realization of your ideals and truer to our principles is the sincerest wish of Zeta.  
*Mabel Bracher, Cor. Sec.*

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## ETA

*To our Sisters in Alpha Xi Delta—Greeting for 1906:*

Encouraged by the capabilities and number of the initiates of a few months past, Eta has every reason to look forward to pronounced success for the year now beginning.

The result of zealous rushing, is the following names to swell the records of Alpha Xi Delta: Elaine Putnam, Leila Eysman, sophomores, and Edith Warne, Frances White, Hazel Brush, Louise Hopkins, Hazel Algie, Laura Myers, Miranda Myers, Belle Parker, freshmen.

Our initiation took place on the evenings of December seventh and eighth, followed on the ninth by a banquet at the Vanderbilt. Elizabeth Loetzer, '06, presided as toastmistress.

During the rushing season our patronesses, Mrs. M. E. Driscoll and Mrs. F. A. Saunders, very pleasantly entertained us at their homes.

Married on December the twenty-seventh, at the bride's home in Syracuse, Miss Leila Shewring Dowsland to Mr. Walter Davis, M. D., Nu Sigma Nu, '03. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will reside at Chester, New York.

The women of Syracuse University have been interested during the past month in the Christmas Conference under the auspices of The Young Women's Christian Association.

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## THETA

Theta Chapter is proud to announce that five new pledges will be initiated January sixth. On this date, just a year since we were installed as a chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, Agnes Ravn, '06, of Merrill, Marion Ryan, '06, and Winnifred Ryan, '09, of Wausau, Ruth Ekern, '07, and Mary Rayne, '08, of Madison, will become full fledged members of our beloved sisterhood. This will make nine new members so far this year, a doubling of our number at its beginning.

Four of our graduates who are teaching this year came to Madison to spend a part, or all of their Christmas vacation. Eudora Cook, who is teaching at Hurley, Nettie Cook at Rheinlander, Augusta Lorch at St. Croix Falls, and Lulu Runge at Neillsville. Two stunts were given while these sisters were here, one at the home of Lulu and Alma Runge and the other at Augusta Lorch's home.

In addition to these stunts, we have given seven dinner parties, an informal dancing party and a Halloween stunt during the last two months. Within the last month Theta has received invitations to receptions given by

the Alpha Phi's, the Delta, Delta, Delta's and the Gamma Phi's, and five of our members were invited to an informal reception given by the Kappa Kappa Gamma's in honor of a Spanish woman.

Since the writing of the last chapter letter a little girl has been born to our patroness, Mrs. Goodnight, and a boy has arrived at the home of another patroness, Mrs. Bode.

Theta Chapter sends most earnest wishes for a pleasant and profitable new year to each member of our dear sisterhood.

Yours in the bonds of Alpha Xi Delta,

*Cora L. Mason, Cor. Sec.*

## KAPPA

*To the Grand Council and Chapters of Alpha Xi Delta, greeting:*

Kappa Chapter sends love and best wishes for a most happy and successful new year. Kappa is not a month old and feels its infantile helpfulness keenly, but hopes to develop a strong and vigorous youth. The girls of the baby chapter feel that they received the most noble and beautiful Christmas gifts when on December fifteenth they were given the right to wear the quill and to join in the bond of sisterhood with those united under the standard of Alpha Xi Delta. Kappa Chapter feels the added responsibility that always comes with new and great privileges, and pledges her word to try and prove worthy of this new trust. It seems a very auspicious time for a new chapter to begin its work at the beginning of the new year, when everyone is filled with the enthusiasm of good resolutions and the energy and ambition to accomplish great results.

Alpha Xi Delta was most cordially received at Illinois when the university had recovered from its start of surprise. Never was there anything so unheard of, evidently, as that "a bunch of girls could keep anything secret for a year." It was a hard thing to conceal, we must admit, especially during rushing season. Our immediate neighbors, Delta Kappa Epsilon and Phi Kappa "Liquid," were very much interested and mystified by the "doings" of the girls in "Paradise" (as our suite of rooms is called) during the past six weeks of school—and how astonished our new girls were when they learned that *we* had been rushing them. One of them remarked in bewilderment, "Why, I didn't know you were anything but a warm hearted 'bunch' of upper classmen who were being good to forlorn freshmen."

When it was announced in the "Illini," our daily, that we had received a charter of Alpha Xi Delta there was, therefore, wide spread astonishment, and then showers of hearty congratulations on every hand.

Kappa wishes to say that her success was due in a large measure to the kindness of Miss Sloane, Deaconess of Osborne Hall, and Mrs. Daniels, the Head of the Woman's Hall. These two women have been untiring in their efforts to help us in spite of their unlimited official duties. Mrs. Wood of Urbana and Mrs. Branch of Champaign have kept continual open house for Kappa girls and their "mothering" has received heartfelt appreciation.



After the holidays Mrs. Daniels will give a general reception in our honor. Following this Kappa will play hostess at an informal dance given to representatives of the sororities and fraternities. Further than these two large affairs we have not at present planned.

We wish to thank our sisters for their kind and cordial letters, and to our next oldest sister, Iota, we send a fraternal hug for her telegram which was delivered just before twelve very awed girls were installed.

The baby chapter wishes that some of its big sisters would "come and play" with her in Champaign, and extends a most cordial welcome to all Alpha girls to come and see what a good time they could have at Champaign.

Kappa Chapter wants to hear from her sisters and to know what they are doing and what they are interested in, for we "want to get acquainted and stay acquainted."

Most cordially yours in Alpha Xi Delta,

*Louise E. DeWitt, Kappa.*

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### ALLIANCE ALUMNAE

Now, that the busy holiday season is over, the Alliance Alpha girls are looking forward to our pleasant meetings. Beulah Kirlin, who last year took college work, is with us again, and Gay Milbourne has reconsidered her decision to enter school and is still a member of our chapter.

The girls are glad to greet Mary Scott-McCoy, who is spending several weeks with her parents. It seems like old times to have Mary with us again.

Louise Schedd-Roberts opened home to both active and alum. girls December 11, when second degree was given to four girls, one of whom was our hostess. All enjoyed themselves immensely, save the four victims. After initiation, a joint meeting was held. A dainty lunch was served by Mrs. Roberts, assisted by Helen Henshilwood, Eloise Patton and Jane Hughes.

And, now, we wish that this new year may be the very best in the history of our splendid sorority, and to this end may we devote our time and talents.



# PERSONALS

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## BETA

All the girls spent the Christmas vacation at their homes, returning to take up their work again on January 4.

We were delighted to have our Grand Treasurer, Mary A. Power, with us for a few days, Thanksgiving week.

Edith Springer, ex-'07, was married sometime in December to Mr. McCollough of Wapello, Iowa.

Scenes from Dickens, as arranged by Mrs. Babb, one of our patronesses, were given in the College Chapel on December 11. Four of our Alpha girls took part.

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## GAMMA

We are glad to have Edith Taylor with us again. She has entered the Department of Commerce.

Helen Miller has entered Ohio Wesleyan University at Delaware, Ohio. We will miss her and her efficient work in the chapter.

Since our last report the following girls have been initiated: Flossa Williams, Eva Campman and Ethel Montgomery.

At the home of Mrs. Roberts, on the evening of December 11, the second degree initiation was administered to Mrs. Roberts, Flossa Williams, Eva Campman and Ethel Montgomery.

Mildred Tucker has been elected an assistant in the English department.

Elsie Jones is the president of the Senior class.

Elsie Roberts, '05, has visited us twice during the last term. All the graduates of last year are in Alliance, and we see them frequently in chapter meetings.

Mildred Tucker and Elsie Jones were delegates to the State Convention of the Y. W. C. A., held in Columbus, in October.

Bessie Galbreath will deliver the German oration on Class Day.

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## DELTA

Well here we are back again after our little Christmas "breathing spell" to take up our college work and the double blue and gold.

Just as we were giving our three new initiates their finishing touches, Muriel Scott came in to make us a little visit. Though out of college this year, she had not forgotten how to hold the reins when "Miss Nanny Goat" is driven through our ranks. We all enjoyed her visit very much and listened with much eagerness to every word from the convention.

Roberta O'Bannon spent a very pleasant Christmas with Anna Kemp in

Manfield, Ohio. She is our "Kentucky Babe," and receives all the petting she can get.

Marvis Hudson, our little Washington City girl, went home with a friend and she too reports a jolly time.

Sisters Carson and Kemp went home with a very light heart and the assurance that they had done their "Senior Speeches" with credit, while Eunice Orrison, Bertha Kleeberger and Helen Tinsley spent their vacation dreading the Thursday evening when they should make their first appearance in Junior Orations.

Edith Justice was in Cleveland for a fortnight visiting.

Helen Marshall spent a quiet time with her parents learning, as a young miss of her standing should, the art of "house-keeping," and house-making.

Since there are two girls behind the quill in Bethany, they needs must flock together: Katherine Kieth and Helen Tinsley, though they were only in Bethany, had a very pleasant time.

We are all looking together for some new "spikes" and hope soon to tell you of some more initiations.

Delta fears very much she will have to give up one of her finest and most loyal sisters when the time comes for Katherine Keith to leave us, each girl will miss her very much.

More news of this wonderful, mystic ten is now locked up in the cold, cold embrace of snow and ice.

One of the most delightful events of Greekdom was the entertainment given just before the holiday season, by Alpha Xi Delta, in her sorority rooms on Pendleton avenue.

The hours were from eight to eleven, and the young ladies resolved that every moment of that time should be interesting and no guest allowed a dull time.

A series of entertainments were arranged and as soon as all the guests had arrived the amusement began.

First there was a unique Art Gallery, which each guest was expected to inspect and then identify with the pictures on their printed list. This proved quite a hard puzzle to most of the guests.

Then the guests were shown into a library and presented with a list of books. Each guest could choose a book, to be kept only three minutes and then to be returned in as good a condition as when taken out.

Imagine the surprise of the gentleman guest with a literary turn of mind, when upon calling from his list, for instance for the book "Lovey Mary," he receives a charming young lady and the injunction to exchange or return within three minutes.

This form of entertainment soon became lively, and interesting to a great degree.

When each guest had interviewed each book in turn the hour for refreshments had arrived.

Again came a surprise in choosing partners for supper. All the girls stood on one side of a porterie, the gentlemen on the other side, and from

the tip of a shoe toe extended from under the porterie, each gentleman chose his partner. It was surprising that every young man so readily knew his favorite's shoe.

The dining room was decorated in holly and evergreens, the center-piece of the table being a miniature Christmas tree.

The menu cards were puzzling, for each item was in the form of a rebus so very few of the guests had the least idea what they were ordering.

However all were finally served with a bountiful supper.

Upon returning to the parlors the most amusing part of the evening's entertainments was held. Each young man was requested to make his best proposal to each young lady in succession. She being a self-constituted judge of his ability, giving him according to her judgment either a crimson heart or a cold white mitten. The young man who received the most hearts was awarded a prize of a pretty head done in pastel by one of the sorority girls, and which had been framed by the sorority. The booby prize of a fool's cap, was awarded to the crest fallen possessor of the greatest number of mittens.

Doubtless many other sources of fun were held in reserve, but the hour for departure arrived too soon, so they must await the next social of the Alpha Xi Delta.

The guests were all Fraternity men, representing each of the fraternities in the college.

The chaperons were Miss Tinsley and Miss Keith

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## ZETA

Miss Ella Swartout spent the holidays at her home in Van Wert, Ohio.

Miss Clara Schwarm spent the holidays at her home in Wheeling, W. Va.

Miss Mary Hubbell spent Christmas vacation at Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Maud Bushy spent Christmas at Shiloh, Ohio.

Miss Marjorie Smith spent the holidays at her home in Brookville, Ohio.

Miss Mabel Bracher spent Christmas vacation at her home in Galion, Ohio.

Miss Clara Dornblaser spent vacation at her home in Springfield, Ohio.

Thanksgiving vacation was a very pleasant one for Zeta and her Alumnae. She entertained the following alumnae: Anna Miller, '05 of Mansfield, Ohio; Elizabeth Houk, '05 of Defiance, Ohio; Mabel Winn of Defiance, Ohio; May Tilden of Mansfield, Ohio. Many social events were given but one of the truest enjoyment was an oyster supper given at the sorority rooms by the chapter. This was given after an interesting sorority meeting was held, thereby giving Zeta's alumnae the opportunity to gather around the shrine of Alpha Xi Delta, as they were wont to do and behold the principles and loyalty of every Alpha burning with ever bright flames.

The annual sorority banquet of Zeta will be held in the spring.

The first initiation under the new ritual will be held about the third week in January. The pledges to be initiated are Edith Smith and Hazel Wright.

## ETA

Although the rushing season is now past, we girls in Eta find ourselves always with much to do.

The few girls who remained at the chapter house during the Thanksgiving recess, assisted by the city girls, gave a very pleasant little party at that time, entertaining guests from several of the fraternities. Dancing was the feature of the evening.

Dora Baker spent Thanksgiving at Lena Baldwin's home. R. Helen McCormack was at Albion, New York, at that time.

Laura Myers, '09, was obliged to return to her home for several weeks in November because of illness.

Several of the girls have entertained home friends at the chapter house.

Bertha G. Cleveland was a guest in Syracuse during the Christmas holidays, and was present at the Dowsland-Davis wedding.

Leila Eysman, '08, entered S. U. as sophomore this year, having been at the University of Rochester last year.

Theresa Tobin and Helen Tobin have been gladly welcomed at the chapter house when at Thanksgiving they were in the city.

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 ALLIANCE ALUMNAE

Miss Pow of Salem was the guest of Etta Bates recently.

Mary Kay, on account of ill health, has resigned her position as teacher in the Alliance public schools.

Four girls met the Alpha goat at the home of Mrs. A. L. Roberts, December 11.

Genevieve Ruth Bottomley delightfully entertained the Alumnae Chapter at the last meeting before the holidays.

Mary Scott McCoy of Minneapolis is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Scott,

Jane Hughes has returned from a short visit with Cleveland relatives.

Beulah Kirlin is again with us. Last term she took work in the Department of Oratory.

Several of our girls heard Calvé at Canton, November 27.

Mary Salmon spent Thanksgiving in Cleveland, as the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. W. Myers.

Blanche Whitla spent part of the Christmas vacation with New Castle, Pa., relatives.

Alice Henshilwood has returned from a visit with Cleveland relatives. As is customary, the Alumnae Chapter remembered the College Chapter at Christmas.

Mabel Hartzell has returned from a trip to Columbus and Springfield.

Mrs. Wright, our patroness, has had as a guest, her cousin, Miss Carter, who has recently been elected Dean of Women at the Lawrence University, at Appleton, Wis.

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## PROGRESS AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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Syracuse University has been rapidly growing during the last two years, and many new buildings are in process of construction on the campus.

The registration for 1905-6 shows an attendance of nearly two thousand, eight hundred students, over two hundred in the faculties, and a graduating class of three hundred. Syracuse University has more Liberal Arts students than any other college in the State and more teachers in the public schools of the State than has any other college.

The campus now contains 98 acres. There has been recently purchased a most beautiful plot of ground of 14 acres, just across the avenue from the campus. On it there is situated an historical castle of Norman architecture, which would cost to build over \$200,000. This building is to be remodeled during the summer and used next year as a Teacher's College. The castle is surrounded by large trees; there are rustic bridges and charming nooks, all adding to the picturesqueness of the scenery.

John D. Archbold of New York, the President of the Board of Trustees, is untiring in his efforts for the advancement of Syracuse University. Excavations were begun a year ago for a stadium, the gift of Mr. Archbold. It is to be of classic style, in the form of an amphitheatre. The cost is not yet known. Only one other stadium in the United States will seat 15,000 and will accommodate 20,000, as this one will have capacity to accommodate.

During the past week, Chancellor Day signed a contract for the construction of a men's dormitory, also the gift of John D. Archbold. This is the first structure of its kind to be erected on the campus. It is to have 208 feet frontage, with a projecting angle of 108 feet. There will be two hundred rooms in four stories and a basement. The dining hall will seat over two hundred men and the culinary department will be conducted



CROUSE COLLEGE OF SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY



MUSIC HALL IN CROUSE COLLEGE, SYRACUSE, N. Y.



after the fashion of a good hotel. The building is to be fire proof, with concrete floors and iron stairways. The cost, with furnishings, will be \$150,000. It will be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the next college year.

One of the best additions to our University is partly completed. It is a library, the gift of Andrew Carnegie. It has 150 feet front and is 160 feet deep. This library will accommodate half a million books. There will be a large reading room, about twenty seminar rooms, and a suitable room for the School of Library Economics. The cost is \$150,000, beside furnishings.

Well under way in construction is a Mechanical Laboratory for the College of Applied Science, the gift of Lyman C. Smith, the founder of this college. Its size is 215 by 54 feet, it has three floors, and the cost is \$100,000.

The late John Lyman of Syracuse bequeathed money for a Hall of Natural History, which is partly constructed. The size is 150 by 160 feet, it has four floors above the basement, and is to cost over \$200,000.

Last but not least, is a Chemical Laboratory, the need of which has been greatly felt for many years. Its size will be 100 by 150 feet, it will have four floors, and the estimated cost is \$100,000.

During a period of twelve years, Chancellor Day has contracted for fourteen new buildings, and he tells us that he intends to contract for twelve more, yes, twenty more, during the next twelve years.

*Gertrude E. Wright, Eta*

## MARGINAL NOTES ON LIFE IN THE SALT LAKE VALLEY

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To most eastern people, the thought of living in Utah would be most displeasing, even repellent. Its Mormon taint and its newness have created prejudices against the State, which only a real testing of its merits can dispel. But life in the Salt Lake valley is a pleasant surprise, from its wonderful mountains and interesting capitol, to the peculiar people who have changed arid plains to marvelously productive gardens.

I imagine anyone coming here, as I did, straight from the wooded Catskills would, at first sight of Utah's mountains, experience somewhat of a shock, not of disappointment but rather a sensation of surprise. Their bold, rugged heights are startling; and one instinctively longs for the eastern mountains with their exquisite, refined beauty. In fact, to me the Catskill mountains seem as the finished picture; those huge piles, the reality from which the artist drew his picture. But this is only a first impression. On looking again and again, the ever-changing colors, the purpureal glow, about which poets talk, the gorgeous sunset and sunrise hues upon them, compel the explanation, "They may not be as beautiful as the mountains of our eastern land, but they are grander; they are glorious!" To see them, snow capped, completely encircling the valley as a patriarchal wall of protection, gives one the sense of a kind Providence, a great Guardian Spirit, and a continuous delight and inspiration. And that early lack of appreciation is soon forgotten in an ever increasing love.

But these mountains have a material as well as a spiritual value. They are the gatherers and distributors of the water supply. They are snow covered except for a few weeks in summer, and it is the melting of this snow that makes possible the productiveness and verdure of the valley. Then, too, they are the custodians of the State's wealth, its great mineral resources. They hold millions in embryo, while stakes, marks of claims and working mines dot their sides. So it is not only their magni-

tude and arrangement, but also their commercial value that suggests The Great Giver.

Salt Lake City, situated in the heart of the valley enclosed by these mountains, is usually pronounced by tourists a beautiful city. And it is beautiful when one becomes accustomed to its kind of beauty. It is a city of straight lines and angles, and seems at first too regular to be especially attractive. The unvarying regularity of its streets and the straightness of its poplars—Utah's almost only shade and ornamental tree—rob one of any surprises. But the second impression is happier. The streets are extremely broad and have streams of sparkling running water on each side. Then the trees, although stiff and straight, are wonderfully fitting to the landscape. And after all, and best of all, Salt Lake City is individual; one would not change it to eastern ideas. A large part of its charm is its absolutely western structure and atmosphere.

The city contains many reminders of a worse day, a time when polygamy was publicly practiced.—It is still secretly carried on. For instance, the state superintendent of schools spends much time *skulking* with his *various* wives.—One old house, with seven street doors and seven gables, where the seven wives of a former Mormon lived, may yet be seen. The Lion House, the home of Brigham Young's wives, and the palace of his favorite wife are in good repair. The city square also is still adorned by Brigham Young's statue. This statue, with one hand stretched out to the east for God's help, yet its back towards God's temple, has not lost its significance, in that Brigham now stands with his back to the church and his hand open toward the city bank.

But the chief Mormon features of the city are the temple and tabernacle. These are not particularly imposing structures, although they are, of course, wonderful buildings as no nails or bolts were used in their construction and because of the years of toil they represent. Tourists are allowed to enter the tabernacle, only, for the temple is kept sacred to the saints.—The Mormons call themselves Latter Day Saints.—The tabernacle is in the shape of a huge cocoon, built entirely of wood, and was achieved, as mentioned above, without the use of either nails or bolts. It is bare, even crude, inside and out. It has,

however, unsurpassed acoustic properties and contains an organ that has but one equal in the world. To hear this organ is a rare treat. The "Vox Humana" is exquisite, ravishing. For the sake of the organ music, one would never tire of visiting the Mormon tabernacle.

Salt Lake, the city's chief pleasure resort, is unique. The pictures of tourists, sitting on the lake, holding sunshades and reading, are not an exaggeration. In fact, it is much easier to sit on the water than to walk in it, and one sees many amusing episodes of preverse feet insisting on sticking up instead of down. To me, the water is too salt for pleasure bathing and the pavilion is far from an attractive place. As a curiosity, however, Salt Lake will always command interest.

To the Mormons who have made tillable the land of Utah, great credit belongs. Of course they have had a glorious climate to aid them, but the task of elaborate irrigation has been laborious. Yet after they have accomplished so great a feat, when there is plenty of water, when much of their land produces sixty bushels of wheat to the acre, they have not learned how to *live*. Most of them were originally European peasants, people of the soil. Mormon practices have not tended to increase their intelligence and since conveniences were unknown to the life in which they were reared, it is not a great wonder that, despite opportunities for betterment, they are blind to the comforts of life. To the gentile coming out here, these people are a constant source of surprise. Their ways of living, their lack of ambition and American activity, and their ignorance of the finer things and instincts of life are at times appalling. And yet they are not so much deserving of censure when their source is considered, and when one remembers the isolation from civilization this valley formerly afforded. But progress is on foot. In Utah, probably more than in any other state of the union, an Americanizing of Europeans is going on. The schools are good, the city schools excellent; and since Mormonism cannot live where there is a high standard of education, Utah has every hope.

It would be an inexcusable oversight, if in speaking of Mormons one failed to mention "Utah's best crop," namely, babies. This is a tourist joke laden with fact. Babies can be counted



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per acre just as sugar beets; and many of their little faces are quite as expressionless as the article of commerce. The sight of parents with their more than numerous offspring is so common that it soon ceases to be amusing. The thought of the homes into which they are crowded, and of their lives that seldom seem to become worth while is replete with pathos. And one devoutly wishes that "Utah's best crop" might have more of quality and less of quantity.

In closing I would say that, with the mountains about us with their ever changing colors, their shifting of light and shade, in easy access to Salt Lake City, in the midst of a peculiar people, life in Utah is far from dull. Besides these interests, there is an indescribable something in the great west that gets hold of one, a sense of freedom and bigness. Utah is free and big and as they say out here, "God's country, in which it is a joy to live."

*Mabel Taylor Campbell, Gamma*



## THE SCHOLARSHIP OF THE ALPHA XI DELTA GIRL

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Alpha Xi Delta is especially interested in the scholarship of her girls. It is true that the earnest, conscientious student has much less time for the social side of life than has the girl who has neither the function nor the spirit of the student; and the flower that springs up immediately, because it has no depth of earth, has more time to blossom and to charm because it has not wasted itself in rooting. But when the sun is up—what then?

Sorority life, as all life, has its outside and its inside, its superficial things, and its depths, its flowers and its roots. The uninitiated are interested only in the outside, the superficial, the visible flower. To them the sorority is an organization which promises a girl a certain "advancement in life." And they are right, provided only they give to this "advancement in life" its true meaning. But too often they make "advancement in life" mean "becoming conspicuous in life." And, of course, one way to become conspicuous is "to get into good society," or rather, not to get there, nor even to be there, but to be seen there.

And I wonder if it can be said of any of us who have pledged loyalty to Alpha Xi Delta, that "the want to get into good society not that we may have it, but that we may be seen in it; and our notion of its goodness depends primarily on its conspicuousness?" If this be true we need make no more of scholarship. Such an evanescent, fruitless flower needs no rooting. But if the charge is false; if we are, indeed, seeking true advancement in life; if our desire to get into good society is only that our friends may be true, and our companions wise, because we realize that "in proportion to the earnestness and discretion with which we choose both, will be the general chances of our happiness and usefulness;" then, of the sincerity of such desire, what better test can be had than the promptitude and aptitude with which we seek the scholarship that procures for us an entrance

into the society of the great and learned of every age and clime?

But all this is chiefly of the outside, the superficial, the flower. What dare we say of the inside, the hidden things, the rootings? What has her scholarship to do with the faithfulness of an Alpha Xi Delta girl to the ideals hidden away in her heart? Much every way. But the sacredness of these ideals makes it necessary for every girl to make her own investigation and decision. To help her in this investigation, will you let me quote at length from Ruskin? In fact, it was a recent reading of Ruskin's "Sesame and Lilies" that helped in the formation of a large proportion of whatever thought you may find in this article. And he says just what I want to say in so much better way than I can say it that I am sure you will be glad to hear him: "It is of no moment as a matter of pride or perfectness in herself, whether a woman knows many languages or one; but it is of the utmost, that she should be able to show kindness to a stranger, and to understand the sweetness of a stranger's tongue. It is of no moment to her own worth or dignity that she should be acquainted with this science or that; but it is of the highest, that she should be trained in habits of accurate thought; and that she should understand the meaning, the inevitableness of natural laws. \* \* \* \* It is of little consequence how many positions of cities she knows, or how many dates of events, or how many names of celebrated persons,—it is not the object of education to turn a woman into a dictionary; but it is deeply necessary that she should be taught to enter with her whole personality into the history she reads; to picture the passages of it vitally in her own imagination; to apprehend, with her fine instincts, the pathetic circumstances and dramatic relations, which the historian too often eclipses by his reasoning, and disconnects by his argument; it is for her to trace the hidden equities of divine reward, and catch sight, through the darkness, of the fateful threads of woven fire that connect error with its retribution. But, chiefly of all, she is to be taught to extend the limits of her sympathy with respect to that history which is being forever determined, as the moments pass in which she draws her peaceful breath; and to the contemporary calamity which, were it rightly mourned by her, would recur no more hereafter."

What, indeed, but reason can determine what is true? Will you believe me, to find the truth or falsity of any proposition which life may present, requires the same quality of reasoning as is required to prove the truth or falsity of a proposition in geometry. Righteous judgment is possible only to those who are able to sift and weigh evidence. The friendship to which our association pledges us implies discipline, is, itself, disciplinary, and needs a girl who knows what discipline means. In short, every loyal Alpha Xi Delta seeks "to fill her mind with knowledge and thoughts which tend to confirm its natural instincts of justice, and refine its natural tact of love."

*Drusilla V. Perrin Johnson, Iota*

## PRESERVING THE TRADITIONS AT WISCONSIN

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It might have been the added weight of antiquity we felt after the Jubilee, or possibly it was a mere freak of an idle hour, that inspired the class of 1905 to promulgate a ready-made body of tradition for the guidance of freshmen and sophomores. "We have," they argued, "no body of underclass, tradition, such as eastern colleges have. Let us make one." Whereat, with true western enterprise, one was made.

And now, no freshman, except he be a wearer of the "W," may appear upon the streets of Madison carrying a cane, smoking a pipe, or topped with "any derby or stiff hat whatever," on any occasion save only prom night. Moreover, no freshman or sophomore may under any circumstances sit upon the fence in front of the gym. The fence in question scarcely looks like a comfortable resting place, but since it is tabooed for underclassmen, there is longing among them for the time when they in their turn shall perch on the two-inch iron cylinder that forms the top rail, and look down upon the sophs and freshies.

Another tradition we have—one that has established itself in spite of us—arose out Lake Mendota's reiterated call for a member of the senior class, so that since the last victim, three years ago, it has been unwritten law that no senior, in the spring of his final year, go upon Mendota in row-boat or sail-boat. Superstition? Yes. And doubtless a skilled mathematician could demonstrate it to us by the law of chance. But when, year after year, by some curious coincidence, that siren Mendota has claimed—so it seems—a sacrifice, always shortly before commencement, and always from the senior class, do you wonder at the strength of the tradition?

Pleasant traditions we have, as well as sad ones; traditions for upperclassmen as well as underclassmen woven in and about the Hill and the lakes. Naturally, we think ours an ideal university site, with its Hill, and the drives, and the three lakes—Memdota, Monona, and Wingra. To be sure, when we are breathlessly trying to make an eight o'clock, up the long side

of the Hill, in three minutes instead of five; or when, in winter, the Hill is smooth with ice, and we know not which side of the upper campus we least dread, since it is as humiliating to slip down in front of the law building—where in fulfillment of another tradition, the “Laws” hang out of the windows to laugh at unfortunate “co-eds”—as it is to fall on the other side where the Engineers hold forth; when such things happen, we often wish that the Hill was not a hill at all. But when spring comes, with the larches and oaks and elms just leafing out, we forget the winter’s mishaps, and thank the forethoughtful men of early days who set our light of learning on a hill in the midst of this little lake region of ours.

Among the traditional spots on the lakes there are Picnic Point, Maple Bluffs, and Esther Beach, all with the reminiscent glamour of bygone picnics lingering about them. Even before your first trip, you feel you know the place; and after the second time, you think of the Point, the Bluffs, or the Beach as an old friend—one you have known always.

Picnic Point, a long, thin line running out into Mendota, sparsely scattered with trees, seems, when you catch it between you and the sunset, a hit for a painter’s brush. Perhaps quite as renowned in local fame, although not as picturesque, is Middleton—doubtless every co-educational institution has its Middleton—traditional little town, a convenient number of miles away, where prom parties may dine, and spring couples sup, with a moonlight drive on the return journey. One’s education, says tradition, is incomplete if it does not include at least one trip to Middleton.

Of course, we do other things besides picnic on the Point, drive to Middleton, and lie in wait for offending underclassmen, but most of us do a little—some of us a great deal—toward preserving the traditions.

*Marion E. Ryan, Theta*

## A SIGN OF AMERICAN IDEALISM

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The commercial expansion of the past two generations has left its stamp upon the people of the present. The confidence which a man reposes in his fellows is valued not so much in the abstract as it is in a requisite to business success; ambition is expressed not so much in military exploits as in business enterprises; and devotion to a purpose is most characteristically exemplified by business "hustle" and "stick-to-it-iveness." Particularly in this country are the standards of life expressed in business terms. This was the conclusion which Mr. James Bryce reached after his recent visit to America.

To call this a commercial nation has usually been regarded as equivalent to a severe judgment upon it. This has been to ignore the difference between the outward manifestations of a spirit and the spirit itself. Commercial activity has been confused with materialism. As a matter of fact, there are many signs which indicate that behind this immense development of industry, commerce, and finance there is a genuine idealism. In particular, religious idealism is evident. This commercial period has compassed the establishment and growth of three of the most remarkable religious orders of all time—the Salvation Army, the Young Men's Christian Association, and the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor. Of these three, one was planted and two have found most fertile soil in this commercial nation. This period and country have shown their character, moreover, by responding to that severest of all tests of religious idealism—the summons to engage in foreign missions. Never was the response to this summons more emphatic than at present. In witness to the truth of that statement is the Student Volunteer Movement.

Twenty years ago Mr. Dwight L. Moody invited some college students to Northfield to spend a few weeks in the study of the Bible. Out of the gathering of two hundred and fifty students there has come this movement. Originally simply an unorganized body of men with a common purpose, it is now an



incorporated body. Those who make this declaration, "It is my purpose, if God permit, to become a foreign missionary," are known as the Student Volunteers. The organization does not send out missionaries; the Volunteers all go out under their own denominational boards. Allied with this purpose of enlisting recruits for the service is that of promoting in the home land an intelligent knowledge and interest concerning the subject of foreign missions.

Some conception of the extent of this movement may be gathered from the following facts: Up to the beginning of this year almost three thousand volunteers had sailed for the foreign field; one thousand of these have gone in the last four years. Text-books on missions have been prepared, and twelve thousand students in our colleges in over one thousand groups are studying the subject under highly qualified men. It is safe to say that never before have so many men gone forth from our colleges with so broad a view of the forces working for and against the regeneration of the world.

Once in a "student generation," that is, four years, the Student Volunteers hold a convention. The latest, held at Nashville, was marked by a characteristic spirit of earnestness and idealism. There is something convincingly genuine about the words uttered in a convention whose members are ready to back up their faith by voluntary exile. The confidence which, directed to one end, gives security to commence was at Nashville a faith in the ultimate world-wide prevalence of the influence and principles of Christ; ambition, which drives some men into constructing great industries, was there the impulse to have a part in bringing that dominion to pass; and devotion to a purpose, which is the secret of success in commercial enterprise, was there manifest in the determination of those four thousand delegates thus expressed to make known to all the world "in this generation" the Good News.

The Good News is something more than the propaganda of a doctrine; it is a message that is told in lives of service to men. That message is conveyed in curing the sick by medical missions; and in spreading good will among peoples by missionaries of statesmanlike stature, such as Dr. Arthur H. Smith of China, Bishop Brent, of the Philippines, and Rev. Robert Hume, of



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India. The testimony of Sir Mortimer Durand, the British Ambassador, to the high service of high missionaries in the East as he knew it at first hand, as well as his estimate of the delicacy and importance of their task, did not too greatly emphasize the variety of gifts which can and ought to be employed in foreign missions. The Student Vounteer Movement is an undertaking to bring into the service of foreign missions men of the highest training as well as religious earnestness. Its success is not only a promise that foreign missions are to have a larger and more beneficent effect upon the world than ever, but also a revelation of the latent spiritual power and religious idealism of this commercial but not materialistic people.—[Copied from "The Outlook" with the permission of its editors.]



# THE WOMAN'S SOCIAL SERVICE LEAGUE

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The Inter-Sorority Conference wishes to establish the Woman's Social Service League wherever possible, as we know from the efforts in that direction at our late conference in Chicago. There has seemed to be so much uncertainty and confusion in the minds of some, as to just what a league should stand for and do, that Mrs. Lieb, the Secretary of the Pan-Hellenic Association, aided by Miss Wheeler of Kappa Kappa Gamma, has formulated the following sample constitution to furnish a simple working plan :

## CONSTITUTION OF THE WOMAN'S LEAGUE.

### *Article I—Name.*

This organization shall be known as the Woman's League of the....., of.....

### *Article II—Object.*

**SECTION 1.** The object of this League shall be to promote a fellowship among the women students of the University, irrespective of department, to increase their sense of responsibility toward one another, to establish friendly relations between the faculty women and women students, and to be a medium by which the social standards of the University can be made and kept high.

**SECTION 2.** A special object of the League shall be to organize upper class women in such a way that systematic work may be done each year in welcoming and aiding incoming women.

### *Article III—Membership.*

**SECTION 1.** The following shall be eligible to membership in this League:

- a. All women students.
- b. All women members of the faculty.
- c. All faculty wives.

**SECTION 2.** Any woman eligible to membership may become a member of the League upon the payment of the regular dues.

*Article IV—Dues.*

**SECTION 1.** Memberships may be granted or renewed upon the payment of twenty-five cents. The same to be payable at the beginning of the college year.

*Article V—Officers and Duties of Officers.*

**SECTION 1.** The officers of the League shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. They shall be elected by ballot at the May meeting.

**SECTION 2.** The President, who shall serve through her Senior year, shall preside at all meetings of the League and Council.

**SECTION 3.** The Vice-President shall assist the President and preside in her absence.

**SECTION 4.** The Secretary shall keep all records of the League and file the reports.

**SECTION 5.** The Treasurer shall have in charge all funds of the League and shall deposit the same in some bank approved by the Council. All orders on the Treasurer shall be signed by the President.

*Article VI—Council.*

**SECTION 1.** The officers of the League, together with certain class and faculty representatives, shall constitute a Council of eighteen, which shall have general supervision of the work of the League, and present a report at the annual meeting in May, and at such other meetings as the President shall direct.

**SECTION 2.** The following class representatives shall be elected by ballot at the May meeting: Four from the Junior class, three from the Sophomore class, two from the Freshman class. At least one representative from each class except Freshman shall have previously served on the Council.

**SECTION 3.** These Council members (Section 1 and 2), shall elect five representatives from among the faculty women. Two of whom shall have previously served on the Council.

*Article VII—Social Life of the League.*

SECTION 1. There shall be a reception during the month of October tendered to all women of the college.

SECTION 2. Groups composed of one or two faculty women, two Seniors, three Juniors, four Sopomores, five Freshmen, or in like proportion, may meet once a month during the college year for an informal afternoon or evening, time and place to be at the pleasure of each group. All names are to be chosen by ballot of the Council once or twice a year.

SECTION 3. All business meetings shall be at the call of the President.

*Article VIII—Quorum.*

One-third of the members of the League shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

*Article IX—Amendments.*

A majority vote of two-thirds of the membership shall be required for the amendment of this constitution.

## THE AIM OF A SORORITY

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It is at the time of her initiation into a sorority, that the novice first feels the sacredness of the oath and the duties which it entails. It is the first oath, the first initiation through which she has ever passed. It is a ceremony, by her, never to be forgotten. No matter what secret organization she may join in after life; there is never anything sufficiently impressive to take the place of that sacred and beautiful ritualistic ceremony of the introduction into fraternity life. She has taken upon herself obligations, duties and responsibilities. She has promised to give her best, untiring efforts for the support of the sorority. What has the sorority promised for her? What is *its* aim?

The advancement of the civilization of the world is due, to a large extent, to fraternal relations which now exist. The age of "live and let live" has come. Witness the great fraternal organizations constantly increasing in number and membership. They exist in all walks of life and are educating the people in the benefit that co-operation and fraternal association can render the needy and unfortunate as well as teaching, that :

True worth is in being, not seeming  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good—not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by.

For whatever men may say in business,  
And in spite of the fancies of youth,  
There is nothing so kingly as kindness  
And nothing so royal as truth.

It is for such a purpose that the sorority finds a reason for her existence. She is teaching young women at an early and formative period of their lives, the nobility of character and the necessity of true worth in its formation, together with the value and necessity of fraternal sympathy and co-operation. In the college world the sorority is doing her part toward the



education, encouragement and uplifting of the individual for her own good and the good of all. The chief aim of the sorority, then, is to develop pure, noble women—women who shall better the world because they have lived in it. When young women are stimulated to higher ideals and nobler ambitions for themselves and the race, the sorority's purpose is fulfilled.

I cannot read your minds, but I can tell you what is in my own. I frankly say that from the time I first heard the impressive, ritualistic ceremony accompanying my initiation into Alpha Xi Delta, I have never forgotten that the purity, honor and glory of the sorority is entrusted into my keeping. That thought has been my strength. Accompanying it, whenever I have attained success or accomplished any good, down in my heart, although unspoken, has been the further thought, that I have, in a small measure at least, proven myself a worthy sister and added some lustre to the sorority. If these thoughts animate and inspire you and other sorority girls, as I know they must, then indeed is the work of the sorority a glorious one in the upbuilding of character and the attainment of a higher standard of better living.

It was said in olden time, to account for rare flowers that the angels came to earth and where they had trod, beautiful flowers sprang up to mark the place. And so with the sorority, where her presence has touched the college world, rare and beautiful flowers have sprung up—flowers of sympathy, kindness—love. So it has been in the past, is now and will be in the future. I say, "Long live all sororities, and long live Alpha Xi Delta."

*Hazel Moffitt, Alpha Chapter*

## HER ALPHA XI DELTA DAY

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"O, what is so rare as a day in June.  
Then, if ever, come perfect days,  
Then heaven tries the earth if it be in tune,  
And over it gently her warm ear lays  
And whether we look or whether we listen,  
We hear life murmur or see it glisten."

Yes, it was a typical June day, full of life and beauty, a day that made one long to get out of the city and, care free, to wander on into the country fields and woods.

In a New England city, far from her home was a girl, young and beautiful, the possessor of a face that rivaled that morning. Dorothy, for thus we shall call her, was finishing her first year of teaching, after the completion of a college course which had covered four joyous years.

On this particular Saturday morning she rose early and running to the window looked out to see the sun beaming kindly down from a clear sky. Delighted by the idea of a long, happy day, she dressed in haste and set out with light steps, for was not this day all her own to be spent in the country. Having taken a car which carried her beyond the city limits, she wandered on, filled with rapture at the green fields, the leafy trees and the springing flowers. And now, as she strolled along, wrapped in thought, she went back in memory to her happy college days. Once again, as in a dream, she saw the girls, one and all so dear, the dear old chapter house with all its scenes of joy. And then how she wondered and let her fancy play! She tried to imagine the new girls, she longed to see the old friends and sisters, to talk to them, if only for a moment. Anon she hummed a tune. Sister catch the words, for it was,

"Alpha Xi Delta, we do bring the love and praise  
Glad memories of thee ere shall cheer our ways."

As she was thus lost to the world about her, her steps grew slower until she had been long in the world of fancy, she looked up suddenly; to see that the sky was dark and a storm close upon her. Far ahead, through an old orchard, she saw a house toward which she made her way. On nearer approach she saw that no smoke curled from the chimney. This house was a low lying, spacious farm house, on whose gabled roof and weather

beaten sides the moss had gathered. The low hanging eaves shaded bare windows, which looked out from a bleak and empty interior. She crossed a field and passed through a gate which creaked on its rusty hinges as she opened it. The rain which now fell in large drops made her hasten her steps to the porch from which she looked about her.

From the house, on one side, the ground sloped down to a noisy brook which went babbling along over the stones. Cresses grew on its margin, and here and there willows overhung the stream. Half way down the slope was the well, one of the old fashioned kind which we think of as containing the old oaken bucket, and indeed the curb was green with moss. Around the house, in tangled profusion, grew a garden. The pathways was overgrown, the weeds grew among the flowers, but these flowers were of the dear old fashioned kind that grandma tells about. Bachelor buttons were there, primroses growing among thorns, phlox, southernwood, mignonette and lady slippers in twisted profusion; the small pink and old fashioned rose were not forgotten.

The rain half ceasing, Dorothy looked up to see through the sparkling drops a rainbow with great arch spanning the sky. She looked and looked again and then cried out in amazement, for as she gazed it changed. One by one the colors grew dim, all except three which, perhaps by contrast, seemed to grow more brilliant and spread until at last they stood forth bright and clear, a rainbow of dark blue fading into the most delicate sky blue, while the yellow and orange blending formed a band of gold.

No wonder that she cried out, for were not these colors, in that bow of promise, those of her own dear Alpha Xi Delta? Was not this a promise, and that from God above, that Alpha Xi Delta shall go on growing and spreading, keeping its own beloved principles, until it shall reach like this bow of promise from shore to shore. Then it faded, and as she slowly walked through the garden she plucked a single pink rose which grew there and lovingly placed it in her golden hair.

As she walked homeward, her heart in tune with nature, she thanked God for that day, her Alpha Xi Delta day as she still calls it, and still more for dear old Alpha Xi Delta.

*Elaine Putnam, Eta.*

## FOUNDERS' DAY

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The May ALPHA XI DELTA goes to press too soon to contain any account of the various ways in which its chapters will observe April seventeenth, Founders' Day.

In several chapters this has been made a gift day, when active and alumnæ members may have the pleasant opportunity to give their chapters birthday presents.

A favorite method of celebration seems to be the presentation of a play by the two lower classes for the possible edification, and the certain amusement of the seniors and juniors in their chapter. In turn, the upper classmen give the properly serious tone to the afternoon or evening by reading the chapter and sorority histories and by paying fitting respects to our founders. Alpha Xi Delta's youthful years happily avert sadness from these occasions, for our eulogies concerning chapter members are not yet turned to elegies.

But one of our founders, Frances Cheney, has been removed from us by death. In her case "it were too late to praise." To her name we will pay sad and tender tribute on Founders' Day; but to the rest we will gladly accord both praise and gratitude for the efforts which have made possible the helpful associations which we enjoy in Alpha Xi Delta.

*Eta*

# FRATERNITY NOTICES

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## CONVENTION

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At the last national convention of Alpha Xi Delta it was decided to hold the next convention in the fall of nineteen hundred six. This decision was subject to the will of the Grand Committee. It seems advisable to the committee to change the date for convention to a year from the time decided upon at Mt. Pleasant. Doubtless all chapters of Alpha Xi Delta will, upon consideration, see that the action of the Grand Committee is wise, and will welcome the announcement that the next convention will be held at Morgantown, West Va., in the latter part of the year nineteen hundred seven.

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## FRATERNITY EXAMINATIONS

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The examination questions for this year's use in Alpha Xi Delta have been sent to each chapter president. It is hoped that the results of these will be satisfactory.

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## SONG BOOK

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The Song Book Committee is not satisfied with the number of songs they are receiving. Will the chapters try to attend more earnestly to this demand? Send all songs to Theresa K. Tobin, Richfield Springs, New York. After June twentieth, Miss Tobin's address will be 117 College Place, Syracuse, New York.

# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

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## DOES OUR SORORITY DO FOR US WHAT IT AIMS TO DO?

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It is asked, "Does our Sorority do for us what it aims to do?" Yes and no. Just how much a sorority association can do for a girl depends upon several things—the girl herself, her attitude toward the sorority and that of the girls with whom she affiliates toward her, toward their organization and toward the outside world generally.

Primarily, however, it rests with the girl herself. No matter how noble the sorority ideals, nor how unselfishly loyal to them and to each other the chapter girls may be, if the girl herself comes with only a selfish idea of what it will "do" for her—merely for the good time or social advancement it may bring her,—she will gain little permanent good by the association.

Sorority life is like everything else, good and beautiful and true. The more we are willing to give the more we receive. The girl who takes up her sorority life with the honest endeavor to be worthy of it, who tries to bring its ideals into her daily life, who feels herself responsible before the world for the reputation of her sorority as regards dignity, courtesy, kindness and all the various little refinements of life, who is willing to do her best for it through good days and evil and is loyal to it and to her sister members under all circumstances, will find in it a wealth of precious associations and a world of meaning that cannot but influence her whole life. *Epsilon.*

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## THE DUTY OF A SORORITY TO ITS JOURNAL

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One of the most important duties which devolves upon the members of a sorority, is the duty toward its journal. There is a certain standard to which the journal should be raised and kept, regardless of other sorority publications. Alpha Xi Delta, in its own realm, should look to the best interests and highest ideals along this line. Oftentimes the work is neglected, with the thought that other things are of more importance.

The journal gives life and strength to each chapter, and it keeps them in touch with one another in social, as well as business matters. Each individual member owes a certain loyalty to the journal, the same as to the sorority itself.

The journal is exactly what the sorority makes it, according to the interest taken and the effort put forth. Let us devote more thoughtful attention to the publication which should interest every member of Alpha Xi Delta.

*Maude Maiken, Beta.*

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### OUR PLANS FOR THE SUMMER

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During the short time before the holidays, Kappa will be busily making plans for the summer. As several of our members will not be active next year, four numbering among the graduating class, our first thought is to strengthen our chapter. Disbanded, scattered and perhaps far from Illinois, we may yet be able to know much about the girls who are to be our fellow students in the (following) coming year. For these girls we wish to begin by making the first college days, full of welcome and suggestively homelike. This year we have entertained our friends in a very unconventional but decidedly enjoyable manner. This was done when we were scattered in groups which were, in some instances many blocks apart. How much greater would be the possibilities, if we were all in one place, which we could call a home; what the delights and advantages of such a home may be, can only be known from experience.

To secure a chapter house for the following year will call forth our most willing effort. We realize immediately that this is decidedly a business proposition. We want to establish a house on a sure and economic basis, so that there will be no need to consider, either the means of our future members, or any possibility of calamity to the present. We feel confident that this can be done.

First, we wish to secure a competent and congenial matron. Most of the linen for the sleeping rooms will be furnished by the members. In the many questions which must be decided

and acted upon, concerning this work, we know we can rely upon our patronesses for trusty advice.

In these happy holidays so soon to come, Kappa's will hope to be remembered often by their sisters.

*Nelle W. Branch, Kappa.*

### PERSEVERANCE

There are few things more grand and beautiful than the calm and persevering progress of an earnest spirit. It is only by reflection that we derive a just appreciation of the value of perseverance. When we see how much can be accomplished by the ability of the one who resolutely perseveres in the course of action adopted as a ruling purpose of their life, we then arrive at a just estimate of the value of perseverance as a factor in success. Let us know no such word as fail. By defeat we will gain power; difficulty will teach the necessity of redoubled exertions; danger will give us courage and the sight of great labors inspire in us corresponding exertions. In this way we will be of worth, of influence and will win the confidence of others.

If we wish to win friends, we must be steady and true to ourselves. Opposing circumstances will create strength and will give us greater power of resistance. Let us set our aim high and resolve to remit no labor necessary for its realization, but cheerfully take up the trials that may come to us and carry them forward to a glorious result. *Nellie Tribby, Beta.*

### JOURNAL EXCHANGES

Would an exchange of sorority journals prove a benefit? From the standpoint of the smaller school, at least, I should say yes, decidedly.

One of the first and most serious difficulties that a sorority chapter must meet in a school where national organizations are few and recently established is a lack of appreciation of true fraternity spirit, through lack of understanding its meaning. The new member, up to the time she joins, often has no very definite idea of what a national organization, as opposed to local, signifies. To become familiar with fraternity life, its



ideas and ideals, to become imbued with the idea of loyalty always, and, if need be, sacrifice for the organization whose colors she wears, to feel the inspiration of numbers banded together in a common purpose, to experience the peculiar quality of fraternity friendships and the uplift of their high ideals, a girl needs, first of all, to know not only her own fraternity but fraternities in general, and nowhere can she so easily learn of other organizations, their ideas and ways, and the progress of their work, as in the journals where these things find expression.

Every sorority girl, new or old, can find new inspiration and enthusiasm for her own sorority work, and new ideas for carrying it on, in reading the experiences and examples of other organizations of like character and aim. *Epsilon.*

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### THE PRESTIGE OF ALPHA XI DELTA GIRLS

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As the influence and accomplishments of any organization are more noticeable than those of an individual, it is still as true that those of a band of girls are felt more than those of each separate one. We all know that the people around us are influenced by everything we do, although perhaps slightly, and that there is always someone who is following us as an example.

Being sorority girls, we are naturally subjected more to public opinion than non-sorority girls, and for that reason, if none other, we should be very careful in everything, in order that we may never bring the slightest dishonor upon the name of Alpha Xi Delta.

In the first place, I think we should be most careful among our own sisters, as the influence exerted, especially by the older girls, is more keenly felt because of the close relationship and association. Then too, we influence the girls outside the sorority, for although they do not know what Alpha Xi Delta means to us, they do know that it is a true, noble organization and that we should conduct ourselves accordingly.

I believe if we all fully realized the wide-spreading influence we have, we would strive to reach higher ideals, than we even now do, both individually and as a sorority.

*Roberta O'Bannon, Delta.*

## EDITORIALS

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Since our last issue, two grand officers have asked for an editorial concerning promptness on the part of chapter officers, especially secretaries. That fact in itself constitutes enough of a plea for the cultivation of this quality. If chapter officers realized how much they inconvenience and often seriously hamper national officers by procrastination, they would set about to remedy the evil.



We are exchanging for our chapters with journals of several sororities that have chapters meeting ours at different universities and colleges. These exchanges will be sent to the chapter secretaries of Alpha Xi Delta. It is the duty of each chapter secretary to see that the different journals are placed where all members of the chapter may have access to them.

We have arranged these exchanges in accordance with suggestion two of the last Inter-Sorority Conference; for we feel that if the official organs of other sororities are rightfully used by our own, that it will result in good to us in many respects. We trust it will increase our spirit as an organization, will make us more sympathetically interested in other sisterhoods, will broaden our knowledge of sororities, and will give us ideas tending to increase our power and usefulness.



Our Song Book Committee is working hard for us; but it cannot bring forth an Alpha Xi Delta Song Book worthy the name without the co-operation of every member of our sorority. We understand that the committee does not expect productions of wonderful poetical conception and skillful musical composition; but it would like the number of good songs which must be found, perhaps, as yet voiceless, in each truly spirited chapter of Alpha Xi Delta.



Although our chapter letters are faithfully written, and with a greater or less degree of care, some of them are a little lack-

ing in substance as well as form. Perhaps it would be well to suggest that our assistant editors in these letters write of college events, of reasonably important chapter happenings, and of alumnae news, as far as it is possible to obtain them.



The growing interest on the part of universities and colleges in foreign missions and in college settlement work, seems to denote a movement toward making higher education of more efficient use in raising the moral and spiritual condition of the so-called lower classes. The recent Nashville convention has been a great factor in assisting this movement. We have gladly noted the interest many of our own girls have in this cause. A recent number of "The Outlook" contained an instructive editorial on the Student Volunteer movement, which we obtained permission to copy, as it shows that the college attitude toward this subject is attracting the interest of all America.



We desire to extend hearty good wishes to all our graduates of 1906. May the commencement season with its little time of college honor and glory, be the beginning of lives happy because indeed honorable and glorious. We wish all Alpha Xi Deltas merry and restful vacation days.

# EXCHANGES

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The "ALPHA XI DELTA," acknowledges with thanks the following exchanges received since January the first.

*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha Theta, The Anchora of Delta Gamma, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, Phi Chi Fraternity Quarterly, The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, Beta Theta Pi, The Eleusis of Chi Omega, The Phi Gamma Delta, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta, The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega, The Triangle of Sigma Sigma Sigma, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, Kappa Alpha Journal, Trident of Delta Delta Delta.*

The March *Crescent* contains a charmingly informal description of the first chapter home built by the Gamma Phi Beta Sorority. It has recently been erected at Madison, Wisconsin, by the Gamma Chapter of that sorority. The house is of the English order of architecture of wood and plaster, in light and dark brown. Using the sorority colors, which in this case are so suitable for external decoration, is a happy and unique scheme. The financial obligations of building were met by forming a stock company and selling shares mostly to members of the sorority. A few outside shares are being bought up by the Gamma Phis so that the house is practically all their own.

In the last *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, Iota chapter of Alpha Phi has also an interesting account of a house recently completed at Madison. The plan of raising funds was practically the same as that adopted by Gamma, of Gamma Phi Beta. The new Alpha Phi chapter house is of colonial architecture, a style admirably suited to a building of this kind.

Kappa Kappa Gamma, Pi Beta Phi, and Delta Gamma of Wisconsin University, all own their homes, comparatively few chapters of sororities are so fortunate. This progressive movement at Madison may be followed to advantage in other college communities.

The February *Scroll*—Phi Delta Theta—has, as a leading article a history of the fraternity with illustrations of pioneer chapter houses and various badges. It was written by Walter Benjamin Palmer of Emory '77, Vanderbilt '80.

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What do the chapters owe to their alumni? Respect, appreciation, fraternal devotion. This question will be chiefly discussed at the celebrations this year, and it would seem intensely appropriate that every chapter unite with its neighboring alumni in the celebration. The discussion will hardly be

fruitful if the undergraduates do not get at first hand the lessons involved. There is a training greatly needed as to the duty of the chapters. Their alumni deserve all the appreciation and devotion that can be lavished upon them, and no chapter can afford to appear indifferent to them. Often the active members experience a timidity toward the older men that is unfortunate. They should rather importune them often to visit the chapter house, attend a chapter meeting or a social function, or to indulge in the pastime the most pleasing to them—relating reminiscences. We know of one chapter that treats its alumni truly as older brothers. Frequently it sends to them informal reports of chapter activities, a list of honors won or a lot of personal items. The alumni of this chapter do not look upon its regard for them as mercenary, but when solicited for contributions they cheerfully give because their hearts are kept in accord with the spirit that was written large in the Bond. Then the chapter owes the alumni the duty of being as strong and as fruitful of achievement as it possibly can be. It should first justify a devoted interest and then maintain an intimate relation that exemplifies the exalted ideals upon which the relation is based. May the discussion of this question bring out all these higher duties chiefly, for in them all the material phases are involved.

—*Editorial from "The Scroll" of Phi Delta Theta.*

Every girl who puts herself and her best effort into her chapter life realizes a great benefit and gains more than she gives. Fraternity does much for its members. It has accomplished wonders in "bringing out" girls and making them more capable members of society. It drills them in loyalty and unselfishness. It urges on the timid and restrains the too impulsive. It rebukes snobbishness and teaches sisterhood.

In the end the question narrows down to this :—have the best people in college a right to separate themselves even if they work for mutual advancement? In all grades of society are found cliques, in the neighborhood, the club, the church, everywhere are "sets" to which fine clothes, money or ancestors are often the only "Open Sesame." These have always existed and always will, and however dubious we are at times about fraternities, we will always maintain that they represent the "clique" in its highest and purest development.

[The above is taken from the close of an article headed "Afterthoughts" in "The Arrow"—Pi Beta Phi. The idea is old, as most ideas are; but it is set forth in a remarkably attractive and convincing way.]

There are many girls who begin their college career with no definite end in view. This lack of purpose is a dangerous evil. Without a fixed aim our energy is not concentrated and we are drawn this way and that by mere impulse. Watch two boats on the water. One leaves a crooked path as it drifts aimlessly along; the other guided by a firm hand, holds a straight course through the waves. There is a way of drifting through college, and

there is a way of spending the days so that every one counts. An aim, whether it be to specialize in one study, or to gain a working knowledge of many, should in no way narrow us. It should give us a nucleus about which our general knowledge may center; it should direct our effort and help to make life full of well-spent endeavor.—*The Key, of Kappa Kappa Gamma.*

Every college graduate, while looking back upon days of study and preparation for life will feel the truth of these statements.

The March *Kappa Alpha Theta* is an historical number, containing histories of the Grand Council and the journal, an historical resume, and chapter histories.

The last number of the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is largely given up to the "Fifty-third Annual Report of the Secretary of the Phi Kappa Psi Fraternity."

The following articles appearing in recent fraternity publications are especially worthy of commendation:

"The College Woman in Government Service."—Florence Lorraine Bingham in *The Arrow*, Pi Beta Phi.

"Education in the Pacific Northwest."—Jessie Godard in *The Anchora*, Delta Gamma.

"The Arthurian Epic," a literary study, by Kathryn Acree, in *The Eleusis* of Chi Omega.

"Fraternity Idea in American Life," an address by Newton D. Baker before a graduate dinner at Indianapolis.—*The Phi Gamma Delta.*

# CHAPTER LETTERS

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## ALPHA

Nothing eventful has happened for some time, but of late there has been much class spirit shown at Lombard. Several days ago the Freshmen flag appeared in a conspicuous place and when the classmen came to chapel wearing their colors, it was taken for a signal for a class rush.

Down on the second floor the enemies met and such a struggle! The girls stood on their side of the hall and the boys fought and tore with a vengeance. President Fisher was absent that day, but Dean Rich went into their midst and sought to quiet them.

The Alphas were entertained at lunch last Saturday, March the twenty-third, at the home of Mrs. F. S. Bartlett. Alice Bartlett Bruner was there with her little daughter Lois.

The Alpha girls gave a progressive luncheon several weeks ago. The first course was served at the home of Mrs. F. W. Rich, from there we went to Spake's restaurant, where the second and third courses were served, then to Mrs. J. W. Mitchell, and lastly to Mrs. Cullison's, a Beta Alpha Xi Delta girl.

A debate takes place next Monday evening, between the Zetecalian and Erosophian societies, and we girls hope to win.

Lombard has eleven new pianos. The boys took the boxes and put them on top of the ladies' hall and the fire escapes of the college. President Fisher called the roll the next morning in chapel and each boy answered guilty or not guilty. It was supposed to be solemn, but the girls all laughed.

We have about eight more weeks of school at Lombard and we are already commencing to think about next year.

*Bess Williamson.*

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## BETA

There has been a good bit going on since our last letter to the journal, as you will see; but even though we don't write of much but parties, we have all been very busy between times.

In the first place Axie Lute-Mitchell came back to visit her parents and us, in January; so we had a chafing dish party for her at Florence Currier-Stephens. Every one knows what an Alpha chafing dish party means, so I won't need to say anything more about it. A little while later she entertained all the Alpha girls at her mother's, and we had another fine time.

On the twelfth of February, we gave a valentine party for the "boys," at Mrs. Galer's home. We had the house profusely decorated with strings of hearts in the Alpha colors, had candle shades and, shades for the chande-

liers made in the colors, which shed a soft glow over everything. Valentine stories were written, Alpha songs sung, and a two-course supper served by six of "our little girls."

March third, our pledges entertained the "fellows," at a "Hit or Miss" party in the gymnasium. The schedule was arranged by drawing names, and they had a net-work of threads filling the entire room, by which they found partners for supper.

Friday, February 23rd, we initiated Alice Babb and Mildred Brady; and Mrs. Babb celebrated the fact by entertaining all the Alphas and pledges and gentlemen friends at her home on Alice's birthday, March 10. It was a surprise party and every one had a splendid time.

Again on March 12, we were entertained. This time by the Pi Phis, who held a Pan-Hellenic reception at Mrs. Snider's. A contest on Fraternity pins, colors and flowers was entered into during the evening. Luella Hightshoe, one of our girls won the prize.

Alberta Stephens spent a week with us the last of March, during which time we had a spread for all the Alpha girls and pledges to meet her.

*Edith Van Cise, Beta Chapter.*

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## GAMMA

*Dear Sister Chapters:*

We of Gamma send our greetings to you from hearts which feel the peace which comes from work accomplished, for we have finished the second quarter's examinations. By the time you read this we will be hard at work and planning for our Commencement festivities.

During the term that has just passed we have initiated two very worthy candidates, Treva Dewey, of Massilon, Ohio, and Nellie Hawkins, of Salem, Ohio. We will probably have no more initiations this year but there are some good Alpha Xi Delta girls among our pledges and so we look forward to great things next year.

We are planning a banquet for the celebration of Founder's Day, and hope to have several of our out of town sisters with us.

The Mount Union Pan-Hellenic Association is at present working on a plan to promote greater fraternity fellowship, and if we are successful, we will tell you about it in some later issue.

We were all very sorry to have one of our patronesses, Mrs. Craven, leave us. Before going to Cleveland, where she will reside, she entertained all of the Alpha Xi Delta girls and pledges. Mary Kay, in behalf of the girls present, presented to her our gift of remembrance, a set of Alpha Xi Delta spoons.

On March 19, Gamma entertained in honor of St. Patrick. It was the greenest affair that has occurred in Mount Union for a long time. Everything, the invitations, the decorations, the refreshments, and the souvenirs were green. The company of sixty guests would probably object to being included, so we will say nothing about them except that they enjoyed the



celebration of the Irish saint's anniversary as much as though they had all come from the "Emerald Isle."

We are looking forward to the 1906 convention and are beginning to lay our plans to send a large delegation. *Mildred L. Tucker.*

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## DELTA

*My Dear Sisters:*

It is with a feeling of regret that we write this last letter of the college year. These balmy spring days with all their joys have a tinge of sadness when we think of the parting to come. Delta will loose three seniors, but the girls who have donned the quill this year will more than make up the loss.

We are glad to announce two new pledges, Eola Smith and Effie Bishoff. Since our last letter we have initiated two former pledges, May Madden and Bessie Osborn.

We have been quite anxious for some time about Elizabeth Carson, who has been ill. She is improving, however, and we hope she may be with us in a short time.

Katherine Keith writes to us frequently from Santa Barbara. She is very happy, yet longs often for the Delta circle.

We are looking forward to many good times during the remainder of the year. The one of special importance is the annual banquet in May at which time we hope to have several alumnæ with us.

Delta sends greetings and best wishes for a happy vacation with renewed consecration to the principles of Alpha Xi Delta.

Fraternally,

*Anna Mary Kemp, Cor. Sec.*

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## EPSILON

Epsilon comes with a greeting of double warmth because of her February delinquency—for which, however, you must blame the Dead Letter Office whose cavernous depths, much to our regret, swallowed up our little offering.

Affairs at the University of S. D. are progressing very favorably of late, and Epsilon feels herself much stronger than at the beginning of the year. Our members are still few, but we feel that each girl within our little circle stands for what we most desire in Alpha girls, and that unity of purpose and action can accomplish more for us than mere numbers.

One of the most enjoyable events of our year was a luncheon given to the members of Alpha Xi Delta by Mrs. Droppers, wife of our University president, in honor of our home-coming members at holiday time.

Our meetings have been especially pleasant and helpful since the beginning of the new semester, although we have lost one sister—a charter member—in Mabel Richardson who left us January 27th for the University of Illinois. Edna Gable and Marjorie Breeden are taking up the work as enthusiastically as we could wish, and, all things considered, our present outlook is very hopeful for completing a successful year and building up a solid foundation for next year as well.

## ZETA

*My dear Sisters in Alpha Xi Delta :*

This letter announces to all Alphas, two new sisters of Zeta, Edith Smith and Hazel Wright, of the class nineteen hundred and nine. We initiated them into the mysteries of our sorority on the evening of February, the tenth. The goat was very anxious to meet them, so the initiation was a grand success. The Freshmen were somewhat reluctant at first, but when they saw the determination of the goat to acknowledge the introduction with the greatest friendliness, they yielded. After the ceremonies a lunch was served.

Another delightful event, was the entertaining of the patronesses at our rooms. We entertained them on Valentine afternoon, and the rooms were prettily decorated in hearts. Light refreshments were served. Such events cause the friendship to increase between wards and patronesses and we realize more fully the close relation between us.

Our campus is becoming beautiful in its spring verdure. This reminds us too vividly of commencement and of the parting, bound to come. Zeta will lose three members, two as graduates from the college course and one from the department of music.

Soon will come Founder's Day, the time most joyously celebrated by all Alphas. Zeta will celebrate it at the home of Clara Dornblaser. We are going to make it very informal, just a quiet time.

Zeta wishes every chapter a happy commencement week.

*Mabel Bracher, Cor. Sec.*

## ETA

Eta desires to announce the names of four new pledges—Helen Chase, of Syracuse, N. Y., and May Laurence, of Palmyra, N. Y., also Katherine Thompson, of Syracuse, N. Y., and Molly Curtis, of Fabius, N. Y.

March the fourteenth was the date of the Freshman party given by the chapter, at which twenty-five freshmen from the various fraternities were entertained.

The class of '06 have elected for their vice-president, Gertrude E. Wright. Miss Wright has recently accepted a position as teacher of English at Deposit, N. Y.

Eta gave a reception on February twenty-second to the women of the University and the wives of the faculty members. Miss Tobin was in the city at that time.

Next Year the chapter will be located in more spacious quarters at 716 Irving avenue.

The Syracuse Pan-Hellenic have voted upon a second semester pledge day. Definite action was taken upon the rushing to be done.

## THETA

Theta sends greetings and kind wishes to her sister chapters.

A new semester has begun at Wisconsin, and every earnest student is beginning with new courage and determination to surpass his past record. The senior "Swing Out," where we first aired our caps and gowns, is a thing of the past, and people who had been taking us for freshmen no longer stare in open-eyed astonishment at our "mortar-boards." We are falling in line again, keeping step with the pace set by our Alma Mater.

Theta wishes especially to send greetings to our new Illinois sisters. We were sorry not to see their pictures in the journal, but we were glad to know about the university.

While Ruth Lyon was attending the National Student Volunteer Convention in Nashville, Tenn., she met one of our sisters. It takes just such little instances to make us realize how great is the bond which unites all Alphas!

We are pleased to announce two new pledges this semester—Florence Simon and Edna Olin.

*Ora L. Mason, Cor. Sec.*

## IOTA

Iota presents two new sisters, Columbia Gertrude Menefee, from Keyser, West Virginia, and Nancy Coplin, from Boothsville, West Virginia.

In January the girls of Iota had a "Dutch" party at Mary Atkeson's home. The guests were the Chapter "pledges," several new girls, Miss Moore, Dean of Women, and our patroness. The house was prettily decorated with scarlet paper tulips, double blue and gold windmills, Dutch plaques, and sketches of German scenes.

Two little girls, Elizabeth Cooke and Margaret Grant, dressed in quaint Dutch costume, showed the guests to the dressing room and later assisted in serving refreshments. Miss Moore told, partly in German, three German folk-lore tales, several German songs were sung by the company and then the contest of the evening began. Numbered cards with pencils attached were distributed; the person having an odd number joined the one holding the even number next higher, and then, as portrait making is very characteristic of the "Dutch," each were requested to sketch her partner's portrait. Later the drawings were pinned up and the "artists" guessed whom the pictures represented. The one having the largest number of correct guesses received a little Dutch maiden done in water-color. The consolation prize was a downy goose on wheels.

Coffee, sandwiches, cheese, German fruit cake, and pretzels were served. The favors were tiny windmills in the sorority colors, and of course each girl received her own portrait as a souvenir.

Iota gave a reception to new girls on Friday afternoon, April sixth, at the home of Mabel Weaver.

Under the leadership of Iota, a Pan-Hellenic has been established in West Virginia University between Alpha Xi Delta and Chi Omega. The Articles

of Agreement became effective April 3, 1906. These Articles, neatly bound in pamphlet form with magenta paper and tied with silk cord, created much comment among those not in the secret when they were given out by the Dean of Women on Registration Day.

Plans are being made for the celebration of Founder's Day but since the graduate members of Iota are to be her hostesses at that time and as they are not telling their intentions, little can be said. However, since our alumnæ are charter and also active members we do not question the appropriateness of the event.

A box of jewelry came from Lamphear this week and many of the girls are buying pins and "novelties."

The local sorority, Kappa Delta, expects the Kappa Kappa Gamma inspector to visit them on April thirteenth. They will give a reception in her honor for which three hundred invitations are issued. All the members of both national sororities here are invited. The girls seem quite confident of their success and all the national organizations in the University sincerely hope they may not be disappointed.

Ben Greet and his company presented "Twelfth Night" and "Macbeth" in Commencement Hall on the evenings, February nineteenth and twentieth, respectively. Iota made up a party for each play.

## KAPPA

Kappa chapter presents to Alpha Xi Delta, Frances Grace Spencer, '08, and Josephine Ruskamp, '09, as pledged members of our sorority. No initiation has yet taken place, but Kappa hopes for a very successful one in a short time.

We have been most fortunate in obtaining Mrs. James Wilford Garner, Mrs. Frank Oliver Dufour and Mrs. Arthur Newall Talbot as our patronesses.

Socially, Kappa has been fairly busy. We have given a rushing spread at the home of Nellie Branch. This proved very pleasant and gave us one pledge.

We made our first public appearance February seventeenth. Upon the evening of that ever to be remembered date, we gave our first dance to about sixty "Illinoisians." We made our debut in fear and trembling, but the dance proved most successful. In addition to the dance, Mrs. Garner gave us a very pretty afternoon party, which gave us another pledge. We have been pleasantly remembered by Alpha Chi Omega, Delta Upsilon and Delta Tau Delta with invitations to receptions given by them.

This then, has been the history of Kappa chapter, during the past two months, May each chapter have all the success in the world, gain every pledge they want, and want only the best pledges.

Fraternally,

*Winifred Campbell, Cor. Sec.*

## ALLIANCE ALUMNÆ

*Dear Sisters in Alpha Xi Delta :*

The girls of Alliance Alumnæ Chapter are glad to again exchange greetings with the girls of other chapters. We are just the same in number as when we last wrote you, but all are a bit better off for the pleasant winter evenings spent together.

Mrs. George R. Craven, our enthusiastic patroness, entertained both the college and alumnæ chapters recently. Fancy work and music helped to pass a very delightful evening. Mrs. Craven was assisted in serving by Mrs. Arthur Wright, another patroness. The girls tried to express their appreciation of Mrs. Craven's deep interest in them by giving her a half dozen spoons with the fraternity monogram.

Mary Bracher entertained the chapter January 9th. A five pound box of candy was presented to the girls by Baby Gow, who arrived in town on that date. This is the only baby in the alumnæ chapter and he was well remembered by his "aunts." His mother is Edith Whitla-Gow.

Perhaps the principal social event of interest was the term party, March 19th. Our chapter was well represented.

. Fraternaly yours,

*Blanche Whitla, Cor. Sec.*



# PERSONALS

## ALPHA

Clara Stryker of Joliet, Ill., has been visiting her sister Bell, for several days.

Florence Kober, Emma Garst, and Edna Epperson have been recent Lombard visitors. Florence stayed with the Alpha girls for several days.

Mrs. Murray Bruner and daughter, Lois, of Aurora, Illinois, have been visiting at the home of Mrs. Bruner's mother, Mrs. F. S. Bartlett.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Hugh Erskine, Akita Ken, Japan, January 17, 1906, a daughter.

## BETA

Helen Coe was a Y. W. C. A. delegate to the Student Volunteer Convention, at Nashville, Tenn.

We had another "pop call" from Grand Treasurer Mary A. Power about the middle of March.

Mildred Brady has been elected president of Hypatia Literary Society; and Ina Duncan holds the same office in Ruthean.

Stella Barnett is the Y. W. C. A. president.

The last two weeks in March the I. W. U. Glee Club made its annual tour through Iowa, including some places in Missouri and Illinois, accompanied by Ina Duncan, reader, and Mabel Day, accompanist.

Beta chapter sympathizes with one of her patronesses, Mrs. R. S. Galer, in the loss of her devoted niece, Florence Allen, whose death occurred February 23.

## GAMMA

Helen Miller, who is attending Ohio Wesleyan University, spent the spring vacation in Alliance.

Elsie Roberts, '05, our Salem school teacher, surprised us all by visiting us one Sunday in March. She was on her way home from Cleveland where she attended the Eastern Ohio Teachers' Association meeting.

We regret very much to learn that Grace Darrow, '04, has been obliged to give up her school work on account of ill health. She is at her home in Lowellville.

Lucille Strong was ill at her home in North Benton for two weeks during February.

## DELTA

Delta misses very much her "artist" sister, Katherine Keith, who went with her mother to California.

Miss May Madden and Bess Osbourne are now the girls behind the quills, while Miss Effie Bishoff and Eola Smith are pledged Alpha girls.

Delta regrets very much the illness of Miss Elizabeth Carson who had the diphtheria in slight form. It is our earnest wish that she may be able to go on with her work and receive her sheepskin in June.

Miss Anna Kemp spent the few days between terms with Miss Muriel Scott and Miss Wan and Emily Roberts, all "old" Delta girls.

Miss Bertha Kleeberger visited with a friend in Steubenville.

Miss Eunice Orrison had a pleasant visit with her parents.

The girls who were away for our brief Spring holiday could not go at once to their rooms in the Hall because of the little diphtheria scare.

#### EPSILON

Helen Tarbell was one of U. S. D's representatives at the Nashville convention of Student Volunteers. She gave a very interesting and instructive report before a joint meeting of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., March 18.

Georgia Hanson expects to return to Vermillion and Epsilon next year.

Marjorie Breeden and Edna Gable were initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Xi Delta January 27th.

Mabel Richardson is taking a course in library science at the University of Illinois this semester.

Marjorie Breeden will spend the Easter vacation with friends in Sioux City.

Julia Sweet has recently been pledged to our chapter.

#### ZETA

Miss Marjorie Smith will spend Easter at her home, in Brookville, Ohio.

Miss Mary E. Hubbell will spend Easter at her home in Columbus, Ohio.

The annual banquet of Zeta will be held at the Arcade hotel of Springfield, on the evening of April, the twenty-seventh.

The senior class of Wittenberg will give two plays on the evening of April, the twentieth, at the Opera House. The plays are "Secundo Pastorum" and "Old Fortunatus." Mabel Bracher will take part in the latter.

Miss Maude Bushey and Miss Mabel Bracher spent a few days at their homes, after the closing of the examinations in March.

The sorority picnic will be an event in the near future.

Zeta expects to entertain some of her alumnae during commencement week.

#### THETA

Nellie Angell, Ruth Strong and Ora Mason went home for a short visit between semesters.

Bessie Pettigrew, Ruth Lyon and Nellie Angell attended the National Student Volunteer Convention in Nashville, Tenn., from Feb. 28 to March 4.

Bessie Adams entertained the Alpha Xi Delta girls at her home, Saturday, February 17, from 3 to 6 o'clock, in honor of Miss Ella Fehlant, from Waukesta, Wis.

The girls gave a spread after frat. meeting Monday, Feb. 26, at the Chapter House in honor of Mrs. Koch who had been visiting with Edna nearly a week. Edna went home with her mother for a short vacation.

During the short season of sleighing several weeks ago, the Alphas of Theta gave a sleighride party. It is not necessary to mention its complete success for such stunts are always jolly.

Nellie Angell and Bessie Pettigrew visited with Jessie Mabbett at her home in Edgerton recently. The girls were greatly disappointed that Jessie couldn't be with us again this semester.

The Delta Gammas gave a reception in their new lodge on Langdon St., February 24. Many of our girls attended.

Winnifred Ryan, who has been ill for several weeks, left Tuesday, March 6, to join her parents in Biloxi, Miss., where she will stay until she is strong again.

Several of our girls attended the Junior Prom.

Word was received from our patroness, Mrs. Dowling, that she and her husband, Dr. Dowling, were enjoying their trip abroad very much and that they expected to be back in time for the opening of the University next fall.

The Self-Government Association gave a unique entertainment at Library Hall, Friday, March 2, in the form of a "Trip Around the World." The sororities, together with a few other University organizations, each had booths representing some country. We Alpha girls had Mexico and it was a great success in every respect. A few of our girls, attired in Mexican costume, made and sold eatables peculiar to that country.

Between semesters a dinner party was given at the Chapter House in honor of Bessie Adams' friend, Miss Fehlant, and Miss Vinal from Appleton who has been visiting Georgie Chave.

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#### IOTA

Crystal Courtney was ill during the month of February from an attack of typhoid-pneumonia. She was confined to the house nearly five weeks with the result that she had to sacrifice part of her school work.

Ethel Green has been elected to membership in the English Club of the University. This is a very select club whose requirements are exceptionally high; hence we have another cause to be proud of our "little sister."

Bertha Jane Smith spent the few days between terms at her home.

Elizabeth Julia Sadler takes some of the solo parts in "The Messiah" to be rendered by the University Choral Society on February twentieth. This is especially worthy of mention since such stars as Frederick Wheeler, John Young and Anito Rio sing on the same program.

Mary Meek Atkeson has two poems in recent issues of "The Monongalian," the University's literary magazine.



The class of "Naughty-Nine" is said to be the most original that ever entered the University. Nancy Coplin is its secretary.

At the annual election of officers of the Young Women's Christian Association in March, Crystal Courtney was unanimously elected to the presidency.

Columbia Menefee was sick from a severe cold when school opened for the winter term, so Iota's initiation was not held until March sixth. "Alpha's Nanny Goat" was decidedly wild but both initiates rode splendidly.

Elizabeth Julia Sadler, who is teaching vocal music in Uniontown, Pa., gave an afternoon recital in her studio there on March twenty-first. She was assisted by Mrs. Williams, accompanist.

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#### ALLIANCE ALUMNAE

Alliance Alumnae chapter regrets the departure of Mrs. Craven to her home in Cleveland. She has been a staunch friend to Alpha Xi Delta girls.

Beulah Kirlin is planning to spend her vacation at her home in Beattie, Kas.

Alice Henshilwood is visiting Cleveland relatives.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gow, January 9, a son.

Mary Salmon, Anna Jones, Jane Hughes and Blanche Whitla spent a day in Canton last month, visiting schools and shopping.

Kathryn Keith has been promoted to a position as clerk in the office of the L. E. A. and W. railroad.

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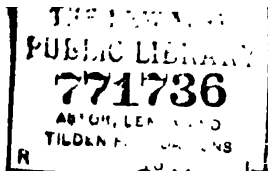
## ALPHA XI DELTA ENROLLMENT

ALPHA		GAMMA		ZETA	
Enrollment .....	73	Enrollment .....	64	Enrollment .....	16
New initiates.....	3	New initiates.....	7	New initiates.....	4
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Illinois .....	39	Ohio .....	54	Ohio .....	11
Iowa .....	11	Pennsylvania .....	7	Maryland .....	1
Wisconsin .....	7	Kansas.....	1	West Virginia .....	1
Arkansas .....	3	Illinois.....	1	Unknown.....	2
Ohio .....	1	Utah.....	1	Deceased .....	1
California .....	1	<hr/>		<hr/>	
Washington .....	1	DELTA		ETA	
Kansas .....	1	Enrollment .....	23	Enrollment .....	31
South Dakota .....	1	New initiates .....	5	New initiates.....	10
Arizona .....	1	<hr/>		<hr/>	
Indiana.....	1	Pennsylvania .....	7	New York.....	25
Minnesota .....	1	Ohio .....	6	Pennsylvania .....	4
Nebraska .....	1	West Virginia.....	5	Nebraska .....	1
Deceased.....	1	Kentucky.....	1	India .....	1
Unknown.....	3	Washington, D. C.....	1	<hr/>	
<hr/>		Japan.....	1	THETA	
BETA	73	Unknown.....	2	Enrollment .....	31
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Iowa.....	36	New initiates.....	2	South Dakota .....	1
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Wisconsin .....	1	South Dakota .....	10	Ohio .....	1
Ohio .....	1	Pennsylvania .....	1	Iowa.....	1
Minnesota .....	1	Unknown.....	2	Unknown.....	8
Unknown.....	1	<hr/>		<hr/>	
	42		13		41

IOTA		TOTAL NUMBER OF INITIATES	ADDRESSES LACKING
Enrollment .....	11	Ohio .....	75 <i>Alpha</i>
New intiates.....	4	Illinois.....	54 Anna Coleman
—		Iowa.....	48 Grace Schnur
West Virginia.....	5	Wisconsin.....	27 Louie Strong-Taylor
Ohio.....	1	New York.....	25 <i>Beta</i>
Unknown.....	5	South Dakota.....	12 Mildred Brady
		Pennsylvania.....	19 <i>Delta</i>
		West Virginia.....	11 Ruth May Madden
		Arkansas.....	3 Bessie Osborne
		Nebraska.....	3 <i>Epsilon</i>
		Kansas.....	2 Marjorie Breeden
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		Indiana.....	1 <i>Zeta</i>
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		Kentucky.....	1 Edith Hawkins Smith
		Washington, D. C.....	1 <i>Theta</i>
		Arizona.....	1 Polly Fenton
		Washington.....	1 Ida Fenton
		California.....	1 Theo Fenton
		Utah.....	1 Ruth Ekern
		India.....	1 Mary Elizabeth Rayne
		Japan.....	1 Agnes Roon
		Deceased.....	2 Winifred Ryan
		Address unknown.....	23 Marian Ryan
			1 <i>Iota</i>
			1 Helen Smith
			1 Mabel Jane Weaver
			1 Lucile Johnson
			1 Mary Atkeson
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## FRIENDSHIP AMONG WOMEN

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In the every day rush of things, the work and worry, festivities and fun which make up a girl's life at college, there is often scant time for breathing space. So excessive are the demands made upon us that we may well be forgiven for not always having time to think of more than the obviously necessary things of the moment.

But there are many times when it would profit us much in the end to make haste slowly. How many times in the whirligig do we, figuratively speaking, tread upon each other's toes—and without so much as noticing that anyone has suffered thereby? How many times do we pause to consider what the effect of what we are about may be on others? Very often the quick word, the hasty judgment, the unkind thought or deed means nothing more than over strained nerves or all-absorbing hurry. But, unfortunately, results cannot always be measured by intention, and what boots it that an injustice occurs from ill-considered rather than malicious action?

There is a very common saying—I have never admitted it as a true saying, though it is often put forth as such—that a woman cannot be generous, or even just, to another woman. Whatever foundation there may have been for this idea in the days when woman's position made the out-distancing of her rival her only hope for consideration and respect, when she was forced to use any means at hand from sheer necessity of nature's first law, self-preservation, I cannot believe that it is true of women to-day, of American women, at least, in any general sense. That there are cases of deliberate selfishness and callous disregard of others among women no one can deny. But such cases occur among men also, and that any great majority of cases fall to our side of the balance, I am not ready to concede.

Whether or not we, as a sex, deserve this ugly charge, it is certain that the reputation is ours. Whether it shall remain

ours depends upon the attitude of the individual girl or woman toward others of her sex.

It would seem that the sorority girl, above all others, representing as she does the most intelligent and broad minded class of women, and bound as she is by sacred ties of fellowship to others of her kind, has a special opportunity—and, therefore, responsibility—for counteracting this impression by the influence of her daily life. Loyalty to the sisterhood is one of the basic principles of fraternal organization. The girl who rightly understands and tries to live up to the sorority spirit will never be found lacking in kindness, in sympathy, in consideration and charity for her sister members. It is only one step farther to apply the same principle to all womankind—not only in theory but in ordinary everyday life.

Someone has said that the essence of Christianity may be summed up in the words "Love God and treat your brother white." Shall we let it be truly said of woman that half the command is a sealed book to her? It is through thoughtlessness which we fail most often—we have so lately learned responsibility. If each one of us should take careful thought of words and deeds—never knowingly, even in the least, offend—we might go far toward removing this stigma from our fair name, and toward proving to the world that woman has as keen a sense of honor and fair play as ever man had, and that she will hold to it with as steadfast a singleness of purpose as man himself can boast.

*Epsilon.*



# THE LIFE OF THE ILLINOIS GIRL

## UNIVERSITY LIFE

For thirty-six years women have been attending Illinois University. In that time the number has increased from twenty-four, the number of women enrolled in eighteen seventy and seventy-one, to over eight hundred. The courses offered and advantages held out to them have increased accordingly. Woman here, the same as elsewhere, is entering into all fields of labor. She can take any course from Domestic Science to Architecture. Domestic Science and General Literature and Arts hold the leading places while Science comes next. Occasionally a woman is enrolled in the Law school or the Engineering or Chemistry schools.

Until last year the women had no special building of their own. Now the Domestic Science department, women's gymnasium, club rooms and parlors are in the new building for women known as "Woman's Hall." This is a place where every girl is made to feel at home and in which she takes much pride. Aside from this, the university life of the woman at Illinois is the same as that of any other co-educational institution. The men and women meet in the same class rooms and laboratories. The size of the classes ranges from six or seven members to one hundred fifty, and individual attention is given to each person as much as possible.

## HOW THE GIRL IS TAKEN CARE OF

At present there are two women who look after the welfare of the girls. Miss Kyle, who acts as Dean of women, and to whom all deficient work is reported, and Mrs. Daniels, head of "Woman's Hall." Aside from these two, no other woman is appointed to hear our sorrows and joys. The gymnasium instructor is very particular concerning the physical welfare of each girl.

## THE GIRL OUTSIDE

If parents wish their daughters to become strong, healthy, self-reliant women, Illinois is an excellent place to send them

providing they have a firm foundation to build on. Here the girl is thrown entirely on her own responsibility. There is no dormitory or hall for women consequently they live in sorority and boarding houses. Landladies are requested not to take men and women in the same house to live but in some cases little attention is paid to this provision. At the tables of club houses, the boarders are generally of both sexes. If a girl is inclined to care more for pleasure than study there is ample opportunity for her to gratify her desire. The landladies of the boarding houses have no further control over the girl than to make certain parlor rules and grant or withhold certain house privileges. In some cases the girl is not allowed the use of the parlor. This is extremely unpleasant for it causes the girl to be more or less on the street. If she falls behind in her work she is reported to Miss Kyle who sees the girl and, if possible, finds and tries to remedy the cause of the deficiency.

Mrs. Daniels is the real social adviser and looks after each individual girl in sickness. She entertains the girls at small afternoon sewing bees or teas where she becomes personally acquainted with them. The women instructors and wives of the faculty members are all charming women, who invite the girls to their homes, offer them advice and counsel with tact and discretion whenever it is sought. The great difficulty lies in the fact that there are not enough of these women to go around and meet all of the girls, consequently many of them are entirely without this help, not from a lack of willingness on the women's part but from a lack of opportunity.

#### IN CASE OF SICKNESS

Each girl is subjected to a physical examination when she enters the gymnasium and if she is found to be weak in any particular respect she is advised as to a proper course of exercise. When a girl is sick Mrs. Daniels calls on her, the Young Women's Christian Association gives her attention and the Hospital Association, if she is a member, permits her to go to the hospital in Champaign, where she receives the most careful attention.

#### PLEASURE

The chief amusement is dancing, and as the girls are in the

great minority, nearly every girl who is at all successful socially is given ample opportunity to enjoy herself and in some cases the opportunities are so frequent that she breaks herself down physically and mentally. In this, as in everything else, the girl must rely on her own judgment and exercise her own common sense, for there is no one to say to her "nay."

#### SORORITY LIFE

When the sorority life of Illinois is discussed we enter a very narrow field, for only about one-fourth of the girls are taken into consideration, and these are not the typical Illinois College girls. (The editor would be grateful for an explanation of this statement.) Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Chi Omega, Sigma Kappa, Phi Delta Psi Junior Sorority, Delta Gamma and Alpha Xi Delta have chapters here. They all live in their own houses and have a chaperone of their choice to look after them. They also have the advantage of coming in contact with the wives of some of the faculty members, who act as patronesses. It is an education in itself for a girl to come in contact with many of these women.

#### THINGS PARTICULARLY THE GIRLS

Illinois is too young to have many particular events of its own. The women have their annual Maypole dance, which is conducted by the gymnasium instructor, and in which every gymnasium girl is supposed to participate. Woman's Hall is strictly the girls, and here they hold dances, give plays and meet generally. The Woman's League was organized last year. Every woman who enters the university is a member. This is controlled by an advisory board, selected from the various clubs and sororities. There are three women's literary societies which do excellent work. The Y. W. C. A. has unlimited influence among the girls and their work cannot be commended too highly.

*F. Grace C. Spencer.*

## INTER-SORORITY CRITICISM

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Though this subject has been discussed frequently before, it assumes a new aspect since the inter-sorority compact has been formed. The substance of this compact is the general property of all who care to inform themselves. Outsiders are not slow about noticing any tendency to evade an article of the compact. If this compact stirs the disinterested to comment, how much more does it encourage sharp criticism from the members of Panhellenic?

Each girl should offer all unfavorable criticism to her own sisters or she will run the risk of cheapening her own fraternity by running down another.

Under the Panhellenic the success of the rushing depends upon the merits of the girls individually, more than the standing of the fraternity, as nothing can be said of fraternity when rushing. Therefore, let every girl have a care lest she drop some word that would cause the new girl to distrust her.

We need not limit ourselves to unfavorable criticism. Not to be narrow, we might acknowledge the good points of our rival. This will help us to increase our own number of good points.

Let all criticism be ruled by a clear sense of justice and the aim of our criticism be to upbuild our fraternity.

*Gamma (Anna L. Jones.)*



[Copied from *The Outlook*, because of its value in settling fraternity problems.]

## THE GREEK LETTER FRATERNITY AS AN EDUCATIONAL INFLUENCE

*By Clarence F. Birdseye*

In August, 1826, William Morgan, a Royal Arch Mason, who had threatened to expose the secrets of Freemasonry, was abducted from Canandaigua, New York. Vigilance committees traced him and his abductors to Fort Niagara, and thence in a boat to Lake Ontario, where he finally disappeared, his body never being found. Amidst the most intense excitement, especially throughout New York State, the Anti-Masonry party was formed, which was dominant in New York for twenty years, and affected National elections, even preventing Henry Clay's nomination for the Presidency, because he was a Mason. The feeling against secret societies ran so high that over three thousand Masonic lodges gave up their charters. Yet it was during this time and in New York colleges that the older "College Secret Societies" (excepting Phi Beta Kappa, which till then had been a secret society, and Kappa Alpha) were founded, as follows: In Union College, Sigma Phi, 1827; Delta Phi, 1827; Psi Upsilon, 1833; Chi Psi, 1841; in Hamilton College, Alpha Delta Phi, 1832. These societies were at first strictly forbidden, and known members were expelled from college or lost college honors. Pins were usually worn inside the vest pocket, and meetings were held in secret. In 1832 Phi Beta Kappa was forced by Harvard's President to relinquish its secret features. Yet it was during this period that the fraternities adopted the constitutions, policies of administration, and traditions which have since largely governed and hampered them.

After some years the secret societies were tolerated and even recognized, although earnestly opposed by many who believed that they were inherently wrong, or that their growth would kill the college debating societies. During this second period simple lodge-rooms were hired in some business block, or even

in the attic of a hotel. The societies had little intercourse between their various chapters or between their active and graduate members. Their infrequent conventions consisted of a public address, and probably a poem, by prominent alumni, and a private banquet. The active members met as a body only once a week—on lodge nights. Although the colleges were constantly asking for large sums to build dormitories, no one dreamed that the fraternities would largely solve this problem by housing their own members.

About twenty-five years ago the fraternities entered their third or present stage. Their position in college life is now recognized and influential. They own many fine chapter houses and maintain close relations between their graduates and undergraduates, and between their various chapters. Most of their members room and often eat in the fraternity houses, which are sometimes built on land leased from the college. Some colleges in which the fraternities are strong have ceased to build new dormitories. Within thirty-five years Amherst (a good typical case) has increased its student body 80 per cent. In 1870 135 (53 per cent.) of its 255 students roomed in the dormitories, and the remainder in town boarding-houses. In 1905, of its 455 students 109 (24 per cent.) lodged in the dormitories, and 205 (43 per cent.) in the twelve fraternity buildings. Amherst could not house these 205 students without hundreds of thousands of dollars of additional endowment. Thus the forbidden secret societies have finally become students' clubs (representing part of the college endowment), in which their members eat and room and are largely relieved from all direct faculty control.

Baird's *Manual of American College Fraternities*, sixth edition, 1905, gives full details of thirty-one general fraternities for men, with 179,351 graduate and undergraduate members, and 970 active and 379 dormant chapters; owning 290 houses and renting 368. Since 1883 the membership has almost trebled, while the chapter houses used for living purposes have increased over fifty fold. Evidently the chapter house has come to stay. Men's local, women's, and professional societies have an additional membership of 63,150, with 716 active chapters,

owning 27 chapter houses and renting 185. Princeton has no Greek-letter fraternities; Harvard practically none; while at Yale the fraternity conditions materially differ from those in other colleges. In some colleges eighty-five per cent. of the students are fraternity members. In 363 colleges and universities there are 1,700 active chapters of general, local, women's or professional fraternities. The University of Michigan leads, with chapters of seventeen general, seven women's and thirteen professional fraternities—thirty-seven in all. The chapters have from ten to forty undergraduate members. Surely this great increase of these small units cannot be accidental; especially since it has synchronized with the decline of the small educational unit in our colleges and preparatory schools, and preparatory schools, and the individualism connected therewith. Meanwhile, especially since the Civil War, there have been momentous changes in educational methods and conditions.

To the great college teacher of former times, each of his handful of pupils was an immortal soul, to be molded morally and mentally by constant intercourse during four years. The college was nothing except a means to an end, and that end was the upbuilding each year of a few chosen individuals who should go out to aid a poor and struggling world, usually as ministers, missionaries, or teachers. Substantially all the college presidents, professors, and trustees were clergymen, and the colleges were founded principally to educate the clergy. Until 1872 all of Yale's trustees were ministers. Of Harvard's first fifteen classes, 77 per cent. became clergymen, and of the first eighteen classes at Yale 68 per cent. became clergymen. Of Amherst's first nine classes (1822-30), 65 per cent. became ministers, 9 per cent. doctors, and 3 per cent. lawyers. To-day the personal element is largely absent in our colleges, and in our larger institutions professors and students have hardly a bowing acquaintance.

The present college atmosphere is too often an unfortunate one, and the college view point a false one. One can get a better college education to-day than ever before; but without the proper spirit and training, the amount required to be done (largely without personal touch with the professors) and the

distractions of college life tend to shiftless or dishonest ways of shirking good work. The earlier colleges had no competition in higher education, and could not turn out enough men to supply the demand in the then learned professions—medicine, law, ministry, and teaching. To-day there are scores of professions, all needing fine technical knowledge, long and accurate preparation, and often specialization. We are gradually coming to the overcrowded conditions of the professions in Europe. Whether the college man is to enter business or a profession, he cannot afford to have devoted the four years of his college course to learning to be extravagant, dilatory, unpunctual, neglectful of details, inaccurate, or to acquiring shiftless or worse moral and mental habits that he must actually unlearn before he can become a successful man. Yet there has been no systematic attempt to minimize or prevent these evils. Abundant proof can be found on every side that these words are not too strong. The report of the committee of Harvard's faculty, published in the "*Harvard Graduates' Magazine*," June, 1904 based on answers from 245 instructors and 1,757 students, shows that in Harvard—

(a) In addition to twelve hours of lectures required per week, the majority of the 1,757 students studied less than twelve hours per week.

(b) "There is too much teaching and too little studying."

(c) "Examinations have, on the whole, an undue weight."

(d) "There is too much tendency to cramming."

(e) "Skillful coaches have perfected the art of preparing men superficially and transiently for the examinations," and have issued "unauthorized printed or typewritten notes of the lectures, and summaries of the prescribed reading."

(f) The lecture system, which is "an entirely new form of instruction to hundreds of freshmen," is supplemented by a number of "young and inexperienced assistants," each of whom meets "each of his men for ten or fifteen minutes at a time about once a month."

(g) The increasing disorder in the lecture rooms comes "from large bodies of students who cannot hear the lecturer, or can hear him imperfectly."

(h) The "fact that ambitious students find little incentive to take honors is one of the glaring failures of our system."

(i) "The average amount of study is discredibly small."

Undergraduates are the victims, not the authors, of these conditions. The fault lies, not with them, but with the facul-



ties and alumni who, afflicted with megalomania, have been intent on increasing the wealth and size of the colleges, and, neglecting to safeguard the individual, have forgotten that improved opportunities do not necessarily imply improved individual training.

As the individualism of the former small college units has disappeared, there has grown up the small fraternity units of from ten to forty members each, which daily influence the students throughout their course. This influence, whether good, bad, or indifferent, is dominant in many colleges. If our huge faculties cannot, like their smaller prototypes, closely touch the lives of their individual pupils, may not this be done through thoughtful alumni acting on the undergraduate members of their own fraternity, thereby greatly increasing the number of those who will pursue their college course earnestly and for its own sake?

The recent great growth of the Greek letter fraternities has not been fortuitous. Although their true meaning has not been studied or understood—to the greater shame of the faculty system—these fraternities are to-day great educational influences which furnish our most available means to raise the moral and mental tone of our colleges and universities—and as well as of preparatory schools—and to aid our sons and daughters in a struggle against greater odds and temptations, and moral, social, and athletic distractions, than the older generations ever dreamed of.

Surely the power of these alumni is great enough. From the President, Vice-President, and Chief Justice of the United States, through all our educated classes, the pick of our alumni in wealth and influence are fraternity men. If a tithe of this power can be turned back into the lives of the undergraduates to supplement the efforts of the faculties, we can do much to restore individualism. It has been under the faculty rule that moral, mental, and athletic conditions have steadily grown worse, although they are now improving in some ways. Certainly no harm can come from organizing the alumni to consider and help end the present evils. Neither college nor fraternity conditions are at present ideal. They are often bad, and

there is real foundation for all complaints. Unless promptly checked, the evils will grow far worse and more difficult to root out. This question must be studied by its friends, and the reform must come from the fraternity alumni; for the fraternities can be awakened and developed, but not driven, nor driven out. Like every other historical, educational, or social question, this must be studied carefully and with open minds by many alumni and from different standpoints, so as to cover widely divergent conditions in institutions that may be universities or colleges, rich or poor, large or small, old and conservative or recent or radical, public or private, at the North, South, East, or West, and therefore governed by widely different religious, social, educational, and political influences. The wide distribution of its various chapters adds greatly to the perspective and corrective power of every fraternity, and makes it an ideal instrument for wisely investigating and righting undergraduate conditions at the same time in widely scattered institutions. The true fraternity alumnus can mold the lives and motives of his younger brothers. In most colleges the fraternities are so strong that if we can change the atmosphere of the fraternity houses, which for four years are the undergraduates' homes, we can change the whole undergraduate situation. The fraternity alumni have contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars for housing and otherwise helping the undergraduates. Every fraternity has many loyal and devoted graduates who willingly give time or money or both to the true interests of their younger brothers, and whose word is law to them. The character of the influence of each chapter depends largely upon the local alumni, strengthened, guided and impelled by a strong central organization. Why not apply modern business principles and systematic organization to this all-important problem? We have 1,700 fraternity chapters in 363 of our institutions of higher learning as *foci* from which the good influences might constantly and powerfully radiate. There has been too much tendency to make the fraternity the end and not the means. The alumni have not realized that the atmosphere of the chapter-house determines the character of the chapter's influence on its individual members, and that the

ultimate responsibility for this atmosphere is on the alumni. If we would make this atmosphere permanently good, we must appreciate that the alumni are the permanent and the undergraduates the transient body—completely changing every three years; and the seniors, the governing body, every year. We, as the permanent body, have no right to furnish our undergraduates with fine and exclusive homes, and then shirk responsibility for the future conduct and influence of those homes. The proper government of a chapter is a strict one, with the power in the hands of the upperclassmen, especially the seniors, who are in turn held strictly accountable to alumni who are in constant touch with the situation and personally acquainted with every undergraduate and his work and needs. Where such conditions are continuous, the chapter's success is assured, and the effect on the undergraduates is highly beneficial. The fraternities, through strong central organizations, must make these conditions prevalent and continuous in every chapter. This has long been the theory, but the practice has been poor.

The fraternities, with their numerous chapters in different institutions, have the best possible opportunities for the investigation and correction of the wastes and for the enforcement of economies in college life. No one can measure the waste and lack of economy, to the college, the fraternity, the community, the family, or the individual, of a failure in college life, from whatever cause it comes. It is criminal that we have not studied these wastes in our colleges as we have in our factories, railroads, and other great industries, and that we have allowed the pendulum to swing so far to the other side, and have not long ago returned it to its mean, and found educational influences to replace the small units of the earlier colleges.

It is now time for the college fraternities to advance into the fourth period of their existence, and to devote their great wealth and influence—

First, to a careful study of present undergraduate conditions, and to improving those conditions in all their own chapters.

Second, to inciting their own active members to do their best possible work and get the best possible training during their college course.

Third, to realize that in many ways they are their undergraduates' only hope for true individualism.

Fourth, to co-operate in a large way with one another in the study and elimination of the too prevalent waste of lives during the college course.

Fifth, to reach backward into the preparatory schools and clean up moral conditions there.

Let the fraternities, and as well the colleges, be judged, not by wealth or age or numbers, but by the results which they work out in the lives of their individual members; by the real value of their output, and not by the size of their capital or plant. These theories have been tried in a small way, and have been successful, but these conditions can be brought about only from within the fraternities themselves, and not by any pressure from without. The fraternities must themselves study thoroughly, conscientiously, and systematically the great problems of student life which have recently grown up, and which the faculty system has been powerless to solve. In such a work they will have the hearty co-operation of their own alumni within and without the faculties, and of many alumni who never belonged to a fraternity. The chief danger is that we shall undertake a really great work in the narrow-minded and bigoted "secret society" spirit that has so long prevailed in fraternity matters; that we shall treat it as a fraternity and not as an educational problem. It is no longer a fraternity question, but one of educational and vital importance to thousands of undergraduates, whether they belong to a fraternity or not.

[That we may have both sides of the question we publish, also, a letter written in criticism of the above article.]

### COLLEGE FRATERNITIES

As a regular subscriber and constant reader of *The Outlook* permit me to enter my protest against the article by Clarence F. Birdseye on "The Greek-Letter Fraternity as an Educational Influence," and also against your accompanying editorial on the same subject. I take exception to your position and object to the existence of these fraternities in colleges for the following reasons:

1. They create and foster an unnatural class spirit, obtaining special privileges for a few in disregard for others.

2. Their "special privileges" are not confined to their own club-rooms or fraternity houses, but are spread out over all the college life, usurping what should be the equal privileges of all, so that those who are not members find themselves ostracised and practically excluded from most of those pleasant, refining influences and associations which they might otherwise enjoy and which they have a right to expect in college. Indeed, your very articles plead for these privileges, but only in behalf of a few.

3. Membership in these fraternities is not open on a fair basis to all students alike, to be won by them in an honorable way, but is dependent upon the whims and personal likes and dislikes of every undergraduate member of the organization at any particular time—one "blackball" of a college man already a member being sufficient to keep another college man out, no matter how worthy or how well liked by other members he may be.

4. This arrangement breaks up instead of perfecting the natural bonds of fellowship which should exist between students of the same or congenial temperaments and tastes. Of two close friends—roommates, they may be, companions in study, having equal rank in the class-room—one is taken, the other left; and the further close association of these two is discountenanced if not actually forbidden. One thus often sees himself cut off from the companionship of those in college whom he really loves and longs to be with.

5. Many of the members of any local chapter of a fraternity are selected chiefly because of their wealth, social standing, or other external influences, or for other "sporty" qualities, which render them valuable adjuncts in maintaining the all-around popularity of the chapter. This opens the way for what we may call a certain "black sheep" element in the local organization—that element whose worth can hardly be defined in terms of moral character. When this element predominates, as is apt to happen from time to time, we have the "black sheep" chapter, which, no matter what the reputation of the National organi-

zation may be, is a disgrace and a shame to any college. Under cover of their name and protected by it, the members often perpetrate the vilest things, until in some instances their chapter houses come to have a concealed reputation differing little from that of a house of ill-fame. Under cover of their fraternity name, members of this chapter appear among and associate with the respectable men and women of the college, and pose as leading college men. In the name of their fraternity, also, these people solicit and take in new members, who at the time are innocent and unsuspecting of the real character of some of the men (much less do the fond parents at home know of this), with the result that good young boys from Christian homes are demoralized even to such an extent that they have to be expelled from college before they have finished their course.

6. The fraternity tends to develop in all of its members an air of exclusion and false superiority, which, in so far as it destroys the feelings of universal sympathy and brotherly love for the weak as well as the strong, the neglected as well as the successful, the poor as well as the rich, and the ability to see and give equal credit for the good qualities in all people, is un-democratic and unchristian.

These objections we do not find in a local college club, organized to meet the needs of a local body of students drawn together by natural bonds. Neither do we find them in the more general secret orders, composed of adults, which almost any man under ordinary circumstances can join if he chooses. Even if a man upon his voluntary application for membership should be refused his request by three or more blackball votes, still the world is too large and there are too many other privileges at hand to make this rejection bother him. But at *college* many a man, compelled by circumstances which he could not control to forego the ordinary associations with his fellows, has spent the most bitter, the only *bitter*, years of his life at college, suffering, but resolved to fight it out. As he looks back on those years now, he thinks he could not be induced to repeat those experiences even at the cost of giving up the coveted college education. At least he would go to another college.

*College Graduate*

## SORORITY EXTENSION

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So often of late has Alpha Xi Delta been called upon to consider petitions from groups desiring affiliation with her, that the question of extension has become almost painfully important. A petitioning local much desired by certain of her chapters is voted down by others. It is time for the chapters to understand each other in this matter. The following article gives the views of most of the chapters on this question. It is hoped that those who have no part in this statement of ideas, will express themselves on this subject in the next ALPHA XI DELTA.

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The word expansion brings to our minds that problem which faces the body politic and it is no less grave a one for the body fraternal. In each case the vital issue is unity and strength, and in each it is fraught with stern responsibility.

As in all problems which confront us, our solution must be found in the greatest good for the individual and the organization. So it is in sorority expansion. Just so long as expansion of numbers and territory covered results in the most perfect unity of the sorority, the keenest sense of chapter responsibility and the greatest development of the individual, so long is it not a problem but an unerring guide.

But the question arises, "Where shall we stop?" "How many chapters will result in most perfect unity?" That is a question which can only be answered ultimately by experience and only conjectured by present fraternity status and their history. The stopping place is like the bridge, "when we come to it," and to find it requires watchful vigilance all along the line. Above all it must be remembered as in the case of the body politic that there is no secession and that prosperity is obtained only by mutual interdependence.

*Frances Piehey, Alpha.*

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How proud we all are of Alpha Xi Delta! and why should

we not be when the quill is worn by so many worthy girls in such worthy universities?

The time has come, far sooner than was dreamed, when we can carefully select the schools where chapters of Alpha Xi Delta shall be placed, and can still more carefully maintain our ideal standard of womanhood in these schools.

But at the same time there is great room for work, and for hard work. We are still young and our name is not so widely known as that of other sororities; so while we take for our motto "Quality not Quantity" we must remember there are splendid schools from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and in many of them typical Alpha girls are waiting eagerly for some standard sorority to add their names to its ever increasing roll.

*Alice Babb, Beta Chapter.*

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The American watchword of to-day is extension.

What could be better, then, for our fraternity than to adopt it as our watchword also.

Although extension in the broad sense of the word is admirable there is such a thing as being too extensive.

Much must be considered most carefully by every individual wearing the quill before granting a chapter, thus giving rein to a band of girls to use as they like the power to drive Alpha Xi Delta's vehicle of extension, her reputation into safe or unsafe channels.

Equally and as earnestly to be considered is the standing of the college and the chances of its growth.

We want our beloved blue and gold to float only in the atmosphere of the live, wide-awake college. The college which, if it has not yet attained its maturity lies in line for steady growth.

Extend Alpha Xi Delta westward, for the Western University of to-day will be the Yale and Harvard of to-morrow; extend Alpha Xi Delta to the sunny South-land where lie for us the unopened "Fields Elysian" and let our fraternity grow in strength, in culture and in unison.

*V. Mavis Hudson, Delta.*



The much-mooted question of expansion is one which may well engage our most careful attention, for upon it depends, in great measure, the standing we are to maintain for ourselves among our brother and sister fraternities, and before the barbarian hordes as well.

Being young in years, Alpha Xi Delta's policies are still in the formative period, and any course now entered upon must of necessity have far-reaching and permanent results.

Alpha Xi Delta has long since passed the experimental stage. Her standing is unquestioned and her success, under ordinary conditions, assured. She has no need of haste in accepting new petitioners, nor of admitting any except those in every way desirable. We must not make the mistake of being too conservative, for the continued prosperity and final success of Alpha Xi Delta as of any normal organization, depends upon a healthy growth and activity. We must increase our ranks if we are to advance upon—or even to hold—the ground already gained. We must widen our sphere of influence and raise our standard in many places where we are as yet but little known.

But we can and should insist that each new chapter added to our roll shall meet the requirements for a desirable chapter in every particular—location, local strength, prospects, character and qualities of the girls who compose it should all be carefully considered. That one chapter may fall a bit below standard in some particular should never be made a reason for admitting another on the same plane. *Better the average*—or at least maintain it—should be our watchword for the new chapter, that with each addition we may make a definite gain in strength, dignity and prestige. Better one such chapter each year than a dozen weaker ones, and better none than one of doubtful standing. Keep to the standard.

*Epsilon.*

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The general opinion of our chapter seems to be that we want conservatism. We greatly desire to enter prominent eastern colleges, yet we wish to guard against mushroom growth, springing up so rapidly that we lack strength and endurance.

*Eta*

Alpha Xi Delta being a comparatively new sorority, meets little opposition in entering any institution. Therefore our strength must assert itself in the character of the individual chapters. If we are careful to select chapters composed of girls who are representative, good scholars, and good mixers, we will be stronger with a large chapter roll. Maintaining such a standard as this we cannot fail to win against the strongest and oldest of nationals. We should think first of the institution, considering only such petitions as come from universities of a wide and strong influence.

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When the horticulturist plans for the transplanting of some valuable fruit-bearing tree, his first care must be to know whether the prospective soil and climate will be advantageous for its growth, and whether, in the field of its adoption, its fruit shall have a market.

It is well for us, to whom have been entrusted the care and cultivation of the principles of Alpha Xi Delta to make a canvass of their adaptability to new environments, the fitness of new fields for their resetting, and the demand there found for what their growth produces.

All the initiated know what hardihood, and tenacity, and vitality these principles possess. Wherever human hearts are found they struggle for a rooting. They penetrate the very bed-rock of our civilization. And where the soil has been enriched by Christian culture and the higher education, their growth is strong and vigorous.

It may be that different fields have different atmospheres. We have been accustomed to believe that East and West and North and South are thus distinguished. Is it worth our while to ask if these differences can affect the growth and maintenance of that to which our sorority has pledged us? Has it been found so in New York, or in South Dakota, or in Wisconsin, or in West Virginia? Let the girls there answer.

For the fruits of our Alpha Xi Delta there is universal hunger. To procure them men have dared the dangers of the deep, stood fearless in the face of war, and toiled patiently in time of peace.

Then, because it cannot be hampered by environment ; because its principles are universal ; because its culture is foundational, and cannot be dispensed with in any situation, Alpha Xi Delta cannot be sectional. There can be no limit to her territorial expansion. This truth, however, needs no argument. It has a practical demonstration in the fact that already we have prosperous chapters in the East and West and North—and shall I say the South? New England calls West Virginia south, Alabama calls her north. Poor West Virginia. This denial of relationship does not argue as it seems, for once the North and South fought over her, and it must be only courtesy to the other that makes each disclaim her now. But that's neither here nor there. We have no chapters "down in Dixie." And we ought to have. There is no field more inviting. There are no girls who can embody our ideals with more grace and sweetness than can the daughters of the Huguenots, or Cavaliers. Rich in their appreciation of that ideal named second in our creed, because of their inheritance from the age of chivalry, they clothe the ideals that remain with somewhat more of tenderness than did the Puritan who thought to have established over them a particular protectorate.

We need New England girls, too, to vow a new allegiance to the principles that helped to form the basis for New England character and culture. And everywhere that worth prepares the way our beloved principles ought to be established.

But how? We must be very careful not to entrust our interests to incompetent or unworthy hands. Careful investigation should be made of every group petitioning for the honor of such custody. But should we always wait for chance or circumstance, to bring about such petitioning? Occasionally, some one of our girls goes to another college where Alpha Xi Delta is not represented. There she may see an opening, and attract a group of girls who seek adoption. But this means slow growth, because it does not often happen. More often a fraternity interested in us plans for our advancement. But this method is not always satisfactory. It tends, too much, to the impression that there is some bond between the sorority established and the fraternity that helps in its establishment. This ought to be avoided.

Would it not be possible for Alpha Xi Delta to have an officer whose duty it should be to make a systematic investigation of conditions at the colleges and universities where we are not known, and when conditions seem to justify, to visit such institutions, and take the initiative in creating a desire among the eligible to investigate our merits, and try for our approval? Of course, such a move must be attended by the greatest tact and caution. Perhaps its mere suggestion should be reserved for secret council. (If so, sister editor, you are at liberty to suppress it here.) But I did want to say something that might seem practical.

With all our zeal to share our blessings we must still be careful not to lower our standards, nor cheapen what we now hold dear. Only bona fide colleges and universities should attract us. Girls in secondary schools are usually too immature to understand the function of sorority life and work. There is enough for us to do on higher ground. Let us be about it.

*Drusilla V. P. Johnson, Iota*

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### IDEAS BROUGHT OUT BY THE EXAMINATION

“In my humble opinion we ought to be neither too conservative nor too liberal in our extension policy. The girls petitioning might be desirable, yet there are other things to be considered, such as the character of the institution, the existing conditions and prospects for growth as well as the number of other sororities in the field.”

*Epsilon.*

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“Second degree work has been a great source of fun for me, but I am coming now to believe less in it and to enjoy it less. While one does not think of initiation without the usual goat ride and mystery accompanying it and while we all enjoy talking to the pledges about what awaits them, I really believe our initiation could be improved, made more sacred and impressive without the second degree.”

“My opinion is that the mock ceremony ought to be done

away with entirely and at once. After the solemnity and beauty of the first degree to go then with the mock ceremony lowers the dignity, and really I can see disappointment in the faces of some of the fine girls we take in when that is in progress."

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*Delta*

"My sorority has done more for me than I can tell or even realize, yet as the days of college draw to a close, its fuller significance is impressing itself upon me. It has presented principles which will influence my whole life. It has caused me to form more lasting and deeper friendships than otherwise possible and has taught me to judge people from an all-round standpoint. My sisters have taught me lessons I could not possibly have learned at home, being an only child: to be less selfish, to yield petty differences, to give up some cherished hope without feeling terribly wronged and to control my temper. All these things tend to make a girl more womanly and give her the true poise of a noble woman."

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"My sorority has brought me closer friendships than I would have formed in any other way. It has helped me to foster and develop the small executive ability I possess, and has been to me a school in right living."

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"I think that the best policy for Alpha Xi Delta to adopt in regard to extension is that chapters shall be placed in large colleges where the membership is flourishing and amply sufficient to supply the sorority with good material. Chapters should not be too numerous. Let us expand slowly, steadily and surely. There should be no weak link, as we all know that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link. Let us be sure of our ground and plant ourselves firmly, where we can have opportunity to grow and material to use."

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"Executive ability and tact are results of sorority life; also insight into the best of womanly nature."

"The best extension policy for Alpha Xi Delta is to place chapters where there is plenty of material from which to draw

membership, either in large institutions or in smaller colleges not already overcrowded with sororities." *Gamma*

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"At this time an Eastern and Southern growth seems desirable."

"A mock ceremony or second degree initiation adds much to the variety that seasons sorority life. In moderate doses it is not harmful and yields much amusement to those who have already passed through this "ordeal." I fear that to destroy "Alpha's Nanny Goat" would be to rob the pledges of that mysterious, awesome, incomprehensible fascination of becoming a Greek." *Iota*

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"My sorority has given me twelve strong friends upon whose sympathy and help I may rely. It has given me an interest in my sisters all over the United States and a strong interest in their collegiate chapters. It has made me feel more than ever that I want to come back to Illinois. It has made me appreciate what friendship may do for a group of girls, and has shown me more fully what sororities stand for."

"A girl should be a good student, come from a good family and show some social power. She should be well bred, of an agreeable disposition and show some character and individuality." *Kappa.*

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"The thing to consider first in a prospective member is, what the girl's ideals are, for these will determine her life to a great extent as well as the good she will do the sorority. Popularity is not always a true test, but it is well to consider why a girl is popular or the reverse as people in most cases judge accurately. Her manner, her yielding to others and her care of her personal appearance are all indications of her ideals. She should be honest, capable and loyal to start with, for the initiation, beautiful as it is, cannot transform her on the spot but can only help her in her ideals." *Iota*

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"A good program for Founder's Day should include some music and some entertaining features—a play, recitations or

something of like nature—and a complete history of the chapter's work in the past year. I think some account of the beginning of the national sorority and of the local chapter should be included.”

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“Sorority life has broadened my outlook, given me friends, taught me the value of people and trained me in a business way. It also teaches one how to act in an emergency, gives added zest to college life and trains one in patience, broadmindedness and perseverance.”

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“In choosing a girl, I think we should look for one of good scholarship and one in favor with her instructors. We should know of her home life as far as possible, and we should look for a girl of high aspirations—one who is willing to work, and work hard for any good cause; for a girl who we judge will live up to the standards of our organization.”

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“I think mock ceremony, or second degree work, is a relic of barbarism. It certainly does not prepare a girl to enter into the spirit of such a beautiful and impressive ceremony as our initiation service is. Or how can a girl who has just been initiated and whose heart is still aglow with what she has just vowed, feel in the mood to go through a mock ceremony if it follows the other? Again, how can girls who are aiming at such high ideals as we are striving for, take pleasure in such work? As for the plea that some such thing is needed to rub off the “freshness” of the new members, some better and more uplifting plan than mock ceremony can be found to bring about the same result.”

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“A good plan for the observance of Founder's Day is for the girls to assemble and first of all have the Constitution read and, if necessary, explained anew. We should be reminded of the purpose for which we exist; of our principles and aim. The meaning of Founder's Day should be explained and the story of our individual chapter's growth should be related. It is a good

day for an initiation of new members. Then a spread or banquet is in order. The meeting should not close before some rousing Alpha Xi Delta songs has been sung and the yell given with true Alpha enthusiasm.”

*Theta*

“Sorority life has given me a wider and better view of social life. It has made me more careful in everything I do. It has helped me to be less selfish and more thoughtful of those with whom I associate.”

*Beta*

“A good and suitable program for Founder’s Day, we think, is an informal party for our own chapter girls. We like to spend this day above all others by ourselves. A history of the previous year is read and also a short sketch of the sorority from its very beginning. It helps us to realize the standard we are trying to maintain, and above all we can look back and try to appreciate what the founders have done for us.”

*Zeta*





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## IN MEMORIAM

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On Saturday, June ninth, one of the most faithful and best beloved of Gamma's members was called home after a long and patiently borne illness of tuberculosis. In her the chapter has lost an ideal member, as well as one of the most talented girls who ever added honor to her sorority.

Dora Brown was born in Minneapolis, October 5, 1881. After some years spent in New York, she came to Mt. Union College with her parents who were at the head of the musical department. She showed marked musical ability at an early age and during her six years at Mt. Union was one of the most proficient pianists. Her work in public of which she did much was of a very high order, being exceptional in intelligent appreciation, strength, delicacy and refinement. Dora also possessed a very pleasing soprano voice and for several years was a member of the Mammon quartette. In 1898 she graduated from the musical department with the degree of Mus. B.

During the years of her college life Dora was most loyally devoted to S. L. C., now the Gamma chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, and when separated from its associations her love increased rather than waned. During commencement week of 1904 she with a number of S. L. C. alumnae, returned to take the vows of the national organization. The sorority and its interests were second to none outside of her home.

In the fall of 1901, Dora went to Cleveland with her parents where she met with marked success, both as a teacher of music and as a piano soloist. Her work as accompanist for the Philharmonic Singing Society and also for the Epworth Choral Union was highly spoken of by the Cleveland papers.

During the eighteen months of her illness, she was hopeful, cheerful, courageous, receiving the loving attention of numerous friends with the deepest gratitude and appreciation. In



**DORA BROWN**



January of this year Dora went to the sanitarium at Asheville, N. C., and for a time improved under the treatment. After her return to Cleveland in April, the disease gained fresh impetus and complication arose from which she succumbed June ninth.

Wholly above all meanness or petty strife only those who knew her best can appreciate what her affiliation with the chapter has meant and what an inspiration her life has been, and will continue to be, to her fellow members.

WHEREAS, The Almighty God, in His infinite mercy has taken our beloved sister, Dora Brown, unto himself, be it

*Resolved*, That we, in behalf of Alpha Xi Delta sorority do tender to her bereaved family our sincerest and most tender sympathy, assuring them that every individual member of the sisterhood feels the deepest regret for her demise. And be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the next issue of the ALPHA XI DELTA journal and another copy be spread upon the official records of the sorority.

Signed,

BESSIE B. WILLIAMSON, (*Alpha*)

FRANCES RICHY (*Alpha*)

NELLIE TRIBBY (*Beta*)

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## CHAPTER AVERAGE AND GRADES

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The following chapter averages and the grades of those ranking 95 per cent. and above in the recent sorority examination are respectfully submitted. A grade of 95 per cent. excuses a member from the examination to be held in January, 1907.

In general the papers were very good, some excellent ideas being brought out in those questions requiring originality and individual opinions.

### ALPHA

Chapter average, 91 per cent.

Frances Richey.....	97
Florence Hollister.....	97
Besse Williamson.....	96

### BETA

Chapter average, 86 per cent.

### GAMMA

Chapter average, 89 per cent.

Lucile Strong.....	97
Elsie Jones.....	98
Augusta Yost.....	95

### DELTA

Chapter average, 84 per cent.

### EPSILON

Chapter average, 89 per cent.

Alice Breene.....	95
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### ZETA

Chapter average, 85 per cent.

### ETA

Chapter average, 81 per cent.

Dora Lockwood.....	95
Lena Baldwin.....	96

### THETA

Chapter average, 90 per cent.

Polly Fenton.....	97
Mary Rayne.....	96
Georgia Chase.....	96

### IOTA

Chapter average, 85 per cent.

Drusilla Johnson.....	95
Crystal Courtney.....	95

### KAPPA

Chapter average, 90 per cent.

Marian Bell.....	96
Clarinne Llewellyn.....	96

Signed,

MARY EMILY KAY,

*Grand Secretary.*

## REPORT OF FIFTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE

The Fifth Inter-SorORITY Conference was called by Mrs. Robt. Leib, Alpha Xi Delta, at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Friday afternoon, September 14, 1906. Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Chi Omega, acted as secretary of the Conference. A committee on credentials was appointed and the following delegates were enrolled:

KAPPA ALPHA THETA—Mrs. Laura H. Norton, 2541 N. Paulina St., Chicago.

PI BETA PHI—Miss Elizabeth Gamble, 565 Cass Ave., Detroit.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA—Miss George Challoner, 456 New York Ave., Oshkosh, Wis.

DELTA GAMMA—Miss Margaret Sheppard, 225 Greenwood Boulevard, Evanston, Ill.

ALPHA PHI—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, 153 E. 54th St., Chicago.

GAMMA PHI BETA—Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 326 W. 61st Place, Chicago.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

CHI OMEGA—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Carnall Hall, Fayetteville, Ark.

DELTA DELTA DELTA—Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmlee, 918 Chase Ave., Chicago.

SIGMA KAPPA—Mrs. G. A. Marsh, 1219 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J.

ALPHA OMICRON PI—Mrs. Clifford Bigelow, 396 S. 41st Ave., Chicago.

ALPHA XI DELTA—Mrs. Robt. Leib, 1271 Washington St., Springfield, Ill.

The secretary read the report of the Fourth Inter-SorORITY Conference. Mrs. Lieb then read a report of her work as secretary of the Fourth Inter-SorORITY Conference. This report was a resume of the work accomplished during the year, and is in part as follows:

After the close of the Fourth Conference the secretary had printed 500 copies of the record of Conference proceedings and sent copies to the Grand Secretaries for distribution to chapters and officers, to conference delegates, and to the five sororities that had petitioned the Conference for membership. Five hundred copies were too few this year on account of the increased interest in the Conference. Gamma Phi Beta decided at her November, 1905, convention to co-operate with the Conference in all points. The Conference Secretary took a vote of Grand Presidents at the close of the Conference to permit the Michigan sororities to pledge non-matriculantes. The Grand Presidents voted to ratify the recommendations of the Fourth Conference, and Michigan was granted the dispensation for one year. During the year, the Secretary, at the suggestion of Miss Wheeler, Kappa Kappa Gamma, investigated the best points of the constitution of Women's Social Service Leagues then in operation, with the result that a model or sample constitution was formed. This has been given wide circulation, having been sent to the Deans of state institutions and to many interested persons. In December, a

conference of Deans of women of state institutions was held in Chicago and the secretary of the Conference was asked to arrange a session with representatives of the Conference. Consequently the Chicago delegates to the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference were present and a pleasant and helpful meeting was the result. Letters from Deans of fifteen institutions have since been received by the Secretary. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic sent a petition for investigation of local conditions to the Grand Presidents of sororities and to the conference delegates. It was decided to send an investigating committee before the close of the school year. Most of the sororities having Wisconsin chapters sent a delegate. The committee secured valuable information concerning the situation. All Grand Presidents except two have unconditionally approved the constitution for the Inter-Sorority Conference which was proposed by the Fourth Conference. The expense of the Conference for each sorority this year is two dollars (\$2.00). The Pan-Hellenics have done a good work through the year with but few difficulties arising to detract from the whole. The Secretary recommends that the Conference formulate a working constitution for Pan-Hellenics for their assistance.

Reports were then read by the delegates from the several sororities with the exception of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega. These three reports were deferred until September 15. The reports included the sorority's progress in Pan-Hellenic and Social service work, convention action bearing upon the Inter-Sorority Conference, conflicts and difficulties arising from the inter-sorority compact, attitude of the sorority toward granting exceptions to inter-sorority laws, recommendations to the Inter-Sorority Conference.

Information was asked by Mrs. Tennant on Pan-Hellenic and Social Service work. Mrs. Tennant was appointed a committee of one to correspond with the visiting delegates, or with such persons as perform the duty of visiting delegates of the several sororities, with a view of interesting them in the Social Service work, and of obtaining a report on the work done by each chapter along this line.

The question as to whether a unanimous or a majority vote should prevail in Pan-Hellenic transactions was brought up. The question as to whether eligibility to chairmanship in Pan-Hellenics date from establishment of a chapter as a local or as a national was also brought up.

After some discussion a motion was made and carried that a committee, with Mrs. Leib as chairman, be appointed to draw up a model constitution to be submitted to Pan-Hellenics as a guide in framing a constitution. This committee was composed of Mrs. Leib, Mrs. Norton and Miss Gamble.

A motion was made and carried that the editors of the several sororities be requested to insert in the directory page of the journal the name and address of the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

A motion was made and carried that each sorority send \$5.00 to the Secretary as soon as possible to defray the expenses for the coming year. Each delegate was instructed to inform her Grand President of such action.

The Conference adjourned until Saturday, September 15.

At the second session the reports deferred from the preceding session were read. The reports of the standing committees were then taken up. Mrs. Parmlee gave the report of the representative committee sent to Madison, Wisconsin. This committee met the local Pan-Hellenic and heard the claims of the sororities for special dispensation. The request from the Pan-Hellenic was read. The sororities asked for dispensation for two years and promised to pledge only seniors in High Schools, and to abolish floating pledges if the pledge does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that the request be granted on the conditions mentioned above.

The petition from Michigan was then read. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that dispensation be granted to Michigan for one year, provided only seniors in the High Schools be pledged and the pledge be withdrawn if the young lady does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging.

A motion was made and carried that one sorority at Wisconsin and at Michigan University be interested in the conditions existing in those two universities and asked to study those conditions with a view to improvement. Mrs. McElroy was appointed a committee of one to interest Alpha Phi at Michigan, Miss Challoner, to interest Kappa Kappa Gamma at Wisconsin.

The delegates took luncheon together, and the afternoon session convened for the continuation of reports of standing committees. Miss Thompson, as chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the Deans of Women on matters of sorority interest, gave her report which is printed in separate covers for distribution. It was suggested that the Grand Presidents be asked to send to the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference the addresses of possible representatives in the Deans' Conference since it was suggested that each sorority be represented in the Deans' Conference.

It was moved and carried that the Conference present to the several sororities the following motion for their consideration: Resolved, that sororities in High Schools and other secondary schools should be discountenanced, and that after four years from date of notification by Grand Presidents each sorority in the Inter-Sorority Conference refuse to admit any young woman who has been a member of a sorority in a High School or a secondary school.

The committee on the model constitution for Pan-Hellenics submitted a constitution which, with slight variations, was accepted. The constitution is printed separately for distribution.

The constitution of the Inter-Sorority Conference was then taken up. Since a unanimous vote could not be obtained on the constitution as presented by the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference, some amendments were made in hopes that a working constitution may be adopted. The constitution is again presented to the Grand Presidents for their consideration. The constitution is as follows:



*ALPHA XI DELTA*

## CONSTITUTION.

## ARTICLE I.—NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Inter-Sorority Conference.

## ARTICLE II—OBJECT.

The object of the Inter-Sorority Conference shall be to improve the methods of rushing and pledging and to consider questions of general interest to the Sorority world.

## ARTICLE III.—ORGANIZATION.

The Conference shall be composed of one delegate from each national Sorority represented.

## ARTICLE IV.—ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

No Sorority shall be represented in the Conference which has less than five chapters or which has any chapter in an institution below collegiate rank.

## ARTICLE V.—MEETINGS.

The Conference shall assemble annually, time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year.

## ARTICLE VI.—CALLING OF MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The meetings of the Conference shall be called by the Sororities in rotation.

SEC. 2. The official list shall be :

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.
6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.
11. Sigma Kappa.
12. Alpha Omicron Pi.

SEC. 3. Additions to official list shall be made in order of election to membership.

SEC. 4. The delegate from the Sorority calling the conference shall act as Chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order shall act as Secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

ARTICLE VII.—POWERS.

The powers of this organization shall be two-fold: first to propose legislation to the Sororities; second, to act as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by the Sororities or by Pan-Hellenic Associations.

ARTICLE VIII.—DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. Chairman: The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

SEC. 2. Secretary: The duties of the secretary shall be as follows:

She shall keep the minutes.

She shall send reports of the Conference, within two weeks after adjournment, to the members of the Conference and to all Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their Sororities.

She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for presentations to their Sororities and shall, upon receipt of the result, send notice of same to all Grand Secretaries.

She shall report all measures of Inter-Sorosity interest passed by any Grand Council or by any convention at once to the Conference.

She shall send to each Grand Secretary voting blanks for all motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference.

She shall prepare the program of the next Conference meeting and the instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the next meeting.

She shall have power on application from any Pan-Hellenic Association to appoint a member of the Conference whose Sorosity interests are not involved in the question at issue, to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic. Expenses of the one sent are to be paid by the local Pan-Hellenic.

ARTICLE IX.—LEGISLATION.

Legislation enacted by a Sorosity at the suggestion of the Conference can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Sororities, who must follow the regular order of procedure. Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorosity or by the Inter-Sorosity Conference.

ARTICLE X.—AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of all the Sororities represented in the Inter-Sorosity Conference.

It was suggested that the following motions, that have already been acted upon, be emphasized in the report of the Fifth Inter-Sorosity Conference:

1. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.

2. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic association existing there.

3. No student shall be asked to join a sorosity before she has matriculated.

4. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The conference wishes to emphasize also the recommendations of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the sorority journals.

2. That all sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of all other sororities and to all chapters in colleges where the respective sororities are represented.

3. That each Grand Secretary send to the Inter-Sorority Conference Secretary revised lists of chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

The Secretary was asked to investigate the laws of the states concerning the making and wearing of badges by unauthorized persons. Some complaint was made that unauthorized jewelers are putting on sale cheap, unofficial pins that may be purchased by any person. The Conference was asked to do what it could in the matter.

The Conference adjourned till September, 1907.

JOBELLE HOLCOMBE,

*Secretary Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference.*



# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

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## FROM OLD TO NEW

How often do those of us who have so recently bade fare well to college days revert to the scenes which made every day and every hour of our life there so dear and hallowed!

Just as we miss the fostering fold of our Alma Mater and live over in memory the days that are past, so we miss our daily worship at the shrine of Alpha Xi Delta.

We are gone but Alpha Xi Delta lives on, her principles are from everlasting to everlasting! Other true, loyal Christian girls have taken our places and are striving to attain to an Alpha's ideal of true womanhood. Dear sisters, raise your standard high, and keep the ensign of double blue and gold forever unfurled before you.

Our ties with you have not been broken and "there's a tie that binds us closely" has as much significance as ever. Our interest is with you and our love; we are ready and waiting to do as you would have us do.

We, who have placed our names among the illustrious alumnae, bid all new girls welcome and trust that Alpha Xi Delta and her sacred emblem, the quill, will mean to you as much as it has meant to us, a hope in every sorrow, a shelter from much pain.

*J. A. S., '05*

## THE PRESTIGE OF OUR SORORITY NATIONALLY

What combination is the best in North or South or East or West, but Alpha Xi Delta? What a thrill it sends through all our hearts whenever we hear it! No one, who does not know its inner meaning, can tell what our sorORITY means to us. It means, in many instances, the moulding of certain phases of our character which, perhaps, would not have been broadened otherwise. It means the true, lasting friendships without which life is miserable.

So often strangers ask us if our sorority is a national one and how proud we are to answer, yes. That one little word gives us a prominence and a value which no other could give. Our sorority rises instantly in their estimation as one worthy to be looked up to. We, ourselves, are proud of Alpha Xi Delta, but we feel so much more proud of her when we know how high she stands in the estimation of those outside of her mystic circle.

Not only is our sorority known as a national one but she is among the few who take part in the international conference. This makes our dear Alpha Xi rise still higher in the minds of our friends. When it means all this to those who do not really know her, what must it mean to us.

Dear Alpha Xi Delta sisters, we have a name and a standard to uphold of which we may justly be proud and for which we should give our best thought and work. The more we love any one the more we want to work for that one. Why should it be less true of Alpha Xi Delta? Let us ever strive, not only as active chapters but as *alumnæ* also, to keep our standard high and to live the life of our rose. *Delta.*

#### "KNICK-KNACKS" FROM THE THOUGHTS OF A YOUTHFUL ALPHA XI DELTA

Advice is cheap, I know and of course, would be coming from one, so young in the arts of sorority life as I.

The question has been asked me, "What do you think that girl will add to our sorority?" A new girl does not necessarily need to be qualified to add any new benefit to our sorority but if she is a true, honest girl she will tend to strengthen the sorority, generally. Again, it does not seem to me that high standing in college work must always be a necessary qualification. Not every girl, though she may be very studious, can acquire high grades. We want girls with kind loving dispositions, those who will be sisters to the girls and who will "stand pat" in all trials and tribulations of a sorority.

Let each girl think twice before she acts and consider the question whether or not she will be, in any way injuring the

good reputation of her sorority. Let her be as watchful of her sorority's reputation as of her own.

Let her not forget that her rival sororities are the possessors of true-minded girls as well as is her own sorority. Let her not be so narrow-minded as to see only noble qualities in those she terms "our girls."

*Flossa V. Williams, Gamma*

### AN ALPHA HOUSE PARTY

Never were girls made happier than those sixteen members and pledges of our chapter who, last July, received invitations to a house party at the home of Misses Mildred, Lucile and Louise Brady of Richland, Iowa. And when upon the chosen day we all arrived from different points of the state, the hearty welcome tendered us made us feel at home at once, and gave assurance of good times to come.

The second floor of the hospitable home had been vacated for our use, and here we bunked, holding midnight revels and exchanging confidences until the wee small hours of morning.

What glorious days those were, and why should they not have been with such perfect weather, such congenial girls and such unlimited hospitality to make them so?

Each day we were invited to the home of some Alpha sister or college friend who chanced to live in the vicinity, either for a meal or to spend the afternoon or evening. One of our favorite pastimes at these gatherings was to get up impromptu theatricals, and by the end of the week we were in such perfect training that I doubt if the scenes both comic and tragic could be surpassed on any stage.

When no other recreation was afforded, the piano and our local Alpha song books were always ready; never were songs sung with such spirit and enthusiasm as those. I am sure that it was with a feeling of envy that the passersby heard the merry voices with which theirs could not join.

Today that July week is but a memory and is stored away in our minds with many of the other happenings of a student's life, yet I speak the sentiments of all sixteen girls when I say that it will ever hold a prominent place among these recollections both for the good time's sake and for an example of true hospitality.

*Alice Babb, Beta*

## INITIATION

What joy and pride thrills the heart of a girl when she first wears the knot of double blue and gold! From that moment the one thing uppermost in her mind is the time when she shall be joined in the bonds of sisterhood. The time between pledging and initiation is a very important one. Then is the time to bring the new girl close to the heart of Alpha Xi Delta and to make her feel that there is something good and grand awaiting her. A girl, exultant and enthusiastic at the time she is pledged, may become indifferent if she feels that the same interest is not taken in her as before. Pledging a girl for a long time tends to make her dissatisfied. Be cautious in choosing a member; then it will not require months to prove her. When the time comes to accept this new sister let us do it in such a way that she will be impressed with all that it means to us. Bring out strongly the principles for which Alpha Xi Delta stands so that she may realize fully the help that she can derive from it. Public initiations and stunts practised by Greek organizations are often severely criticized. Comments on the sad ending of a fraternity initiation recently at an Ohio college shows how quickly the public are willing to judge. Can we afford to thus prejudice people against an institution which we feel is above reproach? Harmless, yes. It may be a little peculiarity in dress or speech but it is conspicuous. And does the fun pay?

*A. M. K., Delta*

## EDITORIALS

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The article in this issue which we have copied from a summer number of *The Outlook*, is written for the fraternity, but in some respects it applies no less acutely to the sorority.



One of the greatest functions of each chapter of a sisterhood is to set a standard of the best possible work in college and to strive for the best results in training from that work. This statement does not mean that such a function is the only important one a sorority possesses. If it were, each chapter would be a mill for "grinding," using the term in its sense of college slang. But some of us have a careless notion that the sorority's great aim is to brighten college days, to introduce new friends, to educate socially, forgetting that true sisters in a society as well as in a family, share not only the joys of life, but also its duties and responsibilities.



The statement made by Mr. Birdseye that the fraternity is in many ways the undergraduate's only hope for true individualism is also true, and has been often commented upon. His saying that there is a too prevalent waste of life during the college course is not so common. We believe this is true in the case of the sorority. Time spent to no purpose is time lost. As we grow older we realize this more and more, many of us regretting time thrown away in the younger days. Students in a sorority should co-operate to help each other to the best and highest employment of the college days.

If Mr. Birdseye's suggestions are followed, it must come in time that fraternities will "be judged, not by wealth or age or numbers, but by the results which they work out in the lives of their individual members."



A short time ago we had the pleasure of conversing with a well known college president and one of his professors on the



subject of college sororities. Both these men stated that they had long since ceased to judge their students by the quality of their work, alone. They realize the greater importance of womanliness and strength of character gained in life outside the classroom. The president stated emphatically that his institution cannot do for the individual what the sorority can. In illustration he cited a case that had come to his notice, of a girl who entered college with an unusually keen mind and a striking personality which was greatly injured by a rather boisterous manner. "Contact with the other students did not seem to help her," he said, "until she entered a sorority. Then it was surprising to see her rapidly change to a quiet, dignified girl." The professor corroborated this statement and added, "That is by no means the only case of its kind I have observed."

The sorority in consideration was not Alpha Xi Delta, but we trust that the spirit of kindly, helpful criticism in our organization must work out a similar transformation. A sorority can do no work nobler than to bring about the silent, almost imperceptibly increasing improvement of character, the true individualism of which Mr. Birdseye speaks.



A prominent member of Alpha Xi Delta has written that she would not have the writers for our journal strive so much for excellence, polish and perfection that they lose originality, power and sisterly spirit. She says we are a small sorority and should be a friendly one. We quite agree with her in this and do not wish any member to think that a previous editorial pleading for carefully written articles and dignified chapter letters and personals means for a moment the repression of originality, power, or friendliness. We desire these qualities especially. The last is comparatively easy to secure. We believe that our journal is not lacking in a friendly or sisterly spirit. But power and originality are not given to the ordinary inexperienced writer. The girls whose work appears in our pages are seldom girls who make a practice of writing, and still less frequently girls who write for publication outside our journal.

We want the expression of the thoughts of our members, even if these thoughts be clothed in words that are not their most fitting garments. We should feel sorry to have anyone misunderstand us in this. We are a sisterhood. Our journal is our organ of communication, not a literary magazine. We merely ask for care in writing that shall place our productions upon the college level.



Alpha Xi Delta is expectantly awaiting the new song book which our committee is faithfully working upon. It may be well to state that the committee has not yet enough satisfactory material. There is still time to send songs for publication.



We call the attention of our members to two changes of address in the editorial staff,—Dora G. Lockwood to Cape Vincent, N. Y., and Gertrude E. Wright to Deposit, N. Y. We have added to the staff Martha Hutchings, 512 Bear street, Syracuse, N. Y.



It will be a matter of great convenience to us, if each chapter correspondent or secretary, upon receipt of this November issue, will send a list of her chapter officers to Bertha G. Cleveland, Sayville, N. Y. We are at present without the names of two chapter correspondents. We are particularly anxious to have these supplied.



We congratulate Alpha upon receiving the highest average in the recent examinations.

# EXCHANGES

ALPHA XI DELTA acknowledges with thanks the following exchanges received since April first:—

*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*, April, June; *Kappa Alpha Journal*, April, June, October; *Beta Theta Pi*, April, June; *The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*, April, June, August; *The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi*, April, July; *The Anchora of Delta Gamma*, April, July; *The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta*, March, June; *Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha*, May; *Kappa Alpha Theta*, May; *The Eleusis of Chi Omega*, May, August; *The Alpha Phi Quarterly*, February, May; *The Delta of Sigma Nu*, February, May, August; *Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta*, May, August; *The Trident of Delta Delta Delta*, March, June, September; *The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta*, June; *The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho*, June; *The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*, April, July; *The Delta Chi Quarterly*, June, August; *The Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, June; *Alpha Sigma Alpha Magazine*, May; *The Shield of Theta Delta Chi*, March; *The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega*, June; *The Angelos of Kappa Delta*, June.

What are the duties of an associate editor? Are they performed when the subscriptions, advertisements, letters and articles are sent in? Yes, just as much as one's duty to the fraternity is performed when one has paid her initiation fee and annual dues. If a fraternity journal is to be really good it must receive the *support* of a majority of the chapters. This does not mean grudgingly meeting the constitutional requirements after repeated warnings have been received. It means doing anything and everything for the improvement of *Anchora*—arousing alumnæ interest, keeping the editor informed about everything of general interest that happens in college, and sending in the best articles the chapter can produce. But the whole of this responsibility should not rest on the associate editor. If she is very enthusiastic she can conceal to some extent the lack of enthusiasm on the part of her chapter, still, in the end, she is as powerless and the unsupported president. If the spirit of the chapter is loyal to *Anchora* the editor will perform her duty, in the highest sense.—*Anchora Editorial*.

The spirit of ALPHA XI DELTA is quite similar to the opinion of *Anchora's* editor as expressed in the above article. The chapter editors may do more for the success of a journal than the editor; for each of them is directly in touch with active life in the chapter.

How often have we heard the remark that "such and such" a fraternity has a weak chapter here, or a strong chapter there, but have we ever stopped to ask ourselves the question, why is a chapter weak, or just what points constitute a strong chapter? If we did so we would probably answer

in some such indefinite way as, "To be strong a chapter must have the very best girls everyway, must be able to get just the girls it wants, must in fact be 'just about it' and be so recognized." Yet on second thought we see that this answer is very general and is simply a big statement covering many smaller but important details. The very words "best girl every way" covers so many things. It means that the girl must be of good character and have a strong personality so she may make her influence felt for the better. She must be a good student so that the faculty will respect and admire her and of course think more of the sorority to which such a girl belongs. She must be a loyal Pi Phi, always keeping in mind the good of the fraternity and trying to live up to its ideals, ambitious for its sake as well as her own, and capable, for what is ambition worth without the capability of living up to it? She must be careful not to become narrow minded in excess of enthusiasm, and forget to take an interest in things outside her own little fraternity world, but must have an interest in all college affairs. Then if possible she must be active four straight years, for a chapter suffers from shifting membership. Girls coming and going always leave it in a state of uncertainty and not knowing exactly on whom to depend.

With a full chapter roll of such girls we might almost be tempted to say we had a strong chapter, but there are still other considerations. The chapter must have strong officers, who are capable of filling their positions and can skillfully avoid factions, for factions are probably the very worst menace to a chapter. To accomplish anything the girls must be perfectly congenial. One good means of promoting this is the chapter house, where all learn to know each other so well and know just what part of the work a girl is best fitted to do. Then, each one falling naturally into her own particular place all should have the enthusiasm and spirit to work for the accomplishment of whatever is best for the chapter. A realization of what Pi Phi really means and is,—to know all about our fraternity—to attend reunions and conventions and meet other girls who have a common interest, practically insures this Pi Phi spirit and gives us all the necessary pride of organization. Then when we grow tired and discouraged how much it means to have good alumnae to cheer us on.

So we see the many, many things that contribute to a strong chapter and yet how important is every little detail, so that when all are taken together we can say that the chapter is "just about it, and so recognized."—*The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

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#### THE PIERSON TRAGEDY—A REMEDY

We have elsewhere given a full account of the Pierson tragedy and expressed our sympathy with all connected with the sad affair. To obviate a repetition of such cases we propose a remedy. Of the seven cases discussed by one article, it should be noted that though two have occurred in Kappa Alpha and two in Delta Kappa Epsilon, three occurred in other fraternities, and still others have been accused of more or less serious accidents. All

fraternities are open to these disasters, and if there were a Pan-Hellenic board of any sort, we should present our remedy to such a body for adoption. One each of the K. A. and of the D. K. E. deaths occurred after dark out in the country. Both the other of their two fatalities occurred in broad daylight, Kappa Alpha's again in the country, D. K. E.'s on a city street (New Haven). It is, therefore, evident that neither in city nor country, in either daylight or dark, can safety be assured. And in all these four cases the fatality (assuming the fraternities' statements to be correct) were not due to anything done by the Fraternity members.

In one case the neophyte slipped down a bluff accidentally; in another fell into a ditch and was drowned; in another was hit by the pole of a passing wagon; and in the last struck by a passing train. Daylight or dark, Ohio, New York, or Connecticut, all died! The first lesson then should be that under no circumstances should any part or any concomitant act of any Fraternity initiation ever take place outside the chapter hall. In the chapter hall the members know their ground. They also know where the candidate is, what he is doing, what may be happening to him. If he is to be killed, they will have to do the killing, and they will know just how it happened, and that they are to blame.

The second lesson taught by these seven deaths is that, since three deaths occurred as the result of violence in chapter halls, not immediately but resultant, one being a leg injury, resulting in septic inflammation and death; another being heart failure, due to effects on a weak heart of dope and general violence, no violence should be permitted, for no one knows what the effect may be on the candidate, and accidents are always liable to occur. A third set of factors should always be considered, even if no serious physical effects occurred. These farce initiations take up valuable time; they interfere with the regular initiatory ceremonies; they are not either ethically or mentally uplifting, but in both cases are quite the contrary. On their own lack of merit, because of their inherent worthlessness and injurious qualities, farce initiations should not be tolerated in any high-idealized, self-respecting Fraternity chapter. There is still a fourth class of objections, based on policy and reputation, which also condemn farce initiations, but they are so self-evident to any thinking man as to require no more than mention. Having specified the lessons from the deaths detailed, and briefly discussed the subject of farce initiations themselves, we herewith present our remedy. It is as follows:

(1) Let every Fraternity chapter immediately vote on and adopt and enforce the following resolutions:

(a) No part of any initiation of members into this Fraternity shall occur outside of our Fraternity hall, and this shall include all preliminaries, and all subsequent acts which the candidate for initiation shall have any reason to think or to suspect are a part of or in any way connected with his initiation into our Fraternity.

(b) During or in any way connected with initiations into our Fraternity, all horseplay, violence, rough, ridiculous or humiliating treatment of a candi-

date, and the use of anything which contains an element of injury or possibility of danger to the person being initiated, are positively and forever forbidden.

(c) We do not believe recklessness is a virtue nor that the ability to derive pleasure from a friend's misery is evidence of a very high state of mental or moral development.

"The joy which does not spring from joy,  
Which I in others see,  
How can I venture to employ  
Or find it joy for me?"

(d) Besides the danger and mental and soul hurtfulness or farce initiations, they take our time, interfere with the due effect of our ritual, and give fraternities an evil reputation. And as these evils are not confined to our own chapter, and as when indulged in by other chapters they react injuriously on our own influence and reputation, we urge upon our national officers and our next national convention the adoption and enforcement of suitable laws forbidding forever and effectively all farce initiation work in our Fraternity.

(2) Let every national body, as soon as possible, in effective, legal manner adopt laws forbidding farce initiation work of any and all kinds.

With chapters and national conventions adopting these resolutions, and living up to them, the remedy for the present situation will be complete.

*The Delta of Sigma Nu*

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A bill was introduced into the recent legislature of the State of New York "To exempt real estate and personal property of Greek letter fraternities connected with a college or other institution of learning, from taxation, and repealing all laws in conflict therewith."

Although Delta Upsilon has eight chapters in New York State, seven owning houses and one about to purchase, we did not and could not support the measure as class legislation for the benefit of the few at the expense of the majority is eminently unfair. A chapter house is no more entitled to exemption from taxation than a boarding house in a college town or a student's own home, which might be next door to a chapter house, and certainly not as much as the house of a college professor who is aiding in the cause of learning. We believe heartily in chapter houses and in paying our own way.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

We too believe in paying our own way. Greek letter fraternities do not need government charity.

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#### FRATERNITY EXTENSION

I believe in judicious fraternity extension. Nothing so proves the sagacity of a fraternity as its timely pre-emption and occupation of good ground. Nothing so surely indicates its narrowness and unrealized weakness as the conceited conservatism which fails to reach out for the good on every side.

A fraternity does not "reach out" for good, however, when it enters an inferior field or when it enters a good field too late. Nor does it show its sagacity when it secures a new field by mortgaging too heavy the old one. Such acts indicate rashness not progressiveness.

To be open minded and liberal does not mean that one must be foolishly impressionable any more than it follows that a fraternity ever ready to open its doors to what is worthy, should become lax in its judgment of merit.

We cannot be too careful in our investigation of petitioners. Let us not be carried away by personal appeals nor allow our sympathy to bear the unwise fruit of a meaningless indorsement, but on the other hand, let us welcome all who can make good their claims.

*E. Jean Nelson Penfield, The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*

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#### THE LANDMARKS.—I. MEMBERSHIP AMONG CHRISTIANS ONLY

(The following article from *The Garnet and White* expresses some commendable views of Alpha Chi Rho.)

The Landmarks of Alpha Chi Rho are defined to be the Principles which "constitute the essence of the identity of the society." They are affirmed to be the "Foundation-stones upon which the Institution is erected." Too much importance cannot be attached, therefore, to the study of these Principles in all their bearings by every Brother in Alpha Chi Rho. On these Principles rests, and always will rest, the right of the Fraternity to independent existence; to a lofty and secure standing among fraternities unconditioned by the accidents of age or external prestige; to the zeal, love, and undivided support of its sworn Brothers. The Landmarks are no mere Tradition in Alpha Chi Rho: they are the life-springs and heart blood of the order, and of all the beautiful fabric of Ritual, the strength of Constitution, and wisdom of policy in which the Fraternity is embodied and rooted, the Landmarks, in which the identity of the Brotherhood rests, are alone wholly and permanently unchangeable.

To the Knight of the Order, therefore, the full knowledge and understanding of these Principles is indispensable. The future Victory of the Fraternity, and the esteem in which it is held by its own Brothers and by those without, rests upon its ability to keep these foundation-principles uncrumbled and untarnished, and to suffer no violation or weakening of their least implication or command. When the Landmarks were attacked by disloyal hands in the years of the Fraternity's extreme youth, the instant rally to their defence, and the quick separation from those who, although in the Fraternity, were not of it, made possible the steady advance and strong development of the Brotherhood of to-day. The experience and the ensuing victory have not failed in their lesson.

The First Landmark of the Fraternity is the simplest of achievement. Alpha Chi Rho holds the principle of Christian Membership not alone, but in company with the best Greek letter fraternities of the country. The difference between the standpoint of Alpha Chi and that of other bodies on

this matter may be stated to be, that while with many fraternities the object to be obtained is purely negative,—that of the non-admission of Hebrews, who with all their racial excellences, do not seem to possess the gift of ready assimilation,—in the Brotherhood the object is positive,—that of securing alone men whose Ideal of manliness is the same, and rests not on the mistiness of a concept only, but upon that Historical Personage in Whom centers the faith, the admiration, and the loyalty of the whole upward-striving Christian world. The concept of manliness, morality, and brotherhood thus gained rests back upon the Christian Religion for its validity, but in the Fraternity the use made of it is not a “religious” one. In fact, many earnest non-Christian minds recognize its transcendency as an Ideal: the necessity of the Landmark is due to the fact that to the Christian alone such belief is not a matter of mutable opinion, but rests upon a sanction which is felt to be indisputable and supreme. The ultimate norm of excellence in character is thus sought out by the Fraternity; to those alone who will unreservedly accept this norm she offers her Privileges and her Brotherhood; upon this unchangeable bedrock she plants her foundations and her superstructure, and declares as her first immutable principle of identity that no one may be pledged to her Brotherhood who, among all his uncertainties and shifts of opinion, has not onesheet-anchor of belief below it all,—in the concrete existence and example of one perfect human life.

The purpose of every fraternity worth the name being the upbuilding of character, the pertinency of such an underlying bond of conviction is evident. Nor does such a condition of membership militate against breadth of sympathy in the least. Entire absence of narrowness is compatible with the deepest faith. The fraternity is not designed, as Masonry, Socialism, or the Church, to bring all ultimately under its influence and within its circle; rather it is a carefully selective society devoted to the intensification of certain fraternal ideals in a limited soil specially suited for their growth and development. “As it is a general law of logic”, says a writer in the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, “that the qualities implied in a term become fewer as the number of objects included by it is increased; so, conversely, the organic strength and vitality of any co-operative association of people is impaired as the number of important differences of opinion amongst them on vital questions is increased. It would seem, therefore, a mistake to bring such people into intimate association for the accomplishment of any purpose less vital than the things in regard to which they differ, especially if that purpose include ideas with which a part of them are out of sympathy. It may be objected that to abstain from intimate relations in this way is the way to perpetuate differences, not to obliterate them. But the object of a fraternity is one which implies initial congeniality on important points, and it is not, therefore, the means by which to reform the ideas of people whose whole lives are passed under intellectual and social influences inimical to our proposed reform.” The fraternity’s mission is not to make Christians; it is not to make moral men; it is not to teach the brotherhood of man. We are neither a church, nor a reformatory, nor a social cult. Thank heaven these



offices are filled by other institutions than a college fraternity. But from the ranks of those who already bear a brotherly spirit towards the world, and who, in the words of the Exoteric Manual, already "profess the Christian Faith and hold to Christian Ideals," Alpha Chi Rho draws those whom she deems fit for a deeper Brotherhood, founded on belief in a common Ideal, growing by the mutual respect of earnest workers after what is best in college life. No fraternity founded on or for a mere whim can have more than ephemeral life; no such fraternity can have any but a constantly lowering standard. The strength, the permanence, and the existence of Alpha Chi Rho depend upon her loyalty to her Landmarks as the purpose and *modus vivendi* of the fraternity.

H. C. Staunton

We copy the following from *Kappa Alpha Theta*. May the time soon come when Alpha Xi Delta can establish a similar fund:—

#### OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

As the idea of Kappa Alpha Theta scholarship originated with a member of Iota Alumnae chapter, Mrs. Josephene Cook Lippincott, a member of Kappa chapter while in college, Iota Alumnae chapter, has made the consideration of this matter its special work.

At the Convention, recommendations were submitted by Grace Lavayea, of Iota Alumnae, formerly affiliated with Phi from Upsilon chapter. These recommendations were received with approval by the Convention. Since then Iota Alumnae has appointed a committee who have this matter in charge. This committee begs to present this as its report of active work being done by this chapter. Two hundred dollars stand to the credit of Iota Alumnae chapter as pledged to this fund, and yet a thorough canvass has not been made. Plans for the best investment of this fund are being matured.

It is necessary to raise a fund of ten thousand dollars in order to produce an annual income of four hundred and fifty dollars. This income is as small as it is considered practical to have to provide sufficient means for special study abroad.

In order to interest other alumnae chapters in this work, Iota Alumnae proposes to send a personal letter to every alumnae chapter, suggesting a plan in detail for work.

We regret to announce to the fraternity the news of the recent serious illness of Mrs. Josephine Cook Lippincott, the prime mover in starting this scholarship fund. She is now in Kansas City with her sister, Mrs. Harriet Cook Moore, also of Kappa chapter, while recuperating her strength.

Respectfully submitted,

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 ADA EDWARDS LAUGHLIN.  
 EDITH M. JORDAN.  
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 IDA B. LINDLEY.

Recommendations presented to the Convention, 1905, by Iota Alumnae chapter :—

I. That the scholarship fund be raised by subscriptions. Alumnae chapters shall assist by individual subscriptions. Active chapters may assist.

II. That the Grand Council authorize an Alumnae chapter to collect the subscriptions, and make said chapter the permanent custodian of the scholarship fund.

III. That the question of investment of fund be decided by an attorney, whether by forming a trust or corporation.

IV. That in selecting the applicant, personality, natural mental ability, health and future prospects shall count twenty-five per cent. Previous accomplishments and prospects of future advancement shall count seventy-five per cent.

V. That the beneficiaries of this scholarship fund shall be the most deserving, according to the judgment of the committee on Scholarship Appointment, regardless of chapter rotation.

VI. That the recipient must be a college graduate or one who is to do work equal to graduate work in a special line.

VII. That the scholarship shall be awarded for only one year, on condition that it can be extended at discretion of the committee on Scholarship Appointment.

VIII. That should the recipient of this scholarship be prospered, it is desired that each of them so prospered be reminded, excepting those whose moderate wants press upon their means, to render aid to this scholarship fund.

IX. That the chapter which is custodian of the fund shall with the approval of Grand Council, appoint a Committee of Scholarship Appointment.

X. That the Committee of Scholarship Appointment shall hold the final decision as to such questions as to whether the candidate shall undergo an examination or write a thesis, and whether the judges shall be college professors or members of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity.

Motion carried to accept report.

Motion carried to adopt recommendations 1 and 2 and refer the other recommendations to the authorized custodian as suggested.

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#### OFFICE GRABBERS

Not long ago a fraternity girl was heard to boast that her chapter "could control every election for office in the college." If that is true, affairs at her college must be in a bad way; for, if her fraternity could find no foe worthy of their steel, or, if by sheer force of numbers, her chapter could elect its chosen candidate over all opponents, regardless of the girl selected for the position, a thoughtless arrogance towards other fraternities and non-fraternity girls, and a lack of interest on the part of the girls outside her own circle would be quickly developed.

Such a position in college affairs shows a lack of generosity, to say the least. What honor is there in "running the college" after such a plan?

What honor or pleasure can be had in winning a contest in which no opponent has the least possibility of victory? Is not a hard won victory or even a hard fought defeat of more permanent benefit to a chapter?

Without worthy competition any organization will inevitably degenerate into a hopeless tyrant. It is so in the business world, where the trusts, by crushing all competitors, bring upon themselves the condemnation of all right-minded people and eventually defeat their own ends. A wise business man will invite and gladly welcome a strong competitor. Let fraternities profit by their example.—*Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha, May.*

Each one who strives to be just like the rest  
 And so keeps close within himself the best  
     His dull thoughts know,  
 Goes weakly searching in the trodden dust  
 To mind the footprints of the one before,  
 And loses all the shimmer of the stars,  
     The winds that blow,  
 The grand simplicity of things sincere  
 That his man-nature mars to tawdry show.

Strong and all glowing with the thoughts of youth—  
 For springtime fancies are the truest truth,—  
 Let each one seek to live his own life sure,  
 When he has found what is the truth for him,  
 Just as a tree within some mountain pass,  
     In lonely height  
 Grows deep, and knows that all of it that counts  
 Will stand and not drift out into the night.

*Ethel Hanna McCleary, Columbia, 1906, Class Poem.*

—*Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.*

Sometimes we wonder how diverse or variable are the ideals of college men. A complex civilization like ours—even the best of it—is probably animated by very different purposes and views of life. Conceptions of real manhood vary according to the ratio between character and dollars. How to maintain a perfect balance between old-fashioned chivalry and gentility and the desire for gain is the weightiest problem in modern manhood development. We know of no quest that would be more interesting than to ascertain what particular standards are uppermost in the minds of college students; how far these standards vary in different sections or in different kinds of institutions; and whether scholarship is cultivated by the great universities as a means of getting wealth and power, or by the smaller institutions as an equipment for doing good in the world. We fear sometimes that the duty of developing strong, resourceful manhood for its own sake is being obscured by the passion for material power and luxury. The glory of self-attained achievement is becoming dimmed, the hardening power of enforced self-reli-

ance is undervalued, the true and rugged virtues are coupled with material and superficial matters in the formation of the nearly prevailing ideals. Although our best institutions do really seek to exalt simple virtues and unerring aims, their endeavor is poorly perceived in the multifarious distractions abounding in and around them.

—*Editorial from The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

The *Beta Theta Pi* for April has an interesting and clear headed statement of plans on "The Purchase of a Chapter House." Five plans for securing the building fund are ably discussed;—the stock plan, the stock and bond plan, the gift and bond plan, the note and bond plan, the building and loan plan.

In conclusion the writer says:—"An increasing difficulty about this entire chapter-house proposition is that, with the hopefulness of youth, and the lack of judgment of immature minds, almost every chapter wishes to occupy a house costing from two to ten times as much as it ought to cost, considering the place in which the chapter is located. It requires the restraining influence of older heads to prevent this kind of extravagance. It will happen, and is happening all the time, that with half a dozen or more chapters in a college, each chapter tries to secure a house more costly than the chapter which preceded it, and the result is a rivalry in extravagance, which is injurious to the chapter in many ways, and ultimately, of course, to its fraternity. Securing too large a house means that the chapter must necessarily increase its membership, irrespective of quality, in order to secure an income sufficient to meet its expenses. It also means that, having the facilities for increased social pleasures, it expends its energies in receptions and balls, rather than in attending to the college work which its members should accomplish; and it will readily be seen that in many instances by educating a boy for three or four years to live in a house provided with appointments much better than those to which he has been accustomed to, he becomes dissatisfied with the conditions and facilities to which he must return after his college course is completed."

We wish that our readers who have access to *The Beta Theta Pi* would look this article over, if they have not done so. Alpha Xi Delta needs chapter houses.

There are several articles of especial merit in the exchanges received since our last issue. Among these are the following:

"Two Points of View." (classical and modern)—Ruth Elona White, *The Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, March.

"Installation at Ames, Iowa State College."—*The Arrow* of Pi Beta Phi.

"Kappa Alpha Spirit."—J. Rion McKissick, *Kappa Alpha Journal*, April.

"The Queen's Flower" (a poem)—Austiana Taylor Goreth, *The Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, June.

"The Jewels of Stanford."—David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford Jr., University, *The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma*.

"The Scroll and the Palladium."—Walter B. Palmer, *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

"To What Extent, if any, is Section Three of the New York Labor Law Violative of the Rights Preserved by the Federal Constitution."—Roy Grant, *Delta Chi Quarterly* (a law school fraternity).

Delta Upsilon has formed a plan for the formation of a Pan-Hellenic fraternity library. This library is to be located in the New York public library under the care of Dr. Billings, the librarian. It is desired that all fraternities unite in the scheme in order that the library may be complete.

We have received the first official publication of the *Alpha Sigma Alpha Magazine*. This sorority has at present a roll of seven chapters, four in Virginia, one in West Virginia, one in South Carolina and one in Washington, D. C.

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## GREEK NEWS

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Phi Kappa Psi has placed its Ohio Epsilon chapter at Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, O.

Sigma Nu has recently entered Syracuse University.

The supreme governing council announces that Zeta chapter of Chi Omega was installed at the University of Colorado, September 3, 1906. It also announces the Kansas City Alumnae chapter added to its roll.

Pi Beta Phi has re-established its Iowa Gamma chapter at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

The summer and fall past have been the time for several conventions. Delta Delta Delta met at Syracuse, N. Y., June 25-29.

Pi Beta Phi held convention at Indianapolis, Ind., June 26-30; Gamma Phi Beta at Seattle, Wash., October 16-19; Chi Omega at Washington, D. C., June 26-30; Zeta Tau Alpha at Knoxville, Tenn., June 14-16; Phi Kappa Psi Grand Arch Council at Washington, D. C., April; Phi Gamma Delta at Fortress Monroe, Va., July; Beta Theta Pi at Denver, Colorado, July 23-26; Delta Upsilon at Middlebury, Vt., October; Kappa Kappa Gamma at Madison, Wis., August 20-27; Delta Chi at Ann Arbor, Mich., June 21, 22-23.

Theta Delta Chi met in convention at Boston, Mass., February 22-25, 1906. Sigma Nu will meet December 31, 1906, and January 1 and 2, 1907, at Chicago, Ill.; Delta Kappa Epsilon at Springfield, Mass., in November. Alpha Sigma Alpha held its first convention at Richmond, Va., November 30, 1905.

The Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference was held at The Victoria, Chicago, September 14-15. We hope to have its report in time for this issue.

# CHAPTER LETTERS

## ALPHA

The Alpha girls have started the new college year very propitiously, having nine active girls enrolled with bright prospects for two more in the winter and spring terms.

The rushing season has not been at all strenuous, as both sororities feel more or less sure of their girls, but the Pan-Hellenic rules were broken and new members were pledged sooner than was expected.

The two new pledges whom we have taken are Beuta Pittman of Prescott, Arkansas, and Florence Imes of Colchester, Illinois. It is needless to say that we are very proud of them.

During the rushing season our formal reception was held in the afternoon, Saturday, September the eighth, at the home of Frances Richey. The new girls and faculty ladies were guests. We were restricted to two formal parties. Our second was given at the club house.

Mrs. Leib, our Grand President, has been with Alpha Chapter for a short visit and has done us an immense amount of good by her inspection. We feel that we are better organized now than ever before and hope sincerely that each chapter visited will be helped as much as we have been. We have given several informal affairs in Mrs. Leib's honor and a formal dinner at the Loongataha Club House, at which our patronesses and Miss Edith Miller were guests. Miss Miller, our first Grand Treasurer, is now instructor in Elocution and Physical Culture in our college. We are delighted to think that we can have a charter member of our sorority with us.

The enrollment at Lombard is very good this year and the students entering seem very desirable. We feel that the institution is growing and prospering.

Alpha Chapter wishes her sister chapters much success.

## BETA

It is with the feeling of greatest pleasure that Beta Chapter sends her first greeting of the year.

Wesleyan opened September twelfth with a decided increase of students over last year and the outlook for Alpha Xi Delta is most encouraging.

According to the intersorority rules of Wesleyan, pledging day is not to be until later in the fall, so we have nothing to report in this line; however, with eighteen members and pledges, each doing her best, we feel no fear for the future of our chapter.

Mrs. Florence Currier-Stevens is spending the year in Madison, Wis.,

where her husband is taking a special course of study. No doubt she will be warmly received by Theta Chapter.

We welcome back Mrs Lura Clark-Morgenson, whose husband is at the head of the Commercial department of the University. She expects to continue her work in school and graduate with the class of '07, in spite of the perplexities of housekeeping.

Maude Maiken, of '06, has gone to Los Angeles, Cal., where she expects to teach this year. She will soon be followed West by Mabel Spry whose father and mother are moving to Oregon.

It pains us greatly to state that the health of Mrs. Galer, one of our patronesses, has become so poor that she has been forced to go to Denver for several months. We most sincerely hope that Mrs. Galer will rapidly improve and that she can be able to be with us again before the end of the year.

Beta Chapter sends best wishes for the coming year to all loyal Alphas.

*Alice Babb, Cor. Sec.*

## GAMMA

*Dear Alpha Xi Deltas:*

Gamma makes her best bow to "you all" and wishes you a most prosperous and happy year. It is a long time since we have heard of any of you through the journal, and since this is our chief means of communication we hope that your letters will tell us all about you.

Our last letter was written just before Founders' Day, and our Founders' Day celebration this year was voted the best of any that we have had yet. The banquet was all that we could hope for and the toasts were a surprise to ourselves although we knew that the girls selected would do well.

The next notable event was our lawn party which was held at the home of our patroness, Mrs. Wright, whose lawn has possibilities for a party which it would be hard to duplicate. Of course Gamma upheld her reputation for being entertainers of a high order.

Then came Commencement Week with its usual festivities, beginning with our reunion which always brings together all the girls within any reasonable distance. The reunion dinner and the toasts were of an unusually high standard, and the day was made more enjoyable by the remembrances of flowers from the fraternities in Mount Union. Roses were also sent by Mr. William McKnight, whose engagement to our sister, Eloise Patton, was announced at the dinner.

Commencement took away from our chapter Else Jones, who is teaching in Poland, Ohio, and Bessie Galbreath, who is preparing to leave in November for the missionary field in India.

This year is as yet mostly in the future tense, but one very successful reception to the new girls has been held and from the appearance of the girls who responded to the invitation Gamma ought to have some good news for after "Asking Day," and if her determination to work has the result that usually follows, she will have.

The girls who have come back to us are all good, strong girls of course, and we are so happily situated in our new house that we feel very happy over our prospects for the year.

With best wishes for all Alphas everywhere.

*Mildred Tucker*

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## DELTA

*My Dear Sisters:*

With the return of these golden days, comes anxiety for the college girl. Anxiety born of restless waiting for matriculation day, when old friendships are renewed and new ones formed. Delta girls send greetings to all Alpha sisters and welcome those who will be sisters ere this goes to print.

The Commencement at Bethany this year marked the close of a very successful term. The class of nineteen-six claimed three Alpha girls: May Madden, Elizabeth Carson and Anna Kemp. Alpha Xi Delta was proud to have a sister chosen by the faculty for valedictorian. May Madden's address was marked by a thought and earnestness peculiarly her own. Elizabeth Carson won first place for reading in the Inter-Society Contest. Her reading is full of that sincerity and depth of feeling which characterizes her life.

The annual banquet of the Delta girls, to which the young men and friends are invited, was given on the evening of May twenty-fifth at Evergreen Vale. This is the place of pilgrimage where hundreds come to visit the home of the founder of the college. His daughter, Mrs. Barclay, still lives there. She and Dr. Barclay were among the honored guests. The banquet hall was festooned with larch ropes, caught up by glimmering lights in the center of the arch above, from which floated long streamers of double blue and gold. Many candles from beneath their yellow shades cast a mellow radiance over all. The place cards were unique, being an envelope, delta shaped, with pink-rose decoration. Within were the men's and toast cards. These were designed and sent to us by Katherine Keith. We felt very happy to think she still remembered us in such a practical way.

It was a merry company that feasted and toasted there and the hours flew all too quickly. But the Seniors had rather heavy hearts in all the gayety when they remembered that this was the farewell. But some of us count ourselves quite fortunate in having the opportunity of still being in touch with the chapter for another year, and trust that we may still enjoy another banquet with the girls of Delta Chapter.

With best wishes for prosperity and success to every Alpha in whatever field she may be,

Faternally,

*Anna M. Kemp*

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## EPSILON

A merry greeting to all from Epsilon. The school year has opened auspiciously at the University of South Dakota. Our new president, Dr. Franklin B. Gault of Tacoma, arrived in Vermillion September 20, and entered at once upon his official duties. A formal reception of welcome was held for



him and his wife and son at the armory, October 3, by the university faculty and students and the citizens of Vermillion.

Epsilon's first social function of the year, a reception and dance to which all the faculty, most of the collegiate and a few preparatory students were invited, was held in the armory, September 29, from eight to half after eleven. As one of our patronesses, Mrs. Grange, could not be with us, Misses Ethel Forbes and M. Alice Matthews, members of Phi Beta Phi from the University of Illinois and at present members of the U. S. D. faculty, with Mrs. Akeley, received with us. The armory was prettily decorated with banners and flowers in blue and gold and the university red. Edward of the room, children of our patroness, served grape juice in one corner and Marion Akeley, while Clark Elmore and Rosa Grimmels presided over a bowl of fruit punch in another corner. The night was ideal, and the affair pleasant in every way. Epsilon congratulates herself on a very successful opening reception. An informal party for new girls will be given, as usual, a little later.

Josephine Hanson, who has been teaching in Carnegie, Pa., since her graduation in 1903, was married June 20, to Mr. Joel Hedeem of Sioux City, Ia. Sister Josephine's wedding was a unique affair, coming as a surprise to the friends who had gathered at the invitation of her brother, Rev. L. P. Valentine of Pittsburg, for a farewell reception in her honor. Mr. and Mrs. Hedeem enjoyed a month's travel in the east, visiting a number of points of interest, before returning to Sioux City where they are now at home.

Epsilon misses a number of last year's girls, but has begun the new year's work with enthusiasm. Our ranks are already increased by five initiates and two pledges, and we are looking forward to a very pleasant and successful year. We wish for each of our sister chapters the same measure of success that we hope for ourselves—that is, the best year of all.

*Ethel Richardson*

## THETA

At the end of the first two days of rushing Theta Chapter announces the following pledges: Elizabeth Erb, '07, of Appleton, Frances Albers, '08, of Wausaw, and Signe Raun, '10, of Merrill.

Most of our last year's Seniors are teaching, and are located as follows: Ruth Lyon, Lansing, Michigan, (secretary of the Y. W. C. A.), Bess Adams, Madison, Bess Pettigrew, Waupaca, Agnes Raun and Marion Ryan, Merrill, Edna Koch, Two Rivers, Lenore Henderson, Stoughton, Alma Runge, Palmyra, Bertha Davis, Poynette, Polly Fenton, at home, Madison.

We regret the loss of the following members: Gretta Flower, who has moved to Black River Falls, and attends the Normal School there, Theo Fenton, who is studying Domestic Science at the Stout Training School at Menominee, Bessie Underwood, who has moved to the State of Washington and attends Washington University.

We announce the marriage of Ora Mason to Mr. Edward S. Males, instructor in mechanical drawing here in the university. The marriage is to take place Christmas.

Yours in A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ ,

*Winifred Ryan, Cor. Sec.*

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## ETA

Eta is located in her fine new home at 716 Irving avenue. If only our "old girls" were here we should be perfectly happy.

The strenuous life of the rushing season has begun again here in Syracuse under entirely new, very strict rules of the Pan-Hellenic association.

Dora Baker, '07, our president has recently been elected vice-president of her class. As Gertrude Wright, '06, was vice-president of the Senior class last year, Alpha Xi Delta feels highly honored in Syracuse.

Four of our girls of '06, Grace Fox, Lena Baldwin, Elizabeth Loetzer and Dora Lockwood received the honor of Cum Laude last year.

Eta presents to Alpha Xi Delta Jennie M. Clark who was pledged last year.

*Hazel Brush, Cor. Sec.*

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## IOTA

The beginning of the fall term in West Virginia University finds Iota ready and eager to enter upon an active campaign for A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$ . Although feeling keenly the loss of some of our most zealous workers for the sorority, we who remain are trying to carry on their work, and to make our chapter stand, as it has always stood, for all that is best in college life.

The rushing season is on and we of A  $\Xi$   $\Delta$  feel that we are holding our own in this important line of work. Up to the present we have given two rushing parties: one at the home of Ethel Green on last Friday afternoon, and the other at Mary Atkeson's home this afternoon. At each party there were present besides our own members, about ten girls who have recently entered the University.

Alpha Xi Delta has met Chi Omega, the other member of our Pan-Hellenic association, and together we have made some slight changes in the Articles of Agreement which were formulated last spring when the Pan-Hellenic was established.

October 4, 1906.

*Iota*

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## KAPPA

*Dear Sisters:*

Nine members and two pledges reported at the Alpha Xi Delta house at the beginning of this school year. Marion Bell is cataloging at Bryn Mawr, Mattie Fargo is in the Normal school library at Cedar Falls, Ia.; Louise Dewitt is in the library at LaGrange, Ill., her home town; Clarinne Llewellyn is taking up physical training in Chicago and Louise Yale is in Chardron, O.

We have a pretty chapter house and anticipate a delightful year. Just now we are scraping and bowing to freshmen and analysing their faults and virtues as soon as they are out of sight.

The pledges Louise Retz and Josephine Ruskamp were taken into the sorority this evening.

We have, according to the Pan-Hellenic rules, five more weeks of rushing season. The life is more than strenuous and everyone will be glad to settle down to work when all the freshmen have been safely gathered in.

Fraternally yours,

*F. Grace C. Spencer*

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## ALPHA

Mrs. J. R. Lieb of Springfield, Ill., has been visiting with Alpha Chapter for a short time.

Edith Miller of Monmouth, Ill., is now instructor of the departments of Elocution and Physical Culture at Lombard.

The Universalist convention was held in Galesburg from the twenty-fifth to the twenty-eighth of the month inclusive.

The Alpha girls were grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Frank Epperson who passed away at her home in Reselle during the month of August. Mrs. Epperson was the mother of Edna Epperson, at one time our Grand President. Miss Epperson is pursuing her musical studies this year.

Bell Stryker of Joliet, Ill., is visiting with Alpha Chapter. We hope to have her with us during the winter and spring terms as a student.

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## BETA

Columbia G. Menefee was married to Mr. Eugene Hildt Barnhart, June 28, 1906 at her home in Keyser, W. Va. Mr. Barnhart is a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity and was graduated last June in civil engineering. The wedding was very quiet, only the immediate families being present. Mr. and Mrs. Barnhart spent their honeymoon in Virginia, and are now living in Indiana.

Bertha Jane Smith, one of our charter members, is spending this year at her home. We miss her greatly, both as chapter correspondent, and as one of our most loyal and faithful members.

Elizabeth Sadler of the class of '05, who took post-graduate work here in music last year, is filling a three weeks engagement to sing in Montgomery.

Mary Cooper another of our charter members, who spent last year at the University of Tennessee, has returned to Morgantown. She is teaching in the public school here, and taking some work in the University. She expects to take her degree next year.

Mary Atkeson was ill with typhoid fever for some weeks this summer, but has recovered sufficiently to enter school.

Nancy Coplin is teaching Latin and German in the high school at Mannington. She will probably return here to continue her work after Christmas.

Lucile Johnson and Helen Smith are not back this term, but we hope to have them with us again soon.

Crystal Courtney spent two weeks visiting in Ohio, and from there went to Winona Lake, Ind., as a delegate to the Y. W. C. A. convention. She remained for two weeks at Winona Lake, and reports a very inspiring and enthusiastic convention.

## GAMMA

Our new house-mother, Mrs. Kirlin, has come to us from Kansas to take care of Beulah and, incidentally, of all the girls in the house.

The girls are reporting good times during vacation, but when they all talk at once it is hard to get them straightened out.

Mildred Tucker spent her vacation weeks in the White Mountains and New York City.

Treva Dewey spent a part of her summer visiting friends in and near Cleveland.

Eva Kampman is teaching this year and Flossa Williams is studying music. We shall miss both of these enthusiastic Alphas very much.

Grace Darrow, '04, is teaching in Leadville, Colo. We hope she will keep up her fraternity spirit while she is so far away.

Gamma is particularly proud of Lucile Strong who won the German prize last June. This was awarded by competitive examination.

Olive Bracher has deserted us for the time being but as she is still in town and favors us with frequent visits, we do not lose her entirely.

## EPSILON

Alice Brenne and Nina Wallace are teaching in the primary grades at Kimball and Scotland this year.

Olga Averkieff has gone to Iowa City to take up her work as Senior in the College of Medicine.

Georgia Hanson will spend the winter with a sister in Washington.

Lorena Grange has returned to Britton and Zola Jones to Miller for the year's school work.

Lilla Tarbell expects to be with us for the second semester. Until then she will remain at home in Watertown.

Mabel Richardson will leave us soon to finish her library course at the University of Illinois.

Olga Aveykieff, Georgia Hanson and Mrs. Joel Hedeon (Josephine Hanson) were in Vermillion during the opening week of school.

Five girls, Julia Sweet, Helen Tarbell, Lucy Camerer, Margaret Miller and Mabel Green have been initiated into the mysteries of A Z Δ this fall.

Epsilon is sorry to miss Mary Nichols and Edna Gable who have not returned to school-

Effie Vance and Helen Miller are recent pledges to A Z Δ.

## ALLIANCE ALUMNAE

Mabel Hartzell spent the first week in October in Trenton, New Jersey, attending the National Convention of the Daughters of America.

Helen Miller has returned to Delaware, Ohio, to resume her studies at Ohio Wesleyan University.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mumaw (nee Myrtle Carrier) June 16th, a daughter.

Flossa Williams is studying music in Cleveland.

Mary Scott-McCoy is now located in Pittsburg.

Mildred Tucker made an extended visit in New York and the New England states during the summer.

Delphia Aronhalt-Teeters is recovering slowly from a long illness.

Jane Hughes, after spending the summer at her home in Chicago, has returned and taken up her work in the public schools.

The wedding of Miss Eloise Patton of Alliance, O., and William E. McKnight took place at the home of the groom's parents at Mt. Lebanon on September 12th. The groom is convalescing from typhoid fever, and the ceremony was performed at his bedside by his uncle, Rev. D. K. McKnight, assisted by Rev. E. C. McCown, the pastor of the Mt. Lebanon United Presbyterian Church. The bride was gowned in a white lace robe and carried white roses, and the decorations was carried out in green and white. Only the immediate families were present. Mr. and Mrs. McKnight will be at home after November 1st on Academy avenue, Mt. Lebanon.—*Pittsburg Dispatch*. Alliance Alumnæ extends best wishes but regrets the departure of the bride from our midst.

Gay Melbourne has returned from an eight weeks stay at Battle Creek Sanitarium greatly benefited in health.

Mary Kay, Mabel Hartzell and Katherine Keith spent a week in August at Chautauqua, N. Y. While there they had the pleasure of meeting Dora Lockwood and Elaine Putnam of Eta Chapter.

Etta Bates spent June and July with friends in Philadelphia, Boston, New York and Scranton, Pa.

Anna and Else Jones enjoyed a visit with a cousin in New York City recently.

Mary Salmon has moved to Cleveland with her parents. She is greatly missed at the Alumnæ meetings.

Helen and Alice Hinshilwood spent their vacation among the lakes and woods of Canada.

Elsie Jones has accepted a position in the academy at Poland, Ohio, as instructor in Latin and German.

Louise Roberts visited in Chicago during the summer.

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## WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY AND HER YOUNG WOMEN

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What does our University do for her girls? Does it pay for a girl to spend four years in college study? These trite but important questions parents are continuously asking. I want to consider these questions from the stand point of a girl who is just about to leave her college life.

First, college reveals to a girl her limitations. The girl who is thrown daily into close association with hundreds of others soon learns that despite all her supposed ability, there are very few things that others cannot do better than she. She finds there are better musicians, better scholars, and girls more efficient in society relations. She learns that she has been much over estimated among her little circle of friends.

College life also demonstrates with equal exactness a knowledge of one's possibilities. It brings self revelation. From registration to graduation the girl is ever finding herself placed in new circumstances. She learns she can do things of which she never dreamed herself capable. She finds that she can solve problems that she was once told only men's superior minds could solve, she learns that she can make friends, she finds that she has executive ability, that she has a personality.

But some one asks, "Of what use is it, after all, if she does not intend to earn her own living?" I can scarcely refrain from pitying anyone who fails to see the use. If a girl never intends to earn one penny, her college course is nevertheless invaluable. It makes life worth more to her and makes her of more worth to life. She has become ambitious and dignified, appreciating the intellectual and moral responsibilities of a life of activity. She has acquired the ideals which make life worth the living and which fit her for responsibility and service. Through the sciences the wonders of nature become a delight. History enables her to understand our national life. Literature puts her in touch with the greatest minds of the age. A

study of the laws of the mind reveals to her the motives back of the actions, and gives to her that altruism which raises her from the field of pettiness into the realm of nobility.

In these co-educational courses the university does all for a girl that can be desired, but in the courses devoted to the woman alone there is a noticeable weakness. This fact has been recognized, and as a result, a domestic science course has been established. This is a step in the right direction. The department deals with problems that arise in housekeeping and home making. It teaches not only how to cook, but it gives courses in house management, house sanitation, and house decoration, thus fitting the girl to become a home maker in the true sense.

Considering the obstacles with which it has had to contend, the department has already accomplished a marvelous work. But only when the sentiment of the people of the state gives this department the encouragement it deserves, will the course be eagerly sought by all the girls. With this encouragement and an increase in the number of instructors and facilities for practical work, the course will accomplish all that it should. I ask for your enthusiasm in the department of domestic science.

Another department which is laboring under difficulties is the girl's gymnastic course. The object of this course is to help the girl to gain a strong healthy body, to develop her physically as the other university training develops her mentally. Enthusiasm among the girls is not lacking; public sentiment favoring this course is strong. The department is weak only in equipment. The great need is a gymnasium. At present there is none. The room by courtesy called the girls' gymnasium is one small, inconvenient, poorly ventilated room in Chadbourne Hall. Is there any reason why the great University of Wisconsin cannot provide for its six hundred girls a suitable gymnasium in a woman's building, A woman's building that shall be a home for all organizations of benefit to the girls.

Surely the state which has done so much for its University will not long delay in meeting this great need.

Wisconsin stands high in what it does for the aesthetic development thru its natural surroundings. We love the build-

ings with their ivy covered walls, but most we love the campus with its green rolling hill, the woods with their paths and drives, and the lake with its willow shores, its changing waters and glorious sunsets. The rest and inspiration which these surroundings bring is beyond estimate.

Aesthetic development comes also by contact with high talent in the musical, literary, and artistic world. During a girl's stay in Madison, opportunities are offered to hear the best lectures, to listen to the best music, and to see the choice products of the artistic world. Likewise are presented effective incentives for taking advantage of such opportunities. These rare privileges help our girls to become women of cultivated tastes.

But greatest of all is the moral development the University brings thru its character building. Despite the opinion that the University of Wisconsin is no place to send a girl, I say there are no four years of a girl's life that can do more toward raising her ideals than those spent at our University. Certainly, there are temptations here; temptations to neglect duties for pleasure; to obtain something by dishonest means; or to become selfish. Does anyone doubt that the girl who for four years has daily met and overcome such temptations is not morally stronger? Overcome them she must. If she fail, there is for her no place of honor, no esteem from her class-mates, no respect from the faculty. The moral standard of the girl student at Wisconsin is high. Scholarship, money, and good looks may enter into the estimate of a girl, but above all, character determines her standing among her fellow students. The sources of character building are many. The influence of strong, true men and women in the faculty is an important source, and equally important is the association with college friends. The girl learns that she must distinguish between acquaintances and friends. Thus she becomes a better student of human nature. If she is broad-minded, she will make her friendships extensive as well as intensive. The college snob receives her punishment in what she misses by her snobbishness; while the democratic girl receives her reward in what she gains thru her democracy.

But we must not confine ourselves to what the college does

for a girl. Let us look also at what college makes the girl capable of doing for others. The type of womanhood most needed today is represented by the unselfish, the earnest, the resourceful, the happy girl, happy not in what she has, but in what she is. Whatever the future may have in store for such a girl, the world about her will be the better for her college training. And if there comes to her woman's highest vocation, that of being a wife and mother, she will be the noble center of a true home. The college girl who does not become an ideal home-maker, would be even less ideal without her education. The fault lies in her, not in the University. For the true girl, college is a training school which checks the growth of her imperfections and develops her excellencies.

Then because our University reveals a girl's limitations and possibilities, because it makes her of more value to herself, because it develops and strengthens her intellectually, physically, aesthetically, and morally, because it widens her circle of friends, because it makes her a better wife and mother, in other words, because it makes her a noble woman, I say it is worth while for a girl to attend the University of Wisconsin.

*Bess Adams, U. of W., '06*

## AN ALPHA PANDORA BOX

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Some one has said that Pandora released not spirits of disease and crime, but little sprites of fun, frolic and innocent mischief. We believe that observation will strengthen this version. It must have been a dull world before she opened the box and our college days would be cheerless and irksome without the winged creatures. Whenever any of these little sprites enticed one of the Alphas to have a little fun, we captured it and put it in a strong box. We had captured several and one evening, like Pandora of old, we opened the lid a little way and let out two, one at a time and held them fast until they told us what fun and frolic they had caused among our Alpha girls.

The first one told us this story. One of the "old girls" had returned for a visit and the frat girls in Hersley Hall were going to have a spread for her one evening after lights were out. The "children" were not invited for they had been out late the night before. Everything was purchased for the spread and stowed away in the room of one of the frat girls remaining at home that night. During the evening one of the pledges came in, and saying that she had been invited to the spread and was going to carry the provisions up stairs for one of the girls, walked out with all our good things. Just before lights went out the trick was discovered. A search was quickly made and the half-consumed spread taken away from four pledges. One of the hostesses had some fruit from home and so the feast did not have to be given up, but was enjoyed only the more on account of the extra fun and excitement of finding the provisions.

The second little sprite that came from the box that evening told of this escapade. Two girls had carefully made some fudges for two of the boys and the candy was cut, packed away into a box and hidden. About that time this little sprite whispered to two of the other girls and enticed them to take that box of candy. Half an hour later the loss was discovered. How the girls searched.

"Do you know who took our candy? Oh, it was just fine too! Girls, who took it away? We want it, we spent at least an hour and a half making it." These were the cries that met the ears of the guilty and the guiltless.

Shortly after, the two guilty ones slipped the box back into the place where they had found it and later, when the candy makers discovered their lost fudge, went into wonder and comment about the returned box and express doubts as to whether it had ever been taken from its hiding place.

The memory of these two instances livened up the evening for us and we closed the box for that night. We decided then that when we went from college for the last time we would gather up all the little winged sprites that could tell us of the fun, frolic and pranks of our Alpha sisters and store them in a Pandora box, and on future evenings we could open it and grow young again listening to these little creatures tell of happy Alpha larks.

*Helen Coe*





## WHAT OUR JOURNAL SHOULD BE

No doubt, the dearest thing to Alpha Xi Delta sisters everywhere is our own journal, because it brings us all together in fellowship and understanding. Naturally, then, we all feel the greatest interest in its welfare and wish it to fulfill its office in the best possible way. The following suggestions are made, not with any idea of criticism, but of promoting a friendly discussion pro and con.

It seems to me that the most important function of a sorority journal is to be a place of discussion, a debate platform, as it were, for all general sorority matters. In this discussion every member from the oldest to the newest initiate should be heard, in order that all sides of the question may be given due consideration. This plan would, I think, not only bring out many otherwise unsuspected phases of the subject, but would be of great value to the girls who take part.

How this proposed debate may be brought about to a greater extent in our own Alpha Xi Delta Journal, I fear I am not well prepared to answer. I dare say that questions of interest to all the chapters often come up in Alpha Xi Delta meetings—questions that, if brought to light in the Journal, would provoke lively discussion. Perhaps, also, suggestions might be found in questions discussed in other sorority and fraternity journals.

As the second function of a sorority journal, I should place that of getting us acquainted with the life of Alpha Xi Delta girls at other Colleges and Universities, and the varied conditions with which they have to deal. This phase of the Journal's usefulness appeals particularly to me, for, being a professor's daughter, I have been "born and brought up" within the confines of one University. Besides the interest of such articles, I think we can understand and appreciate our sisters in Alpha Xi Delta far better if we know the conditions under which they uphold our principles.

Another thing to which I should like to have more attention given is that of the means of entertaining new girls. Many

times it happens that in the height of the rushing season, with several healthy sororities in the field, a clever little entertainment or a few mirth-provoking "stunts" by the girls send the new girl home with the impression that the Alpha Xi's are a "jolly crowd" and tip the balance in our favor. Perhaps you think her attitude should be more serious, but I assure you, even a studious, thoughtful girl prefers a sorority whose girls "always have a good time together". What I mean is, that if you have reaped the benefit of some such happy idea, why not pass it on to your sister chapters, not in elusive suggestions, but in a description that they can follow?

I perceive that some of my elders are frowning at the idea of such frivolity in a sorority journal. If this is frivolity, then I fear that I am incorrigibly frivolous. Indeed, I do not think it beneath the dignity or in any way averse to the principles of Alpha Xi Delta for one sister to give another points on the cleaning of fingernails or a becoming way of "doing" her hair. Why, then, should not we sister-chapters help each other in a similar way?

Besides these matters of closer sorority interest, our Journal might well devote some space to the discussion of general ethical and literary matters. Anything which would be of general interest, whether dealing directly with sorority problems or not, might be added. For instance, I think that a series of articles dealing impartially with the foundation and history of the many fraternities would be of value in many ways. Historical articles concerning the customs and religion of the ancient Greeks might give us useful information of the source from which we sprung.

We all wish our Journal to be the very best possible, but how can we make it so? Though we have an efficient editor, the Journal's power must always depend largely upon contributions from the Chapters. The above suggestions are merely suggestions, and may or may not meet with your approval. But whatever plan is followed in the Alpha Xi Delta Journal there is just one thing certain, and that is that the responsibility for it rests, in a great measure, on you, sisters in Alpha Xi Delta, and by your efforts only will it be successful.

*Mary Meek Atkeson, Iota*

## THE ALPHA XI DELTA SPIRIT

Alpha Xi Delta, thou the bestloved care,  
Of thousand bright inhabitants of air!  
Know, thou, that countless spirits round thee fly,  
The light winged minions of the azure sky,  
These, tho' unseen, are near us every day  
To prompt each act, to guide us on our way.

The well-known subject of sorority spirit is an old, old story, yet ever new. Well may it be kept uppermost in our thoughts for by far the most valuable of all our possessions is that vague, undescrivable something, called sorority spirit, which lies back of all form and tradition, back of every motive and action. It is the sorority in essence, that best part of the thought, character and life of each girl, welded by strong bands into one magnificent whole which stands for Alpha Xi Delta. Moreover it is not only the most precious of our possessions; but it is of such inexpressible depth and complexity that if we introduce into it or allow to develop into it anything but the noblest and best we cannot foresee how calamitous the reaction may be.

Therefore it is our duty to guard it as a priceless treasure, a treasure of greater worth than any material gift because it has been handed on to us by the girls who have gone out into the wide world, and are still our inspiration.

What would sorority life be without that power which makes our hearts thrill with joy when, far from our sisters, we hear the name, and look upon the quill or the double blue and gold of our dear Alpha Xi Delta.

For some time a fancy has pervaded my thoughts which makes me love to imagine that the air about us is filled with mystic, transparent forms, too fine for mortal sight, spirits dressed in airy garments, dyed in the tincture of the skies. Ours ever hover near in their sky robes of tinted blue and gold. They are our guardian angels, who are ever ready and eager to guide us if we will only listen to their promptings; but especially do they love to promote and develop sorority spirit.

How dearly they love our Alpha Xi, none can realize save those who have been initiated into our mystic circle to share our joys, and sympathize in our sorrows. They aid us in countless ways. With their silent influence they unite the hearts of all Alphas until we feel that every individual member has a love for every other, in each chapter from Alpha to Kappa. They fit from our most eastern college to the far west, bearing a message of love and cheer.

Within each chapter they are ever present. Not only love and peace and *unity* follow them but they prompt each girl, and guide her so that thoughtful deeds and loving words attend her. They early teach the lesson that you get as much as you give; every sacrifice becomes a pleasure; the more you put into Alpha Xi Delta the more it means to you.

They prompt us to be kind, not only to our own loved circle, but to use the highest courtesy to those without our number. Their mission will be incomplete if we forget that there are good and noble girls about us who are hurt by careless neglect. Never be too busy to be polite,

All these things they prompt us to observe. Let us one and all keep our ears open for the still voices which come to us, the voices of our guardian spirits, our own true, loyal hearts which can not let us forget that Alpha Xi Delta needs our personal loyalty, service, love and above all noble womanhood. So shall we keep division far from our doors, and lock without with an iron key everything, even the thoughtless word which would bring the slightest heartache to a sister. And let our lives be now and ever, a book from which the world may read high ideals nobly lived.

*Elaine Putnam, Eta*

## FRATERNITIES AT ILLINOIS

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Fraternities at Illinois are of comparatively recent origin. In 1882 there were just two fraternities in the University. These were, Delta Tau Delta, established in 1872 and Sigma Chi in 1881. During the next ten years all organizations were barred, but in December of 1891, these two were allowed to reorganize and others came in rapidly. Kappa Sigma, 1891; Phi Kappa Sigma, 1892; Phi Delta Theta, 1894; Alpha Tau Omega, 1895; Phi Gamma Delta, 1895; Sigma Alpha Upsilon, 1898; Beta Theta Pi, 1902; Sigma Nu, 1902; Phi Kappa Psi, 1904; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 1904; Delta Upsilon, 1905, and Acocia, 1906. Beside these, there are five local fraternities, which, like the nationals live in chapter houses. Four, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Upsilon, own their chapter houses.

The fraternities stand supposedly for high scholarship and they do to a certain extent—however, they are largely social organizations. The Greeks are not only leaders in social affairs, but also in political. Until recently they have been not at all united, but there is now a tendency toward centralization of fraternity interests. This is manifested in the inter-fraternity organizations—the “Phoenix” club, senior men, and the “Helmet” which is exclusively sophomore.

—*Elizabeth W. Abbott, Kappa*



# IVY ODE

JUNE 19, '06

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But little more than half the round  
Of a century has rolled  
Since men of forethought broke this ground  
To yield us wealth untold.  
They toiled, nor was their toil in vain :  
Where once the wilderness held sway  
Are shimmering fields of wheat today.  
Their children harvest golden grain.

And we who garner, ere we turn  
From out this fruitful field  
To where life's desert sun will burn,  
Our thanks would gladly yield  
The men who gave to us that wealth  
Which, being shared, but grows the more  
For him who grants from out his store  
The priceless gift of mental health.

Long years upon these reverend walls  
May thy leaves, O Ivy, make  
A mantle green to grace the halls  
Wherein all may partake  
Of Learning's feast and Wisdom's store—  
Here many a nation sends her youth  
To seek the right, to search for truth,  
The paths of science to explore.

Here we have learned to recognize  
True courage, and the strong  
And noble soul of high emprise  
That strives against the wrong.  
The best that men have writ and said,  
Have thought, and done, and tried,  
Was ours to ask. It will abide  
With us when love and youth are fled.

But, Ivy, let not those who come  
 In search for Wisdom's fount  
 Believe that books contain the sum,  
 Or even half the count  
 Of good. Companionship, the power  
 That ever comes of soul to soul,  
 And human kindness head the roll,  
 'Tis these that fill the final hour.

Hills that stand in majesty,  
 Verdure-covered, crowned, free,—  
 Stately oak and elm and pine,  
 Nature's beauties e'er be thine.  
 Ne'er may vandal's ruthless hand  
 Spoil you of your forests grand  
 Nor break the lawn of tender green  
 That decks you now in summer-sheen.  
 Lakes that shimmer in the sun,  
 Calm when days of storm are done  
 With your fitful, changing grace,  
 Whether frown or smile have place.  
 Ever greet, as now, our eyes—  
 Mirror, ye, of trees and skies,  
 Mocker of the stars by night,  
 Of heaven's blue when day is light.  
 Elms that arched in comely row  
 O'er the green your shadows throw,  
 Sturdy oaks of tempest born,  
 Pines that stand and moan, forlorn,  
 Long display your cooling shade  
 Of tangled leaves and branches made.  
 Grow, and ever grow more strong  
 As the decades glide along.  
 Alma Mater, mayest thou be  
 Ever crowned with these, thy three  
 Glories, such as few may wear,—  
 Nature's chiefest jewels rare.

*IVY ODE*

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We, thy children consecrate  
An ivy to commemorate  
The happy, toilful hours we passed  
Beneath thy shelter. Now, at last,  
Needs must we, reluctant, roam  
Far from this, our foster-home.

Hills and trees, your pæans send,  
Lakes, your rippling murmurs lend,  
Birds, lift up your song in praise,  
Little flowers, your soft chant raise,  
Our Alma Mater's land to swell.  
Ivy, guard, O, guard her well.

*Marion E. Ryan, U. of Wis., '06*





## THERE WAS A MOON

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There was a moon, the kind that children cry for, the kind that grown ups long to lose themselves in. A great big round moon. It bathed the snow covered ground in a glittering, soft, white light. It filled the crispy air with mellow, silvery tints.

There were two people walking in the back campus. Did you say it wasn't the proper place to be? Why not? Wasn't there a moon? They were there anyway; and the whole world could have seen them, had it been there instead of only the moon. They were walking on the creaking snow talking of—well—most anything, perhaps that very moon; when suddenly they came to an almost violent stop. A large stone lay directly in their path. They hadn't seen it before running into it. No, of course not. They were looking up, not down. Haven't I said before that there was a moon?

"What is it?" she asked.

"A stone," came his answer.

"Where did it come from?"

"Oh! haven't you heard about that?"

"Never. Do tell me," she pleaded.

"It's only a little Indian story. You know when the white people first came to Illinois there were Indians here as well as everywhere else. And here like everywhere else, they drove them out until there were only a few scattered wigwams left. Right here there was a little Indian village; and the few remaining young braves danced Indian attendance on the prettiest Indian maid the soil had ever known. Oh, what's the use of telling the story, it's only more of white man's treachery."

"Please go on," the girl said softly.

The moon still shed its soft, white, silvery light over them.

"Well, a white man came," he resumed his story, "and the Indian maid, Winona, lost her savage heart. The white man played the heathen another way. Of course, he made love to her, he couldn't help it. A month passed and he was ready to

leave. The Indian maid stormed and raged. It was the savage coming to the front. Then she pleaded and told him of all her love,—still the primitive nature. Then she pined away and died. That was the woman. They buried her here. This stone marks her grave. That's all except some young braves went on the war path."

There was still the same silvery glowing light. A long silence followed.

"Are men always so untrue?" she faltered.

"God forbid," he said tenderly.

The moon looked big and fatherly.

*Grace Spencer, Kappa*



## MARY ELIZABETH HOUK

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Our sister, Mary Elizabeth Houk, was born in North Lima, Ohio, in 1883. She attended high school in West Liberty, where she was graduated with first honor in 1901.

During her college course at Wittenberg, she was ranked among the first in her class. In every phase of college life she was active, so that we can scarcely recall a scene that is not clouded with sadness at the thought of her death. Every student knew her as a young woman of the best scholarship, as a most devoted worker for the Y. W. C. A., and as representative of the highest type of womanhood. At one time she was president of the Y. W. C. A.

Her influence was helpful to many in causing them to desire to live a higher Christian life. She was present everywhere in sorrow and affliction. She was our peacemaker and comforter. No one knows how we, who were so closely associated with her, miss that helpful word, that comforting smile. No gathering of her friends has been held that did not feel the sorrow of the vacant chair.

Having been privileged to be a room-mate of this sister, I can tell you of the beautiful life she led, of her daily Bible reading, and of her loving acts of kindness to everyone. She was often spoken of to me as an ideal Christian.

Almost two years have passed since she was graduated from college. The first year she taught in Defiance High School, this second year she began to teach in Van Wert High School, but became ill after one month of work. She died with typhoid fever, on November twenty-second, at her home in Conroy, Ohio.

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WHEREAS, Our beloved sister, Mary Elizabeth Houk, has entered into eternal rest, be it

*Resolved*, That we, in behalf of Alpha Xi Delta sorority do tender to her bereaved family our sincerest and most tender sympathy, assuring them that every individual member of the sisterhood feels the deepest regret for her demise. And be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be published in the next issue of the ALPHA XI DELTA and another copy be spread upon the official records of the sorority.

Signed,      BESSIE WILLIAMSON,  
FRANCES RICHEY,  
NELLIE M. TRIBBY.



MARY ELIZABETH HOUK



# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

## THE ALPHA ROSE

Of all beautiful flowers, the Alpha rose seems to me the loveliest of all. Whether it bloom, a perfect flower, in a carefully guarded hot-house bed or on a straggling bush exposed to the sun and rain, it sends forth the sweetest perfume and its delicate beauty makes the spot where it grows seem holy and pure. Thus we, of whom it is the chosen flower should strive to live the life of our pink rose. Where or under what conditions we may be placed we should so live that by our noble, beautiful lives the hearts of those about us may be gladdened and uplifted. The thorns of modesty, reserve and purity should always surround us to shield us from the evils which tend to destroy our beauty. So, with this new year let us each strive harder than ever to be a beautiful Alpha rose in God's flower garden of the world.

*Mabel Hendel, Alpha*

## WHAT WE EXPECT FROM OUR ALUMNÆ

In discussing this subject let it first be understood that the writer is not moved by any spirit of criticism. Our alumnæ in all probability, are quite as true and loyal to their respective chapters and to Alpha Xi Delta as a whole, as the alumnæ of any other sorority.

We who are still active members, may say, perhaps, that when we become alumnæ we shall feel just as much interest and keep in just as close touch with the affairs of our sorority as we ever did. But when we are out in "the wide, wide world," separated from our dear sisters, perhaps never seeing anyone else who wears the beloved quill, we, too, absorbed in a hundred other matters, may become a little negligent in our duty to the sorority. So let us not judge our alumnæ too harshly.

But this very negligence is what we should guard against. If we keep in close touch, not only with the other alumnæ of our chapter but with the active members as well, there is no danger whatever that we will ever lose interest in the sorority.

The alumnae probably do not realize what help and encouragement they might give to the active members by writing to them, showing an interest in all matters pertaining to the sorority and giving them the benefit of their wider experience. Write to your active chapter members, dear alumnae, and in so doing help both yourselves and them.

There is no way in which the alumnae can keep in touch with the sorority as a whole except by taking the Alpha Xi Delta journal. And every alumna should take the journal. It is the means of communication between all Alpha Xi Deltas throughout the land. When we read of all our Alpha sisters and realize that we are all striving for the same ideals, we are drawn very closely together and we long more than ever to do something really worth while.

*Zeta*

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#### DOES SORORITY LIFE HINDER OR PROMOTE SCHOLARSHIP ?

To one not enjoying the privilege of Greek friendship, this question seems to deserve the answer that it undoubtedly hinders scholarship,—not that the sorority girl fails to show up in her class as well as the non-Greek girl, but that the social life of the sorority gives the prejudiced person the impression that social affairs are to her the chief thing.

One not in the circle does not know the increased ambition a girl has when she knows that her chapter sisters are expecting something of her, and the pleasure she has in keeping the chapter's standard up to the high mark that her predecessors have set.

She has an impetus to stand high in her classes that a girl not in the sorority cannot know.

Alpha Xi Delta has always stood for good scholarship and no girl who is a true Alpha will lower the standard and have it said, that her sorority does not stand for what is best in college life.

When a girl pledges herself to a sorority it is not only the local chapter with which she has affiliated herself but with a national organization; and she knows that her scholarship is of importance to her sorority nationally as well as locally.

*Zeta*

## EDITORIALS

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From time to time we receive reports from the members of the Grand Council who are making official inspection of the chapters of Alpha Xi Delta. The reports are gratifying because they bring information of vigor and enthusiasm in each group of girls. They tell of the sources of help and the almost as helpful sources of opposition which supply zest and strength to these groups. It is the growing opinion of the Council that inspection of chapters should regularly be made in the year in which convention is not held. They think by practice the inspectors can make these investigations more systematic and thorough, and thus proportionally increase their benefit.



We call especial attention to the ideas in "What Our Journal Should Be," by Sister Mary Atkeson. All Alpha Xi Deltas feel a great interest in the welfare of their magazine, and eagerly accept suggestions leading to its promotion. The success of any fraternity organ depends in a degree, of course, upon the skill and resources of the editor, but as Sister Mary says, more largely upon the individual members. Comparatively few Alpha Xi Deltas write for the journal; and never does anyone write, unless requested to do so. This is no doubt because of proper reserve, which we should like to dispel. To secure breadth and variety of topics in the journal requires the work of more than the chapter editors and the few obliging literary girls whom they draft into the service. It would be entirely modest in the writers, and most delightfully refreshing for the editor, if several voluntary contributions were offered for each issue of the journal. These would form the most valuable part of the magazine; for they would consist of helpful ideas carefully worked out in the minds of busy Alpha Xi Deltas, who still find time to plan for the interests of their sorority.

If we may be pardoned a critical and perhaps heretical word,



we shall suggest that our journal needs a little less of the didactic tone in such expressions as "We should strive to uphold the high standards of Alpha Xi Delta, etc.," and a little more of practical, commonsense suggestions for material improvement, historical articles, short stories, etc., as the article we referred to above proposes. We can say this freely now, for in this issue there is nothing of the preaching type; but we confess humbly that we have cut out dozens of such true but overworked expressions from the material received during the last year. We need a little of such beneficial advice, of course, but are inclined to give ourselves too much. Perhaps we are unromantically practical, but it is in an effort to do, not to dream of doing.



The Song Book Committee is still waiting for songs. The chairman writes that not all of the chapters have responded to her call for material. She thinks that they must have chapter songs that the whole sorority can use. Genius does not burn at will, but maybe when it is burning in some of the chapters, they will hasten to send the products thereof to the chairman of this burdened committee, and save her the trouble of writing individual letters.



Alpha Xi Delta does not exist to be first among sororities, but to be strong within herself. She exists to help her members, to brighten college days, and perchance after college. She exists to do what she can for others. If she should strive primarily to grow great in the eyes of the outer world, she would become hollow and useless within.



The editor regrets that this issue of *THE ALPHA XI DELTA* is late. A long illness kept her from work and made delay unavoidable. Even now she has been obliged to spend much less time than usual upon the journal and trusts that the kindness of her sisters will overlook its defects.

# EXCHANGES

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We gratefully acknowledge all exchanges received since October first. We give, below, a list of these exchanges, calling the attention of Alpha Xi Deltas, to a few of the articles of general interest which the magazines contain.

*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi :*

*October*—Phi Kappa Psi's in Public Life ; Fraternity Men in Congress ;  
The University and the Fraternities,

*December*—The Source of Successful Men.

*January*—Phi Kappa Psi in Football ; Bishop Charles Caldwell McCabe.

*Beta Theta Pi :*

*November*—The Chapter House of the Syracuse Chapter ; The University  
of Toronto,

*January*—Westminster College ; The Silver Gray Dinner at New York.

*The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho :*

*November*—The Government Polity of Alpha Chi Rho ; The Landmarks.

*January*—Fraternity Instruction ; The Landmarks.

*The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta :*

*October*—The University of Toronto.

*December*—Ohio Zeta and Her Home ; Chapter House Financing ; Old  
Fraternity Records (continued).

*Kappa Alpha Journal :*

*December*—A Permanent Pan Hellenic League.

*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta :*

*November*—Lafayette and Nu.

*January*—Beta Eta at Minnesota.

*The Delta Upsilon :*

*October*—Some New Delta Upsilon Homes ; Historical Sketch of Delta  
Upsilon.

*December*—Hughes as a Campaigner ; The Convention ; The Measure of a  
Man.

*Phi Chi Quarterly :*

*October*—Oration in Medicine ; Laws of the Fraternity.

*Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta :*

*November*—What College Students Read.

*The Delta of Sigma Nu :*

*December*—An Original Fraternity Building House Plan.

*The Phi Gamma Delta :*

*November*—Williamsburg—A Pilgrimage.

*December.*

*The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon :*

*December*—The Fraternities and Business Life; The Alumni Problem—So-Called.

*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma :*

*October*—A Convention Number.

*Kappa Alpha Theta :*

*November*—(This number contains profitable sketches of the management of different chapter houses of the sorority).

*January*—Butler College.

*Alpha Phi Quarterly :*

*November*—Impressions of the Convention ; Nebraska University.

*The Eleusis of Chi Omega :*

*November.*

*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega :*

*October.*

*December*—(Both convention numbers.)

*Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha :*

*November*—(A convention number.)

*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta :*

*December.*

*The Anchora of Delta Gamma :*

*December*—The Relation of the College Woman to Social Questions.

*Alpha Sigma Alpha :*

*November.*

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity announces the installation of Lambda Chapter in Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas, May the thirty-first, nineteen hundred and six.

The Grand Council of the Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity announces the re-establishment of the Gamma Chapter at Butler College, Indianapolis, Indiana, on Saturday, November the third, nineteen hundred and six.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity announces the installation of the Alpha Iota Chapter at Washington University, Saint Louis, Missouri, on Friday, November the thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six.

# CHAPTER LETTERS

## ALPHA

Lombard College is now rejoicing over a one hundred thousand dollar endowment fund. The raising of this amount has been in progress for several years and was successfully completed at the end of nineteen hundred six. Andrew Carnegie donated twenty-five thousand dollars.

Alpha Chapter girls have all been enjoying a two weeks vacation. The Lombard faculty thot it wiser to eliminate the spring vacation and add a few more days to the Christmas holiday. All the girls are now back and Belle Stryker is with us again, making eleven active girls in our chapter. We initiated Florence Innes and Berta Pittman after Thanksgiving, using two nights for the two degrees. The evening before the initiation we gave a Thanksgiving party which was very enjoyable and unique. We dressed as oddly as possible and attempted to imitate the typical old fashioned family.

Mrs. J. K. Mitchell entertained delightfully for us one afternoon at her home on North Broad street, in honor of our new patroness, Mrs. Bertha Davis Taggart. We feel highly favored in securing Mrs. Taggart as a patroness. She has recently gone south with her mother to spend the winter months.

Tuesday, December the eighteenth, we held our frat meeting at the home of Mrs. Bartlett on North Academy street. Alice Bartlett Bruner was visiting at home with her little daughter Lois. We were very pleasantly entertained and enjoyed being with three alumnæ girls, Mrs. Bruner, Edna Epperson and Edith Miller.

As yet Alpha Chapter has given but few strictly formal affairs, but we take much real pleasure in many small informal spreads which we find almost indispensable. They bring us more closely together and add vastly to sorority life.

Alpha wishes her sister chapters much success during the coming year and extends to Zeta chapter her sincerest sympathy in her sorrow.

*Bess Williamson*

## BETA

Beta Chapter sends greetings and love to her sisters in Alpha Xi Delta. The year thus far has been one full of prosperity for our chapter and hope for better things. Pledging day was the Saturday before Thanksgiving, as is our custom here, and as usual Alpha had her share of good material. The new pledges are Ethel Milspaugh, Irene Plank, Elizabeth Lauer and Amy and Alice Cheny, all worthy and eligible girls, and we are confident that Beta will never have cause to feel anything but pride for any one of them.

We have had three initiations since the beginning of the semester, making our total number of members ten and that of our pledges nine.

The social life of our chapter has been rather quiet this year, for these are busy days and every minute seems to be full. In October we gave a six o'clock dinner to all the members, pledges and some of the new girls. The room was beautifully decorated in autumn leaves. After the five course menu had been served, impromptu toasts were given upon subjects which were designated upon leaf-shaped place cards. The entire affair was a grand success, and we wished that all the chapters might have been there to share in the good time and feasting.

This is the most that we, as a chapter, have undertaken, but individual members have done their share in entertaining and thus we have not lacked for something doing. Isabel Pettenger, one of the pledges, delightfully entertained us and our gentlemen friends at a Hallowe'en party, and a few weeks later May Johnson gave a series of dinners for us. Both of these functions were elaborate and gave the usual good times.

With best wishes for all chapters of Alpha Xi Delta,

*Alice Rabb, Sec'y*

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## GAMMA

A most happy and successful new year is Gamma's wish for all of you. Since you are Alpha Xi Deltas, of course, we expect you to be successful. One good thing which will come to us during 1907 is the Morgantown convention, and many of us are already planning for it.

Before the old year left us, it saw us all well started on another college year, and in many ways Gamma has reason to feel that the beginning was auspicious. Our chapter house arrangement is so much more satisfactory than it has ever been before. The house is so well adapted for the purpose, and our matron is all that we could wish for.

When we last wrote to you, we were in the midst of that very strenuous time, "rushing season." Now Asking Day belongs to history and we are rejoicing in the enthusiasm and assistance of five Freshmen who have been initiated into the "mysteries." The Pan-Hellenic rules in many ways are a great help but we feel that there is something yet to be desired, and we are trying to revise them so that they will be more generally satisfactory. Like all things worth knowing, the best methods of adjusting rushing difficulties will be learned by experience alone.

The various functions of the rushing season were of the usual order of small parties, spreads, and one or two large affairs at the house. Gamma's annual Hallowe'en party was held at the chapter house and was unusually successful. All of the old features of such occasions which claimed notice were disguised so as to keep their identity hidden and to add to the general interest of the occasion, and several new ones were introduced.

One of the most pleasant occasions of the term was the farewell spread given by the chapter to Bessie Galbreath just before she sailed for India.

## EPSILON

Epsilon's girls are taking up the work with new enthusiasm after the holiday vacation.

Our first meeting was held at the home of Lorena Grange, whose school duties began a few days later than the opening of the University, thus making an especially pleasant meeting possible. After the regular meeting some lively second degree work was indulged in at the expense of the four pledges.

We are more than delighted that Mrs. Gault has become one of our patronesses, and have great hopes of the good to result from this relationship with the wife of our new president.

We are looking forward with much pleasure to a visit from Mrs. Lieb who, we hope, will be with us in February—and with rather a mixed state of feeling to that threatening list of examination questions.

An event of much interest in the University was the installation in December of Tridentia, a local society, as a chapter of Phi Delta Theta. As this is the first recognized national organization, aside from Alpha Xi Delta, to be located here, Epsilon feels that it marks the beginning of a better understanding and appreciation of the fraternity spirit in the University of South Dakota.

## ZETA

A most prosperous new year for all Alphas is the hearty wish of every Zeta.

Zeta Chapter is enjoying a very prosperous year, considering the unusually small number of girls who entered Wittenberg this fall. We have initiated three freshmen, and have recently pledged a fourth.

Work on our new Carnegie Science Hall has been begun, and it will be ready for use by the opening of the next school year.

A chafing dish party was given on the evening of November ninth, at the home of Hazel Wright. The evening was spent in displaying our artistic abilities, and teaching the young men the culinary art.

We were very glad to have Miss Mary Kay with us during our Thanksgiving vacation. We had sorority meeting on Saturday afternoon. It seemed quite like "old times," as we had five old girls with us. After sorority meeting we went to the Arcade Hotel, where we had dinner. After this we held initiation at Clara Dornblaser's, bringing Leta Conduit into the fold. We enjoyed Miss Kay's visit very much, and shall be delighted to have her with us at any time in the future.

Edna Fidler, of Mansfield, Ohio, Helen Dornblaser, of Bucyrus, Ohio, and Leta Conduit, of Springfield, are Zeta's latest initiates. Lilian Seybold, of Springfield, is now wearing the pledge pin and will become an Alpha sister soon after the beginning of the next term. We shall then have ten girls, and feel quite encouraged, for this year has been an unusually hard one for fraternities and sororities at Wittenberg.

*Zeta*

## ETA

Eta sends the warmest of greetings to all Alpha Xi Deltas and wishes them the best of success in the new year.

In the next number we are in hopes to announce a number of new members, as our "rushing" season is nearly over. The pledge day, agreed upon by the Pan-Hellenic association, comes in February, and we are anxiously looking forward to letting our goat loose.

Eta has enjoyed many parties during this "rushing" season, but perhaps the most enjoyable was a party given by one of our patronesses, Mrs. M. E. Driscoll. Mrs. Driscoll is the wife of Congressman Driscoll and traveled in Japan with Secretary Taft's party two years ago. She has a beautiful home filled with many curios which she picked up in her travels, and we spent a very happy and pleasant evening there. Miss Theresa Tobin was here at the time.

Another memorable event of the "rushing" season was a dance given at the chapter house. Everybody reported a good time and we plan to have another soon.

Fraternally,

*Hazel Brush, Cor.-Sec.*

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 THETA

Theta Chapter enjoyed rather a strenuous week of rushing when 'Varsity opened this fall.

Our first stunt was a camping party at Rayne's cottage on Lake Monona. About sixteen girls went out and all had a fine time. Some of our other means of entertainment were an informal dancing party at our lodge, a dancing party at Mendota Beach, and a formal afternoon tea and reception.

At our initiation we received the following pledges: Frances Albers, '08, of Wausau, Louise Erb, '07, of Appleton, Helen Davis, '10, of Madison, Chorlotte Gardiner, '09, of Madison, and Signe Ravn, '10, of Merrill. Immediately after the initiation, we held our annual banquet. The color scheme was pink and was carried out in decorations of pink roses and ferns and in the menu. Most of our patronesses were present.

Later we held a few more rushing stunts and pledged Una Reardon, '10, and Florence McRae of Rhinelander, both of whom have been initiated since Thanksgiving.

*Winifred Ryan, Cor.-Sec.*

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 IOTA

*Dear Sisters:*

Iota wishes to introduce two new sisters, Mary Stewart Fravel, and Leda Cordelia Atkeson. We have had a very successful term, with rushing parties, spreads and informal receptions galore. We gave an informal reception at Ethel Green's the first of the term for the new girls, which was both successful and very delightful. A great deal of fun was created, when it

was announced that every one had to write a poem about her favorite flower. It is needless to say that there were all kinds, comic, tragic and real love stories.

An afternoon "affair" at Mary Atkeson's proved very pleasant. Three progressive games were the entertainment, and the refreshments ice cream, cake, and coffee did not come amiss. Chafing dish parties have been all the rage this term, and the Alpha girls have not fallen behind. Various accidents and incidents have occurred, such as the cheese for the rarebit failing to arrive until the party was over, and not having enough crackers to go around. Probably the most successful one was given by Ethel Green in honor of Hattie Field of Lombard, Ill.

We are very proud of our new patroness, Mrs. T. C. Atkeson. She "mothers" us to our heart's content and entertains us royally. We are sorry that she has only two daughters to become Alphas.

We hope next term will be a successful one to every chapter, and send each and all our heartiest greetings.

Bertha Jane Smith remembered us at the last meeting of the term, by sending a big box of salted almonds. It wasn't Bertha Jane but it was the next best thing and we ate every last one.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was installed here the twenty-second of December. Iota sent flowers and congratulations and with the other Greek fraternities cordially welcomed Kappa Kappa Gamma into the Greek world here.

*Iota, Crystal Courtney, Chapter Editor*

## KAPPA

*Dear Sisters far and near:*

Kappa sends each and every chapter of Alpha Xi Delta new year greetings and sincere wishes for the most profitable and pleasant year they have ever known.

We are hoping every day to hear that we are no longer the youngest chapter of the organization, for we are anxious to extend to a new sister the kind and affectionate courtesy that you have all extended to us during the past year.

Kappa is in the best of health and spirits. She takes pleasure in announcing Sarah Nelson as a new member, and Miss Case as a pledge.

Miss Llewellyn, an alumna member, has just returned home from a six months tour abroad.

Miss Abbott has just recovered from a slight attack of quinsy.

All the rest of our eighteen members are enjoying the best of health, and are in excellent spirits because the mid-year examinations are a thing of the past.

Fraternally yours,

*Grace Spencer, Cor.-Sec.*



# PERSONALS

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## ALPHA

Alice Bartlett Bruner and little daughter Lois have been spending the holidays with Mrs. Bruner's mother, Mrs. F. S. Bartlett.

Mrs. Helen Miles Smith moved recently from Galesburg to the State of Minnesota.

While in Quincy recently, Mabel Hendel visited a short time with Miss Grace Schuur. Miss Schuur is now teaching in the Quincy public school.

Miss Frances Richey spent the holidays in Chicago.

Miss Sallie Cook and Mr. John Lorton were united in marriage on Christmas Day, at the home of the bride's parents. Dr. Cook, father of the bride, officiated.

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## GAMMA

We miss Gussie Yost very much. Her efficient help is hard to replace. She is the book-keeper and stenographer for a lumber company in Hopedale, Ohio.

A number of Gamma girls attended the State Y. W. C. A. convention at Youngstown in November.

We are very sorry that Nellie Campbell's health will not permit her to return after the holidays.

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## EPSILON

Birdie Richardson and Deborah Slocum are recent pledges to Epsilon.

Margaret Miller attended the State Y. W. C. A. convention at Redfield as one of the U. S. D.'s delegates.

Nina Wallace spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Vermillion with her sister, Mrs. Maynard.

Mrs. Gault, wife of the U. S. D. president, is now one of Epsilon's patronesses.

Lorena Grange and Olga Averkieff spent the holidays in Vermillion.

Lucy Camerer has filed on a quarter section of government land in the western part of the State, and will take up her residence there in a "claim shanty" during the summer vacation.

Margaret and Helen Miller entertained the Epsilon girls at dinner December 26th in honor of Olga Averkieff and Lorena Grange.

Effe Vance spent the holiday vacation at the home of her uncle, Dean Sterling of the Law school.

Genevieve Ochser has accepted a position in the Sioux City schools, and will take up her new duties in January.

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ZETA

Miss Mary Kay spent a few days with us the last of November.

Miss Lillian Seybold, '10, of Springfield, is wearing an Alpha pledge pin.

Mary E. Hubbell has been elected prophet of the class of '07.

Marjorie Smith, Mabel Bracher, Maude Bushey and Mabel Winn visited us during our Thanksgiving recess.

Helen Dornblaser, '10, has been elected historian of her class.

Ella Swartout of Van Wert is assisting in the library in her home town.

Edna Fidler and Helen Dornblaser, two of our freshmen, play first violin in the college orchestra.

Mary Hubbell spent the holiday vacation at Defiance, Ohio, with Mabel Winn.

The Alpha girls of the dormitory were entertained in Brookville, Ohio, at the home of Marjorie Smith, the last week of October.

Miss Anna Miller, '05, is teaching German in the High School at Montzulier, Ohio.

Miss Mabel Bracher, '06, teaches Latin in the High School of North Baltimore, Ohio.

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ETA

Everybody is looking forward to a happy new year.

Laura Myers spent a week at her home in Kingston, Pa., called there by the illness of her mother. We are glad to say her mother is much better.

Two of our other girls have our deepest sympathy and that of all Alpha Xi Deltas. Miranda Myers and Kathryn Thompson have both lost their mothers lately. Miranda Myers was absent two weeks at her home in Fall City, Neb., and Kathryn Thompson has not returned yet. We are hoping she will come back the second semester.

Leila Eysaman, ex-'08, is at present visiting at the chapter house. She expects to come back to college the second semester.

Congratulations are in order for Susie Couch, ex-'08. She is to be married at her home in Yonkers, New York, January 1st, to George Hastings, ex-'08, of Syracuse University, a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity. She will live in Malone, New York, after her marriage.

Lena Baldwin, '06, spent a week at the chapter house. Susie Couch also visited us.

Mrs. Leila Dowsland-Davis, '06, visited her home here in the city a few weeks ago, and also spent some time at the chapter house.

Hazel Algie, '09, who at present is living in the city, is expecting to come to live in the house before long.

*Hazel Brush, Cor.-Sec.*

### THETA

We are glad to have Mary McRae, '07, of Rhineland, with us again after a year's absence.

Una Ruth of Keokuk, Iowa, may return next month.

The following alumnae have visited us this year: Lenore Henderson, '06; Bertha Davis, '06; Alma Runge, '06; Augusta Lorch and Jessie Mabbit. Ruth Strong of Lake Mills, also comes in occasionally.

We are pleased to have two members of the Beta chapter with us this year, Charlotte Stough and Florence Currier-Stevens.

Mary Olin, '07, took part in a German play given by the Germanistische Gesellschaft at Music Hall.

Mary McRae was elected to the Girls' Glee Club.

*Winifred Ryan, Cor.-Sec.*

### IOTA

Helen Barret Smith was married December 27 to Mr. Carl Harrison Smith of Morgantown, at the bride's home in Charleston, W. Va. After a brief wedding tonr they will be at home to their friends in Morgantown, W. Va. Mr. Smith is a contractor, and is one of Morgantown's best young men.

Drusilla V. Johnson spent vacation at her home in Cadiz, Ohio.

Mabel Jane Weaver visited friends in Mannington several days last term.

Hattie Field of Lombard, Ill., visited Mabel Jane Weaver in October. She is a pledge of Alpha chapter.

Mary E. Kay visted the chapter during the term. Her visit was very short, and we hope that she will come oftener and stay longer in the future.

Mary Cooper spent the holidays with friends in Parkersburg.

Elizabeth J. Sadler visits us often and gives us much valuable advice and help, for "Bess" is a loyal "Alpha," and one of our charter members.

Prof. and Mrs. Atkeson spent several weeks in Denver, Col., attending the National Girls Convention.

All the girls passed the fall exams. safely, and will be ready for hard work next term.

### ALLIANCE ALUMNÆ

Mary Kay visited the chapters at Bethany, Morgantown and Springfield during December.

It is indeed an honor to report that one of our sisters has taken up work

in the mission field. Bessie Galbreath left in November to spend five years in Sironcha, Central Provinces, India. Letters from her along the route report a pleasant and profitable journey, thus far. It is the intention of all the girls to write and keep her in touch with home news, and we bespeak for her good health and success in her work of love and sacrifice.

Eloise Patton-McKnight of Pittsburg, visited her parents through the holidays. During her stay the Alumnae girls spent a very pleasant evening with her.

Alliance Alumnae has another wedding to announce—that of Effie Hoiles and Ross Hilles on December fourth. Owing to the recent death of the bride's mother, the ceremony was performed very quietly at home in the presence of the immediate family. The girls regret exceedingly the sad circumstances of the wedding, but are pleased to know that Effie will continue to live in Alliance and in time will be with us at Alumnae meetings as before.

Mary Salmon of Cleveland, spent a few days in January with Anna Jones.

*Etta Bates*



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# TUFTS COLLEGE

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## HISTORY

Tufts College originated in a movement begun in 1847 among Universalists in the United States, who felt it important that the denomination to which they belonged should take more active part in the cause of liberal education. Among those who were influential in this enterprise were: Rev. Thomas J. Sawyer, Rev. Hosea Ballou, Rev. Thomas Whittemore, Rev. Otis A. Skinner, Thomas A. Goddard, William J. Walker, and Charles Tufts, whose name was given to the institution by reason of the fact that he was its most liberal benefactor. But although the College owes its beginning to the support of the Universalist denomination, it is, by its charter and administration, non-sectarian.

At the outset the College of Letters was the only department, but in 1869 engineering courses were begun with a department of Civil Engineering; later were added Electrical, Mechanical, and Chemical Engineering. In 1869, also, the Divinity School was established. The success of the previous branches of the College warranted the opening in 1893 of Tufts Medical School. In 1895 four year courses in Biology, Chemistry, General Science and Medical Preparatory were begun. Owing to the fact that the Medical School had so well filled a need of the community, its complement, the Dental School, was organized in 1899 by the absorption of the Boston Dental College.

Such has been the academic development of Tufts College up to the present date. Its presidents during this period have been:—Hosea Ballou, D. D., who is well known for the attention he gave to the study of History, at a time when that study was hardly recognized in American Colleges; Alonzo Ames Miner, D. D., LL. D., who was inaugurated in 1862; Elmer Hewitt Capen, D. D., LL. D., (1875-1905), and Frederick W. Hamilton, D. D., who was inaugurated in 1906.

The original faculty numbered five and the first class to be graduated consisted of three members. At present the faculty includes one hundred and forty-two professors and instructors and thirty-five assistants. In 1906 two hundred and twenty-five students received degrees.

## DESCRIPTION

At the beginning of its career Tufts College possessed a single building known as Ballou Hall. Now, as you climb the broad, shaded walk which leads from Professors Row to Ballou, on the summit of the hill, at your right, is the chapel of notable architecture, its pure Norman tower being greatly admired and widely copied. Beyond the chapel the fresh red brick and gleaming marble of our new library, Andrew Carnegie's recent gift, are in pleasant contrast to the dull yellow of the Divinity Buildings. Passing on from Ballou Hall you come to the old library, on either side of which are the men's dormitories, east and west halls.

Crossing the quadrangle, to the west of Ballou is the museum given by that world famous man, P. T. Barnum, and containing the equally famous Jumbo.

Besides these buildings within the bounds of the campus, there are several without, notably, the Gymnasium, Dean and Curtis Halls, two men's dormitories, Metcalf Hall and Start House, two for women, Robinson Hall, the Bromfield-Pearson, and the Chemical Laboratories, the commons dining room, and the College Postoffice.

In addition to the buildings of the departments on the hill there are those of two in Boston, the Medical and Dental Schools.

A feature of the College which can hardly be included among the buildings, but which is one of its greatest beauties, is the reservoir, which is raised even above the summit of our hill. The walk around it is beautiful at all times but it is best of all in an evening in spring. Then, after the sun has slipped behind the western hills you turn from watching the mists which are gathering there and the twilight settling upon the valley to look down over the hill all of whose familiar buildings are coming out in points of light. And just before it disappears in the gathering dark you look once more at the Brown and Blue, and you're glad you're a Tufts girl.

## THE INSTALLATION OF LAMBDA CHAPTER

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After a correspondence of nearly a year, an event full of interest to Alphas everywhere took place on the eighth of March, when the Tau Epsilon Sigma society at Tufts College became the Lambda Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta.

Following an inspection of the local by Bertha G. Cleveland, sorority editor, some months ago, a most excellent petition in printed form was submitted by Tau Epsilon Sigma. Accordingly it was with expectations raised high that the installation committee of three started for Boston:—Grand Secretary, Mary E. Kay; Associate Editor, Gertrude E. Wright; and Katherine Keith, of Gamma Chapter. To say that their hopes were more than realized when the Alphas-to-be were met and plans for the installation were unfolded is no exaggeration. Never has Alpha Xi Delta welcomed a more enthusiastic band of girls, and with the thorough understanding of sorority life gained through eleven years of existence as a local, the future of the new chapter bids fair to be one of unrivalled success.

The initiation ceremony was held at the home of Ethel Fuller. You who know how impressive our ceremony can be made may close your eyes and try to imagine it with the added inspiration gained by receiving forty-five earnest young women into the fold. Twenty-five of the number were alumnæ, and form the nucleus of the Boston Alumnæ Chapter. Four seniors, seven juniors, five sophomores and four freshmen make up the active chapter.

At the conclusion of the initiation ceremony, a course supper was served, but the lateness of the hour made impossible the carrying out of the toast program as planned. The presence of Mabel Anderson-Edwards, Beta, who is now located in Boston, was an added pleasure.

On the following morning the visitors were escorted to the chapel service, and afterwards made a tour of the grounds and buildings. The College is very beautifully located and the campus is an unusually attractive one. In the afternoon a lengthy business session was held at the home of the Misses

McCoy. At five o'clock an informal tea gave an opportunity for further sociability, and a large theatre party in the city that evening closed a very strenuous day when a party of twenty witnessed "The Grand Mogul."

Lambda is very fortunate in having as patronesses Mrs. D. L. Mausby, Mrs. Chase and Mrs. W. K. Dennison, all wives of Tufts faculty members, and Mrs. McCoy, whose three daughters wear the quill of Alpha Xi Delta.

The members of Boston Alumnae Chapter are: Julia Gibbs-Adams, Lucie M. Gardner, Olive Ryan, Ethel G. Reed, Daisy M. Bartlett, Agnes McCoy, Wilna V. Marshall, Florence Garton, Dora L. Johnson, Grace Carlton-Mansfield, Alice J. Cummings, Gussanda Countway, Hazel L. Watkins, Lura C. Watkins, Betsey B. Harmon, Mertie Crowell-Saunders, Ada Buzzell-Macomber, Mabel E. Hall, Lena P. Abbe, Edna Johnson-Austin, Fannie M. Clement, Alice H. Edwards, Laila C. Nye, Phebe C. Johnson, Ruth Sibley, and Mabel Anderson-Edwards, Beta.

Those of Lambda: Persis D. Hannah, Gertrude Johnson, Beatrice McFarland, Ethel Fuller, Emily Cate, Miriam Carleton, Marian Vere, Amy Richards, Eleanor Ladd, Irene Crawford, Nellie Kimball, Ethel Aiken, Annie McCoy, Geraldine Douglass, Louise Smith, Beth Nash, Marie Wood, Helen Burnham, Katherine Cragin, and Estella Butterfield.

Following is an account of the organization and progress of Tau Epsilon Sigma, now Lambda of Alpha Xi Delta:

On December 9, 1896, the constitution of the sorority, Tau Epsilon Sigma of Tufts College, was adopted by the four charter members, and the real life of that organization began. Statement was also made on that day of the aims and purposes of the society, from which the ritual was the gradual outgrowth. And by the opening of the new year, work was systematically begun toward a realization of those ideals for which the sorority stood.

In its ten years' life Tau Epsilon Sigma consistently maintained a conservative policy—resulting in a strong, closely-knit alumnae body. The limited number of women in the College likewise made rapid progress in membership impossible.

In the matter of scholarship, the society had a record of which it was justifiably proud. Of the twenty-nine graduates, three represented the women of the College on the Commencement platform; eight were elected to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa, nineteen received first honors, and fifteen honorable mention.

Social requirements were met in such a way as to put Tau Epsilon Sigma upon an equal footing with other secret societies of the community. A tea, given for the women students and wives of the faculty members, was most successful in acquainting the younger members of the active chapter with the women of the College, and in interesting the latter in the sorority. During the winter of founding, a dancing party was given, which afterward became an annual affair. Card parties and receptions had their place during the social season, and in the year 1904-1905 the social and literary work of the society culminated in the presentation of Sheridan's "Rivals" before the women of the hill—a presentation which was regarded by those competent to judge as one of the best performances of the kind ever given by Tufts women. Attempts toward philanthropic work were less successful, and the well-meaning but unscientific efforts therein attained no far-reaching results.

In the All Around Club, which consists of all the women of the College, and which controls their interests, Tau Epsilon Sigma was always recognized, and for the past few years its members held the majority of offices.



## THE ROSE OF ALPHA XI

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We've gathered flowers along life's way  
Fragrant and fair to see,  
But found no flower as fair and sweet  
As the Rose of Alpha Xi.

**CHORUS:**

As the lovely Rose of Alpha Xi;  
The Rose of Alpha Xi;  
But found no flower as fair and sweet  
As the Rose of Alpha Xi.

For all the rest fade in a day,  
Thou Rose of Joy, but thee,  
But thou shalt live as long as youth,  
Oh, Rose of Alpha Xi.

And when that youth and thou art dead  
We'll make a potpoure,  
Of memories sweet crumpled leaves,  
From the Rose of Alpha Xi.

*Persis Hannah, Lambda*

## IN THE JUNGLES OF INDIA

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The hour of midnight drew near. Since the going down of the sun, we had passed station after station. By the dim lights were visible strange little one-storied buildings with long arched verandas covered with vines—the depot of the Indian village. The shrill whistle of the train deeply impressed upon us the fact that the end of our railroad journey was nearing. Already we had looked upon the last white face that was likely to be seen for many weeks, and now we were about to leave the last faint glimmer of western civilization.

As the train pulled in, two brown faces welcomed us by their “salaams” (peace). Trunks, boxes, bedding, suitcases, grips of all sorts, hats and umbrellas,—all, the necessities of Indian travel were quickly taken from our coach and carried into the little one-roomed depot.

From the faint light forcing its way through the smoked chimney of a little lamp, we could discern the rude furnishings of this apartment. In the center stood a small table, in one corner a stand on which rested a little mirror and a blue enameled pitcher and pan, and along the wall stood two old benches. The bedding was unrolled and spread out, and two tired travelers soon forgot the strange surroundings and were lost in quiet sleep. In the room close to the bolted door, slept our great Mohammedan servant, guarding, that no evil befall.

At an early hour we arose, and, after partaking of a hearty breakfast, made our way through the narrow streets purchasing vegetables and fruit for our journey.

At the noon hour, having completed our preparations, we set out. What a procession there was! At its head walked the great Mohammedan—tall in stature, brown faced and with a shaven head; for before starting, he had patronized one of the barbers who in India set up shop along the roadside with only a razor and a customer. About his head, yards and yards of red cotton cloth were wound, rolled and tied in a fashion that only an Indian hand can devise. He wore a black and white checked coat adorned by two large, well-filled pockets. His trousers, extending a little below the knee, were of unbleached cotton and were girded at the waist by a red and black striped

belt fastened by a great, brass, shield-shaped buckle. Along the stony path he wore sandals, but most of the way he trudged ahead with feet unencumbered by shoes. With a gun over his shoulder, he led the way, a protector and guide.

Behind were two heavy two-wheeled carts, each drawn by a pair of white oxen. Over each cart was stretched a bamboo net, warding off the direct rays of the tropical sun. Within each was a tape cot, which served as a chair or couch according to circumstances. These were the heavy, springless, riding carts, which were to convey us over ninety miles of jungle road paved with stones, rocks and roots. Closely following were six like carts, bearing provisions, boxes, trunks, chairs, and other articles necessary for Pullman travelers.

Just as darkness fell, we entered a little village. Passing through the narrow streets, we came to a traveler's bungalow—a little low, one-roomed hut, protected on two sides by mud walls. Here preparations were made for an evening meal and a night's rest. Two little fires were started in one corner of the bungalow, each surrounded by three stones which served as a protection for bare feet and a support for the two small pans containing food for the meal. Two chairs and a stand were brought from the cart. By the aid of these we attained a civilized attitude, while we satisfied ravenous appetites and rewarded the efforts of an Eastern cartman who had hastily attained the position of caterer. After an elaborate "banquet" and "toasts" on reminiscences, we retired to the parlors of the "Cart Hotel."

After the furniture had been repacked for the journey, and the riding carts moved up to the open place in the bungalow, our guide lay on the floor near us and we slept till our little time piece pointed to the hour of two. Then the procession moved through the narrow streets, out into the open.

Before the morning broke, the trees and low underbrush all about, told us we were entering the tiger jungle. Before us strode the great guide, who carried, in addition to his gun, an Indian candle lantern. Mile after mile the heavy carts rattled along, winding in and out through the dense thicket, here reaching a little open space, there entering again among the low

brushes and trees, now and then crossing what in the rainy season is a river.

At noon we reached an open space near a small lake, where we stopped for a two hours' rest. Again our cartman, native-preacher, and guide proved their adaptability to any situation. They prepared vegetables, skinned a chicken, and had a steaming dinner on our little table in a remarkably short time. At the same time, a few yards from us the cartmen cooked their own curry and rice and partook of their noonday meal.

In the afternoon we passed great rocks, where dwell the jungle natives who come down upon the lonely traveler and rob him of all his possessions.

Late in the evening we again camped, this time near a village where we might secure protection from tigers. Here surrounded by the carts, we slept beneath the beautiful stars of the tropics.

At an early hour we resumed our journey, soon entering the thickets. Before the light broke, we had passed over a long section of stony road. We shall never forget the experience of those hours. (Even the initiation into Alpha Xi Delta is no more severe.) Rocks, stones and roots, rough and smooth, large and small, tossed us about, in no careful manner, until the light of day came. Then, enduring it no longer, we left the carts and joined our guide, where we felt secure under the shadow of his gun.

Early in the morning we crossed a deep river bottom where we saw the fresh tracks of a hugh tiger. What a big fellow he must have been—his foot leaving a print in the sand so large we could not span it. During the day we caught sight of a deer and a wolf. Now and then some beautiful tropical birds would fly across our path. Here and there we noticed strange new trees. Sometimes we approached great rocks. Near the top of one were strange white marks. When we ascended to investigate, we found odd-shaped chalk marks, called by the natives the foot-prints of Hannamun, the monkey god. Many are the natives who have climbed these rocks to worship.

During the day we passed a beautiful grove of palm trees. The people of India care nothing for the graceful fronds of the palm, so much admired in our land. They remove the large

leaves and on their stems hang vessels to catch the sap, from which they make their liquor; for India, as well as America, knows the curse of intemperance.

Late in the afternoon of the third day, we reached a great river, the Godavary. From its banks, away in the distance, among the hills and trees, we caught the first glimpse of our new home. What joy even the sight of the bungalow brought! The river was low and could be forded. Following along the banks a short distance, we came to a tributary, the Pranhiti, which we also forded. Through a little village on its bank, then two more miles of jungle, and we were at the end of our journey. We had reached our new home and work in safety.

Even the ordinary hardships had been withheld from us, and the unusual seemed to have occurred to add to our comfort. The cool drops had at one time come down like an April shower. Through one whole day the sun had been hidden behind clouds.

On the evening of our arrival, great white clouds in spotless beauty, heaped one upon another like a mountain of dazzling snow, reached far into the heavens. The sun went down reflecting such beautiful tints on this white mass that our very souls went out to drink in the beauty. In such a glory began our new life in our new home and new work.

*Bessie E. Galbreath, '06, Gamma*

(M. E. Mission, Sironcha, Central Province, India.)

## A SUMMER AT HARVARD

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Summer vacation will soon be here again, and Alpha girls far and wide are looking for the best ways of spending it. Perhaps you will be interested in hearing what possibilities a summer at Harvard offers for a good time. If any of you have school work which you would like to do during the summer, if only the thought of studying on long hot days does not have a hot-water bath effect upon your ambitions, perhaps I can help you solve your problems, for I can imagine no more pleasant way of spending a summer than in the Elm city, with a crowd of jolly Alphas.

The people one meets at Harvard during the summer are a study in themselves. Last summer there were something over eight hundred students, and they came seemingly from all four quarters of the earth. The variety of people in my English composition class was really amusing. There were two nuns, a priest, an Episcopal minister, an African, a Norwegian, who could not speak a word of English, a German who spoke brokenly and understood with difficulty, and a bright little Spanish girl, a student from the University of Madrid, who could come no nearer to saying "the" than "ze". The rest were teachers, reporters and college students, and they came from any place between Maine and Porto Rico. We spent two recitation periods during the term in discussing the colloquialisms and slang phrases of our various states. Often too, we had interesting arguments over the differences in our every day expressions. I thought it strange when my Baltimore friend asked me how far I meant by a "block," but when she began to direct me by "squares," I had a confused idea that I must somehow go in all four directions. Each was usually loyal to his *own*, in these discussions, but in this case we were forced to admit that the eastern "five minutes walk" is more to the point.

As a rule the instructors do not require heavy work. In fact the majority of the professors evidently believe with Franklin, that the chief essential of a university education is "rubbing against the buildings." The class in English composition was

cautioned in the first lecture against spending too much time in study, and urged to get acquainted with the university and its vicinity. The work in American history is especially worth while, because of the many places of historical interest in the vicinity.

But it is in opportunities for entertainment and amusement that Harvard excels most. The committee in charge of the summer school arranges series of excursions, a series of parties, and a series of lectures for the benefit of the students.

The excursions are on every Wednesday afternoon and every Saturday of the term. On Wednesday afternoons trips are taken to places near Cambridge, such as Boston or Arlington, and on Saturdays the excursion goes to more distant places, such as Plymouth. One of the professors usually guides the excursionists, and often the students are granted inner views which the average traveler does not get.

On the first Friday evening a reception is given to the students, and on each succeeding Friday evening, a party. At these, dancing is the amusement of the hour.

The lectures are given on Monday and Thursday evenings of each week by the professors and other noted men.

Besides these there are the famous canoeing at Riverside, tennis on the university courts, and bathing at the beach. Then you will want to explore the museums, the Arnold Arboretum, Washington Elm, the old burial grounds, "Old North Church," and the many other landmarks with which the vicinity of Cambridge and Boston fairly bristles.

If you are a western girl you can plan a delightful trip home. By way of the St. Lawrence and Great Lakes to Cleveland, is a favorite route. And many interesting trolley trips, affording an excellent opportunity of seeing New England may be planned, for as you know, the New England states have a veritable network of trolley lines.

*Mabel Heckler, Gamma*

## THE HIGH SCHOOL SORORITY

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*Resolved*, That Lambda Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta disapproves of High School Sororities.

*Resolved*, That Lambda Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta disapproves of adopting rules excluding members of High School Sororities from becoming members of College National Sororities.

I do not know how it is in the West, but during the last few years High School Sororities have become very prevalent in Massachusetts.

In school, groups of girls form into little "cliques" and it is from the most influential of these groups of congenial girls with the same circle of friends that a sorority is formed. Its object in nine cases out of ten is social, purely. Dances, afternoon gatherings and theater parties are its aims, a jolly time its one ideal. In most High Schools only seniors are eligible for membership, so that the girls have only a short time to really know one another. At the end of the year they separate, some to go to college, some to enter business, and all to broaden their horizon beyond the limits of school life.

How different this social club, for it is nothing more, is from our college sorority. In the one we are careless girls, in the other, women; in the one we seek only for pleasure; in the other, for something nobler; in the one we think only of ourselves; in the other we are taught to think of others; in the one we seek amusement, in the other truth.

In the High School Sorority we pledge ourselves to nothing, in the college, to a life of devotion and loyalty. The two are alike in name, only. In the former you know a few girls of your own age in a superficial way for one year, in the latter you know women older than yourself to whom you look for example, and younger than yourself who look to you for guidance, during many years, for what girl, after four years of intimacy of sorority life could ever forget her "Frat?"

In the High School Sorority there is no idea of improvement, of mutual help, or of ethical elevation. In a National College Sorority there are all.

As all college girls know, rushing is becoming more and more



difficult owing to the increase in the number of entering freshmen, and of sororities.

In Tufts College, if the Inter-Sorority Convention adopted the rule that no member of a High School Sorority should be admitted to a college national, Lambda would be heavily handicapped, as she is the only national chapter at Tufts, and hence would alone be subject to that rule.

In Massachusetts, the very best girls as to intellect, social standing and natural gifts are members of the High School societies, And yet, how can they be prevented from joining them?

As everyone knows, the value of pleasure in the present is much greater than that of any hopes of pleasure in the future, especially in this age of uncertainty, and very few girls would forego the pleasure of joining a High School Sorority, even if the prospect of becoming a member of a College National were offered to them. It is a well-known economic law that present advantages outweigh future ones.

So the girls enter, and must they be debarred from College Sororities for that reason? Does it seem just, that, because a girl is a member of a dancing club with a Greek name for one year, that she should lose the opportunity of becoming a member of a *real* sisterhood, broader and nobler than anything she has known, for the rest of her life? Does it seem just that because she entered a High School Sorority, the College Sorority should lose her comradeship and support, for it must be remembered that these girls are of the most desirable kind in many ways. The College National needs them; must it stand by quietly and see them enter local societies when it knows the strength which they could give to it?

And so when the question is asked in the convention, "Shall members of High School Sororities be excluded from membership in College Nationals?" think of these points, remember your Lambda sisters, and vote, "No."

*Eleanor Ladd, Lambda*

## PI BETA PHI

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Pi Beta Phi is, nationally, the oldest Greek letter sorority. Founded at Monmouth College, April, 1867, it was first known as a local society, called the I. C. Sorosis. This society started with twelve members, who adopted as a badge a tiny gold arrow, with the letter I. C. engraved on the feather. For some years after becoming national, Pi Beta Phi kept the name under which she was organized. In 1883, feeling that she was placed at a disadvantage in having no Greek name, the society adopted the subtitle Pi Beta Phi. Five years later the I. C. was dropped and the Greek letters alone retained.

Pi Beta Phi has been confined to collegiate institutions since 1884. All chapters established outside of collegiate institutions prior to that time are now inactive. In 1889, the society was incorporated under the laws of Illinois.

The chapter at Monmouth was known as the grand chapter, and had authority over the other chapters. In 1884 it was killed by anti-fraternity laws, and the same year a convention was called at Iowa, which vested the supreme power in conventions, to be held biennially. During their recess, the fraternity's affairs are carried on by a grand council, consisting of five members, elected by the convention. A literary bureau was organized in 1890, to keep the chapters informed concerning matters in the fraternity world, and to prepare courses of instruction and yearly examinations upon such subjects. In 1901 the bureau was abolished and its work turned over to the province presidents. For convenience of administration, the fraternity is divided geographically into provinces, each having its president, who is consulted in all matters affecting the fraternity within her province.

The society has held fifteen conventions, the first at Greencastle, Ind., in 1872.

April 28, of each year, is known as Founder's Day, and is appropriately observed.

In 1892 an alumnæ association was formed under a permanent constitution. There are now nineteen alumnæ chapters and state organizations with headquarters at Indianapolis, Ind., Denver, Colo., and Columbus, O.

Pi Beta Phi has issued two complete song books. In 1893 an historical sketch of the fraternity was published. The periodical journal called *The Arrow*, was first published in May, 1885, under the management of the Kansas Chapter. It was issued, from time to time, by different chapters, and in 1896 its management was removed to the chapter at Madison, Wis., where it has since been published.

The badge of the fraternity is the gold arrow, bearing the Greek letters Pi Beta Phi transversely on the feathers, with a loop chain pendant from the shaft. The colors are wine red and silver blue. The fraternity flower is the carnation. The chapter roll is as follows:

1867—Ills. A, Monmouth College (1884).....	84
1868—Ia. A, Iowa Wesleyan University.....	320
1868—Ind. A, De Pauw University (1868).....	3
1872—Ills. B, Lombard University.....	196
1873—Kans. A, University of Kansas.....	236
1874—Ia. B, Simpson College.....	185
1877—Ia. F, Iowa State College (1891).....	103
1881—Ia. E, South Iowa Normal School (1887).....	79
1882—Ills. G, Carthage College (1888).....	26
1882—Ia. Z, University of Iowa.....	127
1884—Ills. Δ, Knox College.....	159
1884—Neb. A, York College (1888).....	50
1884—Col. A, University of Colorado.....	103
1885—Ia. Δ, Callanan College (1889).....	12
1885—Neb. B, Hastings College (1887).....	8
1885—Col. B, University of Denver.....	103
1887—Mich. A, Hillsdale College.....	110
1888—Ind. A, Franklin College.....	123
1888—Mich. B, University of Michigan.....	118
1889—D. C. A, George Washington University.....	76
1889—Ohio A, Ohio University.....	80
1890—Minn. A, University of Minnesota (1896).....	35
1891—La. A, Tulane University.....	88
1892—Pa. A, Swarthmore College.....	64
1893—Vt. A, Middlebury College.....	66
1893—Ind. B, Indiana University.....	136

1893—Cal. A, Stanford University.....	37
1894—Pa. B, Bucknell University.....	74
1894—Ohio B, Ohio State University.....	36
1894—Ills. E, Northwestern University.....	64
1894—Wis. A, University of Wisconsin.....	86
1895—Neb. A, University of Nebraska.....	88
1896—N. Y. A, Syracuse University.....	107
1896—Mass. A, Boston University.....	116
1896—Ills. Z, University of Illinois.....	90
1897—Maryland A, Woman's College of Baltimore.....	66
1897—Ind. Γ, Butler College.....	65
1898—Vt. B, University of Vermont.....	38
1899—Mo. A, University of Missouri.....	51
1900—Cal. B, University of California.....	35
1902—Texas A, University of Texas.....	42
1903—Penn. Γ, Dickinson College.....	27
1904—N. Y. B, Barnard College.....	20

Active chapters, 34; inactive, 9; membership, 3,788.

## GOOD ORDER IN CHAPTER MEETING

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There is an old saying, "Because is a woman's reason." In the olden days, she was not supposed to reason. Her judgment was seldom asked concerning questions to be reasoned about, but her intuition served many a good turn. It still does, but her reasoning power has been so cultivated that logic has no longer any terrors for her, and "because" is only the beginning of her logical reason.

A woman's inability to conduct a business meeting is another time-honored belief. The woman of fifty years ago had little need for this, but times have changed. This is the day of organizations. In church, school, social circles, every phase of life, there is the society, guild, and club, with its organization requiring a presiding officer. And how many times are these filled efficiently?

It should be the college woman who can be depended on to fill these positions creditably. She has had this training in her literary societies and fraternity meetings. Yes, in fraternity meetings, but has she? Here is a point worth considering. Are our chapter meetings conducted in a business-like way?

The weekly chapter meeting is something to look forward to. It's jolly, makes you feel good; it's stirring, makes you feel ambitious; it's uplifting, draws you nearer to Alpha Xi Delta. And yet it is not conducted according to parliamentary law.

The presiding officer calls the meeting to order with several raps of the gavel. After a sufficient silence is obtained the business begins. A motion is made, seconded and a discussion follows. A few of the speakers address the chair and are acknowledged, while the others chatter busily or voice their sentiments with eager enthusiasm to any who may lend ear. At length after a prolonged discussion a vote is taken. Perhaps a third of the members respond, while the others are still in the midst of their reasonings. A second vote is called for which finally decides the question and so the business proceeds.

Earnest, spirited, eager to decide questions the best way possible, these college women plunge into the business of their

fraternity regardless of law and order. With such training, how can they conduct the business of the societies and study clubs over which they will be called upon to preside? The perfectly poised college woman will not lack enthusiasm, but she will be able to express herself in a forceful, concise way and at such a time that she will receive a hearing.

This question of good order in chapter meeting may not be a vital one, but it certainly is one which affects every other. It is only in a well-regulated business meeting that the vital questions receive their needed attention. It saves time, fosters self-control in the enthusiastic members, encourages the more reserved members to express their opinions, and adds a dignified tone to the chapter meeting.

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# MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR PAN HELLENICS.

Because of the numerous problems that have arisen in the Pan Hellenic Associations during the three years of organization and growth, and because these questions have been submitted to the Conference Secretary or to the Inter-Sorority Conference itself to solve, the Fifth Conference formulated a model constitution to cover the points.

Every Pan-Hellenic is expected to model its constitution and by-laws after the model given below, and the attention of every Alpha Xi Delta is called to it. It is as follows:

## ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Pan-Hellenic Association of the.....

## ARTICLE II

### PURPOSE

This Pan-Hellenic shall:

1. Fix the date of pledge day.
2. Regulate the rules for rushing.
3. Regulate other matters of Inter-Sorority interest in this college presented to it for consideration.
4. Co-operate with the college authorities and all college organizations in questions of general college interest.

## ARTICLE III

### ORGANIZATION

This Pan-Hellenic shall be composed of one active and one alumna member from each chapter of the National Sororities represented in the institution and from such locals as they may see fit to admit.

## ARTICLE IV

### OFFICERS

SEC. 1. The officers of this Pan-Hellenic shall be: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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**SEC. 2.** The officers shall serve for one year, dating from the first meeting of the Pan-Hellenic after the Christmas holidays.

**SEC. 3.** The office of President shall be held in rotation by the chapters, in the order of their establishment as Nationals in the College; the locals to hold office after the Nationals in the order of their organization. A local becoming National shall take its place among the Nationals according to the date of its installation as a National.

**SEC. 4.** The Secretary shall be chosen from the chapter which is to have the presidency the following year.

**SEC. 5.** The duties of the officers shall be those usually devolving upon such officers.

**ARTICLE V**

**VOTING**

A unanimous vote shall be necessary to fix the date for pledge day and make rules regulating rushing.

**ARTICLE VI**

**AMENDMENTS**

This constitution can be amended by the unanimous vote of the Pan-Hellenic.

**BY-LAWS**

**I.** The date of pledge day shall be the.....

**II.** It shall be considered dishonorable for a fraternity member, active or alumna, to speak disparagingly of another fraternity or of one of its members to a rushee.

**III.** The constitution and by-laws of this Pan-Hellenic shall be printed not later than May 1st of each year and five (5) copies of the same shall be sent by each chapter to its Grand President.

**IV.** These By-Laws may be amended by the unanimous vote of the Pan-Hellenic.

I wish particularly to emphasize the following points: in Article III, Organization, that the Pan-Hellenic must include one alumna member from each chapter, as in some institutions the



alumnae have not been introduced into the Pan-Hellenics as was the original and still pervading idea of the Conference; attention is called to Article IV, Section 3, Officers, as it settles the chairmanship question in Pan-Hellenics, some discussion having arisen as to whether eligibility to chairmanship should date from establishment of a chapter as a national or a local; Article V, Voting, is perhaps the most important point settled, in that the unanimous vote is necessary in making pledging, rushing and bidding rules, as it is in the Conference itself where nothing becomes a rule until ratified by all the sororities in the Conference; By-Law No. 2 indicates the strong stand taken by the Conference against the too common practice of "running down" another sorority; the Pan-Hellenic rules for the school year are to be made early in the preceding year in order to avoid haste and in order that every Grand President may make herself familiar with the rules of the different Pan-Hellenics in which her chapters are represented and that she may have these rules on hand before the convening of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

*Ella Boston-Leib*

## REPORT OF DEANS AND ADVISERS OF WOMEN

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In December, 1905, the Deans of Women, and Advisers of Women of State Universities met for a conference in Chicago. To one of their meetings they invited representatives of the Inter-Sorority Conference, that they might together talk over matters of interest to women in State Universities. The representatives of the Inter-Sorority Conference were very much interested by the discussions and opinions they heard. A few subjects were selected which are recommended to all Pan-Hellenic Associations for discussion during the year.

*I. High School Sororities.*—Are they to be encouraged or discouraged? The unanimous opinion of the Deans was that these sororities are very harmful to the girls who join them, and to the high schools in which they exist. One means suggested for discouraging them was for Sororities to refuse to take girls belonging to them, after having given due notice of this decision.

*II. Cutting Classes and Poor Work.*—It seems pretty well established that cutting and poor work are not at all confined to non-Sorority girls. Most Sororities have some plan for keeping up the standard of scholarship among their members, but these plans do not always work. Some outside pressure is often needed, and the Dean is the proper person to apply that pressure. How can we, as Sororities, make the Deans feel that we expect and welcome supervision of scholarship? We certainly should take some strong stand in this matter through the Inter-Sorority Conference.

*III. Increased Expenditure.*—Some Deans complained of the lavish decorations and expensive refreshments in vogue in their colleges. They said the men were fairly forced to hire carriages and wear evening dress on many occasions that should be entirely informal and simple. The tendency is toward greater formality and lavishness rather than toward simplicity. They asserted that these expensive functions were often beyond the girls' means and circumstances, and were, therefore, in poor taste; and that much simpler entertaining would be a better social training. Other Deans said they had no fault to find

with expense. Conditions seemed to vary greatly in this respect, and some colleges are taking very sensible and decided stands on the question. It should be carefully discussed everywhere, and the Deans should be consulted in regard to the proper style of entertaining.

*IV. Attitude of Sorority Girls to Non-Fraternity Men.*—It seems to be the custom in many colleges for Sorority girls to go with no one but fraternity men. Is this generally true? Is it wise? Some Deans think this is very narrow, and not at all fair to either men or girls.

*V. Attitude of Girls to Men Whose Conduct Could Justly be Criticised.*—Do we as Sororities take a strong enough stand in this matter? It is quite possible for us to practically exclude such men from college society.

*VI. Cheating.*—The Deans feel that there is quite too lenient a feeling toward cheating in colleges, and that a great deal of it goes on. They wish that we would make a determined effort to change the tone in regard to cheating, which is often laughed at as clever and amusing.

The Deans made one request of the Conference. They wish that all Sorority Grand Presidents would do as a few already do, and write once a year directly to them for the scholarship records of the chapters. They will be glad to send accurate and detailed reports, such as cannot be gained through any other source. They feel sure that such reports, followed by praise or blame from the Grand Presidents to the chapter, would help greatly to raise the standard of scholarship.

They stated that they were very much in favor of Sorority houses, and thought them best managed by the older alumnae.

The meeting was a very helpful and enjoyable one, and the representatives came away determined to urge the Conference to aid the Deans in every possible way in the splendid work they are doing.

*Lillian W. Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta,  
Chairman of Committee*

## AN OPEN LETTER

*To all American College Fraternal Organizations:*—In view of the steady growth of the College Fraternity System throughout the United States and Canada the publications edited by the separate units of the same are becoming steadily more numerous and valuable as well as more difficult to handle in individual collections.

Every fraternity, at its best, has one or more complete files of its own literature and a heterogeneous mass of other material that is almost worthless on account of its incompleteness and lack of proper classification.

Concentration of effort and material is the watchword of to-day and the following fraternities and sororities have united in placing before the fraternal system at large a scheme for the formation of a Pan-Hellenic fraternity library collection which shall be of no financial burden to the fraternities themselves and which will be managed in the interest of all college fraternal organizations equally.

Alpha Phi	Kappa Kappa Gamma
Delta Upsilon	Sigma Alpha Epsilon
Kappa Alpha	Sigma Chi
Kappa Alpha Theta	Theta Delta Chi

### SUGGESTIONS OFFERED BY THE AFORESAID FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES

1. That the entire college fraternity system throughout the United States and Canada unite in forming a Pan-Hellenic fraternity library collection which shall include all college fraternal publications and such other material as may be relative thereto.

2. That each individual organization supply said library with as complete a collection of its publications as may be possible, also aiding the library in securing complete files of such other fraternal publications as it may be in need of.

3. That each fraternity shall continue to supply said library with such material as may be necessary to keep it at all times up to date.

4. That such material shall become the property of said library to be held, arranged and catalogued by it; the library

agreeing at all times to welcome suggestions concerning the welfare of said property.

5. That each fraternity supplying said library with material shall appoint a representative who shall be empowered to act for that organization in all matters pertaining to said library collection and who is to keep the library informed as to his or her address.

6. That the said library collection, its supervision and care of material, shall be of no expense to the various fraternities other than the forwarding of material to the same.

7. That the aforesaid fraternity material be turned over to the care of the New York Public Library (Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations), which has assured the librarian of Delta Upsilon of its extreme willingness to supply room for said library collection and to handle such material under the conditions herein set forth.

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All college fraternities and sororities are both invited and urged to aid in the accomplishment of this scheme which, when once well started, will take care of itself.

Kindly send all such material, from now until further notification, prepaid and addressed to

THE PAN-HELLENIC FRATERNITY LIBRARY COLLECTION,  
New York Public Library,  
425 Lafayette Street,  
New York City.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

The scheme proposed is not a demand on any fraternity for a complete file or their only file but a request of them for as full a line of their publications as they are willing and can afford to give.

The idea is to accomplish an end by getting all interested in an individual as well as a mutual benefit.

Where certain ones may be adverse to making public their private literature the case is entirely understood and respected.

All will have free and equal access to study and profit by the recorded experience of their brother and sister societies.

The library from time to time will issue lists of material on hand or required.

Complete files will thus be insured for the future while the past will be taken in hand before it is too late.

# EVERY DAY COUNCIL

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## THE WILLING SPIRIT

This subject is of great importance to each chapter of Alpha Xi Delta, for her strength can be measured only by the number of girls who are ever ready to "do" at the first request. The easy way is to suggest what it would be well to do but,—when the committee asks for those who are ready to *do*, how many silently wait to see if it is possible to get enough workers.

Is not Alpha Xi Delta worthy of our every effort? Then why hang back or oppose the efforts of some willing spirit, unless perhaps, we have a better proposition to substitute for the work in view. Let us look at what the willing spirit has done in the past, then with loyal hearts we will strive toward the high ideal of our sorority and give courage to the willing spirit. For

" True worth is in being, not seeming  
In doing each day that goes by  
Some little good—not in dreaming  
Of great things to do by and by."

*Beulah G. Kirlin, Gamma*

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## FRATERNITIES AND SORORITIES IN SMALLER COLLEGES

In the February number of our journal appeared an excellent article upon Alpha Xi Delta spirit. It was defined as "that indescribable something which lies back of every motive and action, the Sorority in essence." The very sacredness of this spirit forbids that we allow *it* to become subservient to any other.

Oftentimes we find in the smaller colleges and universities, that the social relations between fraternities and sororities brings the question of fraternity preference. This is inevitable. But we also find that because of this fraternity preference many times there arises in a sorority two factions. We are allowing a *little thing* like fraternity preference to come between sisters of the same sorority. I am proud to say that the Alpha girls of our college are rising far above such trivial matters.

If we consider the question, "Is it consistent with our prin-

ciples to become subservient to local factions?" we will instinctively say *no*. Every true sorority girl will never allow her fraternity preference to in the slightest degree detract from her enthusiasm and loyalty to her own sorority.

Many times the sororties are drawn into the conflicts of "College Politics." Then it is that the spirit of fraternity preference becomes most rife and then it is that each Alpha must feel her own Alpha Xi Delta spirit pre-eminent above all other feelings of loyalty. Let every sorority girl put her own sorority first, acting in everything she does in such a way that she will bring honor and glory to herself and thereby to her sorority, and may she always give fraternities a secondary place.

In each and every department of college life we Alphas can not be too jealous for our sorority interest. To fall below the average of scholarship not only affects us personally, but detracts from the standard of our sorority. And further let us ever keep in mind that the outsider reads the principles of our sorority in the bearing of the sorority's members. We should always remember this and try as best we can to live up to our standard. By so doing we cannot help becoming more like "an ideal Alpha girl," the truest, the most conscientious, the most charming, the most agreeable, the most intelligent and most inspiring girl of all girls.

Last but not least, we must never forget, first, that our sorority is an organization in and of itself and should have such strength and character that it will never once think of becoming subservient to local factions; second, that the consistent local chapter must not become "*boycotted*" but that it should think of higher and loftier things.

*Louise Brady, Beta*

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### VALUE OF CHAPTER INSPECTION

The inspection of the several chapters of Alpha Xi Delta is a necessary and very profitable thing for the chapters themselves. Although a chapter may be very much alive and alert to all that is happening, yet it is always well to consult with those in authority by personal meetings. Much inspiration may

also be gained from what they bring to us from our other dear Alpha sisters.

From the very nature of the sorority it is well to keep all the chapters as closely bound together as possible. As the inspectors travel from one chapter to another, they gain a general idea of what each one is doing, and they in turn can report to the presiding officers and also have a complete knowledge of the affairs of the sorority.

After a visit from one of our grand officers, there seems to be an awakening of interest among the members of the chapter. They strive to uphold the standards of the sorority more than has been done in the past. Each sister feels a closer interest in the affairs of her own chapter and also in that of the grand officers and other chapters. We gain much enthusiasm by coming in contact with others of our circle who are deeply interested in all the things of our sorority.

Each chapter is growing and expanding all the time. The inspector gains many new ideas in going around to the different chapters. An exchange of these ideas is helpful to all concerned and all derive mutual benefit.

Another valuable use of chapter inspection is that the inspector may criticise where she finds it necessary, and help the chapter over many rough places.

A chapter is very apt to get into a rut in doing many things, but by a little friendly criticism the inspector may help it along. At the same time the chapter is much benefited.

Considered from all points of view, chapter inspection is very valuable and should be frequently practiced by those in authority.

The chapters are always glad to welcome their grand officers and to have a personal acquaintance with each of them.

*Helen Tressler Dornblaser, Zeta*

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### THE THOUGHTS AND EXPERIENCES OF A MERE "PLEDGING."

How well we remember those days of mingled joy and sorrow, anticipation and suspense of our "pledghood!" How proud we felt on the day we received the invitation to enter the



Greek world! Of course our knowledge of Alpha Xi Delta and what it meant was very limited indeed. We only knew that it stood for some womanly principle and ideal which we couldn't define but longed to possess. They were manifest in those girls of our acquaintance who wore the quill, and we wished to be like them.

Now, since I am a really and truly a "frat" girl I often wonder if some little "pledging" is looking at me in the same awed manner and, while it is amusing in a way, yet on second thought I think how careful we as "frat" girls must be in order to be the best examples.

The life of a mere "pledging" is usually one of many "ups and downs"—especially "downs." She is far enough "in" that she is safe and causes no more anxiety and yet how far "out" she feels. She wonders if she is losing those qualities which made her so sought after before. Oh, yes, the girls are nice to her, yet she knows nothing of and is not united to them by that bond which makes all Alphas true sisters, and then—those happy, crowded and enticing days of rushing are over for her. She knows, of course, that she must go through long, weary days of training before she is like those seniors so dignified and—ideal, or the juniors, all wise, and even as she looks at the sophomores she becomes discouraged, for she feels she never will know as much about things as they seem to.

What pledge has not felt the humiliation of being politely told that she was not wanted, when without the slightest idea of eavesdropping or intruding, she has entered a room where several fraternity girls were putting their heads together. Pledges, like other women, are endowed with that curiosity which oftentimes leads them into temptation and difficulty.

Yes, the little "pledging" has much to contend with and we must be patient with her. Instead of making her feel that we are the high and mighty and she but the shadow of an iota, let us rather smooth the way as much as possible, helping her over the difficulties and nourishing her with showers of encouragement and smiles of sunshine until the little green bud blossoms into lovely, full bloom.

*Mabel Duncan, Beta*

## THE HIGH SCHOOL SORORITY

The question concerning the high school sorority is indeed becoming one of much importance to the college sorority.

One objection given the high school sorority is, that the so-called "cliques" are formed in the high school. This should be avoided and the high school girl should be very democratic. Wherever a number of girls are thrown together there is bound to be the "clique." It is a perfectly natural result. Girls' tastes, ideas, etc., differ, and different girls are mutually attracted toward one another.

The chief objection to the high school sorority is that it detracts from the dignity of the college sorority. Some things should be left distinctly for college life. Sororities should be in this category.

A high school sorority girl, upon entering college and becoming a member of a sorority is likely to have too light an idea of a sorority. While this may be the exception, rather than the rule, there is still danger in it. Some girls do not realize, upon entering a sorority, the real seriousness of the sisterhood and regard it too lightly. This must be most strenuously guarded against.

The movement now on foot concerning the high school sorority may seem very severe, but a severe measure is necessary if any action is to be taken concerning the matter.

*Zeta*

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A KAPPA TOAST

I have heard that a toast to be successful, should contain a bit of humor, a witticism and a platitude. I am not witty enough to attempt a witticism, I only know two funny stories, neither of which is applicable here; therefore, all I say must perforce be a platitude, that it may come within the realm of an after dinner speech.

Our toast mistress has asked me to say something about the kind of girl we want. That is certainly a personal question, and one that comes home to all of us. Just now, as we are doing our quiet spring time rushing, and at the same time, laying plans with which to entrap next year's desirable freshmen, we

are more than ordinarily interested in the girls, whom we may contemplate as sorority sisters.

We talk a great deal about the "Alpha Xi Delta type"—Is there an Alpha Xi Delta type? Do we want just one type? That word does not appeal to me. It takes all kinds of people to make a world, and it takes all kinds of girls to make a sorority. A sisterhood made up of girls of one type and personality, seems to me, a narrow concept of the real meaning of the word. In our rushing we will run up against all sorts and conditions of girls. Pretty girls, dressy girls, quiet girls, jolly girls, brilliant students and patient diggs; any one of whom, if she be the right sort, will provide excellent Alpha Xi Delta material. However, a good part of all this is superficial. Let us not choose a girl because

"She is pretty to walk with,  
Witty to talk with,  
And pleasant to look on."

Good clothes, good looks and good family are, of course, to be considered commendable traits, for, in such things we do not wish to be criticised adversely. But let us not consider them the only essentials, but learn to look more deeply into the girl-nature and realize Tennyson's meaning in his "Vere de Vere," where he says:—

"A simple maiden in her flower,  
Is worth a hundred coats of arms."

And you may find that a girl may be of highest sterling worth, though she wear her hat with last year's cup shaped brim, rather than this year's "mush room glory."

We want society girls. We need them. We need girls who can get out and meet people cordially and upon a plane of equality, but above all do we want true hearted, honest, high charactered, loyal, go ahead (if you will pardon the adjectives), girls, who will act together, and do their part to place Alpha Xi Delta near the topmost notch at Illinois. For my part, I feel that Byron in his "Don Juan," has summed up what I want to say, in the words:—

"And whether coldness, pride or virtue singly,  
A woman, so she's good, what does it signify."

*Winifred Campbell, Kappa*

So much has been said in Alpha Xi Delta concerning what one sister has a right to expect from another along the line of kindness, charitableness and womanliness, that it might be a matter of interest to discuss the other side of the question, *i. e.*, what every true woman has a right to expect from her men friends.

Man occupies one plane and woman another. Let man sin ever so grievously and fall far from his high estate, the pitying world will vote that he have another chance. Woman, on the contrary, holds a certain position which she maintains only through the greatest diligence. About her storm powerful forces that beat with pitiless wrath against her breast-plate of purity. Unless she walks with great care and with almost the foresight of an angel, a single mis-step will plunge her from heights to which she can never again attain. Since woman is obliged to maintain so high a standard, is it inconsistent that she demand as much of man—is she not unwise if she fail to do so? More than unwise, is she not positively sacrificing her womanliness and taking the first step downward when she fails to condemn in a man what would be condemned in a woman?

In one of our growing Western towns the young women suddenly awoke to the fact that their men friends were treating them with scant courtesy. When they met on the street, the men sauntered by with a careless nod, hands in pockets, hats awry, cigarettes in mouths. The girls held a meeting and decided to recognize no man of their acquaintance who, on meeting them, failed to take cigar or cigarette from the mouth, speak politely, and remove the hat. After a week of amazement, a light dawned upon those men that has worked in that town a moral revolution.

Men are not so indifferent to what their women friends think, as they appear to be. The higher the standard we set for them, the harder will they strive to attain to it, and the greater will be their respect for us.

*Edith Lawrence, Etc*

## WHAT OUR JOURNAL SHOULD BE

"For myself as I turn the pages of his journals I seem to see the image of the crude and simple society in which he lived."

*H. James, Jr., (Nathaniel Hawthorne)*

The above quotation appeals to me in the handling of this subject. James says as he turns the pages of his journal he may see the image of the crude and simple society in which he lived. It occurs to me this is quite expressive of what "Our Journal" should be. It should reflect an image of true and simple Alpha Xi Delta life or society, not of the ideal standard alone but of spirited college life as well. Alphas, we will admit, are unusual girls and the image of their lives would be different from that of most girls; at the same time they are "girls" and we do not wish to have this side of their lives excluded in this reflection.

Just here arises an important question, who will send these spicy and interesting pieces for the journal? The girls. Here hinges the whole problem of the success and helpfulness of this publication. Of course the editorial staff is all one could ask for but "in union there is strength." The privilege of aiding our paper lies within the grasp of every Alpha, active and alumna.

We don't hear, through the columns of our paper, from the last mentioned, as much as would be appreciated. If we had more material presented by old girls, perhaps the publication would be more interesting to all and especially more so for the alumnae. I am sure every young Alpha would enjoy such helpful suggestions and experiences, as these girls could give us, after having been out of school and seen more of the world, so to speak, than the active girls have.

It is the aim of every Alpha to strive for a broad, uplifting education. Perhaps some good current events or something which may appeal especially to one sister would prove useful to others. Why not give them the benefit of your knowledge?

How would the girl of the east, or of the west, or of the south, enjoy a paper from the girl of the north, telling something of interest concerning her territory, its colloquialisms and peculiarities, and visa versa? These might be beneficial to many. Of course, as has been suggested, if we have given the

life of the girl, at different colleges, this would be included to some degree.

However, it does not occur to me that Alpha Xi Delta journal is so greatly lacking in what it should be. Perhaps we might accomplish more were every Alpha to work with the idea of helping our capable editorial staff. This problem would cease to confront us and the journal would be what it should be. Let us review our old resolutions and those who have made none make them now to surprise our editor with material for the next issue. Each Alpha should be anxious to write something for her paper without having to be requested and having a topic assigned her.

In other words, our journal *is* what it should be. Now let every alert and energetic Alpha do all in her power to aid in the continuance of its present standing! Naturally as Alphas grow and broaden, their writings will grow and broaden and be more and more helpful as time goes on; so then, will our journal improve all the time, merely continuing to be what it should be.

*Mabel Irwin, Alpha*

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### AROUND THE FIRE AT TWILIGHT

An open fire is suggestive of warmth, and cheer, and home. It is here, at the twilight hour, we love to gather and relate the experiences of the day—telling alike our victories and defeats, and building anew those beautiful Spanish castles dear to every heart.

So I have called our magical Alpha Xi Delta circle the "hearth circle." You can see in the meeting of these sisters the same spirit which pervades the enchanted space about the fire, the same light in the eye, the same warm clasp of the hand, and even the rankest outsider cannot misunderstand these tokens of true fellowship. We love one another, we are happy to be together, to confide in each other—yes, more than that, to listen to another's confidences!

Alpha Xi Delta spells "home" to us. Whatever is best and noblest in our college career, we owe to the influence of our sorority. How proud we are when we can lay our laurels at her

fect! How glad we are to work for her! And we do not count the best we have too good to give for her dear sake.

Even after our college days are over, we are happy in the knowledge of still being a part of the old "hearth circle," and whenever we grow homesick for the companionship of our sisters, we have only to drop down among them to be welcomed royally, and even if we have never before seen one in the circle, there is no stiffness. We are "bone of their bone"—sisters in the highest sense of the word, and they will make way for us about the fire, and gaily place before the eyes once more, the old rose spectacles through which every loyal Alpha Xi looks at the world.

Wherever there is a band of our sisters, we find that same beautiful, "home-feeling." May we always be able to gather about the fire at twilight, small worries laid aside, and sing from our hearts, "Strong are the ties that bind us."

*Sarah Anna Smith*



## EDITORIALS

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We elsewhere make announcement of the approaching convention of our sisterhood on October thirty-first, and November first and second, at Morgantown, West Virginia. The success of this convention, and the proportion of benefit to be derived therefrom, depend not on the grand officers but on each member of each chapter. In many organizations there is a tendency, among the members as a whole, to rest passively, trusting the energetic few to make a success of any undertaken enterprise. In some cases by Herculean effort, the faithful few bring the transaction in hand to a happy, even praiseworthy end, deceiving the world at large, and often themselves, into thinking that the society as a whole is full of vim and spirit. Such forced success, however, cannot be attained in this case. Our convention will be unable to achieve its purpose by the presence and the labors of a few, as such an assembly depends for a prosperous termination upon numbers. Practical business fails in its point and scope if it is transacted by a too slender proportion of members; while enthusiasm, that intangible but most potent influence of a convention, although aroused, loses force in dissemination, if only two or three members try to carry it back to the chapter group.

When a fraternity convention meets at one of our universities or colleges, the fraternity as a whole, is judged, and rightly judged, by the number, character, earnestness, and enthusiasm of the assembled delegates. This reason for attending convention, although it is perhaps superficial, ought to help influence us to make every plan from now till November, level obstructions in the path to West Virginia.

If the convention could consist of all our members it would be perfect,—a Roman comitia centuriata, a New England town meeting. But as that is impossible each chapter will surely send two or three delegates at least, and others will go in an unofficial capacity.

Of course we all want to go to Morgantown. Our arguments are not calculated to arouse that desire, but to convince the many who can go by a little planning and sacrificing, that



the need of their presence at convention is abundantly worth careful plans and even sacrifice.



In several fraternity journals have appeared statements to the effect that Alpha Chi—a misspelling for Xi—Delta has recently installed chapters at the Universities of Nebraska and Michigan. We wish to correct that error. The only chapters installed by Alpha Xi Delta since 1905 are Kappa at the University of Illinois and Lambda at Tufts College.



THE ALPHA XI DELTA extends a hearty welcome to the Lamb—da of the flock. Two members of our staff have had the pleasure of meeting these new sisters, and feel more than a formal interest in bidding them God speed.



As the problem of improving our journal is ever before the minds of the editorial staff we have asked Alpha Chapter to comment in this issue on the words of Iota in the February number. It will be helpful to read this second article in the light of the first.



In the present ALPHA XI DELTA, we commence a series of historical articles dealing with our sister fraternities. We trust that they will serve the double purpose for which they are intended,—to broaden our knowledge of other fraternities and to make us appreciative of their work and sympathetic with their efforts.



THE SORORITY HAND BOOK is a volume that cannot fail to be of use and interest to the many college women who belong to the national Greek letter organizations. We wish to call the attention of our sisters to this book. It contains chapters on "The Higher Education," dealing with the growth of educational opportunities to women, on "The Evolution of the Sorority System," and on "The Mission of the Sorority." It contains all available information concerning women's fraternities, their officers, chapter lists, badges, pledge pins, colors, flowers, mag-

azines, conventions, etc. It is published in a college edition at seventy cents and the edition de Luxe at one dollar. All communications should be addressed to Mrs. Wm. Holmes-Martin, Iveagh Park, Bay State Road, Canton, Mass.



The effort to establish a Pan-Hellenic Fraternity Library Collection will no doubt be approved by all Greek-letter organizations, as it has already been commended by several. The power of the fraternity and sorority as an educational and social factor in the college world is not slight and transitory. It is strong and established. For this reason, the filing at some library, of fraternal publications, which are constantly increasing in historical and literary value, is an action almost demanded by the expanding fraternity system. The fraternity, the prime initiator of this movement, and the fraternities and sororities combined with it to present the library plan to the Greek world, are to be commended for so materially promoting Pan-Hellenic interests.



The May ALPHA XI DELTA has been withheld until the convention dates could be permanently fixed. It is probable that the November issue will not appear the first of that month, in order to allow the accounts of the convention to be brought, as soon as possible, before the chapters.



The report of the deans and advisers of women in joint meeting with representatives of the Inter-sorority Conference needs no comment to clarify or enforce its suggestions for discussion. None of the evils enumerated are beyond the province and power of the sorority to better, or beneath its dignity to legislate upon.

# EXCHANGES

We acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the fraternity journals listed below. We could profitably and entertainingly quote pages from them; but must rest content with two clippings, for the rest merely mentioning some of the leading articles.

*The Shield of Phi Delta Theta :*

*February*—The Washington Convention.

*Phi Chi Quarterly :*

*January*—A Bit of Obscure Medical History. (Dealing with the Medicis of Florence in the 16th century.)

*Kappa Alpha Journal :*

*February*—A Kappa Alpha Brigadier (E. A. Garlington, U. S. A.)

*April*—The Fraternity System by W. M. James; The Use of the Superlative in Chapter Letters by Alfred Allen Kern.

*The Shield of Theta Delta Chi :*

*December*—The John Hay Memorial Window; The Kappa Semi-Centennial.

*The Angelos of Kappa Delta :*

*February*—Concerning the Convention.

*The Phi Gamma Delta :*

*February*—Fraternity Progress. (An address of Newton D. Baker, president of Phi Gamma Delta); An Address by Robert Stickney; The Wooing of Melville R. Corydon. (A story reprinted from "Cornell Stories" by J. G. Sanderson.)

*March*—Avery Hopwood's "Clothes"; College Athletics; Lincoln and Nelson.

*The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi :*

*March*—Fifty-fourth Annual Report of the Secretary of Phi Kappa Psi.

*Beta Theta Pi :*

*February*—The University of Wooster; A Legal Decision Concerning the High School Society. (An account of an action against a board of school directors in Seattle, Wash., to prevent them from enforcing certain rules which deprive members of Greek letter fraternities of the privileges of the high school, except that of attending classes.) The writer says:

"This case is important to the college fraternities because in principle it is clearly applicable to all institutions of a public character and the authorities of which are controlled by legislative enactment. Admission to a public institution may not be denied to a member of a college fraternity, but he may be denied participation in all the student organizations. Of course, private institutions governed by a self-perpetuating board of trustees, or trustees selected by a religious denomination or the like, may make such rules as they please with respect to the matter. If the students do not like these rules they can go elsewhere."

*Desmos of Delta Sigma Delta :**February.**The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon :*

*March*—The Atlanta Convention by Elmer B. Sanford ; A Closer View of Our Grand Old Man (Col. John Barrett Rudolph) by M. E. Holder-  
ness ; Indiana University by Edward A. Lawrence.

*The Garnet and White of Alpha Chi Rho :*

*March*—Our Landmarks ; The Paramount Duty of Brotherly Love Between the Members by Edward Fagen ; The Ninth Annual Convention.

*The Delta Upsilon Quarterly :*

*March*—A New American Dramatist (William Vaughn Moody) ; Frank Ramsey Adams—A Successful Writer of Comic Opera ; Reminiscences of James A. Garfield's College Career ; Culture as a Fraternity Ideal by Arthur Upham Pope. (We quote a portion of this article.)

"The source of our national disease is in a false standard of values, in perverted notions of what things are really true and good. We have in our excitement confused means with ends. Industrialism, the servant, is lording it brutally over Life, the rightful master, and until justice is here restored we need not seek much relief from laws, reform, or the church.

Money, power, social and political influence have been made the ultimate ends of life, and so long as they are considered the supreme worths, above all else desired, so long will our national evils increase and we shall with justice be made to suffer our hideous afflictions.

We need a new heaven and a new earth here in America. Not until the former things are passed away shall we see salvation. The vigor and power of American character must be turned toward true values and high ideals—or else our sons and grandsons shall reap the whirlwind.

It is here the gospel of culture speaks sweet words of cheer and promise. Culture offers us values that are true, ideals that are beautiful. She comes bearing treasures all may share, she seeks to bless and comfort the lowly, to delight and inspire the youth, to enrich and beautify life at all times. It is her task to cleanse and renew ; to bring courage, order and sanity ; her gifts are peace, knowledge, and the redeeming vision of loveliness ; her mission the diffusion of sweetness and light.

Culture consists not in achievements or capacities. It is rather a certain temper of mind, a fineness of spirit, alien to everything mean and harsh, akin to all that is beautiful and perfect."

*Kappa Alpha Theta :*

*March*—The Installation of Alpha Iota Chapter by Mamah B. Cheney. Washington University ; Improvements at the University of Nebraska.

*The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta :*

*March*—The Elect (a poem) by Katharine Aldrich Whiting ; A Trip to Convention by Marion D. Dean ; Some Views on Expansion.

*The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega:*

*March*—The Schools of Dickens by Sadie Van Buskirk; Installation of Lambda.

*Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha:*

*February*—The Fraternity Principle by Winona Wiley; Our Responsibilities by Eliza Bryan; Our Chapter Letters.

*The Alpha Phi Quarterly:*

*February*—Mrs. Martha Keefe Phillips (an appreciation of the efficient editor of *Alpha Phi*, who has recently been succeeded by Elizabeth S. Brown) by Geneva Gwynn Wiley; Our National Officers; On a Foreign Mission (the installation of the Toronto Chapter of Alpha Phi) by Martha K. Phillips; A History of the Baby Chapter by Florence Lang; The Rebuilding of Stanford University by Laura Wells.

*The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma:*

*February*—Stanford Ideals by David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford; The Pan-Hellenic by Lucy Sprague, Dean of Women, University of California; West Virginia University by J. M. Callahan, Professor of History, University of W. Va.; The Installation of Beta Upsilon.

*The Eleusis of Chi Omega:*

*February*—The Installation of Beta Chapter; Something about Canada; Something about New Orleans.

*The Trident of Delta Delta Delta:*

*February*—Heraldry and Its History.

*The Anchora of Delta Gamma:*

*January*—Mt. Union College by Eva Lorenz-Baily.

## NEW CHAPTERS OF FRATERNITIES

Kappa Kappa Gamma has recently installed its Beta Upsilon Chapter at the University of West Virginia.

On December 8, 1906, Chi Omega installed Beta Chapter at Colby College, Maine, and in February, Delta Chapter at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania

Alpha Phi has recently placed its Xi Chapter at the University of Toronto.

Alpha Iota of Kappa Alpha Theta, was installed in November at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo.

Alpha Chi Omega has a new chapter, Lambda, at Syracuse University.

Indiana Gamma of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was installed at Bloomington, Indiana, in January.

# CHAPTER LETTERS

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## ALPHA

*Dear Sister Chapters:*

With the coming of the spring term there have been many social functions held at Lombard—assemblies, informal house parties and fraternity annuals. We Alpha Xi Delta girls held a skidoo party in the gymnasium on the twenty-third day of February at which we attempted to carry out the idea of the skidoo and twenty-three. Our decorations were large red twenty-threes and black skidoos used in abundance. Twenty-three couples were present and the Grand March formed the figures twenty-three. There were twenty-three dances, including four favor dances, where the boys caught toy balloons with the partner's name attached, were given mittens, size twenty-three, containing a name, and matched different colored twenty-threes.

For refreshments there was a country store owned by S. K. Doo & Co., where Mabel Hendel and Mabel Churn presided and gave out bananas, ice-cream, bon bons and cake upon receipt of a card entitling the bearer to the amount of twenty-three cents' worth. The best feature of it all was the visit of our old girls, Florence Kober, Mabel Sammons and Maud Andrews.

Alpha Chapter is planning busily for the celebration of Founders' Day on April the seventeenth. We are anxious to make this a most elaborate occasion and have invited a number of Alumnae girls, whom we fully expect to have with us.

The four senior Alphas have invited the undergraduate Alphas to a feast next Thursday evening at the frat rooms. The coming of the Commencement season brings the thought that there cannot be many more spreads enjoyed together, so the seniors are planning for an extensive menu.

We are heartily glad to welcome Lambda chapter to our number and feel that Alpha Xi Delta has acquired much to be proud of. We are especially interested because of intimacy with one of the initiates and highly appreciate the tribute paid us in the petition.

Fraternally,

*Bess Williamson*

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## BETA

Beta Chapter sends heartiest greetings to all the Alpha sisters. From the letters in the previous journal we feel that we can also offer the warmest congratulations for the year's work.

We have had a prosperous year considering the unusually small number of new students who entered Iowa Wesleyan. Five people have been initiated, making our chapter roll thirteen, and we feel proud that it is so large after the poor prospects in September.

May Johnson, one of our town girls, entertained twelve of the fraternity girls and pledges at her beautiful home March 9th and 10th. We came in

time for supper and left the next day late in the afternoon. Anyone who has been to a house party can imagine the fun that we had, and how few hours were spent in sleep.

Aside from this, the society life in our chapter has been very quiet. The college this year has been trying to arouse more spirit for itself as a whole and this fact has to a great degree modified the fraternity enthusiasm generally.

Small-pox has visited the school, scaring everyone but doing no harm whatever. The Phi Delta Theta Chapter House was quarantined for six weeks. It was a group of jolly boys who were released a week ago for the first time in many days.

We sincerely hope that the next journal will give enthusiastic prospects for the coming year in the work of both colleges and sorority.

*Alice Babb, Beta*

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### GAMMA

*Dear Alpha Xi Deltas:*

Sometimes I wish that our college year began in April, for there is so much of inspiration in the spring time that it seems as though it would be a good time to begin a new year's work. Most of us need the inspiration, however, for that busiest of all college seasons, Commencement, is at hand. This year Gamma will lose none of her members by graduation, so we can enjoy the season without the feeling of sadness that usually comes at this time.

Our college year is divided into three terms so this letter is written just at the beginning of our last term. The term which has just closed was a very busy one in many ways. The examinations were the first things which claimed our attention. Then, during the first days of February, we held a donation party for the benefit of our chapter room. As a result, the room presents a much better appearance, for as often happens in every home, we needed all kinds of new things. The Alumnae Chapter and our pledges showed their loyalty in a very practical way, and so many girls were able to be present that it seemed like a mid-year reunion.

On February 22, the State Conclave of Alpha Tau Omega met with the local chapter and Gamma was at home to the local chapter and their guests for an hour in the evening.

On March 14, Gamma entertained about sixty guests to a musicale. A very interesting program was rendered. Mrs. Katherine Fenton-Miller assisted by giving a very interesting reading. A two course luncheon was served; and after the formal part of the program, the remainder of the evening was spent in an informal way. President and Mrs. Riker, Professor and Mrs. Gibbs, Professor Webster, and Professor Robinson were the guests of the chapter.

Next in order is Founder's Day, and while plans have not been completed, Gamma will celebrate the day in a fitting way. The celebration will be held at the chapter house this year. A program has been arranged for but the details are not all in shape to be announced at this time.

With best wishes to all of you,

*Gamma*

## DELTA

*Dear Sisters:*

All Delta girls send love and best wishes for a bright happy springtime.

Delta feels that just a little apology is not out of place in this letter for not having our privilege of greeting our Alpha Xi's in the last issue of our journal. Through some mistake in the mails our journal material did not reach its destination in time.

On the evening that St. Valentine usually makes his appearance, Delta girls received their friends and patronesses amidst red hearts and red candles, and true to the shade of hearts gave all a warm hearty reception.

One feature of the evening was the sewing of the goat. All the young men were given needle and thread to embroider their conception of the Alpha Xi Delta goat. The lucky young man received an Alpha Xi pennant. Then our silhouettes were guessed and the evening was spent all too soon. Refreshments carrying out the red heart ideas were served à buffet. When the carriages came all seemed loathe to leave.

We are now ensconced in our new chapter room—new in the sense of being done over,—and we feel quite fine in it.

All the Christmas gifts from the girls to the room are now in array and add greatly to its general effect. Among them are a large engraving in a heavy black frame, a framed picture of the four graduating Deltas, and a linen table cover.

Delta girls spent a very enjoyable day in Steubenville, March the twenty-fifth, having pictures taken.

Not quite three months and all school work will be over for some of us and out for vacation for the rest. Each Delta girl feels sad to think of separating so soon from those she has learned to love in the bonds of Alpha Xi Delta.

In closing we bid you the last good-bye for this school year.

Faternally,

*Helen L. Tinsley, Cor. Sec.*

## EPSILON

Epsilon comes with better assurance than ever before—with a list of ten active members and four pledges. All but three of our number will be here next fall for the opening campaign. We shall lose Marjorie Breeden, who graduates from the law course in June, and two of our pledges, Effie Vance and Deborah Slocum, who, at present, do not expect to return next year, but we hope to have two of our absent members, Lorena Grange and Georgia Hanson, with us to help fill the places of those we lose. Nina Wallace, also, may be with us next year.

We are much disappointed that Mrs. Leib could not visit us in February as was planned, but we hope now that she will be with us in April, and are confident that her coming will help us greatly. A formal reception and several informal gatherings have been planned for her visit.



For Founders' Day our present plan is to cut all classes and spend the entire day having a "rousing good time" together at the home of some one of our members.

Altogether we feel that our year has been a successful as well as a pleasant one and that our prospects are bright for the future. We extend the heartiest of welcomes to Lambda. May she ever feel it a proud privilege to uphold the banner of blue and gold which we have so gladly entrusted to her care.

*Ethel Richardson, Epsilon*

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## ZETA

*To the "Alpha Xi Delta" of Alpha Xi Delta Sorority:*

Zeta brings spring greetings to you all, and sends her love and best wishes to our new Lambda sisters.

Since our last letter to the ALPHA XI DELTA we have taken a new sister into the fold. We wish to introduce Lillian Seybold, '10.

The Alpha girls of the Hall were entertained at tea on the afternoon of Valentine Day by our patroness, Mrs. John Philip Schneider.

One afternoon in the last of February the Hall Alphas entertained their city sisters at a chafing dish feast. Even though their weren't enough plates and forks to go round, the affair was a most enjoyable one.

We were delighted to have Marjorie Smith, '06, with us for a few days the last week in March. Marjorie is teaching school near Brookville, O.

Zeta is busy making plans for Founders' Day, which she expects to celebrate with the usual Founders' Day dinner.

Zeta is looking forward to the time when she, too, can have a house. Wittenberg is growing and we hope that the number of girls will soon be too great for Ferncliffe Hall and that we shall be permitted to move.

As this will be our last letter this school year Zeta girls send you all wishes for a happy spring and summer.

Fraternally,

*May Leslie Fidler, Zeta*

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## ETA

Eta chapter is rejoicing over the end of the rushing season and over the ten new members. The season was long and hard and everyone was tired of rushing parties, but we feel that "the end justified the means." The initiation ceremony was held Friday evening, March second, and the banquet Monday evening, March fourth, at the Vanderbilt hotel. Lena Baldwin, '06, acted as toast mistress, calling on Nettie Britton, Edith Lawrence, Kathryn Thompson, Margaret Chamberlayne, Edith Warne, and Eva Elliot for toasts. After some informal toasts and songs the company disbanded feeling more in love with, and ready to work for Alpha Xi Delta than ever before.

We were very glad to have Mary Kay and Katherine Keith here with us for two days inspecting the chapter. We held a formal reception to the

senior women of the University in their honor. It makes Alpha hearts more closely united to meet and become acquainted with sisters from other chapters.

Eta is making plans to have the celebration of Founders' Day this year the best it has ever been. Besides other things the freshmen are going to give a play which will certainly be enjoyable. The celebration will not be held on April seventeenth, but on April twelfth, as the latter date will better accommodate some of the alumnæ who are planning to pay us a visit then. Eta sends the best birthday greetings to all Alpha Xi Deltas.

The students of Syracuse University have been very much interested in dramatics lately. A short time ago they presented "The Rivals" at the Wieting Opera House and later the Fine Arts students held a Fake show which they hold every two years. They filled Crouse College with posters, side shows, and all kinds of fakes and held four performances of the "Big Show,"—a comic opera, the music and words of which were written by students.

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## THETA

Mrs. Florence Currier-Stephens (Beta) and Mrs. Mary Vorhies (Beta) entertained Theta Chapter in honor of Miss Alberta Stephens (Beta) who is attending Wisconsin University this semester.

Polly Fenton ('06) entertained the seniors at a six o'clock dinner.

Mrs. L. W. Dowling, one of our patronesses, entertained the chapter at an Easter party.

We have entered the inter-sorority bowling contest. The finals have not yet been played.

January twenty-fifth Theta Chapter gave an informal party at Keeley's annex.

We have a new chaperone, Miss Field of Sun Prairie.

Una Reardon has come to the house to live.

Una Ruth has come back to take up her work this semester.

The following girls spent their Easter vacation out of town: Signe Ravn, Una Reardon, Frances Albers, Winifred Ryan, Elizabeth<sup>l</sup> Erb, Charlotte Stough.

Marion Ryan and Agnes Ravn, two of our last year's seniors, will spend the summer abroad, sailing June fifteenth from New York.

Bessie Pettigrew, '06, is visiting at the house.

Zana Ruth, who has been visiting her sister, has returned to Keokuk, Ia.

Theo Fenton, who is attending Stout Training School at Menomonie, spent her Easter vacation here.

Mary Olin has returned to her home in Belleville, Ohio, on account of illness.

Two of our rushing stunts since Christmas were a pantomime and a masquerade.

Lenore Henderson, '06, visited us for a day.

Mary McRae has returned to her home at Rhinelander.

*Winifred Ryan, Cor Sec.*

## IOTA

Iota sends hearty greetings to all the chapters far and near.

Success and prosperity still attend our efforts, and we have two new Alphas to introduce, two sisters, Mabelle Roy, and Blanche Elizabeth Watkins of Grafton, W. Va. Already they are entering into the work with hearty good will.

We feel highly honored in securing Mrs. W. J. Leonard as a patroness; she is head librarian, and popular among the faculty. Her husband is at the head of the art department.

Mrs. T. C. Atkeson, one of our patronesses, entertained in honor of Iota last term. The affair was an "Irish Evening." The parlor and dining room were decorated in festoons of shamrocks and Irish flags, while in the hall Alpha Xi Delta colors prevailed. "Kissing the Blarney Stone," a hunt for four-leaf shamrocks, and Irish songs sung by Mr. Kinkaid made the evening very pleasant and jolly. The color scheme, green and white was carried out in the refreshments. The favors were tiny green silk flags stuck in the ice. About forty guests were present, including a number of the wives of the faculty, the Dean of Women, and several of the girls in the University.

We had chafing-dish parties galore last term. One of the most pleasant was given at the home of Mrs. H. S. Green, for the members of Iota and our patronesses. The evening was spent talking over fraternity affairs, local and national, and incidentally enjoying some very good creamed chicken and sandwiches.

We are very sorry to announce the death of Bess Sadler's father, February 4th, in Pt. Marion, Pa. The girls were deeply grieved at his death, as he was personally known to most of us. Iota has many times enjoyed the hospitality of the Sadler home, and always found him a gracious and lovable man, ever a friend to the "girls." Four of our members, Drusilla Johnson, Mabel Weaver, Lillian Smith, and Crystal Courtney attended the funeral.

Plans are being made for Founders' Day, and we are anticipating a jolly time.

Ethel Green is teaching in West Liberty Normal this term. She would have taken her degree in June, but will finish during the summer term now. She expects to see the Bethany girls often, as she is only four miles distant. We miss our little Ethel very much, as she was one of our best workers.

Ben Greet and his company presented "Everyman" and "Merchant of Venice," February twenty-first, at Swisher's Theater.

The sororities are not rushing much this term as there are not many girls in college.

*Crystal Courtney, Cor. Sec.*

KAPPA

Instead of writing a personal letter I am going to describe the dinner or rather the banquet we gave at the chapter house on the seventeenth of April in honor of Founders' Day.

The dinner was served at six o'clock. Nineteen members and our chaperones were present. The table, in the form of a large T, was artistically decorated with the pink rose of the fraternity. I know you will all be interested in the menu, so here it is :

- Soup—Cream of Tomato.
- Long Branch Crackers.
- Pickles—Dill. Beets.
- Chicken—A la Lyonnaise.
- Celery. Radishes.
- Vegetables.
- Potatoes—A la Crovencale.
- New Peas—Puree a la Catties.
- Salad—Bananas a la Newburg.
- Dessert—Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream.
- Coffee. Bon-bons.

After dinner we gave the following toasts:

Toast Mistress: Grace Spencer.

Our Chaperone, . . . . .	Rose Retz
Senior in the University, Freshman in the Fraternity, . . . . .	Willa Gentch
The Story of Our Founders, . . . . .	Elizabeth Patrick
Reminiscences of $\Omega$ . O. . . . .	Nellie Branch
Miss Rosalie, . . . . .	Mary Swartz
Alpha Xi Delta from the Standpoint of an Atticus, . . . . .	Myrtle Coker
The Kind of a Girl We Want, . . . . .	Winifred Campbell
The Little Den, . . . . .	Kitty Blake
A Stranger in a Strange Land, . . . . .	(Chaperone) Mary Gaut
Thoughts from the Outside, . . . . .	Iris Wood
Alpha Xi Delta Next Year, . . . . .	Lucile Kays
Boys, . . . . .	Nita Barrett
Girls and Their Eyes, . . . . .	Sadie Nelson
Sunday Dinner, . . . . .	Eva Rule
Eating at the Freshmen Table, . . . . .	Agnes Shannon
Our First Year in the Frat. House, . . . . .	Elizabeth Abbott
Cases, . . . . .	Jo Ruskamp
On Being a Freshman, . . . . .	Carrie Rule

Miss Rosalie Gaut, our chaperone's sister, also responded to a toast.

I am sending Miss Campbell's toast as I think it will be of interest to all the Alpha Xi Delta girls.

Grace Spencer, Cor. Sec.

## LAMBDA

Lambda wishes to thank her older sisters for the cordial letters and the hearty welcome which they gave their baby sister on March eighth.

Twenty girls were justly proud to receive the congratulations of the other societies and fraternities at Tufts and *The Tufts Weekly* says, "Tau Epsilon Sigma has enjoyed a career of increasing prosperity, and from now on Tufts will watch with interest the growth and prosperity of the new Lambda chapter of Alpha Xi Delta."

Our first good fortune was the happy selection of four patronesses. Three of these are faculty wives, Mrs. Maulsley, Mrs. Chase, and Mrs. Dennison, and the other is Mrs. McCoy, the mother of three Alpha Xi Delta girls.

Mrs. Dennison very pleasantly entertained us the other day, and we enjoyed looking over some rare books and valuable autographs.

The '09 play of the All Around Club this year was entitled "The False Note." Three Alpha Xi girls took part in it, Gertrude Johnson, Beth Nash and Annie McCoy.

The big event now is the annual All Around Club luncheon at which Persis Hannah, who is chairman of the Social Committee, is to be toast mistress. Eleanor Ladd is also to speak at this luncheon from '08.

Georgianna Clarke '04, Florence McCoy 1900, and Ella Bowker '05, have been initiated during the past month into Lambda Chapter.

The All Around Club is preparing for a concert to be given in May, in which Alpha Xi Delta will maintain its usual place.

Altogether Lambda is leading a rather strenuous life for a baby, but she hopes to thrive and be a worthy addition to the double blues and gold.

*Annie McCoy, Lambda*

## BOSTON ALUMNÆ

We who are the Boston Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Xi Delta have brought hearts ready to love and hands prepared to work for the new aims and broad purpose of Alpha Xi Delta. We believe that we have learned how to love and how to work under our old standard; now we are glad to try to apply the lesson under our new. We feel already that we owe much to Alpha Xi Delta and we hope that, in years to come, we can repay, at least some part of our debt.

Our Boston Chapter was founded with twenty-five women as charter members: Lucie M. Gardner, Salem, Mass.; Grace C. Mansfield, Melrose; Lena P. Abbe, Salem; Ethel G. Reed, Norwood; Edna J. Austin, Bellevue, Penna.; Agnes I. McCoy, Somerville; Julia G. Adams, Waltham; Olive K. Ryan, Waltham; Mabel E. Hall, Somerville; Gussanda Countway, Ware; Mertie C. Saunders, Dorchester; Betsey B. Harmon, Somerville; Alice Cummings, Medford; Daisy Bartlett, Somerville; Hazel Watkins, South Manchester, Conn.; Florence H. Garton, Somerville; Wilnah V. Marshall, New Salem; Ada B. Macumber, Hardwick; Lura C. Watkins, South Manchester, Conn.; Fannie M. Clement, Upton; Alice H. Edwards, Tufts College; Phebe C. Johnson, Spencer; Laila C. Nye, Somerville; Ruth A. Sibley, Brookline; Dora L. Johnson, Smith College.

On Monday, March eleventh, Georgianna M. Clark, of West Newbury, was initiated, and on the following Monday, March eighteenth, Ella W. Bowker, Newport, Vt., and Florence McCoy, Hardwick, Conn., became members of Alpha Xi Delta.

We are to hold the first meeting in our new sisterhood on April sixth, and we shall feel that sisterhood more deeply if, as we hope, Mrs. Edwards, formerly of the Beta Chapter, is with us.

*Ruth A. Sibley, Boston Alumnae*

# PERSONALS

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## ALPHA

Mrs. F. W. Rich left last month for California where she will remain a year, hoping to improve her state of health.

Maud Andrews, Florenae Kober, Mabel Sammons and Edna Epperson have visited Alpha Chapter recently.

Mrs. Ella B. Leib, Grand President of Alpha Xi Delta, has been for some time in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where her husband, Dr. J. P. Leib, underwent an operation for appendicitis. The operation was entirely successful. We hope Dr. Leib will rapidly regain his health.

Miss Osborn, one of the Universalist church missionaries to Japan, has been visiting in Galesburg, the guest of Mrs. J. K. Mitchell. She reports that Miss Agnes M. Hathaway, at one time Dean of Women at Lombard Hall, has been very ill and is recovering slowly, as the climate is not conducive to her health. Both Miss Osborn and Miss Hathaway are well known to many Alumnæ Alphas.

Miss Emma B. Wait, formerly instructor of French and German at Lombard College met with the misfortune of having her home completely destroyed by fire. Miss Wait has been living at Mountain Home, Arkansas.

Mrs. Anna Gillis Kimble visited Lombard with her little daughter Katharine. Mrs. Bertha Cook Evans, one of the charter members of the local Alpha Xi Delta has been here also. Mrs. Cook's father, Dr. Cook, has moved to Benton Harbor, Michigan, where he has assumed the pastorate of the Universalist church.

Mabel Hendel of Colchester, Illinois, Bell Stryker of Joliet, Illinois, and Florence Hollister of Rockford, Illinois, have visited at their homes recently.

*Bess Williamson*

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## BETA

Miss Ina Duncan is the reader for the I. W. U. Glee Club this year. Everywhere she is greeted with enthusiasm.

Misses Louise Brady and Alice Cheny attended the State Y. W. C. A. convention as delegates.

Stella Barnett was a delegate to the Iowa State Oratorical Association which was held at Indianola.

Miss Mary Power was with us a few days in March.

Ellen Ball was elected President of Chapter Original A, P. E. O. at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

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## GAMMA

Elsie Jones, '06, has visited us several times this last term.

Elsie Roberts, '05, was at the chapter house on February 22.

Treva Dewey is the organist at the Union Avenue M. E. Church. She has been filling this position for the last three months.

Kathryn Keith presented the coat-of-arms of the sorority burned on leather to the chapter room. It is our sister's own work and beautifully done.

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## DELTA

The Delta girls entertained their gentlemen friends on the evening of February 14th, at "The Mansion," the delightful home of Miss Helen Tinsley. The dining room was decorated with red hearts and red carnations in honor of the day. The prizes were awarded to Mr. George McClary and Mr. P. A. Jones. Altogether it was a very enjoyable occasion, and all were sorry when eleven o'clock came.

Miss Mary Gray entertained Miss Mavis Hudson at her home in Pittsburg, the first week in February.

Miss Eunice Orrison was the guest of Misses Carson and Scott of Charleroi, Pa., the first of February.

The Alpha Xi Delta girls are rejoicing in the renovating of Delta Hall which has been repapered and refitted lately.

Miss Elizabeth Gatts spent Washington's birthday with her father in Woodland, W. Va.

Miss Helen Tinsley is again among her friends after her long illness.

Miss Anna Smith and Miss Eunice Orrison spent the week-end of March first at the home of Miss Orrison.

Miss Helen Tinsley was the guest of Miss Helen Marshall of Pittsburg, for the spring vacation.

Miss Anna Mary Kemp entertained Misses Orrison and Hudson at her home in Mansfield, Ohio, during the spring vacation.

The girls of Delta Chapter spent a day in Wellsbury, W. Va., seeing the flood caused by the Ohio river in the recent uprising.

On the 25th of March, the Alpha Xi Delta girls, with banners streaming, and ribbons waving, left for Steubenville, Ohio, where they spent the day in having their pictures taken, and doing some necessary spring shopping. All declared the day well-spent, and voted the trip a success.

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## EPSILON

Julia Sweet spent the Easter vacation visiting in Scotland, Menno, and Sioux Falls.

Lilla Tarbell has returned to the University for the second semester.

Deborah Slocum enjoyed a week's visit from sister Maye, in March.

Clara Salmer spent several days in Centerville and Sioux City recently.

Georgia Hanson is spending the winter with a sister in Caldwell, Idaho.

Marjorie Breeden graduates from the law school in June—the first young woman to receive a degree from the South Dakota law school.

Helen Tarbell spent the Easter vacation in Centerville, and Effie Vance in Bridgewater.

Josephine Hanson-Hedeen spent a week with Clara Salmer in April.

Lucy Camerer played a leading part—that of *Julie*—in *Richelieu* as presented by the Sophomore class April 13th.

## ZETA

We were delighted by a visit from Marjorie Smith, '06, during March.

Miss Mary Hubbell spent Easter at her home in Columbus.

Miss May and Miss Edna Fidler spent a few days at their home in Mansfield, recently.

Miss Edith Smith is busy with rehearsals for the Sophomore play, "The Lady of Lyons," in which she has a prominent part.

Miss Helen Dornblaser's mother paid her a visit a few weeks ago.

Miss Clara Dornblaser is recovering finely from her recent operation.

Miss Grace Schwarm of Wheeling, visited her sister recently.

## ETA

Those initiated into the mysteries of Alpha Xi Delta were Edith Lawrence, Lucile Thornton, Inez Holt, Cecile Horton, Margaret Chamberlayne, Helen Truair, Corinne Ensign, Ethel Patterson, Florence Curtis and Lucy Graham.

Lena Baldwin, '06, spent a week at the Chapter House. She was here at the time Mary Kay and Katherine Keith visited us.

Helen Chase, '09, played at a public recital in John Crouse College a short time ago. We are proud to say she held the place of honor on the program.

The Chapter House is to be closed during the Easter vacation as all the girls are going away.

Dora Baker, '07, is teaching a class in Freshmen Latin in the University, She is majoring in Latin and makes a very efficient teacher.

Eta is expecting to hold her annual Freshman party soon. Although no plans have been decided upon it will probably be a dance.

Margaret Chamberlayne is expecting to come into the Chapter House after Easter.

Gertrude Wright, '06, represented Eta at the installation of Lambda at Tufts College.

## IOTA

Mabelle and Blanche Watkins spent the Easter vacation at their home in Grafton, W. Va.

Mabel Weaver, Drusilla Johnson, and Crystal Courtney visited Elizabeth Sadler several times last term.

Nancy Coplin was down for "Ben Greet" February 21. She spent several days visiting friends and "Alpha sisters." Nan is only a freshman, but she is a "mighty dignified school marm." She will re-enter school next year.

Mrs. C. H. Smith (Helen Smith), is housekeeping in her new home in South Park. She says it is delightful, and we are constantly in fear that some others of our members will follow suit.



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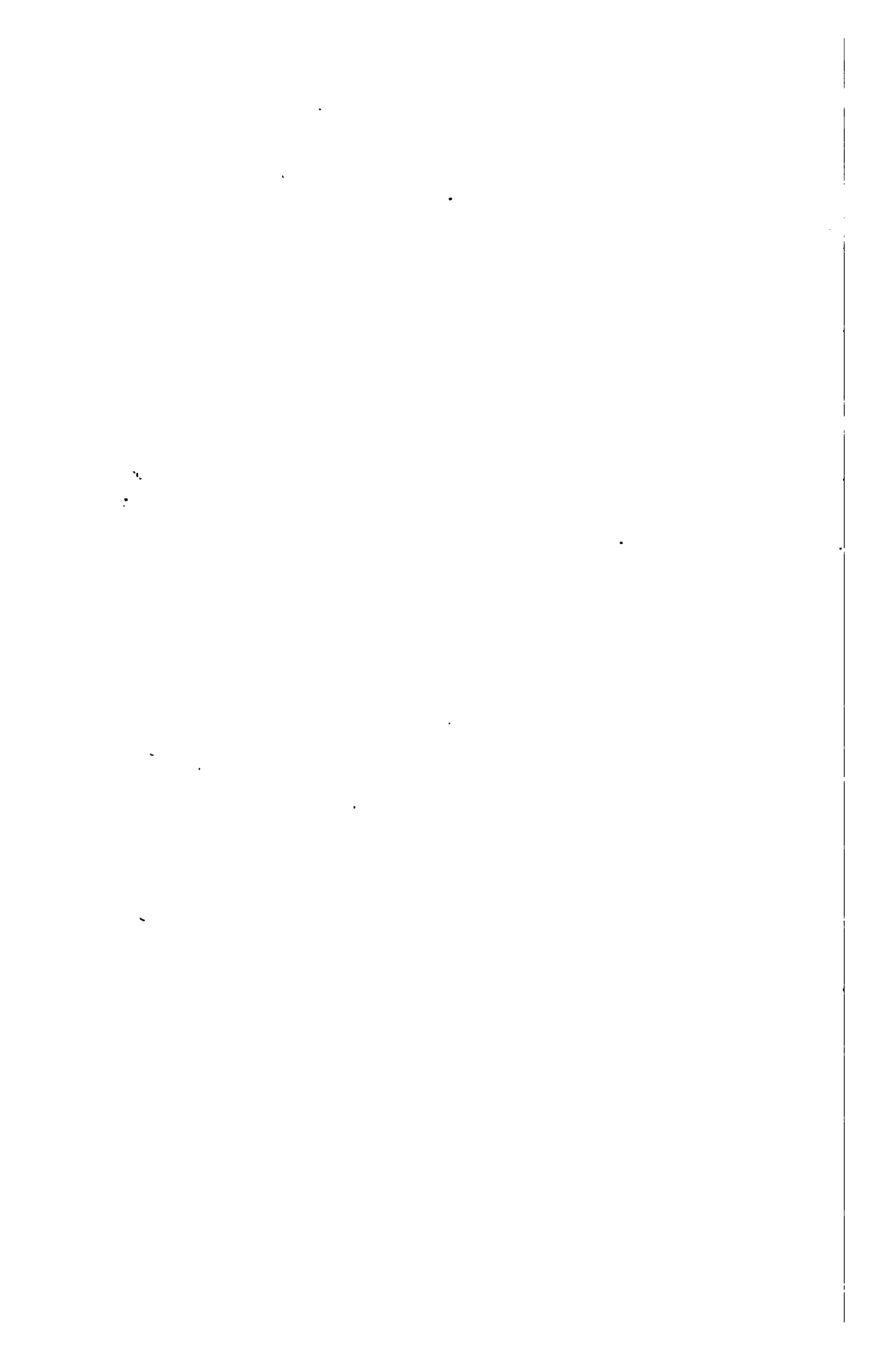


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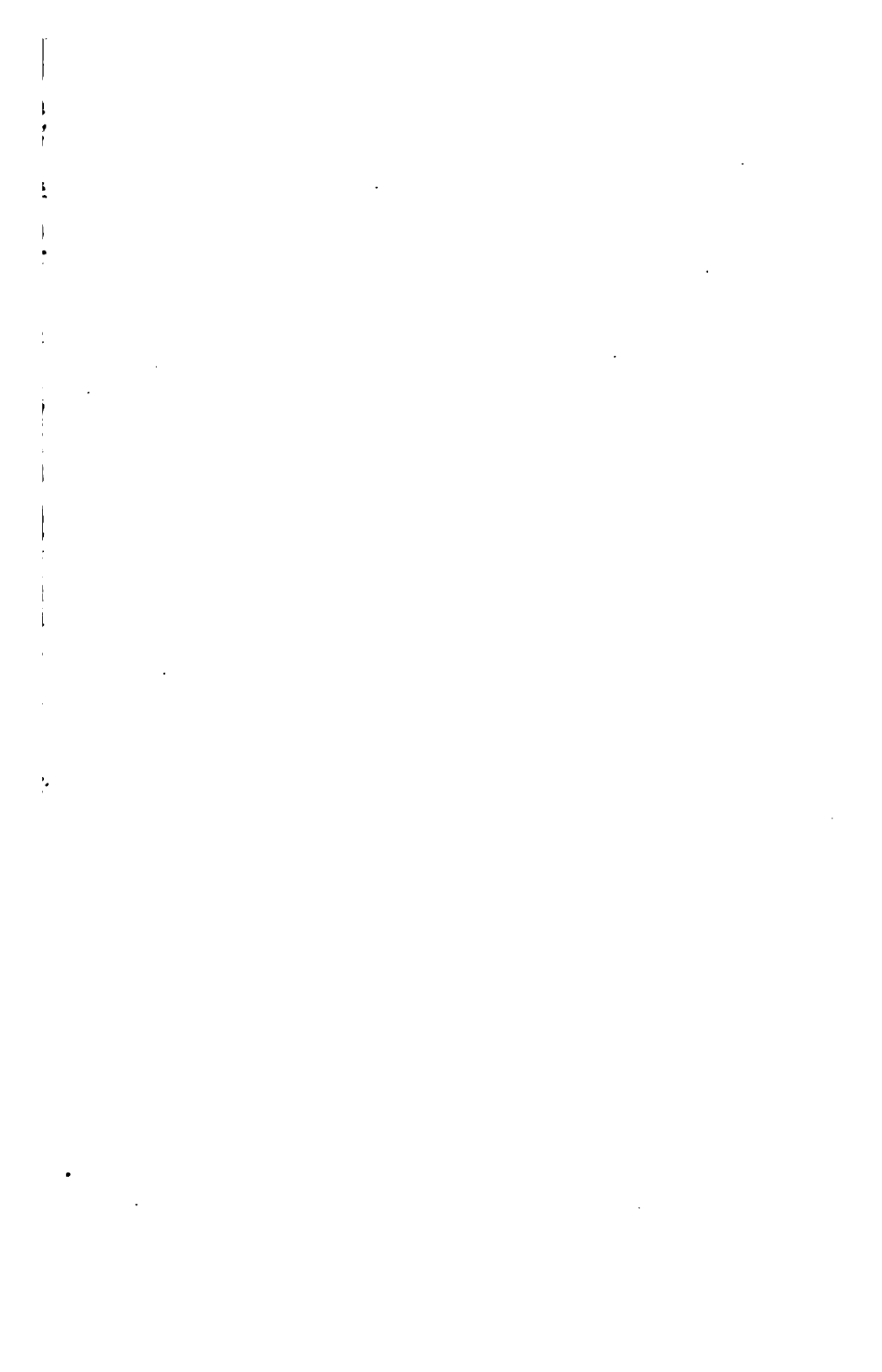
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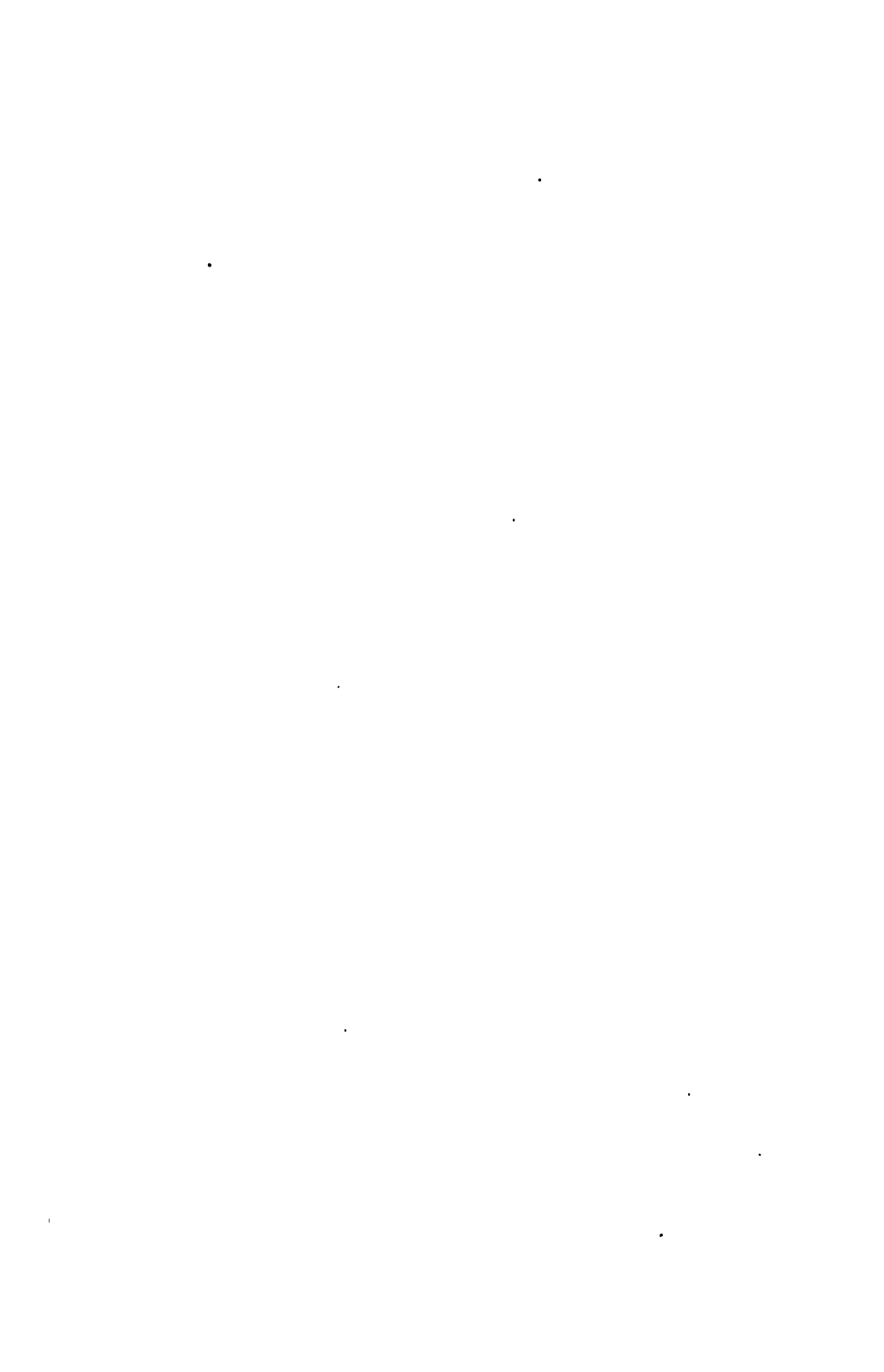
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