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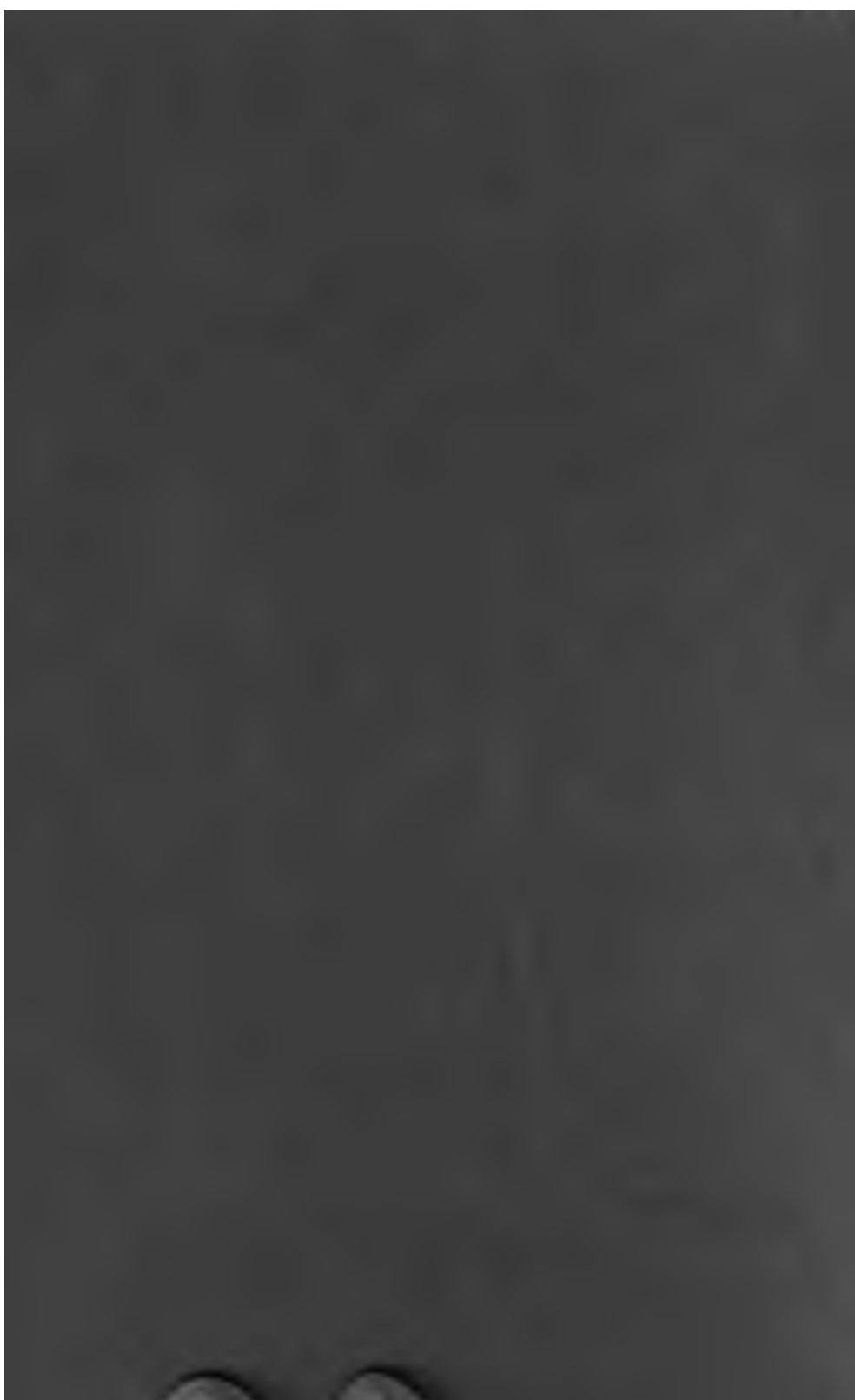
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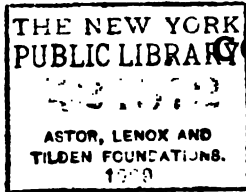
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THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

The University of Colorado is located at Boulder, a city of ten thousand inhabitants, about thirty miles north of Denver. The campus is situated on an elevation a short distance from the business portion of the city and commands to the east a view of Boulder Valley, a rich farming and fruit raising district; to the west the snow-capped peaks of the range; to the north Long's Peak rising almost fifteen thousand feet above sea level. In the canons and along the mountain roads the scenery is grand and beautiful.

By an act of the Territorial Legislature of 1861 the University was incorporated and ten years later three citizens of Boulder gave fifty-two acres adjoining the city. In 1876 the Constitution of Colorado provided that upon its adoption the University at Boulder should become an institution of the state. In September of 1877 the school opened with two departments, preparatory and college. The Medical school was established in 1883 and the Law school in 1892. The gradual withdrawal of Preparatory classes from the University was begun while now the Preparatory school has a separate organization, grounds and buildings. The college of Engineering was opened in 1893 and finally in 1906 a college of Commerce was added.

The buildings are arranged on the campus in the form of a quadrangle. "Main," the first structure to be erected contains lecture and recitation rooms for the college of Liberal Arts, the administrative offices, the Auditorium, the art rooms and Christian Association's rooms. The "Hale" science building is occupied by the physical laboratory, mathematical, biological and geological departments and the Museum. At present quarters are also provided in this building for the Law school. The central portion of the Library is

now completed and in use. A large Engineering building is devoted entirely to the college of Engineering and is fitted with the required machinery and instruments. We have also a Chemistry building, Medical building, Anatomical building, Hospital, Woodbury Hall, a dormitory for men students, Ladies' Colleges No. 1 and No. 2, a heating and lighting plant, a Gymnasium and the President's House. Plans have been drawn for a new Law building, a large Auditorium and heating and lighting plant to be erected during the coming year.

Among the student organizations we have the combined student body known as the "Associated Students" and the Christian Association. The women are organized into a "League" which has for its object the furnishing of relaxation and forming acquaintanceship among all the women. The Richards Literary Society, the University of Colorado Debating Club, the Oratorical Association and Dramatic Club are open to those who wish to belong.

The student publications are four in number; a weekly paper which is named after the University colors, "The Silver and Gold;" the "Coloradoan," an annual published by each Junior class; a journal of Engineering published annually by the students of the Engineering school; the "University of Colorado Hand-book," by the Christian Associations.

On account of the need of large dormitories on the campus all of the fraternities have their own houses. Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha, Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Omega Epsilon Phi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Pi Beta Phi, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Chi Omega and Alpha Chi Omega are now active here.

This is the home of Nu Chapter and the home of all Alpha Chis who wish to come to Colorado.

Jessie Rodgers, Nu.



NU CHAPTER

THE INSTALLATION OF NU CHAPTER OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

When I was asked to write an account of the installation of Nu Chapter for the Lyre, it was suggested that I should tell a little of my visits with Epsilon, too, so I shall describe the events in the order that they occurred.

To begin with, I left home June 23, and had a delightful trip out west via the Canadian Pacific, feeling that it was surely an inspiration to see those magnificent Canadian Rockies so different from the Colorado Rockies; the Sierra Nevada, and from the Alps. When I reached the coast the trip was made still more enjoyable by stop-overs at Seattle, Portland and San Francisco.

Before I reached Los Angeles I wrote the Epsilon girls that I expected to be in the neighborhood of their city all summer, and so, after I arrived, three of them called but much to my regret, I was out. However, I had the pleasure later of being guest of honor at a matinee party followed by a dinner at "The Angelus" on Aug. 1st. There were fourteen Alpha Chis around the table which was very attractive, with red carnations, ferns and the dainty Alpha Chi place cards. It was, indeed, a delight to meet those interesting girls and to know that they were Alpha Chis. I did not have the opportunity of seeing all of the girls as often as I would have wished owing to the fact that my time was divided between Los Angeles, Pasadena, Ocean Park, Riverside, Redlands and Catalina, but when I left Los Angeles Aug. 27th, I appreciated the courtesy of two of the Epsilon girls who came to the station to tell me good bye.

My homeward trip was very pleasant with stop-overs at Salt Lake City and at Denver, but my one engrossing thought was my visit to Boulder. On Thursday, Sept. 5th, when I arrived in Boulder, I was met by several of the girls who took me to what is now the Alpha Chi house, for Nu Chapter is fortunate in being able to begin life in an attractive frat house under the kind direction of a lovely "Alpha Chi mother," Mrs. Hall. The first evening was spent informally in getting acquainted.

At four o'clock Friday afternoon, Sept. 6th, the pledging ceremony took place in the frat house, and nine girls were proud of their scarlet and olive ribbons; while that evening at eight the formal initiation was conducted followed by the reading of letters and telegrams of congratulations and now I have the pleasure of introducing to you our sisters of Nu Chapter: Irene Hall, Ethel Brown, Jessie Rodgers, Francis Foote, Helen Rice, Willa Wales, Bertha Howard, Flora Goldsworthy and Mollie Rank. I wish that all of you might know them personally as I do, for they are surely a group of earnest, enthusiastic girls who promise to make a good loyal chapter for Alpha Chi. Following the initiation ceremony a dainty spread was served at a table prettily decorated with our red carnation and smilax. The lateness of the hour was the only reason why the college songs and Alpha Chi yells were not louder and longer than they were.

On the next day we had business meetings both morning and afternoon, electing officers and going over ceremonies; while not the least point of interest for the girls was the selection of their frat pins from the samples which had been sent, and so anxious were they to have them that nearly all bought samples without waiting to order. Saturday evening we had the installation banquet at O'Connor Hotel where the private dining room and table were beautifully decorated with our effective scarlet and olive green, the color scheme being carried out in the place cards, toast programs and even in the dainties served; but the greatest attractions in the room were the ten happy, interested girls proudly wearing their jewelled lyres.

After we had done full justice to the delicious repast, we turned all of our attention to the toasts. Helen Rice, as toastmistress, introduced the following:

Our Ideals	Bertha Howard
The Girl We Want	Ethel Brown
Ten Years Hence	Irene Hall
Alpha Chi Omega	Mabel H. Siller

Then the delightful evening was brought to a close with Alpha Chi yells.

On Monday we had more business meetings interspersed with a little rushing and preparing for a little informal re-

ception which was given in my honor that evening at the prettily decorated frat house. On this enjoyable occasion I had the pleasure of meeting some members of the faculty and of the other fraternities. The next two days there was more rushing, the principal event being a chafing-dish party at the house Tuesday evening, while in the morning I enjoyed attending the Pan-Hellenic meeting.

I was sorry, indeed, when it was time for me to leave on Wednesday, and I appreciated fully the cordial invitation to stay the rest of the week, but all good things must have an end, so it was with regret, yet with pride, that I bid good-bye to the nine new sisters whom it had been my pleasure to initiate into our beloved Alpha Chi Omega.

Mabel Siller.

MEMORIES.

When I was little, and my head
Just came to mother's knee,
I'd watch the clouds sail overhead,
And wish they'd sail to me.

I thought the sky was just a bowl
Of blue, turned upside down;
And when I heard the thunder roll,
I thought it was God's frown.

I thought the stars were little holes
Thru which the angels peep,
To look down here on me and you,
When we are fast asleep.

I wondered why God didn't tear
Apart a star or two,
And make a hole big enough
To let an angel thru.

The little new moon seemed to me
A cradle, all afloat
Upon a blue and nuptic sea,
Just like a little boat.

I wished that I might be on high,
And sail both near and far
In that cradle boat—and I longed to try
To peep in thru a star.

Florence Fall, Beta.

HOW A SISTER FROM EPSILON SPENDS HER SUMMER.

No doubt most of you have had delightful outings this summer and my own experiences will not be new to many, however, in crossing the continent from Pacific to Atlantic I have visited numerous interesting places which I will mention for the benefit of those who may not have seen them.

Leaving Los Angeles, June the eighth, I was showered with letters, flowers and many other little reminders to enjoy on my trip. Our girls were at the station to give me a good start and how I wished they were all to go with me. The first three days were quite uneventful, first through the mountains then across a stretch of desert, stopping for a short time in Salt Lake City, then on through Wyoming; a wee corner of Colorado, the state of beautiful coloring; and finally Nebraska and Illinois, reaching Chicago several hours late, very dusty and tired. Despite the rain and wind for which this city is noted I was able to visit many places of interest, including parks and public buildings. I greatly admired the public library with its beautiful marble interior.

My first mishap occurred when I was ready to leave for Toledo, Ohio. Through some delay on the elevated I missed the train, so contented myself with a book and watched the constant rush of the people until time for another train.

I found Toledo a pretty place and visited with friends for a few days, leaving for Oberlin early the following week to attend the commencement.

The little city was in gala attire in honor of the occasion. Trees, I am sure could not have been more beautiful, while at every turn one was greeted by the fragrance of that lovely flower, syringo. You may imagine what general spirit of excitement prevailed, many guests were there and I found that a stranger at Oberlin was well cared for.

There were calls, drives and dinners between the regular exercises which latter were very impressive and interesting. Many of the ceremonies were held on the campus which was beautiful in itself, and adding the vine covered buildings as a background we had a charming picture.

The *Elijah* was sung with splendid effect by the large chorus with organ and orchestral accompaniment.

I was loathe to leave this delightful place, but remembered that my trip was hardly begun. Returning to Toledo I took several short trips to nearby places and found the country so beautiful with an abundance of wild flowers on every side.

The boat trip up the Detroit river I must mention for it is so pleasant. One could enjoy for hours the view of the banks carpeted with the grass and fringed with such a variety of lovely trees.

It was raining again when I reached Detroit, but nothing daunted, I took a ride about the city, leaving for northern Michigan just in time to escape the worst of the storm.

The extremely warm weather almost made me wish for California, but occasional visits to the lakes helped to relieve us. We went to a funny little German village where we were served a typical German dinner.

My next stop was Chautauqua, N. Y., where I remained for six weeks, taking a course of lectures.

This is a most unique institution, so democratic and a place where one may absorb some benefit even from the natural beauty of the surroundings.

I might write pages on the customs of this place. It was surprising to me that so many people were so content to observe the strict rules which are in use. Old and young were provided with some form of delightful amusement or study and the many sports one usually expects in a summer resort were entirely lacking. There was rowing or riding or one might explore the woods while the more serious minded could attend lectures every hour of the day.

We visited the *Hiawatha* village where the beautiful poem is given in such realistic manner by the Indians, using for a stage the small clearing in the woods with its wigwams and other characteristic features.

After Chautauqua came Buffalo and Niagara, that never-to-be forgotten place. I took the famous Gorge ride crossing to the Canadian side where one has such a splendid view of the falls.

Two days in Buffalo gave me time to see that city of beau-

tiful homes. I went to the fort and one of the most novel places to me was the retail market.

After leaving Buffalo only a few stops were made before reaching New York City. With so many places of interest here I found it necessary to count each moment. I spent some time in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, enjoying each department and wished that my time was not so limited for one could spend days in such a place.

Friends took me to some new place each day and I shall always remember my stay there with much pleasure.

Returning, I shall stop in Albany, taking that delightful trip on the Hudson, spend a few days in Chicago and reach home in time for the fall work.

I only wish you all might have visited many of these places with me. Some are ever new and interesting though we may have seen them oft before.

Carrie Trowbridge, *Epsilon*.

BETA'S REUNION

"All things come to her who will but wait," so at last the long looked for date of Beta's twentieth anniversary came around. To the active girls, who had begun to plan and think about this auspicious event early in the fall, the occasion was fraught with significance. To the alumnae the reunion brought renewal of college friendships, of old associations, and, perhaps, a renewed sense of love for and loyalty to Alpha Chi Omega. But the active girls, as they became acquainted with all the splendid "old girls," became endowed as never before, with an unswerving faith and love for the dear sorority to which they belong.

On Friday afternoon, June fourteenth, the festivities began, with a reception, to which all the ladies on the faculty, the professors' wives, and all the members, alumnae and active, of Delta Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta were invited, "to meet the alumnae of Beta of Alpha Chi Omega."

The reception was followed by a good old-fashioned pot-luck supper, and after this came frat meeting. That frat meeting! Will we ever forget it? It was as different from

an ordinary frat meeting as anything that can be conceived of enthusiasm! Why, you couldn't see for the enthusiasm. And the readiness with which the responses were given to every request, even that for the Lyre subscriptions was nothing short of amazing. The business meeting over, an exceptionally good musical and literary program followed, which consisted of these numbers:

- Vocal solo Jesse Blanchard, '02
- Current Events Jean MacDonald, '07
- Vocal Solo Ruth Griffin Coggsball, '03
- Vocal Solo Katheryn Granger, '02
- Original Poem Florence Fall, '06
- Vocal Sol Bessie Shanley, '04
- Piano Solo Sue Greacen, '07

The best part of the evening, however, was not the supper, nor the program, but the jolly good chat which everyone had been longing for, but had been unable to have before, and which came immediately after the adjournment of frat meeting.

The "actives" will long remember the next morning—in fact, they will be reminded of it every time they go to the lodge. Our town alumnae had arranged a luncheon at the lodge for Saturday noon, so we actives had nothing to do but make ourselves agreeable. What was our surprise and delight to find, upon reaching the lodge, two beautiful mission rocking chairs, a present from our out-of-town alumnae. Needless to say, those chairs were occupied every minute of the morning and during the delicious luncheon served by our town alumnae.

At eight o'clock the clan again assembled, this time at Hotel Albion where our reunion banquet was served. Our charming president, Alta Allen Loud, made a most efficient toast mistress, cleverly introducing the speakers. The toast program was as follows:

- Toastmistress Mrs. Alta Allen Loud, '94
- The Present—The Future . . . Miss Gertrude Babcock, '06
- Looking Backward Miss Jennie Worthington, '87
- The World vs. an Alpha Chi Miss Eva Pratt, '94
- The Alumnae and the Fraternity
 Mrs. Jennie Dickenson Reid, '96

Daughters of Music, Come Higher. . Miss Olah J. Hill, '06

One very interesting feature of this reunion is that seventeen of the twenty years since Beta chapter was founded were represented. '89, '91 and '97 were not represented. At the banquet the roll was called of all the members ever initiated or pledged to Beta, and forty were marked present.

Beta's twentieth anniversary and reunion is over; but its effects will be lasting, let us hope, on every one who attended it. And the success of this reunion will undoubtedly be repeated in all those to follow.

Those who attended were:

Jennie Worthington	'87
Belle Fiske Leonard.....	'88
Della Sprague	'88
Jeanette Allen Cushman.....	'90
Hortense Osmond Miller.....	'90
Sybil Davidson	'92
Cora Belle Harrington.....	'92
Mary Mitchell	'93
Ora Woodworth	'94
Eva Pratt	'94
Lina Baum	'95
Emma Phelps Vary.....	'96
Grace Disbrow	'96
Jennie Dickenson Reid.....	'96
Ada Dickie Hamblen.....	'98
Alta Allen Loud.....	'94
Orpha Willis	'99
Maizie Goodenow	'00
Carrie H. Bolster.....	'00
Belle Loder	'00
Margaret Moshier	'01
Georga Goodenow	'02
Jessie Blanchard	'02
Mae Allen Striker.....	'02
Katheryn Granger	'02
Madge Wilcox	'02
Lulu Babcock	'03
Ruth Griffin Cogshall.....	'03
Bessie Shanley	'04



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IOTA CHAPTER HOUSE AT CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Cleora Miller	'04
Gertrude M. Babcock.....	'05
Florence Fall	'05
Lucretia Down	'05
Daisie Newcomer	'05
Marguerite Bower	'05
Olah Hill	'05
Jane Pattinson	'07
La Vida Darby	'07
Jean MacDonald	'07
Adeline Ballamy	'07
Sue Greacen	'07
	Florence Fall, Beta, '09.

IOTA'S NEW HOME

The new home of Iota, built especially for them, was completed early in September, 1906. It is located in a new addition on John street, three blocks from the campus, and is in quite a fraternity center. The Chi Omega, Delta Gamma and Delta Kappa Epsilon are the near neighbors.

The home was largely planned by the girls themselves and has a very open downstairs, the parlors, hall, den and dining room having such large doors between that they can almost be thrown into one, making it especially fine for parties and entertaining on a large scale. Another aid for parties are the waxed floors, which being finished light form a pleasing contrast with our dark woodwork. All the rooms are large and light and the girls chose their own paper, which is equivalent to saying it is all in good taste, of course. Dark green predominates. We have an excellent kitchen with plenty of roomy cupboards.

The upper floors contain ten large rooms and it is in these that we gratify our individual tastes to the limit, and post our favorite fraternity banners always with a dear old scarlet and olive green one in the most lured place.

The house faces the north and a good sod tennis court adjoins it on the east. Altogether we are most satisfied with our home and hope to add to its many attractions each year.

Cora Van Galder.

Editorials

L. Clarke Seelye, D. D., LL., D., president of Smith college, gives us an article on "The Influence of Sororities" in the September number of the "Ladies Home Journal," which should make every Greek feel that his fraternity should be even on a higher plane than it is. We feel that he has only emphasized one side of the question, and in doing so might prejudice those who might have no way of really knowing the whole truth. The ideals of the many fraternities are high and we must do more to realize them so that we can convince the educational authorities, that, while they are a permanent institution, they are for good and not evil. We will admit that many of Dr. Seelye's accusations are true to a certain extent, but the fraternities are doing all they can to banish these things which are detrimental. That some chapters of all sororities must fight the clannish spirit is true, but the fact that the national Pan-Hellenic is helping to abolish this tendency by assuring help in the great "League" work shows that this is only a result in a few places and not an outcome of Sororities as a whole. That all girls are not helped by Sorority life is true but that it is a direct result of being a member of a Sorority is what we object to. All Sororities are deceived in some girls and when the local chapters do all they can for such, any mistakes should not be laid at the door of the Sorority movement. Dr. Seelye says, "In their combinations to monopolize college honors, to put in office those whose eligibility is determined not by personal fitness, but by society membership, the societies give rise to the most disturbing and belittling factions of college life." This is also true, but I very much fear that in a college where fraternities do not exist the politics would not bear inspection, and could not be used as an example. We feel, however, that this refers to the fraternities rather than the sororities.

The college fraternities see the evil of high school fraternities and feel the effects of them as much as the secondary schools themselves. They are willing to do all in their power to abolish them completely and really shall be glad when the last one is gone. They are only an imitation of the artificial

side of the fraternity movement and have never caught the true and deep meaning for which the fraternity exists. The greatest reason for this is that the high school students are not old enough to fully comprehend the deeper side, and therefore could never reach the place where they could be what the college fraternity hopes for in each of its members. Each fraternity holds up a high standard of studentship, both moral and intellectual, before each member and is constantly urging him toward this. If we can ever reach what we hope for no such criticisms could be written. Really, should not our ideals for which we work be counted, rather than the mistakes we make.

It has been our great pleasure to welcome a new chapter in each of our last two issues of the "Lyre," and now we can greet another. Our baby chapter is both "new" and "Nu," and while we hope she will always be our "Nu" chapter, we do not want to always call her "new." We hope that many other bands of girls will succeed each other in being the "new" chapter, and our welcome to each will be none the less hearty because of the many others who have joined our ranks. Our sisters in Colorado are well organized and are ready for their work among us. We know they feel the responsibility which rests upon them and will do their part in upholding the honor and standard of Alpha Chi Omega. Because of our confidence in them our welcome is most hearty and sincere and our hope for their success is real to the extent that we are ready to do our part in helping toward the goal.

Since the Grand Council meets in Indianapolis, the home of the "Lyre," we feel that as part hostess we can express our pleasure at having these Alpha Chis with us. They are all loyal and true and have the success of our fraternity so much at heart that we are sure their enthusiasm will give our whole Indianapolis Alumni new life. We feel that it is a privilege to entertain them, and what little we can do for them is very little compared to what they are doing for Alpha Chi Omega. We are sorry that the entertainment

side of this meeting must comprise so little a part, but the fraternity has such an enlarged scope to cover that these members who are at the wheel must work as well as play. We shall try to put in enough fun to leave a pleasant feeling in their memories toward our Hoosier Capital and some of its residents.

The directory which appears in this number of the "Lyre" is just as complete as we could make it, and we are now going to ask the help of our Alpha Chi sisters for our more complete directory which we hope to get out soon. We ask each chapter to go over its own lists and write out the corrections. When a girl has married give her husband's name as well as her maiden name. This should be taken up in frat meeting and done systematically. Then any of our alumni seeing any mistakes should notify us at once. Send all this information to Miss Mable Siller, 716 E. Clarke St., Evanston, Ill.

The Council is anxious that nothing should be omitted from this meeting which is of importance to the fraternity, so if any chapter knows of anything which should be discussed and passed upon please send such information to the Grand Secretary, Miss Imo Baker.



RECEPTION ROOM



MUSIC ROOM

INTERIOR VIEWS OF IOTA'S HOME AT CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA

The summer is almost at an end and Alpha girls, after an enjoyable vacation, are eagerly looking forward to a happy reunion in September. We will greatly miss the seven girls whom we lost by graduation and their places will be hard to fill, but in spite of this we are hoping for a house full of girls, ready to do some earnest rushing.

Our life at the chapter house this coming year will be somewhat changed. We will have the entire house for our use, and for the first time, we are going to try boarding here. We wish it will be a success, and it will certainly be much more convenient, as well as more home-like. We have engaged a chaperon and cook and one of the girls will manage the table.

We are very hopeful of the spike this year, as we always get a large share of the best girls in school.

The rushing season will not be such a long drawn out one this year, as it was last. The sororities in Pan Hellenic felt that four months was unnecessary and much harder on the girls, both old and new, than a shorter term. As a result of their meeting they fixed the date of pledging on the last Monday in October, making a little over five weeks spike.

By our next letter to the Lyre we hope to add more loyal names to the roll of Alpha Chi Omega.

Mayme Winans.

BETA

The shortening days remind us that it is almost time for school to begin, which signifies to all true Beta girls the beginning of the most exciting season of the year—rushing season, or, as our sister colleges sometimes call it—the “big spike.” And every loyal Alpha Chi feels a thrill of joy to think of those lovely girls who are soon to don the good old scarlet and olive. Some of these “victims” may be all unconscious of the honors awaiting them, but they will appreciate them all the more when the time arrives.

On looking backward over the year's work, we feel rather inclined to pat ourselves upon the back, if you will excuse the expression. Never has a more loyal bunch of girls gathered weekly in the lodge, and never have the girls been more congenial. We have not confined ourselves to fraternity affairs, either. Alpha Chi was represented in almost every department of the college. We had several members on the faculty, the secretary of the student senate was a Chi, the president, vice-president and a committee chairman of Y. M. C. A. were Chis; and last but not least, one loyal Chi was elected to membership in a select literary club, the membership of which does not exceed twelve members.

Our social events have been among the leading festivities of the college. To prove this conclusively just ask "the boys" if they ever went to a dinner where they had more fun than at the Chi dinner given in the lodge last May. Or ask our worthy alumnae whether the present chapter know how to entertain or not. We may sound as if we were bragging, but we cannot help congratulating ourselves on our good year, in public.

Our prospects for next year, too, are very bright. At least ten and very probably eleven or twelve girls will be back to start in the new college year together, to say nothing of the new girls we hope to gather in. We will feel the loss of the three girls who graduated, Lulu Babcock and Jeanette Freeman, literary, and Jessie Blanchard, conservatory. One or two others too, will not return. But we, who are left will only be drawn closer together in the attempt to fill in the places of those who are gone.

Some changes interesting particularly to Alpha Chis will have taken place in the Albion college faculty, when we return this fall. Dr. Chace, formerly head of the conservatory, will not be with us this year. He has accepted a position in Seattle, Washington. His place will be filled by Prof. J. Cozine, of Chicago. Mr. Columbus has been engaged to teach piano and organ, and Prof. Cozine will teach voice, harmony, counterpoint and public school music. Both of these men come well recommended, and will be an addition to the school.

We hear rumors that before this issue of the Lyre goes to

press a new chapter of Alpha Chi Omega will have taken its place upon the earth. Beta sends heartiest greetings to the new baby chapter in Colorado, and wishes her long life and prosperity.

May each and every chapter enjoy the same prosperous year that Beta feels confident is opening to her.

Florence Fall, Beta '09.

DELTA

Delta sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them every success during the coming year. We start this year with twelve of our old girls back and with such a good start we are looking for a successful and happy year. According to the Pan heavenly agreement, rushing season lasts for six weeks with one formal and one informal event for each sorority. Delta's formal party comes during the first week of the rushing season and this means hard work for us but we cheerfully will put our shoulders to the wheel for the cause of Alpha Chi Omega. Delta, on the whole, has passed a pleasant summer and hopes her sister chapters have had as pleasant a one and are all back ready for another year of work.

Mary B. Greene, Delta.

EPSILON

Epsilon sends greetings to her sisters. We have all greatly enjoyed our vacation but are looking forward to the opening of school, September sixteenth, when we will be together again.

Although scattered this summer, we have managed to have several informal gatherings. Soon after school closed, we met at the home of Louise White, for an all-day meeting, taking our sewing and enjoying a typical Epsilon spread.

July second we went to the home of Hazel Hearne, in Sierra Wadre, for a picnic, spending the day in one of the canons there and returning in the cool of the evening. All who went greatly enjoyed the outing.

Before school closed, we had the pleasure of seeing a Pan-

Hellenic formed among the four sororities of the college and rules governing rushing printed.

Phoebe Joslin.

ZETA

At the opening of the new school year this fall, Zeta hopes to have a goodly percentage of her old members return to active chapter life.

At the last initiation, at the close of the year, two more girls were made our sisters; Miss Jess Northcraft, of New York City, and Miss Carrie Aiton, of Belfield, Va.

Probably the last gathering of Zeta girls, before they scattered to the four winds for summer vacations was at the Alumnae Reunion of the Conservatory, held on the evening of commencement day. There, some Alpha Chi graduates participated in the reunion some few days after the last gathering of our own had been held.

It is rather interesting to chronicle the different places in which vacations are being spent. Three of Zeta's girls are in Canada, eight on the Atlantic coast, one on the Pacific coast, nine in the Middle states, five in the south and one traveling in Europe.

Miss Hilda Swartz has accepted an offer to do concert and oratorio work in New York this coming season.

Miss Rachael Osgood will teach in Asheville, N. C.

We are hoping for the return of Misses Elizabeth and Ida Kirkpatrick to active chapter life this year, after an absence of a year. Also of Miss Ruth Tucker, who was compelled to give up her work on account of illness in the spring.

Miss Irma Watson will be in Salt Lake City this coming winter, having visited Jamestown and other points of interest on her return trip from Boston this summer.

Miss Blanche Crafts is in Banff, Alberta, Canada, for the summer, and Miss Gladys Olmstead in Europe.

Zeta extends best wishes to her sister chapters for a very prosperous and successful year.

Winnifred Byrd.





PARLOR



DINING ROOM

INTERIOR VIEWS OF IOTA'S HOME AT CHAMPAIGN, ILL.

THETA

There is not much news from Theta as it is two weeks before college opens. Prospects are bright for the coming year, although we regret that six of our active girls of last year will not return.

We expect the following girls to be in the house: Persis Goeschel, Laura Sherffius, Louise Van Voorheis, Edith Steffner, Maude Klein, Myrtle Harris, Elizabeth Salliotte, Edith Leonard and Lola Phelps.

Miss Edith Steffner will be physical director of the girls' gymnasium of the Ann Arbor high school this coming year.

Mrs. Craig, of Indianapolis, who was with us for a short while last year as chaperon, will be with us again this year.

There were several reunions of Theta's girls held this summer in various parts of the state.

Theta had two graduates from the Literary department of the University this year, Isla Jones, of Grand Rapids, and Helen B. Gallagher, of Manistee.

Just before the close of the year we gave a banquet and initiated a new patroness, Mrs. Henderson, of Ann Arbor, and two new girls, Lola Phelps and Mildred Lehner, of Kalkaska, Mich.

We also pledged another Kalkaska girl, Effie Landrum.

During summer school Vera Burkhart and Edith Steffner kept the house open, and we rented two rooms to young ladies in summer school.

We are very sorry that on account of sickness during the summer Miss Mildred Lehner will be unable to return to college.

It is the wish of Theta that all the sister chapters may have a successful year.

IOTA

Success was with the Iota chapter to the last day of the year 1906-7. Every final was cheerfully passed, every social event, and they still crowded into June, was a merry one and then the dear old bunch broke up and parted, not without tears to be sure, and every girl arrived in safety.

A jolly round robin letter kept us in touch through the summer and joy it brought to every girl's heart, but sadness too, as one by one the girls wrote that they could not return this fall. At last it became evident that only six of our jolly eighteen would return to the chapter home. Seven of us accepted positions as teachers and five more even kept away by home duties.

We are gathering back now to begin work and work it means to recruit our depleted ranks. The empty rooms oppress us. Our rushing season here numbers eighteen busy days but we hope for the same success that attended us all last year. The house is nearly ready for the "family" we hope to secure. It was an easy matter to get it in order as two of the girls kept it open during the summer session and of course it had good care.

In our next letter we will tell of our freshmen.

Iota extends greetings to the other chapters and renews the welcome to those who are new.

KAPPA

How fast the summer is flying and how soon we will be at work again. Though our vacation is nearly over, it is not with regret that we look forward to September 25th, which is registration day at Wisconsin. Our girls are perhaps more eager for the opening of the university this year than heretofore, as this year we are to have a home of our own. The town girls have been busy looking after the papering and soon the house will be ready for the girls who come from out of town. Everybody is making pillows, curtains and banners with which to make our home attractive.

Mrs. Showalter, the mother of one of our girls is to be our chaperon. This makes us very happy, as we feel that she will take more interest in our welfare than a stranger.

Our chapter will number about fourteen at the beginning of the school year. During inter-scholastic we pledged two fine girls from Milwaukee, Inace and Marian Carpenter, who expect to enter the university a year from this coming fall.

The music school will be strengthened this year by the appointment of Mr. Cole as director. Mr. Cole is a promi-

ment musician from Chicago and is well known as an authority on harmony and musical composition.

Under Prof. Parker, who becomes director emeritus, the school of music has been steadily growing and to him Madison owes the opportunity of hearing many prominent musicians.

Kappa sends greetings and wishes her sisters much success in the coming year. Sarah Morgan.

LAMBDA

Vacation is almost over and while all Alpha Chis are looking forward to the opening of college, the girls of Lambda are especially eager for the seventeenth of September to come, for then we will be all together in our own home for the first time. The house is at 606 Ostrom ave., faces the east and has large pleasant rooms that we expect will be very home-like when we are settled there. We are all full of courage and ready to work for the welfare of the fraternity in Syracuse and are looking forward to a most delightful, and, we trust, a very prosperous year. Lambda will be very glad to welcome any Alpha Chis at her new home.

At our last chapter meeting of the past year, we initiated Grace A. Young, thus bringing the number on our chapter roll up to eighteen. We expect to begin the new year with seventeen to work and hope and plan.

Mrs. Grace Hammond Holmes, Delta, entertained the Alpha Chis on June 3, and although a number of the girls were kept at home on account of examinations, those of us who could go, had a most delightful time.

Syracuse has been favored by visits from two Alpha Chis of other colleges, since the publication of the last Lyre. Mrs. Ralph B. Dennis, Gamma, passed through Syracuse early in August on her way to the Thousand Islands and Miss Lois Berst, Theta, visited Syracuse at commencement time, when her brother graduated from the College of Applied Science.

Some time ago Chancellor Day appointed a committee to investigate the question of fraternities. The report made

was extremely favorable. He has since appointed another committee, and while the result is not known it is feared that the chancellor himself is opposed to the fraternities.

Lambda wishes all her sisters a very happy and prosperous year.
Ruth Harlow.

MU

We girls of Mu chapter are expecting a great deal of pleasure and benefit from the year of active life that has just opened for us. Eleven of us have returned to school and our prospects for pledges are bright. Pledge day this year will be November twentieth. Late in the spring term we initiated Lois Smith, '06, and Olive Jones, ex-'09, who were charter members of Alpha Alpha Gamma, and Fern Ogg.

We were very glad to have with us during commencement week, our patroness, Miss Alice Barrows, who had just returned from a two years' study of music in Berlin. After spending the summer with her parents in Columbus, Ohio, she will return to Berlin to study another year, after which she will resume her work as instructor in piano at Simpson Conservatory.

On Wednesday evening, June twelfth, we initiated our patronesses, Mrs. B. F. Clayton and Miss Alice Barrows. After initiation we entertained our mothers at the home of Mrs. Clayton in honor of our initiates and our seniors. We enjoyed this family gathering so much that we planned to have another this year.

We have no house, but have secured the parlors in the same private house in which four of our girls are rooming. This we call our home, and to this house we shall be very glad to welcome any Alpha Chis who may come this way.

Lena Dalrymple.

NU

We of the Nu Chapter wish to express our sincere appreciation of the cordiality with which we have been received into Alpha Chi Omega. The congratulatory messages were not only a welcome, but an inspiration to us in our new rela-

tionship. We are proud to be included in the bond—a bond which even now means doubly more than we could realize at the beginning, and whose ideals and aims we shall do our utmost to uphold.

The opportunity of meeting and knowing Miss Siller has further increased our regard for our fraternity. We appreciate her loyalty and the earnestness of her efforts in behalf of the baby chapter. It is our hope that the baby chapter may do merit to the parent organization.

Our installation, coming as it has, with the opening of the school year has launched us immediately into the midst of things. Since only the one week is allowed here for the "rushing" season, we have found it necessary to enter upon decidedly active fraternity life from the start. We are already located in our new home and are looking forward to a busy but thoroughly happy year.

May the Nu Chapter extend greetings to her sister Alpha Chis?

ALPHA ALPHA

The regular monthly luncheons of Alpha Alpha chapter will be begun the first Saturday in September and held on the first Saturday of every month during the year. We hope to meet at the same place every time this year so that the girls will always know where to find us. Any Alpha Chi visiting in or near Chicago will be cordially welcomed to any of these luncheons, and can learn the time and the place by writing to Mrs. Ray Calwell, 1452 Leland ave., Chicago.

Mary Vose.

BETA BETA

We have returned from the pleasures and discomforts of summer vacations, tired, yes, and paradoxical as it sounds, rested by the change. Beta Beta girls and matrons seem to have taken their vacations diversely. Mrs. Wild spent the summer in Minoegua, Wisconsin; Miss Roberts and Mrs. Francis in Kentucky; Mrs. Ruick enjoys her summer home on White river; Miss McHatton spent several weeks in

Cleveland; Mrs. Taggart has been at her country home since early spring. One of the most delightful meetings we have ever had was our June meeting with Mrs. Taggart. The girls went out early in the afternoon and the "Alpha Chi men" came for the bounteous picnic supper.

Some of us, we are in the minority fortunately, have spent the summer in Indianapolis and the interesting events have not been confined to the lakes of Wisconsin or the hills of Kentucky after all. Mrs. Wade has a new son and Mrs. Cottingham a new daughter—that is something worth while.

We had our first meeting last Tuesday with our president, Miss Roberts. We had with us as a guest Mrs. Laura Adams Henry, who was married last June and now lives in Iowa. We will miss her in this year's work for she was an enthusiastic worker. We are glad to welcome into the alumnae chapter, Marie Wood, who finished her work at De Pauw last year.

Beta Beta is planning now for the entertainment of the Grand Council, which will meet here the last week in October. the business sessions will be held at the home of Mrs. Wild and the principal social function will be a reception to all the sororities in the city. Two members of this council we have with us and we look forward with pleasure to meeting the other members.

Personals

ALPHA

Our girls, though widely scattered this summer, all seem to have had a fine time. Our seniors have probably been mapping out their future careers.

Sadie Mochlan, who graduated in June, will teach in Mulberry, Indiana, this year.

Marie Wood, graduate in pianoforte, will be in the Metropolitan School of Music, Indianapolis, under Mr. Anthony.

Catherine Elfers, who was forced to leave school last fall on account of ill health, will return this year.

Among the camping parties enjoyed this summer was the one at Vernon, Ind., including the Robinson, Ill., Chis: Grace and Maud Meserve, Mary Barlow, Fay Newlin and Lydia Buler, of Bluffton, Indiana.

Fay Newlin enjoyed a delightful trip to Niagara, Montreal, Quebec and Thousand Islands.

Edna Walters spent several weeks in visiting interesting and historic points in the east.

Virenda Rainier spent a part of the summer with her sister, Mrs. Gwinn, Alpha, of Rensselaer, Indiana.

Marie Neal enjoyed an outing at Lake Wawasee this summer, with a party of friends.

Marie Wood, who has been with her parents at their summer home, Culver, Ind., will return home in September.

Miss Grace Bryan, Alpha, was married July 17, at her home.

BETA

Miss Kate Calkins and Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald, of Chicago, spent the summer vacation with their parents in Albion.

Mrs. Nella Ramsdell Fall passed the summer at Smith's Cave, Nova Scotia.

Marie White Longman recently visited friends in Albion.

Jeanette Allen Cushman, of Minneapolis, spent the summer in Albion.

Born, to Mae Striker, a son, Allen Daniel Striker.

Mrs. Elin Gustafson Turrentine, of New York City, called on Albion friends in June.

Madge Wilcox will teach in Chelsea high school this year.

Jessie Blanchard expects to spend the winter with her father in Nebraska.

Lulu Babcock has accepted a position as history teacher in East Jordan, Mich., high school.

Lina Baum and Frederic Van Roy were united in marriage in June. They will live in Detroit.

Mary Dickie spent the summer at Lake Placid in the Adirondacks, and has returned much improved in health.

Mary Perine has returned from her trip abroad. She visited Rome, Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands, England and Scotland.

Cleora Miller and Gertrude Babcock attended the Y. W. C. A. convention at Lake Geneva.

Marian Childs left in the spring for a trip to Europe.

Florence M. Bailey and Charles Hayden, Sigma Chi, were married on the twenty-fifth of June.

Born, to Fannie Dissette Tackels, a son.

Miss Emma Crittenden recently left for Brooklyn, N. Y., where she will live with her sister, Mrs. Redfield.

Louise Birchard McClintock and Grace Armstrong Burnham visited Lucie McMaster Niles in Oak Park, this summer.

Katherine Brandon Harris has been obliged to move to Denver, Colorado, on account of ill health.

Ada Dickie Hamblen visited in Kenosha, Wisconsin, during the summer.

Margaret Moshier will take up the study of Domestic science in Detroit this fall.

Belle Fiske Leonard visited recently in Detroit.

Emma Phelps Vary spent August at Higgin's Lake.

Cora Harrington spent the summer at South Haven.

Grace Brown spent the vacation in Albion and Angola, Indiana.

Helen Hough visited friends in Ann Arbor at commencement time.

Susie Perine spent the summer in Albion.

Eva Pratt spent the summer in the Adirondacks, and at home in Albion.

Mrs. Bolster recently spent a few days in Chicago.

Jennie Worthington took the Georgian Bay trip to the Soo, visiting, on her way, in company with Hortense Osmond Miller, Miss Davidson, of Port Huron.

Georgia McClellan spent the summer in Macomb, Illinois.

Jeanette Allen Cushman passed a few days with Gertrude Fairchild Lott at Three Rivers, and with Beatrice Breckenridge Cushman, at Cleveland, Ohio.

DELTA

Helen Trax Wynne, daughter, in July.

Belle Chase Layng, daughter, in July.

Mary Roberts Philp, daughter, in August.

Alice McDowell, of Meadville, visited Frank Harper, of Butler, during August.

Mabel McLean, of Union City, spent part of her vacation at Chautauqua.

The Rev. Appleton Bash has been called to the M. E. church Sewickly, and Rev. Crissman, its vacating pastor, has been chosen president of Beaver college. Miss Bash and the Misses Crissman are Delta girls.

Carrie Marie Waters, of Nashville, Tenn., is spending the summer at the home of her aunt, Mrs. C. C. Laffer, of Meadville.

Miss Ethel Moore made a trip to Buffalo in August.

The Alpha Chis of Meadville and Greenville had an outing at Conneat Lake on August 12th. A movement is on foot to make this an annual outing.

Miss Cloe Lord, of Meadville, attended a house party near Du Bois, Pa.

Louise Lord has returned from an extended trip including Cleveland, Chicago and Sister Lakes, Mich., visiting Miss Shires, of Mansfield, Ohio, on her way home.

Mary Howe visited at New Castle and Greenville.

Mrs. Kate Templeton Sheparson, of Zeta, and her husband, were members of a party that camped on the shore of Lake Erie for two weeks in July.

Sarah Evans, of New York City, spent the month of August at her home in Greenville.

Miss Vesta Leet, of Greenville, visited at Meadville and Conneautville.

Miss Jess Merchant, of Meadville, spent several days in New Castle, Pa.

Mary B. Greene, of Bellevue, visited Miss Wicks, of South Fork, Pa. Miss Louise Chase, of Greenville, was Miss Greene's guest during the latter part of August.

EPSILON

This summer finds our girls widely scattered. August third, Isabel Curl sailed for Italy where she goes to continue her studies, expecting to be gone two years this time.

Carrie Trowbridge left us before the close of school to spend her vacation in the east and studying at Chautauqua, New York, under William Sherwood.

Sue Shenk has been spending her vacation in Mexico.

Mrs. Van Cleve and Mrs. Young have a cottage at Ocean Park, where they are being benefitted by the ocean breezes.

Louise White left August 25, by boat, for San Francisco, where she expects to visit for several months.

Maude Hawley spent the summer in New York and is now visiting relatives in Iowa.

Maude Anderson spent some time in the mountains of northern California.

Erna Reese visited friends in Ventura and in Long Beach.

Faye Buck has been the organist at the First Congregational church during Professor Skeeke's absence.

ZETA

Miss Sarah Morton returned from Paris in June, in time for the commencement season at the conservatory.

Miss Gertrude Dawson is summering in the mountains of western Pennsylvania.

Announcements are out of the marriage of Miss Caroline Schmidt to Mr. Carol T. Culley, August 20th, at East Las Vegas, N. M. At home after September 1st, at Jackson, Miss.

Misses Merle Reynolds, Lucy Peery, Rachael Osgood and May Hall, made a jolly party of Alpha Chis visiting New York in June.

Miss Mabel Davidson, who has been pursuing her musical studies for the past two years in Berlin, is one of a party of twelve American musicians forming a summer colony in one of the mountain resorts of Germany.

THETA

Douna Savage, of Lansing, took a long eastern trip this vacation.

Nell Gallagher, of Manistee, entertained Blanche Hayes, of Pittsburg, and Louise Van Voorhis, of Evanston, Ill., at her home for two weeks.

Florence Clemens, of Ann Arbor, entertained Nell Gallagher, Blanche Hayes and Louise Van Voorhis at her summer cottage at Portage Point, Onekama, Mich.

Mrs. Alberta Yutzy, of Ann Arbor, is very ill.

Mrs. Virginia Fisk Green, of New York, has a son born in July.

Mary Benedict, of Bay City, will spend next winter in California.

Lois Berst, of Erie, Pa., may go abroad soon to study.

Helen Gallagher, of Manistee, is teaching mathematics this year in a Pittsburg high school.

Edith Steffner is going to be gymnasium teacher at the Ann Arbor high school this year.

Mrs. Craig, of Indianapolis, who was with us for a time last year, will be our chaperon this year.

Miss Grace Harner, Theta, will study cello in Chicago this year.

Miss Helen Gallagher, Theta, is teaching mathematics in the high school at Swissvale, Pa.

Miss Bonnibel Butler, Theta, is studying at the Chicago Art Institute.

Miss Leslie Smith, Theta, is teaching in Chicago public schools.

Miss Louise Bradley, Theta, is in Palo Alto, California, for her health.

Miss Winnifred Bartholomew, Theta, who has been south for several months, visited Ann Arbor friends on her return home.

Miss Lois Berst, Theta, is teaching music at her home in Erie, Pa.

Miss Lydia Kinsley, Theta, is librarian at the normal school in Warrensburg, Missouri.

Miss Margaret Waddell, Theta, is now in Viewfield, Upper Largo, Scotland.

To Ora Bond Burnam, Theta, of Chicago, Ill., a son.

To Virginia Fiske Green, Theta, of New York, a son.

To Mrs. James Henderson, patroness of Theta, Ann Arbor, Mich., twin sons.

IOTA

Lucy Lewis will return to the University this year after an absence of a year.

Bertha Walters, '07, is teaching in Woodstock.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. Brown, of Moline, Ill., Sept. 5. Mrs. Brown (Clara Fisher) graduated from Illinois in '04.

Ethel Wood, '07, is teaching in the Prescott, Arizona, high school.

Five others of Iota's girls here last year are intending to teach school this year.

KAPPA

Iola Harker, Kappa, was married to Mr. Morton Withy, Sept. 10.

Miran Verbeck, Kappa, has accepted a position in the high school at Sibly, Iowa, where she will teach English and music.

Winnifred Showalter, Kappa, has gone to Menomonee, where she will take a course in domestic science.

LAMBDA

Adelaide Durston, Lambda, one graduate of last year, is to teach Latin and English in Rushville, N. Y.

Martha Lee, Lambda, visited in Erie, Pa., through June and had the pleasure of meeting Lois Berst, Theta.

Olive Morris, Lambda, was at Lake Placid, N. Y., for July and August.

Frances Waldo, Lambda, has been spending the summer at Thousand Islands Park, finishing her season with a trip to Quebec and Montreal.

Helen Cunningham, Lambda, has been in Nantucket for a part of her vacation.

Stella Crowel attended summer school in Syracuse.

MU

Lora Hagler has been elected principal of the academy at Simpson.

Florence Armstrong, '06, spent the summer at Estes Park, Colorado. This fall she will enter the Bible Training School in New York City.

Lois Morrell Smith, '06, and J. Harry Crann, of Summit, New Jersey, were married at the bride's home in Winterset, Ia., July 14.

Ada Louise Schimelfenig, '07, spent six weeks of the summer at Iowa State University, specializing in Latin and in English, which she will teach in the Odebolt high school this year.

Olive Jones, ex-'09, will teach this year at Meaford, Ore.

Myrtle Bussey and Ethel MacFadden spent the summer touring in Europe.

Fern Ogg, '10, will teach at Elliott, North Dakota, this year.

ALPHA ALPHA

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice S. Miller (nee Holbrook), a daughter, on August 2 1st.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. George W. Woolley (nee Childs), a daughter, on June 2 1st.

Mrs. Ralph Dennis spent the summer in New York.

Miss Mabel Jones spent six weeks in Boston, Brooklyn and several other cities.

Mrs. E. L. Pratt spent three weeks in Boston and New York City.

Mrs. W. H. Wydsoff spent six weeks at Lake Geneva, Ill.

Miss Theo Chaffee and Miss Grace Ericson spent several weeks in August at Pine Lodge, Mich.

Miss Mabel Siller spent two months in California and on her way home stopped at Boulder, Col., to establish a charter chapter in the state college there.

Miss Tina Mae Haines spent her vacation at Bay View, Mich.

Miss Cora Seegers has returned from Colorado and spent the summer with her parents.

Miss Monie Wemple spent several weeks in the east.

Mrs. Eugene Hinckley spent two months at Emmett Beach, Mich.

BETA BETA

Born to Mable Johnson Weaver, a daughter.

Born to Daisy Steele Wilson, a daughter.

Born to Sara Neal Washburn, a son.

Complete Membership

ALPHA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Estelle Leonard.....Union City, Indiana.
 Mrs. Harry M. Smith (Anna Allen).....Greencastle, Indiana.
 Mrs. Scoby Cunningham (Bertha Deniston).....Indianapolis, Indiana.
 Mrs. Nellie Gamble Childs.....Martinsville, Illinois.
 Mrs. Olive Burnett Clark.....Anderson, Indiana.
 Amy Du Bols.
 Mrs. Bessie Grooms Keenan.....Leroy, Illinois.

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- Ericson, Grace.....Evanston, Illinois.
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 Trumble, Edna Stanton.....Marinette, Wisconsin.
 V
 Vose, Mary R.Evanston, Illinois.
 Vanderhoff, Mrs. Wilfred.....Grand Forks, North Dakota.
 Van Ryper, Relda.....New Carlisle, Indiana.
 W
 Wayman, El Freda Coleman.....Muskogee, Indian Territory.
 Wykoff, Lillian Siller.....Evanston, Illinois.
 Williams, Maude Wimmer.....Perry, Iowa.
 Wemple, Nonie.....Waverly, Illinois.
 Wooley, Florence Childs.....Evanston, Illinois.
 Whallon, Irene Snyder.....Altoona, Pennsylvania.

Wemple, Edith.....Waverly, Illinois.
 White, Marie.....Evanston, Illinois.
 Williams, Rachel.....Senaca, Kansas.

Y

Young, Ella L.510 Greenleaf St., Evanston, Illinois.
 Young, Adolyn Richardson.....Bonam, Texas.

PLEGDED.

Schrentgen, Mabel Pratt.....Council Bluffs, Iowa.

DELTA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Brown, Antoinette Snyder.....Meadville, Pennsylvania.
 Evans, Ruby Krick.....Kane, Pennsylvania.
 Osgood, Zannie Tate.....Marseilles, Illinois.
 Robinson, Mae Bredin.....Tidionete, Pennsylvania.
 Stevens, Fern Pickard.....New York, N. Y.
 Tinker, Etta Mary.....Detroit, Michigan.
 Wilson, Elizabeth Tate.....Boise City, Idaho.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Decca, Madame Marie.....Washington, D. C.
 Hull, Juvia O.Meadville, Pennsylvania.

CHAPTER ROLL.

A

Andrews, Jennie McMaster.....Hartstown, Pa.

B

Baker, Katherine.....Warren, Pa.
 Bowen, Margaret Barber.....Meadville, Pa.
 Byers, Frances.....Cooperstown, Pa.
 Bates, Florence.....Meadville, Pa.
 Borland, Anna.....Oil City, Pa.
 Brock, Mary Gibson.....Meadville, Pa.
 Brady, Mayme Goodnough.....26 Westwood Ave., Lakewood, Ohio.
 Bash, Vera.....Beaver, Pa.
 Birchart, Edith.....Cambridge Springs, Pa.

C

Cribbs, Bertha.....Oil City, Pa.
 Cowan, Lillian.....Apollo, Pa.
 Church, Agnes Pearson.....Meadville, Pa.
 Crissman, Nell Pearl.....Swickly, Pa.
 Crumliiss, Mabel Muse.....West Newton, Pa.
 Carlburg, Dora Waters.....Union City, Pa.
 Clark, Mabel Adam.....Greensburg, Pa.
 Crissman, Jess.....Sewickly, Pa.
 Crawford, E. Mabelle.....New Castle, Pa.
 Chase, Louise.....Greenville, Pa.
 Cutkin, Elsie Kiefer.....Pittsburg, Pa.

D

Davenport, Lydia.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Dick, Mrs. John.....Meadville, Pa.
 Donnelly, Elizabeth McAllister.....Mifflin, Pa.
 Dunbar, Myrta.....Knox, Pa.
 Dermitt, Edith.....Watsons Run, Pa.
 Davis, Nell.....Wilkinsburg, Pa.

- E**
- Evans, Sara Francis.....New York, N. Y.
 Ensign, Fredericka Trax.....Meadville, Pa.
 Everson, Marian.....Wellsville, Ohio.
- F**
- Fair, Lee E.Oil City, Pa.
 *Foote, Mary Rhoda.
 Faber, Elsie Kiefer.....Bellone, Pa.
 Faas, Ethelivyn Porter.....Pittsburg, Pa.
 Frost, Amy Luck S.Pittsburgh, Tenn.
 Farr, Anna M.Raymore, Mo.
- G**
- Gatchell, Helen Orris.....Lancaster, New York.
 Graham, Mary Thorpe.....Meadville, Pa.
 Gummson, Harriet McLaughlin.....Brooklyn, New York.
 Gamble, Nelle White.....Meadville, Pa.
 Gates, Pearl Wilkins.....Union City, Pa.
 Green, Mary.....Belleone, Pa.
- H**
- Hay, Lou Blodgett.....Youngsville, Pa.
 Hunter, Jennie Ogden.....428 Oak St., Chicago, Illinois.
 Harper, Florence Esther.....Meadville, Pa.
 Hollister, Carrie Gaston.....East Palestine, Ohio.
 Holmes, Grace Hammond.....210 Fitch St., Syracuse, N. Y.
 Hampson, Mabel Beyer.....Wilkinsburg, Pa.
 Hempstead, Eleanor Brush.....Indianapolis, Indiana.
 Howe, Mary.....Meadville, Pa.
 Hammond, Lyda Barron.....Bolivar, Pa.
 Hall, Ella Lovell.....Fairmount, W. Va.
 Harper, Frances.....Butler, Pa.
 Henry, Olga.....Punxatawny, Pa.
- I**
- Irwin, Rebie Hood.....New York, N. Y.
 Irvin, Archibald Mrs.Brooklyn, N. Y.
- J**
- Johnson, Effie Sherred.....Greenville, Pa.
- K**
- Kesler, Evelyln Bright.....Greenville, Pa.
 Kent, Lauletta Barnaby.....Byrome City, N. J.
 Kelky, Lina Hollenbeak.....Springboro, Pa.
- L**
- Lenhardt, Ada Leona.....Jersey City, N. J.
 Laffler, Gertrude Sackett.....Meadville, Pa.
 Love, Clara Maxwell.....Independence, Kansas.
 Laird, Lois McMullen.....Hattersburg, Miss.
 Lord, Catherine Mary.....Meadville, Pa.
 Layng, Belle Chase.....Greenville, Pa.
 Lillard, Theo. White.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Lord, Louise.....Meadville, Pa.
 Leffingwell, C. Mabelle.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Leet, Vesta.....Greenville, Pa.
 Linn, Elizabeth P.West Newton, Pa.
 Lane, Arline.....Meadville, Pa.
- M**
- McGill, Jene Robson.....La Mirada, California.

Merchant, Jessie.....Meadville, Pa.
 Moore, Mary Millicent.....Summerville, Pa.
 McCartney, Helen Howe.....Greenville, Pa.
 McAllister, Eleanor.....West Newton, Pa.
 McCord, Bertha.....Wellsburg, W. Va.
 Miller, A. Maude.....Meadville, Pa.
 McDowell, Alice C.Meadville, Pa.
 Marsh, Ruby.....Ironville, Pa.
 Moore, Ethel.....Meadville, Pa.
 Moore, Florence L.Meadville, Pa.
 McClean, Mabel.....Union City, Pa.

N

Nutt, Suzanne Porter.....2049 Ashland Ave., Toledo, Ohio.

O

Ogden, Gertrude Helen.....807 Fine Arts Bldg., Chicago, Illinois.

P

Porter, Caroline Virginia.....Toronto, Canada.
 Pentz, Edith Moore.....Canton, Ohio.
 Powell, Helen Edsall.....Nashville, Tennessee.
 Pendleton, Flora.....Metz, W. Va.
 Prindle, Elizabeth Patton.....146 Elm St., Batavia, Illinois.
 Porter, Juvenilia Olivia.....New York, N. Y.
 Porter, Myrta.....Beaver, Pa.
 Parsons, Caroline.....Charleroi, Pa.

R

Ramsey, Bird Knight.....New Brighton, Pa.
 Ray, Anna Clemons.....Meadville, Pa.
 Robson, Harriet Veith.....Detroit, Michigan.
 Roddy, Edith Jeanette.....Meadville, Pa.
 Robinson, Flora Eastman.....Kane, Pa.
 Roberts, Mary.....Meadville, Pa.

S

Shyres, Cecella.....Mansfield, Ohio.
 Steele, Ethel.....Punxsatawney, Pa.
 Seigle, Charlotte Weber.....New Brighton, Pa.
 Sigendall, Myrtle Sheldon.....Springboro, Pa.
 Sockett, Bertha.....Meadville, Pa.
 Stephenson, Blanche.....Utica, Pa.
 Strickler, Marian Miller.....Corry, Pa.
 Smith, Helen Knight.....Wheeling, W. Va.
 Swan, Ruth Anna.....Meadville, Pa.
 Steffner, E. Mae.....Meadville, Pa.

T

Tyler, Elizabeth Reed.....Meadville, Pa.
 Taylor, Alta Moyer.....East Orange, N. J.
 Timmins, Harriet Rea.....Fargo, N. D.
 Trax, Helen.....Meadville, Pa.

W

Wheeling, Clara.....Oil City, Pa.
 Wilson, Elizabeth Tate.....Boise, Idaho.
 Wianana, Esther Rich.....Seattle, Washington.
 Wright, Jennie Horned.....Monessen, Pa.
 Wald, Adelaide Wilson.....Guy's Mills, Pa.
 Walters, Carrie Marie.....Nashville, Tennessee.

Y

Young, Caroline Byer.....Dayton, Pa.
 Youngson, Elizabeth.....Meadville, Pa.

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Jack, Ella May.....Apollo, Pa.
 Nichols, Marie.....Spring Creek, Pa.
 McKay, Marian.....Tampa, Florida.

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CHARTER MEMBERS.

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 Keep, Cornella R.....Germany.
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B

Barrow, Flora M.....3040 Key West, Los Angeles, Cal.
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C

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E

Elliot, Margaret Cook.....Compton, Cal.

G

Gothard, Ina Lewis.....Burbank, Cal.

H

Hardwick, Loanna Mae.
 Hawley, Maude Lawrence.....711 W. 35th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Holmes, Mrs. Harvey.....Los Angeles, Cal.

J

Johnson, Etha Kepner.....Topeka, Kansas.
 Joslin, Phoebe.....323 W. 28th St., Los Angeles.

M

Millard, Ora.....2716 La Salle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
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 MacEwen, Lillian Whetton.....San Francisco, Cal.
 McArthur, Myrtle Agnes.....Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
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N

Neff, Essie Maude.....3456 Wesley Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

R

Reeves, Lulu.....Santa Monica, Cal.
 Reid, Olive Baringer.....1323 Arapahoe St., Los Angeles, Cal.
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S

Shenk, Susie.....South Pasadena, Cal.
 Stump, Blanche.....Hewet, Cal.
 Smith, Marie Luelha.....677 W. Lake Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.

T

Trowbridge, Carrie.....221 W. Jefferson, St., Los Angeles, Cal.

W

Wheeler, Nellie Green.....Oakland, Cal.

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PLEGED MEMBERS.

Cook, Margaret.....Compton, Cal.

MacKenzie, Gertrude.

ZETA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Buchanan, Bertha Thompson.

Ellis, Elsie Louise.

Evans, Nelle Durand.

Lewis, Susan Anna.

Lofin, Helen M.

Ligourney, Belle M.

Wood, Jessie Belle.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

Beach, Mary Cheney.....Boston, Mass.

Lang, Margaret Ruthven.....Boston, Mass.

Szumowska, Antonette J. Adamonski..169 Walnut St., Brookline, Mass.

Wilson, Helen Hopekirk.....Brookline, Mass.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

Brandt Pauline Woltman.

Flanders, Mary Ayers.

Nelson, Clara Tourgee.

Stanaway, Mabel A.

Thompson, Sarah M.

CHAPTER ROLL.

A

Armstrong, Mary C.Bowling Green, Ky.

B

Baker, Eugenie Blaisdell.....Haverford, Pa.

Bell, Susan Lewis.....9 Park Vale St., Brookline, Mass.

Bradford, Helen Lafin.....Milwaukee, Wis.

Bernard, Helen.....Kennett Square, Penn.

Brandenbourg, Olga.

Bowden, Girlie M.Bessemer, Mich.

Best, Blanche Laura.....Valley Falls, Ark.

Bates, Elizabeth.....Cambridge, Mass.

Bull, Lillian.....Winnipeg, Canada.

Byrde, Winifred.....Salem, Oregon.

C

Cook, Annie May.....329 Pearl St., Cambridge, Mass.

Campbell, Florence Wheat.....Lima, Ohio.

Collin, Helen Maud.....Rochester, Minn.

Crafts, Blanche.....Blue Hill Parkway, Mattapan.

D

Davis, Mabel C.Norwood, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dodson, Lillian.....Norfolk, Virginia.

Dixon, Elsie Elmas.....Brookfield, Mass.

Drunkle, Estelle McFarlan.....Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Dailey, Elma Cleveland.....Houston, Texas.
 Davidson, Mabel.....Ft. Worth, Texas.
 Damon, Gertrude.....Boston, Mass.
 Daniels, Louise.....Boston, Mass.

E

Eversole, Jessie May.....Logansport, Ind.
 Evans, Nelle Durand.....14 Queens Gate Terrace, London, England.
 Evans, Annita.....London, England.
 Egleston, Ethel Elizabeth.....Caldwell, Idaho.
 Ely, Bessie Chapman.....Newton, Mass.
 Ellis, Elsie Louise.....Providence, R. I.
 Edmond, Caroline.....Trenton, N. J.

F

Farnum, Emma Faye.....MacGregor, Iowa.
 Fareh, Lade Marie.....Titusville, Pa.
 Freeman, Edith G.Wayne, Pa.

G

Gannley, Irene Spencer.....Great Falls, Montana.
 Griffin, Edith Manchester.....156 Clifford St., Providence, R. I.
 Giles, Bertha L.Ellsworth, Maine.
 Gage, Alpha Wintzer.....Warren, Pa.

H

Hall, May Good.....Manitoba, Canada.
 Howe, Laura A.Logansport, Indiana.
 Hopper, Luow.....Lafayette, Indiana.
 Hazeltine, Florence.....Ripon, Wisconsin.
 Handy, Byrnie.....Monroe, Louisiana.

J

Johnson, Violet Truell.....Truell Court, Plainfield, N. J.
 Jarvis, Anne Burgess.....Ft. Worth, Texas.

K

Kimbark, Mary Johnson.....47 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Kidd, Mary Carson.....Houston, Texas.
 Keyes, Eva. B.

L

Little, Bertha Buchanan.....483 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
 Ligourney, Belle.....134 Olive St., New Haven, Conn.
 Lynder, Agnes E.Philadelphia, Pa.
 Lawrence, Nelle Jones.....Cleveland, Ohio.

M

MacCracken, Mary Patterson.....Munich, Germany.
 Mayo, Elizabeth B.Dunkirk, New York.
 Miller, Lilla Johnson.....Americus, Georgia.
 McGean, Grace Phillips.....Cleveland, Ohio.
 Middaugh, Ethel Alberts.....Alfred, N. Y.
 McCranle, Pearl Sherwood.....Homer, Louisiana.
 Mork, Lilly P.Owotonna, Minn.
 *Medora, Edith P.
 Morton, Sarah Delano.....New Bedford, Mass.
 Mackay, Marlan A.Tampa, Florida.
 McMillan, Lillyan.....Beverley, Tennessee.
 Marti, Alma.....New Uim, Minn.

N

Newton, Prenda.....72 Donald St., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.
 Norris, Lizzie Warner.....Cumberland, Md.

O

Olmstead, Gladys Livingston.....7 Ivy St., Brookline, Mass.
Osborne, Estella Hibbard.....Chicago, Illinois.

P

Prince, Edith Stualey.....Carlisle, Pa.
Pittman, Elizabeth.....Henderson, N. C.
Parlout, Mabel.....Cleveland, Ohio.
Peery, Lucy K.Albany, Missouri.

R

*Rennyson, Gertrude Margaret..with Savage English Opera Co. en tour
Rucker, Lora Lewis.....2751 W. 32d St., Denver, Colorado.
Rich, Rebecca Alice.....Winterpark, Florida.
Ransons, Anna.....Wellington, Ohio.
Ripley, Blanche.....North Grafton, Mass.
Reynolds, Annie M.Ft. Worth, Texas.

S

South, Fannie Heaton.....Frankfort, Ky.
Swartz, Jessie Mirian.....189 S. Pearl St., Albany, N. Y.
Soulston, Lillian.....3 Rutland St., Boston, N. Y.
Sisson, Alice Eugenia.....Storm Lake, Iowa.
Shepanson, Katherine Templeton.....Greenville, Pa.
Stanley, Carol B.Frederick, Maryland.
Schmidt, Caroline.....Las Vegas, New Mexico.
Sincere, Jessie Wood.....443 Vincennes Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Smith, Alice Parker.....The Townsend, Middleton, N. Y.
South, Spicie Belle.....Frankfort, Kentucky.
Smedes, Margaret H.Raleigh, North Carolina.
Sterling, Annie Bull.....Winnipeg, Canada.
Samuels, May.....Ft. Worth, Texas.
Spofford, Ellatheda.....Coldwater, Michigan.
Smith, Maud Webb.....Parlin, N. J.

U

Upcraft, Margaret E.National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C.
Uhl, Hettie Elliott.....Logansport, Indiana.

V

Vass, Eleanor M.Raleigh, North Carolina.
Van Buskirk, Winifred.....Logansport, Indiana.

W

Willing, Jessie McNair.....Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.
Weff, Estelle Burgheim.....Alexandria, Louisiana.
Watkin, Marian.....Dallas, Texas.
Wilson, Margaret.....Pittsburg, Pa.
Waller, Clara Bull.....Winnipeg, Canada.
Walk, Alice.....Billings, Montana.
Wood, Grace.....Worcester, Mass.
Wilson, Ida C.

ETA

PLEGDED MEMBERS.

Reed, Alice.

Bartol, Belle.....Lewisburg, Pa.
Gilbert, Amy.....Elysburg, Pa.
Hirsch, Jessie Steiner.....Lewisburg, Pa.

Kerstetter, Mary Woods Lewisburg, Pa.
 *Paudin, Ida List..... Lewisburg, Pa.

THETA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Bartholomew, Wmifred.....Charlvoix, Michigan.
 Condon, Lydia E. Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Green, Virginia Fiske..... Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Mothersill, Rachel McKenzie..... Zion City, Illinois.
 Nichols, Flora Koch..... Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Spence, Florence..... Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Yutzy, Marion Daniel..... Ann Arbor, Michigan.

HONORARY MEMBERS.

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CHAPTER ROLL.

A

Allen, Louise..... Ypsilanti, Michigan.

B

Baker, Helen I. Lansing, Michigan.
 Blanchard, Josephine..... Buffalo, New York.
 Bovee, Mary Tinker..... New York, New York.
 Bobb, Florence E. Hollywood, California.
 Bissel, Maude Miller..... Lakeview, Michigan.
 Butler, Faith..... Frankfort, Michigan.
 Burnam, Ora Bond..... Chicago, Illinois.
 Bradley, Louise..... Palo Alto, California.
 Butler, Bonnibel K. Frankfort, Michigan.
 Bruce, Mary E. Lafayette, Indiana.
 Bedford, Mattie L. Charlvoix, Michigan.
 Burkhart, Vera Louise..... Buffalo, New York.
 Bacon, Mabel..... Chelsea, Michigan.
 Benedict, Mary Killmaster..... Port Haven, Michigan.

C

Cheever, Arline Valette..... Chicago, Illinois.
 Carlson, Ruth Cushman..... Rapid River, Michigan.
 Clemens, Florence R. Ann Arbor, Michigan.

D

Donville, Mary Claudine..... West Allis, Wisconsin.

E

Etdres, Maude..... Manistee, Michigan.

F

Fisher, Alice Reynolds..... Walla Walla, Washington.

G

Greene, Mabel Fairbank..... Detroit, Michigan.
 Goeschel, Elizabeth..... Bay City, Michigan.
 Germonde, Mandrelle M. Cleveland, Ohio.
 Goeschel, Persis..... Saginaw, Michigan.
 Goeschel, Eleanor H. Saginaw, Michigan.
 Gallagher, Helen..... Manistee, Michigan.

H

Hofmann, Gerda..... Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Harris, Myrtle..... Tamarack Mines, Calumet, Mich.
 Horver, Gertrude Montegue..... Kansas City, Missouri.

- Hovey, Ivy Susan.....Tacoma, Washington.
 Hannah, Alice Weinstein.....Phillipsburg, Montana.
 Hilliker, Nellie.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Hoff, Addie C.Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Hale, F. Mame.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Hinkle, Orla.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Harner, Grace Lynn.....Traverse City, Michigan.
 Holmes, Enid.....Chelsea, Michigan.
- I
- Isabel, Mabel Beatrice.....Jackson, Michigan.
- J
- Jones, Isla Helen.....Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- K
- Kleyn, Maude.....125 W. 11th St., Holland, Michigan.
 Kinsley, Lydia E.Manistee, Michigan.
 Keys, Helen Day.....Glendale, Ohio.
 Kyer, Mrs. Refne Lang.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- L
- Leonard, Edith.....117 Horton Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
- M
- MacGregor, Alice.....Ypsilanti, Michigan.
 Miller, Mabel Heath.....Duluth, Minnesota.
 Marsell, Fern.....Hibbing, Minnesota.
 Murfin, Josephine H.Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- O
- Overpack, Nellie.....Manistee, Michigan.
 O'Hara, Frances Loley.....Toledo, Ohio.
- P
- Potter, Florence B.Ann Arbor, Michigan.
- R
- Rolfe, Alice Bailey.....Philadelphia, Penn.
- S
- Salliotte, Elizabeth.....Ecorse, Michigan.
 Simmons, Edith E.Detroit, Michigan.
 Sturn, Helen.....Paris, France.
 Schuyler, Nellie Pauline.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Smith, Leslie G.Schoolcraft, Michigan.
 Starret, Alza.....Detroit, Michigan.
 Stimson, Leda.....Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Sink, Mabelle R.Ann Arbor, Michigan.
 Sherfins, Laura D.Evansville, Indiana.
- T
- Taylor, Mabel D.Grass Lake, Michigan.
 Trowbridge, Nellie.....Big Rapids, Michigan.
- V
- Van Vorhis, Louise.....Evanston, Illinois.
- W
- White, Estelle Blanche.....Chelsea, Michigan.
 Wilcox, Myrtle E.Hancock, Minnesota.
 Woodruff, Vera Hall.....Bay City, Michigan.
 Waddeff, Margaret A.Pine Banks Thorpe, Norwich, England.
- Z
- Zetty, Charlotte E.Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- PLEGDED.
- Fiske, Ethel.....Detroit, Michigan.

Green, Frances.....Big Rapids, Michigan.
 Tallagher, Helen.....Manistee, Mich.
 Hardin, Nora.....Chicago, Illinois.
 Snover, Bernice.....Port Huron, Michigan.

IOTA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Collins, Edra.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Fernie, Alison Marion.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Fuller, Emma Quinley.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Draper, Charlotte.....Albany, New York.
 Daniels, Eunice Dean.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Gere, Clare.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Kinley, Kate Neal.....Urbana, Illinois.

CHAPTER ROLL.

A

Anderson, Josephine Annette.....Roseville, Illinois.
 Allinson, May.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Allison, May.....Champaign, Illinois.

B

Bushong, Mable Leone.....312 Harnon Ave., Danville, Illinois.
 Bryan, Elizabeth.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Busey, Kate.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Byers, Bessie B.....Charleston, Illinois.
 Buffum, Ruth Irene.....Taylor Ridge, Illinois.
 Bean, Elsie.....Blue Mound, Illinois.
 Baker, Imo.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Baker, Alice.....Decatur, Illinois.
 Bryan, Helen.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Breneman, Mae.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Burrell, Irene.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Busey, Frank.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Barker, Mary.....Chicago, Illinois.
 Beebe, Wilma.....Kankakee, Illinois.
 Barnard, Lela.....Chicago, Illinois.
 Breckenridge, Blanche.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Breckenridge, Gladys.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Busey, Kate.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Bushong, Mabel.....Danville, Indiana.
 Bryan, Sarah.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Brown, Clara Fisher.....Moline, Illinois.

C

Carr, Flora Fay.....Charles City, Iowa.
 Collins, Blanche.....1724 College Ave., E. St. Louis, Illinois.
 Collins, Edora.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Chester, Mabel.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Carey, Alice.....LaGrange, Illinois.
 Carr, Flora.....Saginaw, Michigan.

D

Daniels, Eunice.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Draper, Charlotte.....Albany, New York.

E

Ewing, Grace.....St. Joseph, Missouri.

F

Ficklin, Emily.....Kansas City, Missouri.
 Fernie, Alison.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Freeman, Jessie.....Champaign, Illinois.

G

Gregg, Ina.....Tuscola, Illinois.
 Grofins, Marjorie.....Chicago, Illinois.

H

Huckins, Clara Gere.....Newburg, New York.
 Hayward, Mabel.....Ottawa, Illinois.
 Hardin, Josephine Woodine.....Peoria, Illinois.
 Heath, Lillian.....White Heath, Illinois.

J

Juthon, Mary Busey.....Oak Hill, Illinois.

K

Kinley, Kate.....Urbana, Illinois.

L

Lewis, Lucy Elfa.....Danville, Illinois.
 Lewis, Mannie.....Fairburg, Illinois.
 Lilliman, Henrietta.....Toulon, Illinois.

M

Mann, Jessie.....Oak Park, Illinois.
 Medbury, Olin.....Reynoldsburg, Ohio.
 McCulloh, Helen.....Mattoon, Illinois.
 McNally, Mary C.6 Carlisle Place, Pueblo, Col.
 Maserve, Gladys.....Robinson, Illinois.
 McGinley, Gertrude Knowles.....Moaweque, Illinois.

P

Palmer, Anna.....Urbana, Illinois.

R

Robinette, Eva.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Rothgeb, Kathryn Nelson.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Rose, Bess.....Rankin, Illinois.

S

Stevenson, Bess.....Urbana, Illinois.
 Shipley, Alta.....Petersburg, Illinois.

W

Wilcox, Ruth.....Amboy, Illinois.
 Walters, Bertha.....Woodstock, Illinois.
 Wellepp, Lila.....Cisco, Illinois.
 Wittlinger, Emma.....Decatur, Illinois.
 Williams, Florence.....Chicago, Illinois.
 Wright, Eleanor.....Toulon, Illinois.
 Wright, Helen.....Toulon, Illinois.
 Wyeth, Ola.....Charleston, Illinois.

PLEGDED.

Bryan, Bess.....Champaign, Illinois.
 Lewis, Lucy.....Danville, Illinois.
 Molt, Imma Mowbray.....Chicago, Illinois.
 Knox, Goldie Olive.....536 W. 5th St., Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
 Potter, Mary.....3d St., Champaign, Illinois.

KAPPA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Conclin, Esther.....	East Troy, Wisconsin.
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Evans, Leora Fayette.....	Seattle, Washington.
Flenniken, Julia McGrew.....	Morgantown, W. Va.
Swenson, Edna G.	Madison, Wisconsin.
Toennings, Elizabeth Patton.....	DeKalb, Illinois.

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS.

McMurphy, Russel.....	Oak Park, Illinois.
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CHAPTER ROLL.

A	
Alford, Hazel.....	W. Dayton St., Madison, Wis.
Alford, Alice.....	W. Dayton St., Madison, Wis.
D	
Dixon, Sarah.....	Manston, Wisconsin.
H	
Hener, Josephine.....	111 Wilson St., Madison, Wisconsin.
Harker, Iola.....	Shulsberg, Wisconsin.
J	
Jennings, Helen.....	Sparta, Wisconsin.
Jenkins, May.....	Elroy, Wisconsin.
L	
Langlors, Emrette.....	Humbolt, Iowa.
M	
Morgan, Sarah.....	141 Butler St., Madison, Wisconsin.
R	
Rueth, Anna.....	Madison, Wisconsin.
S	
Sutherland, Sadie.....	421 Lake St., Madison, Wisconsin.
Showalter, Winifred.....	Conklin Place, Madison, Wisconsin.
T	
Theobald, Almna Mae.....	Madison, Wisconsin.
V	
Verbeck, Vivian.....	Lodi, Wisconsin.
Van Epps, Mabel.....	Comanche, Iowa.
W	
Wynn, Margaret.....	Indianapolis, Indiana.
Winden, Grace.....	Butler St., Madison, Wisconsin.

PLEGDED.

Doubler, Margaret.....	Madison, Wisconsin.
Latu, Ida C.	Rutledge St., Madison, Wisconsin.
Riley, Katherine.....	Darlington, Wisconsin.

LAMBDA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Adelaide Durston.....	Auburn, New York.
Olive C. Morris.....	Syracuse, New York.
Nellie R. Minott.....	Bowdoin, Maine.
Frances L. Waldo.....	Syracuse, New York.
Jessie B. Lansing.....	Clinton Mills, New York.

CHAPTER ROLL.

	C	
Cunningham, Helen A.		Mt. Vernon, New York.
Crowell Stella.....		Seneca Falls, N. Y.
	G	
Griffith, Mary Emma.....		Syracuse, New York.
	H	
Harlow, Ruth G.		Auburn, New York.
	K	
Kaufhold, Florence.....		Scranton, Pa.
	L	
Lee, Martha.....		Broadalbin, New York.
Logan, Dorothy R.		Richmond Hill N. Y.
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David Starr Jordan, President of Leland Stanford University, in an article prepared for the *Key* of K K L, referring to the purposes of a university, has the following to say:

"The ultimate end of education is the regulation of human conduct. Its justification is the building up of an enlightened common sense. It is to help make right action possible and prevalent that the university exists. So its final function is the building up of character, and to this end all its means for securing thoroughness, fitness, friendliness and genuineness must be directed, for wisdom and virtue can not be set off one from another. Wisdom is knowing what to do next. Virtue is in doing it. Sound training of the mind yields wisdom; sound training of the will yields virtue, and where these are the real joys are likely to gather together. Soundness comes from contact with realities. Some methods are more helpful than the actual information. The search for truth is more to us than the truth we win in the searching. Self-direction is more important than innocence. Any fool can be innocent; it takes a wise man to be virtuous.—The Record.

The interest which is growing in The Crescent is evident

from the deeper realization that the quarterly can not be made by one mind, but must be contributed to by many. We have never realized a great lack of responsibility as shown in missing chapter letters. A few have been wanting at times and this has been felt. Many issues have contained a letter from every chapter, which should always be the case. If each Associate Editor would stop to realize how many readers are disappointed when no word appears from their chapter, she would never fail to send it. These letters are not all that go to show what Gamma Phi Beta is and is doing. The contributions have been of a wide variety, and of literary merit. Some of the chapters have been well represented in the contributors' pages—and a few have been conspicuous in neglecting this matter. However, we realize that all do not feel themselves proficient along literary lines. In short, it can not be denied that the interest in *The Crescent* is constantly being manifested, and we hope for much greater things as this interest increases.—*The Crescent*.

SPARKS FROM MANY FORGES

The truly ideal relation between active and alumna chapter springs from a threefold source. Every girl in the active chapter is the possessor of the characteristics and qualities from which the well-balanced, cultured and broad-minded woman of our dreams is moulded. Secondly, every alumna has become the flesh and blood realization of these aspirations of college days. Lastly active girls and alumna women are personally acquainted, mutually working for greater good to Alpha Phi.

In the realm of practical life the third step toward ideality claims first consideration. We are not all acquainted, the inspiration and help which come alone from personal contact can not be gained. If every Alpha Phi could attend every convention, or even one convention, what a marvelous inspiration it would be. At best, many of us, do not know all of our own chapter members. With regard to the first and second points, our own best selves admit defeat.

“Man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a Heaven

for." With the materials at hand then we must work. Each chapter should communicate with each of her alumna at least once a year, and each of these letters should be answered. Have one letter full of college life; enthusiasm and news sets one to "dreaming the old dreams over" and so "freshens the sometimes staleness of later days." What a pleasure it is to the active girls to hear from some alumna, possibly never seen, who uses some of her busy moments to send a letter of greetings and encouraging words. After all, do we comprehend the blessings of these two-cent messengers?

Then, alumna women, revisit the scenes of your college years. If you cannot enjoy a return to college life, cannot relish fudge, chicken sandwiches or chocolate served from the cosmopolitan pantry of a college girl, and eaten at unearthly hours of the night, if you cannot relish, as in days of yore, a glass of cherry ice at the corner drug store, then you have indeed outgrown all hope of renewing your youth. Our city alumna and active chapters have excellent facilities for meeting at lunches and the various regular meetings of the chapter. It is a different matter when alumnae are scattered to the four corners of a state. But even such isolation may be overcome, little gatherings may be planned at some convention point, active and alumnae girls may meet and enjoy a day of social intercourse, the circle of Alpha Phi acquaintanceship and friendship may thus be widened. Each Alpha Phi has some good influence to pass on to her sister and the giver is in turn the recipient of some helpful word, else they would not be Alpha Phis.

If in truth personality is the potent force in all endeavor, why should it not be between active and alumna chapters. We should cultivate more and more the fraternity spirit—not the offensive, boastful brand, but the helpful spirit which can recognize the good in all fraternities while realizing the dearness of the fraternity of our choice.

Ruth Conlogue Reeve, Gamma.

—The Alpha Phi Quarterly.

We find much in the following clipping from the Eleusis of Q U, though written especially for the sorority, which we believe aptly applies to the fraternity as well:

Cicero has said: "Nothing is more noble than loyalty. Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellencies and endowments of the human mind." Perhaps one of the hardest things for us to remember at all times, is how very narrow the interval is between loyalty and fraternity conceit. And even when we do remember this, there may be still a question in our minds as to where the one ends and the other commences. The ideal fraternity girl is the one who is ever ready to praise her sorority—the one, of all others, which is dearest to her—but who never drinks her toast to the "Best Fraternity."

Again, the ideal girl is the one who has learned most gracefully from her fraternity the art of thinking of others—the one who has most thoroughly acquired the true fraternity spirit of unselfishness. She understands perfectly how the reputation of her fraternity depends upon the character and actions of each member, and tries to the best of her ability to live up to an ideal which she fixes in her own mind and which is in all probability something like the following, which the Thetas call their ideal:

"To be lovable rather than popular," wrote one of our Xi sisters once, "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."—The Record.

The following is an extract from an article on "The Greek Letter Fraternity As An Educational Influence," by Clarence F. Birdseye, which entire article was printed by "The Crescent:"

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 economics 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, as well as 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.—The Outlook.

Don't forget that the active chapter is in a growing college where conditions change from year to year.

Don't think, then, that affairs can always be run in just exactly the same groove in which they were run in your day.

Don't imagine that the active girls are not interested in you because they do not pay as much attention to you as they give to sisters their own age.

Do make a point of calling upon the new girls, if possible, soon after initiation. They'll probably be too busy ever to return your call, but you may be sure that this little attention will win a warm place for you in their hearts.

If you cannot call, do, in same way, get acquainted each year with the initiates. It doesn't give outsiders a good impression of a sisterhood if members pass each other on the street without recognition.

Do tell the girls collectively and individually when you are pleased with some honor which has come to them, or with some action which they have taken.

Do help them in their rushing by opening your homes and making yourselves agreeable to the girls being rushed. It is not enough to attend the parties in your best attire. Do something to help the stranger girls to have a good time.

Do send a delegate from the alumnae chapter to the meetings of the active chapter and have a regular report upon such meetings. Unless you are informed upon the details of the chapter life you cannot give intelligent help.

Do go to the active meetings yourselves once in a while. The girls will be glad to have you come and you'll get the same personal touch which you get from visiting a friend in her own home.

Do inspire the college girls by your own personal example in matters intellectual, moral and spiritual. Take an earnest interest in the larger affairs of life as well as in the more

personal matters of your own home, and make Alpha Phi count outside as well as inside of college. Do keep abreast of the times for the sake of yourself, your fraternity and the college that gave you your degree.

—The Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The Key prints an article on "The Fraternity Question," by Charles E. Brown, which all who can should read. We can all give many "pros" so we give a few of Mr. Brown's "cons:"

"But in the second place there are certain offsets in fraternity life. There is a constant tendency to spend more time and more money than many a student can afford. No one of spirit can be entertained continually by others without striving to return the courtesies. A few in a fraternity with rich fathers, a large allowance and warm hearts, can with no sort of wrong purpose, set the pace in such a way as to demoralize a whole group of young people. Students of modest means and simple habits, dependent upon hard working fathers for education and for all the comforts of home life, are apparently forced into a gait that is wrong. They do not intend to be mean or cruel, but they adopt a scale of expenditure which they cannot afford; and become unjust to parents who make sacrifices for their education. It requires more grit than nine out of ten young people of the high school or college age possess, to stand up and oppose the course of action that leads to these ill-advised 'good times.' "

To be perfectly frank I regard the high school fraternities as nuisances. I know how many of the best students are members of them, laboring to make them helpful, not hurtful. But when you add it all up the losses, in my judgment, outrank the gains. The spirit of social exclusiveness is opposed to the true spirit of our public schools and encourages the development of qualities that have no rightful place in American young people.

In the expression of this view, I represent a great body of opinion. For the last six years I have been speaking at high school commencements and at teachers' institutes in various parts of our state. I have never heard a single high school teacher or principal openly defend the fraternity. Some

have been non-committal, but many have frankly uttered their condemnation of the fraternity, as prejudicial to the legitimate work of the school, as weakening the more inclusive class loyalty and as offering an effective temptation to social dissipation. I may not hope to carry all high school students with me in this judgment, but if I asked all parents who believe fraternities tend to alienate young people from their homes, all high school teachers who believe that more evil than good results from fraternity experience, through loyalty to a part instead of to the whole school, all young people who having passed on look back from college and nature life upon those earlier fraternities as cases of immature development to line up, you would be amazed at the verdict against the high school fraternity!

We are constantly hearing that it is hard for girls to finish the high school course without breaking down. I believe the nervous collapse is due less to faithful study than to the unnecessary excitements of fraternity rivalry and to the irregular hours and social dissipation consequent upon fraternity life.

The rightful place of the fraternity is in the university where boys and girls have become young men and young women, better able to guard such organizations against these abuses; better able to see to it that no barriers are built between them and those whom they ought to know; better able to extend their generous admiration to those not of their particular clique. Wisely ordered, the fraternity may be made a useful center for social sympathies and for the deepening of these wholesome intimacies and thus become a useful educational force.

You ought to make your fraternity experience preparatory to the larger social status into which you will enter as a mature man or woman—a status where the narrow exclusiveness of the snob finds the door shut in its face by people of sense. If you have really gained a genuinely social spirit, you will be better able to take your place in the business world or in the home as one ready to aid in building it on the basis of honor, integrity and mutual consideration. If you have rightly learned the lessons of fraternity life, you ought to be ready to work in harmony with women striving for kindli-

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ness in social life and with men who are bent upon making the state an organized expression of wise and just principles.—The Key.

A TIMELY WORD

For the evils of college fraternities I know of but one remedy—bring in better men. These organizations are good or bad according to the aggregate influence of the men in them. If a college has a large body of young men in training to be gentlemen of leisure, idlers, triflers, or snobs, it will have fraternities composed of just these fellows. If a college is determined to educate only men worthy of the money expended on them, it will make no provision for the idler. The “gentleman of leisure” at the best is only deadwood in our body politic. But even if he is to be encouraged, the best training for his youth, as well as for all other youths, is to make him work. The best preventive for youthful vices is to keep the boys busy. If a college will drop from its rolls all who cannot or will not do the work expected of them, at the time when it is due, and by the man himself, not by a hired coach, then decent men will be left—all that are worth educating. If decent and industrious men are gathered into fraternities, these again will be decent and industrious, as well as democratic. There is nothing which so promotes democracy in college as to hold every man alike up to his work, while the rest, rich or poor, are led quietly to the edge of the campus, to be dropped off into a less strenuous life.

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Grand Council Session of 1907

What would we do without our alumni! Beta Beta has since her organization been deeply interested in Alpha, and the girls owe them much for their many kindnesses, and now, the last days of October, they opened their horn of plenty and the Grand Council owes them many thanks for a warm welcome, and the opportunity to have such a delightful, even if busy, time.

Most of us arrived in Indianapolis on Wednesday, the thirtieth of October, and we spent that evening visiting and in making plans. On Thursday morning at nine-thirty, business began. We had five busy sessions, an account of which will doubtless have reached you before this will be in print. Between morning and afternoon business sessions there were such homey, informal luncheons, dispensed with cheerful hospitality. The Hallowe'en party given by Dr. and Mrs. Thompson was more than successful.

For the first part of the evening various games afforded much amusement. For one thing, our hostesses gave to everyone a slip of paper containing an advertisement cut out of a magazine, and from it we were to write a telegram of ten words; either an offer of marriage or an expression of affection or esteem. Most entertaining results were obtained in many instances. From an advertisement for Fairy soap, the following telegram was constructed: "Most pure, fair, virtuous beauty go hand-in-hand with me." Another which was constructed from an advertisement for stove polish was: "Fairest vision, change your name. Artistic home awaits. Don't reject." Prizes and speeches kept us busy until a typical Hallowe'en supper



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was served, with none of the accessories omitted. When we had done full justice to this, we had some music, and sat around the room and talked and danced and toasted marshmallows until it was way past time to turn in for the night.

On Friday evening, we attended the theater, and all of these little functions made each member of the Council count these as red-letter days in her year's calendar. On Saturday, the afternoon of November second, all of the fraternity women of Indianapolis were invited to meet the visitors and local Alpha Chis at the home of Mrs. Helen Dalrymple Francis. Alpha Chi colors and emblems carried out in the details of decoration and refreshments, and the charming personality of Mrs. Francis and her mother, Mrs. Dalrymple, made us feel that we were in a real Alpha Chi home. In spite of the threatening afternoon, a great number of women from other national fraternities came to extend greetings.

To touch upon the business accomplished at the meetings, we will all extend a most cordial welcome to our new alumnae chapter of New York, and wish her a prosperous career. It is good to receive these new chapters, for they keep alive the spirit of sorority in the members who have left the active chapters. Our newly initiated active chapter, too, will be a happy bit of news for us who heartily believe in expansion, for while we all think liberal conservatism is a good policy to follow, a new Greek letter chapter brings fresh vigor and enthusiasm to the entire fraternity.

With the resignations of our retiring editors, we must extend grateful thanks to them for their service during these few years, for there have been many difficulties and a vast amount of work necessary to carry on the LYRE successfully. I think that many of the active girls would bear a deeper feeling for the LYRE and for the fraternity if they appreciated, even partially, the amount of time and energy so unselfishly given to the fraternity by the editors. They are women of many other ties and interests, and yet they are happy in making these earnest, pains-taking efforts, and consider the time well spent. It is urgent that we give, in a large measure, our loyal support to Mrs. Haseltine, our new editor, who has so much enthusiasm, combined with a lively sympathy with fraternity girls, and a

knowledge of fraternity conditions. The Council realizes that to do her work effectively, she must be given the uncomplaining assistance of every chapter, and begs each girl to see to it that her already busy pen is not required to make strenuous efforts to bring delinquents to time. With these new influences and plans, we trust we will reach a high place for the LYRE among fraternity journals.

The Council, too, has recommended to the chapter to accept the I. P. C. constitution. I think all chapters are coming to understand the value of the I. P. C., and the spirit of helpfulness which it creates, rather than a spirit of rival criticism. Active co-operation of all chapters of all fraternities will mean a great power to remedy any prevailing evil, and the function and purpose of the I. P. C. is steady future progress.

These and many other questions were thoroughly discussed, and before adjournment it was heartily moved to extend a vote of thanks to the Indianapolis Alpha Chis' for their charming hospitality; and we gave a little sigh of regret when the time came to take our leave. We rejoice in the things accomplished during these few days, and look forward with anticipation to better results for the fraternity in the year which is to come.

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The University of Nebraska is located at Lincoln, the capital of the state, and was founded by an act of legislature which took effect February 15, 1869. The buildings on the campus are the University Hall, built in 1870, Chemical Laboratory, Nebraska Hall, Grant Memorial Hall, Plant House, Electrical Laboratory, Astronomical Observatory, Library, Mechanic Art Hall, University Soldiers' Memorial Hall, University Museum. Besides these, the new \$100,000 Temple, and the School of Music are just outside the original campus, and seven fine buildings on the University State Farm, two and one-half miles from the campus. The Temple will be the home of the literary societies, the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., and has a large auditorium for social and musical meetings. The University library



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contains over 70,000 volumes, and the Historical library some 10,000 volumes and a collection of over 30,000 articles pertaining to the history of the state.

Among the organizations are the Y. W. C. A., Y. M. C. A., three literary societies, Dramatic Club, Debating Club, English Club; and four honorary clubs, Phi Beta Kappa, Sigma Xi, Theta Kappa Nu, and Delta Sigma Rho.

Besides the University Journal, several of the departments issue quarterly bulletins. The student publications comprise "The Cornhusker," published annually; the Law Book, Nebraska Engineering Blue Book, and the "Daily Nebraskan."

The College Settlement work is partly supported by faculty and students.

The University chorus gives two or three musical works a season. The Cadet Band gives one concert each year and appears before the student body many times during the year. The Glee Club has made numerous concert trips and is well known over the state.

The Faculty numbers over 150, with the well-known educator and writer, E. Benjamin Andrews, as chancellor.

The Conservatory of Music was established in 1880, and in 1894 became affiliated with the University of Nebraska. The school offers a complete course in pianoforte, voice culture, organ, violin, violincello, brass and wood wind instruments; in harmony, counterpoint, and composition, history of music, theory of music, analysis, ear training, public school music and kindergarten methods. There are about thirty teachers, with an enrollment of five hundred and sixty-one, with ten graduates last June. A large number of public concerts are given during the year, in which many of the advanced students take part. Among the important musicals are the recitals by members of the Faculty, the "concerto evening," University chorus and soloists in oratorios; chamber of music series, the individual recitals given by members of the graduating class, and the undergraduates' concert at the close of the school year.

A large number of Greek letter fraternities are represented in the University, many of whom have their houses in various parts of the city. The only dormitory is the "University Woman's Building," located one block from the University campus.



CHANCELLOR E. BENJAMIN ANDREWS
UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Installation of Xi Chapter

What a lot of things can happen in a few hours! What great changes can take place in the life of an individual or in the life of an organization—changes that guide the course of that life's channel into entirely different directions!

In the few hours which are required for initiations, an element was added to the lives of ten lovely girls, which will be a lasting influence; and at the same time a new element entered the life of the Alpha Chi Omega Fraternity. A new child came into its family and with it all the hopes and aspirations attending such a birth.

To be sure, we were in Lincoln for more than a few hours. Miss Siller and I left Chicago at six o'clock Wednesday evening, reaching Lincoln at ten forty-five on Thanksgiving morning, amidst the most glorious sunshine that the Nebraska capital can produce. I think all of the prospectives must have been there to welcome us—there were so many—and they carried us off in the splendor of a large touring car, which one of "our" patronesses put at the disposal of Xi during our stay. After a delightful ride over the city, which we found to be quite imposing, with fine public buildings, the University, lovely homes and fine streets, we were taken to the Lincoln Hotel, where the headquarters were to be. Our room was most conveniently situated, just off the beautiful parlor of the hotel, which the management allowed the Xi girls to use as they wished. Such an arrangement, you well know, was especially adapted to our ceremonies.

At two o'clock that afternoon we pledged the girls. In the evening at eight o'clock the initiation took place. We were able to make the ceremony quite complete with the assistance of two alumnae—Mrs. P. C. Somerville, Alpha, who is now located at University Place, Neb.; and Mrs. Grace Slaughter Gamble, Gamma, of Omaha. They proved themselves loyal Alpha Chis, and we feel that our new girls are very fortunate, indeed, in having such good friends so near them. If more of our alumnae retained or renewed the enthusiasm that these two women manifested, what an ideal organization we would be. After the ceremony, which was very, very pretty and

impressive, we introduced the girls to our song book, and they all did the orthodox thing, by falling in line with the "Goat Song."

Friday morning was turned over to business. Officers were elected and the various departments of work explained. At one o'clock Mrs. Eames entertained the Alpha Chis with a delightful luncheon, to meet a number of alumnae of other fraternities. Mr. and Mrs. Eames have been very kind to the Alpha Chi girls, and have manifested their interest toward the organization of the chapter in many ways. From Mrs. Eames' home (which was in itself most interesting because of the evidences of individuality throughout) we went to the conservatory parlors, where the Xi girls held a little reception for us to meet the faculty. This, of course, was very enjoyable. Mr. Kimball, Dean of the School of Music, and his wife, have been especially interested in our girls and have supported them with encouragement and sympathy in their step toward Alpha Chi.

I hardly know how to tell you about the banquet. Oh, it was lovely, and it's just a shame that more of the Alpha Chis could not have participated. Such delicious things to eat, and such beautiful things to look at all the time—gorgeous table decorations and pretty girls in pretty gowns, and artistic menus with the toast-list. I was almost overcome to find myself toast-mistress. This accomplishment is entirely out of my line, and I was sorry that these new girls did not have an opportunity to enjoy one of the real toast-mistresses of which I know Alpha Chi to be possessed. With the ten active girls were seated three patronesses, the two alumnae whom I have already mentioned, and Miss Siller and myself.

Because of the inexperience of the girls, I confess being surprised in the excellence of the toasts and the repose with which they were delivered.

The first one, "Xi," by Lilah David, told us how the news of the prospective chapter was received in Lincoln. She said: "There came from the depths of some writer's unfathomed mind a statement to the effect that sorority material was running short in the University; that the Greek letter societies already framed had practically exhausted the 'good' timber, and that there was scarcely room for another chapter of the kind which we dare launch this week." She



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believes, however, that the tendency to discourage their efforts was not widespread—that there is a place for Alpha Chi in the University of Nebraska, and that the Xi girls are there to fill that place. She expressed a true fraternal spirit by saying: “We shall extend the hand of good fellowship to all the others, even to those who undertook to say that we should not be permitted to anchor in this port.”

Beulah Goodson responded to the toast, “To Our Patronesses.” She very aptly told what their relation to the chapter was and would be. I want to quote her remarks:

“Patroness is the feminine of patron, which is dignified in the dictionaries with ponderous definitions. It is from an ecclesiastical source that we get the word ‘patron,’ which, according to one authority, means a ‘saint regarded as the peculiar protector of some special person, country or cause.’ So if we apply the opposite gender to the word, remembering that saints are commonly considered masculine and that their counterparts must be denominated ‘angels,’ we have this conclusion: ‘A patroness is an angel who is the peculiar protector of some special person, country or cause.’ And we are all ready to admit that our patronesses are angels, but take issue on the word ‘peculiar,’ preferring something like ‘particular’ in its stead. However, as to this, only their chaperonage can show.”

“Ye Daughters of Music, Come Up Higher,” was the subject for Harriett Bardwell’s toast. At first she gave herself over to the serious side of our open motto, but in conclusion she made us all laugh by saying:

“Therefore,

Ye Daughters of Music, come up higher,
And many noble things inspire,
Choose a deacon or a squire.

Music hath charms to soothe the savage breast,
But not to fill your linen chest.

Ye Daughters of Music, reach the summit of the peak,
Sing and warble—even squeak!
Win the honors which you seek.

Study, read and use the pen—
Be proud of them.
Though marriage is the decree of fate,
Cling to music while you wait!”

Of the excellence of Emma Farrow’s toast to “Harmony,” you may judge for yourselves, as we will print it separately in another place.

In conclusion, Miss Siller gave a very interesting history of Alpha Chi, to which the girls listened eagerly. When the many telegrams and letters were read, we told them of Nu's experience at the time of her installation. She received a telegram from Mu, which, owing to a mistake on the operator's part, read: "Ma sends congratulations to the new baby."

I must introduce you to the patronesses, charming women, who will chaperon our girls while they are in school. Mrs. C. G. Crittendon, to whom we were indebted for the automobile during our stay; Mrs. A. L. Gale, a sister of Beulah Goodson; and Mrs. Homer Honeywell, whom some of the Zeta girls will remember as Henrietta Hollowesk. She attended the Conservatory when Zeta chapter was installed.

How I should like to tell you of each individual girl—but I'm afraid it would lead me to extravagances. I hope you will know them through the LYRE and through conventions. They made every moment of our stay a delight. On Saturday afternoon, with a feeling of sorrow, we said "good-bye" to the same bright, sweet-faced girls who had so recently met us at the same station.

Yes, many changes can take place in a short time! In those few days I had experiences that will always be happy memories, and I doubt not, many others are saying the same.

Harmony

(A Toast Responded to by Miss Emma Farrow at the Banquet Following the Installation of Xi Chapter.)

Although this is my maiden effort in responding to a toast, I do so with *real enthusiasm*, owing, *first*, to my *subject*, and *second*, to the deep and sincere interest I feel for our new chapter.

My definition of Harmony tonight is: "The *Science* of combining girls— and the *Art* of using such combinations under the laws of the *good*, the *true* and the *beautiful*."

The *Element* of Harmony is the most *needful* and absolutely *indispensable factor* in the *success* of any work.

While today our music is filled with *dissonances*, they are there only because of the gratification which fills us when consonances fol-

low. *Have we had any dissonant chords? Perhaps*——I have forgotten, but if there were any woven into the composing of this chapter they were placed there that we might learn the *value*, the *sweetness* and the *power* of the harmony which resulted.

Dissonances are forgotten in the repose of consonant harmonies, but they are not to be decried or under-valued.

They weld together as do our honest differences, our friendships, and make for progress and advancement.

Indeed, the danger is only in holding in our hearts the Major Consonant Harmonies upon which our chapter and sorority is composed.

We must progress, however, in a manner not allowed in the harmony of tones, viz: *We must progress in parallel motion, and always in an ascending direction.*

Never must we move long in contrary lines, or make of ourselves "Suspensions," which, as you know, usually cause "Retardations," and the result will be the same with our advancement.

Let us be in harmony not only with our own life's symphony, but with the variations of the same themes we are daily meeting all about us—in harmony with other efforts towards self-upliftment by other girls—in time with the long, long work that our fathers and mothers are daily doing.

To our sisters not actively engaged in music, let us say and truly feel:

*"If Music, and Sweet Poetry agree,
As they must needs, the Sister and the Brother,
Then must the love be great 'twixt thee and me,
Because thou love'st the one—and I the other."*

—Barnfield.

My subject and my object and my wish for us all is encompassed in the toast allotted me.

For with harmony we have a real mission and will fulfill it—without it, we will fail absolutely. The influence of this chapter of the Alpha Chi Omega must be towards an uplifting concord of efforts and ideals, and the harmonies which result from unity of purpose and ideal will be as music born in our hearts and felt long after it is heard no more.



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The Law of Heredity

(An Extract from a Response to a Toast by Hamilton Douglas at the Sigma Chi Banquet, August 2.)

In the Boston library, last summer, I saw Abbey's beautiful series of pictures, depicting Sir Galahad's search for the Holy Grail. It is an allegory of the heart of man seeking after the highest good. You remember the picture called the "Vision," where the radiant Grail, luminous though veiled, appears to the young Galahad. That vision determines his life. Ever after he follows it. The thought of the child gives direction to the life of the man.

As to Galahad, so to each of us, come visions, and the response that we make to those visions determines our lives. There is no truer heredity than that which Wordsworth expresses when he says: "The child is father to the man."

For fifty years the wearing of the white cross of Sigma Chi has meant loftier hopes, aims, and aspirations; it has meant to us fidelity to our own highest ideal, and loyalty to each other. In the strength of that ideal we have gone out into the world to conquer. "In hoc signo vinces."

It has been many years since some of us older boys plighted troth with Sigma Chi. Some of us have reached the divide, and are now going down on the other side. The dawn of another day is streaking our heads with gray. This is our message to you of the to-morrow:

Keep your vision undimmed.

Never forget your ideal, or put the false in the place of the true.

Remember that the aspiration you cherish is molding you.

The acquisition of money is no true measure of success.

What you *are* counts for vastly more than what you *have*.

The only gold that passes current in the world of the spirit is the gold of character. No truer word was ever spoken than the saying of the great Teacher, "Seek and ye shall find." Do you seek the good of your fellow-men, to make the world better for having lived in it? Then verily so it shall be. The spirit of helpfulness and loving-kindness shall be yours.

Do you ask to walk in the high places of spirituality, to keep clean hands and a pure heart? This shall be yours to your life's end.

Do you supremely desire money and worldly goods; then surely the mind and the heart and character of the lover of power and wealth shall be yours. Whether you have the gold or not, is an extrinsic matter; the real, essential, intrinsic consequence is that, with such aspirations, you will bear the sordid "guinea-stamp."

This new law of heredity that I am expounding to you is a gospel of hope, of incentive to go forth into the future with a brave heart. The great defect in the old law of heredity, it seems to me, lies in the fact that it comes to us too late. As someone has said, "A man can't be too careful in selecting his ancestors."

You boys sitting with us tonight will be the gray-haired men of Sigma Chi in twenty years from now. The thoughts and aims you are cherishing in your hearts tonight are the parents of the characters you will then have. You are now choosing the ancestors of the man you will be; and since you are molding that man of the future, boys, wouldn't it be well to give him an inheritance of good, clean thoughts, high aims, and noble aspirations?

Handling the Chapter Meeting

(From the Delta Upsilon Quarterly.)

Probably the most delicate part of a fraternity meeting is what we please to call the literary program. Our programs during the present college year have been unusually interesting and instructive, and their success has been largely due to the good work of Brother Danforth, chairman of the literary committee. The subjects have covered a wide field, from extemporaneous speeches by freshmen to illustrated lectures by members of the faculty. Technical papers have been written and presented by upper classmen; lectures have been written and presented by upper classmen; lectures have been given by our own men, undergraduates and alumni; stories have been read, discussions and debates carried on; in short, the whole series has been such that to miss one meeting meant the sacrifice of a very interesting and instructive hour. Our aim is to have everyone take

some part, and not to thrust the whole burden upon the shoulders of a few. In this respect a prearranged program has proven very satisfactory, with each man's duties laid out with sufficient time for preparation.

Our experience shows us that the ideal chapter meeting must depend for its success upon four fundamental conditions :

- First. Regular and prompt attendance by all.
- Second. Loyalty of every member to the most minute detail.
- Third. Systematic and precise business methods.
- Fourth. Instructive and entertaining literary programs.

The first is unquestionably the most important and is probably one of the easiest to carry out, for, as a rule, every man can set aside one night in the week for his fraternity meeting.

Loyalty rests entirely with the individual. A loyal disposition cannot be manufactured, neither can it be put on and taken off at will. To be loyal to every detail in a fraternity meeting requires the whole-hearted interest of a man, not for his own good, but for the good of the brothers, and of the college at large.

Systematic and precise business methods are the keynote to many a successful man's career. Now, not only for the training of the man, but also for the success of the fraternity, the business conducted in connection with a meeting should be in accordance with parliamentary laws and business-like rules. Strict adherence to this principle is not only an educational influence in itself, but controls the demeanor of the men in the meetings, and necessitates a strict attention to business or discussions.

The literary program should be instructive and entertaining. To be instructive not only means that those who listen are to get some good from it, but the participant himself must come in for his share of the educational benefit. No doubt, if the reader or speaker is an undergraduate, he will receive the greatest benefit. To give all the same opportunity, each man should be allowed the privilege of conducting the literary exercises as often as possible during the college year.



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Report of Sixth Inter-Sorority Conference

The Sixth Inter-Sorority Conference met Friday, September 13, 3 P. M., for its first session, with Miss Holcombe, Chi Omega, in the chair. Miss Elda L. Smith, Pi Beta Phi, acted as secretary.

The following delegates, after presenting credentials, were enrolled:

Pi Beta Phi—Miss Elda L. Smith, 710 S. 6th St., Springfield, Ill.
 Kappa Alpha Theta—Mrs. Laura H. Norton, 2541 N. Paulina St., Chicago.
 Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. W. W. Canby, Galice, Oregon.
 Delta Gamma—Miss Margarethe Sheppard, 225 Greenwood Boulevard, Evanston, Ill.

Alpha Phi—Mrs. Cora Allen McElroy, 153 E. 54th St., Chicago.

Gamma Phi Beta—Miss Lillian Thompson, 326 W. 61st Place, Chicago.

Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Indiana.

Delta Delta Delta—Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmelee, 918 Chase Ave., Chicago.

Alpha Xi Delta—Mrs. J. R. Leib, 1271 W. Washington St., Springfield, Ill.

Chi Omega—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Fayetteville, Ark.

Signa Kappa—Miss Sara B. Mathews, 297 Ashland Boulevard, Chicago.

Alpha Omicron Pi—Mrs. C. G. Bigelow, 1321 Monroe St., Chicago.

The secretary read a summary of the work of the five Inter-Sorority Conferences prepared by Miss Gamble for the use of new delegates. Miss Holcombe read her report as secretary of the I. S. C. Her summary of the year's achievements follow:

After the close of the Fifth I. S. C., 1,000 copies of the minutes were printed and circulated, with 500 copies of the model constitution for Pan-Hellenics. Later, 800 copies of the report of the delegate to the Deans' Conference were printed and circulated. The secretary took the liberty to divide into two motions the resolution against high school sororities. It was made to read:

Motion I. Resolved, That sororities in high schools and other secondary schools should be discountenanced.

Motion II. Moved 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 secondary school.

Voting blanks were sent to all Grand Secretaries and a vote called for. The secretary delayed calling for the result of the vote in order that the subject might be fully discussed in the journals before final action was taken. The result of the vote occurs elsewhere in this report.

The dispensations to Wisconsin and to Michigan, as recommended by the Fifth I. S. C., were ratified by the Grand Presidents.

The secretary was asked to investigate the law concerning the making and wearing of jewelry by unauthorized persons. She did much corresponding on the subject, and is indebted to Wright Kay & Co., Detroit, Mich., for an extensive article taken from the Beta Theta Pi journal. From it a conclusion is reached that there is no law that covers the question. The jewelers think such a law would be hard to enforce.

The secretary wishes to emphasize the importance of sending the various sorority journals to the secretary of I. S. C. Some journals reached her promptly, but from some editors no copies were received. Complaint was made to her that the grand officers also did not receive the exchanges.

The chairman appointed a committee on recommendations, Mrs. Parmelee and Mrs. Canby.

Reports were read from all twelve sororities composing the I. S. C. The reports considered: (a) Conflicts and difficulties arising in Pan-Hellenics; (b) Attitude of sorority on high school sororities; (c) All convention action bearing upon the Conference or Inter-Sorority relations; (d) Recommendations to the Conference; (e) Suggestions for improvement in Pan-Hellenic organizations.

The remainder of the session was spent in a discussion of the exact meaning and wording of the I. S. C. constitution. To facilitate matters, the chair appointed Mrs. Leib, Miss Mathews and Mrs. Norton to act as a committee to examine the present tentative constitution and receive all recommendations suggested.

Adjourned.

INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE, SECOND SESSION.

This session convened Saturday, September 14, at 9:30 A. M., and was given up to the reports of committees. Alpha Phi, who had been appointed to investigate conditions at Michigan University, reported a decided advance in Pan-Hellenic spirit there. The chairman of I. S. C. is authorized to send word to each chapter at Michigan University that the dispensation recommended by I. S. C. and granted by the Grand Presidents expires September 23. In addition, each delegate is to send word to her Grand Presidents to so notify her chapter at Michigan. The I. S. C. extends a vote of thanks to Mrs. Woodward for her efforts towards adjusting the difficulties at Michigan.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma delegate reported the result of her study of conditions at Wisconsin University. Mention was made of the meeting of Madison women, who adopted resolutions advocating moderation in social affairs. Kappa Kappa Gamma was continued as a standing committee for the same study a year longer, and Mrs. Canby was asked to express to the Pan-Hellenic at Madison the approval by I. S. C. of the improvement there. The chairman of I. S. C. was ordered to notify the Pan-Hellenic at Wisconsin that her dispensation expires at the Seventh I. S. C., 1908.

The difficulties experienced at Syracuse were discussed, and Mrs. McElroy and Miss Thompson were appointed a committee to work through their Grand Councils towards an adjustment.

Mrs. Tennant read her report on Social Service and Pan-Hellenics. She reported that lists of four questions had been sent to each sorority visiting delegate, and to a few persons identified with colleges in such a way as to make their statements valuable. From the replies she obtained the following facts:

1. Where Pan-Hellenic compacts have been agreed upon and then dishonored, in every case, without exception, the trouble has centered in a small selfishness that has justly brought criticism on the entire sorority body. There has been no care for "the greatest good to the greatest number," and apparently no realization that *principle* should stand before *individual preference*. On the other hand, where an earnest attempt has been made to follow a Pan-Hellenic agreement, snobbishness to a large extent is dying out, as a consequence of a more intelligent understanding of each other's motives and standards; certain evils, such as the large expense connected with "rushing,"

are acknowledged; and a strong current is setting in the direction of alma mater first, fraternity, if necessary, second.

2. The sorority finds her social needs very adequately met in her own group, consequently she does not readily see the need of identifying herself with Women's Leagues and Y. W. C. A. "Noblesse oblige—noble birth implies responsibility." We believe the sorority was born rightly, and to recognize her own powers is the present responsibility.

3. There is a rapidly growing sentiment of kindness toward the non-fraternity student.

4. There is an earnest expression against the evils of rushing:—over-elaborateness of entertainment, neglect of regular college work, and unwarranted expenditures.

A committee consisting of Miss Thompson and Miss Mathews was appointed, with two purposes: (a) to reprint the Pan-Hellenic Model Constitution, appending to it the various recommendations for the serious consideration of Pan-Hellenic associations; and (b) to collect during the year a copy of the Pan-Hellenic rules from each association, these rules to be incorporated in a pamphlet for the instruction of Pan-Hellenic associations, and for printing in each of the sorority journals.

Miss Smith was appointed to draw up a letter to be sent to alumnae clubs, telling them of the purposes of I. S. C., and urging their assistance in solving local Pan-Hellenic difficulties. Mrs. Tennant was asked to make a summary of her report, to be included in this letter.

For the benefit of girls living in sorority houses, Mrs. Tennant will have a list of women who might be obtained as chaperons.

The Conference considered the application for membership in I. S. C. from Alpha Delta Phi Sorority, and instructed the chairman to inform them that they do not meet the requirements for membership.

Adjourned.

INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE, THIRD SESSION.

After the annual luncheon of the I. S. C. delegates, the Conference convened in third session at 2:00 P. M.

Mrs. Leib gave the report of the committee appointed to modify the wording of the constitution, making it read 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.

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 *upon request* as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by the Sororities, or by the 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 presentation 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-Sorority 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 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 are 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 may be used 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 (Art. IX.) Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorority, or by the Inter-Sorority Conference.

ARTICLE XI.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of all the Sororities represented in the Inter-Sorority Conference.

On balloting, each delegate voted in favor of adopting the constitution as presented, with the exception of Alpha Omicron Pi, who had not yet been instructed by her sorority.

In reporting the result of the vote on the High School Sorority question, Miss Holcombe announced that Motion I (that sororities in high schools and other secondary schools be discountenanced) had carried every sorority except Alpha Omicron Pi, who had been unable to give a definite vote, since the voting blanks did not reach her. Her delegate, however, reported that she concurred in Motion I. The vote on Motion II was not unanimous with the eleven fraternities heard from.

A motion was carried that a protest be formulated and sent to Mrs. Martin and Mr. Baird, asking them to use their influence against high school sororities, by inserting articles against these organizations in the next editions of their books. The editors of the different sorority magazines are urged in each issue to include articles discouraging high school sororities, and to omit all articles encouraging them.

The committee on recommendations made its report, which included all recommendations submitted by the various delegates in their reports.

The recommendation was adopted that in the case of granting a dispensation, each Grand President shall notify the secretary of the I. S. C., who shall send official notification to the Pan-Hellenic asking the dispensation.

The I. S. C. recommends that the report of the Commissioner of Education be made the basis for the definition of "an institution below collegiate rank." (See Constitution, Art. IV.)

The Conference recommends that Deans of Women be encouraged to present to the I. S. C. matters of interest to college women.

The Conference authorized the secretary to have printed blanks whose use will lessen the difficulty in securing united action among the different sororities.

The Sixth Inter-Sorority Conference desires to emphasize in the report the request that the editors of sorority magazines exercise more care in sending exchanges to the grand officers of other sororities, and in sending them promptly. The recommendation that fraternity journals be sent to all chapters in colleges where the respective sororities are represented, was reconsidered, and the editors are now requested to send but one copy to each college where represented, this copy to be sent to the secretary of the Pan-Hellenic association.

Some music schools in universities where college sororities have chapters have entrance requirements lower than the literary colleges. The delegates discussed the right to initiate students in these music schools, but found no satisfactory solution for the problem.

The report of the committee on Pan-Hellenic recommendations was accepted. (For (a) see Part II.)

Alpha Phi announced that their sorority had succeeded in copyrighting their badge.

A motion carried that each sorority be assessed \$5.00 for Inter-Sorority Conference expenses.

The Conference adjourned to meet in September, 1908.

ELDA L. SMITH, Pi Beta Phi,
Secretary Sixth Inter-Sorority Conference.

PART II.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RECOMMENDATIONS TO PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATIONS.

The committee has thought it best to incorporate in the secretary's report of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Inter-Sorority Conference, the Model Constitution for Pan-Hellenic Associations, and to add to it the recommendations of the Conference.

MODEL CONSTITUTION FOR PAN-HELLENICS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Pan-Hellenic Association of the.....

ARTICLE I.

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 alumnae 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.

Section 1. The officers of this Pan-Hellenic shall be: President, Secretary and Treasurer.

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.

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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 to 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 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.

The Conference would make the following recommendations to Pan-Hellenic Associations.

1. That special emphasis be placed upon Article III of the Model Constitution as printed above, urging that in every organization of Pan Hellenics there be one active and one alumna member from each chapter, instead of two active members.
2. That there be regular meetings of the Pan-Hellenic, as often as once in two months, at least.
3. That invitations to the meetings be extended to the Deans of Women and Faculty Women.
4. That Pan-Hellenics give particular attention to Article II, Sec. 4, in the Model Constitution, and in the meetings extend their discussion to questions of general college interest. There might be discussion of such topics as The Promiscuous Wearing of Fraternity Pins, Chaperons of Sorority Houses, Incessant Calling at Sorority Houses, Lifting of Pledges, and Cribbing.
5. That complaints and difficulties in Pan-Hellenics be reported directly to the Grand Presidents, and settled by them when possible.
6. That a late pledge day be urged upon all chapters, preferably a sophomore pledge day.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON, Gamma Phi Beta,
SARA B. MATHEWS, Sigma Kappa,
Committee.

Our Retiring Editors

The resignations of Mrs. Wade and Miss McHatton, which had been pending for more than a year, were, of necessity, accepted in Indianapolis,—accepted with feelings of the deepest regret on the part of all.

It is not possible for me to adequately express the appreciation felt by the members of the Council for the devoted and able services of these young women in behalf of the LYRE during the past few years. I say Council members, because they in particular are in a position to realize just what the achievements of these retiring editors have been; but I am sure I may say for the members of the fraternity in general, that we thank both Mrs. Wade and Miss McHatton from our hearts, for the loyal and enduring work they have done for us; for the strong and healthful spirit they have ever shown in doing it; and for the encouragement they have passed on to the newly-elected staff.

A COUNCIL MEMBER.





"Free and fair discussion will ever be found the firmest friend of Truth."

WE CALL attention to the change in the editorial staff of the LYRE. Hereafter all matter for publication is to be sent to the editor, while the manager will take charge of all finances connected with the publication.

FORTUNATE, indeed, is A X Ω in beginning the new year of 1908 with two such valuable additions as the Xi chapter and Gamma Gamma, of New York. We feel sure that the members of both chapters will be stronger women through these organizations, while the fraternity will also gain much thereby. To the new active chapter we extend A X Ω 's strong right hand of fellowship and say with Browning:

"Grow old along with me;
The best is yet to be."

AT THE opening of a new year, it is permissible to review subjects worn almost threadbare by frequent repetition. Is it not the proverbial time for new and earnest resolutions? And in order to see what they shall be is it not advisable to know how we stand in regard to the old? For are we ready for new problems, until the old are at least receiving careful attention? We fear they are not yet able to walk alone, so we are going to call your attention to several of the "old" perplexities, hoping you will solve them by the steadfastness of your adherence to New Year resolutions, among which we feel confident all matters pertaining to Alpha Chi Omega will find a prominent place.

A FRATERNITY journal which circulates among over forty college fraternities and sororities, must to a great extent be the reflection of the fraternity which publishes it, and the public prestige of the fraternity is therefore at stake. There is not a fraternity girl who would not consider herself deeply offended if her loyalty was questioned; but is it loyalty to allow the official organ of her fraternity to circulate among others as anything but their equal? Whether or not it is the equal depends upon her, the individual, for where do the contents come from, where the funds that make its publication and circulation possible? We will be charitable enough to believe that any indifference to the fraternity's welfare springs from carelessness, but even so, we are now women, not girls, and can we afford to be careless? Let every Alpha Chi realize the duties as well as the privileges, which her pin involves, and come loyally forward to the support of the LYRE, *her* LYRE. If you are now a subscriber, get others to be, offer suggestions (they will be gladly received), supply material, make your subscription for more than one year, and thus enable the staff a guarantee for enlarging the LYRE. In all or any of these ways prove your loyalty and support.

"An enterprise, when fairly once begun,
Should not be left till all that ought is won."

THE question of maintaining the interest of the alumnae has long been a vital one in all fraternities, and in fact in all institutions. If it is thought important enough to engage the attention of educators and fraternity councils, can it be lightly passed over by the chapters? Loyalty begets loyalty, indifference, indifference. Therefore we hope that every ensuing year will see the chapters exerting themselves to the utmost to strengthen the bonds between the alumnae and themselves. By trying those arrangements which have worked successfully in other fraternities a splendid start would be made. A study of the exchanges will reveal these.

A GREAT many difficulties incurred at the opening of the college year could be greatly lessened by confining the rushing to girls who expect to complete their college course. Aside from

raising the standard of a fraternity, did you ever stop to think that one or even two years of fraternity life seldom makes a thoroughly loyal alumna? And what fraternity can "wax strong" and prosper without the support of its alumnae? We need them, every one. This is a question so far-reaching in its effects that we hope every chapter will give it serious thought.

IT IS a well-known fact, attested by all ages and by all peoples, that to those things around which traditions cling, our deepest loyalty is given. Sanctified, they make a part of our religious life; they are represented in our family histories; they surround college lore; they are very dear to all fraternities. We therefore count that fraternity very fortunate that numbers many such in its history. We earnestly recommend that the money spent on the trivialities, such as flowers, carriages, and meaningless social functions, be converted to the keeping of fraternity birthdays and chapter anniversaries, annual rallies (which we specially emphasize), and as many established holidays as can be legitimately afforded. It is not necessary to make these elaborate, far be it from our thoughts, as extravagance is demoralizing, but simply to establish a calendar around which, in the words of the editor of the Scroll, "The memories of members will always cling, recalling many delightful occasions and hosts of friends who were wont to meet around the altar fires"—of Alpha Chi Omega.

NEVER has the spirit of co-operation been so strongly manifested as at the present time. It permeates all branches of society; industrial, political, social, religious, literary, and scientific. That it has entered the colleges, quickened the fraternities into action and thus widened their possibilities, let every Greek be devoutly thankful, for it enables us to see ahead the realization of our ideals.

Foremost among such co-operative movements is the Deans' Conference, which is to meet in Chicago at the Stratford hotel, December 20, 1907. The last conference was held in 1905 and consisted of the Deans of Women of State Universities; and by courtesy, the representatives of the I. S. C. Realizing that in such an organization

the fraternities find their ablest advisors, we look forward with interest to their decisions, which we hope will be as helpful as before. One article we specially indorse :

ARTICLE VI. The Deans 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.

That this co-operative spirit is hovering over the University of Illinois is evidenced by the formation there of a league, which represents in its personnel, the entire student life. Too much cannot be said in its favor, and we hope the time will be short when it will be the rule and not the exception to find such a league in every institution of learning. Realizing that in just such co-operation as this the fraternities find their surest means of overcoming the prejudices so long rife, as well as any exclusiveness and narrowness that may "creep unawares" into their own circle, we hope every girl will do all she can to promote and further such a movement in her own college. The constitution is in part as follows :

"The object of this association shall be to further the spirit of unity among women in the University, to increase their sense of responsibility toward one another, and to be a medium by which the social standard of the University can be made and kept high."

WITH the April number, the LYRE will institute a new department, to be known as ΕΚΛΕΚΤΑ, consisting of articles contributed by the undergraduates. It is our desire that this department be as interesting as possible, and to stimulate endeavor, a suitable Alpha Chi Omega prize will be awarded for the best article received.

These articles may cover the broadest range of subjects, fraternal or otherwise, and are not to exceed one thousand words. We

prefer that they be much shorter, as it is the individual who writes entertainingly, instructively, and at the same time *concisely*, who displays true literary ability. According to previous instructions, the two contributions from each chapter must be in by the 1st of March.

If further information is desired, address the editor.

To the Alumnae

WITH few exceptions an alumna will subscribe to her magazine so as to keep in touch with the members of her fraternity—especially with those of her own chapter whom she has known well, but with whom she does not correspond. Unless we make the alumnae notes of enough consequence to satisfy this alumna, her interest in the magazine will soon begin to wane, and in a very few years her subscription will not be forthcoming.

But how are we to obtain this information if not from the alumnae themselves! An alumna should not feel that her connection with the magazine is severed, except for her subscription. Nay! As her perspective of things in general and of the fraternity in particular enlarges, she should be all the more prepared to contribute articles if called upon. And surely, without any urging, she should send in items that she knows will be of interest to the many who are as eager for news of their friends as she is.

We would indeed be grateful for such forethought on the part of any alumna.

Notice

Will all our readers kindly look over their "old LYRES," and if they find the following numbers, please communicate with the Grand Historian: 1899, Vol. IV, No. 4; 1904, Vol. VIII, Nos. 3 and 4.

The editor would also appreciate information concerning Vol. VI, Nos. 1, 2 and 3 (1902); Vol. VII, No. 4 (1903); Vol. VII, No. 3 (1904); Vol. VIII, No. 4 (1905).

As $\text{A X } \Omega$ is anxious to establish a file in the New York library,

any wishing to donate their incomplete file or only a few numbers, will confer a great favor upon the Fraternity by communicating with Miss Siller, 716 Clark street, Evanston, Ill.

Mysterious Disappearance !

Reward offered for information leading to their recovery!
Strayed from the Historian's fold the addresses of the following :

ALPHA

- Mrs. Ethel Sutherlin Berger, 1888.
- Cora Branson, pledged, '89.
- Marion Colborn, '93.
- Jessie Y. Fox, '89.
- Mrs. Pearl Armitage Jamison, '90.
- Mrs. Josephine Tingley Linscott, '92.
- Lena Scott.
- Mrs. Pearl Somerville, '01.
- Laura Taggart, '87.
- Cora Taggart, '87.
- Mrs. Rilla Jones Merica, pledged.

BETA

- Blanche Bunday, '90.
- Hattie Ives, '88.
- May Percival Miner, '95.

GAMMA

- Pearl Rising, '91.
- Fanny Grafton.
- Minnie Beckett, '93.
- Athlena McCorkle, '94.

DELTA

- Myrtle Sheldon, '91.

EPSILON

- Cornelia Keep, '95.
- Mary Alice Mann, '96.
- Lonanna Mae Hardwick, '97.
- Nellie Burton, '97.
- Gertrude Mae Kenzie, '95, pledged.
- Ellen Beach Yaw, Honorary.

ZETA

- Margaret Upcraft.
- Mrs. Jessie Wood Sincere
- Sarala Thompson, Associate.

HONORARY

- Mme. Marie Decca.
- Mrs. Mary Howe Lavin.
- Maude Powell.
- Neally Stevens.

ASSOCIATE.

- Mrs. Jennie Allen.
- Mrs. Alma Dall Dixon.

CHARTER.

- Amy DuBois.
- Mrs. Myrtle Boltz Johnson.
- Mrs. Nellie Bolton Copeland.
- Miss Juvenilia Olivia Porter.
- Maude Heston.
- Mrs. Chas. Sparkes.

Can presumably be located between the Atlantic and the Pacific.
The new directory to be published will be incomplete without them.



CHAPTER LETTERS



"It is by the benefit of letters that absent friends are, in a manner, brought together."

Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names, and home addresses.

Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

ALPHA

Since the last letter to the LYRE, Alpha has had to contend with not a few difficulties, but they were bravely surmounted, and are now a thing of the past. For a time we were fearful of losing our house, as there had been sickness and death in the family occupying it. We were without a regular boarding place for two weeks and had only nine active girls to do the spiking. We all felt more keenly then, the necessity of united action and hard work. We went into the fight with a will, and came out with flying colors, as usual.

On October 21, we pledged eleven girls, and think they are all an honor to Alpha Chi Omega. The names added to our roll are: Pauline Thomas, Logansport, Ind.; Helen Pierson, Muncie, Ind.; Marion Cooper, Goshen, Ind.; Ina Sopher, Noblesville, Ind.; Harriet Rubusch, London, Ind.; Olive Pratt, Pawpaw, Ill.; Harriet Tessig, Warsaw, Ind.; Ruth Conner, Pandleton, Ind.; Irene Hays, Lawrenceburg, Ind.; Vera Cronk, Terre Haute, Ind., and Grace Lloyd, Greencastle, Ind.

We initiated November 22, and were greatly pleased to have with us at that time, our Grand President, Mrs. Loud, and Mrs. Ruick, of Beta Beta.

We have had but one party this term, and that a formal, given for our spikes, on October 8. This was a four-course dinner for the girls, the boys coming at nine o'clock. The house was beautifully decorated in autumn leaves, the stairway and mantles being a mass of gorgeous colors. In the dining room the decorations were carnations and smilax. The music was furnished by a pianist and violinist from Indianapolis.

We are proud to say that we have this year two of our members on the faculty. Miss Aldah McCoy, in pianoforte, has taken the place of Miss Sawyer, who is traveling in the west, and Miss Ethel Clark is teacher in the art school, taking the place of Miss Overbeck.

Our chaperon this year is Mrs. Yount, of Shelbyville, Ind. She is a graduate of DePauw, and quite as enthusiastic about college affairs as the girls.

DePauw has been quite successful this year in football, as they won the secondary championship of the state, and Captain Tucker made the all-state team in the position of left end.

In celebration of her victories, the students were given a holiday, November 16, and a day is to be set apart each year, to be known as "Old Gold Day," for the purpose of arousing college spirit

BETA

The close of the all-too-short Thanksgiving vacation warns us that Christmas is almost at hand, and after that the beginning of a new term, and a new year—a year which it is the firm purpose of Beta chapter to make one of the best she has ever had. The year just closing has been marked by many pleasant things, and Beta feels the ties of sisterhood drawing her members more closely together all the time.

Our rushing season, though entered upon with enthusiasm, tinged by a slight fear owing to the fact that we had so few experienced girls, was a complete success. As a result we beg leave to present six new pledglings, of whom we are justly proud. These "babies", Edna Newcomer, Monroe, Mich.; Margaret Smith, Marshall, Mich.; Lucile Singleton, Vera Patterson, Cecil Smith, and Gladys Griffin, of Albion, are as loyal and fine girls as could be found—true Alpha Chis. Most of them will be active before the close of this term or soon after the beginning of the next term. Two of our new girls received a bid from one other fraternity, and one girl received two. Alpha Chi lost no bids.

Of course the rushing season was an almost endless round of suppers, picnics, bowling parties, dinners, drives, and all that goes to make up a rushing season. It is felt here that the rushing season was too strenuous this year, both in the men's and women's fraternities, so it is very probable that something will be done next year to shorten it or in some way alleviate its evils.

Alpha Chi entertained the Pan-Hellenic Association early in the term, and Delta Gamma entertained after the rushing season. The rushing rules were considered rather inadequate, and a few changes have been proposed.

Our one big event this term so far was the visit paid us by that charming singer, Ellen Beach Yaw. By dint of coaxing and pleading, her manager finally consented to let us have Miss Yaw for a little while after the concert, which she gave under the auspices of the College Conservatory, in order that we might get a little bit acquainted with her. We did not realize what a priceless boon it was until after she had come and gone. It was an experience we would not have missed for anything. The dainty little lady is fully as fascinating off the stage as on it, and that is saying a good deal, to judge from the enthusiastic audience at the concert. Aside from her personal charm and grace, the thing that most attracted us was her unswerving loyalty to, and interest in, Alpha Chi Omega. We will look back on Miss Yaw's visit as one of the brightest spots in our college year.

We have had two good lectures so far this year—both of which, though widely different in character, were well attended and enjoyed. One was given by Senator Tillmann and the other by Newell Dwight Hillis.

Another event of the college year is to happen this term—the annual Country Fair, given by the Y. W. C. A. in the college gymnasium. This is a very enjoyable affair, rendered more so by the fact that anyone daring to come in ordinary costume is fined five cents.

Those Alpha Chis who remained in town during the Thanksgiving vacation enjoyed a pot-luck supper at the lodge. We are planning to entertain the football team soon at an informal evening party.

Beta extends heartiest greetings to the new chapter and wishes her long life and prosperity.

A Merry Christmas and the very Happiest New Year to every Alpha Chi is the wish of Beta.

(A good letter. Thank you for the type-written form.—Ed.)

GAMMA

After the long separation of the summer months, ten girls of Gamma returned to Northwestern. Among our rushing stunts were a cinch party at Alice Newgard's in Rogers' Park, a matinee dance at Ethel Ford's, in Ravenswood, and a Mother Goose party at the home of one of our Evanston alumnae, Mabel Jones, as well as a formal dinner and dance at the Evanston Golf Club. Then came pledging day, with every bid accepted, although we rushed against many other sororities. The excitement, however, did not die away after rushing season, for several of our alumnae returned to be present at the wedding of one of our girls, Romaine Hard-Castle, to a Northwestern Phi Delt, James Van Sypher, where Alpha Chis officiated as bridesmaids and as organist. Hallowe'en found the entire chapter again in Ravenswood at Ethel Ford's, where the ridiculous costumes and customary Hallowe'en tricks occasioned much amusement. Initiation, which was given by our alumnae, was held on the evening of Saturday, November 9, and at that time we admitted into full membership our six pledges, as well as affiliated a transfer from Alpha. Several members from Alpha, Beta, Theta, and Iota were present, while, as guest of honor, we had our Grand President, Mrs. Loud. Since initiation we have been forming many plans to bring the girls together oftener and have decided to have some little informal affair every Friday afternoon. On the evening of November 26, the chapter was given an informal at Wilmette Hall, although our drawn date does not come until January 18.

Nevertheless, social duties occupy but a small part of our time. Recently several of our girls have been on the interesting recitals given at Music Hall, while Florence Kelley and Winifred Webster have given recitals at "Cumnock." On the evening of Saturday, November 23, Hedwig Breneman and Mae Smith gave several solos at the large concert in Fond du Lac, in addition to singing in the O Capella choir. Our two sophomores in Liberal Arts were taken into literary societies this fall (freshmen are ineligible), while Carrie Patten, our transfer from Alpha, was invited to join, but has not yet accepted. We hope soon to have a story by an Alpha Chi in the Northwestern Magazine, besides being represented on the literary staff of our annual, the Syllabus. On the whole, Gamma has great ambitions for its girls this coming year, and we heartily wish the greatest success to all our sorority sisters.

DELTA

The semester is half gone, yet it scarcely seems a month since the girls of Delta chapter assembled in their places with only one vacant seat among their last year's girls. College opened September 18, with all the old faculty back with the exception of Dr. Wells, whose place is filled by Dr. Lee, formerly of Mt. Union. The enrollment of the freshman class is the largest in the history of Allegheny College, but the number of girls was less, and from the first moment the rushing was "nip and tuck." Alpha Chi Omega opened

the rushing season with an evening party on September 27 at the home of Miss Rhoddy. Our next formal event was an afternoon party at the home of Miss Clara Lord on October 12. On the Saturday before bidding day we entertained with a supper at the Saegertown Inn, and October 21, bidding day, saw the scarlet and green pinned on Miss Marjorie Fowler and the Misses Blanch and Elizabeth Garver. We initiated our new girls November 16, and we had with us quite a large number of old Delta girls, besides having the pleasure of entertaining Miss Loise Boerst, of Theta, who told us a great deal about the girls and their life at Ann Arbor.

President Crawford returned the third week of November from a very delightful trip through England and Scotland, the present of an interested Alleghenian patron. He saw a great deal of the life of both Oxford and Rugby, and told us many interesting stories of their college life.

Dr. A. C. Smith, who holds the history chair at Allegheny, has been chosen by Johns Hopkins University to deliver the annual course of ten lectures on American Diplomatic History. We think we are to be congratulated to have been so honored by such a university.

Don't you think we ought to be well managed with such a formidable list of officers in our midst? Olga Henry is vice-president of the executive committee of Student Government in Hulings Hall; Mabel McLean Proctor of third corridor in the hall; Clara Wheeling, vice-president of Y. W. C. A., and secretary of the Missionary Club; Mary B. Greene, treasurer of the Sophomore Class; Vera Bash, secretary of the College Council.

Now that rushing season is over and our new girls have been taken in, we hope to soon be settled and begin some heavy work.

EPSILON

Epsilon sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all a prosperous year. Especial interest is felt by all toward the new chapters, and to them we extend heartiest welcome.

In accordance with the local Pan-Hellenic, bidding day came on the second Tuesday in November. Each sorority was limited in the number of rushing parties, but the small functions were numerous and unique.

There were many dinner parties, dainty luncheons, and chafing dish "spreads," where only three of our girls could be present, but they were very jolly. The first "real affair" was the Vaudeville, which proved such a success last year. There were new features, of course, and some of the girls proved themselves artists in various lines. We had a splendid place in which to give the performance. A curtain was arranged, covered with posters of suggestive "hits" on our girls. There were regular programs, which, however, gave no clue to the individual members. Our patronesses wrote clever songs for the occasion, and helped greatly in making the evening a success.

October 26 was the date of our progressive luncheon. Twenty-four girls met at the home of Mrs. Young, where the first course was served. Here the most elaborate table decorations had been arranged. Large satin ribbons of scarlet and green were used on the cloth, while ferns and carnations added their life to the rich effect. When we finished the course, three big touring cars came puffing up to carry us to the next house. Despite the rain we had a splendid time and partook of the best things imaginable at the five different houses.

The last function was given November 9 at Mrs. Van Cleve's, somewhat

in the nature of a Hallowe'en party, postponed because of the death of Dr. Beane, professor in the science department. Men were invited on this occasion, and after an evening of gaiety, tiny green and red lunch baskets were given to each man, who was to find the girl whose name appeared on a card attached and share with her the contents of his basket. Much merriment was afforded by this, I can assure you.

Finally, on bidding day, our happiness was complete when we were privileged to place our colors on the girls for whom we had so eagerly sought. Two of the girls are champion basketball players, having won high honors at High School, while the others were all gifted either in music or art. Epsilon is proud of her chapter, and with so many "old" and "new" girls, there is every prospect of a splendid year.

One of our members, Faye Buck, graduates in June. She is carrying an unusually heavy course in organ, piano and theoretical work. There are two flourishing glee clubs in connection with the University this year. The girls' club is under the direction of Mrs. Norma Rockhold Robbins, a recent addition to the faculty, while Professor Miller has charge of the men's club, and both organizations hope to appear in concert during the holidays.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the University has arranged a very excellent course of musical and literary attractions to be given during the winter for the purpose of raising funds for furnishings in the various parts of the buildings. Through their assistance many little improvements have been made both in college buildings and dormitories.

We have enjoyed several weeks of grand opera with the Lombard's Opera Company. It was a greater treat this year than usual, both because of the excellent voices and the fine new auditorium, which has been so long needed.

Several artists of note have been heard in concert the past month, among others Gadske and Maude Powell. One of our girls was fortunate in meeting the former at a luncheon given her by the Dominant Club, composed of the leading women musicians of the city. We are yet to hear Calvé, Paderevski, Herbert Witherspoon, Hoffman, Carréno and many more.

U. S. C. has again held her reputation in football, having won each game in turn this year. Owing to some minor disagreement between the school, there will be no intercollegiate games with Pomona or Occidental, but several big games have been played with other schools, and the latest victory was won over the marines, which team was drawn from sailors from the three battleships, Virginia, Colorado and Maryland, now stationed on this coast. We are proud of this score of 16 to 4, as a number of the sailors were Annapolis "stars."

Initiation and the usual banquet following are being planned now, and great results are hoped for in our year's work.

(A splendid letter. We are very glad to have such detailed accounts of chapter life and surroundings.—Ed.)

ZETA

In looking over last year's roll I find that out of the twelve girls who are not back with us this year, eight have started in for a musical career, and are doing their share in spreading the advantages which they received during their study at the New England Conservatory. (See personals.)

In spite of the fact that many of our girls are not with us this fall, we had sixteen to answer to their names at the opening of school. Since

then we have been busy getting girls to fill in the gaps in our depleted ranks, and have now added five loyal sisters to our chapter roll: Sallie Lee Master-son, Fort Worth, Texas; Jean Knappenberger, Brunswick, Mo.; Edith John- sin, Winnipeg, Manitoba; Elizabeth Shaetzel, Sioux Falls, S. D.; Nellie Brushingham, Chicago, Ill.

Boston is to have an unusually interesting musical season and we are all looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the coming concerts. Be- sides the usual symphony orchestra quartettes and oratorios, we are to have recitals by Padereswski, De Pachman, Goodson, Carreno, Kreisler, Sembrich, Calvé, Schumann-Heink, and a score of others.

We have started into this year's work with a great deal of enthusiasm, and have made a few changes in our plans, which, we hope, will add to our happiness and success during this year.

Zeta wishes her sister chapters the prosperous year that she hopes to enjoy herself.

THETA

The rushing season has been very successful this year, and as a result, we have eight pledges. The list includes Fluta Lamb, Anne Haug, Irene Con- nell, Alice Yaple, Katherine Anderson, Frances Joyce, Josephine Gerow, and Essie Vinton.

Frances O'Hara, of Toledo, Ohio; Faith Butler, of Frankford, Mich., and Dona Savage, of Lansing, Mich., came back and helped rush.

Dona Savage gave a very pretty dinner party for the new girls. The color scheme of red and green was carried out in every detail.

The annual initiation and banquet has been set for November 15. We ex- pect many of the old girls back to help us welcome our new sisters, and intend to keep them for the "Pennsy" game, scheduled for the following Saturday.

The annual dancing party for the new girls will be given November 26. We also expect many old girls back for this.

A very successful Hallowe'en party was given October 30 at the chapter house. The pledges were kept busy all afternoon, and consequently the house was very prettily adorned with cornstalks, pumpkins, leaves, etc. Dancing and refreshments followed the usual Hallowe'en pranks.

Mrs. Hoffman, head of the dramatic department of the University School of Music, is going to give a performance of Sheridan's "School for Scandal," under the auspices of the Woman's League.

Ground has been broken for the new Memorial Hall on the southwest corner of the campus.

IOTA

Iota girls are all at work again, and a busy bunch they are. There are thirteen of us in the house, and it would be hard to find a more contented family. At the beginning of the year, we opened up the house with only six old girls back and two transfers, Edna Hamilton from DePauw, and Marie Seebach from Northwestern. We could not help but miss certain familiar faces and wish that they might be with us again this year, but "rushing sea- son" was open, and Alpha Chis must go to work in real earnest, and work we did. As a result, on the 5th of October, we pledged eight dandy fresh- men, three of them being town girls.

One of our most successful "rushing stunts" was our "German," which we gave at the house. The old girls took the part of the men, each bringing a new girl. Much amusement was caused by the favors, which consisted of such things as rubber balls, rattles, miniature pipes and immense cookies. Then in quick succession came our annual picnic, at the home of one of our town girls; our banquet, and last on the 4th of October, our final dance. It was, of course, quite strenuous and yet we feel that we are richly repaid.

A great many of the girls were back for the Chicago vs. Illinois game, October 19. It is true that we were defeated, but it was a glorious game and "Illinois Loyalty" rang out just as clear at the finish as at the beginning.

The dedicatory exercises of the new auditorium, doing honor to the name of Edward MacDowell, began the afternoon of November 5, when Mr. Hamlin, an intimate friend of the great composer, made the address. The services were concluded Wednesday evening by a MacDowell program, given by the Theodore Thomas orchestra.

Iota sends greetings to the other chapters and welcomes those that are new.

KAPPA

This is Kappa's first year in a home of her own, and we do enjoy having a chapter house. It is located within the university and fraternity circle. On the two corners opposite ours are the Alpha Tau Omega and Theta Delta Chi fraternities.

At the beginning of the year five girls were initiated and three pledged. The initiates are: Meta Keickhefer, Milwaukee; Grace Howe, Boscobel, Wis.; Alma Slater, Escanaba, Mich., and Margaret H. Doubler, Madison. The pledges are: Fay Vaughan, Bangor, Wis.; and Minda and Edna Momey, Billings, Mont.

On the evening of November 22, the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity gave a reception for a professor who is one of its members. On the afternoon of the same day Delta Gamma sorority gave a reception for freshmen girls.

On the evening of November 7, the girls gave an informal dancing party, which proved to be a great success.

The University of Wisconsin has been fortunate in musical events this year. We had the great pleasure of hearing Mr. Clarke, the great baritone singer. His recital was unusually fine and his rare musical abilities were especially appreciated by many of the members of Alpha Chi Omega.

Wednesday afternoon and evening, November 27, Sousa's band gave a recital in the Armory. There was a large attendance for both concerts. We expect to have a series of six artists' recitals this winter. The first was given by Mr. Jaffè, violinist, and Miss Alice Regan, pianist. Both are of the School of Music. The next musical treat will be the Russian Symphony orchestra.

We are glad to hear that a new chapter of Alpha Chi Omega has been installed at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Kappa sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

LAMBDA

As pledge-day at Syracuse was set for matriculation day, our rushing season began promptly. All Lambda girls worked hard, but feel well repaid, for a couple of weeks ago we initiated seven new girls and are now the richer

by seven sisters. Lambda wishes to introduce to all Alpha Chis: Selma Swenson, Susquehanna, Pa.; Jane Wood, Voorheesville, N. Y.; Millie Stebbins, West Winfield, N. Y.; Ruth Hutchins, Palmyra, N. Y.; Myra Jones, Hoosic Falls, N. Y.; Ethel Lansing, Copenhagen, N. Y., and Ethel McCoy, Jacksonville, Fla. At our initiation ceremony, which occurred on the evening of Friday, November 8, Mrs. Grace Hammond Holmes, Delta, was present. Our banquet took place Saturday night, November 9, at the Kanatenah Club House. Harriet Moore acted as toast-mistress, and called for the following toasts:

Our Lyre, Marjorie Wall; Upper Classmen, Mary Emma Griffith; Under Classmen, Martha Lee; Rushing, Ruth Harlow; Lambda, Flora Kaufhold; "Ye Daughters of Music, Come Up Higher," Selma Swenson; Roasts, Helen Cunningham; Entering the Sisterhood, Jessie Lansing.

For patronesses, Lambda has been fortunate in securing Mrs. George S. Hadley, Mrs. Nellis M. Rich, Mrs. Herbert M. Burchard, wife of the Greek professor at the University, and Mrs. H. B. N. Begg, wife of one of the professors in the Engineering College.

Syracuse has been especially favored musically this fall. Madame Schumann-Heink, Macmillen, the violinist, and Campanari, have been here, and Padereswski is expected in the future. Besides these, Maude Adams, Lillian Russell, E. H. Sothern, and Robert Mantell have played here.

Several new buildings have been opened on the University campus this fall: Bowne Hall of Chemistry, Lyman Hall of Natural History, the Carnegie Library, Sims Hall, a dormitory for men, and the new stadium. We are very proud of our stadium. Its seating capacity is 20,000, and it is one of the largest in the world. The seats are arranged in the form of an amphitheater, around the top of which is a promenade three-fourths of a mile long. The running-track, which is around the gridiron, is half a mile in length. The stadium is to connect by an underground passage with the new gymnasium, the foundations of which were laid last spring. At one of the entrances to the stadium there is a mammoth arch. During the past football season, the stadium was the scene of no defeats. The Orange Print Shop just off the campus was opened this fall. Here the college papers, programs, etc., are printed.

John Crouse College of Fine Arts has increased its staff of professors this fall with the addition of Professors Charles H. Mills and Stanley Olmsted, piano, and Professor Ernst Mahr, 'cellist.

Lambda wishes all Alpha Chis a happy and prosperous year.

MU

Mu has just completed her first rushing season. It was not very strenuous, as Pan-Hellenic rules at Simpson allow only two rushing parties to each sorority. We have four new sisters, of whom we are very proud. They are: Ethel Mott, Marengo; Sara Dick, Jefferson; Mildred MacFadon, Emerson; Mabel Fett, Clearfield. September 31, we initiated Carrie McBride, '10, of Dexter.

We gave our first party October 2, when we entertained about thirty girls very informally. Our second party was November 12. The entertainment consisted of several contests, in which the girls demonstrated their knowledge of musical terms and forms.

October 5 the Pi Beta Phis entertained the girls of Delta Delta Delta

and of Alpha Chi Omega at a seven o'clock breakfast. We three sororities meet socially once each term, entertaining in turn, and we find these meetings very enjoyable and helpful.

On the evening of October 1, the Kappa Theta Psis very delightfully entertained the three sororities of the school, in honor of their pledges. The principal feature of the evening's entertainment was a burlesque on *Ivanhoe*, in which *Ivanhoe's* love for *Rowena* grew cold and his affections were transferred to *Rebecca*.

The Conservatory people and instructors will render the oratorio of *The Messiah*, December 11. *Ethel MacFadon* will be soprano soloist.

Carrie MacFadon and *Margaret Schimelfenig* were delegates to the state Y. W. C. A. convention at *Cedar Rapids*, in November.

Alpha Chi is well represented in the different offices at *Simpson* this year. *Carrie MacFadon* is president of the Y. W. C. A.; *Mayme Silliman* is vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., one of the three senior members of the College Council, and vice-president of the class of '08; *Nell Harris* is president of the Music Club; *Effie Silliman*, *Emma Brown*, and *Mabel Fett* are, respectively, first, third, and fourth vice-presidents of the same organization; *Margaret Schimelfenig* is secretary of the Junior class and a member of the girls' college debating team. *Lena Dalrymple* is secretary of the College Debate Council, and vice-president of the Zetaethan Literary Society.

Mu sends greetings to all her sisters.

NU

After eleven weeks of active fraternity life, the baby chapter feels that it is fast growing up, and now cordially steps aside for the other new comer, to whom we extend the genuine "right hand of fellowship," with sincerest wishes for a life of happiness and prosperity.

Our chapter roll has increased from the nine charter members to a membership of nineteen, three of whom we were unfortunate in losing for a time; *Bertha Howard* was called home by the illness of her father, *Mollie Rank* was obliged to discontinue her studies on account of ill health, and *Ethel Brown* was also summoned to her home, owing to illness in the family circle.

Four of our new sisters are freshmen, just bubbling over with freshman spirit, making an ideal balance to the dignity represented by our "officers," as *Zella Curtin* is vice-president of the Y. W. C. A., and *Helen Rice* and *Dasena Houston* were elected to the Women's League for this year, but have since resigned, in accordance with the rule that each fraternity is allowed only one representative on the board. *Irene Hall* now represents us and is vice-president of the League.

Devena Houston is our basketball enthusiast, being a player on the college team.

We feel that we have been very fortunate in securing patronesses, whom we now introduce to you: *Mrs. Salamo Rossi*, of *Denver*, and *Mrs. Buchheit*, of *Boulder*. We are planning a reception for them in the near future.

Alpha Chi Omega, like all other fraternities here, has now settled down to work, and finds very little time for social efforts. Since rushing season we have given but two dances, a tea and a few informal chafing dish parties.

Although each fraternity congratulated itself on the moderation of the rushing this season, the Dean of Women appeared before the last Pan-Hellenic to urge more restraint and earlier hours, so you see we are well

watched over, and are hoping to attain the goal so eagerly sought for by all "Greeks"—the faculty approval.

Nu sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them the happiest of New Years.

XI, LINCOLN, NEB.

We, the Xi chapter, being only a few days old, must necessarily have but little to say as yet, but to each and all of the sister chapters who welcomed us into the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity with such hearty and loving words, we wish to express our sincere appreciation and hope we, too, may live true to the aims and ideals of our fraternity.

Our second meeting with Miss Siller has not only increased our affection for her, but her earnestness and devotion to the ideal of the Alpha Chi Omega fraternity have added to our loyalty and given us a larger view of the privileges that are open to us by this new bond, and in all the ceremonies of our initiation she was most ably assisted by Miss Howe, who, too, has won a place for herself among the girls of the Xi chapter. We also had the pleasure of having Mrs. Somerville, Alpha, and Mrs. Grace Gamble, Gamma, as our guests, and we feel assured of their support and interest.

May the Xi chapter extend greetings to her sister Alpha Chis, and wish them a most prosperous and happy New Year?

ALPHA ALPHA

The first luncheon of the season for Alpha Alpha occurred on October 5, and all were glad to be together again after the long vacation. Among those present were Mrs. El Fleda Jackson, of Noskogee, (I. T.), and Miss Russel McMurphy, an associate member from Kappa. We enjoy meeting sisters from other chapters and hope that we will have that pleasure at every luncheon during the year. After the luncheon, a short business meeting was held and plans for the year discussed.

We enjoyed reading about the establishment of the Nu chapter and hope to visit their attractive home some time. Through Miss Siller we heard a most enthusiastic report of our new sisters and of the delightful visit with them. We all send hearty greetings to the last chapter and wish them a long life and a happy one.


The Alpha Alpha chapter entertained the Gamma chapter on November 9 at Miss Zella Marshall's home in Evanston. Gamma held her initiation at that time.

BETA BETA

We members of Beta Beta have been unusually busy as a fraternity this autumn.

It has been a time of many meetings and prolonged consultations, and much calling up over the telephone; and, indeed, any one could see with half an eye that we were all on "hospitable thoughts intent."

And it was right that it should be so, for the meeting of the Grand Council was to be held in our midst. When the members composing this Council had all arrived, we were justly proud of the reasons for our hospitable



thoughts. Graciousness, sweetness and dignity were qualities well combined in the members of our Grand Council, and we are sure the meetings were marked with the same characteristics.

Never did any Alpha Chis work together with more harmony and pleasure than those of Beta Beta to do honor to our executive officers. Socially we may have had a better time than our guests, because we were not burdened with "affairs of state."

Our Hallowe'en party was a very enjoyable occasion and it gave us all an opportunity to become acquainted, and the reception on the closing day gave the other fraternity women of our city an opportunity to meet our fair sisters. The only drawback was the very unfavorable weather, which made getting about a difficult matter.

Since the meeting of the Council, Beta Beta has returned to her normal quiet and little will be done until after the holidays.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

The statement that we have attained to the dignity of having a charter granted us and have been christened Gamma Gamma, represents to the girls who have worked and schemed for this, an achievement of which we feel just a bit proud. While it all means so much to us, we hope also to mean something to you. Our first meeting was held at the Fernery Tea rooms, 14 West 33rd street, on October 8. Either the elements did not favor our plans or they were testing Alpha Chi spirit, for it rained in torrents until nearly the hour of our meeting. But Alpha Chis refuse to be downed or drowned, and there were ten girls who had the honor of signing the petition for our charter. Our next meeting was held at the same place, when we had the great joy of hearing that our Grand Council had looked on us with favor and that we had been given a name and a place on the chapter roll. Our election of officers resulted as follows:

President, Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta; vice-president, Virginia Fiske Green, Theta; recording and corresponding secretary, Miss Florence Armstrong, Mu; treasurer, Miss Emma Crittenden, Beta; associate editor, Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta.

At that meeting we were delighted to receive an invitation from Mrs. Alta Moyer Taylor, to take lunch with her on November 14, at her home in East Orange, N. J. We had a genuine Alpha Chi time and the girls who read this won't ask for a translation of that. For the first time since our gathering together we had an opportunity to enjoy Alpha Chi talent, of which Gamma Gamma boasts not a little, to sing our fraternity songs, and to split the air with our Hi-Hi-Hi—at least we thought we were doing that—our spirit was stronger than our voices when we gave it for our charming hostess.

On December 4, our president, Mrs. Kent, has asked us for luncheon at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. W. Barnaby, in the city.

We are hoping soon to have a permanent place and a definite date for our monthly meetings, so that visiting girls will know when and where to find us. Until then a note to the secretary, Miss Florence Armstrong, The Montclair, 541 Lexington avenue, New York City, will give you the date and place of meeting, and it's needless to say that all Alpha Chis will find a cordial welcome.

 PERSONALS 

ALPHA

Clo Brauson was united in marriage to Bernard Craig, of Brazil, at her home in Rockville, on November 14. They will be at home in Brazil.

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On November 12, Vera Cooper, '06, of Goshen, and August Beyer, '05, of Keudalville, were married and will make their home in Rochester, Ind. This marriage was the result of a college case, Mr. Beyer being a member of Phi Delta Theta.

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The engagement is announced of Ethel Starr, Charleston, Ill., and Earl Brown. Miss Starr is a graduate of the School of Music, '07, and Mr. Brown graduated from Champaign, Ill., where he was an Alpha Tau Omega.

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Iola Wilkins, ex. '05, was married October 9 to R. B. Martin, of Linden.

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Shellie Smith, '06, of Brazil, and Pearle Fuller, '07, of Charleston, Ill., attended the Alpha Chi formal party October 8.

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Sadie Machlan, '07, is teaching Latin and botany at Mulberry, Ind.

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Pearle Fuller, '07, is teaching music in the schools at Kansas, Ill.

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Sylvia Christly, '07, was married in September to Mr. Kellogg, and they will make their home in Indian Territory.

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Esther Hoover, of Boonville, spent several weeks visiting with sisters.

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Lora Canaday, of Winchester, who is teaching there, has visited sisters this fall.

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Edna Pretlow, of Winchester, has been a guest at the Alpha Chi house.

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Margaret Smith, of New Palestine, and Catherine Elfers, of Rising Sun, were visiting during the spike.

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Marie Wood, '07, of Indianapolis, is an assistant in the music school of DePauw.

BETA

Miss Sadie Osborne, who is teaching at Niles this year, spent Thanksgiving vacation in Jackson.

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Mrs. Lina Baum VanRoy, who has lately moved to Detroit, will spend the winter in Florida.

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Miss Mary Perine spent Thanksgiving in Detroit.

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Miss Margaret Moshier is studying Manual Training and Domestic Science at the University of Chicago.

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Mr. and Mrs. Aaron T. Bliss, Jr., are situated in Florida.

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Mrs. Frank A. Fall, of New York City, visited Beta during the rushing season.

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Mrs. Cornelius Hamblen, of Detroit, is visiting her parents in Albion.

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The Misses Maizie and Georga Goodenow will spend the winter in Kansas City.

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Miss Mary Dickie is visiting in Detroit.

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Mrs. Jean Whitcomb Fenn, of New York City, has recently organized a class there.

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Miss Jeanette Freeman is teaching school in Watersville, Ohio.

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Miss Madge Wilcox visited Albion friends in October.

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Mrs. Mattie Miller Stewart, of Marine City, is seriously ill.

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Miss Daisy Osgood will spend the winter in the south.

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At a luncheon given in Chicago by Mrs. Lucie McMaster Niles, in honor of Mrs. Edward Loud, Beta was represented by seven alumnae.

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Mrs. Jeannette Allen Cushman has recently moved to Los Angeles, Cal.

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Miss Harriet Reynolds, organist of the First Methodist church of Albion, has recently inaugurated a series of fine cantatas, which are being very well received by the public.

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Mrs. Martha Reynolds-Colby, who has been ill for some time, is improving.

Miss Blanche Ballamy has a fine position as preceptress of the High School at Berlin Heights, Ohio.

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Miss Jessie Blanchard is the soloist at the Presbyterian church in Albion.

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Miss Kate Calkins has recently opened a studio in Chicago.

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Miss Grace Culver is at present located in Detroit.

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Miss Elsie DeLamarter is taking post graduate work in English at the University of Chicago.

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The marriage of Miss Grace Disbrow and Ralph Engle, A T Ω, took place in September. They will be located in Petosky.

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Miss Cora Harrington, of Jackson, is mourning the death of her father.

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Mrs. Florence Bailey Hayden visited in Albion in September.

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Louise Birchard McClintock will spend the winter in Wilkesbarre, Pa.

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Elizabeth Avery Miller visited Mrs. Louise Striker of Albion in September.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Stewart, a daughter.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen, of Detroit, a daughter. Mrs. Allen was Miss Myrtle Wallace.

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Miss Daisy Newcomber is teaching public school music and drawing in Parma, Michigan.

GAMMA

Miss Rachel Williams has just left for Seneca, Kansas, after visiting six weeks with the Gamma girls.

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Miss Esther C. Hinman, of LaFayette, Ind., visited in Evanston during October.

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Alpha Chi alumnae were chaperons at the Delta Tau Delta informal, November 1.

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Our Grand President, Mrs. Loud, visited a few days with Mabel Siller and was present at the initiation of Gamma's pledges.

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Miss Mabel Siller is going to Lincoln, Nebraska, to install the Xi chapter.

Mrs. El Fleda Jackson, of Moskogee, (I. T.), visited in Chicago in October.

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Miss Amy Martin, of Minneapolis, spent part of the summer in Wisconsin.

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Mrs. Florence Harris Kuhl, of Beardstown, Ill., has been visiting in Chicago.

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Mrs. Edna S. Trumbull has been visiting in Evanston this fall.

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Miss Edith Wemple, of Waverly, Ill., visited Miss Theo Chaffee the first of October, en route to Boston to resume her musical studies.

DELTA

Miss Carrie Marie Waters, of Nashville, Tenn., Mrs. Helen McCartney, of Greenville, Miss Mary Howe, of Greenville, and Miss Vesta Leet were back for initiation.

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Miss Alice McDowell has charge of the Baptist church choir, the Misses Ethel and Florence Moore have positions in the Presbyterian choir, and Miss Louise Lord in the Episcopal choir, all of Meadville.

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Miss Ethel Steele, of Punxsutawney, Penn., made a visit of two weeks in the hall.

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Miss Louise Chase, Miss Caroline Parsons, and Miss Mary Green visited Miss Mabel McLean of Union City, and had the pleasure of meeting several old Alpha Chi girls.

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Miss Vera Bash, of Sewickly, Penn., was out of school for three weeks on account of ill-health.

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Mrs. Mary Roberts Phelp, of Oil City, visited her mother in Meadville over Thanksgiving.

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Miss Olga Henry missed two weeks of school because of ill health.

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Born. November 27, to Mrs. Gertrude Sackett Laffer, of Meadville, a daughter.

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Miss Jesse Merchant was married to Mr. Fred Reynolds, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, in September. They are now residing in Boston, where Mr. Reynolds is attending the Theological School.

EPSILON

Marriage—Mabel Hickman to Olney Bannister.

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Susie Shenk, Epsilon, visited college for a few days, but will return to Arizona.

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Blanche Stump is still at home, but we hope she will be able to be with us next term.

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Faye Buch, Epsilon, has an excellent position as organist in one of the city churches.

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Hazel Hearne has brought joy to the hearts of Epsilon girls by returning to school.

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Louise White is in San Diego for the winter and is planning a short concert tour.

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Letters from Isabel Curl tell us that she is pleasantly located in Milan, Italy, where she is greatly enjoying her study.

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Lulu Reeves expects to make her home in the city this winter.

ZETA

Miss Blanche Crafts is at the head of the violin department at Wesleyan Female Seminary, Macon, Georgia.

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Sarah Morton is at the head of the piano department at the University of Illinois.

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Rachel Osgood is teaching piano at the Asheville School, Asheville, N. C.

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Alma Marti is instructress of music in the public schools at Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

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Alice Sisson is teaching in the Ladies' College, Storm Lake, Iowa.

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Irma Watson is teaching in Salt Lake City, Utah.

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Jessie Northcroft is doing some private teaching in New York City.

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Hilda Swartz has been engaged as soprano soloist in the Brick Presbyterian church, Fifth avenue, New York.

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Gertrude Damon is soprano soloist in the First Congregational church, Hartford, Conn.

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Lillian Dodson has gone to New York to continue her study in voice.

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Winifred Byrd, Jessie Eversole, and Ethel Waters are spending the winter at their homes, but we are looking forward to seeing them all before the year is over.

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Lillian McMillan has been studying in New York the past year, preparing to go on the stage.

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Grace Wood is spending the winter at her home in Worcester, having met with a serious accident while in New York, which obliged her to discontinue her study for the year.

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Bertha Giles is studying in New York City.

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After several years' study in Berlin, Germany, Mabel Davidson is now on the high seas en route for home.

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Winifred Van Buskirk was married December 25, 1907, to Mr. Alfred Livingston Mount, of Detroit.

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Miss Olga Brandenburg was married November 28 to Mr. Bertram Herbert Currie, of Boston.

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Clara Bull Waller recently assisted Karl Klein, the well-known violinist, in a recital given at Winnipeg.

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The marriage of Miss Mabel Pautot to Mr. Birt Eugene Garver, Lorain, Ohio, has been announced.

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Miss Gladys Olmsted returned from a most enjoyable trip abroad, in time for the opening of school on September 19.

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We were very glad to have our Grand Secretary, Miss Baker, with us at one of our meetings, during a visit she made Boston in the early part of October.

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Miss Damon, assisted by Miss Daniel, gave a most delightful song recital in Hartford, Conn., on the 15th of October.

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Miss Hilda Swartz was soprano soloist at a concert in Aeolian Hall, New York, on October 25, where she charmed her audience with her program of German songs.

Lillian Bull recently assisted in a piano recital given by Esther Fillmore in Winnipeg.

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Fannie Heaton South, of Frankfort, Ky., reports a fine visit with Grace Phillips McGean, of Cleveland, Ohio.

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Margaret Upcraft is now located in New York City, where she has a splendid class. Zeta girls will be interested to know that she has a flat with Laeta Hartley, a Conservatory girl whom many of the Alpha Chis know well.

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Miss Belle South spent two months in New York last summer, studying voice with Mr. E. Pressm Miller. She is now teaching a large class of pupils at her home in Frankfort, Ky.

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Mrs. Pearl Sherwood McCranie writes of a very happy life in Homer, La. Two children, singing and clubs keep her very busy.

IOTA

Bess Byers, '08, is teaching in Charleston. Bertha Walters, '07, Ruth Wilcox, '11, Joe Anderson, '11, Mabel Bushong, '10, and Helen MacCulloch, '11, were back for the Chicago game and initiation, October 19.

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Ina Gregg, from Tuscola, has been up several different times to visit Iota sisters.

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Besse Linder, '08, and Fannie Gillan, '07, from Gamma, visited Iota girls.

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Bess Byers, '08, and Miss Whittlinger attended the High School conference in Champaign, November 21 and 22.

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Ruth Wilcox, '11, is spending the winter with her sister in Pittsburg, Pa.

KAPPA

Helen Jennings, of Sparta, Wis., came down for the informal, November 7, and stayed a week with her Alpha Chi sisters.

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Inez Carpenter, an Alpha Chi pledge from Milwaukee, was here for the party and stayed a few days with her cousin, Sadie Sutherland.

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Meta Keickhefer had as a guest for the informal her sister, Anna, from Milwaukee.

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Kappa was at home Sunday, November 24, to the mothers of the girls residing in the city.

LAMBDA

Jessie B. Lansing, '08, has been elected to membership in Eta Pi Upsilon, the senior society.

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Alice Mickelsen, '10, has been entertaining her sister Frances at the chapter house for the past few days.

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During the convention of the Kappa Epsilon sorority, which was held at Syracuse this month, the Grand Secretary, Miss Mabel Wheelock, was entertained at the chapter house.



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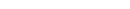
Olive Jones, ex. '10, was married October 25, to Mr. Ralph E. Logan, of Medford, Oregon. They will make their home in Medford.

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Ada Schimelfenig, '07, who is teaching at Odebolt, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Indianola.

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Myrtle Bussey and Ethel MacFadon will give a series of recitals at several towns in the state, during the month of December.



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Mrs. Kathryn Rothgeb, Iota, made a flying visit from Fort Collins, on October 18.

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Miss Mary McNally, of the Iota chapter, spent Saturday and Sunday, November 1 and 2, with the Alpha Chis in Boulder

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Mollie Rank has returned from Los Angeles, much benefited in health; but will not be able to resume her studies until the beginning of the second semester, in February.

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Elsie Clark, '08, has been appointed assistant in the department of biology at the University.

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Davena Houston will be the guest of Willa Wales at her home in Loveland, Colorado, for the Thanksgiving vacation.

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Pearl Weiland will spend the Thanksgiving holidays with Jessie Davis in Fort Collins.

ALPHA ALPHA

Miss Elizabeth Scales has gone to California to spend the winter.

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Mrs. Stella C. Kingery spent the summer with relatives in California.

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Mrs. Murice Miller and daughter visited relatives in Evanston in October.

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Miss Leslie Smith (Theta) will spend the winter in Pasadena, Cal.

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Miss Siller attended the Grand Council meeting held at Indianapolis the last of October.



BETA BETA

Miss Alta Roberts will leave early in December to spend the winter in California.

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Claudia Hill Alexander, formerly of Greensburg, Ind., has gone with her husband to Memphis, Tenn., where they will make their home.

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Pearl Shaw Thomas spent Thanksgiving the guest of friends in Irvington.

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Berta Ruick went to Greencastle to attend initiation and visit Alpha sisters the first of November.

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Elma Patton Wade visited Alpha sisters and saw the DePauw-Miama football game at Greencastle the latter part of October.

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Mabelle Johnson Weaver and daughter Helen spent the month of October with Mrs. Weaver's parents at Carthage, Indiana.



GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

Mrs. Archibald Irvin (Oebie Hood) is spending the winter in the Bermudas.

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Fay Barnaby Kent is organist and choir director in one of the largest Episcopal churches in Bayonne, N. J.

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A number of our girls had the pleasure of hearing Maud Powell recently and of meeting her after the concert.

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Violet Truell Johnson is in England for the winter.

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Jean Whitcomb Fenn has a studio in the Metropolitan Building. There she has a large class in piano.



ENTHA KAI ENTHA



"To Truth's house there is a single door, which is Experience. He teaches best who feels the hearts of all men in his breast, and knows their strength or weakness through his own."

Φ K Ψ will hold its 1908 convention at Denver.

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A local constitution has been adopted by Beta Theta of Σ N.

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Δ K E met in convention at Louisville, Ky., November, 1907.

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Δ Y met in convention at Minneapolis, Minn., October, 1907.

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A Woman's League has been organized among the students at Boulder, Col.

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The main building of Monmouth College was destroyed by fire November 14.

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This last year women have, for the first time, been admitted to the University of Louisiana.

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The New York Alumni Club of Φ Δ Θ and the Chicago Club meet for luncheon once every week.

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This fall Mrs. Russell Sage gave the Syracuse University \$100,000 to be used for the teachers' college.

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Indiana has a law exempting Greek letter fraternities from taxation on property owned and occupied by them.

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Φ Δ Θ was the first fraternity to celebrate Founder's Day, which custom has been followed by several other fraternities.

Gamma Iota of ΣN has decided to write four letters a year to their alumni, or as many as are answered in the following years.

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"We cannot emphasize too much the fact that any laxity in conduct of the weekly meeting may cause a lack of interest and the ruination of the chapter."—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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"All that is needed is a start, and plenty of enthusiasm, and then some good, hard, conscientious work to back it up. Given these conditions and every chapter can own its own chapter house."—Shield of Phi Kappa Phi.

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The fraternities at Bowdoin have an inter-fraternity council, consisting of one representative, who is usually a senior, from each fraternity.

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On account of athletic victories this year, DePauw has set aside one day in the fall term for the arousing of college enthusiasm—"mass day" in place of a "mass meeting."

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Beta Tau of $K K \Gamma$ is publishing a calendar which consists of twelve pages, each bearing a quotation, dates important in the fraternity history, and engagement blanks for each day.

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Our Lambda correspondent writes that five new buildings have been added to Syracuse University. The new gymnasium is not yet completed. It will be connected with the athletic field by an underground passage.

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Indiana Delta of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ sends New Year's greetings in the form of Franklin College souvenir post cards to all their alumni. Louisiana Alpha also displays interest in her alumni by remembering them with Easter greetings.

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Many fraternities celebrate Christmas with the usual tree, either before or after the holidays. In Iowa Beta (ΣN) every member received two or three gifts of a burlesque nature, while in addition there were suitable gifts for the chapter house.

The Indiana Sigma Nus displayed their enthusiasm and wisdom in uniting in a Hoosier rally at Indianapolis the day before Thanksgiving. A pocket directory of all the Indiana Sigma Nus was circulated by the committee on organization.

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The new alumna chapter of $\Gamma \Phi B$ recently established from the Colorado Alumnae Association, displays a praiseworthy realization of the "dignity and responsibility" of a charter as distinguished from the happy-go-lucky meetings of the unchartered organization.

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Writing on "The Individual and the Fraternity," Francis W. Shepardson says:

"One man can ruin a chapter. One man can make it. One thing is certain. There would be no anti-fraternity spirit, no hostile legislation by faculties and boards of trustees, if every individual member of a fraternity lived up to its ideals, or even, falling far short of that height, made of himself what he had opportunity to do."

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K A has made the memorizing of the ritual compulsory, and re-established the office of chief alumnus, whose duty it is to locate and organize the alumni. The latter pay in dues \$2.50 per annum and are supplied with the Journal and an official standard badge, which is returned upon default of dues.

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The Denison chapter of $B \Theta \Pi$ has adopted the excellent plan of placing a calendar, made up of as many cards as there are meetings in the year, in the initiation room. The recording secretary writes on the respective cards the matters that should be considered at each meeting, thus doing away with the "bug bear" of forgotten business.

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Seen from the distance of over twenty-five years, Lucius Van Slyke is impressed with these three results which he believes are pre-eminently developed by the fraternity. "The art of making friends, the opportunities offered for service, the cultivation of sentiment." If these were the only results, they alone would justify the existence of fraternities, for do they not contain the essence of life?

Denver is at the front with a Pan-Hellenic club whose three hundred members represent some twenty-five of the best college fraternities. The entire upper floor of the Adams Hotel has been re-arranged and re-decorated to suit the needs of this organization, which has already become one of the leading clubs of the city. The Scroll of $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ believes this to be the first effort at the formation of a club of this nature, and the movement is one which may well be seconded in other cities.

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$\Phi \Delta \Theta$ owns thirty-two houses and rents twenty-two, while $B \Theta \Pi$ owns twenty-eight and rents thirty-two. The steady increase in the number of houses owned by fraternities is amazing. The Alpha Phi Quarterly quotes from the late H. A. Frink, professor at Amherst:

"In general, the chapter house quickens and intensifies the intellectual life of the college. It makes the force of religious example to be seen quickly and to be felt deeply. It brings relief to wearisome routine. It checks discontent. It throws over all of the student life a charm, and fills the future years with delightful memories. The possibilities of the chapter house are yet in their infancy. In their full development they promise to be to American institutions what the English colleges are to the great universities."

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The Northwestern chapter of $B \Theta \Pi$ has instituted the system of making an upper classman responsible for the scholarship and deportment of a freshman. That some supervision is essential is due the individual and the fraternity as a whole. The editor of Beta Theta Pi advises that a committee be formed of upper classmen, who would naturally be in sympathy with the younger members, and alumni, one of whom, if possible, should be on the teaching force of the college. The object of such a committee would be to meet with each member of the chapter at the beginning of the year and consider with him what he intends to do while in college, and to check any actions that are not for his or her good or that of the fraternity.

"The work of such a committee should be conducted with the utmost frankness and candor consistent with common sense and the usual courtesies of life."

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Grinnell Jones, secretary of the Boston Alumni chapter of ΣN writes in the November Delta:

"Gamma Epsilon at Lafayette is to be congratulated on conceiving and adopting a new idea which can and should be made of tremendous value to the fraternity as a whole. Their reporter announces in his letter in the May Delta that they have elected a new officer, the alumni secretary, whose especial duty is to maintain and strengthen the bonds which unite the undergraduate chapter and alumni. At our next grand chapter our law should be amended so that every chapter will be required to maintain an up-to-date list of addresses of the alumni, to write to each alumnus, either personally or by personal letter, at least twice during each college year, giving the latest chapter and college news. Gamma Epsilon has found that this plan 'has already produced big results' for the chapters, and this experience will surely be repeated by others which give it a fair trial. The letters should contain a request for personal items, which should then be sent to the editor for use in the alumni personals. This policy, if energetically carried out, would make The Delta much more interesting to the alumni and increase the number of alumni subscribers. The resulting gain to the fraternity in the improvement made possible in The Delta and in the increased helpfulness of the alumni for their chapters will be tremendous. It will result in a more accurate fraternity catalogue, too. The alumni secretary should be requested to send a revised list of addresses to the editor of the catalogue every year on a given date and report all changes of addresses as soon as he learns of them."

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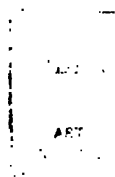
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Side Lights on Fraternities

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For some ten years, as superintendent of the Albion public schools, I have had an opportunity to observe the workings of college fraternities in a small college, and while I have no doubt been too far away to form an accurate judgment, I have gradually come to have some rather positive convictions and opinions. The few statements I have to make are to be considered in the light of the fact that I am not a college fraternity man, but am a member of a number of other fraternal orders.

I believe in fraternities. It is probable that in no country are they so necessary as in our own. Our national "watchword" is business. Our "Leisure Class" is small and light weight. Our best people have something to do and many of them too much, and few of them cease doing even when the necessity for this feverish activity is past. Inevitably this spirit pervades and animates our educational institutions. A student that consistently avoids "work" is a surprise to the teachers and also somewhat to his fellow students. Marks, records, certificates, diplomas, and degrees are earned by persistent and continued effort.

I am not so certain that Greek letter fraternities nor secret societies under any other name, are absolutely necessary to provide opportunities for relaxation and association; indeed, their very nature precludes the possibility of a large number enjoying the advantages which every student needs. At the same time, it is true

that there is a larger measure of *comaraderie* in the "secret society" than there is in the open. We shall not attempt to explain the psychology of this—simply state what we believe to be the truth.

A goodly number of our own high school graduates find their way into Albion College, and not a few into the fraternities. My observation is that these young people have grown rapidly socially as well as intellectually, and I have reason to believe that the fraternity has contributed to this condition. But for some reason this favorable condition seems to exist in a larger degree among the girls than among the boys. I have sometimes thought it was confined exclusively to the girls. As far as I can see, the effect of the fraternities on our girls has been helpful and wholesome, but on the contrary, many boys have been injured, I believe, by such membership.

This leads up to the statement of the greatest evil I have had occasion to contend with, viz.: the pledging of high school students. The girls' fraternities have earned my undying devotion by agreeing some years ago to eliminate this practice and have kept their word literally—at least as far as I know. Before this agreement, some girls below the high school had been pledged. This was ridiculous and absurd. It was bad for the school, the fraternity, and the girl. And strange to relate, the boys keep up this iniquitous plan. I am unable to fathom how the boys dare to pledge these undeveloped youngsters or why in the name of common sense parents will allow it. But they do. Almost without exception it works harm to the pledgling. He becomes conceited and puffed up, gets an exalted notion of his own importance, and is in, a word, an intolerable little snob. He is led to stay out nights and up late. He hears the conversation of his elders which he is hardly prepared to interpret. He breaks with his schoolfellows and thereby abbreviates his boyhood.

Girls and boys are about the same age when they graduate from the high school, but in development the girls are from one to three years in advance of their brothers. While the boys are being pledged in the high school, the truth is that it would be better to wait until they had been in college one or even two years. It may be readily deduced from this that I am opposed to fraternities in the high school. I can see no good in them and have heard nothing but negative re-

ports. I am quite sure, however, that they are doomed anyway. The agitation of the last few years has settled their fate.

In conclusion, I am in favor of well managed and controlled college fraternities. I believe that they are substantial aids to culture and social graces and are not detrimental to college work. I am unalterably opposed to pledging candidates below the college Freshman year, and resent any fraternity meddling in high school affairs. I can see no place nor use for high school fraternities.

The Influence of Music

By CARRIE H. BOLSTER

The following paper was read recently before the E. L. T. Club of Albion, Mich.
Mrs. Bolster is an associate member of Alpha Chi Omega

All art, whatever the kind, has its reason and excuse for being, in its power over the emotions. There is something in life, which seeming to elude, seeks our recognition. It is seen in the loving smile, felt in the friendly hand-grasp, and heard in the laugh of a child. This something—spirit—is the basis of true individuality. It expresses itself through the chisel, the brush or pencil; in design, invention, literature. With it, the mechanic is more than a man. It is this spirit which gives all its worth to song. Without this, music, no matter how correctly rendered, is valueless.

It is interesting to note the order in which the arts reached their highest development. First, sculpture, dealing with chiseled stone and restricted to the physical body. Next, painting, using pigments, and through perspective, relating us to nature. Lastly, music, in vibrating sunbeams, the breath of the soul, relating us to the divine.

Music (not its development) is as old as the world itself. We are told that the morning stars sang together as soon as they were created, and that the voice of God started into harmony the never-ending music of the spheres. Nature itself is full of it. What if the birds were dumb, if we could not hear the song of the brook and the deep bass of the ocean?

Music is universal. There is not a nation or a savage tribe without music. It is the one language understood in all lands and by all

peoples. Through its melodies all the human emotions are depicted. It is used on occasions of great joy and of deep sorrow. In like proportion as man has gained in civilization and culture, his knowledge and use of music has increased.

God honors music in His word. It is the only art the origin of which is recorded in the Bible, and it is connected with most important sacred events.

The power of music is so great that in the legends of all nations, the invention of the art is ascribed to the gods.

In a sermon of Mr. Jacquess which I well remember, he said, "The devotion of the Hebrew nation to music is well known. In Genesis and Job are found accounts of its practice in home and field, while many of the Psalms can be traced to popular secular songs. One Psalm was derived from a love song. Isaiah gives us a vintage song; Amos a festival song. Samuel contains the first processional, while the book of Lamentations is a compilation of wailing songs. In religious use, the Hebrews raised music to the dignity of an art. David organized the Levitical chorus and orchestra. The chorus consisted of 4,000 voices. Harps and choruses were known 3,000 years B. C."

The influence of music in past ages and among by-gone peoples is difficult now to estimate; but it has gone hand in hand with intellectual aesthetic culture, and has ever been considered a divine art, an acknowledged force in moulding character and governing men.

Rhythm and accent alone satisfy the untutored savage, whose tom tom and Indian drum possess no other musical quality than a harsh sonorousness, whose monotony is only varied by the stronger or feebler beat given by the performer. As we rise in the scale of being, a Beethoven is not only a possibility, but a necessity; it is no greater stride from the death chant of the savage to the Seventh Symphony of Beethoven than from the infant stumbling over the alphabet to Shakespeare.

Wherever the Christian religion has gone, music has followed. It is a part of every service. When the words of the preacher have failed to reach the heart, a song has found the way. I could tell you many stories, proving this fact. Music not only expresses emotion,

but more than any other art, it arouses emotion. The church realizes this fact more and more.

I read the other day a description of a great cathedral in Dresden, where the worship combined all the arts. I will give it to you in the author's own words:

"You enter from the outdoor sunlight into the solemn shadows of pillars and arches that at once suggest a sacred presence. You find art in the blending of colors, so controlling the sun's rays through the vast stained windows, that the altar seems veiled in mysterious blues and purples, gold hues and touches of red. Art, too, in the form of sculpture silently appealing to all comers. There are statues of kings and martyrs, of the Apostles and Mary the Mother—all strangely shadowed and colored by the varying lights from the windows. The art of oratory is also used, for the long robed priest in a highly mounted pulpit utters words and tones sympathetically and stately.

"There is something dramatic in the scene, for it is a festival Sunday, and the multitude of all classes are assembled, from the work-worn peasant to the king himself seated close beside the high altar. No unity of thought in this throng, you think, for every word seemed wandering. Some glance upward and some down. Some regard the high-priest, others study the sunbeams. I watched the swinging censor and became strangely fascinated. The youthful chorister seems a part of it as he stands with pure, unconscious face, in his vestments of red and white, forming a serene background to the small gleaming braiser that circles and sways and swings, while an eye of fire within is ever watching. The spirit of the censor seems to hover above in the pale purple vapor that, like ourselves, is always aspiring, but never attains. You see it coil and curl and climb till your eyes are dizzy and dim, and it all seems far away as Heaven itself. You hear the steady clinking of the little censor chain and you are vaguely conscious of the distant altar bell. Strange incoherent sounds that intrude upon the stillness of the calm before a storm, for now there bursts above you a tempest of mighty music. A very tornado of tones sweep through this cathedral in a manner not elsewhere equaled.

“There are cymbals and trumpets of silver that pierce and purify the air. There are four golden harps, whose stately forms quiver under the weight of heavy chords, and violins speak with no uncertain voice. You hear the steady rumble of the kettledrums, and the organ gives forth volumes of sound; all of which is but an accompaniment to the full, earnest chorus of boys who, with uplifted faces, are breathing and singing with all their hearts. Truly this is the Psalm of David.”

‘Praise ye the Lord,
Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet,
Praise Him with the psaltery and harp,
Praise Him with the timbrel and dance,
Praise Him with stringed instruments and organs;
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.’

“The effect of such music is unmsitakable; it brings every heart into accord. And now in the pure atmosphere of music the blessing of prayer is felt. The king stands up to receive it and the people all fall upon their knees while their passes over that multitude one moment of absolute silence.” Music had done what her sister arts could not do.

Doubt never yet gave birth to music. That there should have been no song or music of any kind at the funeral of Colonel Ingersoll was but natural. Music there and then would have been a mockery.

But when did we all sing “Nearer My God to Thee?” Sing it as it never was sung before? It was when the people all over our land, silently, and with bowed heads, waited, while the body of their martyred president was laid to rest. Then men for five whole minutes lived in a world that was not all hurry and worry and self-seeking. In that song was expressed as it could not have been in any other way, the love of the nation for William McKinley and its belief in God and a future life.

Who does not know the power of martial music? The Highlander has his bagpipe, our grandfathers in the Revolution had the drum and fife, and it is a wise government that today sends to the front with every regiment a band. When hardship and danger seem more than men can bear, and confidence in the commander weakens, a little man can and has put a spirit into his drum that has

led to victory. A French general once reported, "We have won the day. The 'Marseillaise' commanded with me." When the battle of Leuthen was fought, and the victors tired almost to death, were sinking down in the cold rain beside the dead on the bloody field, then in the darkness of the night, a single voice broke forth with the old choral, "Let us all thank God!" Soon a second voice joined, then a third, and so more and more, until the whole army took up the hymn. The simple song, in which the feeling of patriotism and military glory united with the consciousness of having accomplished the great deed, and pious gratitude toward the Mighty Ruler of Battles, inspired the hearts of these men with new life and strengthened them to follow up the victory they had so nobly won.

I could quote from the words of many great men, statesmen, men of letters, men of science, who, born with no musical education, yet have told us their high opinion of music. Gladstone says, "They who think music ranks amongst the trifles of existence are in gross error, because from the beginning of the world down to the present time it has been one of the most forcible instruments both for training for arousing, and for governing the mind of man. There was a time when letters and civilization had but begun to dawn upon the world. In that day music was not unknown; on the contrary, it was so far from being a mere servant and handmaid of common and light amusement that the great and noble art of poetry was essentially wedded to that of music, so that there was no poet who was not a musician; there was no verse spoken in the early ages of the world but that music was adapted as its vehicle, showing thereby the universal consciousness that in that way the straightest and most effectual road would be found to the heart and affections of man."

Of course, we know that all music is not beautiful and ennobling in its character. Over our own fair land has spread a perfect epidemic of rag-time and coon songs. Granted that one knows nothing of music, the words alone should condemn these for every intelligent being. They are always absolute trash. It is the rhythm of rag-time that pleases; and if people only knew it, they can hear similar rhythm in the best of music. But here it is fixed in the music of the master's mind.

Tolstoi claims that some music, awakening men's baser passions, actually leads to sin. I do not dispute this. It is true of any art; yet Martin Luther said, "The devil hates music." Theodore Thomas goes so far as to say that the people who clamor for "popular music" do not realize that they are only asking for familiar music; that Beethoven's symphonies would soon become as popular to them as the "Star Spangled Banner," if they only heard them as often; that it is only their own unfamiliarity with the great classic masterpieces that prevents their enjoyment of them.

Perhaps art is not for everyone. Those who receive the most from music, or from a beautiful work of art, are those whose education and character make it possible for them to bring the most to the seeing and hearing. Yet some of the greatest works of art are great because of their simplicity, and they do not appeal to the ignorant.

Americans, returning from travel in Germany, all tell us that the very best in music is enjoyed by the German working people; that little urchins on the street whistle airs from Beethoven and Bach, and that at the symphony concerts given by their magnificent orchestras, the workingman in his blouse is sure to be seen in the gallery, and on his face is sure to be written, appreciation of the music. If in Germany, why not in America?

Music in the public schools is a step in the right direction. You can teach a child a patriotic poem, but if he sings the words of that poem to a soul-stirring melody, the impression made will be far greater. Never, so long as I live, will I forget the singing of "America" in one of the churches of Boston, when I was a child. If there was a man in that audience

"Who never to himself has said,
This is my own, my native land,"

he said it then—he had to.

Children seldom run around the house reciting poems, but they do sing—sing at their work; sing in their play. We can never know of the good their songs have accomplished; of the comfort and courage brought in this way, to the tired heart of father and mother.

Many a bad man has been told of the love of God for him in a song, sung by his child.

Music, to those who love her, is a very familiar and constant friend. One of the first things a little child is conscious of, is its mother's lullaby. Music follows us to the bridal and to the tomb. Yes, and beyond it; for we know it is the one thing we have on earth which we will have in heaven. "Music is love in search of words." In music we may find perfect sympathy for every mood. If we are happy, she is glad and gay. If we are in trouble, her voice is sweet and low, and full of the most tender sympathy. Then let us accept music as a gift, a most precious gift of God.

The Chapter House

It is frequently said that a fraternity should not have a chapter house the first year. Experience has shown that to manage a fraternity house successfully, it is absolutely necessary to get in hand a number of details that only an experienced housekeeper can command.

The house itself should be comfortable. This means that with a reasonable amount of fuel it should be warm to a temperature of 70 degrees throughout the winter season. The rooms should have light and ventilation. The kitchen and bath room pipes should be in perfect order. The drinking water should pass the approval of the board of health.

In most chapter houses the reception halls, parlors and reading rooms are pleasing to the eye and good taste and real comfort invite one to stay awhile.

Next in order, but first in importance, is the dining room. In a certain chapter house we know this is the brightest, airiest, and cheeriest room of all—just as it should be. In furnishing a dining room at least two things should govern selection—plain things, but the best one can afford. The table is a part of one's education and all details should be carefully looked after.

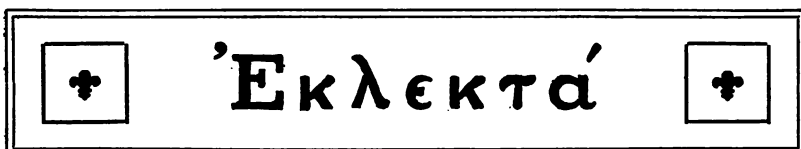
It goes without saying, the linens should be immaculate. Somebody suggests laundry bills are high. Yes, but with good judgment

table cloths and napkins may be always clean, without any significant increase of expenditure, and this is one place where it does not pay to economize too closely. Dishes, very pretty white ones or the decorated with very dainty designs, may be had nowadays for as little money as heavy, unsightly ware. The silver is the big item of purchase. One chapter whose membership consists of twenty-one thrifty girls asked their alumni one summer to assist them in this purchase. They made their request very definite, told how many spoons, how many knives and forks were actually needed, and the response quite covered the need.

Then the food,—how important this is! Girls who are doing good, strong work need good, wholesome nerve and muscle-building food. It sometimes happens that the menu runs like this: Breakfast—Toast, egg-o-see, or some other brand of sawdust, swallowed in the Christian name of “breakfast food.” Coffee—by many another name as good. Milk—that a cow would be ashamed to own. When breakfast starts a day like this, it is unnecessary to give the menu for the remaining meals. It simply means that the girls who are not already sick go away to their recitations hungry. Before the dinner hour arrives those who can afford to buy extras have had a chocolate, a box of crackers and some more chocolate. This program repeated six days out of the week for even half a semester brings its own headache reward. To correct such a situation, the first step is to choose with great care the head of the house. The young woman who has been in school long enough to have established among her sisters a confidence in her ability to do things well would be a wise appointment. The chaperone’s experience and judgment should be valuable, and a wise house manager will avail herself of the opportunity to confer with the chaperone frequently. Tact, common sense, harmony of spirit and purpose will change the careless table to the well-regulated one inside of a month. This goes a long way toward the comfort and health of the household.

Just a word about table manners. It goes without saying that grace should precede every meal—this is a matter of reverence that no chapter house can afford to ignore. Good cheer, even though it costs an effort, and thoughtfulness of others, will make a merry heart and a good dinner.

M. L. T.



Service

President James, of the University of Illinois, at a recent convocation of students, spoke of the error of a tendency among college men and women to slight present responsibilities and opportunities with the mistaken idea that they are not of vital importance in this preparatory period of their lives; in short, to regard their college days as but preparation, not as life itself. This is unfortunately true because the habits formed in the preparatory period are very likely to be the ones which will guide the man or woman when college days are past. We get out of college life exactly in proportion to what we put into it, and our best self is none too good to be put forward at all times if we are to graduate as worthy men and women. This is not a foreign thing. It applies to you and to me, the more to us in that we are joining fraternity life with our life in college.

We all have occasion to realize that, in the close relationship of fraternity, "as we give, so shall we receive;" whatever of our best endeavors we put into fraternity service, returns to us in full measure in our better self-development. This selfish motive alone should command the best we have to give, but, aside from that, in joining a fraternity, one assumes certain duties toward the other members of it, to fulfill which, one is morally bound to devote one's best energies. And into real fraternity service all other services can be combined, services to college, to fellow-students, to self. For us the constant holding up of a high ideal of Alpha Chi Omega means that our best service, given in loyalty and love for what it represents, will rebound to the glory, not only of our beloved fraternity, but of our college, our friends, ourselves.

Services to our fraternity may be shown in three ways, in the

chapter-life, especially if the chapter has a home, in society, and in the college or university. It is not enough to pay one's dues regularly and do satisfactory work on committees, although these things are important. Certainly, in chapter service, the faithful performance of the duties of any office, reliability, punctuality, and care of details are essential elements, but these things are not properly effective unless joined to a deeper loyalty, the sort of spirit that is willing to make real sacrifices, if necessary, for the common good. The fraternity has the right to expect this of its members, and no one should consider it too much to give. In the life in a house where the girls are together for nine months of the year, opportunities for the cultivation of perfection in home service are unlimited.

In society the service field only broadens, and therefore demands our closer attention. We are there representatives of what Alpha Chi Omega stands for before the outside world. In our appearance, agreeableness, kindness, courtesy, in every department of behavior, we should have in mind a high ideal of Alpha Chi womanhood and strive to emulate that ideal in so far as we can. Because there is a tendency among criticising humanity not to judge an organization by the standards of its highest or even its average member, there is an especial necessity of our services here being of the highest type.

Where fraternity services are highest, and most important, however, is in capable work in all college activities. Here the local reputation is largely determined, the type of the chapter established, and the true combination of service to college, fraternity, others, and self found. Here are the opportunities that will count most in the end with people in general, who have so much to do with the founding of a name. Fraternity loyalty is a commendable thing, but it should always be joined with, never supplant, loyalty to college. It is easy to see that service here is not limited to intellectual and scholarly attainments, although the importance of that is freely admitted, but every department of college or university life should be included in the list of those endeavors by which Alpha Chis show, though indirectly to be sure, their loyalty to their fraternity. In athletics, Y. W. C. A. work, literary and choral societies, all these fields and any others which college life may offer are opportunities for us

to be up and doing. Many girls, especially the younger ones, underestimate the importance of these chances to serve Alpha Chi.

Just one thing more. It is the little things that count. It is the attention, or lack of it, to the small details that makes or mars the fame and fortune of any chapter. Care and faithfulness in the small things, whether the service consists in being on time at fraternity meetings, in keeping an orderly room, in appearing neatly dressed on every occasion, or in the careful preparation of a lesson in piano or German, are the little endeavors that make one worthy to perform the greater services in their turn. And truly these less pretentious things go as far toward the establishing of a permanent good reputation as any other kind of service.

RUTH I. BUFFUM, Iota.

A Protest

The fraternity question is one of vital interest in many of our higher institutions of learning, and the long-suffering fraternity has become the subject of much discussion. It has to stand the fire of unbounded criticism and comment, and the charges brought against it are such as the true-hearted fraternity girl must feel are unjust, therefore she is to be pardoned if she is somewhat impetuous in her indignant protestations.

Let us first inquire into the arguments which are brought against the fraternity. Many things are alleged against it, but the most serious charges are that its chief aim is social, that it stands for social exclusiveness and snobbery; that it is un-democratic and un-Christian.

That *one* of the aims is social, we do not deny. But why should this be a point of attack? Can not a social aim be as lofty, as noble, as legitimate, as any other aim under the sun? Fraternity life leads to the highest and noblest ends if the proper spirit is allowed to manifest itself. It opens the avenue of intimate companionship, where many of the truest and deepest friendships are formed, where a group of girls who are congenial to each other and who have common interests, are united in a bond of love and mutual helpfulness.

True friendship is too sacred to be lightly esteemed, and any institution which fosters the spirit of good fellowship is certainly commendable and should be encouraged.

Of course, if the fraternity is to stand for this broad and helpful life it must be free from the narrowness and snobbery which are alleged against it, and this responsibility rests with the individual. The fraternity ideal is pure and lofty and cannot but broaden and strengthen all who live up to it. It is true that some girls mistake narrowness for loyalty, but therein they lose sight of the high principles for which the fraternity stands. Is it fair or just to judge the fraternity any more than to judge other institutions by the shortcomings of some of its members? The narrowness belongs to those who condemn fraternities wholesale because of the failure of individual members to live up to their highest ideals. The kind of a girl who comes out of a fraternity depends largely upon the kind who goes in. The fraternity aims to help the girl to a broader, higher life, but she must be willing to help herself or others cannot help her.

In the fraternity we learn to be thoughtful of each other, but this spirit is not necessarily confined to our own fraternity sisters. The fraternity girl in general strives to be friendly and cordial to all, to cultivate broad-mindedness and to look beyond her own little circle. Instances are multiplied of girls in one fraternity who form deep and lasting friendships with members of other fraternities or with non-fraternity girls. It would be a girl with a very snobbish and mean spirit who could not look beyond her own fraternity, and a girl who is so disposed is not worthy of sisterhood.

But the main charge is, that fraternities are un-democratic and un-Christian, that the spirit of faction is developed and that the natural spirit of democracy and friendliness is repressed. It is suggested that if the spirit of sisterhood were extended to all the girls of a college, the attempt to elevate would be laudable. This is exactly what the fraternity aims to do—to introduce and perpetuate the spirit of Christian helpfulness, to help the girls to see what is good and beautiful in others, and not to descend to petty jealousies and fault-finding. It is utterly impracticable to suggest that all the girls in one college belong to one fraternity, nor would the girls themselves

wish it to be so. It is impossible that girls brought together by chance should be perfectly congenial as sisters ought to be. But the wall of one's own fraternity need not shut her in from helpful intercourse with others, nor was it ever meant to do so. So while no fraternity girl should be hemmed in by prejudice, at the same time she may enjoy the blessings and privileges that come from the assurance that she is surrounded by loyal friends. In this way the fraternity helps every girl to live a truer, more cheerful life, because she knows that her heart is bound to hearts that throb in sympathy with her joys and sorrows.

CLARA D. WHEELING, Delta.

"Our Girls"

As we girls enter our Senior year, do we not feel just a wee bit ashamed of the little that we have put into the chapter, in comparison to the great amount of benefit which we have received?

The bond of love grows stronger as we think of next year when we will be away out in the cold, cold world. This will be our last opportunity as active girls, and we want to do everything to keep up to our standard, or raise it. There are many ways in which a Senior girl may help her younger sisters. It is the older girl who is the "pledging's" ideal of what she wishes to be. If the older girl is a social favorite, then the younger girl will wish to be that also; if she is an athletic girl, Fate seems to decree the younger girl a champion. I am not taking special cases, but the average girl of the Senior year against the average "new girl."

Would the average girl of our whole fraternity be a student, a society belle, an athletic girl, none of these, or all of them? I would say, all of them. Rarely is the valedictorian a champion in tennis, golf, or rowing, but there are many good students not thus honored on Class Day, who are at least interested in that side of our college life which develops the physical. These girls always find a place in society. But of all these qualities in our average girl, which is the weaker? I fear it is the intellectual.

When considering a "new girl," we do not count her as a "strong girl" if she is a poor student. We pledge a strong girl, take her into

our sisterhood, and then disappoint her because our intellectual standards are not up to what we pretend. "Oh, yes," you will say, "but we are sometimes disappointed in her and find that she is not up to the standard of our beloved fraternity." Girls, she is not to be blamed for our short-sightedness; she is our sister and we should endeavor to bring her up to our standard. If we can instill in her a deep love for her fraternity, she will be willing to do anything which will help to class her as a strong fraternity girl. A word of encouragement from the older girls means much to her, and when she becomes an older girl, an approving smile from the Grand Council is ample reward for all of the time spent, the worry, and hard work.

The girls who are so unfortunate as not to have a member of the Council living near them, cannot realize the sacrifice that these women are making to build up our fraternity. How much we could help them, if every alumna and active member would strive to make her chapter the strongest of the sixteen.

As Miss Kinney, of K A ©, the state Y. W. C. A. secretary of Ohio, said to a group of fraternity girls at Kalamazoo a year ago: "Girls, the girls of your fraternities will be just exactly what you make them."

CLARA ALTHEA MILLER, Beta.

Life

To lie, alone, upon the sun-warmed ground,
 And gaze up thru the pine's high-waving crest;
 To feel yourself akin to all around,
 And know the sense of perfect ease and rest;

To scale great mountains, calm, serenely white,
 To dwell awhile in valleys, soft and green,
 To hear the loud surf booming thru the night,
 And gaze upon the whitecap's glistening sheen;

To hear the lark's first sleepy note at dawn,
 To listen to the whip-poor-will's lone cry,
 To watch the friendly squirrel and dainty fawn,
 Unconscious of your eager, curious eye;—

Ah, this is living! And to him alone,
 Whose only home is Nature's garden wide,
 Can that sweet peace and true contentment come,
 Which brings him home to heaven, well satisfied.
 —FLORENCE FALL, Beta.

His Letter to the Girl at Home

By HELEN McQUEEN HARDIE, Gamma

Dear Bess:—The holidays are past;
 My room is strangely quiet tonight!
 ("Say, Jack, cut out that mandolin!
 I've got a six-page theme to write.")
 Of course, I'm studying awfully hard,
 The exes come quite soon, I find.
 ("Oh, Fresh, get that Dutch text down-town;
 Already I'm six weeks behind.")
 Needless to say no social stunts,
 We're a sober Methodist school, you see.
 ("Hi, Jack, is it Friday or Saturday night,
 That formal dance of Beta Xi?")
 People say I've a crush up here, my dear?
 Once you saw the co-eds, you would laugh.
 They don't compare with the girls at home.
 ("Gee, Jack, what a stunning photograph!
 Who is she?" Willard Hall? Say, Jack,
 Good boy! Phone now, and make a date,
 Take me down there this evening.")
 Well, Bess, I see it's growing late.
 I've a good deal of work for tomorrow; a quiz,
 And a bunch of astronomy notes to review,
 So I'll stop for this time. Don't forget,
 My dear, write soon to your old friend,

—HUGH.

Hymn to Alpha Chi Omega

For the lessons thou has taught,
 For the friendships thou hast brought,
 For the union thou hast wrought,
 Alpha Chi Omega,
 We love thee.

And when college days are past,
 First, 'mid memories that will last,
 Is the bond which holds us fast.
 Alpha Chi Omega,
 We love thee.

In return for loftier aim,
 May we, loyal to thy name,
 Add a little to thy fame.
 Alpha Chi Omega,
 We love thee.

HELEN McQUEEN HARDIE, Gamma.

Convention Message

In less than eight months will occur the thirteenth biennial gathering of the clans of Alpha Chi Omega. To the undergraduate, busily engaged in the every-day activities of college life, Thanksgiving, 1908, doubtless seems a remote date. But if we would make that occasion a memorable one in the annals of our fraternity, we must at once begin planning and working for the Grand Chapter meeting.

Of Iota, our entertaining chapter, no fears are entertained. Their work in preparation is systematic and thorough. Enthusiastic letters are received, telling of plans for our happiness, of rigid economies practiced, and the laying aside of a definite sum monthly for a convention fund. Be assured that Iota, with her commodious chapter house, and the hospitable homes of many resident alumnae, will be waiting November next with arms extended to receive all Alpha Chis who come her way.

And now, sisters, both in college and out, shall we not put to the test this hospitality and send to Champaign a large, loyal delegation?

Much is said in these days of localism in the various chapters. And too often, alas! is the charge a true one. Many a girl goes to college, meets and learns to love a special band who later become her sisters,—works with and for them, guarding with jealous loyalty the fair name of her chapter and endeavoring in every possible way to promote its interests. All of which is well and good. But is there not serious danger of this interest becoming localized,—danger of the girl giving little thought to the other chapters, the governing body, and the great army of alumnae, tried and true, without whose efforts her present fraternity life would be impossible?

For such symptoms, no more efficacious cure can be prescribed than attendance, as delegate or visitor, at a national convention. There she will meet girls of other chapters, bright, enthusiastic girls, bound together by the same fraternity ties, and working with similar purposes and ideals, yet each reflecting in a measure the atmosphere of her particular school and chapter. Such contact cannot but have a broadening influence, and the girl leaves convention, impressed with the strength of the national organization, the realiza-

tion that her own chapter is but a part of a great whole, and inspired with an earnest purpose to make that part a strong one, and give her best for her fraternity.

To the active chapters,—let me urge you to have convention on your hearts. Can you not follow Iota's example and start a convention fund, so that you may not be wholly dependent on the money received from the grand treasury? Let each girl plan to attend. Sacrifice, if need be, summer trips and other luxuries. Convention comes but once or twice in your college life, and I crave for every active member the inspiration and uplift of at least one national gathering.

To our new chapters, four in number, established since the last convention, I would extend a special invitation. Be assured that as the infants of the fraternity you will be most tenderly welcomed, and we shall hope to see you in large numbers. In no other way can you so quickly come to realize the true significance of the fraternity whose vows you have recently taken.

But not alone to the active girls do we say "Come." First of all, do we wish to see our founders present, that we may pay them homage and gratitude for having made possible our fraternity relations. A special effort will be made to secure the presence of the charter members of the various chapters. And we urge those of you who have been out of college life for some time to take this opportunity of repledging your allegiance, and imbibing the joy and enthusiasm that must pervade the atmosphere when so many Alpha Chis meet together. And now just a word as to the business of the convention. Much important legislation will be enacted, necessary changes will be made in the financing of the organization, and in the policy of the governing body. And I would ask that each chapter, active and alumnae, discuss soon and often any subjects you desire brought up, any changes you would recommend. Keep the Grand Chapter in your thought, steadily, rather than to give, perhaps, one or two meetings, shortly before the sessions, to its consideration. Then elect your delegates thoughtfully and send them fully informed as to the sentiment of their respective chapters, ready to give clear-cut, definite opinions,—but not so hampered or restricted that they will not be

free to vote as seems best after hearing the discussions pro and con.

Of the committees appointed at the last convention and council meeting, all will be ready with a report of finished work. And by that time, perhaps before, we expect to have ready for you the new Song-Book, new Directory, and the much coveted Coat-of-Arms.

Of the social functions, I need not speak. These will be well planned by Iota, and your fondest anticipations will be realized. One special feature we hope to introduce for the first time,—a very complete exemplification of the ritual.

Begin now, then, to give serious thought to the Grand Chapter meeting. Thanksgiving week has been selected as the date, so that the girls in college need sacrifice little time from their work. Plan to be with us. Bring your strength, your loyalty, your enthusiasm, and we will renew our vows to Alpha Chi Omega and make the convention of 1908 the largest and best in the history of the fraternity.

ALTA ALLEN LOUD.

Announcements

Help wanted! Let every Alpha Chi make a diligent search for the following LYRES, and do not abandon the search until at least several are found, then communicate with Miss Siller, G. H.

The numbers in the first group are those missing from the Historian's file. The second are wanted to complete a file for the New York library. Group I, Vol. VIII, Nos. 3-4; Vol. X, No. 1. Group II, Vol. I, No. 1; Vol. II, Nos. 1-2-4; Vol. III, Nos. 1-2-3-4; Vol. IV, Nos. 1-2-3-4; Vol. VI, No. 4; Vol. VII, No. 1; Vol. VIII, Nos. 3-4; Vol. X, No. 1.

If some of our subscribers, who are not keeping files, will return the January LYRE, they will confer a great favor upon the editor and those who did not receive a copy of that number.

In order to enable all active girls to contribute articles for 'Ε κ λ ε κ τ α', the time limit has been extended to the 1st of October. We therefore hope a great many will respond. We wish to modify our statement in the last LYRE, regarding the unlimited range of topics. While we do not retract that statement, we urge you not to

wander too far from fraternity and college subjects, as a fraternity journal must be, primarily, a disseminator of fraternity knowledge, and must keep alive and foster the spirit of fraternal responsibility and enthusiasm. Through the courtesy of J. F. Newman, a jeweled LYRE will be awarded for the best article received.

Alpha Chi Omega Directory

We hope to publish the new Alpha Chi Directory in April, or at the latest in May. In order to insure its success financially, it will be necessary for us to sell a large number of copies, at least five hundred. Any profit realized on the sale of these little directories will be used toward inaugurating a system of sending annual letters to all alumnae, by which we hope to secure and to retain their active interest.

The Directory will contain as complete a list as possible of all Alpha Chis, with their home addresses, a list of all chapters and of the Grand Council Members; and it will be more than worth the small price charged of twenty-five cents per copy (including postage).

Every loyal Alpha Chi will want one of these little books that she may know who and where her fraternity sisters are. Are you a loyal Alpha Chi? If so, send me, at once, your name, address and twenty-five cents, and you will receive a Directory as soon as they are published.

Any corrections will be gratefully received. Although a great amount of work has been done by those in charge, undoubtedly there are mistakes, and we hope to have the assistance of the whole fraternity in making our next edition more nearly complete than this one can be.

MABEL HARRIET SILLER,

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EDITORIALS



BEFORE another number of the LYRE is issued, Alpha Chis will be scattered far and wide, some never to return to active sisterhood, and it is in behalf of these that I wish to speak. When a girl leaves school she also leaves the incentive for active interest in her chapter. She is no longer surrounded by fifteen or twenty congenial comrades in the intimacy of a common home, where weekly meetings and numerous fraternity social events, all combine to stimulate fraternity enthusiasm. These remain with her only as memories, strong enough to produce occasional vents of enthusiasm, but to all practical purposes the live, palpitating interest has disappeared to become a part of something else. Therefore a tonic, an infusion of new spirit is needed to keep alive this dormant enthusiasm. We therefore urge the girls who will not return to the active ranks, to make the chapter a pledge of continued interest, and to extend their subscription to the journal, thus keeping in touch with the fraternity; and to the girl who will return we strongly advise an earnest pledge to write a certain number of letters every year to the alumnae. That these will be appreciated, and if not written, may cause serious results, I believe the following paragraph from a letter recently received by the editor, will testify:

"Heretofore I have always paid my bills to the fraternity as promptly as possible, and never could succeed in getting a word of news from anyone regarding it. This year I realize what a mistake I have made, for in delaying to send my dues, etc., I have aroused the whole body. First one and then another of the girls have solicitously kept me posted on all matters of interest. So I believe I shall pursue that policy."

I therefore appeal to members of both active and alumnae chapters, to have a system in this work, which, if rightly managed, is one of the most important phases of fraternity success. Let every Alpha Chi wake up, and do her part in keeping alive this circuit of fra-

ternity communication, lest in weakening it at any point, it breaks and some sister is hurt, and through her, the fraternity.

SINCE the January issue of the LYRE (the first under the present staff) a few complaints have been sent in because of the non-receipt of LYRES. In two cases only was any spirit of impatience shown, but so inconsistent was the tone of these letters that a few words now may eliminate misunderstanding in the future and make our subscribers a little more charitable.

In the first place, it is our intention to be perfectly square. If you do not receive your LYRE, please give us the opportunity for explanation by dropping us a post-card. Every fraternity has the same difficult with the mails—a post-official seems to be “no respecter” of second-class matter. If, having informed us of the omission, you receive no explanation, then a tart letter is perhaps justifiable—but not until then. In one case, the secretary wrote that three of the girls had not received their LYRES. We found that the subscriptions of two of them had been sent too late to receive the January number. The other LYRE had gone astray, but (and this is important) a former secretary had been notified that the January supply was completely exhausted—hence the three subscriptions would begin with April. Evidently the former secretary had neglected explaining (a very natural thing to do), and as a consequence the editor received a letter which was anything but flattering. In two other cases the subscribers had moved to different addresses without informing the editor. Sometimes the postmaster answers the request printed on the envelope—but not often.

Inexperience on the part of the present staff was the reason for our not having an adequate number of LYRES to meet the demand. This time we have an over-supply, and we *solicit* “notifications of omissions” and “subscriptions beginning with back numbers.”

Let me say in our defense that there can seldom be confusion in addressing envelopes to *all* subscribers. Our lists are systematized, and the names are marked off and counted every time the LYRE is sent out.

THE annual examination is at hand and I have been thinking not only of the responsibility that each girl should feel to help make the average grade of her chapter high, but of the great benefit that this examination ought to be to that girl. It is a means of definitizing ideas that have heretofore been extremely vague. It gives a girl the understanding she should have to meet the inevitable discussions and arguments of laymen, and it helps her to consider from a national as well as a local viewpoint.

Every member should be thoroughly instructed concerning the constitution and the ritual of her own fraternity. To pass our examination creditably she will be obliged to study them exhaustively. Then to meet the questions which *may* be asked, she must have a general knowledge of Pan Hellenics, of I. S. C. and of all fraternities—such information as may be obtained from Mrs. Martin's Hand-Book and Baird's Manual. Again questions are asked (and to me these are all-inclusive) which call for the member's individual thought on various phases of fraternity life; thereby *using* her knowledge, enlarging her fraternal vision, developing her wisdom.

Too much stress cannot be laid upon the fraternity examination. I hope at the next convention an entrance requirement of this order may be inaugurated.

THE time is fast approaching when chapters will be electing next year's officers. The success of any organization depends in so large a measure, upon the governing body, that we beg of you to consider this matter very carefully. Have it in your thoughts weeks before the election takes place, consider the duties of the various offices, and what special attributes each requires; then select your candidate according to that measure. Remember that the most popular girl in the chapter does not necessarily make the best president, nor the most talented girl the best historian (a very important office). As one of your duties to A X Ω, put aside these personal considerations and let your one standard of selection be *ability* for the office in view. Do not fail to elect a scholarship committee, whose duty it shall be to look out for a high standard of college work

among all the members, thus raising the standard of the individual, the chapter, and the fraternity.

WE DEVOUTLY wish the spirit of Gladstone would make a round of all the chapters, repeating to each member the reasons which he gave for his success and longevity. He said: "I do everything with the greatest regularity; I have certain hours for sleep which are never varied; I have certain periods for exercise; I masticate my food a certain number of times; I do everything according to a carefully laid out plan." When their astonishment had somewhat abated, we believe a greater impression would be left from this visitation than if our humble lips urged regularity, the value of "carefully laid out plans" and—promptness—which is a twin sister to regularity. However, having left this earth, we fear that Gladstone will never wish to return to its turmoils, so we are compelled, in self-defense, to beg of you, one and all, to have a system in your work, to be prompt in your response to letters, and before your answer is mailed, to see that it is really an answer, not a partial one. A friend of ours, after reading a letter, always writes the points to be referred to, on the outside of the envelope, so that her replies will never overlook any details. We recommend the plan, and hope you will try it, or invent one as effective. Just think of the hundreds—yes, many hundreds, of letters the council and LYRE management are obliged to write, for while the letter you receive is only one to you, it represents one in a great many to the writer, and requires not only the extra time to write another, when answers are either very tardy or are not forthcoming at all, but an extra tax on one's mind to continually carry these delinquent matters. Verily, it is not honorable, not to mention charitable or courteous, to take so much time and energy from others besides the great amount they willingly give.

So I urge you to be prompt, to be accurate, in a word, to be business-like not only in correspondence, but in everything, and you, yourselves, will reap the greatest benefits from such a practice.

LET us establish libraries! What kind of libraries? Chapter libraries! Think of the pleasure and importance of it! The idea once formulated will surprise you in its rapid development. With a

LYRE file, Baird's Manual, The Sorority Hand Book, your chapter books, a chapter scrap book and kodak book (chapter libraries are in a privileged class), you already have a nucleus, around which chapter birthdays, Christmasses, and loving alumnae will soon build a library which will inspire pride.

No matter what books find their way into this collection, we feel confident that no two will be more popular than the Chapter History and the Kodak book. What help the former will be to the future chapters. What enthusiasm it will engender! While the latter will hold almost as sacred a place in the hearts of all as the old-fashioned family album. It will imbue personality into names which no amount of written description can approach; and think of the pleasure "old girls" will derive when, on a visit to the chapter, they can pore over this album, which with quick transition carries them back to their college days, overwhelming them with its rush of memories! How simple the task of maintaining these books! A committee appointed to keep a memoranda of the chapter life, with its problems and their solution, its attainments, its scholarship, its entertainments, attractive innovations or special features in the initiation, and so on to the complete portrayal of chapter life, will find the slight labor involved will be a labor of love, and this and the kodak book, which should be in charge of all the girls, would, we predict, become the two best loved books of the chapter.

IT IS not in the spirit of criticism that we are going to call attention to the neglect of chapter addresses. We are prompted, rather, by the certain knowledge, born of experience, that it is next to impossible for the active girl to realize the importance and necessity of accurate alumnae addresses. As her perspective broadens and she realizes that her Alpha or her Iota is only one unit in the temple of her fraternity, so surely does she perceive that unless she can lay her hand to the address of every sister who has entered those portals, the foundation is weakened just so much. We therefore beg you, whether an officer or not, to lend your aid towards maintaining an accurate chapter address book. "As ye sow, so shall ye reap," which is as true in this case as in all cases, as fraternity history abounds

with instances of alumnae assistance. Chapter houses, scholarship funds, prizes for merit, help in a hundred ways, all attest the interest and loyalty of alumnae—whose addresses are correct on the chapter roll.

IT IS never too late to mend." If any of the chapters have incomplete LYRE files, beginning with their installation, we urge you to write at once to the alumnae, who will be glad to help out on the chapter file, which it is very important to keep. If all the missing numbers can not be obtained in this way, the editor will be glad to publish a list of those still desired. We also urge the chapters of A X Ω to arrange an exchange of journals with as many of the fraternities as possible represented in their colleges. A trial will surely suffice to prove the mutual benefit of such an arrangement.

WE EARNESTLY hope that all Alpha Chi alumnae will carefully read the exchange quoted from the Alpha Phi Quarterly in regard to a scholarship cup presented to one of the chapters "by a few wisely guided alumnae." Note the two words few and wisely. Such a gift from any chapter's alumnae would mean a very small individual contribution, even from the younger chapters, who have few alumnae as yet. As to the wisdom of such a gift, it causes an inward impetus toward higher scholarship, at the same time furnishing an outward demonstration of the fraternity's real earnestness, which in this time of social activity and consequent faculty antagonism certainly needs a tangible demonstration.

WE CERTAINLY believe with Prof. McKone that the high school fraternities are doomed. Since time began, the great natural law has been working its leaven of adjustment, until it triumphs in the end with the survival of the fittest. True in little things as well as great, we therefore believe the problem of high school fraternities will soon cease to exist as such, the inherent weakness of the system proving its own undoing.

WE CALL the attention of Alpha Chis to the advertisement of R. J. F. Roehm & Co., of Detroit. With Newman, of New York, and Wright, Kay & Co., of Detroit, we now have three official jewelers. We hope the chapters will give these firms equal patronage as far as it is possible for them to do so.

A NOTHER resignation from the Council! Last fall Mrs. Wade and Miss McHatton found that they had too many "irons in the fire" and insisted that we accept their resignations; and now Miss Baker, who has acted as Secretary since the last convention, has also found it necessary to leave our official ranks. Miss Baker must indeed either have had a great deal of leisure time, or must have made many sacrifices to have performed the duties of this office as she did. During the past two years the Secretary has had more work to do than at any time in the history of Alpha Chi, and Miss Baker has done this most cheerfully and proficiently.

I am sure all Alpha Chis regret that she cannot stay with us in this official capacity; and with their regret is mingled deep-felt gratitude for her efforts in their behalf.

CONCERNING our new Grand Secretary, Iota writes: Helen Wright is an Alpha Chi of whom Iota is very proud. She is one of our most capable girls, adding dignity and grace to all occasions. She attended Wellsley College two years before going to the University of Illinois, where she was graduated with the class of 1907. She was a member of Phi Delta Psi, an honorary junior sorority. Miss Wright is a girl who is very talented and who will perform her duties as Grand Secretary with honor to her chapter and fraternity.

ONE of the most interesting publications that has recently been brought to our notice is "A Detailed History of Delta Delta Delta." It is a handsome volume of 268 pages, giving a complete record of the sorority from its inception to the present day. $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ is splendidly organized, and is fortunate in compiling this history

while all of the founders, but one, are living. Commencing with the founding of the sorority (1888), it takes one through the establishment of the different chapters, gives the various degrees, method of government, list of publications, and a complete history not only of each chapter, but of all conventions and other important sorority and inter-sorority events. Not the least interesting are the sorority parallels, covering the following points relating to all sororities, date of founding, chapter rolls, membership, publications, conventions, number of times represented in I. S. C., number of directories and song books published, date of chapter installations, and a list of colleges where sororities have entered, with their location, date of founding, control, enrollment, annual income, faculty, and number of students.

The volume is profusely and excellently illustrated with pictures of present and ex-grand officers, various chapter groups, exterior and interior views of chapter houses, various flags, and insignia of the sorority, jewelry, facsimiles of charters, and many other matters of interest. In the latter end of the volume is a chapter index, giving the members of each with their addresses, and last of all is an alphabetical list of all members, giving pages upon which the names appear—a very handy method of reference. The record has been compiled by Bessie Leach Priddy, Grand Historian, and she is certainly to be congratulated upon the excellent, artistic, and instructive work she has produced.



CHAPTER LETTERS



Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names and home addresses; *also any changes of associate editors or corresponding secretaries.*

Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

ALPHA

DePauw University, Greencastle, Ind.

It is difficult to realize that the three months of winter term have passed, and yet were we disposed to doubt it, because of the shortness of the time, one has only to look into the house, especially at meal time, to be fully convinced. Girls in every corner, most of them looking as though they had not slept for many nights; sometimes several in a group, sometimes one alone, all studying aloud—and such a babel as it is—French, German, Byron, Shelley, History, one can hear almost anything—and in the midst of it all, some bit of college news, which rarely fails to recall even the most “devoted students.”

The term has been saddened for all of the Alpha girls, by the death of Mary Patton Wade, the little daughter of Elina Patton Wade, one of the most beloved of all our alumnae.

Since the prohibiting of the class scrap two years ago, it has been a problem to know what to do with the 22nd of February, for of course some celebration is necessary. This year the Athletic Board decided upon a College Carnival, to be given in the gymnasium. Each sorority, fraternity, the Literary Society and the girls of the two dormitories, decided upon some stunt, and then fell to work to make each booth a success. The Thetas set themselves up in competition with the Western Union Telegraph Company. The Kappa Minstrels rivalled even Al. G. Field's; the world-renowned palmist of the Alpha Phi told us all about our college cases, while Alpha Chi started with a “Wheel of Fortune.” The Dekes had a very clever arrangement of the Twenty-third Degree, and the Phi Psi merry-go-round was a grand success, probably because the sensation it produced was unlike anything ever experienced before.

At last it seems that DePauw is really to have a new library. If all goes well, the building will be ready for our use next fall. Besides the general

college library, all of the department libraries are to be removed to the new building.

At the beginning of this term, we pledged and initiated two new girls, Clara Chesney, of Kansas City, Mo., and Merle Stern, of North Vernon, Ind.

The term has been too full for many individual functions. On the 17th of February, we entertained the faculty members, their wives and some town people. As the affair was of the nature of a reception, the house was not decorated except with great bouquets of red carnations and ferns.

Alpha sends her sincerest wishes for a happy and prosperous spring to all sister chapters.

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

The weeks have again rolled swiftly by, as they have a habit of doing, and it hardly seems possible, to this correspondent, at least, that it is time for another chapter letter. Surely nothing could be more encouraging than the chapter letters of the last LYRE. Alpha Chi has cause to grow more and more proud of herself all the time. And no chapter feels this more than Beta.

The weeks before Christmas were taken up, of course, mostly by term-end examinations. However, we managed to find time for a few social affairs, principally sleigh rides.

At the beginning of the winter term, we were rejoiced to find Lucile Johnston back with us, making our number twenty, which was further increased by a new pledging, Dana Randall, of Tekonsha, Mich. During the first two or three weeks we initiated Edna Newcomer, Cecil Smith, Gladys Griffin, Margaret Smith, and Edith Ketchem. This makes us eighteen active and three pledged girls, two more of which will doubtless soon be initiated.

We have had two parties for our men friends this term, one a progressive party, held at the homes of three of the girls, and the other our regular term informal. The latter was a Valentine party at the lodge. The decorations and entertainment reminded one that it was Leap year, as well as St. Valentine's day.

The Pan-Hellenic Association, or what has hitherto been known by that title, consisting of all the fraternity girls in college, met with Kappa Alpha Theta early in the term. A new constitution, modeled on the constitution recommended by the Inter-Sorority Conference, is in process of adoption. There will be some very radical change in the rushing rules, tho just what these will be has not yet been determined. A late rushing season has been settled on, but the exact date is not set.

The Conservatory of the College has given one fine concert this term. The Philharmonic Choral Society, of about one hundred and twenty-five voices, will render the Messiah at the May musical festival. The Conservatory department of the college has improved very rapidly this year under the direction of Prof. Harlan J. Cozine. Several new and flourishing organizations have been found, one of which, at least, the college band, fills a long-felt want.

Another new departure, which was a complete success, and will undoubtedly be made an annual event, was the college banquet, held on the twenty-eighth day of February. Alpha Chi was honored in having two members, from different classes, on the toast program.

The chief topic of discussion at present among the students, is the Kaleidoscope, the indoor athletic circus, which comes off early in March. Nobody

seems to know exactly what will happen at this circus, but according to the committee having it in charge, it will be "the best ever."

Great interest has been manifested in the inter-class basketball games this term. The girls' basketball teams are now planning a series of interesting games. The first team boasts three Alpha Chis, one of whom is the captain.

On Washington's birthday this year, instead of the usual Mock Congress, a new departure was made, in the shape of a Mock Republican Convention, which was a success in every sense of the word.

Albion has two interesting debates this term, one with the Detroit Law School, the other with DePauw University. Albion's record in debate is an enviable one, so that these two debates bid fair to be intensely interesting.

Beta wishes every sister chapter the same prosperity which at present is attending her footsteps.

GAMMA

Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

We girls of Gamma are expecting to return next year to an almost new Northwestern, if the plans of a Chicago architect for beautifying the campus are accepted by the faculty. It is needless to say that we students regard this movement for improving the grounds along the lake as due largely to our eloquent (?) themes on the subject.

It is next fall, also, that Northwestern is to enter football again, and play fine games, according to a mammoth petition of the students to the faculty.

In January came the inter-collegiate debates, when, alas! Northwestern met defeat at the hands of both Chicago and Michigan. But excellent work was done by our debaters, and we feel justly proud of them.

Next came the Sargent Prize Contest. Prizes of fifty and twenty-five dollars were awarded by G. M. Sargent of this city to the two best speakers, one of which was awarded for its oratorical effect. Mr. Whiteside, of Evanston, whose subject was "Abraham Lincoln," won first prize, while Mr. Bogardus, giving "A Plea for Cuba," was second.

The Student Lecture Course has been especially good this year, William J. Bryan and F. Hopkinson Smith being among the speakers. This winter we have enjoyed an unusually fine opera season with the San Carlos Grand Opera Company. A number of noted artists have been heard in concerts, among them Galski, Maude Powell, Paderewski, Hoffman, Correno, Schumann-Heink, Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler, and De Pachman.

The girls have given several little theater parties for "Classmates," Maxine Elliot in "Myself, Bettina," and "The Man from Home," where we all resolved never to mumble our words.

Early in December, the sororities of Northwestern welcomed the Lambda Chapter of Kappa Delta, which was then installed, and the Alpha Phis gave a reception in order that we all might meet the new girls.

The A Capella Choir, in which we are represented by Hedwig Brenneman and Mae Smith, recently gave a concert before the Amateur Musical Club of Chicago, and next week will sing in Waukegan.

Since the new semester commenced, the only dances, except "Post Exam. Hop" and Prom, have been the fraternity formals, the sorority formals coming later in the spring.

There has been much excitement over the election for the 1910 Syllabus,

and an Alpha Chi, Myrtle Jensen, was appointed as the only representative from Chapin Hall on the board.

These last two weeks, we have had several little rushing stunts, and Wednesday night, after a spread at Willard Hall, pledged two of the finest and brightest girls, Ruth Berge, of Grand Rapids, and Etta Brothers, of Chicago.

Some time ago Bess Rundall gave an informal little cinch party for the chapter, and Ethel Forde, in Ravenswood, followed with another last week. In this way we get to see each other and make the most of the absence of sorority cottages.

We were all delighted to have Mrs. Tennant with us, but regretted very much that she could not be with us longer. There was a special fraternity meeting in which she told us about the different chapters which she had visited, and gave us some very excellent advice in important matters. Mrs. Dennis entertained informally in honor of Mrs. Tennant, at which some of the alumnae girls were present.

Gamma sends her best greetings to all Alpha Chis.

DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Delta wishes to congratulate the editors on the great success of the last issue of the LYRE. We all read and discussed it with great enjoyment and will do our best in keeping the LYRE up to the high standard set for it. (Thank you.—Ed.)

Our mid-year examinations were over the last of January, and since then we have been very busy, both in studying and in social times. Mrs. Tennant was with us from January 18th to the 22nd. We enjoyed very much having her with us, and derived a great deal of benefit from her visit, which was untimely in that she reached us a few days before examinations, and we were unable to entertain her as we should have liked, but her visit was greatly appreciated and her counsel and sweet self were an inspiration to us all. At her advice, Delta has instituted a course of study which will deal with the lives and works of the great composers. I am sure we will all enjoy it a great deal, in addition to becoming more familiar with the great music-writers.

There have not been many large social events since the new term began, but the weeks have been full of little informal parties, which have proved very delightful. Between terms, fifteen girls from A X Ω, K K Γ, and K A Θ gave a leap year party at the Saegertown Inn. We had a most enjoyable time, but it proved a surprise party, for a snow storm prevented us from leaving the Inn, and it was a much bedraggled but happy party that reached Meadville the following afternoon.

Miss Gertrude Merchant entertained the active chapter of A X Ω at dinner, Saturday, February 8. The decorations were red and green, and a very pleasant musical evening was spent.

Kappa Alpha Theta entertained the active chapters of A X Ω, K K Γ, and Θ Σ on Saturday evening, February 15, in their fraternity rooms. A very clever scheme was carried out of following arrows on which were written appropriate quotations and which finally led to a stand where a piece of wax tied to a cardboard was given each guest. Each person moulded a Cupid from

the wax, a prize being awarded to the best one. After a very pleasant evening, we voted Kappa Alpha Theta capital entertainers.

Mrs. Laffer invited Delta to hold her fraternity meeting in her parlors, and after our meeting, entertained us in honor of Miss Carrie Marie Waters, who returned to her home in Nashville, Tenn.

Last Saturday evening, Allegheny College held her Washington Birthday banquet, which is considered a great event in the college year. The classes sit together and usually attempt to carry out some "stunt" and sing class songs. The seniors appear for the first time in their caps and gowns, the faculty has its separate table, and quite a few alumnae come back. The banquet was no less brilliant this year than in former years, and class spirit ran high. It was held in the men's gymnasium, which was beautifully decorated with bunting and college pennants.

Although Delta's local birthday is two weeks past, yet we will celebrate it Saturday, February 29, at the home of Miss Edith Dermitt, with a party to our alumnae. An interesting program is planned and we are all looking forward to a splendid time.

Allegheny has been very successful in her athletics; her basketball team has not lost a game this year, either on the home floor or while visiting, so we predict a successful finish to the season.

The Spring is fast approaching and will bring with it to Delta a round of pleasures. May our sisters look forward to as enjoyable and profitable a Spring as Delta.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

We thank you very much for your prompt and favorable replies in regard to Miss Verne. They certainly were appreciated, girls, because we had so short a time in which to entertain for her, and we felt her to be an artist of rare merit. On the 8th of February, we gave a breakfast in her honor at the residence of an Alpha Chi from Gamma, Mrs. Botsford, who is a charming hostess. It was our pleasure to have among the guests, Mrs. Cushman, from Beta, her mother, Mrs. Allen, and Miss Leslie Gifford Smith, from Theta.

The beautiful home, which is built in true California bungalow style, lent itself effectively to the decorations in our sorority colors. Poinsettias, carnations and ferns were used in profusion, and a log in the fire-place added a glow of cheerfulness to the rooms.

Miss Verne's personality delighted us no less than her wonderful music and we at once felt her to be one of us. She heartily enjoyed it all and spoke enthusiastically of the impressiveness and mystery of the ceremony, during which the girls presented her with a pearl and emerald pin. She said she would always wear it in evidence, and that to us she is "Sister Adela." Before leaving she played Wagner's Evening Star, after which little Virginia Botsford gave her a large bunch of scarlet carnations and asparagus fern. We wish that you all might have been with us that day, but trust that you may meet her during her Eastern tour.

Have we told you about our house-party at Ocean Park? It was a round of good times, beginning the 13th of December and lasting four days. Our house was conveniently situated a square from the ocean, and just fitted our party of fifteen. Monday afternoon we spent in testing the speed and capacity of the roller-coaster at Venice,—rather a lowering occupation, you say?

but at times very elevating, and we left our yell at the top with a stiff ocean breeze to keep it up.

New Year's Eve we entertained our men friends. The spacious living room was homelike with its fire-place, cozy-corners and many pennants, while mistle-toe and huge bunches of mountain-holly gave it a festive air. At six o'clock we served a Dutch supper, and with the last course, English walnuts tied with red and green ribbons, which, upon breaking the seals, were found to contain our fates written on small rolls of paper. Then came the bon-fire and marsh-mallow roast on the beach. So the old year went and with the new year came the resolution that there be many more Alpha Chi house parties like unto that one.

In sisterly consideration for your feelings we forbear a detailed account of the new year's dinner. It was a sumptuous feast, but those of you who were not there also missed the early call to breakfast, the sleepy ride to college and reproachful glances of the professors—the morning after.

Since our last letter to you our active chapter has been strengthened by the addition of two new members—Lillian Arnett, a member of the College of Music faculty, and Olive Berryman, who is a "Liberal Arts" girl.

Two informal functions were given in honor of Erna Reese before her departure to Mexico. At the first occasion, the girls gathered for a jolly evening at the home of Carrie Trowbridge, and much amusement was afforded by the editing of rival newspaper. The second was a Japanese tea, at which Mauneena McMillan and Faye Buck were hostesses.

St. Valentine's night the students of the college gave a masquerade party in the gymnasium. The merriment began with a Freshman parade, and afterward organizations provided various forms of amusement. The Alpha Chi girls presided at an archery booth of white, dotted with red hearts, which bore numbers. The contestants received prizes according to the value of the hearts they pierced with the deadly arrows. Our colonial costumes, made of white tarleton with hearts, corresponded with the booth.

The greater University banquet was given last week for the purpose of enlarging the college and promoting unity in spirit among its several departments.

A party of students enjoyed a recital given at the First Presbyterian church of Pasadena, dedicatory of its beautiful new organ. Mr. Skeelee, dean of the College of Music, was among the prominent musicians of Los Angeles who contributed to the program.

Among the artists whom Los Angeles music lovers have been privileged to hear in concert recently are Josef Hoffman, Adela Verne, Kubelik, Herbert Witherspoon, Mme. Careno, and Paderewski.

Rushing season is on once more at the university, and plans are being made for the entertainment of the rushees. But we musn't tire you with a longer letter this time.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

Since our last letter to the LYRE, the event which made the deepest impression on our fraternity life was the visit of our inspector, Mrs. Tennant. Besides the help given to the chapter as a whole, each girl felt that she had gained a great deal personally during her turn of being with Mrs. Tennant while showing her the points of historical interest in Boston. The frat en-

thusiasm which she left behind is with us still and shows no sign of diminishing.

At our last initiation on February 4, we added seven names to our chapter roll: Olive Cutter, Boston; Louise Stone, Tacoma, Wash.; Mayme Cutter and Nelle Cutler, Nora Springs, Ia.; Hazel Fogg, Waterbury, Conn.; Josephine Durrell, Boston, and Edna Whitehouse Lorain, Ohio. This gives us twenty-eight active members, which, I believe, is the largest number Zeta has ever had.

February 28 was the date set for our fifth annual musicale and reception. The program, which was given in Jordan Hall, was as follows:

Liszt—Sonata in H Mol., Miss Evangeline Bridge.

Godard—Adagio pathétique, Miss Carrie Aiton.

Whelpley—I Know a Hill. Chadwick—He Loves Me. Van der Stucken—Joys of Youth, Miss Nellie Brushingham.

Chopin—Preludes Nos. 6 and 23. Opus 28. Liszt—Gnomesreigen, Miss Annie Merle Reynolds.

Moszkowski—Suite for Two Violins, Misses Aiton and Josephine Durrell.

Schubert—An der Music. Der Tod and das Mädchen. Brahms—Stänchen.

Rachmaninoff—Hoods of Spring, Miss Mable Stanaway.

Saint-Saëns—Danse Macabre, Misses Edith Bly and Lillian Goalston.

Mrs. Chas. A. White, accompanist.

We were assisted by two of our associate members, Miss Stanaway, a member of the vocal faculty, who contributed a delightful group of songs, and Mrs. Chas. A. White, who played the accompaniments in her usual artistic and sympathetic manner.

After the musicale, the guests were ushered into the reception rooms, which were beautifully decorated with a profusion of palms and scarlet carnations. Our president, Miss Reynolds, was assisted in receiving by Mrs. Geo. W. Chadwick and several of our associate members. But the most popular room was that in which stood the dainty table from which Mme. Rotoli and Mrs. Ferguson dispensed the ices.

Among our two hundred guests we were glad to have with us Mrs. Reynolds, from Delta chapter; Miss Wemple, from Gamma; Miss Buckley, from Xi; Miss Germaine, from Theta; and Mesdames Dunkle, Little, and Sheperdson, from the Zeta alumnae.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

The second semester is well started and the girls of Theta chapter are rejoicing after the hard work and strain of examination weeks.

Four of our girls were guests at the Junior hop, which was said to be one of the most successful hops ever given.

On February 15, we gave an informal tea to our patronesses and older girls in honor of our new chaperon, Miss Forsythe. We also had a rushing party and are rejoicing over two new pledges, Mabel Spafford and Julia Halleck.

One of our sisters, Nellie Hilliker, is ill at the Chicago hospital, but we are hoping for a speedy recovery.

The Junior play will soon be given in Sara Caswell Angell hall. Two of our girls have been chosen for the caste and report good progress.

For the first time, Michigan has attempted an opera, the success of which has proved that Michigan can hold her own not only in athletics, but also in the musical world, as it surpassed all expectations, and for three nights and a matinee played to crowded houses.

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

Iota began the second semester with a renewed rushing season, as the loss of two girls, left only 12 of us in the house. While the faculty were busy installing the new Dean of the College of Engineers, we were busy with his daughter, meeting two other fraternities in the race. Our girls bid, and Mary Goss is now an Alpha Chi, also Charlotte Baker, of Sullivan, Ill., and Bertha Bandette, of Chicago. At the present outlook we will still be rushing when school is out, as every once in a while we find a new girl who seems good material.

On January 16, the dramatic reading class, under the instruction of Prof. Guild, gave a Miracle Play, Abraham and Isaac, the first ever given here. It was interesting because it shows us the earliest plays, also because it was the first play of its kind given by the schools of this part of the country. It was very well received.

As a celebration after exams, the students gave a Post Exam Jubilee in the Auditorium. The opening address was an explanation of the decorations they had asked for; the result of their asking was one little pole a foot high, with two leaves. This was carried around and carefully placed where it would show best during that stunt. A clever reproduction was given by the boys dressed as girls, hopping and dancing around the pole. Then we had Sousa's Band with us, even to the soloists, who evidently were quite proud of their positions. Sousa himself was covered with medals of various kinds and seemed a very able conductor. The Flint brothers gave their usual performance, showing us the power of hypnotism, extending to the audience the usual invitation to come and try. Among those who went up we recognized the Dean of Men, who was hypnotized and made love to a strange girl. The last stunt was a minstrel show, and just before leaving they started Illinois Loyalty, in which every one joined.

The most important thing at the university is the small-pox scare and the compulsory vaccination. Now what every one has been vaccinated and it is taking, "the danger is growing less," so states the paper.

Sousa's band gave a concert the afternoon and evening of February 8th, in the Auditorium. There were large crowds at both concerts and every one enjoyed them.

The Woman's League gave a Colonial Ball for girls only, in the Armory, on Washington's birthday. About four hundred attended, making it a beautiful sight, with their quaint colonial costumes.

We have had a Pan-Hellenic dance, which proved very successful and profitable.

Iota sends greetings to all her sisters and hopes next year to see many of them here at convention.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

The end of the first semester finds Kappa still on deck, as industriously and happily inclined as ever. Her house is full and bubbling over. The Freshmen in the sorority have great and high ambitions. They have already drawn several plans for our future home and have amused themselves by planning the rushing 'stunts' for Interscholastic, while the upper classmen are contented to listen to their foolish prattle with an occasional "well said" or "well done." (All join in a definite building plan, and it will cease to be foolish.—Ed.)

On the first of February, the Freshmen and Sophomores joined forces and gave a very delightful informal leap year dance. Our little house was very prettily and tastefully decorated. The whole affair proved to be such a success that the Juniors and Seniors are planning a similar one for the near future.

Fay Vaughan, who was a pledge since the beginning of the year, was initiated into the fraternity the third of this month, and moved into the house the beginning of this semester. She is a typical Alpha Chi and we were very glad to have her come into the house at once.

Of course, the annual "Prom" took place at the end of the semester. It was not so well attended as in previous years; however, it was thoroughly enjoyed by those who did attend. The university gymnasium was used for the ball room. Decorators from Milwaukee transformed it into a perfect bower of loveliness, representing the Baden-Baden gardens. The Alpha Chis who went reported a "perfectly grand" time. The Junior play was a great success. Marguerite Bower, one of our girls, was in the sextette of the play and did her part very well.

We have had the opportunity of hearing the Russian Symphony Orchestra and have also been fortunate in having many good plays, such as *The Red Mill*, *Brown of Harvard*, and *The Lion and the Mouse*. Miss Donnelly, leading lady in the "Lion and the Mouse," gave a very interesting lecture on George Bernard Shaw and his plays.

"Melusina," given by the Choral Union, was a success, Sybil Sammis and Marion Green, of Chicago, being among the soloists.

The present theme of interest is bowling. We have a strong team, and although some of the members are new at the game, we are expecting much from them. Our first match game will be rolled with the Alpha Gamma Delta girls on the 29th of this month. The Wisconsin basketball team has defeated Illinois, Purdue, Chicago, and Minnesota this season, and we are hoping for the championship.

Kappa has ended this semester well and hopes to end the second one still better. May it be the good fortune of all of our sister chapters to do the same.

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

Haven Hall, Syracuse, N. Y., February 26, 1908.

Mid-year examinations are over and Syracuse is again settled down to regular work. We all look back to the most successful and happy semester. Between college work and social life the girls have been decidedly busy. The

long and severe cold weather has given us ample coasting and skating this winter, and the students have made good use of the skating rink which has been built on the campus for their benefit.

Mrs. Tennant's visit this winter left the most pleasant memories for Lambda. How we did enjoy having her with us! She stayed but a few days, and those few days were much too short. We were so glad to learn through her of our sister chapters. In honor of Mrs. Tennant, the chapter gave a reception to the other sororities here at the home of Mrs. Hadley, one of our patronesses.

The national convention of the Y. W. C. A. was held at Utica a few days ago. Helen Cunningham was sent as a delegate of the Syracuse Association. And a number of our other girls also attended the convention.

The gayeties of Senior week have just left Syracuse. With the fraternity parties, sleigh rides, glee club concert and (the crowning event) the Senior ball, we all heartily enjoyed a full week of the "social whirl."

Syracuse has had a splendid basketball team this year, and we have enjoyed some exciting games with Yale, Princeton, Williams, University of Pennsylvania, Colgate, and others. We have also been fortunate in the music line. Sembrich, Shuman-Heink, Bauer, Samaroff, and the opera, "Madam Butterfly," have been heard here. Most of the leading plays have also visited Syracuse.

During the winter the different professors of John Crouse College of Fine Arts have given recitals. Perhaps one of the most interesting was given the other evening by Prof. Mahr, 'cellist; Prof. Frey, pianist, and Mlle. Reine Harden-Hickey, soprano. Mlle. Harden-Hickey is a new vocal instructor at Fine Arts College. She has a beautiful and powerful voice, while her ability as an instructor is well known. Syracuse may be proud, indeed, to number her among the faculty of Fine Arts.

The chapter has enjoyed a number of little social affairs of its own so far this year. Shortly after Christmas we entertained in honor of our Freshmen at a formal dance at the Crouse homestead, and the girls have also given a few informals and spreads.

We have had some delightful chapter meetings this winter. The girls have done their best to make them both interesting and instructive. Our plan has been the study of the development of music and the lives of the great composers. Two or more papers on a certain composer have been read at each meeting, while his works have been illustrated by piano or vocal solos. We have great ambitions, as our sister chapters probably have, for the remainder of the year. Lambda sends best wishes for joy and success to all Alpha Chis.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

We began this term just a little bit discouraged, because two of our new girls were not coming back. But our drooping spirits were soon revived when Myrtle Schimelfenig, who had been invited by all three fraternities last fall, accepted our invitation. And then pledge day was only five weeks distant and there was work to be done. For were there not three girls in school whom we just must have? We had several little rushing parties, which were very informal because of the numerous college functions. On February 8, we pledged the three girls we had invited to join. They are Grace Ogg, Indian-

ola; Iroline Dye, Macedonia; and Ruth Conrey, Leon. After the pledging we had a spread at Lena Dalrymple's in honor of the new girls.

Invitations are out for our "big" annual party to be given March 3 at the beautiful home of Mrs. B. F. Clayton, one of our patronesses. We are expecting Besse Patrick, Gamma, of Des Moines, to be present with us.

January 31, the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic Association held its annual banquet at the Sherman Place in Des Moines. An invitation has been extended to Alpha Chi Omega and two of our girls attended. Of course, it was the first time that Alpha Chi Omega had been represented there, and every honor and courtesy were extended to our representatives. About one hundred and seventy-five women were present and represented seven different fraternities.

Miss Elizabeth Bentley, Dean of Women and Professor of English, has resigned her position here and has accepted one in St. Joseph, Mo. We regret very much that Miss Bentley is leaving us, for she has endeared herself to all the girls in the school. Our sister, Lora Hagler, has been elected to succeed her as Dean of Women.

Founders' and Benefactors' Day was celebrated February 21. In the afternoon there was a program of "stunts" by the different classes and departments. In the evening at seven o'clock the banquet was held in the parlors of the Methodist church. We were very proud to have Carrie MacFadon chosen as the one from the student body to give a toast.

The numbers on our lecture course this year were: Gov. J. Frank Hanly, Dr. D. F. Fox, Prof. Paul M. Pearson, John Temple Graves, Montaville Flowers and George R. Wendling.

NU

University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

The school year has passed on to the opening of the second semester; and each week has found us more loyally and firmly joined in the bond of Alpha Chi Omega.

The fire which we were unfortunate enough to experience just before the holidays, though not serious, made it necessary for us to change our Alpha Chi lodge. We are now located only a block from our first home, and are even better pleased with the new than we were with the old.

We have two new patronesses to introduce to you: Mrs. J. D. Scott and Mrs. F. J. Cattermole. They are both well known in musical circles, and Mrs. Cattermole is particularly active in the Friday Musical Club of this city. A few weeks ago we gave a tea for our patronesses and the mothers of the girls who live here. It proved one of the most successful entertainments we have given.

On February 19, our patronesses entertained us, together with one of the men's fraternities, at the home of Mrs. Buchheit. Mrs. Rossi, one of our patronesses, who lives in Denver, came up for the occasion and remained to make us a short visit afterward. Saturday evening we gave a beefsteak fry in her honor. I wonder if those of you who are not fortunate enough to live near the mountains, know what a beefsteak fry is—a genuine Western beef-

steak fry on a moonlight night, with a merry crowd, a blazing bonfire, steak done to a turn over the coals, and fragrant coffee. Then when everyone has done full justice to the "spread," there is the cozy circle about the fire with the flames lighting up the faces, while we sing, "Glory, Glory, Colorado," and give our "three and one for the 'Varsity."

Four of our number are Seniors. They are beginning already to look sad and dejected with the thoughts of leaving so soon. It is the custom at the University of Colorado for the Seniors to appear in cap and gown at chapel exercises during the last semester. Our Seniors were especially dignified and prepossessing when they paraded forth in their regalia on the morning of February 17. The Freshmen studied later than usual that night in the hope that if they persisted in their efforts, they might some day appear in like array.

The university has lost one of its best-beloved professors in Dr. Phillips, who has accepted a call to Ann Arbor. If any of the Theta girls are taking courses in the department of sociology, they will realize what our loss has been.

During the past two weeks we have been busy with plans for the initiation of our three pledges. A banquet with quite an extensive toast program has been arranged for the same evening.

Nu sends greetings to her sister chapters.

XI

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

The first event in which the Xi chapter took part after its installation, was the "County Fair," which is given annually for the benefit of the Y. W. C. A., and which is participated in by all the fraternities, literary societies, and clubs, who endeavor to reproduce the original as far as possible. The Alpha Chi booth represented an English inn, which was decorated, however, with white muslin, scarlet bunting and frieze of holly, and the letters L Y R E across the front. The girls, in caps and aprons, were kept busy serving doughnuts, coffee and sandwiches, until at the close of the evening they found themselves the proud possessors of \$17.

Since then we have been looking over the field, with the result that we now have six new pledges, several of whom received invitations from other fraternities, and all of whom are splendid girls. We wish it were possible for all Alpha Chis to be with us on initiation evening, March 5, but as that can not be, we will introduce our new sisters in the next best way—thru the pages of the LYRE: Gwinn Fodrea, Lauraette Spencer, Mabel Doran, Clara Smith, Erlma Zerfing, conservatory girls, and Elsie Pruvit, academic. A card party and several informals were given for the purpose of meeting our pledges.

Xi chapter and a few guests were invited to a musical at the home of Miss Gale, one of our patronesses. Two Pan-Hellenic dances also contributed to our social life, the first one of which afforded us, as guests of honor, an excellent opportunity of meeting the members of the different fraternities. Xi sends greetings to all Alpha Chis.

THE LYRE

ALPHA ALPHA

The Alpha Alpha chapter will give a large musicale at the home of Mrs. Osborne, of Chicago, on April 11. The program will be rendered by active Gamma girls and Alpha Alpha members.

Before the musicale, the annual business meeting and election of officers for Alpha Alpha chapter will take place.

Professor George A. Coe has given to the Evanston Public Library, the large and valuable collection of music and musical literature gathered by Mrs. Coe during her lifetime. A room has been assigned for the accommodation of the collection, and will be known as the "Sadie Knowland Coe Music Collection."

Gamma alumnae (of which chapter Mrs. Coe was an associate member) have donated money which will buy a bronze vase to be put in this room. It is to be marked with the initial "C" on three sides, and "A X Ω" on three faces, and it is a beautiful work of art, which the girls will be proud of. A reception is to be held in April, when this memorial room will be opened to the public.

BETA BETA

Aside from the regular luncheons and business meetings of Beta Beta, things have been very quiet with us since our last letter. Some of our members have been away and in some of our homes there has been much sickness, so that during the last few months social gatherings have been little thought of. We are glad, however, that Mrs. Thompson, who has been very ill at the Deaconess Hospital, is now improving rapidly and will soon be with us again. Miss Roberts, who has spent the winter in California, will soon return, and Marie Wood, who during the fall term was a teacher in the School of Music at DePauw, is now with her parents in the city and proves a great help to Beta Beta by her interest and enthusiasm.

Mrs. Taggart has kindly invited the Beta Beta girls to meet with her at her summer home again this summer, and remembering the pleasant time we had there last year, we are looking forward to this with much pleasure.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

It has been suggested that the list of Gamma Gamma's charter members might prove of interest to the different chapters, so I will remedy my omission of them in the last letter: Fay Barnaby Kent, Delta; Sara Frances Evans, Delta; Alta Moyer Taylor, Delta; Fern Pickard Stevens, Delta; Emma Crittenden, Beta; Daisy Snell Echlin, Beta; Jean Whitcomb Fenn, Beta; Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta; Virginia Fiske Green, Theta; Florence Armstrong, Mu.

Since our first and our last letter to the LYRE, we have been very fortunate in discovering sisters, and may I put in an appeal right here? I want to ask again that the corresponding secretaries of the different chapters keep us informed of their alumnae in New York even though they may be in the city for a short time only; otherwise we are almost helpless. We can scarcely insert "want ads" for Alpha Chis in the personals, though we have been

tempted to resort to some such desperate measure when our quests have ended in failure. But not all of them have been so discouraging, for six Zeta girls and one Iota bride have been found, adding to our membership list and to our enthusiasm. Our first meeting after the holiday season was a luncheon at the Martha Washington hotel, Wednesday, January 22. At this meeting we were delighted to receive an invitation from Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston and Mrs. L. R. Howard to lunch with them at Truell Hall, Netherwood, N. J., on Friday, February 7. We were fortunate to have a beautiful winter's day for our trip, an hour's ride from the city. Truell Hall, a veritable "castle on a hill," gave promise of good times within, in which we were not disappointed. The hall itself proved an interesting place, with its "Romeo and Juliet" chamber, a Japanese tea garden, and the big ball room, where the waxed floor proved an irresistible attraction for our Alpha Chi feet.

Then the hostesses gave us our first glimpse of the luncheon table, a glimpse that sent our thoughts flying back to college banqueting days. In the center of the round table a red-shaded candelabrum and our scarlet carnations and smilax carried out a beautiful color scheme, and the five-course luncheon furnished further pleasant surprises for us. After we were seated, we counted chapters, and found we were representing five—Zeta, Gamma, Delta, Theta, and Beta. For some of the older girls these gatherings of the clans mean the first chance they have had to let their Alpha Chi spirit bubble over since their college days, and with so much repressed enthusiasm finding vent, our meetings couldn't be described as slow, in any event. After a short, informal business meeting, we reluctantly consulted time tables, a disagreeable but necessary feature of all our suburban trips. We feel very grateful to our girls who ask us to their homes, for we have a much jollier time than is possible at our regular meetings. On Friday evening, February 21, we were indebted to Miss Jessie Northcroft, one of our Zeta girls, for an exceptionally pleasant theater party, seeing Henry Ludlowe in "The Merchant of Venice." This gave us a chance to introduce the husbands and "near friends" into the scheme of things, which we were of course glad to do.

On Friday, February 28, we met again at the Martha Washington for lunch, and perfected many schemes and plans, one of which was a decision as to a definite time and place for our meetings. They will be held the second Friday of each month at the Hotel Martha Washington, 29 East 29th Street. We will meet in the parlors on the second floor, luncheon to be served in the dining room at one o'clock. We hope any sisters visiting in the city can arrange their plans to be with us then. We will continue our meetings during the summer, hoping in that way to meet more of the visiting girls. Miss Northcroft again played the good fairy and gave us tickets for that evening for Ludlowe in "Richard III." Though the critics do not as yet give Ludlowe a place with Irving or Mansfield in the portrayal of Shakespearean roles, he nevertheless gives a very interesting interpretation of both Shylock and Richard.

On Friday, March 20, Mrs. Frederick M. Green will entertain us at her home, 416 West 118th Street, with luncheon and a musical afternoon.

The April meeting will be held at the Martha Washington on the 10th.



PERSONALS



Would you like to hear more about the girls? Then send the editor all the personals you know of. They will surely be of interest to some one, and do not forget to let us know what *you* are doing, so that through the pages of the LYRE, all Alpha Chis may hear of one another.

ALPHA

Miss Maud Meserve is finishing her work in music school. She was compelled to leave last year on account of sickness.

Miss Virenda Rainier, of Lafayette, Ind., is soloist at the Trinity M. E. church of that place.

Miss Marie Wood, of Indianapolis, visited sisters and attended the Phi Delt Open House on February 24.

The marriage of Miss Catherine Elfers and Carl Abbott took place January 2. Their home is in Louisville, Ky.

Miss Vera Cronk has moved to Anthony, Kansas. We hope to have her with us again next year.

Miss Shellie Smith, '05, is teaching music in Brazil.

Among our visitors this term have been Fay Newlin, Virenda Rainier, Helen Pierson, Mary Barlow, Bess Price, Marie Wood, and Shellie Smith.

Alpha kept open house on February 17, from 2 to 5 o'clock. Greencastle friends and members of the faculty were invited, 125 guests calling during the hours.

BETA

Miss Sadie Osborn, who is teaching at Niles, Mich., will spend her spring vacation with Beta friends.

Mrs. Hamblin, of Detroit, is visiting in Albion.

Miss Helen Hough has moved to Columbus, Ohio.

Misses Susie Perine and Eva Pratt are planning to spend the summer in travel abroad.

Miss Margaret Mosher, of the University of Chicago, spent a week in this city recently.

Misses Maizie and Georga Goodenow, who have spent the past seven weeks in Kansas City, expect to leave soon for Chicago, where they will visit before returning home.

Miss Jessie Blanchard is visiting in Jackson.

Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald and Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, are spending the week in Albion.

The Misses Mosher, Pratt, and Perine will spend their spring vacations in Albion.

Miss Marguerite Bower, of the University of Wisconsin, will spend her spring vacation in Albion.

Miss Madge Nichols is studying piano in Chicago.

Miss Mae Howey is visiting her sister, Mrs. Florence Howey Sims, in Florida.

Miss Madge Wilcox will spend her spring vacation in Albion.

Miss Blanche French visited her Beta sisters recently.

Mrs. Ruth Griffin Cogshell will visit Mrs. Striker this spring.

Mrs. Martha Reynolds Colby, who has been very ill, is improving.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Mr. Triphagen, of Mulliken, father of Mrs. Roy K. Nevins.

Miss Ethel Kinsman has a music studio in the Holman block at Calumet, Mich.

Mrs. Ruth Griffin Cogshell is director of music in the First M. E. church of South Haven.

Miss Marion Childs, of Calumet, has returned after several months in Europe.

Beta had quite a reunion during the holidays, and the active chapter and resident alumni entertained the following at a supper: Grace Brown, Lulu Babcock, Margaret Mosher, Eva Pratt, Kate Calkins, Nella R. Fall, Susie Perine, Ethel C. McDonald, and Jeannette Freeman.

Blanche Bundy, now Mrs. Benjamin Allen, is at 1815 Michigan avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Beta is always glad to hear of her alumnae. Eilizabeth Custer, who is now Mrs. Charles Eichelberger, is to be found at Pana, Ill.

Miss Edna Triphagen, of Mulliken, Mich., was married January 7 to Roy K. Nevins, the Congregational minister at Oxford, Mich.

Misses Bessie Shanley and Blanche Ballamy visited Miss Mildred Sherk in Port Huron during the holidays.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Marion, daughter of Mrs. Lulu Kellar Landig, of Steelton, Pa.

Mrs. Lina Baum VanRoy, of Florida, spent the holidays in Cuba.

Miss Daisy Osgood is in Pecan.

We are glad to hear that Kathryn Brandon Harris, who went to Cheyenne, Wyoming, has recovered her health. Her husband is rector of the Episcopal church there.

Mrs. Fannie Dissett Tackels has moved to Woodward avenue, Detroit.

Mrs. Mabel Foster Blodgett, who has been very ill, has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fall have purchased a building site in Colonial Heights, Yonkers, N. Y., and will soon build a residence there.

Mrs. Clarissa Dickie Stewart, of Battle Creek, visited in Albion recently.

A luncheon was given March 3 in honor of Mrs. Florence Hoag White, of Detroit, who was an Albion visitor.

Miss Dorothy Gunnels, of Toledo, is spending the winter in New York.

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamblen entertained with a "Thimble Party" March 4, in honor of Mrs. Florence Hoag White, of Detroit, and Mrs. Ethel Calkins MacDonald and Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago.

Miss Mary Daisy Osgood has moved to Beaumont, Texas, where she has purchased a large pecan farm.

Miss Kate Calkins has appeared recently in the following recital programs: February 7, at the Y. W. C. A. Auditorium, in Elgin, Ill., and Febru-

ary 16, at Hull House, Chicago. February 20 and March 1, she sang the soprano solo parts in Gaul's "Holy City," at the Church of the Redeemer, Chicago. She was accompanied by her sister, Mrs. MacDonald.

Mrs. Louise Birchard McClintock is spending the winter in Chicago.

March 10, Mrs. Ethel Calkins MacDonald and Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, entertained at luncheon the following Beta alumnae: Lucie McMaster Mills, Louise Birchard McClintock, Margaret Mosher, Margie and Georgia Goodenow.

Janette Allen Cushman, of Los Angeles, writes of being happily entertained by the Epsilon girls, and is enthusiastic in her praise of our California sisters.

GAMMA

Miss Ruth Berge and Miss Etta Brothers are new Alpha Chi pledges.

Miss Mary Mourie has gone to her home in Coesse, Indiana, for a few weeks, on account of illness.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Van Ryper were chaperons for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity at Pan-Hellenic Prom, Friday, February 21, 1908.

Miss Florence Kelley attended the Junior Prom and the Kappa Sigma house party at Madison, Wisconsin.

Our inspector, Mrs. Tennant, visited Gamma chapter for a few days in February.

Mrs. G. C. Watson visited her daughter, Alice, for several days.

Miss Besse Rundall has been very ill at the Evanston hospital, but has sufficiently recovered to return to her home.

Several of the Gamma girls attended the Alpha Chi alumnae luncheon at Carson-Pirie's tea-rooms on February 4.

Miss Esther Hinman has recently opened a studio in LaFayette, Indiana.

Miss Mae Smith gave her Senior recital at Music Hall last Thursday evening.

Alpha Chis are well represented in the class officers of the Music School. Miss Grace Fisher is president, and Miss Alice Watson, secretary, of the Freshman class.

DELTA

Miss Vesta Leet is organist in the First Methodist Church of Greenville.

The Ladies' Study Club, of Meadville, under the direction of Mrs. Hull, rendered The Cantata of King Rene's Daughter, by Henry Smart, December 3 and 4. It was met with such success that it was repeated February 3. Among our girls to take part were: Alice McDowell, soloist; Louise Lord, Ruth Swan, and Mrs. Dick, in the chorus; Louise Chase, violin solo, and Clara Lord, accompanist.

Olga Henry spent several days at Dawson, Penn., where she attended the ball given to the Phi Kappa Psi of Pittsburg, by Mrs. Cochran.

Mrs. Helen Howe McCartney and Miss Mary Howe, of Greenville, and Mrs. Mary Roberts Phelps of Oil City, were recent Meadville visitors.

Miss Dora Bunce, of Franklin, spent several days with Miss Mabel McLean, in Hulings Hall.

Mary B. Greente was elected captain of the Junior basketball team. Miss Greene was also elected a member of the Scientific Club of Allegheny College.

EPSILON

Miss Leslie Gifford Smith is visiting with her brother, Dr. Smith, of Lamanda Park, California.

Louise White is spending the winter at Coronado, Cal.

Carrie Trowbridge and Herr Seiling, both members of the faculty of the College of Music, gave a concert in Sierra Madra, the 10th of January, under the auspices of the Musical Club of that city.

While studying in Milan, Italy, Isabella Curl has been fortunate in having several engagements to sing in grand opera.

Mabel Chalfin is spending a few weeks at San Diego, California.

Sue Shenk has just returned from Phoenix, Arizona, where she has been visiting with Maude Hawley, and is now enjoying a few weeks at Hermosa Beach.

Erna Reese is living in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Carrie Trowbridge and Mrs. Norma Rockhold Robbins gave a concert March 27, in Santa Monica.

Myrtle McArthur has just returned from a month's visit at Ocean Park, California.

Miss Alta Roberts, from Alpha, has spent some time in Los Angeles.

Mrs. Cushman, of Beta, is making her home in Los Angeles.

Olive Berryman was among a party who enjoyed a delightful automobile trip to Riverside.

ZETA

Sarah Morton has played at two concerts while teaching in Illinois University. The first was on the occasion of the dedication of the McDowell Auditorium, the second the Faculty Concert.

On February 10, 1908, $\Lambda \chi \Omega$ was presented with a new honorary member in the person of Samuel Francis Zealear, Jr., of Santa Cruz, whose mother will be remembered as Ida Wilson.

Miss Rachel Osgood spent a part of her mid-winter vacation with the Zeta girls in Boston.

Miss Mabel Davidson returned to her home in Fort Worth, after two years' vocal study in Berlin.

One of the most interesting recitals of the Conservatory year was the pianoforte recital given by Miss Florence Larabee, on February 24.

Misses Merle Reynolds and Sallie Lee Masterson went to Exeter, N. H., to attend the ball given that night.

Mrs. Jessie McNair-Willing has returned to her home in Brookhaven, Miss., after having spent several months in China and Japan.

Miss Edith Bly gave a most enjoyable piano recital in Jordan Hall early in January.

Miss Ethel Middaugh has a studio at 646 Park avenue, New York city, where she is teaching this year.

Mrs. Laura Lewis-Rucker sailed for Europe in January, where she intends to spend several months.

Mrs. Chas. A. White returned from a visit in Baltimore in order to help at the Alpha Chi musicale on February 27.

Miss Deborah Griffin—Born September 19, to Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Griffin, Jr. (Edith Manchester), of Providence, R. I.

Margaret Smedes Rose is the proud mother of a ten-months-old little girl, and we have just found it out.

Lora Lewis Rucker and her husband sailed from New York for Hamburg on January 29. The doctor will study for some months in the hospitals of Germany, and expects finally to locate in Birmingham, Ala.

Winifred Byrd will go abroad in May for an unlimited stay.

Maude Collin was married in January to Dr. William McCarthy, of Rochester, Minn.

Betty Bates has accepted a position as violin teacher in a children's institution at Waverly, Mass.

Elizabeth Egleston has announced her engagement to be married, but we cannot recall the name of the fortunate man.

Girlie Bowden is now living in Minneapolis, Minn.

Mrs. Carol T. Culley (Caroline Schmidt) is now living in Greenville, Miss., where the editor was fortunate enough to have a few hours stop-over last week, and needless to say, we had a delightful visit together. Would that there were many such opportunities.

Carol Stanley is looking for an assistant in her work at the Hannah More Academy, Rusterdam, Md. She must be an Episcopalian, with a good choir voice and able to teach vocal and piano, who can come to her assistance.

Blanche Crofts writes enthusiastically of her life in Macon, Ga., where she has a large violin class. She is now preparing a spring recital and is assisted at the piano by Helen Birch, an Alpha girl, whom it was her good fortune to find "a next door neighbor."

THETA

Theta chapter is grieved to announce the death of Nellie B. Hilliker, one of the active sisters. Her death occurred Sunday afternoon, March 8, at the Chicago hospital, Chicago, Ill., where she had undergone an operation February 28. Nellie Hilliker was taken into Alpha Chi in the fall of 1902, when she was studying in the School of Music. About a year afterward she became seriously ill with tuberculosis, from which she never entirely recovered. Although her health was for so long in such a hopeless state, she was one of the strongest workers and noblest girls whom Theta can claim. Aside from her actual efforts to improve the chapter in every way, her example of fortitude was one that will never be forgotten by her sisters in Theta. In the year 1905 she was president of the chapter.

Donna Savage, of Lansing, has re-entered college.

Mary Benedict, of Detroit, is spending the winter in California.

Lucile McSouth and Harry Petersmeyer are married, and are at home in Rouleau, Saskatchewan, Canada. It was an Alpha Chi wedding, and three of Theta's girls were present.

Elizabeth Salliotte, Myrtle Harris, and Essie Venton left college after the holidays. They are expected to re-enter at the beginning of the fall term.

IOTA

Mary Potter Finley has a son. It seems there are only Alpha Chi men.
 Marjorie Greyfus has announced her engagement to Mr. Burkhoff, $\Sigma A E$, instructor at Wisconsin.

Mabel Bushong, who was teaching in Danville, has resigned her position there for a better one in Tuscola, Ill.

Iota sends greetings to all her sisters and hopes next year to see many of them here at convention.

Olive Knox has left for her home in Oklahoma City, very much to our regret, as her one year with us endeared her to all.

LAMBDA

Dorothy Logan has again resumed her work at college. She was obliged to leave last year on account of illness.

Ruth Harlow and Evalyn Peterson attended the national convention of the Y. W. C. A. at Utica a few weeks ago.

Mrs. H. L. Butler, instructor of elocution at college, entertained the chapter February 27.

Helen Cunningham has been elected treasurer of the University Y. W. C. A.

Mrs. Holmes, of Delta, who is now living in Syracuse, attended chapter meeting during Mrs. Tennant's visit here.

MU

Miss Bertha Howard, of Nu chapter, Boulder, Colorado, is now taking art in the University of Nebraska, and joins heartily in all our work.

A branch of the Equal Suffrage League was organized February 24, with a membership of over thirty girls.

Our president, Miss Emma Farrow, gives a recital for graduation, March 19.

We have had the opportunity of listening to the following musical treats: Kubelik, Carreno, Myrtle Eloyne, and Max Bendix.

Ethel Mott is not in school this term.

Nell Harris and Myrtle Bussey attended the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic banquet at Des Moines, January 31.

Mabel Fett was called home last term by the death of her father. She did not return to school this term.

Myrtle Bussey and Ethel MacFadon gave recitals this term at Panora, Woodbine and Nevada, and also appeared here on one of the lecture course programs.

NU

Helen Rice has given up her studies at the University to accept a position in the schools of Routt County, Colorado. Miss Rice will return to college next September.

Ethel Brown has resumed her work in music at the University.

Mrs. Isabel Talamo-Rossi, of Denver, visited at the Alpha Chi house for a few days in February.

Irene Hall has been appointed to a position on the staff of the "Silver and Gold," the University weekly publication.

Frank Judd will spend the spring vacation, March 14-21, in Longmont, Colorado.

ALPHA ALPHA

Miss Zella Marshall, of Evanston, gave "Hiawatha," by Mrs. Coe, before the Arche Club, of Chicago. Mrs. Ralph Madson assisted, and played "Witches Dance," McDowell; "Air de Ballet," Chaminade.

Miss Louise Atwood, of Beloit (Kansas), is visiting her sister in Chicago.

Mrs. Leslie Morgan, nee Gamble, of Perry, Iowa, spent some time in Chicago, in January.

Mrs. Hugh Moulton, nee Vaughn, is living on a sheep ranch near Reva, South Dakota.

Mrs. Lawrence Howard, nee Kellogg, of Plainfield, N. J., entertained the New York Alumnae chapter at her home.

Miss Edith Wemple, who is studying in Boston, has spent many delightful hours with the Zeta girls there.

Miss Grace Richardson has been visiting her sister in Richmond, Va., since November.

Miss Elizabeth Scales spent the winter in Southern California with relatives.

A son was born to Mrs. Frank Kindig, nee Tyre, of Chicago, in February.

Mrs. Ray Calwell (Juliet Finch), of Chicago, spent several weeks, during February, with her parents of Logansport, Indiana.

Miss Ida Pratt spent the winter in New York.

Alpha Alpha and Gamma alumnae were grieved to learn of the death of Cora Seezers at her home in Chicago, on December 22. For several years she had been ill with tuberculosis, which caused her to spend the majority of the time in milder climates. She was initiated into Gamma chapter in January, 1898, and was always willing to do her share, and remained a true and loyal Alpha Chi. She had a charming personality, which made her loved by all who knew her, and she has left a sweet and tender memory.

Gamma alumnae were saddened when they heard of the death of Fanny Grafton, '92, in February. She had been an invalid, but died of pneumonia while visiting relatives in Marshalltown, Iowa.

GAMMA GAMMA

Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston has returned from her trip abroad and is now at Truell Hall, Netherwood, N. J. While in Naples, she proved her loyalty to our motto, "Ye daughters of music, come up higher," by making the ascent to the crater of Mt. Vesuvius.

Miss Jessie Northcroft is studying voice with Mrs. Morrill, and also giving private piano and French coaching lessons. One of her pupils is with Hammerstein's opera company.

Mrs. Henry M. Echlin, of Yonkers, is spending two months in the city at the Marquette, 417 West 120th Street.

The boys' vested choir of the Bayonne Episcopal church, of which Mrs. Fay Barnaby Kent is organist and choir master, will sing Stainer's "Crucifixion" at the Good Friday service, and "The Resurrection," by Manney, on Easter Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Rothgeb (nee Mabel Hayward) will now be at home to her friends at 185 Auderbon Ave., New York City.

Mrs. Archibald Irwin returned from Bermuda the first of February.

The New York Musical Courier contains the following flattering notice of the work of Miss Margaret Upcraft, one of our Zeta girls: "Miss Upcraft, a graduate of the New England Conservatory, under Mr. Carl Stasny, and also a pupil of Mr. Wagner Swayne, of Paris, is now located in New York. Last year Miss Upcraft was one of the favorite salon pianists in Washington, D. C. She has a large and varied repertoire, and has power to stir people and to make them wish to hear her again." Miss Upcraft has had some music published by Schirmer.

Miss Sara Frances Evans has been called home to Greenville, Pa., by the death of her brother.

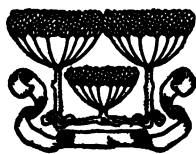
Miss Emma Crittenden, Beta, is now with her sister at 1926 East 15th Street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Fern Pickard Stevens is studying voice with John Dennis Mahan and is also teaching voice and doing accompanying.

The Bible Record, the monthly magazine published by the Bible Teachers' Training School, contained last month a story by Miss Florence Armstrong, Mu, entitled, "My Neighbor's Garden: a Twentieth Century Parable."

Miss Ethel Middaugh, Zeta, is studying voice with Frederick Bristal, and teaching voice in two private schools. She is also singing at the First Reformed Church, Passaic, N. J.

Miss Mary Reno Pinney, Delta, is organist at the First Church (Christian Science) at 1 West 96th Street. This church has one of the best organs in the city.



"Ενθα καί"Ενθα

Α Ξ Δ has entered Minnesota University.

It is rumored the local club of Δ Φ of Colorado University is petitioning for a charter from Δ Δ Δ.

Δ Δ Δ announces the establishment of Beta Zeta chapter at Kentucky University, February 22, 1908.

Σ Χ, Δ Τ Δ and Α Τ Ω have alumni chapters at Manila; Southern Κ Α and Β Θ ΙΙ have alumni chapters on the Canal Zone. Φ Δ Θ has an alumni club at the City of Mexico.—Φ Δ Θ Scroll.

A new social club, known as the Jesters' Club, composed of fraternity and non-fraternity men, has been organized at the Ohio Wesleyan University, the object of which is to promote good fellowship and college spirit.—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

"Boys should learn that a fraternity has to be run on business principles, else it will crumble to dust as it deserves to. Alumni expect their brethren to profit by their own experiences."—Quoted from The Delta of Σ Ν, by the Sigma Chi Quarterly.

"Χ Ε Χ, a sorority with but two chapters, one in Kentucky State College, Lexington, has just purchased a chapter house. This is the first chapter house in that state to be owned by an fraternity or sorority."—Quoted from The Phi Gamma Delta by Beta Theta Pi.

"The board of education is engaged in a quiet warfare to suppress all attempts to maintain any fraternities in the high school, and at their last meeting it was quietly hinted that teachers who were found participating in them would be dismissed."—Citizens' Press, Jackson, Mich.

"Frat" men were ruled out of high school athletics in Cook County as the result of the vote yesterday of the Cook County board of control, which forbids members of the societies from participating in high school athletics in the county. The fate of the "frat" men has been in the hands of the board for several weeks, and yesterday it was decided to settle the problem for good. The vote against the "frat" was almost unanimous.—Chicago Record-Herald, February 25.

Prof. Hutton Webster has prepared an interesting book on Primitive Secret Societies, giving as near as may be the significance of their rites, ceremonies, conditions of membership, etc.

K A Θ is working diligently for a scholarship fund, which is to be at least \$15,000, and which, with each of the three or four thousand members contributing \$1 a year, as the minimum, will soon be realized.

The University of Colorado has received a bequest of over a quarter of a million, which will be used for a new building, the "Mackey Auditorium." Four other new buildings will be erected in the near future.

We wish to correct an item in the list of chapters established since the last edition of Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities, as it appears in the February Delta: A X Ω, Syracuse, Simpson, Colorado, Nebraska, (Revived at the University of Southern California.)

Φ Γ Δ was organized at Jefferson College in 1848, and as a fitting memorial to their founders, the Board of Archons secured the right of preserving the McMillan log cabin, which is the birthplace of Jefferson College. The cabin is to be moved to a more conspicuous site on the campus, and it is to be devoted to the exhibition of mementoes of Jefferson College. The fraternity has placed a bronze tablet in the cabin in honor of their founders.—The Phi Gamma Delta.

The Woman's League of the University of Illinois has fitted up a room in the hospital for university girls, and is collecting a loan fund for the benefit of girls making their way through college. The League at the University of Colorado and "The Girls' Club of Nebraska" already have such a fund.

The Madison Alumnae Pan-Hellenic Association met in April, 1907, to discuss the benefits of a late pledge day and a different system of rushing, and this led them into an investigation of the college social life of Wisconsin. A set of resolutions resulted, which was sent to active members of all the chapters. Each fraternity is considering these resolutions, and will submit to the alumnae, written conclusions, expressing its attitude toward the suggestions, and arriving toward better social conditions.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

A member of ΣN suggests that a body of alumni correspondents should be organized for the purpose of gathering data concerning their respective chapter alumni for publication in *The Delta* and for correction of the Catalogue Cards. An editor-in-chief of the Alumni has been appointed, with power to appoint any number of sub-editors, who are to report to him concerning the whereabouts and doings of the Alumni.

In place of the monthly luncheon, so often held by alumnae chapters, the Eta Alumnae (Burlington, Vt.) of $K A \Theta$ have followed a plan we believe other alumnae chapters will be wise in adopting. For two winters Italian art was studied, and this year one member reads aloud while the others sew. Such meetings furnish great opportunity for the "homey," friendly spirit, which should be the keynote of all fraternity meetings.

The Chapter Letter!

"Anything will be sacrificed in their behalf. Space, time, money—anything—must bow to the chapter letter. * * * * It is because the chapter letter has been perverted that it seems unimportant. Because men fail to put in it their best endeavors, it is vapid, nonsensical and valueless. Because men fail to grasp its importance, they abuse it and then deride it and would banish it—forsooth—that the Palm be out in time! Not so with us. The chapter letter saves the Palm from being sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Hence our almost superhuman efforts, at times, to induce neglectful correspondents to forward their letters."—Quoted from *The Palm* by Beta Theta Pi.

The Oldest Sorority.

"The oldest college for women in the world is Wesleyan Female College at Macon, Ga. The charter was granted by the state in 1836. At this institution was founded $A \Delta \Phi$, which is the oldest college society for women. It was founded on May 15, 1851, as the Adelphean Society. In 1905 it decided to become a national sorority and to adopt a Greek letter name. Accordingly, its name was changed to $A \Delta \Phi$."—*The Scroll*.

Last month the National Commons Club held its second annual convention, with representatives present from the non-fraternity elements in seven Eastern colleges. The feeling at the convention was that the movement was one which was bound to spread over the country.

This club is a central organization of similar local clubs at the various colleges. In all of the latter the aim is to do away with exclusiveness and with unnecessarily high expenditures, while at the same time preserving the best of the social features which fraternities afford. Such an ideal has its

manifest difficulties, but a club of this character at Wesleyan University in Connecticut has been in existence for nine years and has steadily grown in strength. A New York alumni association has been formed and is interesting itself in the national movement.—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Step in the Right Direction.

"A silver loving cup, a reward for scholarship, was recently presented to Iota chapter by a few wisely guided alumnae. The cup is to be given at the end of each year to the Freshman having the highest average scholarship for the year. If she has had no unsatisfactory marks, her name and class will be engraved upon the cup. This honor student of her class keeps the cup during her Sophomore year. At the reunion banquet in June she, in turn, presents the cup, with a toast, to the honor Freshman. And so the cup goes on and on, and the names engraved upon it make a real roll of honor for Iota chapter. A conservative professor in the university said: 'That is the very best thing I have ever heard about fraternities.'"—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

The following "In Memoriam" is so beautiful we wish to place it within the reach of all our readers:

In reverence, Lord, we gather here again
 To speak their names whose souls have left the earth;
 Our brothers all, who walked with us as men,
 Wept for our tears and smiled with all our mirth.
 Lord, help us to remember by Thy grace
 How Thou hast led us on through changing years,
 And lead us yet, till we meet face to face
 Phi Gamma Deltas, where are no more tears.

—F. W. WITHOFT, '94.

"At the close of every Norris dinner, given by the Denison chapter, the names of the brothers who have gone beyond the twilight are read, and then "In Memoriam" is sung by the chapter standing, to the tune of "Consolation," by Mendelssohn."—Quoted from Phi Gamma Delta by Beta Theta Pi.

Every girl who joins a sorority does so with the object of gaining something from it. She expects to gain social position or friends, or to better herself in some way. But how does she expect to do it? She cannot hope to attain these things by merely paying her dues and keeping in good standing. To gain the most possible from the sorority she must put her best self into it. The business man who expects his business to succeed does not merely invest his money and then stand back and look on while his business grows. He works hard, uses his mind and time and has the satisfaction of seeing his business increase by his efforts. The sorority girl must do likewise. She must use her time and brain to devise ways and means of helping her sorority. By working for the sorority as a whole, she helps her sisters individually, and also herself. It is not merely the result of her work, but the putting forth of strong effort with a high aim in view which has its greatest effect in the girl herself. It gives her energy, strength, and independence, which she would not be able to gain by passively watching others work. We get no more from our sorority than we put into it. It is a transformer of earnest effort into good to ourselves and sisters.—Alpha Xi Delta.

From The Scroll we learn that $\Theta \Delta \chi$ and $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$ have publicly explained the emblems on their proposed coat of arms. The device of the former presents:

"Two stars, two arrows, two swords, a skull and cross bones, a fasces, a lamp, a book, clasped hands, and an altar. Their meaning is explained to the president of the grand lodge at the time of his taking office, and is as follows: The colors black, white and blue symbolize secrecy, purity and friendship. The diamonds surround the ruby, the emblematic gem of their brotherhood, symbolizing by their splendor the infusion of new and prosperous life into the association through the new officers' efforts. The arrows and swords are the symbols of protection. The skull and cross bones admonish the secrecy attending initiation. The fasces and clasped hands suggest harmony. The stars and the lamp typify the light of nature and the light of art, and the open book reminds one of the necessity of guarding the constitution. The crest is Minerva, the tutelary divinity of $\Theta \Delta \chi$. The Desmos thus explains the meaning of the proposed coat of arms for $\Delta \Sigma \Delta$: "The lighter braziers typify knowledge; the keys, strength; the all-seeing eye, justice. The open book and the skull and cross bones are emblematic of our oath of fidelity."

Two excellent methods by which chapters may become better acquainted were suggested in the January Kappa Alpha Theta. One was to exchange chapter banners, until each chapter room was hung with banners, representing every chapter in the fraternity. Then,

"the weekly meetings might have in a slight degree, the binding influence which a national convention has in such a large degree."

The other method was even more simple to carry out. It consisted in exchanging pictures or postal cards representing some of the college buildings, so that

"when the journal came, telling about the good times at the different colleges, each chapter would have a fairly definite picture of just how and where those good times happened. This ought to lead to a closer sympathy and greater interest in the chapter letters."

We wish to pass this confession of a Delta Tau Delta on, for truly honest confession is good for the soul:

"I remember getting up one night in fraternity meeting and saying: 'To hell with the Arch Chapter.' Why were we sending them this money? We're well established here and we do not need the backing of a national organization. Why not spend this money upon ourselves at home; get more out of it? And the brothers sat upon me. And respect for my superiors and the spirit of obedience were made a part of me. Men of the Arch Chapter, I now, publicly, ask your forgiveness. I did not then realize that you unselfishly were giving a great deal of the best part of your lives in order that our prophecy may be fulfilled. I did not then know the value of organization, that were

it not for you, your constant labor and your infinite patience, these many chapters would soon pass away, that I would have been without the help of my fraternity. I charge every Delt with the solemn duty of being at all times ready to fight for the Arch Chapter. When a controversy arises between your chapter and the Arch Chapter, I charge every man of you with the solemn duty of taking a stand and crying out: I'm not a Beta Alpha man, I'm not a Beta Beta man, I'm not of the Northern Division; I'm an Arch Chapter man, first, last and always. And thus will we prosper. And thus will we continue to grow till our prophecy is fulfilled.

We hope the following thoughts will be carefully read and assimilated by all our girls:

"There are many girls of character and with splendid resources who remain in the background, feeling, perhaps, that their opinions are not worth as much as the forward girls, or perhaps they lack the knowledge of fraternity aims and needs that would make their ability of use. Initiating the girls is not all. It is as much our duty to teach them as it is theirs to learn. Many initiates do not know how to go about learning, nor do they know what to learn. How can we help them. First and foremost, is by example. We should be well up on all general fraternity matters, such as the history and purposes of fraternities from the beginning, as well as our own history and aims. Each member should bear herself so as to be looked up to and respected by those who have just been brought into the fold. It is easy to become careless, but the fraternity is sacred. The chapter is not a social club. Recall the purpose of our fraternity, keep our motto before each new member, for it is just after they are initiated that they are the most impressionable, and consciously or unconsciously they follow in our footsteps. As soon as a pledge is initiated, make her at home in the chapter, but let there be that feeling of expectancy, the feeling that there is so much to learn, so much to receive and so much to give; for while her responsibility continues to grow, as she learns from the first, she becomes a representative of the fraternity, and she should be taught to feel this. Each initiate should be trained so that if at some future time she should be chosen to fill the highest office of the fraternity she would be found worthy.—Quoted from Themis of Z T A, by Alpha Phi Quarterly.

In 1905, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$ adopted the following system of using circular chapter letters:

"The chapters send their circular letters to the president of the fraternity (though the general council may designate some other officer), who edits them and supervises printing them and mailing copies of them in pamphlet form to the alumni of all chapters. One copy of each chapter's circular letter also goes to each other chapter, to each alumni club, and to each general officer. Each chapter's circular letter contains a full list of its alumni with their classes, degrees, addresses and occupations. Lists of the alumni of suspended chapters are appended to the lists of active chapters. Corrections are requested, and the alumni lists are corrected accordingly. Then the circular letters are printed in a new form. Each is divided into two parts. The letter parts are assembled alphabetically in the order of chapter titles, and are printed to make the first section of the book. The second section consists of

the alumni lists, alphabetically arranged according to chapter titles. The second edition is really a new, revised catalogue of the fraternity issued every year."

B © II issues circular letters in the form of a special number of the journal, and do not contain alumni lists. This special number is sent to all living alumni members of B © II. The two methods, although quite different, are both excellent. We are indebted to The Scroll for this information.

That the fraternities have reached the stage in their development, where they realize the necessity of emerging from many of their hindrances, is nowhere more plainly evidenced than in the wide attention which is being devoted to the abolishing of their dearly beloved mock initiation. To quote from an article in the Sigma Chi Quarterly:

"The trouble with any kind of horse play is that it diverts the minds of both the candidates and the members from the real purposes of initiation, frequently subordinates the serious presentation of the ritual to the end of having a jolly good time, and always tends to go to extremes, liable to lead to serious and dangerous consequences, either physically, or affecting the candidate's conception of the nature of the organization into which he is being taken. It is practically impossible to embody in the ritual any horse play which would be of a proper sort for these reasons, and to leave the matter of optional to the chapters, gives rise to all the evils from which we are now suffering. The spirit of fun and good fellowship is a natural and inevitable part of fraternity life. It needs no exemplification in the ritual, and inasmuch as there are so many points of a serious character to be brought out in an initiation, it seems that a little of the "good time" might be sacrificed in order that the candidates might have presented to them the beautiful and noble principles of our order in a manner such as would appeal to the very highest and best in their natures, and give them an exalted idea of the real character of Sigma Chi, which would remain with them through life and serve as a constant source of inspiration and pleasure."

In an address before the Association of Collegiate Alumni, at Boston, President Van Hise (Wisconsin University) presents the following interesting facts.

"In seven out of thirteen state universities, the women outnumber the men; in the college of liberal arts, and in three institutions, they are nearly twice as numerous as the men. In thirteen state universities the women constitute 52.07% of the students in the college of liberal arts. The total number of women attending all educational colleges and technical schools in the United States in 1904, according to the report of the United States commis-

sioner of education, was 45,692, whereas the total number of women in women's colleges was only 27,233. It is therefore clear, that if opportunities for higher education are to be open to women, co-education must be maintained, or if abandoned, provision must be made for a large number of first-class women's colleges."

He further states that under existing conditions, a large number of men fail to take certain courses they had planned for, owing to the large number of women who also select them, and vice versa. President Van Hise therefore suggests a segregation of courses, in order to maintain co-education at its best and be of the greatest mutual benefit.

In connection with the above, we quote from K A © :

"Out of thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, either universities or land grant colleges, six have none of these departments, domestic science, art, music, elocution, and physical culture. Five of those six are Northeastern states, the other is in the South. Two Southern state universities offer one of the courses each. There are two other institutions, one of them in the West, which, while offering several of the courses in question, have none of the domestic science subjects. Thus in thirty-eight co-educational state institutions, ten alone are not teaching any of the domestic science courses. Five of those ten are in the Northeast, four in the South, and one in the West."

Mrs. Edyth Ellerbeck Read, in an article in the January Anchora, strikes some warning notes, to which it may be well to lend ear :

"In the legal world, unwritten law is often of greater force than written statute, and so it is likely to be in the fraternity. In its ritual every fraternity has its code, its ideals nobly worded, but after the solemnity of initiation has been dulled by practical, every-day living, we find that it is the unwritten law—the spirit of the individual chapter—which molds the characters of its members. The highest ideals of the national fraternity can be stifled and killed in a chapter whose members choose to 'gang their ain' gait' rather than keep the pledges made at initiation. This sort of lawlessness is an echo of that greater disregard for law and order, which at present is disrupting the business world. In the latter case only a tremendous awakening of the people can make them turn and rend their destroyers, force them to a realization of their responsibility to the public. Only the keenest vigilance on the part of the fraternities can avert similar disasters. Keep alive the sense of personal responsibility in each member of a chapter and there will be no falling from grace. We doubt if any fraternity or sorority in the land incorporates in its ritual any mention of money or social prestige. Yet there are many chapters whose ruling spirit is one—or both—of these, another case where unwritten law has over-balanced the influence of the written ideal. To extravagance can be laid many of the worst evils of fraternity life. A real gentlewoman would scorn vulgar display, or expenditure beyond her means. Yet when her sense of personal responsibility has become dulled by being merged in the chapter, many a girl who is a lady at heart, will condone display—for the

frat's sake', or pardon extravagances when it is used in rushing. If told that this is 'sailing under false colors' she would be hurt. But the fraternity whose dinners and dances are more elaborate than it can afford to give without denying the members every-day comforts, is doing just that—sailing under false colors. And this has a two-fold effect; it plants a habit which the world is only too sure to foster and nourish into vice, and it keeps out of the fraternity girls who are appaled at the idea of such expenditure. If such a one knew the 'trueinwardness' of the matter, she would realize that most of the girls have no larger allowance than herself, and are merely 'showing off.' It has taken tremendous disasters to awaken the people to a realization of evils in finance and government; it took flagrant abuse of their privileges to bring summary judgment upon the Princeton clubs. Shall we wait until our existence is threatened before we awake to the fact that we have been drifting with the spirit of the times, instead of being a factor of reform, a far-reaching influence for good, the oppressor of graft, and the exponent of true culture and earnest ideals? Let us hope not. Stop drifting."

Conference of Deans

The Third Conference of Deans and Advisors of Women in State Universities met at the Stratford Hotel, Chicago, Ill., December 18-19-20, 1907. The fraternities represented in the I. S. C. were again invited to send delegates to the session of December 20.

1. That there should be complete segregation in lodging houses; that in houses occupied by women there should be provided a reception room on the first floor; and that such houses should be personally supervised by the Dean of Women.

2. That there should be university residence halls for men and for women, and that in these halls there should always be a certain proportion of upper-classmen.

3. That the self-government of students should be encouraged, not only among the student body at large, but within smaller groups.

4. That social life among students is excessive; that this excess is a menace to the maintenance of a high standard of scholarship, and is detrimental to the best interests of the universities and of the students; and that social functions should be limited to two nights a week and should close not later than midnight.

5. That there should be no inter-collegiate athletic contests for women; and that dramatic and musical organizations in which women take part should not give out-of-town performances.

6. That there should be a scholarship standard of eligibility for participation in inter-class athletics; and that there should be a test based on scholarship and physical fitness for participation in dramatic and musical events.

7. The Conference concurs with the Inter-Sorority Conference in recommending Sophomore pledging.

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The Ideals of Edward MacDowell

By **FAY BARNABY KENT, DELTA**
A Former Pupil of Mr. MacDowell


By the death of Edward MacDowell, on February 23, the world has lost an idealist whose influence will be felt more and more as time goes on. Mr. MacDowell was a versatile genius, being gifted not only as a musician, but also as an artist, a poet, and a teacher. As a youth of thirteen in Paris he was offered a three years' course of free instruction under the personal supervision of a very eminent French artist, who also offered to assume the responsibility of his maintenance during that period. Marmontel, with whom he was studying piano, was unwilling to give up so promising a pupil, and MacDowell himself finally decided to continue his musical career. He early appreciated the unity of the arts and never lost faith that America could and would become a congenial home for the arts.

After eight years' hard work as head of the department of music at Columbia University, he finally resigned because all of his plans for the improvement of his department were rejected by the University authorities. He said, "Of the thousands of students graduated at Columbia many are the merest barbarians. They have no idea of art. They turn at once to the material. They have neither opportunity nor inclination to attend to the cultivation of necessary ideals. They cannot get the training which they should have in college. They do not know anything of the artistic features of building, but are at the mercy of an architect. They cannot appreciate music. They know nothing of painting. When they purchase a pic-

ture an expert must be called in. The great body of college men do not know what Fine Arts are." And again, "Few colleges consider the Fine Arts (except poetic literature and architecture) worthy of serious consideration. The effect of this neglect is most deplorable, as many women's colleges and preparatory schools are affected by it and thus the higher education of both sexes is incomplete. A broad education must include the Arts, which are a most potent element in the humanities."

In New York some time before his death there was formed the MacDowell Association, whose aim is, "To promote the art of music, literature, and the drama, architecture, painting and sculpture, and the other fine arts, and particularly to bring into prominence special works of art that are deserving of broader recognition. To encourage study, research and production in all branches of art; to develop a sympathetic understanding of their correlation and an appreciation of their value, and to broaden their influence; and thus carry forward the life purpose of Edward MacDowell." This Association has now about five hundred members, representatives of all the arts. The advisory board include: Miss Adele Aus der Ohe, Mrs. Richard Mansfield, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt, Mr. Wassily Safonoff, Mr. Richard Watson Gilder, Mr. Daniel C. French, Mr. William Dean Howells, Mr. Horatio Parker, Mr. Frederick MacMonnies, Mr. John Burroughs, Mr. John La Farge, Mr. Charles McKim, Mr. Henry T. Finck, Mr. William Mason, and Mr. Seth Low. Mr. John W. Alexander is the President, and Mr. Hamlin Garland the First Vice-President.

The beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. MacDowell, at Peterboro, N. H., where many of Mr. MacDowell's most characteristic compositions were created, has been deeded to the Edward MacDowell Memorial Association (a combination of the MacDowell Association and the Mendelssohn Glee Club, of which he was Director) and a fund has been raised to maintain it according to the wishes of Mr. MacDowell. He dreamed of the formation of a miniature imitation of the American Academy at Rome, and as he developed the farm of eighty acres he longed to feel assured that after his death and that of his wife, it might remain intact and that it might in a small way



help the development of art in this country. Lack of funds to endow any plan in connection with the Peterboro house, and the assurance of his lawyer that such a bequest would have to be connected with a corporation to insure its stability, quite discouraged the undertaking and caused him more and more anxiety and unhappiness as his health began to fail. When the MacDowell Club was formed he was delighted with the suggestion that the home be given to them. The deed reads, "It is expressly and especially desired by Marian G. MacDowell that this home of Edward MacDowell shall be the center of interest to artists working in varied fields, who, being there brought into contact, may learn to appreciate fully the fundamental unity of the separated arts. That in it the individual artist may gain a sympathetic attitude towards the work of artists in fields other than that in which such artist tries to embody the beautiful, by recognizing that each art has a special function just so far as it has gained a special medium of expression. That while the use of the home would thus be naturally given for the most part to productive artists, nevertheless its use might be accorded to artists and to others who are sympathetic with the aims and purposes of the donor. That no social distinctions shall be allowed to determine the choice of those who may be permitted to make use of the privileges of the home. That it shall, in no sense, be allowed to be looked upon as a charitable institution, and that therefore those who avail themselves of its privileges should be required to pay such moderate sums as might be proper in return for the benefits gained." The gift was gladly accepted by the Association, subject to the use and reserved control of Mrs. MacDowell during her life.

Since the closing of the original fund for Mr. MacDowell's care and the maintenance of the Peterboro house, a much larger scheme has been evolved. This is a New York MacDowell house, a powerful and active link between the Peterboro house and the wonderful Roman Academy, of which Mr. MacDowell was the first trustee to represent music. Mrs. MacDowell says, "During those ten years he taught in New York he was constantly and painfully confronted by one of the most serious difficulties a student has to face. Not only in music, but in all the arts; particularly in sculpture and painting,

where light and space are such important conditions where actual living expenses might be managed, 'the workshop', as Mr. MacDowell loved to call it, was the increasing problem. He often said, 'Why does not someone endow a building where such workshops could be given as scholarships?' Could there be a more fitting memorial to Mr. MacDowell than such a building, here in New York? In order that it should be of national use, I suggest that studios might be endowed by different sections of the country, by universities and even by individuals. For instance, that California, Massachusetts, Texas, might found these scholarships for the use of students of high merit coming from the list represented. Not only would a student have the practical advantages of a well-equipped 'workshop,' but he would be in close touch with the MacDowell Association."

This suggestion has been most enthusiastically received by the combined associations, and there is a nucleus of about \$1,200 to start this wonderful memorial. It is hoped to build the New York MacDowell house after the following plan: A hall occupying the lower part of the building, holding about 1,000 people. Above the hall the meeting rooms of the MacDowell Association, and small exhibition halls. Above this the eight or ten stories devoted to studios, which it is hoped will be endowed, but which will be rented until endowed. Think of the possibilities! a great center where those working in the different arts might meet on a common ground in an atmosphere finer and broader than could easily be found elsewhere.

After sacrificing health and production by his eight years' work at Columbia in the hope of raising the standard of the arts in our universities, it would be small recompense and recognition if those same universities were to take hold of this idea and assist with greatest zeal the building and endowment of the MacDowell house. In its unique position in the fraternity world, Alpha Chi Omega ought to be particularly interested in this movement and might do much towards the upholding and carrying out of these high ideals for which Edward MacDowell gave his life.

The following letter was recently received by Mrs. Kent: (Ed.)
Dear Mrs. Kent:

I have just read with deep interest and sincere appreciation your article on Mr. MacDowell. I have not one word of criticism to make, and thank you

with all my heart for writing it. It will be, I am sure, helpful in making others know what we are trying for in the MacDowell House. What a splendid thing it would be if you could interest the members of your fraternity throughout the country, in helping towards the endowment of a Studio! I think the idea only needs to get really known, to take hold of the imagination of those interested in what such an art center would mean to those having the benefit of the Studios. I would be very glad to see you should you be in New York, and believe me, with deep appreciation,

MARIAN MACDOWELL.

Convention Impressions

In publishing these letters, the editor's first intention was to limit each letter to a few lines, but every one was so full of enthusiasm, it seemed sacriligious to submit it to the clipping process, except in those cases where we were left no alternative, unless it was to make a complete book. Listen now and know that convention is something truly worth while :

To me the word convention spells enthusiasm. There it is that the girl who is filled with love and zeal for her fraternity finds opportunity to give vent to her pent-up feelings, and discovers an ever-fresh supply of enthusiasm with which to replenish herself. And if there is, as, alas! we sometimes find, an indifferent, inactive member, to whom fraternity is but one of many incidents in her college life, let me urge her to attend a meeting of the Grand Chapter. Then will she find her indifference slipping away from her, and replaced by a whole-hearted loyalty which will mean much to herself, her local chapter, and the general fraternity.

Well do I remember the four conventions which it has been my privilege to attend. The first at Greencastle in 1891, when as delegate from Beta, it was my pleasure for three days to work and live with the representatives of the other two chapters, Delta not being represented at that time. It was at this convention that the first Grand Officers were elected.

In 1892, Beta entertained the convention at Albion, and at that time it was my pleasure to preside, having been elected Grand President at the convention the preceding year. Indeed, Beta considered it a rare treat to have with her sisters from the other chapters.

And again in 1897, when I attended the DePauw convention. And still once more in 1899 I visited the convention when it was held in Albion. In spite of the small numbers, and the lack of an organization as complete as at the present time, those convention days were happy ones,—days of renewed loyalty and love, with enthusiasm running high, and I am sure each girl returned home impressed with the deeper significance of fraternity, and filled with an earnest purpose to push even higher the standard of $\Lambda \times \Omega$.

And now, when as an alumna of long standing, I look with pride upon the great things accomplished in these nine years, my heart goes out with yearning to Thanksgiving, 1908, and I would that I might have a share in *that* convention. But though distance may prevent many of us from meeting

with you, be assured that the California sisters, both the true, loyal girls of Epsilon, and the many "old girls" who call this sunny land home, will be with you in spirit. I sincerely hope and believe that the gathering of 1908 will be one of intense interest and great achievement, which will mark a glorious epoch in the history of the fraternity we love so well.

JANETTE ALLEN CUSHMAN, Beta.

During the two years of my active chapter life, it was not my good fortune to attend a convention. I only worshipped from afar the wonderful Senior who traveled to Boston. It was not until five years later, at our last convention at Greencastle, that the mystery faded, and I became really aware of all that goes to make up an A X Ω convention.

I found the same eager enthusiasm and fine spirit that had come back to our chapter from Boston, but in addition there were real girls, and real activities, with ideals and their fulfillment everywhere. Names that had been familiar since school days became splendid women, and chapters of vague "frat exam" acquaintance, developed real and most interesting personalities through their delegates.

I awoke from a long sleep of localism and vague knowledge, and dormant interest, to a full-fledged conception of my fraternity. The knowledge that every chapter at that gathering was planning and thinking and living for Alpha Chi; the real love and devotion to her ideals that I saw at every session of the convention; and the great joy of meeting so many fine and gifted women—all this has made me forever an enthusiastic wearer of the Lyre.

MYRTA M. DENNIS, Gamma.

The best thing I could wish for any Alpha Chi would be that she might be able to attend one of the conventions.

My first convention experience occurred when I was a mere "pledging," and the enthusiasm absorbed at that time has been a never-ending source of inspiration which remains with me to this day.

I feel sorry for any girl whose fraternity life does not include at least *one* convention.

FRANCES DISSETTE-TACKELS.

Did you ever hear a fraternity girl say she was sorry she had attended the national convention? Now why is it that these girls return to college so full of enthusiasm? Is it due to the memory of some enjoyable recital, banquet, or reception? In the words of one of my professors, "Possibly so, but probably not." It is true that these constitute a very delightful part of the convention, but they are not the best part or that which has the most abiding influence. In the first place, one has an opportunity to know personally the Grand Officers, those wise women who from their greater experience can give such helpful suggestions. Then the association with the delegates from other colleges tends to broaden ones sympathy and widen ones horizon.

Another very practical advantage is the opportunity to witness a model chapter meeting or a model initiation held under the direction of the Council and carried out by the entertaining chapter. While pervading the entire series of meetings, the esprit de corps is such that every delegate is inspired with renewed zeal and comes away with the firm determination that her chapter shall not be narrow or self-centered, but that it shall do something worth while and be a credit to the fraternity.

MARY LUCINDA PERINE, Beta.

It has been my good fortune to be present at two Alpha Chi conventions in the extreme capacities of hostess and guest. The first time it was an experience of honor with burden, since I was President of Zeta when the convention came to Boston in 1900.

The second time, when Gamma entertained so gloriously, I had the distinction and privilege attached to the Grand Vice-Presidency, with nothing to do but enjoy the many delights Gamma furnished.

A convention brings so many blessings with it and leaves so many in its train, it would be impossible to enumerate them all. One of the most needed that came to Zeta was a better appreciation of other chapters. The convention taught us that we had much to learn and much to do if we would ever aspire to great excellence.

The entertaining of a convention is certainly the most inspiring experience any chapter could have, and the opportunity of attending one a privilege every Alpha Chi should avail herself of. That I may do so again is one of my ambitions for the future. With love and greetings to "you all" from

SPICIE BELLE SOUTH, Zeta.

Convention! How much that one word meant to the Alpha Chi girls who were gathered together last at Greencastle; how much it means to the delegates who are to attend the next convention at Champaign, and how much it ought to mean to each member of A X Ω. The enthusiasm, the spirit which is gained at a convention, and above all, the knowledge of what the fraternity really means to the chapter and to each of us, individually, is invaluable. It is very interesting to meet the different types of girls representing all the chapters. I remember I was very much impressed with the individuality of some of the girls I met and I felt very proud to know A X Ω had such talented and capable members.

Besides the benefit gained from attending the convention proper, there are all the social events which are so enjoyable. The memory of the banquet, which was held the last night of convention, is especially pleasant to me. It was so inspiring to see so many fraternity sisters together, and when the girls gave their toasts and sang the fraternity songs, I felt how really grand it was to be an Alpha Chi.

The convention left a lasting and beautiful impression with me and I hope that each Alpha Chi will be fortunate enough at some time or other to attend one, for without doing so, I think one's fraternity life is incomplete.

HAZEL V. ALFORD, Kappa.

Some years ago it was our privilege, we Delta girls, to have with us the convention of A X Ω. That convention was a success, as I believe, every one, past or since, has been.

The impressions upon me, personally, have been such that I know they will follow me always. It seems to me there can never be such unity of work, thought, and purpose as there is when we all meet, one happy family, to see just how we, individually, are looking and growing. Of course, thoughts travel fast and far, and we can help each other greatly, though separated. But, oh! the inspiration and enthusiasm developed when we can sometimes *meet* and talk things over! Centralization is as necessary in this as in other things, for each chapter, if left too much to itself, is in danger of becoming merely a localized club, influenced by the environment it happens to be placed in. So,

dear sisters of A X Ω, let every one of us, though we may not be delegates, attend this coming convention, and every other one we possibly can.

GERTRUDE HELENE OGDEN, Delta.

To begin my "short essay" in perfect truthfulness, convention for me has often spelled exhaustion, and I feel more than half certain that I have not been alone in such feelings.

It is always one of the problems of the hostesses to eliminate this as much as possible, but they cannot do it without the aid of those who are managing the business sessions, nor can those who are managing accomplish it without the co-operation of all representatives. The greater the number of those who may have a voice in the Grand Chapter session, the more need for definite thoughts and definite and brief speech on the part of these. I do not mean to say that all things should not be thoroughly discussed, but they need not be prolongedly discussed. When the plan of session is given out, classify your material and thoughts and make it easier for yourself and the chair.

No need, perhaps, but there is a wish and a strong one, to add my word, of urging all girls who can, to go to convention. You'll never know until you have been there, how great a benefit and pleasure it is to be the recipient of what those days can bring you in enthusiasm and hospitality and new experiences. You may be weary when it is all over, but it is the "best tired," the most gratifying sense of weariness, you have ever had. If going or staying is only a matter of your own choice, save yourself a future regret and go.

When I think of meeting all the girls who will come from the older chapters and of the girls who will represent the five youngest, I become very enthusiastic and hope I may be one small factor to add to the numbers and success of the 1908 convention of A X Ω.

"All glory to Alpha Chi O! Chi O!"

KATE CALKINS, Beta.

Concerning the delegate, Edith Manchester Griffin, Zeta, writes:

As soon as one is intrusted with the powers of a delegate, the ambition to *do* is aroused, and the delegate proceeds to convention hall, imbued with the best intentions for the welfare of her fraternity and especially her own particular chapter. Each delegate, however, being but a unit in the entire convention, soon discovers that, what to her chapter might seem the only course to pursue, may not be the one best suited to the needs of the entire fraternity. Thus the delegate, broadened and absorbed in the collective body, is able to legislate for the best interests of the fraternity at large, rather than from a local standpoint.

Of course, the evolution of a delegate does not take place at the first session, but is gradual, as the realization becomes complete that the fraternity means exactly what the bond implies, and that instead of constituting a "chapter in our college, we are but a branch of a growing tree, spreading over the entire country." No matter what diversity of opinions may arise between members, there is always that universal thought of sisterhood which pervades the entire convention. It is this education of a delegate in the business meetings which actually does the material good to the fraternity, and gives it its strength for a progressive career. Necessarily the greatest disappointments are derived from the election of officers. However, since but one person can

fill any office, a selection must be made and the delegate, who can cheerfully accept defeat for her candidate, has certainly gained strength for life's work.

The social side of a convention also plays a much greater part than the mere enjoyment of pleasure. It acts as a salve and heals any and all antagonism which is bound to occur during the meetings. To be royally entertained, as has always been the case with our fraternity, smooths the rough edges of the day's business, and acts as a lubricant for the day following.

As farewells are said, the delegate can but feel that she has something to take to her chapter that will become an inspiration to those not fortunate enough to have been able to attend.

A Welcome

Convention! the very word brings a spirit of excitement and delight to all who know that convention means the bringing together of representatives from all the chapters of Alpha Chi Omega. Expectations, plans, new problems and experiences will be talked over and the advice of the sister chapters asked, although perhaps not fully accepted or followed out.

Iota felt much honored when her delegates to the last convention at DePauw returned and announced that the next convention was to be held in our own home. Then two years seemed a long time, and yet November, 1908, is rapidly approaching.

Many of our old girls have said they are coming back and help rush or make themselves generally useful at convention time. We are looking forward to this chance of meeting representatives from all the chapters with a vast amount of pleasure, and plans are on foot to entertain every one who can possibly come. Our chapter house is a large one, and between it and our town alumnae we will have plenty of room for you all.

Frank Busey, one of our town alumnae, who takes an active interest in all we do, has charge of the convention, the finding of accommodations and other duties which necessarily come with a large meeting. As she is an earnest worker, Iota chapter feels sure that under her guidance everything will turn out just as it should.

It is Iota's wish that she will be able to make this convention as great a success as all the others have been, and that every one who comes will feel at home and enjoy every minute they are with us.

CORA VAN GALDER.



The Awakening

She was a little initiate of only three months' standing, but she was wondrously sad and thoughtful, for those three months had been a period of rude awakening. She had come to the university with such high ideals,—too high, perhaps. She had always heard so much about "college spirit," that intangible will-o'-the-wisp which carried enthusiasm into everything and made the upper classmen so proud of their Alma Mater that they spent all the first weeks of the year in giving the new comers a royally good time so that they, too, might catch the spirit. Then, too, she had heard a great deal about fraternity spirit in every phase. How beautiful it was for so many girls to live together as real sisters, sisters in the truest sense, each one devoted to every other and full of unselfish willingness to do anything for one another. And again there was the inspiration of the fraternity in making every girl come forward and work in every part of college life. She must be prominent and popular in her class to reflect credit upon the fraternity; she must be a good student or otherwise those dignified Seniors would be disappointed in her. She had wept over her initiation vows, moved by the seriousness of the occasion and the meaning of the promises which she was making. Could she ever live up to those high ideals?

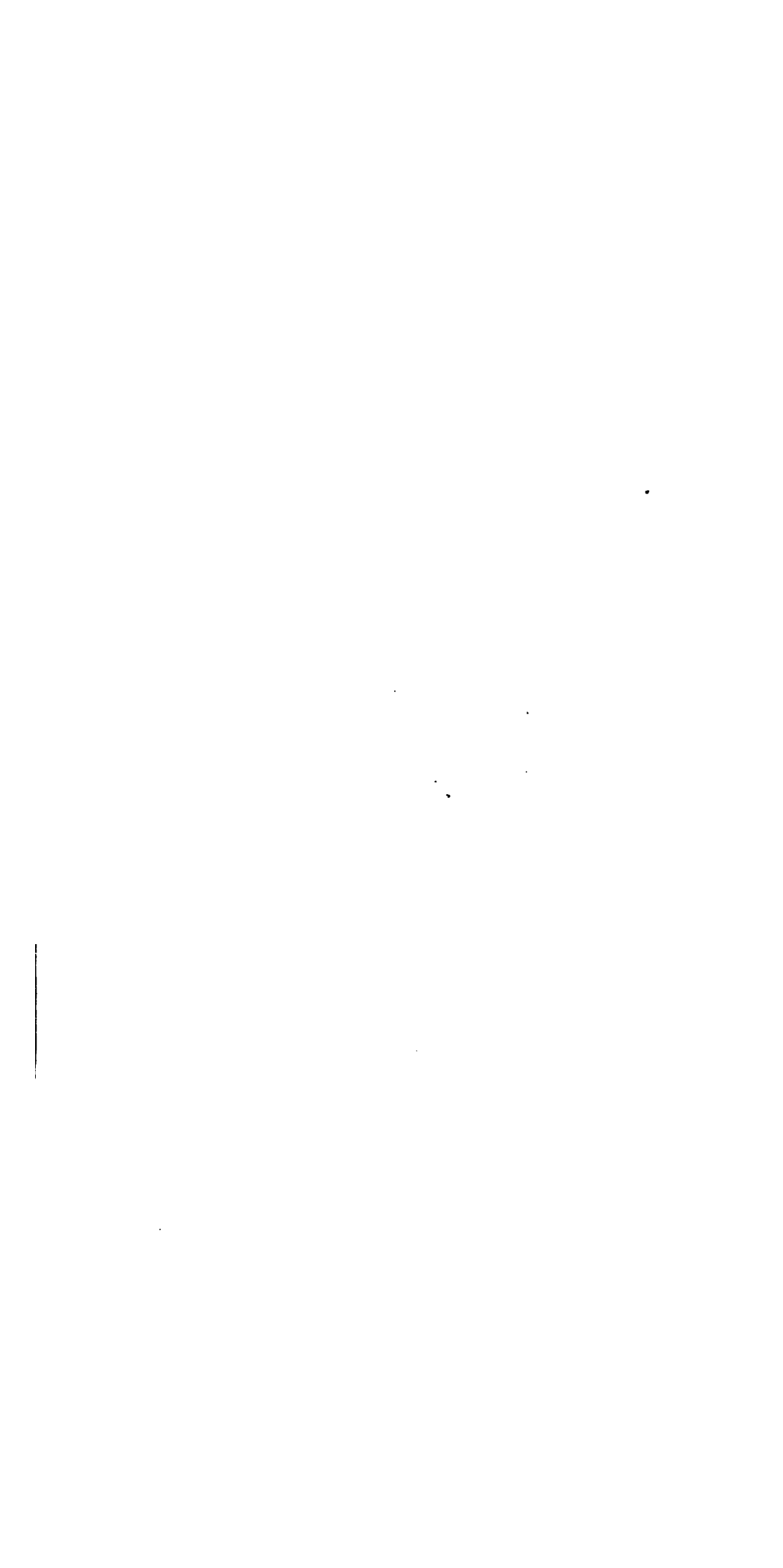
Three months had flown by, months full of good times and hard work, but marked above all by The Awakening. It had come not all at once, but gradually, as it comes to a weary sleeper who has been disturbed by slight sounds. At first they are mingled with his dreams, and he knows not what they are, then as they become clearer and more distinct, he is conscious of light, his eyes open, he wonders where he is, and suddenly remembers everything and is himself again.

The little lassie's first awakening had come from without. Her



DELTA

Louise Chase	Olga Henry	Mary Greene	Edith Burchard	Vera Bash
Caroline Parsons	Alice MacDowell	Mabel McLean	Anna Tarr	Cecelia Shires
Marjory Fowler	Blanche Garver	Lucy Loane	Elizabeth Garver	Julia Jones
				Louise Lord



own first weeks had been so full of attention and happiness that it was only by accident that she discovered that it was not so with all new comers. That far-famed "college spirit" had not the breadth which she had supposed. She had chanced upon some other girls sharing her own ideals and aspirations whom fate had made less fortunate. They had no upper classmen as friends, they were given none of the good times that had come to her. Could it be that all this kindness was shown to her with the object of gaining a return? Was it for this reason that girls with fewer resources were neglected,—almost abused?

Within the fraternity her disappointment was still keener, because the shock was very close to her. There was the change in the girls' attitude after pledge day,—over-attention giving place to indifferent friendliness. How her opinion of her little self had gone up in those first three weeks, but only destined to fall even more speedily. She had been terribly spoiled—she had to admit it—but it was a fearful change to give up the life of a princess for that of a little Freshman drudge. But this was nothing, as she had tried to prepare herself for it. Her heart was broken by the discovery that two of the strongest Seniors were on unfriendly terms, each with her little coterie of followers. And still they were saying, "Sisters in the Bond!" And then she had found signs of unsisterly selfishness that broke her heart,—one sister quite unwilling to do anything disagreeable for the sake of another. She would expect it under ordinary circumstances, but what right has such a thing to exist in a community which pretended to live up to certain lofty aims. Her disappointment was increased by the discovery that the older girls whom she had come to admire were not taking the important positions in college life in which her imagination had placed them. The proportion of non-fraternity girls in places of honor and hard work was greater because the "sisters" spent their energies upon their own little group and in it found sufficient returns to care little about seeking further work and pleasure.

She sighed and buried her face in her hands,—but with the sigh came a resolution and a prayer. "It need not be so. Help me, O Father, to live up to what is great and beautiful, to be the real sister in the bond and in the world."

SUSAN M. REED, Iota.

Living from Within Out

While every institution, organization, or society is accomplishing something of the good which is its purpose, unluckily there remains a great difference between possibilities and results. A very simple remedy is a little clearer thinking and a little more strenuous effort on the part of the individual.

It is generally conceded that organized effort can accomplish more than unorganized effort. Altho man is the unit, it is very evident that he is a social being and finds not only enjoyment, but benefit from association with his fellow-man. Humanity falls naturally into fraternity. As the units combine to make the millions; the millions divide to make the thousands; no unit opposes any other unit, still no unit loses its identity, so mankind lends itself to varied institutions, organizations, and societies. But the success of the institution depends upon its standard, and the ability of the individual to keep it high.

Greek letter societies are only one kind of organization. Every friend or foe to the system may rest assured that the primary purpose or standard of the fraternity is good. And if ever a fraternity is criticised justly, it is because some member or members have for the time being lost sight of the standard, have allowed outside influences to control them, and have brought down outside criticism upon their head. Therefore, it is very important that every chapter of Alpha Chi, and every individual member of every individual chapter keep constantly in mind the standard of the fraternity and live from within out. Good is at the center or heart of our organization, and good will be carried from that center if no unworthy motive is allowed to influence and draw us from the path.

In order that results of fraternity life be satisfactory and actual attainment approach nearer possibilities, individual effort must be put forth. Again, the girl is the unit and she must live from within out, in order to develop her own latent ability, and at the same time render greatest service to her fraternity. When the good has been successfully separated from the bad in a human character, that person can go forth into the world and find it good, because good traits

of character act like a magnet, ferreting out and drawing unto themselves good, even when it appears to be completely hidden from view. Like attracts like, and if each girl but realized that good is the master power and love the master-note of life, this clearer thinking would keep perfect harmony with the fraternity and carry unadulterated good from the fraternity into the world.

Humanity is man's greatest and most interesting study after all. And so may our fraternity act as a training school and lead into that greater and broader fraternity which "calls no man common or unclean."

"Ye daughters of music, come up higher."

MAYME G. CUTLER, Zeta.

Fraternity Exclusiveness

One very good definition of exclusiveness, and one which I think will fit in here, is this,—“possessed to the exclusion of all others.”

In our fraternity life, I am sure we do not intend to be exclusive to the point of the exclusion of others, and yet in all schools where fraternities exist, we find the student body divided into different cliques or clans, who, oftentimes, have very little or no time for those outside of their own little circle of friends.

It is true that if we do justice to our college work, do anything in any of the different college organizations, and give the needed amount of time to our fraternity, very little time is left to cultivate the acquaintance of the other girls, but what time we do have, ought we not to use it to the best advantage?

The one thing that is to be most deplored is the fact that we are so apt to divide up into little cliques, when we attend some social function given for the school as a whole.

What each girl wants most of all is friends. It is certainly worth while to any college girl to have it said of her that she is the most popular girl, or that she is the most beautiful girl, or that she is the

best student in school, but the greatest thing that can be said of any girl, is that she is a friend of *all* the girls.

Someone as said, "Blessed is the man who has the gift of making friends; for it is one of God's best gifts. It involves many things, but above all, the power of going out of one's self, and seeing, and appreciating whatever is noble and loving in another man."

We can scarcely afford to pass anyone by, for no matter how uncouth one may appear on the surface, there is always sure to be some good quality which we do not possess, and which we may profit by.

ETHEL BROWN, Nu.

Henry Purmort Eames

With the departure of Henry Purmort Eames for Paris, Xi loses its greatest friend and patron, the instructor of a number of its members, and a thorough believer in the value of fraternity life. Xi chapter feels deeply indebted to him for what he has done,—words can not express our appreciation of the many helps he has given us, particularly during the period when the fraternity in the University of Nebraska was subject to such close scrutiny.

Mr. Eames has been at the head of the pianoforte department of the University School of Music for the past ten years, and also a greater part of that time Lecturer in Theory. During these years, he has made a name for himself as the foremost musician in the West. He has played with marked success with every visiting orchestra, and has filled a number of arduous engagements with the Thomas Orchestra in the East.

His efforts toward the popularization of modern French music in the West have been successful, and with emulative enthusiasm other teachers have followed.

Mr. Eames will open a studio in Paris. With him, besides his wife and children, will go three of his old pupils, who will continue their studies with him abroad. Miss Emma Farrow will be one of the fortunate trio.

XI.



KAPPA

Meta Kieckhefer May Jenkins Alma Slater Frances Summers Lillian Zimmerman Anna Rueth Katherine Riley
 Grace Howe Marguerite Vaughan Marguerite Bauer Hazel Alford Margaret H'Doubler Arminda Mours Edna Severson
 Almira Theobald Josephine Heuer Edna Mours Sarah Morgan Sarah Sutherland Alice Alford

Examination Grades

The chapter grades made in the recent fraternity examination are given below and need little comment. Under the new system adopted this year, the committee anticipated lower grades than in previous years, and while results, as shown on paper, may look less favorable, we believe firmly in the new plan, and feel sure that in most cases the preparation was more thorough and the information gained more lasting.

One noticeable feature was that the chapters which last year made poorest grades, ranked among the first in this examination, while others whose standing in the past was high, have apparently "fallen by the wayside"; which would seem to prove two things,—the inspiration of failures, and the danger of over-confidence. Individual grades were sent to chapter secretaries, and the Council earnestly hopes that each girl will investigate and correct her special weaknesses.

At the next convention, the committee hopes to present to the chapters a plan for systematically graded examinations, with the possible exemption of all Seniors from the same. We also advise very strongly that the chapters make a large and more definite preparation for the examinations by the thorough study of fraternity topics in the regular weekly meetings.

Alpha, 93; Beta, 83; Gamma, 89; Delta, 82; Epsilon, 70; Zeta, 75; Theta, 83; Iota, 86; Kappa, 87; Lambda, 88; Mu, 89; Nu, 84; Xi, 94.

Announcements

The Directory is now ready for distribution, and we hope all Alpha Chis will order at once. Address Miss Mabel Siller, 716 Clark St., Evanston, Ill.

All copy for the November LYRE must reach the editor by October 1, *promptly*, as it is necessary to publish this issue before convention. Remember, that the editor is not a mind reader, and does not know of changes in chapter editors and secretaries unless notified.

A Report on Social Service Work

From September 1906, to September 1907

In February a letter accompanying a list of questions was sent to as many visiting delegates as had sorority representatives in the I. S. C. Besides these a few other letters were written to persons who were identified with colleges in such ways as to render a statement from them valuable.

The questions were these:

1. In places where Pan-Hellenics existed were compacts honored? If not, can you give definite reasons for neglect?
2. Where you found other organizations, as Leagues or Young Women's Christian Associations, were relations friendly?
3. Attitude toward non-fraternity students.
4. Did you find any general and earnest desire to correct certain evils of rushing—for instance, the large expense account?

The responses from representative institutions throughout the country tell their own story, and those which seem to cover common ground will be quoted.

1. Concerning the Pan-Hellenics—

Most colleges now have a Pan-Hellenic. In some places the idea is new; it has never been thought of as a means of solving difficulties, of inspiring better methods, and of opening larger opportunities to the Greek world. In other places a conception of the possibilities exist and some effort has been made to use it as a living force in the greater college life.

Where Pan-Hellenic compacts have been agreed upon and then dishonored, thereby defeating their purpose, in every case, without exception, the trouble has centered in a small selfishness that has justly brought criticism on the entire sorority body. In other words, individual chapters have adopted a watchword which reads, "What good will it do *us*." There has been no care for "the greatest good to the largest number" and apparently no realization that *principle* should stand before *individual preference*. A rather surprising note comes from a great University of the Pacific coast, saying, "Our chapters are expected to see that their members do their share in the college life, but also that they are to do it as college women and not as fraternity girls. In other words, the fraternity is a thing for them and not a means of running the college." This may account for the extremely deplorable spirit reported found in this institution.

On the other hand, where an earnest attempt has been made to follow a Pan-Hellenic agreement, some things have been accomplished that augur a new and better era for the sorority world. Among these may be noted:

- a. Snobbishness to a large extent dying out, as a consequence of a more intelligent understanding of each others' motives and standards.

b. An acknowledgment of certain evils. For instance, the large expense account connected with "rushing" and afterwards continued in order to keep up appearances regardless of good sense and good taste.

c. "A strong current setting in the direction of Alma Mater first, fraternity, if necessary, second."

2. Concerning Relations Towards Other Organizations—

The Women's Leagues and Young Women's Christian Associations are now generally recognized as factors of great influence among college women. "The sorority girl finds her social needs very adequately met in her own group and in the social attention which comes to her as one of her group—consequently she does not readily see the need of identifying herself with these larger movements. If she comes from a Christian home, where she has been sheltered all her life, she is not always conscious of what made the atmosphere of that home, so she transfers any personal obligation to the Y. W. C. A. to a sorority sister who may be elected to represent her in the Christian Association, and quits any conscience questions by occasionally helping in some "benefit" entertainment in which "all sorority girls" take part. Recognition by sororities of their own mistakes is the most promising sign of the times. In some colleges this awakening is being felt. "Noblesse oblige: noble birth inspires responsibility." We believe the sorority was born rightly and to recognize her own powers in the present responsibility.

To further the democratic spirit a certain New England school fosters an "All-Around Club." This club has three general committees, the chairmen of which are selected in the spring, when all officers of the club are chosen. The committees are: Student Government Committee, Social Committee, Athletic Committee.

The Student Government Committee co-operates with an advisory board consisting of five of the professors' wives, to make and enforce such rules as will benefit all the girls.

The Social Committee plans the social work for the entire year. A luncheon is given each year, in Boston, to which alumni as well as active students are invited. The entertainments consist of lectures, readings, class plays, the colonial dance.

The Athletic Committee endeavors to interest every college girl in athletics. It keeps in condition golf links and tennis courts.

This seems a suggestive program for our smaller colleges and there is a point or two that would certainly be helpful if practiced by our universities.

3. Concerning Attitude Towards Non-Fraternity Students—

There is a rapidly growing sentiment of kindness toward the independent.

4. Concerning Desire to Correct Evils of Rushing—

In reports from about eighty-five institutions there are a few Edens where the "simple life" obtains. From the great majority there is an earnest expression against over-elaborateness of entertainment, neglect of regular college work, and unwarranted expenditures.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

We would recommend—

1. That Pan-Hellenics adopt a simple, business-like constitution.
2. That Pan-Hellenics have meetings twice a month.
3. That Pan-Hellenics have a conference with Dean of Women and other faculty members at least once a semester.
4. That Pan-Hellenics have an "annual" to which all women of the college are invited.
5. That heads of chapter houses confer twice a month with Deans of Women or faculty members concerning the management of houses, and at all times keep in close touch with alumnae.
6. That sororities take some pains to inform alumnae that ten years have wrought great changes in conditions with the growth of chapter houses and the multiplication of sororities.

In concluding this report, we believe, with the Adviser of Women in the University of Wisconsin, that when the great group of cultivated women comprising the sorority alumnae are informed of the situation, they will be aroused to the opportunities of the relation.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY L. TENNANT,
Chairman of Committee.

It will be seen that the great aim of all the plans and suggestions of the Inter-Sorority Conference is to abolish some conditions, acknowledged by all fraternities to be harmful, but irremediable by any one society.

Pan-Hellenic difficulties have decreased in number and in seriousness, and fraternities have come to trust each other more fully, since the object and sphere of the Pan-Hellenic Association has been better understood. But difficulties will arise. In many past troubles, it has been shown that alumnae of the chapters in question have been largely responsible for the position taken by those chapters. Consequently it seems wise to inform alumnae in regard to the purpose of the Inter-Sorority Conference in requiring a Pan-Hellenic Association; it is believed that when this is understood, the alumnae of all women's fraternities will gladly do all in their power to uphold the

Pan-Hellenic Associations, as they realize that no chapter of any fraternity is to be injured by them, and that the recommendations of the Inter-Sorority Conference, rightly interpreted, can be made to fit any circumstances.

Signed, ELDA L. SMITH.

MRS. M. L. TENNANT.

Committee from I. S. C.

A Report on the Present Condition of Pan-Hellenics in the United States

The sixth Inter-Sorority Conference, which met in Chicago September 13, 1907, directed a committee of one to collect statistics from all the Pan-Hellenics which could be reached, and to form from them a general report on Pan-Hellenics. This report was to consider: (1) the similarities and differences in Pan-Hellenic constitutions; (2) the difficulties met by these associations; and (3) the ways of solving those difficulties. Reports have been received from fifty Pan-Hellenics, and the facts gathered have been grouped under the headings given below:

I. THE LARGEST PAN-HELLENICS.

Syracuse University	.....11.....	Matriculation day
Northwestern University	.....10.....	September 16
Wisconsin University	.....10.....	September 26
California University	.....9.....	October 28
Nebraska University	.....9.....	October 21
Barnard College	.....8.....	November 23
Illinois University	.....8.....	April 11
Michigan University	.....8.....	Matriculation day, and Spring
Minnesota University	.....8.....	October 5
Baltimore College	.....6.....	April, 1909
Boston University	.....6.....	November 23
De Pauw University	.....6.....	September 13
Leland Stanford University	.....6.....	Matriculation day
Colorado University	.....5.....	October 11
Washington State University	.....5.....	Matriculation day

II. DATE OF PLEDGE DAY.

- 7 Colleges pledge in September.
- 15 Colleges pledge in October.
- 9 Colleges pledge in November.
- 3 Colleges pledge in December.
- 1 College pledges in January.
- 1 College pledges in March.
- 2 Colleges pledge in April.

I College pledges at the beginning of the Sophomore Year.

II Colleges pledge on Matriculation Day.

The Colleges pledging in December are the University of Pennsylvania, Swarthmore College, and Adelphia College. Ohio State University pledges in January, Newcombe College in March, and the University of Minnesota and Barnard College pledge in April. Barnard, however, by faculty ruling, does not pledge till April, 1909. The University of Mississippi, by faculty ruling, does not pledge till the Sophomore year.

III. LOCALS.

Thirty-five out of the fifty Colleges reporting have no locals in their Pan-Hellenics; the other fifteen each have one, and all but two report that the locals are just as willing as the nationals to abide by Pan-Hellenic rulings. At Adelphi College and at the University of Michigan the local has made trouble by pledging before Matriculation Day, or before the pledge day established by Pan-Hellenic.

V. BY-LAWS AND RUSHING CONTRACTS.

As might be expected, the by-laws and rushing contracts of the Pan-Hellenics present many points of difference. Some of them, like Leland Stanford and Cornell, are elaborate, and attempt to meet every emergency likely to arise during the rushing season. Others, like those of Wisconsin and Ohio State University, strive for the utmost simplicity and conciseness compatible with clearness. On certain points the great majority agree; the points in which they differ may be suggestive to Pan-Hellenics which have not thought of these plans.

Most Pan-Hellenics begin their rushing on Matriculation Day, but Denver, Illinois, Leland Stanford, and West Virginia, prefer to let a short period elapse before beginning, so that the necessary work of registration and arrangement of programs may be out of the way first. Fourteen colleges avoid all fraternity talk until the invitations are out; then, if a girl who has been bidden wishes to know something more about Sororities, she is requested to ask the Sorority she prefers for information, and this Sorority sends one of its members to answer her questions. During the rushing season all entertaining is decided on and limited by Pan-Hellenic. Indiana prescribes the cost of the most formal party given, and Pennsylvania states that the rushing must be "simple and inexpensive." No other Universities try to regulate cost, but they all regulate the number of parties, and often the kind of parties that may be given. Cornell forbids "functions" (formal affairs) entirely. Several Colleges limit the rushing affairs to which men may be invited, or prohibit these entirely. Adelphi, Kansas, and Ohio State University Pan-Hellenics

entertain at the beginning of the year; Adelphi specifies that this affair is for the Freshmen girls, but the others do not state clearly whom they invite.

The customs about bidding are very nearly the same everywhere. Pan-Hellenic decides on a form of invitation, and this is written, printed, or engraved at the cost of each Sorority. The bids are sent out on the same day by a committee; the bid states the time and place for the answer, and frequently adds a request that all bids not accepted be returned as a negative answer, which shall be considered final. The time allowed for returning an answer varies from a few hours to two weeks. Generally the answer is to be written and mailed; several Colleges state that they have tried personal answers and have found them very unsatisfactory. Six Colleges forbid all rushing, or talk about Sororities during the interval between invitation and answer. Two Colleges use pledge pins instead of ribbons. I think this custom is more widespread than the reports would indicate.

So far most Pan-Hellenics follow the same customs, but there are several points which are emphasized by very few of them. Four expressly forbid saying anything against another Sorority or any of its members. Several state that alumnae, friends, and pledges are bound by the rules made by Pan-Hellenic. California, Illinois, Illinois Wesleyan, and Minnesota allow sisters to be pledged any time after matriculation. Illinois allows cousins to be pledged by permission of Pan-Hellenic, and Illinois Wesleyan allows girls who have been in college a year to be pledged any time after matriculation in their later years. Baltimore and Minnesota insist that a girl must take a certain number of hours of work to be eligible for a bid. Iowa Wesleyan and Wisconsin send five copies of their Pan-Hellenic constitutions and rushing contracts to their Grand President each year.

VI. DIFFICULTIES AND SOLUTIONS.

Fifteen Universities report that they have had no difficulty in organizing or running their Pan-Hellenics; they feel that Pan-Hellenics are necessary, and that they have already considerably increased inter-sorority friendliness. Two Universities, on the other hand, say they do not like Pan-Hellenics, and consider them injurious to inter-sorority relations. These are the University of California, and Washington University, St. Louis; the latter Pan-Hellenic was organized this year. The remaining Colleges, while they confess to difficulties, are bravely working to solve them, and in many cases are succeeding.

The difficulty mentioned by the greatest number of Pan-Hellenics, fourteen, is the breaking of contracts; it is exceedingly hard to prove the offense and to punish it. In most Colleges the proofs are laid before Pan-Hellenic, which acts as judge. In one or two Colleges the alumnae members of Pan-Hellenic form a court to deal with infractions of contract. Curiously enough, however, very few constitutions provide any punishment for the breaking of

contracts when proved. The following punishments have been adopted by some Colleges :

Baltimore has three grades of punishment for different degrees of guilt, but all consist of the withdrawal of rushing dates, or the entire suspension of rushing for a number of days. Cornell demands an apology in Pan-Hellenic meeting. DePauw publishes a statement of the offense in the College paper. Northwestern publishes an apology in the College paper. Ohio State University inflicts a fine of not more than \$10, or reports the offending Sorority to its Grand President. Swarthmore also reports to the Grand President. Several Colleges provide for the report of offenses to the Inter-Sorority Conference. When the case is taken to a Grand President, or to the Inter-Sorority Conference, the power in question is expected to decide on and inflict the penalty. Cornell tries to prevent the breaking of contracts by having weekly meetings of Pan-Hellenic during rushing season.

The difficulty which comes next in importance (reported by ten Pan-Hellenics) is that of fixing pledge day. The solution for this is frankness and courtesy in the discussion in Pan-Hellenic meeting, and a willingness to compromise when the wish of the majority becomes clear.

Distrust of each other is the difficulty next in order. This is mentioned by but five Pan-Hellenics, but I suppose distrust must be present in the case of broken contracts, and may often lie at the bottom of accusations of such breaking. Several Pan-Hellenics, however, speak of the growing feeling of confidence between Sororities. The only cure suggested for distrust is time.

The other difficulties are mentioned by but few Pan-Hellenics, but it may be that they have been felt more widely than the reports would show. For instance, only one Pan-Hellenic complains of tardiness and poor attendance at Pan-Hellenic meetings. The remedy suggested for this is fines—fifty cents for absence, and a smaller sum for tardiness. Several complain of indifference; no remedy is suggested for this. One Pan-Hellenic cannot interest its alumnae in Pan-Hellenic; another cannot keep them from breaking Pan-Hellenic rules by violent rushing. Several Pan-Hellenics cannot define rushing clearly enough to prevent misunderstanding; one has trouble because Sororities pair off and oppose each other. In one College one Sorority refused to join Pan-Hellenic, and caused considerable trouble, while at another College a Sorority insisted on withdrawing and doing as it pleased when things did not go to suit it. Both these last cases were reported to the Grand Presidents and settled by them.

After all, this is not so long a list of grievances as might have been expected, and most of them are capable of cure. Considering the fact that Pan-Hellenics have been running but a few years, and that Greeks always have shown a strong dislike to union, the prospect for the future is certainly encouraging.

SUMMARY OF THE MOST IMPORTANT POINTS SUGGESTED
BY THE REPORTS.

Thirty-nine Colleges out of fifty have an interval between matriculation day and pledge day; twenty-four Colleges out of fifty bid in October and November.

Every Pan-Hellenic should have a constitution.

Every constitution should provide (1) for regular meeting (perhaps as often as once in two months); (2) for some definite way of calling both regular and special meetings; (3) for some definite punishments for breaking contracts.

It would be well to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of requiring a unanimous vote in Pan-Hellenic. The Inter-Sorority Conference requires a unanimous vote, but Pan-Hellenics are, of course, free to decide this matter for themselves.

Each Pan-Hellenic should consist of one active and one alumna member from each Sorority represented. The Inter-Sorority Conference agreement requires this.

It is both wise and practicable to limit the amount of money spent in rushing, and the number of rushing affairs given.

Some Pan-Hellenics have begun to entertain the Freshmen, or all the women of the College, as a good way of opening the social life of the year.

All Pan-Hellenics might well express disapproval of talking against a rival Sorority or its members.

All charges of breaking contracts, or the spirit of contracts, should be reported to Pan-Hellenics, when they should be investigated; if the charges are substantiated, the guilty ones should be punished as provided for in the constitution.

Pledge day should be fixed in time for the constitution and by-laws to be printed not later than May 1.

The constitution and by-laws should be sent each year to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities represented in the Pan-Hellenic.

In making out this report I have often named the Pan-Hellenics who are trying some unusual experiment, or who have been successful in meeting difficulties. I hope that other Pan-Hellenics who would like more information on some of these points will write to the proper Pan-Hellenic for it, and I am sure they will receive prompt and cordial answers to their inquiries.

I wish to thank most cordially the Grand Secretaries of Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Xi Delta, Delta Delta Delta, and Delta Gamma, whose work has made this report possible.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON,

Gamma Phi Beta.



EDITORIALS



A SHORT time ago the editor listened to an interesting conversation between two fraternity men, one a member of $\Delta K E$, the other of $\Delta T \Delta$. Both had recently received letters from their mother-chapters, asking for aid towards the chapter house. These requests had come many times before and been met with hearty response, but in the meantime one of the men had occasion to write his chapter for some information. He wrote four times,—and received no reply. The other had come to the conclusion that inasmuch as he received no letters from the chapter except those written for money, he would cease to “help out.” Such a condition is deplorable, the more so as we know the condition is not confined to any one or two fraternities, and is totally inexcusable. There is not a Greek who has not a deep affection and interest for his or her chapter. If that love and interest terminate with college life, something is radically wrong somewhere. In this case the wrong developed from the active chapter. Excuses will no doubt be ready, but after all is said concerning a busy college life, the non-personal acquaintance, et cetera, the fact remains that active and alumnae are members of the same fraternity, having worked in the same field, labored and loved under the same standard. Alumnae should no more be ignored than the members who sit together in chapter meeting. Distance does not lessen membership. Alumnae letters should be as courteously received and promptly answered as personal words. A system of keeping in touch with all members should be thoughtfully and conscientiously carried out. The importance of it, the kindness of it, the necessity of it can not be overestimated. But the alumna, the girl of 1908, who is to join that larger body, what of her? Should she passively await the action of the active girls? Should such be the case, she stands as much in need of censure as the delinquent chapter. She has it in her power to be either a combination of alphabeti-

cal letters in her chapter or a living personality. There must be co-operative remembrance. Fraternity is not something confined to the chapter house, terminated with college life. It is a sacred trust which is entered into with the best that is in one, and as the years come and go, should only increase in our affections as we come into a broader conception of what fraternity truly is.

Remember that out of college life as much can be accomplished for the fraternity as in the midst of undeveloped conditions, and that everything worth while depends upon cultivation. The fraternity, like anything else, will deteriorate unless each individual member shoulders her responsibility and cultivates the fraternity. If there have been disappointments, it must be remembered that no matter what the institution, church, government, or fraternity, as long as it is human, there will always exist a wide divergence between ideal and practice, that the trouble is the human factor, not the system, although no system is without ample opportunity for improvement. In a word, we must all, active and alumnae, co-operate, and remember that improvement, human or otherwise, can only come from such joint effort, continuous and unremitting, on the part of every girl who has pledged herself to the high ideals of A X Ω.

SUMMER with its many distractions has arrived, and, before another issue, will have passed. The thought startles us, and brings us to a realization that our vacation can not be a play time merely; we must be forming plans, discovering possibilities, allowing no moss to retard our progress. The "we" is applicable to us all. The chapter of next year will not be the greatest possible success unless those returning in the fall, keep the thought of it fresh in their hearts, make plans for it, diligently endeavor to persuade doubtful ones to return, thoroughly investigate possible candidates, discuss problems with each other, and attempt their solution, thus having the chapter in splendid condition to start the new year. All of which brings us to the thought near to the heart of every Alpha Chi,—Convention! What one of us would not willingly sacrifice some little summer excursion, if need be, to have the experience, at least once in our lifetime, of attending such an inspiring gathering

of Alpha Chi? It seems almost a sacrilege to urge any sister to come, it reminds us of what Charles Dudley Warner said, only substituting Convention for Fraternity,

"Defend my convention! I would as soon think of defending the sunlight, and I can not get myself into the proper mood for either."

May the good-byes and best wishes for a delightful summer be mingled with the determination "to meet again" at Champaign.

Women's Leagues

Owing to the opportunity Women's Leagues offer for creating a spirit of democracy among fraternity women, and for the betterment of many conditions, which any one fraternity or group of fraternities could hardly hope to attain, the editor investigated the movement as far as the limited available material would allow. Women's Leagues are as yet too young to have a history, but in every instance, save two, they have proved very successful and have filled a long-felt need. As Dean Comstock, of the University of Minnesota, writes,

"One League grew up in response to local needs. It went through several metamorphoses before it took its present shape, and in every instance has been guided by necessity and not by precedent. We were all surprised, I think, when we discovered that similar organizations existed in other colleges."

Strong organization characterizes each League, although the minor methods of government are not the same in any two, as we shall illustrate presently. Reports from thirty-three institutions in which three or more women's fraternities are represented, show that Women's Leagues exist in the following:

- University of Michigan—League organized in 1890.
- Lawrence—League organized in 1891.
- Leland Stanford—League organized years ago; revived in 1906.
- University of California—League organized in 1894.
- University of Indiana—League organized in 1895.
- University of Minnesota—League organized in 1901.
- University of Illinois—League organized in 1905.
- University of Colorado—League organized in 1895.
- Northwestern University—League organized in 1905.
- Washington State University—League organized in 1906.
- University of West Virginia—League organized in 1906.
- Butler College—League organized in 1907.

As will be seen, the Michigan League was the first to organize. It consisted of an executive board, made up of a representative from each fraternity, with an equal number of independents, and an advisory board, having for permanent members the Dean of Women, the wife of the President, the physical director and faculty wives. The membership is usually 600, and the annual dues 25c. The social work is in charge of groups of ten from the upper class women. The League's committees do a great deal of work at the opening of college, in helping the Dean look after new girls. This League has furnished the parlors, dining room, and kitchen of the Woman's Building, and has lately assumed an indebtedness of \$5,000 for an athletic field for women.

The Minnesota Woman's League has a council of four officers and ten other members, one Freshman, two Sophomores, three Juniors and four Seniors. The dues are 50c. Five or six large parties are given every year. This League secured a Woman's Building, and is now devoting its efforts towards securing a dormitory and a woman's gymnasium. For this purpose, plays and fairs are given, and the legislature and clubs interviewed.

A League at Berkley goes under the name, "Associated Women Students," and differs from the former type of league in the following ways: The president and vice-president are chosen from the Junior class, the treasurer from the Sophomore class, and the secretary from the Freshman class. The active membership is limited to those who pay the annual dues of \$1.00. The association exercises supervision over all the organizations in the university, passes on dates for all events given by any body in the name of the university, and has charge of all rooms in university buildings. It entertains three or four times a year.

The Women's League at Butler was last year organized under the name of "The Lotus Club." The executive board is composed of two members from each of the three upper classes. This League is so far purely social.

Cornell University and the Woman's College of Baltimore have Self-Government Associations of Women, the objects of which are practically the same as any Women's League.

The Women's League of Lawrence, Kan., among the first to be organized, was patterned after the Michigan League, but was superseded by the Association of Ladies of the Faculty, but retains many characteristics of the former League. The remaining Leagues are similar to the Michigan and Minnesota organizations. The only instance, within our knowledge, where a Women's League once formed has entirely disbanded, is at the George Washington University, where no dormitory system prevails, and where it is also difficult to maintain the Y. W. C. A.

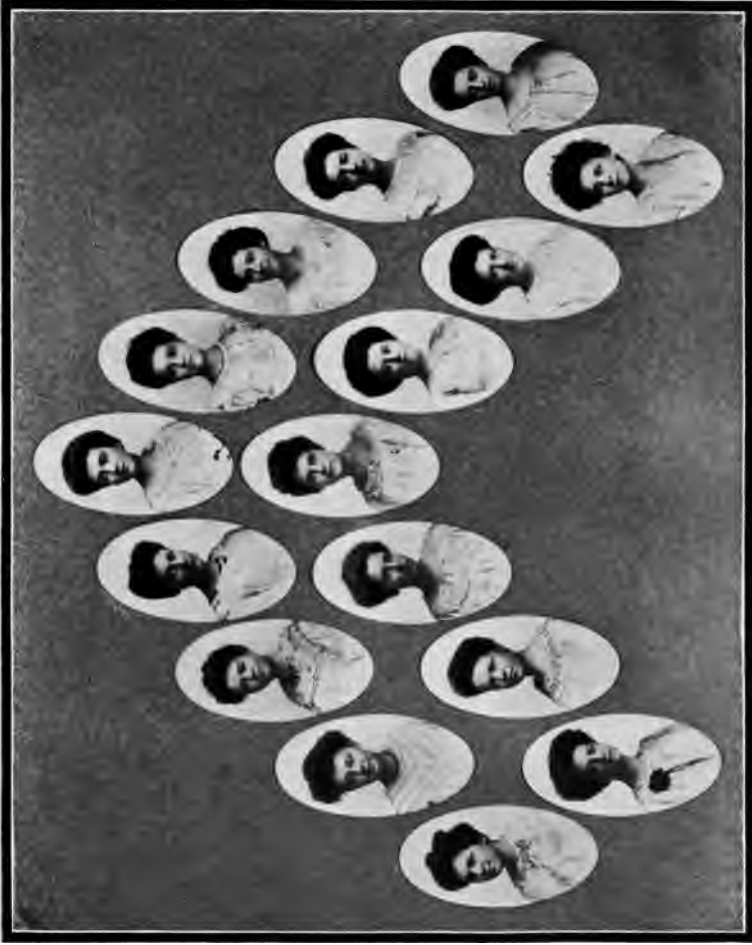
In many colleges, the latter is so efficient that it seems to be quite adequate, and in others, the student organizations are so strong that the need of a Women's League has not yet been felt, but we believe these are only forerunners of larger organizations, similar to Women's Leagues, which, with their membership of *all* college women and their well-organized co-operation, will accomplish great things in the college life of our girls and women.

The "Easy Chair"

There's a seat somewhere, so the rumor runs,
 Called the editor's easy chair,
 Where he sits all day in luxurious ease,
 With never a thought of care.

He never has to write five times
 For copy that's over-due,
 And chapter letters and stories come,
 On the mail they're expected, too.

Ah! whisper the LYRE, ye dreamers of dreams,
 The way to that wonderful place.
 For ye editor surely would swoon with delight
 Should she meet it face to face.



GAMMA

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| Alice Watson | Myrtle Jensen |
| Hedwig Brenneman | Blanche Simpson |
| Winnifred Webster | Ethel Forde |
| Helen Hardle | Mae Smith |
| Grace Fisher | Carrie Patton |
| Vita Brothars | Alice Newstead |
| | Besse Rundall |
| | Ruth Binge |



CHAPTER LETTERS



Chapter letters for each issue will be due not later than the first of the month preceding the date of issue. At the beginning of each letter state the active membership, including all initiates since previous issue, with full names and home addresses; *also any changes of associate editors or corresponding secretaries.*

Personals and alumnae news to be written on a separate sheet. Typewrite copy if possible.

BETA

Albion College, Albion, Mich.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Gertrude Babcock, '08	Jane Pattison, '10
Bessie Shanley, '08	Jean McDonald, '10
Cleora Miller, '08	Edna Newcomer, '11
Daisie Newcomer, '08	Cecil Smith, '11
Sue Greacen, '08	Margaret Smith, '11
Florence Fall, '09	Edith Ketcham, '11
Lucretia Drown, '09	Vera Patterson, '11
Olah Hill, '10	Dana Randall, '11
Adeline Bellamy, '10	Lucile Singleton, Pledged
Lucile Johnson, '10	Gladys Griffin, '11
Ella Sherk, '10	

Total membership, 118; number of year's initiates, 7. Honors conferred by faculty, Cleora Miller, assistant librarian; Florence Fall, assistant in English department; Sue Greacen, president St. Cecilia Club, president Senior Conservatory class, accompanist in Conservatory, member Philharmonic. Honors conferred by students, Cleora Miller, historian of the Senior class, member Student Tenth, oratorical committee, Philharmonic; Gertrude Babcock, secretary of Philharmonic, vice-president athletic association, captain tennis club; Bessie Shanley, vice-president Senior Conservatory class, secretary St. Cecilia, member of Philharmonic; Florence Fall, member Contributors' Club, intercollegiate chairman, captain basketball team, social director of Philharmonic, St. Cecilia; Adelaide Bellamy, social chairman of Y. W. C. A., Philharmonic; Olah Hill, president of Sophomore class, art editor Sophomore Pleiad; Edna Newcomer, treasurer Freshman class, Philharmonic;

Margaret Smith, assistant editor Freshman Pleiad, Philharmonic. Sororities represented, K A Θ, Δ Γ, Α Χ Ω.

June is at once the happiest and the saddest month of the year to the college girl. To those who will return next year, June means that vacation and home are at hand; but to the girl who is leaving school for good, June means the severing of some of the dearest ties formed during life. And of these ties the dearest of all is that which binds us closely in our beloved fraternity.

When the Seniors go out each year, a distinct loss is felt by each girl who is left in the chapter. It seems that there are none left who can take their places; but at the beginning of each year the under classmen step forward to carry on the work of the chapter. This year we lose five of our strongest girls, and we shall feel their loss deeply.

Three of our Seniors are Conservatory girls—sisters Bessie Shanley, Daisy Newcomer, and Sue Greacen. Their Senior recitals have been among the best given this year. Sue Greacen is the president of the St. Cecilia Club, an organization composed of the best women's voices in the schools. Cleora Miller is the class historian of the graduating class of the literary department. Gertrude Babcock, the other literary Senior, is the first member of the ladies' tennis team, and is confidently expected to take the gold medal at the Inter-collegiate Field Meet. We are especially proud of our tennis team this year, as the other member is also an Alpha Chi—sister Edith Ketcham, '11.

Albion College is shining along athletic lines this year. Out of a schedule of sixteen games we have lost only three—and those mostly thru ill-luck. We are expecting to carry off the state championship this year.

On Friday, May 29, we gave our annual formal party to our men friends. However, our formal turned into a decidedly informal affair. We went by special car to Michigan Center, a small resort the other side of Jackson, for a frogs-ig and fried chicken supper. After supper the time was spent in boating, strolling, and music. Judging from the hilarity on the way home, our informal formal was a huge success. If any of our sister chapters are as tired of formal banquets as we of Beta are, try a picnic instead, and see if you don't like it better.

We have initiated two more of our pledglings this term, Vera Patterson and Dana Randall, and we expect to initiate Lucile Singleton, our remaining pledge, before the end of the term. All three of these girls will be back next year.

Picnics are the rule rather than the exception here now. Beefsteak frazzles seem to be the most popular, and even the epicure Alpha Chis declare they never tasted anything better than beefsteak broild out of doors over the coals of a wood fire.

Commencement will take up a whole week this year, beginning June 19. On the 19th and 20th will be held the Music Festival, consisting of three concerts, one of which will be the Messiah. More of the under-graduates will stay over this year than usual.

Our alumnae reunion will be held on June 19 this year, and will take the form of a luncheon. We are hoping to have as large an attendance this year as last.

We expect to start in next year with at least ten or twelve active girls. Beta extends heartiest good wishes to all her sister chapters.

GAMMA

Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Hedwig Brenneman, '08	Winifred Webster, '11
Mae Smith, '08	Mary Mourie, '11
Florence Kelley, '08	Blanche Simpson, '11
Carrie Patton, '09	Ruth Berge, '11
Myrtle Jensen, '10	Etta Brothers, '11
Helen Hardie, '10	Jennie Fidler (Pledged)
Grace Fisher, '11	Bessie Rundall (Special)
Alice Watson, '11	

Total membership, 129; number of year's initiates, 9. Honors conferred by faculty, Hedwig Brenneman will be a member of the faculty next year. Honors conferred by students, Grace Fisher, president of Freshman class; Alice Watson, secretary of Freshman class; Jennie Fidler, treasurer of Freshman class; Myrtle Jensen, member of Syllabus Board. Number of faculty, 325; enrollment, 4,000 to 5,000. Sororities represented, K K Γ, K A Θ, Δ Γ, Δ Φ, Α X Ω, Γ Φ B, Δ Δ Δ, Π B Φ, X Ω, K Δ, Z Φ H, Σ A I.

This has been a busy semester in "our little city by the lake," and it hardly seems possible that the campus is in all its summer glory, and that we are so soon to leave. Three of our girls are to graduate, Mae Smith and Hedwig Brenneman from the Music School, and Florence Kelly from Oratory, but we try to reconcile ourselves to the fact by our admiration of their caps and gowns, which appeared for the first time at the chapel service on Senior Day. After the Seniors had filed in, the Juniors followed, the girls wearing mammoth "Merry Widow" hats of purple crêpe paper, the men with startling ties of the same shade, then the Sophomore men and women, radiant in scarlet and yellow, shades which they aesthetically term "maroon and gold." Next week, we celebrate the Seniors' final appearance at chapel, when the lower classment cover the sombre gowns with violets (Northwestern's flower, you know), and then rush for the Seniors' seats, as the latter slowly march out.

During March, we gave an informal at the Glencoe Woman's Club, and May 1, our formal at the Ravinia Casino. For the second event, several of our alumnae returned, and a few of the Iota girls came up.

Our dance was the second on the list of sorority formals, and the others have followed in rapid succession. Zeta Phi Eta, the oratory sorority which has recently become national, entertained last week in honor of that event, and the local chapter of X Ω gave a reception for their visiting delegate. Alpha Alpha delightfully entertained our chapter at a musicale the 11th of April, at the home of Mrs. Osborne in Chicago.

Yet this spring term has not been merely a social whirl. There have been long hours of practice and study, and they have not been without results. Hedwig Brenneman gave her senior recital the 13th of April, Mae Smith hers on the 16th of May, and the A Capella choir gave its home concert last Friday evening, and lo! our Freshmen have not been idle. Alice Watson is to sing at the First Congregational church of Winnipeg during the summer, and Winifred Webster played a leading part in "A Surprise Party," a farce recently given at the Oratory School. A new name has been added to our list

of Freshmen, the Freshmen who are soon to be Sophomores. Let us introduce Jennie Fidler, a charming Toronto girl, who is studying in the Music School, and a niece of the Dean.

At present we are all looking forward, past the feverish examination period, to Commencement. The first Commencement in which all departments of the University will unite. The festivities are to begin with Jubilee Night, where among other out-of-door amusements, baby pictures of the best-known professors are to be thrown upon a screen; then follows the Inter-scholastic with a barbecue upon the lake shore (how those classic shades will stand amazed!), Baccalaureate Sunday, Class Day, Alumni Day, and finally University Day, whose gaieties will end with a torch-light procession on the lantern-hung campus. We are also greatly anticipating the Alpha Chi banquet to be held in Chicago on June 5, and we wish that all of the girls were able to go as easily as the Gamma chapter.

DELTA

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Vera Bash, '08	Mabel McLean, '10
Olga Henry, '08	Cecilia Shires, '10
Clara Weeling, '09	Marjorie Fowler, '11
Anna Tarr, '09	Elizabeth Garver, '11
Mary Greene, '09	Blanche Garver, (Art)
Louise Chase, '10	Lucy Loane, '11
Edith Burchard, '10	Louise Lord, (Art)
Julia Jones, '10	Alice McDowell, (Art)
Caroline Parsons, '10	

Total membership, 131; number of year's initiates, 5. Honors conferred by the students: Olga Henry, vice-president of executive committee of Student Government Association; Vera Bash, secretary College Council; Mary Greene, Kaldron Board; Clara Wheeling, Quill Club. Number of faculty, 18; enrollment, 289. Sororities represented: K K T, K A Θ, A X Ω, Θ Σ.

The spring term, this year, has been an especially happy and successful one for Delta, and, altho we are already anticipating the joy of commencement and the home going, it is with a feeling of regret and sadness that we think of the time so rapidly drawing near, when we must separate.

The dedication of Cochran Hall, the new \$60,000 men's commons, which was the gift of Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran, of Dawson, occurred on April 16. The prominent orator of the day was Senator P. Dollivar of Iowa, who closed a brilliant speech on the high standard of American integrity, with a fitting tribute to Allegheny and her place in the world. Rev. J. D. Breston, pastor of the Methodist church in Dawson, next presented Cochran Hall to Allegheny College in a brief but appropriate address, after which, the donor herself opened the building amid the cheers of the Alleghenians assembled for the occasion. Later, in the evening of the same day, a public reception was held in the new commons.

On the evening of April 24, Allegheny College won a double victory in the debating world. Just how thoroughly the question up for debate was mastered is evidenced by the fact that at the same time the home team was win-

ning the affirmative side of the question with Dennison University, the Allegheny men at Washington and Jefferson were taking the negative point of view just as successfully.

Since our last letter to the LYRE, our active chapter has been strengthened by the addition of two new members of whom we are justly proud, Lucy Loane of Oil City, and Julia Jones of Kane. Initiation was held the evening of April 25, and several of our town alumnae were present.

Another interesting event, especially to the music world of Meadville, was the concert given by Ellen Beach Yaw, Saturday evening, May 2. The Alpha Chis attended in a body and presented Miss Yaw with an arm bouquet of scarlet carnations, which she carried on her return to the stage for the last number. Madame Yaw's singing in itself was exquisite, but accompanied by her pleasing personality, charmed her audience, and at the close of the concert, when the Alpha Chis gathered to meet her, her sweet, unassuming manner, as well as her enthusiastic interest in her fraternity, won our hearts completely.

The annual Pan-Hellenic banquet of the three national fraternities, K A Θ, K K Γ, and A X Ω, was held at Saegertown Inn, Saturday, May 23, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who were in attendance. The afternoon was spent in boating and dancing, until the time of the banquet, which was served at seven o'clock. The tables were tastefully decorated with lilacs, while the Pan-Hellenic flowers, red and white carnations, were placed at each plate. The various courses were interspersed with the songs and yells of the different fraternities, and after the repast a number of excellent toasts were given. Lucy Loane and Clara Wheeling responded for A X Ω.

Perhaps it would be of interest to note that Delta has moved and is now located in Hulings Hall. This change has been considered a wise one, since all the other college fraternities have rooms in the hall. Although as yet we are not entirely settled, owing to the fact that some of the work must be done in the summer vacation, still we greatly enjoy our new location, and expect to be "at home" in reality on our return next fall.

The active chapter of A X Ω was delightfully entertained at the pleasant country home of Miss Louise Lord one evening last week.

To all Alpha Chis, Delta sends her best wishes for a joyous and prosperous vacation.

EPSILON

University of Southern California, Los Angeles.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Faye Buck, '08	Olive Berryman, '11
Pansy Newlin, '09	Rowena Hall
Luella Reeves, '09	Ethel Huntoon,
Phebe Joslin, '10	Marie Jackson
Maude Anderson, '11	Jessie Meyers, '11
Katherine Asher, '11	Anne Shepard, '11
Edith Meyers (Pledged)	Julia O'Brien (Pledged)

Total membership, 48; number of year's initiates, 4.

Since the last number of the LYRE was received, we realize more than ever our need of a chapter house. The invitation to a house warming at "Entre

Nous Lodge" was a pleasant surprise to everyone at U. S. C. the first of the semester, and it is rumored that two other sororities are making plans for houses. Of course, this increases our already strong desire to have a house, and we are making every effort to make that possible next year.

We are duly proud of our new members. Maude Anderson was pledged a year ago when a Senior in the academy, and is now a Freshman in the college of liberal arts. Rowena Hall is a talented college of music girl. Several affairs were given in their honor, one of the most delightful of which was an evening party for Alpha Chis and friends, given by one of our patronesses, Mrs. Harvey Holmes.

During Spring vacation we had a house party at Sierra Madre, a beautiful little foothill town seventeen miles from Los Angeles. As is usually the case on such occasions, the time passed all too quickly. One never-to-be-forgotten day was spent in climbing to the top of Mt. Wilson. The trail is eight miles long, and the trip is seldom made on foot in a day, but in that bracing morning air we spurned the aid of burros. Our enthusiasm showed signs of fatigue at the half-way house, and grew faint as the altitude became higher, but was revived, when at last we reached the summit, with snow balls. We returned to the cottage that night foot-sore but happy at having experienced the novelty of being in real, beautiful snow in California.

Carrie Trowbridge entertained with a house party from a Monday afternoon until Tuesday morning, when we had to resume our studies. Several alumnae and our loyal patronesses were there, as well as the active members. After a dinner served in cafeteria style, some of us made Alpha Chi pennants, while others provided a musical program, the combination affording a most profitable and enjoyable evening.

An open evening was held at the home of Anne Shepard, and the "Epsilon House" was discussed. Plans were made for sending a delegate to the convention.

One evening we went in a body to call upon the "Entre Nous" in their new home, and left an Alpha Chi pillow.

Alpha Chis received informally the members of sororities, women and wives of faculty at the home of Jessie Meyers, in honor of Miss Davidson, who is state students' secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and a K K Γ from Stanford. Members of each sorority contributed to an impromptu program.

Two of our girls, Anne Shepard and Katherine Asher, are members of the U. S. C. basketball team, and have helped to win many victories for their college. The team has just returned from the north, where it has won two games played with the Madera team. Several functions have been given for the girls since their return.

Mr. Cook, president of the student body of U. S. C., recently won in an intercollegiate oratorical contest, and received a Yale scholarship. This was the tenth victory for U. S. C. out of seventeen contests.

Elaborate preparations are being made for the Senior prom. Katherine Asher and Anne Shepard have charge of the college music decoration.

An event of absorbing interest was the coming of the Atlantic fleet to the coast of Southern California. Everyone who saw the sixteen battleships in parade must have been filled with patriotism. It was a most inspiring sight. The sailors are going to present a fountain and loving cup to Los Angeles in appreciation of the entertainment received here.

ZETA

New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Edith Bly (Post Graduate)	Lillian Goulston
Annie M. Cook (Post Grad.)	Edith Johnson
Hazel Fogg	Florence Larrabee
Edna Whitehouse	Barbara Georgeson
Mayme Cutler	Louise Daniel (Post Graduate)
Nell Cutler	Sallie Lee Masterson
Olive Cutler	Elizabeth Schoetzel
Jean Knappenberger	Mabel Davis
Brenda Newton	Lucy Peery
Evangeline Bridge	Merle Reynolds
Josephine Durrell	Louise Stone
Carrie Aiton	May Hall
Jessie Swartz	Ethel Waters
Nellie Brushingham	Ruth Tucker
Jean Baker	Gladys Olmstead

Total membership, 140; number of year's initiates, 13. Honors conferred by faculty: Scholarship awarded to Florence Larrabee, Carrie Aiton, Josephine Durrell, May Hall; performers at Commencement concert, Lillian Goulston, Florence Larrabee, Jessie Swartz. Honors conferred by students, Jessie Swartz, vice-president of Senior class. Number on faculty, 69; enrollment, 2,600. Sororities represented, Φ M Γ .

With June comes the pleasure of seeing our sisters receive their hard-earned diplomas, and the pain of having them leave us. But if they must go, it is a great satisfaction to be able to look back on the happy times we have had together this winter.

Our formal dance on March 24, was, if possible, more enjoyable than any of its predecessors, as any onlooker at the quaint little Dutch Hall at Riverside Court could have testified. While the departures of our much beloved president, Merle Reynolds, was a great source of grief to us all, it was nevertheless the cause of many festivities. Later the initiation of Barbara Georgeson, Winnipeg, Manitoba, made more excitement, and we are glad to be able to introduce our newest Alpha Chi to her sisters. At present we are looking forward to our fifth annual luncheon, which is to be given June 3, at the Hotel Vendome.

Since our last letter, four more of our girls have given individual piano-forte recitals. We were all very proud of the girls—Misses Daniel, Goulston, Larrabee and Bly—when they won such honor for themselves and their fraternity. During the visit of Paderewski to the Conservatory, Florence Larrabee had the honor of playing the master's own piano concerto, with the orchestra. Needless to say, Miss Larrabee received the warmest compliments and encouragement from the world-famed artist. Miss Jessie Swartz also won laurels for herself at the performance of "Mignon" by the Conservatory Opera School, when she took the rôle of Federigo. With the commencement exercises, Zeta is getting more honors. Misses Larrabee and Goulston are to play two of the three piano concertos, and Miss Swartz is to have one of the graduation arias.

Out of a graduating class of fifty-nine, we have seven Alpha Chis: Misses

Nellie Brushingham, Jessie Swartz, Lucy Peery, Lillian Goulston, Florence Larrabee, Mabel Davis and May Hall get their diplomas this year, but we are hoping that some of them will be back next year for post-graduate work.

We expect to have several of the old girls back with us for the commencement festivities. Misses Winnifred Byrd, Rachel Osgood, Blanche Crafts and Hilda Swartz are all planning to be with us at that time, and with the excitement of Senior week, and of having our sisters back with us, we are looking forward to a most interesting time.

Zeta sends greetings to her sister chapters, and hopes that each and every Alpha Chi may have a most happy summer.

THETA

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Laura Scherffius, '08	Ann Houge, '09
Persis Goeschel, '08	Edith Steffner, '09
Lola Phelps, '08	Florence Clemens, '09
Myrtle Harris, '08	Nellie Hillicker, '09
Irene Connell, '09	Frances Joyce, '09
Donna Savage, '09	Alice Yaple, '10
Edith Leonard, '09	Katherine Anderson, '11
Louise Van Voorhis, '09	Theta Lamb, '11
Maude Kleyn, '09	Josephine Gerow, '11
Louise Allen, '09	Essie Vinton, '11
Alice McGregor, '09	Jane Harris, '11
Elizabeth Salliotte, '09	Mabel Spafford, '11

Total membership, 98; number of year's initiates, 8. Honors conferred by faculty: Persis Goeschel, Φ B K, Louise Van Voorhis, Ω Φ Stylists, Josephine Gerow, Jane Harris, Junior Deutscher Verein; Persis Goeschel, Senior Deutscher Verein. Honors conferred by students: Louise Van Voorhis, Daily Staff, Junior Play; Persis Goeschel, treasurer Women's League, Senior Auditing committee; Josephine Gerow, Freshman social committee; Lola Phelps, Senior play; Edith Leonard, Junior play, Junior social committee. Number of faculty, 175; enrollment, 5,013. Sororities represented, A Φ , X Ω , Δ Γ , Γ Φ B, K A Θ , K K Γ , Π B Φ , A X Ω .

No letter received.

IOTA

University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Cora Van Golder, '08	Charlotte Baker, '11
Grace Ewing, '08	Mabel Stone, '11
Gladys Breckenridge, '09	Rhoda Reinhardt, '11
Jessie Mann, '09	Pearl Shipley, '11
Ruth Buffum, '09	Elizabeth Wyeth, '11
Percie Garnett, '09	Fay Le Nese, '11
Mary Goss, '09	Pearl Swanberg, '11
Bessie Rose, '10	Pauline Drake, '11
Marie Lubach, '10	Bertha Baudette '11
Lucy Lewis, '10	Susan Reed (Post Graduate)
Emily Ficklen, '10	

Total membership, 81; number of year's initiates, 10. Honors conferred by faculty: Susan Reed, Φ B K (Mt. Holyoke). Honors conferred by students: Jessie Mann, chairman of Junior girls, secretary of Alethenian Literary Society; Ruth Buffum, Grace Ewing, Class Day program; Bertha Baudette, secretary of Esperanto Club. Number of faculty, 380; enrollment, 4,316. Sororities represented, K A Θ , K K Γ , Δ Γ , X Ω , A X Ω , Π B Φ , Σ K, A Ξ Δ .

A greeting from Iota girls to all their sisters.

The spring is always a busy time for us girls at Illinois, between the university work and social life. On the 29th of February, Mrs. James, the President's wife, gave a reception to all the sororities. It was very enjoyable, as we met the alumnae and active girls of every sorority.

On the 27th of March, Iota gave her annual, which was a formal dance and proved very successful. The hall was decorated in hundreds of red tissue paper poppies. Four of the Gamma girls from Northwestern came down for the dance, and on May 1 four of our girls went to their annual.

The latter part of April, Mrs. Loud made us a short visit, which we all enjoyed very much. She gave us a talk in chapter meeting, and we are endeavoring to profit by her suggestions. One afternoon we gave an informal reception, so the alumnae and other sorority girls could meet Mrs. Loud.

The Woman's League gave a stunt party May 2, in which each sorority and literary organization was represented. Alpha Chi gave a tableau effect entitled "A Bachelor's Reverie."

May Festival and Interscholastic week began the 11th and ended the 16th. The first three days were May Festival and consisted of a song recital by Madam Schumann-Heink, which we all attended in full force, a concert by the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, Stabat Mater and the Messiah, given by the Choral Society of the University. The Interscholastic jubilee and May Pole dance were Thursday night. The former was a combination of band concert and stunt party in charge of the Y. W. C. A.. After the band concert, the crowd was free to do as they pleased. The Illiolas received the prize for the best stunt, which gave a class representation of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." The prize is a week at Lake Geneva for one of their girls. The remainder of the week was filled with ball games and track meets, which culminated in the wonderful university circus. The most marvelous animals were displayed, even Jonah was swallowed by the whale, and brought forth before

our very eyes. Buffalo Bill and his Wild West Show were also in evidence. We were also regaled with Billy Sunday's famous "Booze Sermon," after which "King Rum," in the shape of a bottle, and "Aqua Pura," in the shape of a pump, had a boxing match. The three men chosen to represent Alpha Chi in the relay race, won. About ten thousand people attended the circus.

The 21st was Trolley Day, when the girls act as conductors on the street cars, no change is given, and all money goes to the Hospital Fund.

The Regimental Drills were the first of the week, and now we have all settled down for the finals.

Our Senior banquet is Friday night, the 29th, and is our farewell, as one week more and we will be parting for the summer or longer.

KAPPA

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wis.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Hazel Alford, '08	Katherine Riley, '10
Anna Rueth, '08	Sarah Sutherland, '10
Deborah Jenkins, '08	Lillian Zimmerman, '10
Sarah Morgan, '08	Alma Slater, '11
Alice Alford, '09	Frances Summers, '11
Marguerite Bower, '09	Marguerite Vaughan, '11
Josephine Heuer, '09	Arminda Moure, '11
Margaret H'Doubler, '10	Fay Vaughan, '11
Grace Howe, '10	Edna Swenson (Special)
Meta Kieckhefer, '10	Almina Theobald (Post Grad.)
Edna Moure, '10	

Total membership, 36. Honors conferred by students: Margaret H. Doubler, vice-president Sophomore class, president Woman's Athletic Association, member champion basketball team and inter-class bowling team; Fay Vaughan and Alma Slater on inter-class bowling team.

Number of faculty, 299; enrollment, 4,013. Sororities represented, $\mathbf{K \Delta \Theta, \Delta \Gamma, \mathbf{K K \Gamma, \Delta \Delta \Delta, A X \Omega, \Pi B \Phi, \Gamma \Phi B, A \Psi, X \Omega, A \Xi \Delta, A \Gamma \Delta.}$

On the 25th of April, we gave our second informal dance. Kathryn Granger, from Beta, Winifred Showalter, from Stout Training School, Helen Jennings, from Sparta, and Mrs. Wm. Vaile, nee Grace Winden, whose home is now in New York, were guests at this party.

A few weeks prior to this event, Kappa entertained her patronesses at an "Afternoon." Musical selections by Hazel Alford, Ann Rueth, and Sarah Morgan, with several readings by Fay Vaughan, made the afternoon a very pleasant one. After the program, ices and wafers were served by the Freshmen.

This is the time for our athletics. The two crews—the Varsity and Freshmen—are hard at work. Interesting races have already taken place between them. The girls are busy with fennis and baseball. Class teams for both sports have been chosen. Elaborate plans are made for a May fete, which is to take place on the upper campus, June 3. The exercises will include: Pageant March, Waltz Circle, Milk Maids' Dance, and Grande May Pole Dance, in which six hundred co-eds are to take part.

The Self-Government Association,—a league to which every woman in the University belongs, gave one of its annual parties last week. All our girls who went reported a very pleasant time. The S. G. A. parties are always very enjoyable, for at these all girls of the University are brought on an equal standing to enjoy the society of those who are not in their immediate circle of friends.

Senior recitals are now at their height. Sarah Morgan and Ann Rueth assisted in one on the 17th of this month, Iola Harker Withey on the 21st, and Hazel Alford on the 26th. All these have been well attended.

The interscholastic rushing season was earlier this year than usual, and this letter finds Kappa with seven new pledges. We entertained our guests in the following way: Friday evening we gave an informal dance, Saturday morning the guests were shown all over the University grounds and over the city in carriages, Saturday afternoon we entertained at a theater party, Saturday a formal dinner was served at our lodge, Sunday was spent across Lake Monona at cottages, "Idyl-Wild and "Dew-Drop Inn." Those pledged were Gladys Morrell and June McCoel, Escanaba, Mich.; Elsie Goettmann, Oshkosh, Wis., Ruth Erickson, Elroy, Wis., Anne Kieckhefer, Milwaukee, Lucile Simons, and Gladys Sutherland, Madison.

Kappa wishes all her sister chapters a delightful summer vacation.

LAMBDA

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Olive Morris, '08	Louise Sanders, '10
Nellie Minott, '08	Grace Young, '10
Frances Waldo, '08	Jane Wood, '10
Evelyn Peterson, '08	Mildred Moody, '10
Jessie Lansing, '08	Alice Michelson, '10
Selma Severson, '08	Ina Weyrouch, '10
Harriet Moore, '08	Ruth Hutchens, '11
Helen Cunningham, '09	Dorothy Logan, '11
Ruth Harlow, '09	Ethel McCoy, '11
Stella Crowell, '09	Myra Jones, '11
Martha Lee, '09	Nellie Stebbins, '11
M. E. Griffith, '10	Ethel Lansing, '11
Flora Kaufhold, '10	

Total membership, 27; number of year's initiates, 9. Honors conferred by faculty: Nellie Minott, Φ B K, Marjorie Wall, "Cum Laude," Olive Morris, appointed on committee to draft constitution for a Women's League. Honors conferred by students: Helen Cunningham, secretary of Y. W. C. A.; Ethel McCoy, initiated into I T., (Sophomore Society). Number of faculty, 245; enrollment, 3,500. Sororities represented, K K Γ , K A Θ , Δ Δ Δ , A X Ω , Δ Γ , A Φ , A Ξ Δ , Δ Σ K, Γ Φ B.

This busy commencement season warns us that another college year is almost at an end. As we say good-bye to so many of the under-classmen who are leaving, we Seniors cannot help but feel just a wee bit sad. Still we soon smile again when we look back on the happy and successful year we have

just passed through. What a jolly family Lambda has been, and what happy times we have had together! We will never forget them!

Since the last letter to the LYRE, Lambda has moved into a new home. We are all so enthusiastic about it, and our only regret is that we were not able to enjoy it during the entire year. The house is large and very well arranged for a chapter house. It is situated on a street leading directly from the main entrance to the campus, and just a short way from the University. This is one of the most desirable locations in the city, hence we feel very fortunate in obtaining it, and the girls will be glad to welcome any of their sisters at four hundred and five, University Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

One of the most delightful events of Lambda, this spring, was a banquet given for the Seniors by the under-classmen. The fact that it was a surprise to the Seniors made it even more delightful. Adelaide Durston, and alumnae, was back for the banquet. Several of the girls responded to toasts, and after the banquet, each Senior was given a very pretty A X Ω stick pin.

Since the April LYRE, Lambda has grown. We are richer by two sisters—Mildred Moody, of Wilson, N. Y., and Ina Weyrauch, of Liberty, N. Y. They are typical Alpha Chis and we are happy to introduce them to our sister chapters. Iva Clark, of Antwerp, N. Y., is pledged to Alpha Chi. She will be initiated next fall.

Syracuse has organized a Women's League this spring. Olive Morris, one of our Seniors, was a member of the committee to draw up the constitution. From all appearances, the League will be a great help to the women of the University.

Commencement week has begun, and the week will be a busy one for the Seniors and their friends. The commencement exercises are to be held in the stadium this fall. This custom is unique, and if all the plans are carried out, this commencement will be one of the best Syracuse has ever witnessed. Hamilton W. Mabie, LL. D., (associate editor of the Outlook) will address the Seniors.

We are happy to announce that Nellie Minott has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and that Marjorie Wall was honored by the faculty with "cum Laude."

Lambda sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them all a most happy vacation.

MU

Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Emma Brown, '08	Grace Ogg, '11
Lena Dalrymple, '08	Bessie Suell, '11
Carrie McFaddon, '08	Vava Dick, '11
Mayme Silliman, '08	Edna Todhunter, '11
Margaret Schimelfenig, '09	Iroline Dye, '11
Ethel McFadon, '10	Myrtle Schimelfenig, '11
Carrie McBride, '11	Ruth Courey, '11
Mildred McFadon, '11	

Number of year's initiates, 11. Honors conferred by faculty: Lora Hagler appointed Dean of Women; Effie Silliman, a member of Conservatory faculty. Honors conferred by students: Mayme Silliman, member of Student

Council, vice-president of Senior class; Margaret Schimelfenig, secretary Junior class; Mabel Fett, member Student Council; Ethel MacFadon, a member of editorial staff of College Annual; Mildred MacFadon, secretary Freshman class; Carrie MacFadon, Emma Brown, were elected as two of the three girls in Senior class play. Number of faculty, 17; enrollment, 905. Sororities represented, $\Pi B \Phi$, $\Delta X \Omega$, $\Delta \Delta \Delta$.

Mu has been very busy this term, and now examinations and note books are due.

March 3, we gave our winter term party, which was a great success. One intensely amusing feature of the entertainment was the dwarf stunt by Emma Brown, assisted by Ethel MacFadon. We were very glad to have with us Miss Bess Patrick, Gamma, of Des Moines.

One of our greatest pleasures (?) came April 29, when we spent the whole afternoon taking our fraternity examination. In the evening the reaction came, and we again gathered at Silliman's promptly, and forgot our cares.

We pledged Besse Snell, a Freshman in Liberal Arts, May 2. We now have eighteen active members.

On May 13 came our first birthday anniversary, when we established, the custom of entertaining all the Greeks in school on that date. Our reception was held at the home of Mrs. B. F. Clayton, our patronness.

May 13, we entertained a few girls at breakfast at the home of Margaret Schimelfenig. We are planning a house party for June 12 to 15, at Besse Snell's.

Carrie MacFadon, Mayme Silliman, and Lena Dalrymple will graduate from the College of Liberal Arts, and Emma Brown from the Conservatory of Music this spring.

Mu wishes all Alpha Chi an enjoyable and profitable summer.

NU

University of Colorado, Boulder, Col.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Elsie Clark, '08	Helen Rice, '10
Irene Hall, '08	Mary Todd, '10
Jessie Rodgers, '08	Willa Wales, '10
Margarette Sutton, '08	Ida Warner, '10
Clara Bancroft, '09	Mollie Rank, '10
Zella Curtin, '09	Pearl Weiland, '11
Frances Foote, '10	Inez Kimison, '11
Flora Goldsworthy, '10	Franc Judd, '11
Davena Houston, '10	Jessie Davis, '11
Wilhelmina Mosby, '10	Norma Clark, '11
Flora Powelson, '10	Ethel Brown, (Special)

Total membership, 23; year's initiates, 14. Honors conferred by faculty: Irene Hall, $\Phi B K$; Elsie Clark, assistant in Biology. Honors conferred by students: Zella Curtin, president of Y. W. C. A.; Mary Todd, treasurer of Y. W. C. A.; Irene Hall, vice-president Women's League Board, society editor of "Silver and Gold"; Dasena Houston, Soph. basketball team.

With the close of the first year of Nu's existence in Alpha Chi, we are

naturally looking backward over the successes and failures of the year. The failures, we like to believe, are not as numerous as the successes; but they are mistakes which have left us valuable lessons, and there is probably not one of the girls who would prefer not to have had them.

Chief among those points upon which we dare congratulate ourselves is the recognition our girls have had from the faculty and students. Zella Curtin is president of the Young Women's Christian Association for next year, while Mary Todd is treasurer of the organization. A third of our girls has been appointed delegate to the state conference, which meets in July at Cascade, Colorado. From the faculty we have received approval in the election of one of our Seniors to Φ B K, and in the offer of an assistantship to one of the girls who graduates this year.

Since our last letter, four new sisters have entered our midst, in the persons of Clara Bancroft, Franc Judd, Leora Powelson, and Wilhelmina Mosby, each of whom, we are glad to say, wear the Lyre with honor to the chapter and to themselves.

A few weeks ago, the Friday Musical Club, of Boulder, presented in recital the celebrated tenor, Mr. Edward Johnson, of New York, upon which occasion, several Alpha Chis, being members of the club, acted as ushers.

During the past weeks, Nu has been rather quiet socially, as it was deemed best to reserve our energies for "High School Day," which was observed on the 16th of May, and is one of the great events of the year at this University, especially for the fraternities. Nearly every high school in the state is represented either for the oratorical contest or the track meet. Each fraternity extends some social courtesy to the visitors. Alpha Chi entertained at a reception in the forenoon, followed by a luncheon for a number of special guests.

The "County Fair" is another University affair of great popularity. The Alpha Chis contributed a Doll Show and Mother Goose Pantomime. One of the other sororities had a merry-go-round, and a third conducted a silhouette picture gallery. The centers of attraction among the fraternities proved to be the circus under the management of Σ A E, and the "Shoot-the-Chutes" of Δ T Δ .

Not long ago, one of the men's fraternities entertained the Alpha Chis at a very pretty dancing party. A dinner was given for us in April by one of our pledges, Mildred Nafe; and within the past week, we were guests at a delightful little dinner at the home of Mollie Rank.

On June 3, we shall have lost from active membership our four Seniors, Elsie Clark, Margarette Sutton, Jessie Rodgers, and Irene Hall. The commencement concert on May 29 opens the events of commencement week. The Senior class play, which is given on the campus in the open air, is always one of the interesting affairs of the week. "The Tempest" is presented this year, with two of our Seniors in the cast. The Senior Promenade and Quadrangle Illumination, on Class day, are also of interest; but probably our Seniors will most keenly feel the meaning of it all when they join the big, solemn procession which, terminating a four years' march, brings them at last to the goal—a sheepskin.

We are hoping to have all our undergraduate members with us again next year. (If there are any doubtful ones, do not allow the summer to slip by without large efforts being made to bring each and every one back to college. Ed.)

Nu wishes for all Alpha Chis a happy and profitable summer.

XI

University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Neb.

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

Emma Farrow, '08	Clara Smith, '10
Bertha Howard	Marion Whitmore, '10
(Post Graduate)	Irmal Zerfing, '10
Alice Leshner, '08	Nina Beaver, '11
Harriet Bardwell, '09	Florence Davis, '11
Lilah David, '09	Hazel Joy, '11
Beulah Goodson, '09	Elsie Prewit, '11
Mabel Doran, '10	Coralie Meyer, '11
Irene Little, '10	Tinna Timmerman
Laurette Spencer, '10	Vera Upton (Post Graduate)

Total membership, 21; number of year's initiates, 9. Honors conferred by faculty: Alice Leshner, Φ B K, (four years in three). Honors conferred by students: May Bardwell, Cornhusker staff; Marion Bardwell, Silver Serpent (Junior Society); May Bardwell, Senior class play. Number of faculty, 175; enrollment, 3,350. Sororities represented, Π B Φ, Δ Γ, K K Γ, Δ Δ Δ, Α X Ω, X Ω, Α Φ, Α O Π, K A Θ.

Since our last letter, the Xi chapter has made what we consider a very important "find," which happened in this way. My telephone rang one evening, and upon answering it, a voice asked if this was Miss Upton, an Alpha Chi. Upon replying in the affirmative, she said she was Mrs. Reeth, nee Amy Du Boise, a charter member of the Alpha chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. The next evening the president and I called upon her and found her to be a true Alpha Chi. We spent a most enjoyable and profitable evening listening to the founding and early history of our beloved fraternity. Among the interesting things were pictures of some of the original Alpha girls and the original pledge ribbon worn by Mrs. Reeth. The following Saturday the girls gave a picnic at the University State Farm, at which Mrs. Reeth was our guest of honor. She was present at our last initiation, and was much impressed with our manner of conducting our ceremonies. We, of Xi chapter, feel very much honored in having one of the original founders of so great a fraternity with us. Several musicals, picnics and parties have served as a means of promoting a feeling of fellowship. The first was a musicale given by the new members, Miss Alice Leshner acting as hostess. The following program was given:

"Love Song".....	<i>Grieg</i>
"Bolero".....	<i>Mozkowski</i>
CLARA SMITH	
Moment Musical A Flat.....	<i>Shubert</i>
Valse Caprice.....	<i>Shubert</i>
LAURETTE SPENCER	
Swallows.....	<i>Cowen</i>
Mattanata.....	<i>Tosti</i>
MABEL DORAN	
"Frühlings Rauchen".....	<i>Sinding</i>
IRMAL ZERFING	

Next came a card party on St. Patrick's Day, at the home of Lila David. The prizes, decorations and refreshments were all in green and white. This was followed by a musical, with the Misses Bardwell as hostess. Miss Emma Farrow and Miss Vera Upton gave an interesting program, which was enjoyed by about thirty-five guests.

A clever musical farce was given by the Liberal Art girls of Xi chapter, May 2, 1908, before the members of the chapter and a few invited guests. Among the celebrities taking part were Madam Carenno (Alice Leshner, '08), Madam Melba (Elsie Prewitt, '11), Mrs. Paderewski (Lila David, '09), the Cherry Sisters (May Bardwell, '08, Alice Leshner, '08), and Beatrice Herford (May Bardwell, '08). The costumes were most elaborate. Madam Carenno was gowned in black lace with poinsetta trimmings. Mrs. Paderewski was gowned in yellow silk with pink, cerise, green and purple trimmings. Madam Melba appeared in a yellow kimona of rare beauty. The Cherry Sisters were exquisite in pink and black. All the eccentricities of the prima donnas were noted in the program. The following program was given:

Piano Solo	<i>Sonitina in A Flat Major</i> "MADAM CARENNO"
Vocal Solo	"Somebody Lied" "MADAM MELBA"
Piano Solo	"Pearly Dewdrops" "MRS. PADEREWSKI"
Grand Duue	"In Old New York" "CHERRY SISTERS"
Reading	"Monologue"— <i>A Symphonic Poem</i> "BEATRICE HERFORD"

We next centered our energies on the "May Morning Breakfast," an annual affair given by the University Y. W. C. A. Each fraternity in the University has charge of a table which is decorated in their colors. Our decorations were pointsetta's draped from the chandelier and in clusters lying loosely on the table, while vases held scarlet carnations. We served seventy-five guests at our table alone. The money thus taken in is used to send delegates to the Geneva Conference. This is one of the big social events of the year and much competition is displayed. Miss Emma Farrow, our president, gave a recital for graduation March 19, 1908. It was a program of which any Alpha Chi might be proud.

Theomatic Fantasie and Fugue.....	<i>Bach</i>
Payave	<i>Ravel</i>
Masques	<i>Debussy</i>
Ballad of 118	<i>Brahms</i>
Perpetual Motion	<i>MacDowell</i>
A German Forest	<i>MacDowell</i>
Dreams	<i>MacDowell</i>
Elfin Dance	<i>MacDowell</i>
Ballade A Flat Major.....	<i>Chopin</i>
Concerto C Minor No. 3.....	<i>Beethoven</i>

Orchestral parts on second piano, Mr. Eames.

Our last initiation occurred May 16 at the home of Clara Smith. Four girls took the oath of allegiance to Alpha Chi Omega. In having these girls become one of us we feel that we have materially added not only to Xi chapter, but to the entire fraternity. This brings our membership up to twenty-one active members and one pledge. The following were initiated: Marion Ely Whitmore, Valley, Neb.; Coralie Meyer, 2425 Parker Ave., Omaha, Neb.; Hazel Joy, Lincoln, Neb.; Florence Davis, 2116 F St., Lincoln, Neb.

A hundred of Mr. Eames' pupils gave a farewell reception to him May 22, before he leaves to make his future home in Paris. The evening was such a one that all who were there will feel that something inexpressible has been added to their lives. An interesting program was given by Mr. Wehn, a former pupil of Mr. Eames. Mr. Eames then played and sang some Irish ballads. The Grand Council know how much Mr. and Mrs. Eames' co-operation meant to us in the organization of our chapter, how keenly we feel their departure, and how sincere are our good wishes and loyalty which go with him in his new life.

ALPHA ALPHA

Alpha Alpha chapter has done much during the last quarter to foster an enthusiastic spirit and promote closer friendship among its members. In addition to the regular monthly luncheons other noteworthy events have occurred.

In April, a musical was given at the home of Mrs. Harry W. Osborne, and forty-five Alpha Chi girls were present. The rooms were decorated with candles and flowers in the crimson and olive colors, and in their bright gowns and gay reminiscent chatter the girls renewed the happy spirit of college life. Miss Zella Marshall arranged the program and lent her pleasing personality to the announcing of the following numbers:

- Allegretto vivace op. 31 No. 3.....*Beethoven*
MRS. RALPH DENNIS
- Farewell to the Forest.....*Tschaikowsky*
- Love Song *Hunter*
MISS GERTRUDE OGDEN
(Mrs. Hunter at the Piano.)
- Polonaise in E minor.....*MacDowell*
MISS MAE SMITH
- Reading *Selected*
MISS FLORENCE KELLEY
- Waltz *Raff*
- Allegro from 6th., Rhapsody.....*Liszt*
MISS RUSSELL MACMURPHY
- One Hour Before the Dawn..... *Franz*
- Ecstasy *Brahms*
MISS KATE CALKINS
(Mrs. MacDonald at the Piano.)
- Fire Charm *Wagner-Brassin*
- Polonaise *Chopin*
MRS. GEORGE MADSON
- Reading
MISS FLORENCE KELLEY

Refreshments were served and the guests enjoyed an hour or so of general visiting.

Preceding the program, a business meeting was held. Miss Siller presided and various matters of importance were settled.

The following officers were elected:

President.....	Zella Marshall, Alpha.
Vice-President	Cordelia Hanson, Gamma.
Corresponding Secretary	Katharine Scales, Gamma.
Recording Secretary	Grace Ericson, Gamma.
Treasurer	Mrs. Myrta McKean Dennis, Gamma.
Historian	Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald, Beta.
Lyre Correspondent....	Mrs. Estalla Hibbard Osborne, Zeta.

Friday, June 5, the annual banquet was held at the Stratford hotel and proved to be the gala event of the year.

On this occasion Alpha Chi had the distinguished honor of entertaining Mrs. Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler. A private dining room in green and white was the setting for the U shaped table, around which thirty-eight guests assembled. The decorations were carnations, smilax and ferns. Mrs. Zeisler as guest of honor occupied a place at the head of the table, and at her left sat the toastmistress, Miss Kate L. Calkins. After a repast of six courses, toasts were in order. At intervals, Miss Calkins quoted appropriate lines of poetry and interspersed original and interesting witticisms.

"The Fraternity from the Standpoint of a Freshman".....	Helen Hardie
"How We Used to do It".....	Mary Stanford
"The Relation of an Alumna to Her Fraternity".....	Marjorie Grafius
Song—(Goat Song).	
"Our Ideals"	Zella Marshall
"Harmony"	Tina Mae Haines
Song—"Our Golden Lyre".	

At the urgent request of all, Mrs. Zeisler consented to make a few remarks, and was greeted with enthusiastic applause. She expressed regret that she could not talk about the fraternity, and explained that honorary members of any society are usually too far removed from the activities of its members to know the various phases of its workings, and therefore would choose another subject. To the delight of all she chose to talk of her favorite "Hobby." Her desire, she said, was to influence people to assume the true and right attitude towards the study of music. She then referred to the refining influence of music in the home life, and to the great possibilities for development through the medium of music. She deplored the fact that generally the study of music is not taken up for these purposes; but to earn a livelihood by teaching or to enter upon a public career. In closing her remarks, she referred to another "Hobby" which was familiar, "If anything is worth doing at all it is worth doing well," and expressed the desire that she be remembered in connection with that maxim. Upon learning that report of the banquet would be printed in the LYRE, Mrs. Zeisler was most happy to send her hearty greetings to all Alpha Chis.

The banquet is to be an annual affair to take place in June during commencement week, and was suggested by Miss Mabel Siller. We all feel grate-

ful to Miss Siller, and congratulate her upon the success of the venture. The banquet will be under the charge of Alpha Alpha, but for all Alpha Chis.

Alpha Alpha extends cordial greetings to all Alpha Chi sisters.

BETA BETA

The summer months are here and a number of Beta Beta girls are off to their summer homes, therefore, as far as Beta Beta is concerned, things will be very quiet until the autumn.

We have had several weddings this month. Jennie McHatton was married to Mr. Carl Barnett, Delta Tau Delta, on June 17, and although she doesn't go far away, we are very sorry to lose her from our midst, for she is truly a loyal Alpha Chi; but we also gain Mrs. Walter B. Stoner, nee Maude Meserve, a loyal Alpha girl who was married to Mr. Stoner, Phi Kappa Psi, on June 17, and will reside in this city.

Our last luncheon was well attended and voted quite a success.

Beta Beta sends greetings to all her sisters and wishes for them all a very pleasant summer.

GAMMA GAMMA, NEW YORK

With the close of the season's study, Gamma Gamma is to lose for the summer months some of her family circle. She is hoping, however, that their places may be occupied by other members of the sisterhood who are in New York, either for a brief stay, on their way to foreign shores, or for a season's visit in our city, of such rare interest and educative value.

So to you who may give us the pleasure of welcoming you into our circle, and to you other sisters all over the land whom we should like to gather in, Γ Γ is bringing a bit of a picture of her home-life of the past few weeks.

Γ Γ is now made up of girls from Beta, Gamma, Delta, Zeta, Theta, Iota and Mu chapters. Five times we have met since our last letter to you, and each meeting had its own distinctively enjoyable features. The April meeting was close to Easter and held all the joy of Eastertide. At the next gathering at the Martha Washington on May 8, a great event in Γ Γ's history was heralded—the birth of a son! The following telegram caused a ripple of happy comment: "Albion, Mich., May 7. Kingsley Ramsdell Fall sends love and greetings to Γ Γ.—Mrs. F. A. Fall."

With the Alpha Chi spirit of sympathy, and humor, an answer was sent. This is Γ Γ's first child since the granting of our charter, and we are proud to introduce him to Beta, Mrs. Fall's chapter, and to you all.

Here, too, Miss Northcroft, of Zeta, extended us an invitation to a tea at her home, and gaily this coming event was talked over and planned for; and when the happy day, May 20, arrived, with what interest you girls would have looked on and listened! We had the examination questions up for discussion, and the Sorority Hand-Book for reference; which, with the women who had married frat men, and with all our fraternity knowledge combined, we answered the list. A little different method from what most of you used in an-

swering the same list, you are thinking. Yes, and at least as delightful a one. Result—100% increased interest in the doings of the Greek world, for some of us; increased desire to know more; and orders for hand books.

Most of our girls are taking the LYRE and are rejoicing over its ever-increasing excellence; we are eagerly awaiting the directories; and are much interested in everything pertaining to A X. When the question was read, "How interest the alumnae?" a little smile went round, and perhaps a mental answer was made, "Feed the interest already there." We wish you could know, girls, how very interested alumnae are, with what eagerness we hear reports of the chapters by persons whom we meet from the different institutions where A X chapters are; and how glad we are at every step forward toward realizing A X's standard of well-rounded womanhood.

Then we discussed somewhat the work of the I. S. C., and are glad to know more of its sane methods of helping to solve fraternity problems.

Miss Northcroft's Collection of autographs called forth many reminiscences of musicians and dramatists; while delicious refreshments won our satisfied praise.

A couple of weeks later a pleasant afternoon was spent by a large number of the girls with Miss Dodson, Zeta. A picture of Master Kingsley called forth an official letter of congratulation to Mrs. Fall, which Mrs. Green wrote and all signed. As Mrs. Green had her little son with her, the letter read: "We——most of us with, some without babies——"

The most important discussion was the matter of a Γ Γ home for next year. We hope to be so comfortably settled in the fall that all of you who come to enlarge our circle, or to visit us, may rejoice with us over harmonious quarters.

Here while talking over the A X song-books, we decided that Γ Γ must have a song, which Mrs. Green will probably have ready for us at our next meeting, June 12, at the Martha Washington.

We are glad that Γ Γ, unlike the active chapters, may continue her meetings through the summer; for the year's affairs have been a veritable joy to us all.

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PERSONALS



Let us make the November number ring with personals, which will mean that each Alpha Chi will be thoughtful enough to keep eyes and ears open during the summer for news of any of the "girls," and then to send it to the editor, who is very anxious to make this department a valuable medium of family communication, where one can turn for information about any sister—and find it.

BETA

Mrs. Lena Crosby-Mumford is living in Champaign, Ill., where her husband has a chair in the State University.

Born, May 4, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Fall (nee Nella Ramsdell), a son, Kingsley Ramsdell Fall.

Mrs. Mae Allen Striker spent a few days in Coldwater, in April.

Maizie Goodenow has returned from a visit in Hillsdale.

Kate Calkins was in Logansport, Ind., in May, to sing at a lecture recital, given by the Grand Treasurer, Laura A. Howe.

Mildred Lehner, of Ann Arbor, was the guest of Mrs. Colby and Miss Greacen, May 23.

Mrs. Lina Baum Van Roy, who spent the winter in Florida, has returned to her home in Detroit.

Albion College will once more have an Alpha Chi tennis team, as her representatives in the Intercollegiate Field Day, held at Alma College, June 5 and 6, Miss Gertrude Babcock and Edith Ketcham, won out in the local tournament, and we hope they will win the Michigan championship, as did Mary Perine and Elsie Delamarter in 1902.

Miss Jessie Blanchard was a Detroit visitor in May.

Miss Mary Perine addressed the Albion E. L. T. club, April 22, on the subject, "Literary Landmarks in Scotland."

Miss Mary Master, who is at the head of the Department of Oratory, in the Western Michigan Normal School at Kalamazoo, spent her Easter vacation in Chicago. The students of the Department of Oratory recently presented "The Little Minister," and Miss Master as Babbie, received many flattering compliments.

Miss Jessie Cushman spent the months of April and May in Chicago. She will visit in Michigan during the summer, and in the fall leave for Los Angeles, where she will make her home.

Mrs. Elizabeth Fisk Leonard spent a few days in Detroit in April.

Miss Blanche Ballamy, who is principal at Berlin Heights, Ohio, was in Albion in March, to attend a Sigma Chi party.

Mrs. Glenna Schontz Mills is now living at 2511 So. Hoe street, Los Angeles, Cal.

Misses Susie Perine and Eva Pratt sail on July 4 from New York, on the S. S. Königen Luise for Naples. They will spend three months in foreign travel.

Miss Mary Dickie visited in Detroit and Toledo this spring.

Miss Kathryn Granger attended Kappa's dancing party April 26 and was the guest of Marguerite Bower at the chapter house. She speaks in high praise of Kappa's girls. On her return she spent a few days with Margaret Mosher in Chicago, and attended the May luncheon of Alpha Alpha.

Madge Wilcox, of Chelsea, spent her spring vacation in Albion.

Mrs. Lina Baum Van Roy will be the guest of Belle Loder during Albion commencement, and Mrs. Myrtle Hatswell Boweman will be the guest of Mary Perine.

Beta chapter will be represented at Alpha Alpha's banquet, June 5, by Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald, Miss Kate Calkins and Miss Margaret Mosher. Miss Calkins will act as toastmistress.

Mrs. Alta Allen Loud is in Kansas for a short time.

Kathrine May arrived in April at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Symes (nee Florence Howey).

Miss Cora Harrington, of Jackson, was an Albion visitor during the Interstate Oratorical contest.

GAMMA

Mrs. C. A. Berge, of Grand Rapids, has been visiting her daughter, Ruth, at Willard Hall.

Winifred Webster was elected vice-president of the Junior class at the Cumnock School of Oratory.

Mary Mowrey visited the chapter during April.

Etta Brothers has been forced to go home on account of illness.

Four of the girls, Ethel Ford, Winifred Webster, Myrtle Jensen, and Helen Hardie spent three delightful days with the Champaign girls at the time of their formal in March.

Mrs. Earnest Pratt (Marion Ewell) leaves this week to spend the summer in Colorado.

Bess Rundall is visiting in Dodgeville, Wis.

Mrs. Wilfred Vanderholf (Marion Titus), of Grand Forks, N. D., visited in Chicago and New York in March.

Mary Master visited in Evanston in April to attend the reunion of Cumnock School of Oratory.

Cora Beeman has finished her third year of teaching music in public schools of Baton Rouge, La.

Mary and Julia Marshall, Bertha McCord, Grace Hopwood and Relda Van Ryper have formed a little Alpha Chi community in Berlin during the past winter.

Relda Van Ryper returns home this summer, and Grace Hopwood in the fall; but the others will remain another year.

DELTA

Miss Alice McDowell was a recent visitor in Warren, at the home of Helen Trax Wynn.

Miss Florence Bates has returned from Washington, D. C., where she has been spending several weeks as the guest of her brother, Congressman Arthur L. Bates.

Miss Margaret Citz, of Punksutawney, has been visiting her cousin, Miss Olga Henry, for a few days.

Miss Eva Gates, of Union City was the guest of Miss Mabel McLean, recently.

Born, to Mary Gibson Brock, a daughter, in April.

Grace Hammond Holmes, who has been visiting friends in Meadville, the past week, has returned to her home in Syracuse, N. Y.

Edith Roddy is spending the week in Boston.

Miss Julia Turner spent a few days at Hulings Hall as the guest of Louise Chase.

Louise Chase has been elected as one of the junior members of the Executive Board of the Student Government Association, for the coming year.

Miss Minnie Baltzell, of Tiffin, Ohio, spent a week in Meadville as the guest of the Misses Florence and Ethel Moore.

Miss Maud Over, of Kane, Pa., visited Miss Julia Jones a short time ago.

Rebe Flood Irwin has returned to Brooklyn, after a short visit at the home of her father, Dr. Theodore L. Flood.

Belle Chase Layng, of Greenville, spent a day at Hulings Hall as the guest of her sister, Louise Chase.

Katherine Wheeling visited her sister, Clara Wheeling, a short time ago.

Miss Olga Henry spent Sunday at the home of Louise Chase, in Greenville.

EPSILON

Louise White has returned to Los Angeles from Coronado, where she spent the winter. We are very glad to have her with us again.

Olive Berryman was hostess at an afternoon affair in honor of Rowena Hall, who sailed for Europe shortly afterward. Miss Hall expects to resume her studies at U. S. C. next year.

Katherine Saunders and Blanche Gregg entertained the Alpha Chis at the home of Miss Saunders. The afternoon was greatly enjoyed by all present.

Ellen Beach Yaw has returned from the East and is soon to be heard in concert in Los Angeles.

Louise White and Carrie Trowbridge played a double piano number at an open meeting of the Los Angeles Harmonica Club.

Sue Shenk has returned to her home in South Pasadena after having spent several weeks at Hermosa Beach.

Blanche Stump recently spent several weeks in Long Beach.

Faye Buck gave her senior piano and organ recital at the First Methodist Church, May 19. She was assisted by Miss Lillian Arnett, piano, Mr. Abraham Miller, tenor, and Miss Carrie Trowbridge, accompanist.

We have enjoyed having Miss Alta Roberts with us at several Alpha Chi functions.

Rowena Hall gave a song recital at her home shortly before leaving Los Angeles.

Mabel Chalfin and her mother will leave soon on a trip to Yosemite Valley, and from there will go to Alaska to stay for a few weeks.

Hazel Hearne is spending the summer in Long Beach.

Isabella Curl has achieved great success in grand opera. The following is a press notice translated from an Italian paper:

"La Vedetta Del Viro," Saluzzo, Italy.

"It is with a deep sense of pleasure that we write in these columns of the success attained by Miss Isabela Curl in the last performance of Mignon,

given as her evening of honor. Notwithstanding numerous family parties, preventing several from coming until a late hour, the theater assumed the aspect of a grand occasion, and was literally crowded. Miss Curl was greeted with warm applause on her appearance, and singing for the last time the ungracious part of Filina, she gave a fine proof of her select artistic temperament, granting us that jewel, "La Cavatina", from the "Barber of Seville." In it Miss Curl revealed herself an admirable artist and the public demanded from her an encore, which she granted, and the applause continued for many moments, animated, sincere and warm, unanimously demonstrating that the public appreciated thoroughly the qualities that procured for the artist such a triumph. After the encore they offered her a quantity of flowers, a locket and a bracelet of gold. In many remained a deep sense of regret in not being able to hear Miss Curl in some of the melodies so well adapted to her agile voice, which is so well under control, and we hope on returning to the beautiful skies of California that Miss Curl will cherish for many years the memory of the demonstration that Saluzzo, educated and gentle, gave her on her evening of honor."

ZETA

Miss Merle Reynolds left for her home in Forth Worth, Tex., on April 15. Miss Gertrude Damon has accepted a position as vocal teacher at Smith College, Northampton, Mass., where she will take up her duties next October. Miss Elizabeth Schaetzel was one of a house party at Dartmouth, Hanover, during Junior week.

Miss Hilda Swartz spent a week visiting the Zeta girls, early in May.

Miss Winnifred Byrd expects to sail for Europe shortly, where she will study next year.

Miss Carrie Aiton left May 1 on an extended concert tour.

Miss Nellie Brushingham has accepted a position in the Salem College, Winston-Salem, N. C., where she will have charge of the vocal department.

Miss Ethel Waters returned to Boston at Easter, to resume her studies.

Miss Ruth Tucker has left for the Western states, where she will visit this summer.

Miss Jessie Swartz has been engaged as alto soloist at the Piedmont Congregational church, Worcester, Mass.

Miss Sarah Morton will visit Mrs. Wm. Haseltine during the month of June.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Lawrence, Cleveland, Ohio, (Nelle Belle Jones) a son, April 30.

Miss Laura Howe, assisted by Miss Kate Calkins, gave the following interesting program before the Tourist Club of Logansport, May 19, 1908:

Aria from Orpheus.....	<i>Gluck</i>
MISS CALKINS	
Sonata—Opus 42—First Movement.....	<i>Schubert</i>
MISS HOWE	
<i>Wohin?</i>	<i>Schubert</i>
Frühlingstraum	<i>Schubert</i>
Das Wirthshaus	<i>Schubert</i>
MISS CALKINS	
Hark, Hark! the Lark.....	<i>Schubert</i>
MISS HOWE	

Der Wanderer	<i>Schubert</i>
Auf dem Wasser zu singen.....	<i>Schubert</i>
MISS CALKINS	
Intermezzo—Opus 117—No. 1.....	<i>Brahms</i>
Rhapsody—Opus 79—B minor.....	<i>Brahms</i>
MISS HOWE	
Liebestreue	<i>Brahms</i>
Wie Melodien zieht es mir.....	<i>Brahms</i>
Meine Liebe ist Grun.....	<i>Brahms</i>
MISS CALKINS	

IOTA

At a recent meeting of Φ B K of the University of Illinois, Imo Baker and May Allinson were elected to membership.

May Allinson has just secured a scholarship for next year at Columbia University, New York. This is an especial honor, since Columbia gives only four scholarships each year to women.

Bertha Walters has accepted a position for next year in one of the schools of Evanston.

Leila Weillepp, Alta Shipley, Mabel Bushong, Jo Anderson, Bertha Walters, Mamie Lewis, Helen McCulloch and Elsie Bean have recently been guests at the chapter house.

KAPPA

Anna Rueth, '08, has accepted a position as instructor in Music and English at Black River Falls, Wis.

Miss Granger, Beta, visited Kappa a few days in the latter part of April. Miss Helen Jennings, from Sparta, Wis., was a guest of Kappa the 25th of April.

Miss Vivian Verbeck, who has been teaching in Sibley, Iowa, the past year, is expected at Kappa lodge, June 5.

Mabel Van Epps, Camanche, Iowa, made us a delightful visit for a week.

Edna Langlois, sister of Emerette Langlois, who was Kappa's president last year, spent a few days with us the latter part of May.

Mrs. Darby, an Alpha alumna, whose home is now in Broadhead, Wis., dined with Kappa a short time ago.

Ann Rueth entertained the chapter at her home in Sun Prairie one day last week.

The Senior class will present Mikado during commencement week. May Jenkins, Mae Theobald and Ann Rueth will take part in the opera.

LAMBDA

Helen Cunningham has been initiated into Eta Pi Upsilon (the Senior society).

Evelyn Peterson has accepted a position to teach in Sodus, N. Y., next year.

Harriet Moore will teach in Lefargeville, N. Y., this coming year.

Jessie Lansing will teach next year at Ellenburg Depot, N. Y.

Olive Morris is planning to take post-graduate work at Chicago University.

Ethel McCoy will live in the fraternity house during the summer. Her parents are coming from Florida and will also spend the summer in Spracuse. Adelaide Durston, '07, spent a few days at the chapter house this spring.

MU

Fern Ogg, who has been teaching at Elliott, N. D., this year, is at home for commencement, and will be in school again next year.

Mabel Fett, of Clearfield, visited us a few days the second week in May, and was present at our anniversary reception.

Mayme Johnston, of Mediapolis, is spending commencement week with us. Ethel McFadon sang at the May Festival at Baker University, Baldwin, Kas., this spring.

Ada Schimelfenig, '07, will spend the summer at her home in Indianola. We are expecting Ellen Conrey, '06, to spend commencement week with us.

NU

Mrs. Katharine Rothgeb, of Fort Collins, visited Nu for a day in April. Ethel Brown will spend her summer vacation visiting friends in Nebraska, South Dakota and Iowa.

Mildred Nafe is spending the summer months in Northern Iowa.

Jessie Rodgers leaves immediately after commencement for a visit in Kansas City, and St. Joseph, Mo.

Elsie Clark will be near Golden, Colo., for the summer.

Helen Rice is teaching at Elk Mountain, Wyo., in the locality of "The Virginian" scenes. Miss Rice's school is declared to be the very one where the heroine of "The Virginian" taught. We are hoping that the tradition need not be repeated in the present case.

Irene Hall will be a member of a camping party at Pine Grove, Colo., for a part of the summer.

XI

Emma Farrow sails for Europe, July 15, for a year's study.

Marion Whitmore has been elected secretary of the University Girls' Club; vice-president of the class of 1910, and a member of the "Silver Serpent."

Corolie Meyer was elected to the German Club.

May Bardwell, '08, served on the "Cornhusker" staff, and takes part in the May Pole Dance, and also takes part in the Senior play.

Beulah Buckley sails for Europe, July 25.

Alice Leshner received a Φ B K. This is especially noteworthy, as Miss Leshner took the four years' course in three years.

ALPHA ALPHA

Mr. and Mrs. Theo. S. Bergey (Ethel Sutherland), Alpha, have given up their studio in Steinway Hall for the summer and sailed on the New Amsterdam, April 29. They will be in Paris all summer.

The MacClaim-Ogden School, of which Miss Gertrude Ogden is a member, has removed to Steinway Hall.

Miss Florence Marie Williams, 4609 Woodlawn avenue, was married April 25.

Mrs. E. W. Kidder has moved from Evanston to North Evanston, and will now have two A X neighbors.

Miss Grace Richardson has returned from Richmond, Va., where she spent the winter.

Miss Mabel Jones expects to go abroad soon to remain several months.

Gamma chapter gave the annual dance on May 1. Several girls from our chapter attended and had a delightful time.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wooley (Florence Childs) have moved into their new home at 1615 Juudson avenue, Evanston.

Marie White will teach vocal music in Jacksonville, Ill., next year.

Loretto O'Brien will be married to Richard Meade of Evanston, June 3.

Zella Marshall sails June 18 for a three months' stay in Europe.

Mrs. Edward Loud, of Albion, Mich., attended the May Luncheon and visited Mrs. Will Niles, of Oak Park, and Mabel Siller, of Evanston.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kidder (Irene Stevens) have moved into their new home on Harrison street, Evanston.

Theodora Chaffee returned recently from a visit with Leona Wemple in Waverly, Ill.

Russell McMurphy is teaching music in Wheaton College, Ill.

Kate Calkins returned recently from a visit with Laura Howe in Logansport, Ind.

Mrs. Arthur McClintock (Louise Burchard) will visit her mother in Cambridge Springs, Ohio., in June.

Mrs. Colwell (Juliet Finch) has been traveling with her husband most of the Spring.

Mrs. Harry W. Osborne (Estella Hibbard), Zeta, has returned from a visit with her parents in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Mrs. Eugene Heinckley (Blanche Hughes) has been in Detroit for several months.

Bertha Walters, Iota, will teach in Evanston public schools next year.

GAMMA GAMMA

Miss Sara Evans, Delta, will spend the summer in Greenville, Pa. In the near future she expects to attend an Alpha Chi house party, to be given by Bertha Cribbs, at Oil City, Pa.

Florence Armstrong, Mu, will spend the summer in Errol, New Hampshire, doing missionary work among the miners and lumbermen. In the fall she will accept a position as secretary of the Y. W. C. A., at the State Agricultural College of Iowa.

Mrs. Fern Pickard Stevens, Delta, will summer in Jamestown, N. Y. She also will attend the A X Ω house party at Oil City.

Jessie Northcroft, Zeta, will continue her vocal study during the summer at the country home of her teacher, Mrs. Morrill, in Stockbridge, Mass.

Mrs. R. Flood Irvin, Delta, has moved from Brooklyn to The Bridge-dale, Madison, N. J.

Virginia Fisk Green, Theta, will spend the summer visiting in Charle-voix, Ann Arbor, and Toledo.

Mabel Hayward Rothgeb, Iota, has been ill for some weeks.

Nina Kellogg Howard, Gamma, will go to Chicago in the fall, and hopes to attend the next convention.

"Ενθα καί"Ενθα

Δ Γ entered Adelphi College, May 7.

The fraternity women of Denver have organized a Pan-Hellenic Association.

Δ Δ Δ installed Alpha Upsilon chapter at Colby College, Waterville, Me., May 14.

Κ Α Θ announces the establishment of Alpha Lambda chapter at Washington State University, May 21.

"It is natural for one to be proud of his organization, but he must not expect it to carry him through college and after-life without an effort on his part."—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

A Pan-Hellenic banquet was recently held in Des Moines, Ia., by the members of Α Χ Ω, Α Φ, Χ Ω, Κ Κ Γ, Κ Α Θ, Δ Γ, Π Β Φ, Δ Δ Δ, Α Ξ Δ, Γ Φ Β.

Φ Β Π, like Σ Χ, is engaged in compiling a chapter directory. Incidentally it may be of interest to note that the former fraternity has recently provided for fining each chapter \$25 for a failure to furnish complete lists of names, etc.—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

Following the abolition by the Chicago Board of Education of all fraternities from the public schools, a plan is on foot to allow 'non-secret clubs' as a substitute. Club rooms are to be opened in the school buildings, and all pupils will be eligible to membership."—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

"Fraternities have received a body-blow in the state of South Carolina, By an act of legislature they are sweepingly excluded from all state institutions. Following this lead, several colleges have taken the same step, so that throughout the state all the leading institutions are closed against them."—Sigma Chi Quarterly.

The Shield of $\Phi K \Psi$ has a circulation of 2,500, which, it claims, is the largest among men's fraternities. The Arrow of $\Pi B \Phi$, although fifteen years the junior of $\Phi K \Phi$, has a circulation of 2,200 copies.—The Arrow.

The Wisconsin chapter of $K A \Theta$ writes:

"We believe we have at last overcome the difficulty of uniting town and house girls in the closest friendship and strongest loyalty to our fraternity. * * * This semester some one suggested having each town girl visit the house for a week, and the success of the plan is proved in the mutual growth of affection and understanding between the girls in the house and out."

Chapters will do well to follow this advice from The Shield:

"More is lost in failure of an older member of the fraternity to return to college than is gained by the taking of a new recruit. If the brothers will mark the members of the chapter who are somewhat uncertain as to their return, and will carry on during the summer an effort by correspondence to hold these members, the results in many cases will be the strengthening of the chapter, and the serving of the best interests of the individual Phi Psis effected."

Convention is in the very air. ΔY will hold its seventy-fourth annual October 22-25, at Swarthmore, $\Sigma A E$ convenes at Atlanta City in June, $\Delta K E$ at New Haven, Hartford, and New York—a unique innovation—November 11-13, $K \Sigma$ and $\Phi K \Psi$ have chosen Denver, Colo., July 1-3, $K K \Gamma$ assembles at Meadville, Pa., in August, $X \Omega$ in Chicago, June 22-26, $Z T A$ at Fayetteville, Ark., June 11-13, $\Delta \Delta \Delta$ at Lincoln, Neb., June 22-26, and $A \Phi$ at Madison, June 17-19.

The present rushing system is full of pitfalls, and none is more dangerous than the one which the "rushee" and the chapter are apt to encounter after the trumpets have ceased to play, and both attempt to settle down to normal conditions. Regarding this we quote from The Key:

"If the strenuous rushing must be indulged in, why not temper it with a little better management after rushing? A Freshman, having been sought after during the whole of rushing season, once pledged, cannot but feel a drop. If it be too sudden, she may become discontented, and this is where the older girls should try, by careful watching and judicious attention, to help her from being disappointed in her fraternity life. The new girls themselves should help by realizing that rushing is not a normal state of affairs; that the older girls have their own college life, their own interests and their old friendships to take up much of their time. If both will help, may the adjustment not come easily and naturally?"

Hoping every chapter which has no definite method of scholarship supervision, will evolve such during the summer, we present the two following systems.

"Probably the most unique method Beta employs is that of appointing 'Fraternity Mothers.' Each Freshman is assigned to one of the upper classmen, to whom she may go for advice whenever she chooses to do so. It is to this upper classman that all personal corrections are given, and the 'Mothers' talk with the professors several times during the school year concerning the work of their charges. * * * They also watch the social life of the undergraduates, offering such advice and caution as they consider necessary."—The Alpha Phi Quarterly.

Our plan has been to have cards sent out from the Deans' offices to the different instructors, asking a general statement of each girl's class standing. These reports are read in chapter meeting. As we receive them two or three times each term, we can easily learn how high a ranking we are achieving, and determine when greater efforts must be made. We feel that our plan has been very successful.—The Arrow of $\Pi B \Phi$.

Concerning the need of alumnae information, Kappa Alpha Theta writes:

"My idea is to establish some method of communication between the national and the chapter side of fraternity life, so that our affairs could be discussed as intimately as, for example, they are at conventions, and much more intimately than is permissible in a journal which is read by the eyes of the 'uninitiated.' I would have this communication frequent, and perhaps in the nature of very full reports as to the fraternity's action on certain question or its attitude toward questions not yet necessary to be decided, with the reasons in all cases. It is so hard to become interested in matters of which we know little and understand less."

The same journal also contains this helpful suggestion:

"Iota's alumnae now feel that the common interest in the collection of a Scholarship Fund, binds its members more closely together than ever before. Here is an instance. At our formal Founders Day banquet last year we decided that we could have just as good a time at an informal meeting and save the banquet tax for the Scholarship Fund. This year's committee took up the suggestion, and the 'Scholarship Rally' proved to be one of the alumnae's most joyous celebrations. For a week before preparations were made as for a picnic, with the result that each member took her offering into the kitchen, and a most efficient committee served from there an exceedingly attractive supper."

The present rushing system is the result of false values and is the cause of so much weakness in the fraternities that we are glad to publish the following thoughtful contribution on the subject by Mary Griffith Canby, Grand President of $K K \Gamma$.:

Our great reform must begin with a re-organization of the rushing system. This is, I believe, the great evil; lesser ones will correct themselves.

University Presidents, Deans of Women, alumnae and active members recognize this need. Rushing as it now exists must be abolished, not because if we do not remedy it, the university authorities doubtless will take active steps to do so, but because the system is *wrong*, and no fraternity must stand for wrong principles or customs. We all see the harm to Freshmen and upper classmen alike. When the Freshman comes to college, everything is new and strange; she cannot find her way from class to class; she is bewildered by the new subjects and regulations and faces; the Freshman of the university is not the complacent Senior of the preparatory school! To the upper classmen she should turn for good advice in her difficulties, because of their experience; this experience which should be the inheritance of the Freshman ought not to be denied her by rules such as the present rushing system often makes imperative in the fraternity world; rules that make us appear ridiculous to the outsider and unsympathetic and unkind to the younger girls.

To some of us the greatest hope of quick reform lies in the late pledge day, by which a student would have her Freshman year free from fraternity obligation; but this will aid only if each individual feels that it is incumbent on her to do her part to the best of her ability, and even at the risk of losing in numbers to uphold the principles that are right. The Freshman dormitory system will aid us, but let the fraternity not wait until that is established.

When all Freshmen are brought together without fraternity life for a year, they will cultivate college spirit and form friendships which are to last through college and after life, regardless of any future ties. Then when fraternity life comes, it will be more like forming home ties that are constantly flaunted in the face of the world. The student, too, will be able to consider the fraternity from a more mature basis and to study the system. She will know the different fraternity families and will not be overcome with social obligations to a harmful degree.

So much as to the good to the Freshman; the fraternity, too, would profit. One would not hear what has been said to me more than once this year, "If I had to go through another such rushing season, I would rather leave college;" the nervous strain was so tremendous. This would be changed, for normal friendships would be formed, and girls would not be judged on either side by the superficial. Expense would be reduced for the chapter. We are criticised, and rightly, for extravagance. The scholarship of our members would have been tried, and frankly, we do not want poor scholarship in the fraternity; we want good, all-round normal girls with at least fair scholarship. A real honor would be conferred by an invitation to membership. Now is it not on the surface, the Freshman who is conferring the honor in accepting an invitation?

The argument will be advanced that the training a Freshman receives in her fraternity is invaluable. Under normal methods of entering I concede this, but how many things do you who are upper classmen, have to train out of your Freshman for which you and the present rushing system are responsible?

I do not advance the idea of a late pledge day as *the* remedy. I only say that we must find *a* remedy for a plan that is wrong; and I say again, in all earnestness, that the remedy must come from the individual primarily, from the solemn conviction that we will not stand for the wrong, whatever the cost. The late pledge day might aid if really tried. We must expect that a whole year of mad rushing possibly would ensue; then it would probably become a matter of course that pledging before the end of Freshman year would be discontinued as detrimental to college and fraternity. Fifteen years of fra-

ternity life, as an active member, an alumna, and an officer, have left this impress on me. I believe heart and soul in the fraternity and its individual helpfulness, from observations in twenty-six of the thirty-three universities and colleges in which we have chapters, and from conference with those in authority I believe in its college helpfulness. * * * The number of daughters of University Presidents found in the various fraternities is in itself a reason for believing that if they deplore it at all, it is not the existence of the "fraternity," but the method of carrying out the principles. There are college evils to be deplored as well as fraternity ones, we must all recognize. We do not cease to believe in colleges because of these evils.



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