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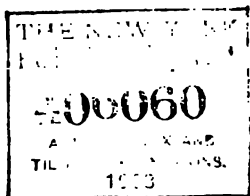




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THE CONVENTION OF 1904

Again our Editor has commissioned me to write a report of the Convention for the Lyre, and I feel both bound by limitations and overwhelmed by infinite possibilities.

We arrived! and that was no small consideration at the time, as my fellow-travellers will testify. I need only to say that there were six of us to change cars, hunt hotels and make trains, for my imaginative reader to guess why we had accomplished something merely to have arrived. And what we found was truly delightful—a small place of perhaps ten thousand inhabitants, beautifully situated in the valley and on the slopes of hills that, to my unaccustomed and level-country-educated eye, seemed like mountains. A bevy of girls met us and took us to our respective stopping places. I never expect to enjoy more charming and cordial hospitality than that of my host and hostesses during those few days in that old Pennsylvania town. It is old—celebrated its one hundred and tenth anniversary some time ago, and is enjoying all the comforts of *good* old age. The weather man favored us—such clear balmy days are seldom granted during November, and I was informed that this was especially unusual in Meadville.

Delta has a fine large "frat" hall, furnished with hammocks, cozy corners, inviting chairs, and all the paraphernalia that makes a place attractive and comfortable, and here we were turned loose the first evening "to enjoy the society of the sisters" from various chapters and to partake of a delicious spread that the Delta girls had very thoughtfully and safely prepared for us. I say "safely," for I believe every Alpha Chi is educated up to a good spread—it belongs to her repertoire of accomplishments. Our days were devoted to business meetings, except when we were attending some very beautiful receptions.

Wednesday the President and Mrs. Crawford of Pennsylvania College received us at their home. On Thursday Dr. and Mrs. Flood invited us to their home, and on Friday afternoon two receptions were given us by sororities. On Wednesday evening our customary recital took place in the Hall at the College of Music. This is the one feature of the Convention by which we are, and should be, judged musically. Each chapter is more or less reflected in her representative, and the average worth of the programme shows to outsiders what the standard of our sorority really is. A very large and a very appreciative audience, which brought every participant back and insisted that some respond to encores, made the performers feel that their efforts had been well worth while. Thursday evening a very elaborate reception, and quite the event of the Convention, was given us at the home of Miss Harper, our ex-Grand Treasurer. To this function, I think, every eligible person in Meadville must have been invited, for, although the Harper home is extremely spacious, the rooms were thronged with interesting people of all ages—a most delightful affair! And on Friday evening we were taken six miles away from Meadville to Saegertown Inn, where "mein host" cordially received us—forty or more—and sat us down at a very large table, gorgeously arrayed after the fashion of Alpha Chi with scarlet carnations and smilax and maiden-hair ferns. What prettier sight could fall to any one's lot than this! The orchestra discoursed sweet music through the nine or ten courses in spite of our chatter and occasional outbursts

of song. The consummation of our felicity was reached after the table had been cleared of every thing but the flowers and glasses and the toast-mistress began to announce the "toasters." That's when the spirit just won't stay inside—the emotions will manifest themselves in tears and cheers! Our toast-mistress and her followers called forth yell after yell of Alpha Chi with their cheeriness, and with the greatest reluctance we allowed them to close their little drama before the stroke of twelve, to give way to dancing and general merry-making in the ball-room. A sorry crowd was whisked home on the electrics at one o'clock—wearing from so much good time and depressed with the thought of separation on the morrow. Parting *may* be "sweet sorrow—but montrez-moi"!

I hardly know what to say of our business meetings, other than that they were thoroughly satisfactory. With a President of such splendid executive ability and keen judgment and with delegates so responsive, they could not have been otherwise. Alpha Chi is undoubtedly progressing from year to year and in extending her interests we are on the high road to glories we modestly dream of.

Of Convention I can only think—Success! As "what goes up must come down," so "what begins must end"—hence "we arrived"—we departed! In two short years we'll all meet again at Ann Arbor—birds of a feather—ever singing

A-l-p-h-a
C-h-i—Al-pha—Chi
O-me-ga.

LAURA A. HOWE.



THEODORE THOMAS

The Art, so loved by "Alpha Chi," has again been called upon to mourn the loss of one of its bravest soldiers. In the death of Theodore Thomas, director of the Chicago Orchestra, the realm of music has sustained a serious loss; but truly, such a career of earnest and sincere devotion to the highest ideals can never be forgotten. It is indeed fitting that Death should come to this zealous musical master in the hour of triumph, in the day of victory. His aim was nobly achieved, success crowned his life-long endeavors; while, after him, shall live forever the great influence he has exercised upon the popularization of classical music. He stands for "one-ness of purpose" and unalterable allegiance to the truth of a high ideal. Devotion to this ideal is the key-note of his illustrious career, coloring all his triumphs and defeats and uniting all into a glorious whole.

Theodore Thomas was a born musician. His genius, supplemented by a most excellent training and fostered by his indomitable pluck and perseverance, has rendered his name a powerful factor in the musical world. The Chicago Orchestra Hall, dedicated to the use of his orchestra, tells of a battle royally fought, of a victory nobly won, and will ever be unto the name of "Theodore Thomas" as a fitting memorial.

RUBY M. MARSH.

MUSIC AS MEDICINE AMONG THE ANCIENTS

Many who have been interested within a few years in reading of the application of music to the treatment of diseases, may also be interested to know that it is not a new discovery. Even as early as 1806, it was stated in a philosophical magazine that a body of medical men were then engaged in making experiments upon the influence of music in the cure of diseases. But the idea goes even farther back than the nineteenth century, for the most ancient people firmly believed in the medicinal powers attributed to music. Many modern physicians and philosophers now assert that music has the power of affecting the mind and the whole nervous system, so as to give a temporary relief in certain diseases, and even a radical cure, by diverting the patient's attention and occasioning certain vibrations of the nerves. The ancients have recorded in their literature any number of miracles brought about in the same way.

Among half-civilized nations, diseases have always been attributed to the influence of evil spirits. The depression of mind which often comes with sickness, and the delirium which accompanies certain diseases, were considered as evidence of the presence of a demon; and the effect of music in raising this depression of the mind was obvious very early. Its power of attracting attention, even in cases of great mental disorder, caused it to be prescribed as a remedy long before the cause of the symptoms were known.

Homer tells of how the Grecian army employed music to prevent the raging of the plague. Pliny laughs at the idea that music should affect real bodily injuries, but nevertheless quotes Homer on the subject and also Theophrastus, who advocated a tune for the cure of hip-gout. A later writer recommends music as a specific for the bite of a viper; and Swinburne, too, in his *Travels*, relates the effects of music on those who are bitten by the tarantula. Among the miracles that have

been recorded as brought about by different instruments are those of deafness cured by a trumpet, a fever removed by a song, and the pestilence chased away by harmonies of a lyre. That deaf people can hear best in a great noise is a fact known and explained by modern specialists, and this explains the ancient story of curing deafness by a trumpet. One physician tells of a lady who could hear only when a drum was beating, so her husband hired a drummer as her servant in order to enjoy her conversation.

Another story is told of a famous singer, Farinelli, who was sent to Madrid to try the effect of his magical voice on the King of Spain. His Majesty was suffering from deepest melancholy, so that nothing could rouse an emotion or look of interest in his countenance. He sat in a darkened room entirely given up to this distressing kind of madness. The physicians ordered Farinelli at first to sing in an outer room; and, for the first day or two this was done without any effect on the patient. Then it was observed that the King seemed to awaken from his stupor and listen; on the next day tears were seen starting in his eyes; the day after, he ordered the door of his room to be left opened, and finally he was entirely cured from his illness. The magical voice of Farinelli had accomplished what no medicine could do.

In connection with these traditional stories, which we are to believe or not as we wish, it is interesting to conjecture if a savage who had never listened to a musical instrument, would feel certain emotions at listening to one for the first time. Civilized people are, no doubt, particularly affected by association of ideas, as is proven in all pieces of national music. Rousseau mentions in one of his writings that the *Ranz des Vaches* had such a powerful influence over the Swiss, and caused them to be seized with such an irrepressible desire to return to their own country, that it was forbidden to be played in the Swiss regiments employed in the French service, on pain of death.

THETA.

REPORT

OF THE VOTE ON THE FOUR MOTIONS, SUBMITTED BY THE
INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE TO THE NINE SORORITIES
REPRESENTED IN IT.

The Inter-SorORITY Conference of September, 1903, submitted, to all the sororities represented in it, four motions, on which it asked that a vote by chapters be taken in each sorority. The results of this vote were to be forwarded to the Secretary of the Conference by March 1, 1904, and by her reported to the sororities. The last report has just been received, April 25, 1904, and the Secretary begs to submit the following statement of the result:

PI BETA PHI.

Motion 1—Lost.	Vote	15-17
Motion 2—Tie.	Vote	16-16
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote	23- 9
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote	27- 5

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

Motion 1—Carried.	Vote 16-10.	No report from 3.
Motion 2—Carried.	Vote 16-10.	No report from 3.
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote 21- 4.	No report from 4.
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote 21- 4.	No report from 4.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Motion 1—Carried.	Vote 17- 4.	No report from 1.
Motion 2—Carried.	Vote 17- 4.	No report from 1.
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote 19- 2.	No report from 1.
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote 19- 2.	No report from 1.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Motion 1—Tie.	Vote	9- 9
Motion 2—Tie.	Vote	9- 9
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote	13-15
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote	12- 6

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ALPHA PHI.

Motion 1—Carried.	Vote	7- 5
Motion 2—Carried.	Vote	8- 4
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote	9- 2
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote	10- 2

CHI OMEGA.

Motion 1—Carried.	Vote	9- 5
Motion 2—Carried.	Vote	9- 5
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote	11- 3
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote	11- 3

DELTA GAMMA.

Motion 1—Carried.	Vote	12- 4
Motion 2—Carried.	Vote	12- 4
Motion 3—Carried.	Vote	13- 3
Motion 4—Carried.	Vote	13- 3

ALPHI CHI OMEGA.

Motion 1—Carried.	The vote on each motion not reported.
Motion 2—Carried.	
Motion 3—Carried.	
Motion 4—Carried.	

GAMMA PHI BETA.

Motion 1—Carried.	Motions carried in Convention.
Motion 2—Carried.	
Motion 3—Carried.	
Motion 4—Carried.	

SUMMARY.

Motion 1—Lost.	7 affirmative, 1 negative, 1 tie.
Motion 2—Lost.	7 affirmative, 2 ties.
Motion 3—Carried.	9 affirmative.
Motion 4—Carried.	9 affirmative.

The agreement among the Sororities was that any Inter-Sorority compact should be binding only when accepted by all the Sororities in the Conference. Motions three and four have been so accepted and are, therefore, binding on the nine Sororities agreeing to them. They must form part of the rules of

every Pan-Hellenic Association formed by these Sororities and, from the very large vote in their favor, it is clear that rushing and bidding in preparatory schools has been found to be unwise by most Sororities.

The first two motions are not unanimously accepted, and so are not binding. But the vote in favor of them is so large, and they are so important to the success of any Inter-Sorority arrangement, whether national or local, that it is to be hoped the two Sororities failing to agree to them will reconsider their vote before next Conference, and make their very small negative or tie votes affirmative.

Reports on Pan-Hellenic Associations

Each Sorority was asked to report on the formation of the Pan-Hellenic Associations for which it is responsible, and these reports are given below, as far as they have been received.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.

Tri Delta is not responsible for the forming of any Pan-Hellenic Associations, for she is not the oldest Sorority in any college, where there are two or more of the Sororities represented in the Conference. She has, however, sent a brief account of the Pan-Hellenic Association in Woman's College, Baltimore, to which her Xi Chapter belongs. As this is one of the most influential Pan-Hellenics in the United States, the report will be found suggestive to the newer associations which are being started this year.

The Pan-Hellenic Association of the Woman's College of Baltimore was founded in January, 1897, when six fraternities were installed there, Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, Theta Kappa Pi, Gamma Phi Beta, Kappa Alpha Theta, Pi Beta Phi, the third named being a local. Since then, Delta Delta Delta has entered the College and joined the Pan Hellenic Association.

The Pan-Hellenic consists of two delegates appointed from each Fraternity—usually one Junior and one Senior. The President is annually selected from the Fraternities in the order of their establishment.

All affairs of inter-fraternity interest come before this body and are there decided finally. There is one matter upon which there must be a unanimous vote of the seven fraternities—this is the date of pledge

day. All other motions may be carried by a vote of 5 to 2—each Fraternity, of course, being entitled to only one vote.

During its first year of organization, the Pan-Hellenic did little else than fix the date of pledge day. With each year, however, its power has increased and its influence broadened. In a few years we find that the requirement for entrance into any Fraternity is fourteen hours credit.

Not only was a pledge day determined upon by the Pan-Hellenic, but restrictions for the rushing were also made by it. The number of entertainments to be given by any Fraternity was limited. Members of Fraternities were prohibited from mentioning the subject of Fraternities to eligible Freshmen.

The next year Pan-Hellenic gained new strength and succeeded in abolishing all rushing in the main College Hall. This, of course, had been largely individual and had been characterized by Freshmen being entertained in recitation rooms during chapel hour, etc.

After the first Inter-Sorority Conference and its decision that Easter time would be the best for pledging Freshmen, the Woman's College Pan-Hellenic decided to make a trial of the matter in order to practically demonstrate that good theories must work out well. Before this time the second Saturday in November had usually been the pledge day. With the opening of the 1903-04 term, however, the new system was inaugurated.

The fundamental idea of this system was that there should be an abolition of rushing. A set of rules were drawn up and voted upon in Pan-Hellenic. Fraternities, breaking the rules, were to be reported to the President of the Association and formally reprimanded. The rules were wholly local in their application, but have been published in every Fraternity organ.

Without entering upon any discussion of the merits of this system, it is only necessary to say that not one of the Fraternities wishes to continue it for another year. It has modified their ideas of what should be done, however, and six of them wish pledge day to be placed just before Christmas for next year.

This Pan-Hellenic has certainly proved itself a success and established its right to exist as a permanent institution. It has had a corrective effect upon each Fraternity and has taught each one to give up smaller interests so that it may gain larger ones. The best that can be said of it is that its rulings form a part of the common Fraternity Consciousness of the College.

SARA L. M. JOHNSON, Delta Delta Delta,
Xi Chapter, W. C. B.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

Allegheny College.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed for several years at Allegheny and, since it is in practice the same sort of organization as the one proposed by the Inter-Sorority Conference, it did not seem wise to make any further organization.

Cornell University.—For a number of years a Pan-Hellenic Association has existed at Cornell. Its formation and duties differ but slightly from the plan adopted by the Conference. Steps are being taken to alter the present organization to conform to the Conference ruling. At the next regular meeting, these changes will be made. The special question for decision is, can we put asking day still later than our present contract does?

Illinois University.—Kappa Alpha Theta was the first fraternity to receive a charter at Illinois, but Pi Beta Phi was first installed. Three years ago, a Pan-Hellenic Association was formed. It has been successful in bringing more harmony between fraternities, and in lessening the evils of rushing. There are two delegates from each fraternity. They amend the rushing contract and discuss all inter-fraternity questions. This year asking day was the fourth Tuesday after the opening of college. All invitations are written and sent by mail. With this organization so successful, it seemed unnecessary to take any steps toward change, since it so admirably fills the idea for which the Inter-Sorority Conference asks organization.

Indiana University—No Pan-Hellenic has as yet been formed (February 20, 1904). Steps are to be taken toward such an organization in the near future.

Stanford University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has existed here for many years. Its purpose is to develop sociability among the fraternity women, to lead in college activities, and to regulate rushing. No new organization has been formed, but each Sorority has retired one active member from the executive board, and appointed an alumna member in her place. Thus the board corresponds to the proposed Pan-Hellenic Association.

Swarthmore College.—There has been a Pan-Hellenic association at Swarthmore for several years. It is composed of two active members from each fraternity, and meets once a month. By faculty rule, March first is asking day. By Pan-Hellenic agreement the fraternities are bound not to rush, and are allowed to have but one large function each before bidding day—this preferably to be before Christmas. This plan has been so successful in past years that no steps have been taken to change to the proposed plan, since the spirit of the Inter-Sorority Conference is fully embodied and lived up to at present.

University of Vermont.—The fraternities have appointed their members for the Pan-Hellenic Association. Although the Board is not yet organized (February, 1904), everything points to success.

Wooster University.—There have been no steps taken to organize a Pan-Hellenic Association, as the faculty supervision of rushing enforces all the things proposed for the Association.

DELTA GAMMA.

Mt. Union College, Alliance, Ohio.—This chapter is trying to establish an association. Nothing has been accomplished so far (February, 1904).

University of Iowa.—Are trying to form an association.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.

Not responsible for forming any associations, but reports joining several that are being formed.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.

No report.

ALPHA PHI.

Syracuse University.—The Sororities were called together in December; all responded, and it was agreed to organize the Pan-Hellenic Association. A second meeting was held in January, and a third in February. These perfected the plan for permanent organization, and it was recommended that all consider carefully the obstacles agreed upon by the Inter-Sorority Conference. As yet we have made no attempt to define rushing or designate pledge day. The meetings have been pleasant

and social, and must promote good feeling among the chapters.

Northwestern University.—A Pan-Hellenic Association has been started, but the organization is not yet complete.

PI BETA PHI.

No report.

GAMMA PHI BETA.

Ann Arbor.—All the Sororities, including the local Sororities, are members. We have not yet adopted a pledge day, as none of the Sororities thought it would be at all expedient in Ann Arbor, but we have regulated the rushing so that it will not be so hard as in former years, and so that it will be more dignified.

University of Washington.—The Seniority here is not yet settled between Delta Gamma and Gamma Phi Beta, but pending settlement Gamma Phi has started a Pan-Hellenic Association. The two national and three local Sororities belong to it, and they have had several meetings for the purpose of organizing and drawing up a constitution. The formation, suggested by the Conference, will be followed in the main.

The Secretary wishes to acknowledge most gratefully all the encouraging and helpful letters she has received from the various Sororities.

LILLIAN W. THOMPSON.

Gamma Phi Beta,

Secretary Inter-Sorority Conference, 1903-1904.

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THE SPHERE OF A COLLEGE WOMAN

The fact that the woman who is well educated is better fitted for all positions in life than she who is not needs no discussion, and yet this truth is occasionally questioned by narrow-minded persons.

Whether a girl pursues a musical, literary or art course, she gets the culture and training that result from contact with the best people. A literary course consisting of two or more languages, some work in science, mathematics and literature will give one a practical education—an education sufficient to make one feel at ease in conversing with thinking men, and in understanding the trend of the times. But not all are satisfied with that. In order to teach the subject in which one is most interested, specializing is necessary. A young woman who thoroughly knows one or two subjects is worthy of admiration.

If one is especially talented in music or art, she certainly deserves to receive as much training as possible in those particular branches. If not possessing more than an ordinary amount of emotional sensibility, a little study in developing this trait will never be regretted. Who does not enjoy a few musical selections, even if they are not from the hand of an artist, or who is not influenced by the designer's art?

Study, however, is not the only thing that fits a woman for the best life. The contact of college girls with each other tends to make them unselfish and able to adapt themselves easily to all kinds of circumstances; and the touch of girl with girl gives to each poise and ease.

With a broad education, such as has merely been intimated, is not a college woman prepared for almost any kind of a life? She can step out of college and command a good position as teacher in the public school and college, assistant in the office, or, if she has studied music or art, she is able to open a studio. When she holds one of these positions, her influence is wide,

her culture and intelligence are an inspiration to those about her, and her broad, practical views make her a developing force in the world.

Woman is a natural leader and, having had experience in college, she can undertake and carry through enterprises that, without her, would be impossible. She is a reliable member of any organization.

The school boards are very particular to secure college graduates for positions in the public schools, because these women lead the pupils to higher things—teach them to reason and think for themselves as they will have to do when they assume greater responsibilities. Will not these efforts on the part of our college women assist in the gradual evolution of the race?

The college-bred woman will exert her influence wherever she may be. If she travels, if she remains in the home, she will raise her companions to her standard, will compel them to broaden their views.

We can think of so many places that a college graduate could fill, but where would her life count for more than in her own home? The wife of a professor or minister in a small town has a great opportunity for uplifting the people. The professor's wife forms acquaintances among the young people, and makes them take an interest in something besides the plans for doing the least amount of work for the greatest amount of credit. The minister's wife, in her contact with the women of the church, brings to them the outlook of the broader life and, possibly, in her journeys she has a larger field for good than any other.

Being the wife of any business man should not debar the college woman from taking an active part in any work that will result in the uplifting of the community—as assisting in the literary society, arranging for entertainments and showing an interest in all public affairs.

More important than everything else that has been mentioned is the influence with the members of one's own family.

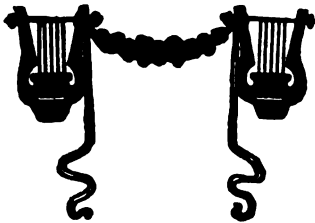
Consider what a power for good a bright, enthusiastic woman is in the home. Her original ideas, her sensible thoughts, her unselfish motives, are all results of her careful college training.

How much more capable she is of developing in the lives of her children the highest and noblest traits of character, than she would be if her life had been spent within a small circle. Her character will largely shape the destiny of future generations.

The college woman shows her superiority over the uneducated woman in being able to identify herself with public interests and to direct the thoughts of her companions and members of her own family to loftier ideals. Therefore we are justified in declaring that the sphere of the college woman is unlimited.

MABEL KEECH,

Beta, '05.



SISTERHOOD

Among the "exchanges" which came to me last month was the Kappa Alpha Theta for March. As I was glancing through its pages my eye was attracted to an article entitled, "Two Thetas in Germany," and I was delighted to find that one of them was my former Albion College friend, Elizabeth Cole. Among the interesting details of her journey through Germany she mentioned meeting another Theta at an official reception, and spoke of the mutual pleasure resulting therefrom. To quote her words: "A college girl realizes the meaning of her fraternity pin and thinks she appreciates the privilege of wearing it, but I know I never fully appreciated mine until, far from home, I met a stranger who was not a stranger, sharing my interests, striving for a true and noble womanhood, brought near to me by the mystic tie that binds."

The incident reminded me of my experience last fall when I started to come East. After four years of active fraternity life, I knew I would miss the fraternity associations very much, and I thought that that part of my college life had quite passed away as I heard for the last time the Alpha Chi yell from the station platform at Albion. As the conductor took my ticket, he remarked: "There's a girl across the aisle who is going to your college." With the prospect of almost a thousand mile journey before me, I decided not to "stand on ceremony," and made myself known to this Smith College girl. What was my surprise to find that she wore a Kappa Kappa Gamma pin and a Sigma Nu badge, both of which were very familiar to me. She was from Iowa State University, and the enjoyable time which we had comparing fraternity and college life in the two states made the ride across Canada and New York far from tedious.

Upon arriving at Northampton we engaged temporary board at the same house, went together for the first interview with the college authorities (girls, don't you all remember what an

awe-inspiring person your registrar seemed to you at your first consultation?) and though we were assigned to different campus houses, our friendship has continued with the passing weeks. Among the fifty girls in the house where I live, I found a Gamma Phi Beta from Washington State University, also a Chicago girl who was a great friend of two Alpha Chi Omega girls at the University of Michigan; in fact, she had belonged to the same local sorority as they in Chicago. Then one evening when I was discussing the relative merits of history and literature as a main study with a girl who entered as senior from Ohio Wesleyan, I discovered that her chum belonged to our sorority at Champaign, Illinois.

I had heard that there were three Alpha Chis here from Evanston and, of course, was very anxious to meet them. The opportunity came sooner than I expected, for when I went to see my class officer the second day and was waiting outside the office door with twenty others, two girls with their suit cases came along, evidently on their way from the station. When they turned, behold there were two "golden lyres" on their waists, and how beautiful the pins did seem to the eyes of a "stranger in a strange land." The third Chi was introduced to me at the Freshman Frolic (and she is writing out a French exercise at my roommate's desk at this very moment).

We four Chis have seen a great deal of each other during the year, and of course were delighted to have one of the Zeta Chapter girls join our quartet for a day last November. Before the close of the term we expect several girls from Beta, Gamma and Zeta chapters to visit us. I have seen many fraternity pins since I came to Smith, and since the first month, in which I met a Kappa Alpha Theta, a Delta Gamma and an Alpha Phi, I have realized as I never had before, the mystic tie which unites all fraternity girls in one larger, more beautiful sisterhood. Although we belonged to different fraternities and had come from different institutions, we had all passed through similar experiences in our fraternity life and had come out with higher ideals for the future.

The fraternity life in the chapter may seem to some to make up the greater part of fraternity life, but, girls, it isn't the end; it is only the preparation for the larger life afterward.

MARY LUCINDA PERINE.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF SORORITY LIFE

There is an indefinable quality in the voice that creeps unawares into the cordial "Hello" exchanged between fraternity sisters as they pass each other on the "Hill" or in the corridors. This gives its recipient the feeling that there is one with whom she has a perfect understanding, and an assurance of sympathetic friendship. In all her daily surroundings of work or play, pleasure or pain, it is this atmosphere which affects the new girl first, and which seems to her the binding together of her chapter, which must be patent to all observers. She learns to watch for this understanding smile and nod as one of her rights and privileges, and responds to it in quick greeting.

The girl who does not live in a chapter house, as Kappa girls have not found it wise at present to live, can hardly be said to enjoy real, true sorority life, in the broadest sense of the term. Scattered from the west side to the east side of the city, taking their work, some on the Hill, some in the School of Music a mile away, the busy girls see too little of each other, and have very little of the companionship which they would so much enjoy. Aside from the fraternity meetings, at which they make use of every spare moment in fun and talk, or the chance meeting with barely time for a nod, the only opportunities they have to enjoy each other's society are in assisting a patroness at some function, or accepting the hospitality of the associate members in some social function.

But the very knowledge, as one sleepily climbs the stairs and turns on the light after an evening's hard work, that, only a block away peacefully sleeps a girl, who is loyal, heart and soul, to Alpha Chi Omega, is in itself inspiring. As one lovingly takes off the pin and holds it, then comes back the first feeling, impalpable though it may be, that the lyre stands for a shining scroll of loving souls stretching east, west, north and south, wherever a warm heart throbs beneath the tiny emblem.

ESTHER R. CONCKLIN,
Kappa, '05.

THE FATAL MEETING

The girl frats have had their fatal meeting. It is said they had a jolly time with the little black and white marbles, though persons who were not present at the great reckoning may never know the exact truth.

There is a rumor that at this meeting little images of new university girls were put in the middle of the room, then the girls who belong to those girl frats (by the way, I am told it is customary to speak of them as Sorority girls) all got around the poor little images and shot black and white marbles straight at them. If only white marbles hit they (the images) could belong to the girl frat, I mean Sorority; if a great many black marbles hit, the images were cast aside without a word; but if a great many white marbles and just a few black ones hit the images, there was a great deal of weeping and gnashing of teeth, but it couldn't be done over.

These Sorority girls are very business-like people. Their work is carried on in a quick, decisive manner. When they do a thing it is *done*, and must stand forever, written in black and white in a book with gold edges and red covers.

The frat girls must have written invitations at that meeting, too, because the very next noon letters came out in the mail. (I got this from my landlady, who says several came to the house for the girls who have little scraps of ribbon pinned on the front of their shirt waists.)

I am just dying to know what was in those letters the girl frats sent out. The girls in the house who got them were terribly excited, and the girls who didn't get them weren't a bit excited and only stuck up their noses at the others. The invitations must have said something very important to make so much difference in everyone but me, and I confess they did make me curious. The funniest part of it all was that a few of the girls who got more than one of these sorority letters cried when they should have been all the happier. At

one time they said they wished they had never heard of sororities, and in a little while they wanted to join them all. I guess, however, they first fixed it all right, because they have on scraps of ribbon the same as the girls who got only one letter.

Perhaps, though, the two different colors represent two different frats. I couldn't see what would happen next fatal day in that case, because they couldn't shoot white and black marbles in two different houses at the same time.

For my part I'm glad invitation day is past. The excitement and fuss these sororities have made about the new girls has been too much for me. Now that I have nothing to disturb me I hope to do good work for the rest of the semester.

HELEN WRIGHT,
Iota.



CALVE

During a week of grand opera in Chicago I chanced to go into a Japanese curio store. It was a quiet place, filled with beautiful and curious things representing the handicraft of the Island people. The intelligent owner of the collection was an American, who had resided in Japan for seventeen years, and whose father had been a dealer in things artistic and interesting. This gentleman had seen much of the world—that is to say—many sides of life, and was himself entertaining.

Upon entering the store a small group of people in an alcove attracted my attention. They were talking French in animated French fashion, and seemed to be having almost a hilarious time. A lady in black appeared to be the center of attraction and for the next half hour, while pretending to be looking at some rare bits of pottery, I was watching this gay little company who seemed to be having such a good time. The lady in black left the others a few minutes to speak to the clerks. She was larger than the average woman, even masculine in shoulders and chest. Her face was dark and swarthy, lighted with small black eyes, constantly changing their expression and relieved from a certain unpleasantness by a pretty mouth, sweet at times with an expression that charmed. The hair surmounting an unusually low, broad forehead was the blue black that the Greek women are said to have possessed. The lady's dress was as unusual as her features. The entire gown was of the heaviest black crape, with long train. A necklace of immense pearls was wound twice about her neck, then fell to her lap. Her ungloved hand wore a ring on every finger and to finish the sweep and majesty of the whole was a huge Gainsborough hat laden with valuable plumes. Who was she? Those eyes—that peculiar individuality could belong to but one individual in the whole world—Madame Calvé.

When she had gone the gentleman whose pottery had

served so well told me some things that are not usually in the papers. He had known Madame Calvé many years, she never came to Chicago without calling, and usually carried away some trifle that caught her fancy. The trifle that morning had been the purchase of a \$4,000 screen, the design being done in the exquisite Japanese needle painting. She lived her own life independently, and while she frequently departed from some of society's standards, her highest ambition was to perfect her art and do *good*.

On her estate in France is a large hospital where young French women suffering from consumption can live and be treated with the best medical aid free of charge. Her heart and hand are constantly open to assist worthy needs. Several poor young women of talent had received directly from her their real start in their professional life. To simple needs and right purposes her sympathy is quick and responsive. Then she *loves* beauty for its own sake. Her own home—where this artist spends as much time as the world will allow—is a treasure home of rare and costly things from all lands. Here are porcelains and bronzes from China and Japan, fabrics from India, marbles and pictures from Italy, and then the strange and grotesque from everywhere and all people.

And everything this woman owns or touches is stamped with a bit of her own individuality. This is one reason of her success. This intense personality is in itself, in her, her power.

Blackburn, in one of his admirable criticisms, observes that in the examination of any interpretative artist's success in interpretation the first necessary matter is to inquire into the conventions by which that interpretation is safe-guarded.

On the operatic stage of today is a union of two arts—each vital and distinct of itself—music and acting. The union is intimate, the one art acts, the other reacts, with so indissoluble an effect that the question of proportion in the whole is very naturally one upon which there is an extensive variety of opinion. And there has been such diversity of opinion that out of the many methods prevalent in the last century, when

school rivalled school, there arose one mighty and seemingly immovable *manner*.

The opera of thirty years ago became the occasion of exhibitions of beautiful voice production, nothing more. Melba is perhaps the best great exponent of this development. This method was carried to such extremes that the "heaving bosom, the drooping eye-lid" and poised arm became mere tricks of trade—a dead emptiness pervaded operatic stage forms. All this became very old and stale and men forgot to enjoy the voice without intelligent accompaniment of mind and soul. A blending of methods was believed possible. It has been said that fresh young singers began to lose the art of taking pains. The death of the opera was imminent and one wondered if it would effect the death of the voice. That necessity is the mother of invention will be demonstrated by facts to the end of time. Something had to be done. The pure voice-producing standard assumed the character of an awakening. It was discovered that the drama could be revitalized and a portion of its energy infused in the voice. Opera took on a new lease of life. The exponent of the new method among women is Madame Emma Calvé. Her singular and fascinating personality, together with a voice of wonderful quality, makes her today the incomparable vocal actress she is. As one has said, "As Santuzza, her voice is passionate, full, native, overwhelming; as the Priestess in Bizet's 'Pêcheurs des Peoles,' it is solemn and majestic; as Ophelia in Thomas' 'Amleto' it is infinitely tender and pathetic; as Carmen it is a whirlwind of emotion, changeful and wide-sweeping." Calvé's movement is finely attuned to the motion of her voice, swift with its swiftness, solemn with its majesty—thus effecting an extraordinary unity of results. She never allows one to imagine herself critical. Yet, as one careful critic has noted, her movement is not the spontaneous impulse of the moment; its art is too finely proportioned to deceive a thoughtful mind into any such belief, yet it is spontaneous in *appearance*.

The joy of it rests in the fact that it is all so vital. Instead of the soothing and average sensation aroused by the exer-

cise of a merely beautiful voice, there is a combination of power that stirs one with the sense of personal life. The mere singer changes into a living sentiment being. You forget that it is a song, that it is mere acting. You no longer smile that love and hate can come to you through appointed harmonies. The conventional forms disappear and love and hate appear realities when delivered by Calvé. She never permits the feeling of common sense, outraged even though it be in a degree reconciled by beauty of environment. She makes opera possible and probable and in this no other woman artist approaches her. She belongs to opera—on any other stage she might not succeed so well. An appreciative friend who has seen her in all roles truly says that in a dramatic circumstance of opera one might shut their eyes and listening there would be conveyed the picturesque situation. This splendid achievement does not destroy the past—it opens nobler possibilities of present and future with it.

MARY JONES TENNANT,
Alpha.



INTERFRATERNITY SPIRIT

A thought that often occupies our minds is the subject of interfraternity spirit.

The Greek world is a little world in itself within which our interests, though not the same, are very similar. It is a world much divided and, too often, divided against itself. Within our own division we are interested in the highest welfare of each one. The realization of this interest of others in us causes us to strive to develop our individual best. Why not extend at least a portion of this good-will beyond our own numbers and especially toward those of another fraternity? If we see them stumbling over some difficult point in their lessons why not help them? Perhaps someone will say that by doing so one gives another her thoughts while she is working to have her own fraternity stand the highest and hold the best grade—that is a splendid object, but it never does us harm to help another. It may often cost us an effort, but as often it may win us a friend and the esteem of others; for all admire a kind act, no matter how trivial.

Fraternity should teach us to form friendships which are true and lasting and such as will be a benefit to all. But this is of little value unless we can extend it to those outside our immediate circle and thus increase the number of our friends.

Fraternity ought also to broaden our natures, take us out of ourselves and teach us the sweet lesson of unselfishness and kindness to others. If there are good deeds in fraternity, are they not good to practice throughout the world?

If we cannot extend these valuable lessons beyond our own mystic circle, then we are doing ourselves an injury and proving the accusation so often raised against Greekdom—that it makes us narrow.

The existence of other fraternities beside our own develops a spirit of rivalry, which should be beneficial to all. It ought to be a wholesome and good-natured rivalry. We most nat-

urally desire that our own fraternity obtain the honors and do the best work and be victorious in all it undertakes; but a hard lesson to learn is that of smiling and praising others if they reach the goal we had in view.

The rivalry in rushing is a greater one, in which more feeling is placed and it is impossible to even pretend to remain cool and even-tempered. Of course we all want the best girls. Here truly is a test of whether we have any proper interfraternity spirit or whether we think that all is fair in love or war. How very easy it is in case any one member has committed some indiscreet act to tell it to the new girl *if* it will influence her in your favor. This is a time when half the battle is to take defeat graciously. This is a splendid chance to prove our friendship and interest in another Greek society.

If we desire that there should be true and proper interfraternity spirit, let us ever keep fresh in our minds that saying of sayings that we have heard since childhood, "Do unto others as you would that others should do to you," and take as our watchword "With malice toward none, with charity for all." With a resolve to follow these words, let us pledge eternal friendship.

MARY ROBERTS.

REPORT OF EXAMINATIONS FOR 1904

(Marked on basis of 95.)

Alpha—89.1.

Beta—91.2.

Gamma—No papers received.

Delta—91.

Zeta—91.

Theta—88.8.

Iota—84.3.

Kappa—92.

Submitted by Committee.

EDITORIAL

The Eleventh National Convention has been held and, by the report given in another part of this magazine, will be seen to have been most successful. A careful reading of this report is desired, and each chapter should take up the Minutes of the Convention and through its delegate, become familiar with all legislation.

Many inquiries concerning the non-appearance of the last two issues of the Lyre have elicited the fact that the publications of the journal have been missed. There is but one reason to be assigned for the failure of the magazine to appear—lack of funds. The editor has not deemed it prudent to put the magazine in debt, although realizing the fact that its non-appearance might be fatal to its life. An attempt is made to condone for its non-appearance by an extra large magazine in this number. Now is the time to see that this lamentable condition does not arise again. May The Lyre enter upon a new era of prosperity.

With this issue of The Lyre the editor's term of office will draw to a close. The past four years have been filled with painstaking labor and pleasure and, to one vitally interested in the welfare of Alpha Chi Omega and whose heart has been bound up in the improvement of the fraternity journal, it is with regret that the editor feels obliged to lay aside this work for other increasing cares. There have been many hard working helpers in the past and, unlike some magazines, good manuscript has not been wanting. Lack of funds has been the chief hindrance, and with the entrance of new life and vigor in the magazine it is to be hoped that this may become a less menacing handicap. The editor wishes to extend her gratitude to all those who have so ably assisted her, and also acknowledges the support of the National Conventions.

It is to be hoped that the new editor of *The Lyre* will receive double the support which has yet been given to any editor. There needs to be a head to all undertakings, but such a head can only direct and systematize. Without the co-operation of the rank and file, nothing can be accomplished by the greatest general. Let every Alpha Chi rally to the aid of the new editor. It must be remembered that hers is not an easy task, and her efforts will be greatly alleviated by the confidence and help of the entire fraternity.

Elsewhere in these pages appears the results of the 1904 examinations. Had more of the papers been returned to the committee on time, this report might have appeared in the June *Lyre*. Let every chapter make it a point to respond more promptly this year.

The supply of 1904 March and June *Lyres* has been exhausted. This announcement will doubtless relieve the minds of many who have requested extra copies of these editions.

The *Lyre* gratefully acknowledges the announcement of the installation of a new chapter of Delta Upsilon at State University, Columbus, Ohio. Also of the Theta chapter of Alpha Xi Delta at University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.



CHAPTER LETTERS

BETA CHAPTER.—Albion College.

College has opened again and another rushing season has become but a memory of the past.

At the opening of the new year Beta found on her chapter roll the names of ten girls. We have to introduce as initiates Alien Gustafson, Blanch French, Mae Howey, Cleora Miller and Bessie Shanley, while Helen Hough, Caroline Newark and Gertrude Babcock, with Florence Fall and Olah Hill of last year's pledging, constitute the pledge list.

The rushing season this year was rather quiet. Our two functions, to which number we are limited by contract, were a taffy pull on October fourteenth and a six o'clock dinner November seventh. The rushing season culminated on Bidding day, November ninth, when we pledged four new girls.

The chapter sent out cards for a reception October first to the other sorority girls and town ladies.

Five Beta girls attended the Convention in Meadville. They report the finest time. A great inspiration was received by the Chapter, and the girls are well pleased with the idea of having an inspector.

Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, Albion's Conservatory Instructor, gave two organ recitals in Festival Hall at St. Louis. He was greatly appreciated by music lovers. He was assisted by Alien Gustafson, who so completely won her way into the hearts of her hearers by her rich contralto voice that she has been chosen to take the contralto parts in the Messiah, to be given in St. Louis the latter part of this month.

Beta girls are working hard preparing for examinations, which will close this term's work.

Beta sends love and greetings to her sister chapters, and wishes them success.

M. DAISY OSGOOD.

November 10, 1904.

GAMMA CHAPTER—Northwestern University.

Isn't this the finest weather for working? It has really inspired our whole chapter. Girls, we have the finest chapter this year that we have had for some time. All of the girls, with two exceptions, are in the Music School, taking full work. The one is a "Soph" in college and the other a Senior in Oratory School. We have initiated five girls this year: Bess Sinder, Hedwig Brenneman, Hazel De Groff, Esther Hinman and Julia Marshall. We are so glad to have the Marshall girls with us again, after their year abroad. They have already given a violin and piano recital this year. Others of our girls who have appeared in recitals are: Esther Hinman, Hedwig Brenneman, Bertha McCord, Bertha Porter and Frances Meredith each, in turn, having made us feel proud of them as Alpha Chis.

Our alumnae and active chapters have planned a series of musicales for this year, the first of which was given November eighteenth, at the home of Mabel Dunn Madson. The following program was played very effectively by some of our girls:

Polonaise	Paderewski
	Ruth Inglis.
Spanish Dance, "Romanza Andaluza".....	Sarasate
	Julia Marshall.
Warum	Schumann
Nocturne	Grieg
	Frances Meredith.
Obstination	Fontainelles
Madrigal	Harris
	Hedwig Brenneman.
"Legende"	Wieniawski
	Bertha Porter.
Scottish Tone Picture.....	MacDowell
Impromptu Op. 28, No. 3.....	Reinhold
	Esther Hinman.

After the program the guests retired to the dining room, where dainty refreshments were served. The table was covered with a profusion of our own scarlet carnations. About seventy-five guests were present, most of them being members of the

other sororities and fraternities. Those present voted it a decided success. The second of these musicales will be given in January by our professionalists, and will be in the Evanston Woman's club rooms.

We expect soon to initiate into Alpha Chi Mrs. Jessie S. Gayner and Mrs. Riley, who have consented to become associate members.

Social affairs in the University are decidedly at a "stand still" now, as all formal parties are given during the second semester.

Clara Gurnee, still loyal to Alpha Chi, comes down from Waukegan, forty miles, to take a lesson, and for "frat" meeting. She has a class of twenty pupils in her own town.

The third of our monthly luncheons occurred last Saturday at Marshall Field's. There was a good showing of both alumnae and active girls.

Besides initiating our girls, we have affiliated two, Anna Suylandt, from Beta, and Bertha McCord, from Delta.

Gamma sends best wishes for a prosperous year.

FANNIE E. GILLAN.

December 4, 1904.

DELTA CHAPTER.—Penn. College of Music.

In memory of the past and with bright anticipations for the future of "Alpha Chi," Delta sends heartfelt greetings. With the dawning of the New Year there comes to Delta renewed earnestness and a graver sense of her responsibility; inspiring her to a more enthusiastic loyalty to the "Lyre of Alpha Chi."

Words fail to express our appreciation of the honor conferred, whereby Delta was installed as the "Home" of our glorious Convention. Truly, it was a treat greatly to be prized; and crowned with success, it will ever be cherished fondly in "Memory's Golden Realm." Nor can we forget the kind courtesies so graciously tendered us by our friends, who sought, by distinctive favors, to mould all into a most perfect culmination. The Convention is now but a "living memory," but its influence will be felt again and again. Thus are we duly im-

pressed with the sacredness of our trust; and desire, above all, to ever prove a stronghold of our loved sorority.

Seeking to gain in quality rather than in quantity; seeking a thorough knowledge of the true worth of the girls, we have not yet any new "sisters" to introduce to Alpha Chi, but trust in the near future to add to our ranks. We have raised our standard, and those who would follow it must be of the truest, noblest womanhood; must be zealous, ambitious and persevering in attaining unto the highest to which they aspire.

It is with pride that we announce the graduation of three of our girls from the Pennsylvania College of Music, the sixth of June. This is, indeed, a gratifying record, and certifies that musically, we are surely advancing.

Still another evidence of progress in our beloved Art, was the recital by Miss Alice MacDowell, pupil of Mrs. Julia O. Hull, on Tuesday evening, January tenth. The numbers were well chosen in view of pleasing a varied audience, and were rendered in a style delightful to all. Truly, we of Delta are justly proud of Miss MacDowell, and feel assured that she will ever prove an honor to her loyal sisters in "Alpha Chi."

Foremost among the musical events ranks the organ recital by Alexander Guillmant, given in Ford Memorial Chapel. It is unnecessary to say more, for all the world knows the name of Guillmant. Another musical feature was the Concert given by the eminent Belgian violinist, Ovide Musin, assisted by his company of artists.

These occasions prove but worthy incentives, that we, too, may excel in our chosen field, and that at some future time we may win the "crown of excellence," not only to our own glory, but also to the glory of dear old "Alpha Chi."

RUBY M. MARSH.

January 18, 1905.

ZETA CHAPTER.—New England Conservatory of Music.

"It is the unexpected that always happens." The above is about the most trite saying that I know of. Because the unexpected has been happening so fast in my own life that I have

hardly regained my usual state of mind. To begin with, I am again in Boston, an active member of the sorority, and once again associate editor of *The Lyre for Zeta*, instead of being hundreds of miles away, as I fully expected to be this year.

When I returned in October, I found the fraternity at a standstill, Convention rapidly approaching, and consequently matters looked rather serious for a time. In about two weeks from my own return Mabel Partout came back, and the meetings began to be more fully attended. Alice Walk, Blanch Crafts, Carol Stanley, Mabel Davidson, Elizabeth Bates, Mabel Partout and myself comprise the list of the girls who are now carrying on the work from last year. After the Convention Kate Templeton returned. Winifred Van Buskirk comes next week and, at Christmas time, I believe Laura Howe is to be with us. Needless to say what a hearty welcome she will receive, and we hope she will find the fraternity just as congenial as it was when she was here a few years ago.

We have three new girls pledged—Gertrude Damon, Lillian Bull and Winifred Byrde, and so it seems as though after all the year has started with very bright prospects.

Miss Crafts, who represented our chapter at the Convention, brought back glowing accounts of her trip, and we received glowing accounts of her violin playing. Naturally Zeta is feeling very proud of her delegate, and as though the hard struggle of the past two years had not been in vain.

The musical season in Boston is in full swing—Symphony concerts, recitals, chamber concerts galore, all serve to stimulate our ambitions and shrink our purses. De Pachmann has been (but I am not going to say gone, for we are in hopes of more recitals), charming every one with his mastery and amusing all by his magical mannerisms. The other afternoon after his fourth encore he proceeded to give a very vivid pantomime of the fact that he had to hurry away and eat, and almost ran off the stage, leaving his audience in a gale of laughter. I think there was method in his madness.

Aus der Ohe gave a recital in Stuart Hall recently and Bloomfield Zeisler plays with the Symphony this week, and presumably Mme. Szumouska will play later. I hope all of

our other chapters take as much pride in the honorary members as we do. Possibly we feel it more strongly as music is the one study with us all.

I also wonder if the girls regretted the extremely thin edition of the June Lyre. Certainly our editor could not have chosen a more pointed way of telling us how much she needed our support than by printing merely the chapter letters in the last number. And if the girls do not co-operate the task for her is doubly hard. There should be enough pride in Alpha Chi Omega to render every possible means of support for its paper, and nothing could lower us more in the eyes of our sister sororities than the knowledge that The Lyre of Alpha Chi Omega was abandoned simply because of carelessness and negligence.

Zeta trusts that this letter will find all the sisters well started on a bright, happy year.

SARAH DELANO MORTON.

November 22, 1904.

THETA CHAPTER.—University of Michigan.

Theta is spending one of her happiest years in a pretty new Chapter House on Tappan Street. On the evening of October twenty-eighth we were proud to celebrate our seventh annual initiation and banquet, at which time seven members were introduced into the mysteries. They were Mary Bruce of LaFayette, Ind.; Maudelle Germonde of Boston; Enid Holmes of Chelsea; Nellie Overpack of Manistee; Claudine Douville of Milwaukee; Muretta Bedford of Charlevoix, Mich.; Vera Burkhardt of Buffalo. Several of the old girls were here for the banquet and it was truly a happy occasion.

A few evenings later the chapter gave a formal reception and dance to the new members and guests.

In November Mrs. Murfin and Mrs. Hoff gave pretty parties for the girls, and any number of smaller events at our various homes have made the year thus far pass very quickly.

Already there can be felt a presentment of the crowning

festivities of the year—the Junior Hop and its attendant gayeties. They will begin this year on February tenth, and five of our girls are among the fortunates who are anticipating a red-letter time.

On next Saturday evening the first appearance this year of the University Comedy Club will take place in the newly equipped Sara Caswell Angell Hall, which is just being remodeled for college functions of this sort. "The Green-eyed Monster" is the play to be given and Maudelle Germonde carries one of the principal roles in the performance, while Nellie Schuyler is also among the characters. We are proud of the talent which several of the girls show in this line.

Among our musical treats thus far we have enjoyed the Pittsburgh Orchestra, an entirely novel little concert on old-time instruments by Mr. Arnold Dolmetsch, and the Kneisel Quartette.

Very soon we shall hear, too, Anton Hepping, 'cellist, and a song recital by Muriel Foster, the English contralto.

The Choral Union is hard at work preparing to present at the Festival in May both St. Paul and Arminius. The list of soloists at that time is not yet announced, but we are assured of some old favorites.

Reports from Paris, where Prof. L. L. Renwick, last year of our organ department, is studying, say that he has an organ in one of the churches there and is becoming very successful.

A chapter of Mu Phi Epsilon, a national musical sorority, has been organized in our School of Music, and Sigma Alpha Iota, the Alpha Chapter of which was founded here last year, has recently instituted a Beta Chapter at Northwestern, and has thus become a national organization, too. This opposition will, of course, cause us to keep out our spurs, but we feel ready to hold our own and assured of the success we have always had.

We trust it is not too late to wish our sister chapters the season's greetings, and every happiness the New Year can bring.

MARCIA CLARKE.

January 23, 1905.

IOTA CHAPTER.—University of Illinois.

Iota began this school year with very cheerful prospects and all that we could wish for seems to have come true. We began in our new house with ten of the older members back and several of the town girls with us again, who were away last year. Mary Busey and Jessie Freeman returned last summer from a year abroad, and Bess Stevenson, who was at the Women's College at Roanoke, Virginia, is at home and is attending the University this winter.

Perhaps the most exciting part of the school year for the sorority girl, here at Illinois, ended on the tenth of October, when the new girls were invited to join the different sororities, some to join three or four perhaps. Alpha Chi came out with flying colors as usual with seven new girls. They are Alice Carey, Henrietta Silman, Grace Ewing, Bess Bryan, Kate Busey and Gladys Breckinridge. Blanche Breckinridge, a pledge of four years ago, but who has been away, was also taken in with the pledges of this year.

During the fall we have had several visits from our different alumnae sisters, it being quite a "stunt" to come back and help rush the new girls.

On the ninth of December the Junior "Prom" was given in the Armory and was one of the prettiest dances of the year.

Mrs. Breneman entertained the girls the next afternoon at an afternoon tea. About thirty-five Alpha Chis were present.

Iota sends best wishes.

ELSIE BEAN.

December 11, 1904.

KAPPA CHAPTER.—University of Wisconsin.

After the holiday recess spent at our homes, Kappa girls are back at work, in the long final strain that comes before the mid-year exams, held here February sixth to fifteenth.

Many social and musical events are making life at Wisconsin both pleasant and helpful to us all. On January eleventh the violinist, Ysaye, accompanied by M. De Befve,

gave a delightful program before an audience of more than two thousand people in the Armory building.

Kappa girls have been very anxious for the past month over the condition of Miss Alice Regan, who has been suffering from severe concussion of the brain, received by a fall at her home shortly before Christmas recess. We are glad to tell of her sure recovery, although it has been very slow, and of her probable return to her work at the beginning of the second semester.

Edna Swenson, who was our delegate at the Convention last fall, came back enthusiastic about the girls whom she had met and the inspiration she had received. We were all envious, and hope we may attend the next gathering of the chapters.

The engagement of Miss Russell MacMurphy, formerly an associate member of Kappa Chapter, to Prof. Spence, of the West Virginia Conservatory of Music, has been announced.

Julia McGrew and Elizabeth Davis, of Morgantown, West Virginia, were unable to return to us this year, but are happy and able to wear fraternity pins, so we feel no anxiety as to their welfare.

We have initiated four girls this fall—Hazel Alford of Madison, Mabel Van Epps of Camanche, Iowa; Sara Dixon of Mauston, Wisconsin, and Mae Theobald, also of Madison.

January twentieth the Haresfoot Club present their annual play, in which Alpha Chi is represented by Edna G. Swenson.

Society girls, both in and out of town, are preparing for the Junior Prom, the annual ball which will take place on the seventeenth of January.

Kappa freshmen attended a reception given by the freshmen of Delta Delta Delta, Saturday, December tenth, from four to six, at the chapter house. The rooms were darkened and prettily decorated with flowers and lights, while the music and refreshments were all that an Alpha Chi could wish.

During the present month a tenth sorority has appeared in Madison, which now has chapters of all the national organi-

zations. Alpha Xi Delta was organized with fifteen charter members, among whom were many of the strong girls of Wisconsin. We welcome them to the Greek letter world and hope their experience as sorority girls may be a very happy one.

Elizabeth Patten, of De Kalb, Illinois, Kappa's only alumna, is expected to visit the chapter very soon.

Our next social event will be a sewing bee, at which we will manufacture Alpha Chi pennants, and incidentally have a jolly time.

The girls join in wishing to all our sisters a year of true happiness, with the working out of their New Year's resolutions in so far as they really wanted them to be carried to success. Greetings, and hopes that many more of us may know each other during the coming year.

HAZEL ALFORD.

ALUMNAE NOTES

BETA.

E. Mae Allen, with her parents, is spending the winter at Los Angeles.

Mary Perine is teaching at Oxford College, Ohio.

On August seventeenth Myrtle Hatswell was married to John Eldon Bowman of Bay City. They spent Thanksgiving with Susie Perine, who was maid of honor at the wedding.

Grace Armstrong Burnham has moved to 1008 South West Street, Kalamazoo.

Lina Baum spent November in Cleveland, and will spend the winter in Tampa, Florida.

Mame Dickie sailed in June for a year and a half in Europe. At present she is studying at the Royal Conservatory in Munich.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank T. Reid, neé Jennie Dickenson, in October, a daughter, Catharine Reid.

Beatrice Isbell, an alumna of Theta Chapter, spent November nineteenth and twentieth with M. Daisy Osgood.

DELTA.

On September the seventh occurred the marriage of Miss Lina Hollembeck to Mr. J. Earl Kelley (Phi Gamma Delta). They are now living at Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

On the same date occurred the marriage of Miss Mabel Adams of Findlay, Ohio, to Mr. Thomas Clark (Phi Gamma Delta) of Greensburg. At present they are living at Greensburg.

The Misses Mary Roberts and Mayme Goodnough have positions in our public schools.

Delta is pleased to have Miss Jess Crissman again at Allegheny.

Announcement is received of the engagement of Miss Ella Lovell of Franklin to Mr. E. M. Hall (Phi Delta Theta) of Fairmount, West Virginia.

Mrs. J. Earl Kelley of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, is visiting at the home of her parents, Springboro.

The marriage of Miss Bell K. Chase to Mr. Frank S. Lang of Greenville occurred on Thursday afternoon, January the nineteenth. Four of Delta's girls, the Misses Caroline Beyer, Elizabeth McAllister, Jess Merchant and Vesta Leet, were present.

ZETA.

Esther Elliott of Logansport, Ind., was the guest of Helen Bernard of Kennett Square, Pa., in the fall.

Mrs. Violet Truell Johnston, whose home was formerly in Plainfield, New Jersey, is now living in Taunton, Mass.

Mrs. Robert Johnston Dunkle (née Stella McFarlane) is the mother of a second son, R. J. Dunkle, Jr.

On September twelfth, 1904, at the home of her parents in Providence, R. I., Edith H. Manchester was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas J. Griffin, Jr., Phi Delta Theta. Alice F. Parker of Concord, N. H., was one of the bridal party.

THETA.

Since the last issue of The Lyre we have to announce the marriage of four of our members. In July, 1904, Rachel Mc-

Kenzie was married to Mr. Philip Mothersill of Chicago. Also in July, Rene Lang was married to Mr. Charles Kyer of Ann Arbor. On September first, 1904, Arline Valette and Mr. Dwight Cheever of Chicago were married in Pasadena, Cal. On October twenty-first, 1904, Ruth Cushman and Dr. Arthur Carleson of Jamestown, N. Y., were married at Gladstone, Mich.

Miss Faith Butler is studying organ in Paris this year.

Since the beginning of the year we have enjoyed entertaining at the chapter house the following Alpha Chis: Bonibel Butler of Frankfort, Alice Weinstein of Philipsburg, Montana, Vera Hall and Bessie Goeschel of Bay City, Alza Starrett of Detroit, Josephine Blanchard of Sault St. Marie, Grace Harner of Petoskey, Leslie Smith of Schoolcraft, Mich., Mrs. Dwight Cheever of Chicago, and Lois Berst of Erie, Pa.

Mrs. Flora Koch Nichols and Miss Florence Spence, charter members of Theta, have recently come to Ann Arbor permanently and we are happy to have them with us.

Miss Margaret Waddell is abroad this year.

IOTA.

Josephine Woodin was married to Mr. Howard Hardin in July and is now living in Peoria, Ill.

Alice Baker is attending the Miliken University at her home in Decatur this winter.

Edra Collins has accepted a position as Instructor of Music in the Institution for the Blind at Nashville, Tennessee.

Ethel Azbill has a position in the Library at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

Irma Mowbray was married in October to Dr. Frederick Molt of Chicago.

Emma Wittlinger is teaching Latin in the High School at Sullivan, Ill.

Lillian Heath will spend the winter in the South.

Gladys Meserve expects to return the second semester.

Charlotte Draper left in July for her new home in Albany, N. Y.

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The Lyre gratefully acknowledges the following publications from other fraternities:

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THE FRATERNITY WATCHWORD

Taking my readers' opinion "by the forelock," as it were, I will frankly admit that my test is a time-worn one, grown hoary with much discussion, yet I consider it so vital a subject to fraternity members that I do not crave pardon for my offense.

The fraternity watchword—what shall it be? Granting that the girl who is so blessed by fortune as to pass the portals of Alpha Chi Omega, possessed those graces of mind and spirit that we strive to make our ideal, what is the one distinctive quality, so far as fraternity life is concerned? To my mind it is loyalty—and I should like to capitalize each letter that it might perchance make it the more impressive to my sisters who will read this article. It is the one word above all others that should be emphasized in every phase of the fraternity life; the one word that is the very essence of fraternity spirit. As in "ye olden times" the chivalrous knight defended the honor of his "ladye faire," just so jealously should every girl who wears the lyre of Alpha Chi Omega guard the good name of that fraternity in loyalty and truth.

And it is not such a difficult lesson to learn. From the time of the first college prank of the verdant freshman to

the farewell address of the stately senior in cap and gown, the student in the college or university absorbs loyalty with the very air she breathes; loyalty to every phase of life represented in her college world, in the present and for all the future years. And it is this spirit that I want to plead for in our own fraternity life. I am not thinking now so much of the girls who are in the active work, for in the potent influence of this college atmosphere, the chapter has not so often suffered from a lack as from a superabundance of fraternity loyalty, but it is to the "old girls" that I would send my plea; and we have come to love that characterization of ourselves since we have found it to be a term of endearment rather than any reflection upon our youthfulness.

It is when the girl goes out from her college world and finds her time and attention claimed by the numberless interests of home and society that are so alien to those of the three or four preceding years, that the light of her fraternity loyalty begins to flicker. Now comes the true test; either the light grows steadier and brighter so the girl's views of her fraternity obligations grow broader, or the light grows dim and yet more dim—but we will not believe that it is ever quite extinguished in the heart of any girl who has once vowed loyalty to Alpha Chi Omega.

If, after the girl has finished her college course she is fortunate enough to have a home in her college town, she occasionally catches a whiff of the fraternity atmosphere which serves to fan the flame of her loyalty; and e'en though the alumnae girls may not have a formally organized chapter, they can be of infinitely much service to the active chapter in many ways. An "old girl" is a veteran of many fraternity wars; she is past-master of the complicated art of spiking; by sometimes painful experiences she has found the best meth-

ods of pacifying a member of the faculty of inquiring turn of mind, who may, perchance, wish to have some slight infringement of the rules explained. And what a haven of refuge the old girls seem when the active chapter is harassed by a hundred and one petty annoyances that sink into insignificance when it is found that they are only "history repeating itself," and that they have been met and conquered in the days gone by.

But are there not also ways that the isolated Alpha Chis may keep in touch with their own chapter and the general fraternity? Is there a better way than taking the fraternity journal? It would mean everything to the Lyre and its editor if the alumnae would rally to its support, and we must do this if we wish a creditable fraternity publication. Have you forgotten how, when you were in the active chapter, paeans of praise were sung for the old girls who sent in subscriptions for the Lyre? Wouldn't you like to be the cause of a similar rejoicing?

And yet another outlet for "long distance loyalty." Should you know of a desirable girl who is planning to enter your alma mater, send word of her coming to the girls of your fraternity that they may have first chance at least. It is an opportunity for service to the active chapter that is rarely, if ever, passed by among the men, and there is no woman who would plead guilty to being less loyal than a mere man.

But I fear my enthusiasm is carrying me beyond the assigned limits for this article, but let me add one closing word: Make the watchword of your fraternity, loyalty, in word and in deed, and your love for dear old Alpha Chi will grow stronger rather than weaker as the years widen the distance between you and your college fraternity days. BETA, '04.

THE INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT JAMES, AT ILLINOIS

The installation of Edmund Janes James as president of the University of Illinois, at the twin cities of Champaign and Urbana, October 15-20, was an event long to be remembered. In spite of the inclement weather the buildings looked their best, being decorated inside and out with Illinois pennants and shields. The grounds, too, were very gorgeous, the autumn leaves adding not a little to the festive effect already produced by triumphal arches and electric displays. The university was not alone in its efforts on this occasion for both Champaign and Urbana were gayly decorated with orange and blue.

The week's exercises began with special services in the churches of Champaign and Urbana, Sunday morning, October 15. Rev. James McClure, of McCormick Theological Seminary, delivered the inaugural sermon Sunday afternoon in the armory.

Monday was a day of particular interest to the women. It was the day of the dedication of our beautiful new woman's building. This building is one that has been greatly needed for many years. A few of us know what persistent efforts were put forth by a few men and women, interested in the Illinois girls, to secure this building. It consists of three parts or wings. One wing is for the domestic science department, which is now very popular at Illinois. The central portion is the gymnasium, with large locker rooms and swimming tank. The third wing contains club rooms which are handsomely and artistically furnished. The social life of the university girls will be centered here. The dedication exercises took place in the gymnasium of this building. It was, indeed, a pretty sight and an inspiration to see so many young women in one meeting, and all dressed in white.

The main address was delivered by President Lilian Wychoff Johnson, of the Western College for Women. Her theme was "The Need of the Day—A Correlated Democratic Education."

Rev. Frank W. Gunsaulus, president of Armour Institute, spoke in the evening on "Heroism of Scholarship."

Tuesday was a day of conferences and military exercises. In the evening the students presented Robert Greene's "Frier Bacon and Bungay," at the city opera house. This is an English classic revived at the University of Illinois last spring and repeated for the benefit of university guests.

Wednesday, being the day of the formal installation, was the most important day of the week. Those departments from Chicago belonging to the university, the Colleges of Medicine, Dentistry, and the School of Pharmacy, came on a special train for this day. The morning was given up to the former roll-call of delegates. There were brief responses by representatives of foreign and American universities, learned societies and other bodies. Prominent among the delegates were Henry T. Bovey, dean of the faculty of applied science, McGill University, Montreal; President Angell, of Michigan University; President Remsen, of Johns Hopkins University; President King, of Oberlin; President Craighead, of Tulane University; Chancellor Strong, of University of Kansas; Hon. C. S. Deneen, governor of Illinois.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the academic procession formed and was escorted to the armory, where the inaugural exercises were held by the regiment of university cadets. It was certainly picturesque and inspiring to see so many noted college presidents and others all in academic gowns with hoods of many colors. The procession was composed of no less than 1,500 guests, faculty, alumnae and students.

The only thing that marred the exercises was the fact that hundreds had to be turned from the door. Brief addresses were made by Hon. C. S. Deneen, governor of Illinois; Hon. S. A. Bullard, president of the board of trustees, and Hon. Andrew S. Draper, former president of the university, and now commissioner of education, state of New York. His remarks were full of feeling and regret that his official connections with the institution were severed. He said, though absent from us, our interests would ever be his. The inaugural address was, of course, that of President E. J. James. He outlined in brief his hopes and plans for the institution, its development and growth in every department. A very impressive part of the afternoon program was the singing of "The Lord Bless and Keep Thee," by a chorus. This was sung just after the president was handed the keys to the institution, while he and the audience stood with bowed head. Conferring of honorary degrees was also a feature of the program.

The day's festivities closed with an official reception in honor of the guests and a student's torch light parade, which was participated in by upwards of 2,500 students. Each college and prominent faculty member was represented in very suggestive and grotesque ways.

Thursday and Friday until noon were full of conferences along various educational lines. By noon of Friday nearly all the guests had departed and class work was resumed.

There were many unique features of installation week. One of these was a conference, the first in the world held concerning religious life of students in state universities. Another was a conference of university and college trustees, also the first of its kind. It is hoped that the beneficial result of the numerous and really noteworthy conferences will be realized in other colleges and universities as well as at Illinois.

IOTA CHAPTER.

THE GRAND COUNCIL

The Grand Council of Alpha Chi Omega had its second biennial session at Albion, Michigan, on the 11th, 12th and 13th of September, and a right royal meeting it was, too.

Albion is the home of many Alpha Chis, and though school had not yet opened, it seemed to be no trouble to raise a crowd of thirty or so to partake of the numerous festivities prepared for us.

On Tuesday evening Miss Lina Baum entertained us at progressive checkers. The house itself was a dream, so beautiful were the dahlias and chrysanthemums, and playing checkers was no end of fun—to most of us a rejuvenation. Wednesday evening found us at the Lodge again, sitting before a perfectly-appointed dinner and surrounded with pretty maids in dainty gowns and with flowers and gaiety, convincing evidences of the Beta girls' social capabilities. On Thursday afternoon we journeyed to Battle Creek via trolley to the Post Tavern, where we "ate, drank and were merry." If I could enter into details, perhaps I might be able to make you feel what a good time we really did have at Albion, but I am limited both for space and power.

Albion is the home of our president, Miss Calkins. Daily with her at council sat our vice-president and inspector, Mrs. Tennent; our secretary, Miss Clarke; our historian, Miss Siller; and myself, treasurer, Miss Howe. We missed the presence and councils of our ex-editor, Mrs. Griffin.

Two years ago, in a report written after the first meeting of the Council, I said that "the aspirations of the Council were great—it hoped to make real what had been but theory—its two great projects were new chapters and alumnae chapters." Everything at that time with the Council was pros-

pective and experimental. This time I came away with a feeling that everything was in good running order—that our aspirations were materializing and that we need have no fear to make bolder speculations. One fine new chapter has been installed since the first council meeting, and with our present inspector to investigate possibilities, I think we will soon have more. Surely the whole fraternity is rejoicing over the reinstatement of Epsilon in California. The alumnae charters are now ready. The alumnae of Chicago will probably be a full-fledged chapter before this goes to print; and the alumnae of Indianapolis and Detroit will soon follow.

Much of our time was spent in instructing the Inter-Sorority delegate, Mrs. Tennent, and in making a form for the public constitution and secret ritual. Mrs. Griffin's resignation as editor of the Lyre was accepted with sincere regret. The editors of the Lyre have ever had a struggle from lack of support. Literary material has been plentiful enough for the past few years, but there has been a famine of subscriptions. Along with this impossible handicap during the past year, care and sorrow came to Mrs. Griffin, which necessitated her resignation from the office whose duties she fulfilled so proficiently. The change in the editorship of the Lyre is a serious one and I here make a plea to every member of Alpha Chi to support our new editor, Mrs. Wade. We certainly owe her this and our deepest gratitude. The Lyre now is receiving its financial support from the general treasury—but not for long. Have you ever thought what it would mean to Alpha Chi to abolish its magazine?

The historian's work is at last reduced to a system which should work like a charm if all the chapters respond as they should. Judging from the Chicago rate at which Miss Siller has traveled in fulfilling the various commissions allotted her,

I'll wager that before the next convention, she will know Alpha Chi from its birth, even though its founders had no stork-book to hand down to us posterity. I believe our inspector will be invaluable to us. At present, with her duties of vice-president, inspector and inter-sorority delegate, Mrs. Tennant must feel like an official potpourri.

Until the next convention at Ann Arbor, then (which is not so very far distant) turn your best energies toward the financial support of the Lyre. You active girls explain existing conditions to your alumnae who complain because they have received no recent editions. This is the only department of the fraternity that is in danger. Its success or failure now depends upon you more than upon the editor.

LAURA A. HOWE.

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Editorials

Many new girls are wearing the Lyre this fall, and to them we extend a hearty welcome. They have entered a sisterhood of lofty ideals, the benefits of which will never leave them.

We note a substantial growth in each of our chapters this school year and we are especially happy to hear again from Epsilon.

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We congratulate the different chapters upon their letters in this issue, as they are full of interest and well worth reading. We desire each of the chapters to write fully concerning their alumnae, as we wish to give more space to alumnae notes.

Baird's New Manual on College Fraternities is announced in this issue. Considering the great importance of a fraternity reference book, one copy at least should be in the possession of each chapter.

We ask the hearty co-operation of the chapters and alumnae in making the Lyre indispensable to all Alpha Chis.

In Memoriam

MRS. GEORGE A. COE.

In the death of Mrs. George A. Coe, which occurred August 24, 1905, in San Francisco, Cal., Alpha Chi Omega suffers the loss of a sister who was loved and honored by all who knew her.

Saidee Knowland Coe spent her early life at her home in Alameda, Cal., where she began the study of Music, and from that time she had every musical advantage. Later she studied several years in Berlin with both Barth and Moszkowski, thus receiving the best instruction which Europe afforded.

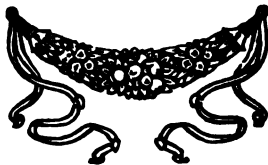
For several years Mrs. Coe occupied a prominent position in the Northwestern University School of Music, being Professor of Musical History as well as of the Piano. Just before her death an unusual honor was conferred upon her in that a chair of Musical Aesthetics was created for her in the College of Liberal Arts of Northwestern University. She was also particularly successful as a lecturer upon musical subjects, being frequently called before prominent clubs and societies in and near Chicago and throughout the Northwest.

A short time before her death, Mrs. Coe completed a work requiring great research and skill,—the setting of Longfellow's "Hiawatha" to music. The melodies of the American Indian were harmonized as nearly as possible according to their traditions, and the result was so successful that even the most conservative critics united in praising the work wherever it was produced.

Mrs. Coe possessed a beautiful character in which thorough womanliness balanced an unusual intellectuality. Her life was a very happy one, for she was in perfect harmony with her husband, Prof. George A. Coe, who occupies the chair of Moral Philosophy at Northern University. Her sudden death occurred just after they had completed plans for spending the coming year in Europe, intending to divide their time between study and travel.

Mrs. Coe was initiated into Alpha Chi Omega as an Associate Member, December 12, 1895. She was a loyal Alpha Chi and was ever ready to do her utmost for the good of the fraternity. In her death, Alpha Chi Omega, and Gamma Chapter especially, suffers an unspeakable loss.

MABEL SILLER, *Gamma*.



Chapter Letters

ALPHA

Fall has come and gone and we can hardly realize that in less than a week we will leave each other for a short vacation.

To Alpha this has been a long and strenuous term. This year, by the Pan-Hellenic rules, the spike was to last six weeks, the Pledging Day being November 1. The spike was not supposed to be conducted as in former years, by constant rushing. Nevertheless, the rushing was as hard as ever, and since we found little time to give to our studies, President Hughes took matters in hand, and cut the spike down two weeks. October 18, Pledging Day, was very quiet, as the different sororities were sure of their girls in nearly every case.

During the spike each sorority gave an informal, a big party, and one fudge party. Our informal was given on Saturday, the first week of school. We entertained at the home of Mrs. Anna Allen Smith, an alumnus. This was an afternoon party and a monologist from Indianapolis was the main feature of the afternoon.

On October 6 we gave our party, which was a 6 o'clock dinner. From 9 till 11 the men were invited and we were given an opportunity to introduce our "spikes" to the different fraternities.

On November 1, at 1 o'clock, we pledged twelve new girls, whom I wish to introduce to all our chapters: Ethel Starr, Pearl Fuller, Charleston, Ill.; Edna Hamilton, Newman, Ill.; Catherine Elfers, Rising Sun, Ind.; Mayme Guild,

Medarryville, Ind.; Marie Wood, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bess Price, Allendale, Ill.; Lala Wilkins, Linden, Ind.; Jess Gelling, Pendleton, Ind.; Mable Hawkins, Oxford, Ind.; Lydia and Ada Beeler, Bluffton, Ind.

We are proud of our new girls and by next term we hope to be so well acquainted with each other in fraternity matters that we will accomplish much by concentrated effort.

On Hallowe'en we gave a "Mystic Party," which was a great success.

Several of our old girls have been back this fall to help and encourage us.

The standard of the work at DePauw is being raised and so very little time can be given to entertaining. There is an increase in attendance and DePauw is prosperous in every way.

We are glad to have the Lyre with us again, for it brings the chapters closer together, and we extend to it and its new editor our heartiest wishes.

We hope all our chapters have been as successful this year as Alpha, and we send our best wishes for a happy and successful year.

BETA

Beta sends greetings to her sister chapters and wishes them a year as prosperous as she has entered upon. Although ten of our girls did not return, we began the year with eleven active girls, and three pledged girls.

In accordance with the local Pan-Hellenic agreement, as drawn up by Delta Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta and Alpha Chi Omega, Bidding Day came on November 1, six weeks from enrollment day. Each sorority was limited to two rushing parties, a rushing party being defined as one at

which eligible girls and more than four girls of any one sorority were present. The result of this contract was extremely interesting, for parties small, but exceedingly numerous, ensued; and we entertained our "rushees" at bowling, driving, nutting, teas, dinners, marshmallow roasts in Brockway's Woods, autoing, and a trip to and dinner at Battle Creek.

Of the two rushing parties, the first was an informal evening affair early in the term; and the second, a six-course Japanese dinner on October 27, both in our fraternity house. The dinner was, we think, unusually effective in the Japanese scheme of tiny fans, miniature oriental flags, lanterns, chrysanthemums, and incense, in conjunction with our own loved scarlet and olive on the menu.

At last, on Bidding Day, we girls felt our happiness complete when we pledged the four new girls for whom we had worked eagerly. And now Beta is delighted to introduce as sisters, Olah J. Hill, Florence Fall, Gertrude M. Babcock, whom we initiated November 18, and Lucretia J. Drown, from Nevada; Madge E. Nichols, Marguerite Bowler, and Dasie B. Newcomer, who were initiated November 25. On the latter occasion the customary initiation dinner was served by the seven new girls.

At the first meeting of the Pan-Hellenic Association it was decided that a Pan-Hellenic party be given the third week of each month by the three sororities here represented, in rotation, beginning with Kappa Alpha Theta. This, we anticipate, will strengthen inter-fraternity friendship.

The girls so fortunate as to live in Albion were exceedingly happy to entertain the grand council the week before college opened.

Professor Lutz, who holds the chair of modern languages in our college, has returned from a year abroad. Dr. Dickie,

our president, together with his family, spent the summer in Europe.

Dr. Frank Wilbur Place, the director of the conservatory, has received the much-coveted appointment of dean and grand examiner of the Grand Conservatory of New York City, for the state of Michigan. The significant fact of this appointment is that the Grand Conservatory is the only one authorized by act of congress to confer the degrees of Bachelor and Doctor of Music. This honor to our director is probably due to the fact that he spent the past summer in New York studying with Dudley Buck, who valued his musical ability so highly that he presented him with \$400 worth of music from his own library.

Beta eagerly awaits the first issue of the Lyre, and wishes a year of happiness and success to every Chi.

· BLANCHE WASEY BALLAMY.

GAMMA

The campus completely hidden by its cloak of brown, the lake wearing its winter colors, the whispered words Christmas vacation—makes us to stop and wonder where the time has flown.

Gamma girls have been unusually busy this year, rushing season, according to Pan-Hellenic rules, lasting from September 18 to October 23. However, we feel well repaid for our labor, in being able to introduce to you four splendid freshmen—Viola Paulus, Alice Newgard, Ethel Ford and Marie Seabath. On the evening of November 23 Viola Paulus gave a vocal recital, which filled the hearts of Gamma girls with pride.

Edith Girton, who was here in 1903, returned to continue her work in the music school, so our chapter numbers fifteen.

Last night at the home of Grace Hopwood, in the presence of alumnae and active members, pledge ribbons were put aside and the golden lyre now gleams forth from four more loyal Alpha Chis. Dainty refreshments followed the ceremony, our songs were sung, and all went home feeling it was good to have been there.

Amid all joys which the new school year has brought to us, there has been a shade of sadness in the loss of Mrs. Coe, who died during our summer vacation. Without her, the years which we shall always count as the best in our lives, would be impossible. It is a privilege to have come in contact with her gracious manners and kindness and Gamma girls can give no greater eulogy than "Their world is better for her having lived in it."

Gamma sends her greetings to all, especially to Epsilon Chapter.

DELTA

School opened September 20, with eighty-five girls in the hall, the largest number in the history of the school.

Many improvements and changes were made during the summer vacation, among them being the remodeling of Bentley Hall.

We begin school this year with Dr. Emma N. Fraser, of Toronto, Canada, as our dean. She takes the place of our former preceptress, Mrs. Lauffer, who has been in charge of the hall for fifteen years.

This year the semester system has been introduced. It takes the place of the old three-term system.

Our term party, which was a brilliant affair, was given November 2 at the home of Congressman Bates, on Highland avenue. The first party of the school year given at the

hall was our Hallowe'en party, which occurred on the evening of October 28. The form of entertainment was a very unique one and at 11 o'clock the men took their departure voting it the most enjoyable evening ever spent at the hall.

We have had a short visit from Mrs. Tennant, our inspector. She gave us many enjoyable and profitable talks.

A girls' Glee and Mandolin Club was organized this year and is now under the direction of Professor Manville, of Pennsylvania College of Music. This fills a long felt need for some musical organization in the hall.

Thanksgiving week was an exceedingly busy one with the hall girls, as our new gymnasium, which was given to us by Mrs. Cochran, of Dawson, Pennsylvania, was opened on Tuesday evening by a formal reception given by Dr. Crawford.

Very few of the girls went home for Thanksgiving, and those who did returned in time for our six o'clock dinner and reception from 8:00 to 10:30.

EPSILON

The College of Music of the University of Southern California, situated in Los Angeles, is once more brought to the notice of the Lyre through the re-establishment of Epsilon Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega.

College spirit is at its height and the enrollment large, numbering some of the best of the student musicians of the city.

The university is enjoying one of the most prosperous years in her history. Extensive improvements have been made in the older buildings; north and south wings have been added to the main portion affording ample room for

the various departments of the school which have heretofore been crowded.

The College of Music occupies the south wing, a most imposing building of Spanish architecture. The spacious reception hall is very attractive with the huge fireplace and furnishings of mission style. The numerous studios are complete in all modern arrangements, well lighted and furnished with steam heat.

A more fitting time could not have been chosen for the reorganization of the chapter, which, though once in a most flourishing condition, has remained for some time inactive.

Especial credit is due Mrs. Roy Van Cleve, a charter member, also Prof. W. L. Skeele, dean, through whose interest and efforts the final results have been made possible.

On October 30 took place the initiation of six new members, who are enthusiastic in the support of the sorority, and with the aid of the alumnae members a number of excellent programs and social functions are being planned for the winter.

The new members are Essie Neff, Maud Howley, Mauneena McMillan, Erna Reese, Carrie A. Trowbridge and Flora Barron.

It is the hope of the school that Epsilon Chapter may continue to grow and be a credit to Alpha Chi Omega.

ZETA

How glad we shall all be to see a copy of the Lyre again, and hear what Alpha Chis' in other places are doing.

We are well launched on the new year's work. Zeta's roll-call was somewhat depleted at the beginning of the term, as only seven of us returned. But we were full of courage and

enthusiasm and so glad to have our pretty new room to make us feel at home on our arrival.

In October we initiated four new girls—Louise Daniel, Annie Merle Reynolds, Alma Marta and Caroline Edmond, and hope to pledge several others next week.

We have just had the pleasure of a visit from our inspector, Mrs. Tennant. We thoroughly enjoyed her and were so glad to hear about our sister chapters, and what you are accomplishing. It seemed to bring us into closer touch with all of you, and Mrs. Tennant's sojourn with us was an inspiration to higher ideals and more earnest endeavor.

The musical season in Boston is just opening, and the usual flood of concerts is beginning to be poured out upon us. It comes a little later than usual this year, because the fall has been so phenomenally perfect that everyone who could has remained in the country, and there have been few musical events until now, aside from the usual symphony concerts and a song recital by the fascinating Calve—the latter, of course, arousing tremendous interest.

Oh, yes! We did have two weeks of the Savage Grand Opera Company, and we made the most of it, as Conreid has discriminated against the Hub, and we are not to hear the metropolitan operatic stars this winter.

Harold Bauer is again in our midst, and Emma Eames will appear next week in a song recital. Zeta has not done much socially this fall, we have been so busy getting down to work; but we plan to give our annual musicale and reception very soon after Christmas.

The conservatory management has recently completed negotiations whereby our school is affiliated with Harvard and Radcliffe. This arrangement is hailed with enthusiasm by our students, and creates a bond of sympathy between us

and the great university across the river. Several of our Alpha Chis are going to enter some of the courses at Radcliffe. Most of the Zeta girls cheered lustily for the crimson at the Harvard-Yale game.

Zeta sends hearty greetings to all her sisters, with the hope that you are entering upon the new year with a joy and enthusiasm equal to our own. GERTRUDE DAMON.

THETA

After the long summer vacation we girls of Theta returned to Ann Arbor with an overflowing amount of Alpha Chi spirit and enthusiasm. We entered our new chapter house on North Ingalls, which is in every respect an ideal home, where we shall be glad to welcome all A. X's who may chance to be in Ann Arbor.

As a result of a most pleasant and interesting rushing season with its usual dinners, luncheons, teas, drives and parties, we are the proud possessors of nine promising freshmen: Mabel Bacon, of Chelsea, Mich.; Mary Benedict, of Port Huron, Mich.; Alma Hinkle, of Philadelphia, Penn.; Elnore and Persis Greschel, of Saginaw, Mich.; Isla Jones, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Mabel Sink, of Ann Arbor; Laura Scherffus, of Evansville, Ind., and Louise Van Voorhis, of Evanston, Ill. Our annual fall initiation occurred on the evening of November the eleventh; the annual freshmen party will be December eleventh.

At a Pan-Hellenic meeting recently it was decided that the sororities should encourage more friendliness and sociability among themselves by entertaining each other from time to time. In this way the girls will become better acquainted and enjoy each other's society. Alpha Chi will entertain the freshmen of all the sororities in the near future.

For sociability among ourselves we have organized a club within the sorority. We meet Saturday afternoons, at the chapter house and different homes, alternating with "bridge" and sewing. Mrs. Chas. Kyer entertained us very pleasantly at her home this week, November 25. We feel that these "afternoons" will prove very profitable.

Mrs. Murphin, our beloved patroness, has left us for a few months. She is having a most delightful trip through England, France, Holland, Germany and Italy. She expects to spend Xmas in Rome, from there to go to Sicily, returning home by way of Spain about the middle of January. Though we miss her more than words can tell, we rejoice in the fact that she is having this trip, and know that she will return with more love than ever for Alpha Chi.

We are very proud to say that four of our girls are members of the faculty of the School of Music: Mary Bruce, teacher of Dramatic Art; Florence Potter, teacher of Public School Music; Leda Stimson, of the vocal staff, and Lois Berst, of the piano staff.

Another Thanksgiving has passed and I am very glad to say that all the girls remained at the house during vacation, so that we all enjoyed Mr. Turkey together.

With best wishes for a happy and prosperous year from
Theta.

C. LOIS BERST.

IOTA

College has opened once more and "rushing season" seems long ago. We began this year with only six girls in the house, but on the fourth Tuesday after school opened we pledged five new girls. Our new members this year are Mary McNally, Jessie Mann, Flora Carr, Mable Bushong and May Allinson. Kate Busey, a pledge of last year, was initiat-

ed with the rest of the pledges this fall. During rushing season we had quite a number of visits from some of our "old girls," who came back to help rush. They all seemed to enjoy it as much as ever, and we enjoyed having them with us again. The girls who were fortunate enough to come were Mary Barker, Mable Hayward, Alta Shipley and Gladys Meserve.

We also had such a nice visit from Mrs. Tennant, on November 9. All the girls enjoyed her visit immensely, but it was certainly much too short. On Wednesday evening she gave a little talk to the girls, which was of great interest. She spoke of many things pertaining to fraternity matters, and offered us many new and helpful suggestions. Her visit besides being a pleasant and a profitable one, was an inspiration to all of us. We wish we might have her with us oftener.

This fall we have been having a rather gay time, particularly on account of the installation of Dr. E. J. James as president of the university. Now, however, things seem to be running along smoothly and everybody has settled down to regular work again.

The next excitement is the junior "Prom.," to be given the 15th of December in the armory. From all accounts it will be a very "swell affair."

We have at the university this year a "Woman's League," which was organized last spring. Every woman student of the university is, by virtue of her registration, a member of the league. Two receptions were given at the opening of the school year to welcome the new girls. The league expects to hold a fair before the holidays for the purpose of raising a little money for the association.

The Pan-Hellenic Association this year consists of the four sororities, Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa

Alpha Theta, and Alpha Chi Omega. The Pi Beta Phi sorority did not join in the contract this fall with the other four sororities. Each of the four have two delegates, who have their regular inter-sorority meetings. They amend the rushing contract and discuss all inter-fraternity questions. This year it was decided to limit the number of parties held by each fraternity. It was decided to allow five functions for each fraternity and at only one of these functions men were invited. Another rule was made to the effect that no girl could be rushed after seven o'clock on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights. Asking day this year was the fourth Tuesday after school opened. All invitations are written and sent by mail.

KAPPA

Kappa entered upon the fall term with very few of her old girls back. Those who were not graduates we hope to have with us soon, possibly next year. We were extremely glad to welcome back one of our old girls, Emerett Langlors, who attended the university in 1903.

We have initiated four lovely new girls, Misses Anna Rueth, Grace Winden, Sarah Morgan and Alice Alford. Miss Rueth is studying piano in the School of Music and has some work on the hill, as we say, but really, in the university. Miss Morgan also studies piano and Miss Alford plays the violin. We were very sorry to lose Miss Winden suddenly. She is now in Chicago attending the Heart Conway Dramatic School, and expects to go on the stage in the near future. She is a musical girl and while she was in Madison she studied vocal and piano, but her hopes have always been centered in dramatic art and we hope her great success in that which she has undertaken.

We have been rushing several new girls and hope to have them in the sorority soon. Miss Edna Swensen entertained for them on Monday evening, and the following Saturday we had an afternoon party and a formal dinner at 6 P. M. On both occasions we had very enjoyable musical programs. We also had a very charming dinner at our initiation this fall. The table was beautifully decorated in red and olive green, the color scheme being carried out with red candles, red carnations and American Beauty roses, ferns and smilax.

The Delta, Delta, Deltas gave their annual reception for the freshmen sorority girls on November 10. Two of the older girls from each sorority were also asked for the purpose of meeting Miss Fitch. After the reception a luncheon was served and one girl from each sorority was invited. Miss Langlois was our representative at this luncheon.

The season for musical events has hardly begun in Madison. We have had one very charming recital given by Miss Lenore Jackson, the violinist.

We are all very happy in the hope that the Lyre may be a success this year and we send our greetings and best wishes to all the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega.

HAZEL ALFORD.



(One of Gamma's pledgers was asked to write a poem
and this was the result.)

Alpha Chi
O me! O my!
Admire 'em so
I don't know why
That's the only
Frat what is
All it's members
Know their "bis."

Gamma Chapter
It's the best
Needn't think that
They're "non est."
Every girl
Is a flower
Fair enough
To grace a bower.

Whitest lilies
Pure and sweet—
O, I tell you
It's a treat!
Not a one that
Can be beat
Dozen men at
Each girl's feet.

Talented?
Well, I should think,
'Nough to drive
A man to drink.
Gamma Chapter
Alpha Chi,
'Tis my watchword
'Till I die.

—G. B.

Alumnæ Notes

BIRTHS

To Mabel Dunn Madson, Gamma, a son.

To Clara Bull Waller, Zeta, of Winnipeg, a daughter on October 18.

To Elma Patton Wade, Alpha, '02, of Indianapolis, a daughter, Mary Patton, on July 27.

To Hona Davis Kraft, Alpha, a son.

To Ruth Cushman Carlson, Theta, a son on August 12.

To Mae Headley Walker, Alpha, a son, George Wallace, on August 25.

To Pearl Shaw Thomas, Alpha, of Greensburg, Ind., a daughter, Mary Louise, on September 28.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of E. Mae Allen, Beta, '05, to Mr. Louis Striker, Delta Tan Delta, is announced.

The engagement of Marcia Clark, Theta, to Dr. Howell, of Ann Arbor, has been announced.

Elizabeth Patton, Kappa, is to be married at Christmas time.

The engagement of Caroline E. Newark, Beta, ex.'05, to Aaron T. Bliss, Jr., Sigma Chi, is announced.

Florence Reed, Zeta, is to be married on December 20 in Ripon, Wis., to Mr. W. E. Hazeltine.

Miss Elizabeth Davis, Kappa, is to be married in the near future.

The engagement of Ora Bond, Theta, to Mr. Burnham, of Chicago, has been announced.

MARRIAGES

McCartney-Howe.—A wedding which was enjoyed by Delta girls was that of Helen Howe and Frank B. McCartney, Phi Gamma Delta, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. Edgar C. Howe, Meadville, Pa. A number of out-of-town girls were present. A very pretty wedding was followed by a lively chase after the bride and groom, indulged in by Alpha Chis and Phi Gams.

Lines-Howey.—The marriage of Florence Howey, Beta, ex. '05, to Roy Lines, at Lake City, Mich., is announced.

Tolin-Conn.—The marriage of Josephine Conn, Alpha, with Glenn Tolin, Delta Upsilon, took place in October at the home of the bride in Shelbyville, Ill. They are living at Rockville, Ind.

Strickler-Miller.—The marriage of Miss Marian Miller, Delta, and Mr. Fred Strickler, Phi Delta Theta, took place at Pittsburg, July 3.

Kimbark-Johnson.—Mary Johnson, Zeta, was married on December 6 to Mr. Frank Masten Kimbark in Raleigh, N. C. They will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Brady-Goodnough.—Miss Mayme Goodnough, Delta, of Meadville, Pa., and Mr. James Brady, Phi Kappa Psi, of Cleveland, were married in June at the home of the bride's brother in Erie, Pa. They are living at Solon, Ohio.

Allen-Wallace.—The marriage of Myrtle R. Wallace, Beta, '01, with Mr. William Allen took place November 14, 1905, at 308 Simonean street, Saginaw, Mich. After returning from a trip to Denver, Col., and other western points, Mr. and Mrs. Allen will make their home in Detroit, Mich.

Bowen-Barber.—Miss Margaret Browning Barber, Delta, of Meadville, Pa., was married to Prof. Clayton Raymond Bowen, of Boston, in June.

Cogshell-Griffin.—The marriage of Ruth M. Griffin, Beta, '04, with Mr. Fred Cogshell, Alpha Tau Omega, took place May 10, 1905. They reside in South Haven, Mich.

Young-Beyer.—In September, Miss Caroline Beyer, Delta, and Dr. Ray Young were married. The wedding took place at Punxsutawney, where Dr. and Mrs. Young will make their home.

Patterson-Meredith.—Invitations were received from Memphis, Tenn., for the wedding of Francis Meredith, Gamma, '04, to Mr. Patterson, also of Memphis.

Donnelly-McAllister.—Cards are out announcing the wedding of Miss Elizabeth McAllister, Delta, of West Newton, to Mr. William Donnelly, of Mifflin, Pa.

PERSONAL

Lina Baum, Beta, '00, is spending the winter in Florida.

Leora Fryette, Kappa, '05, is teaching in the high school at Edgerton, Wis.

Sara Neal, '04, and Grace Guller, '03, Alpha, are teaching voice and pianoforte at Galloway College, Arkansas.

Gamma.—November 4, our regular luncheon was held at the Hotel Victoria in the city. A large number of alumnae were present.

Katherine Stanford, Alpha, '05, is teaching at her home in Brookston, Ind.

Esther Couclin, Kappa, is teaching at her home in East Troy, Wis.

Mary Dickie, Beta, '04, has just returned from a fifteen months' trip abroad, during which she studied violin at the Royal Conservatory of Music, at Munich, Germany.

Gladys Meserve, Iota, is at the Presbyterian Nurse Training School, in Chicago.

Mabel Davidson, Zeta, is coming up from Texas this week and will spend a few days with us before sailing for Europe, where she expects to remain for two years.

Helen Keys, Theta, is teaching public school music at her home, Glendale, Ohio.

Faye Newlin and Abbie Biederwolf, Alpha, will be in school next term.

Lydia Kinsley, Theta, will spend the winter in Wisconsin.

Laura Howe and Winifred Van Buskirk, Zeta, are sharing a studio in Logansport, Ind., this winter.

Grace Bryan, Alpha, '04, has returned from a year of study abroad, and is teaching music in the public schools at Bloomfield, Ind.

Mary Johnson, Zeta, spent several days with us in October.

Mabelle Leffingwell, Delta, who is now living in Cleveland, Ohio, spent several weeks in Meadville during September.

Julia McGrew, Kappa, is studying music at her home in Morgantown, W. Va.

Elizabeth Youngson, Delta, has gone to New York City to spend the winter with her sister.

Maude Meserve, Alpha, is in school again this year.

Delta.—Meadville lovers of music are looking forward with much pleasure to hearing Alta Moyer-Taylor in concert here in December.

Mary Campbell, Alpha, '02, is teaching Latin in the high school in Greencastle.

Mrs. Susanna Porter Nutt, Delta, of Toledo, Ohio, spent Thanksgiving at the home of her parents on South Main street.

Gamma.—We are looking forward to the visit of Mary Masters, '03, this week.

Nellie Overpack, Theta, is studying this year in the Detroit Conservatory.

Bertha McCord, Delta, of Wellsburg, W. Va., visited Meadville friends for a week at Thanksgiving time. She was on her way to Evanston, Ill., where she will graduate in the piano department of the music hall at Northwestern University. Delta girls were delighted to have Miss McCord with them at two regular fraternity meetings.

Alpha.—Grace Conner, Jennie McHatton, Ethel Clark, Ruth Bonner and Clo Branson have visited us this term.

Vesta Leet, Delta, of Greenville, spent two days with Alice MacDowall and attended the term party given at Florence Bates' home. Miss Leet was one of the graduates in piano from Pennsylvania College of Music, and is now teaching at Albion, Pa.

Mabel Barlow, Gamma, one of last year's chapter, returned to us during the rushing season.

Mrs. Zerald Trax-Ensign, Delta, is making an extended visit with her parents on Walnut street. Mrs. Ensign's home is at Warren, Pa.

Ora Bond, Theta, will spend the winter in Chicago.

Carrie Little, Alpha, '01, is assistant high school principal at Fortville, Ind.

Maud Miller, Delta, '05, is doing very successful work teaching this year. She has large vocal classes at Conneaut Lake and Albion, Pa.

Theta.—We are delighted to see Miss Collins from Beta, in the University of Michigan this year.

Elmina Lank, Alpha, '04, is spending the winter in California.

Marjorie Grafins, Iota, is at Armour Institute this year.

Lela Barnard, Iota, is teaching in Chicago and Wilma Beebe is teaching at Georgetown, Ill.

Sarah Morton, Zeta, is teaching at her home in New Bedford, Mass.

Lucy McMaster Miles, Beta, '97, of Chicago, visited Beta this fall.

Laura Adams, Alpha, has just returned from Europe.

Bon Butler, Theta, is studying at the Chicago Art School this year.

Charlotte Draper and Clara Gere, Iota, sailed the 25th of November for the Phillipines. They will arrive there Christmas day.

Susie Perine, Beta, '01, has accepted the position as teacher of English in the Indianapolis Public Schools. Her address is 918 North Capitol avenue.

Ethel Lovell, Beta, '05, has a class in piano in Menominee, Mich.

Nellie Hillicker, Theta, has gone to Chicago for an extended visit.

Emma Wittlinger, Iota, is teaching at Sullivan, Ill.

Susa Rainier, Alpha, '02, is spending the winter at her home in Lafayette, Ind.

Elsie De Lamer, Beta, '01, is teaching history and English in Lansing High School, Lansing, Mich.

Mary L. Perine, Beta, '02, Smith College, '04, and formerly professor of English in Oxford College at Oxford, Ohio, is now instructor of history in the Albion High School.

Florence Bailey, Beta, '01, is teaching piano in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Ora Woodworth, Beta, '97, of Detroit, visited Beta girls this fall.

Mrs. Richard Tennant visited Delta chapter in November. She is a woman of charming personality and proved to be a great inspiration to us. It was hard to say good-bye when the time came for her departure, but Zeta girls were awaiting her arrival, hence we were forced to be satisfied with a short visit.



EXCHANGES

We are worth to our sorority just in proportion as we give of ourselves to it. Let us therefore give largely, freely and unselfishly.—*Crescent*.

William Boyd Jacobs, the last surviving founder of Delta Kappa Epsilon, died at his summer home at Windsor, Vt., on March 30, 1905, after a long illness. He graduated from Yale in 1850.—*Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

An act has been passed by the Indiana Legislature exempting from taxation a tract of land not exceeding one acre, with improvements, owned by any Greek letter fraternity. For this advanced step in the recognition of fraternities as public institutions worthy of public encouragement, the fraternity world has to thank Mr. Ruick, secretary of the General Council of Phi Delta Theta and a well-known Hoosier legislator.—*The Kappa Alpha Journal*. Mr. Ruick married Berta Miller, Alpha, '99.

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

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority announces the installation of Iota of Alpha Xi Delta at the University of West Virginia, Morgantown, W. Va., on May 8, 1905.

Several of the college fraternities hold midsummer conventions. Phi Gamma Delta gathered at Niagara Falls July 26, 27, and 28, Beta Theta Pi in that equally famous summer resort, New York City, July 11-14; Kappa Alpha at Asheville, N. C., on June 27. Delta Tau Delta meets in New York on August 21. Phi Delta Theta contemplates changing its convention date from November to July, while Kappa Alpha advocates a change from June to December. Delta Kappa Epsilon meets in New York this fall, and is discussing a change to some spring or summer month.—*Shield*.

A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM

The problems of sorority life are many, but none is quite so fundamental to the progress of a chapter as the all-around development of each member of it.

We cannot emphasize this point too much. From the greatest encouragement and the greatest sympathy given to each sister, will come the greatest development of all that is in her.

The problem rightly starts with the freshmen. Let every older girl feel it her bounden duty to see in each new member all she can. It is only in a sympathetic environment that the innate powers of the individual will begin to unfold.

This generosity of spirit is only in accord with the spirit of a sisterhood and viewed from a more selfish standpoint, it is the kind of an attitude that pays. A sense of responsibility and independence of judgment come only with the activity of every one, and this activity is produced only by an encouraging hand.

So in the midst of our many activities and interests, let us remember that it is our pleasure as well as our duty to bring out each and every girl to the glory of the sisterhood and the college in which we dwell.—KAPPA.—*Crescent*.

The Lyre gratefully acknowledges the following publications from other fraternities:

September—The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

October—The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Delta Epsilon Quarterly, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa, Kappa Alpha Journal, The Delta of Sigma Nu, Beta Theta Pi.

November—Phi Gamma Delta, Alpha Xi Delta, The Anchora of Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly.

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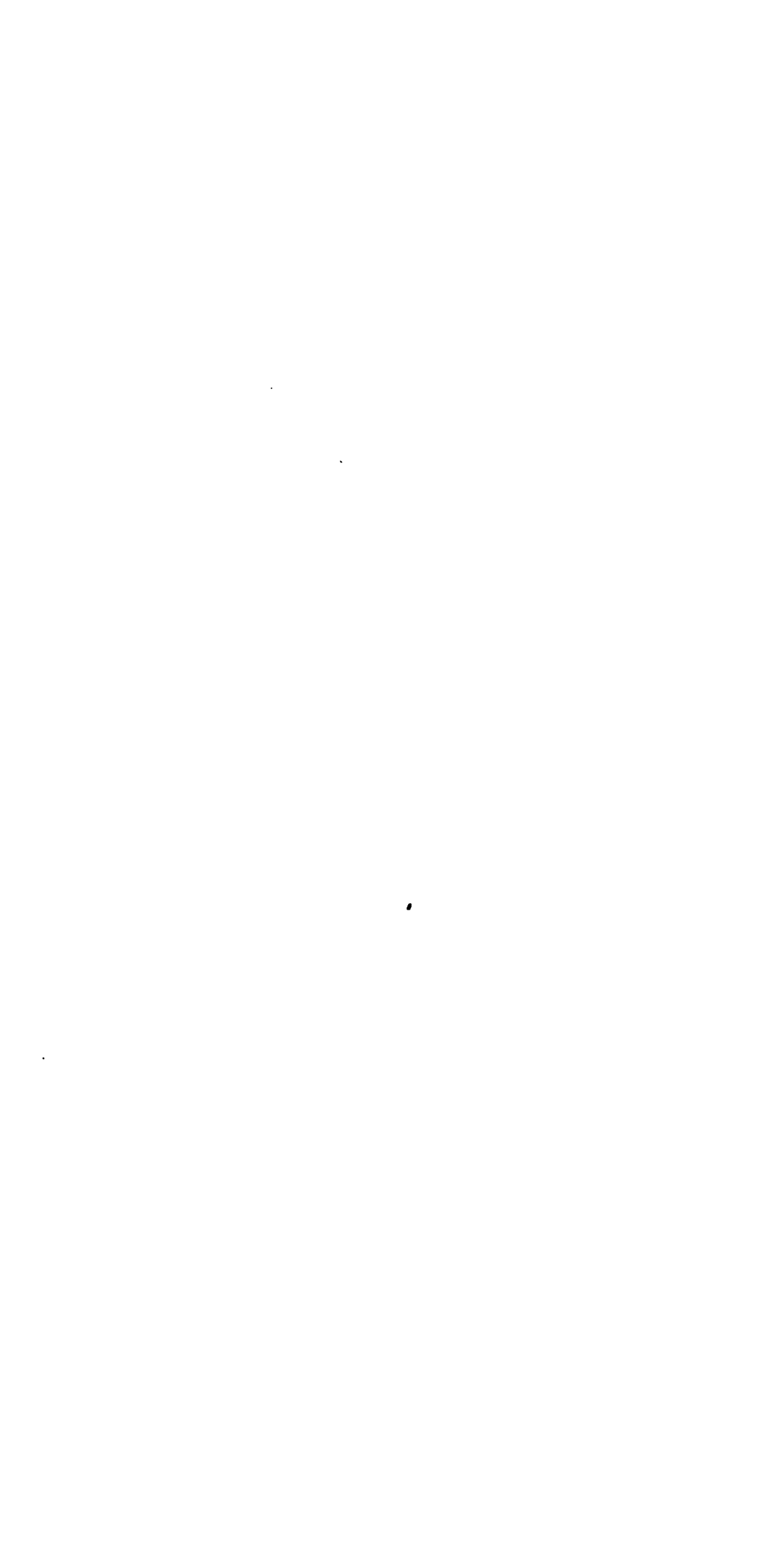
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The College of Music, of the University of Southern California, was founded twenty-one years ago. In its early stages it was little more than a single instructor with a few pupils who were taking college work.

For a period of ten or twelve years it lived a more or less prosperous life like all things Californian at that period. During boom times in '87 it reached an enrollment of eighty-eight, under the efficient management of Mrs. Stagg, with six instructors, but with the collapse of the boom and the excessively hard times, which followed, all that was not absolutely essential to keeping body and soul together had to suffer, hence a luxury like music must needs go by the board. The enrollment dropped to thirty-three and three instructors gave part of their time to the institution.

In 1895 a change of management was inaugurated and F. A. Bacon, the leading vocal teacher and chorus director of the city, took charge. From that time the growth of the school has been slow but steady. Up to the present time it has been hampered by inadequate facilities and poor quarters and its growth in the face of such obstacles is all the more noteworthy.

In 1895 a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was organized and became a prominent feature of college life.

In 1898, on the resignation of Prof. Bacon, the management of the school passed into the hands of W. F. Skeele, who had been for three years at the head of the piano department, and is still under his care. Since that time each year has seen a marked gain in enrollment despite the enormous competition in musical instruction in the city.

The growth during the present year has been very gratifying. There are nearly 150 names on the books for the present year and there is no doubt that the enrollment will reach the 200 mark before the year is over.

The school is now housed in very roomy and attractive quarters and furnished with ample equipment.

Its instructors are well known musicians of more than local reputation. The standard of work is high and the constant effort of the faculty is to elevate it still more.

The faculty feels greatly gratified at the re-establishment of Alpha Chi and believes it will be the means of attracting many students of the very best class.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF ALPHA

February 2nd Alpha Chi Omega assembled for her fifth annual banquet at the Claypool, Indianapolis.

The Indianapolis Alumni Chapter, whose gracious president is Miss Roberts, had looked after the details of preparation so that every need was anticipated. This was especially appreciated by the out-of-town girls, many of whom could not arrive before late afternoon trains.

At four p. m. a preliminary meeting was called. After



COLLEGE CHAPEL AND RECITAL HALL

informal social greetings in the parlor, the sisters repaired to the Palm garden for a business meeting. Here, remote from intrusion, some of the problems relative to fraternity life, were discussed. Mrs. Tennant, president of the State organization, presided and spoke briefly on some conditions of the sorority at large. The news was good and, while some things from perfectly natural causes, will undergo changes in another year, the status of Alpha Chi was never better and her prospects never brighter.

Higher standards are required all along the line and much strong, sincere work is being accomplished.

At six the banquet hall was thrown open and seventy-two girls sat down to the carnation strewn table. Pausing for a moment of divine blessing—it was a scene to be remembered. The beautiful room, radiant with light and full of happy faces, the spicy perfume of the flowers we love so well, all made a picture worth going miles to see.

Miss Roberts, in her own delightful manner, extended a word of welcome, after which Mrs. Tennant, as toast-mistress, introduced the after dinner speakers.

Alpha was represented by Miss Vera Cooper, who in a clever sketch, gave a brief history of the chapter when it seems she fell asleep and dreamed of a walk with St. Peter on the other side. They came to a lovely woods where strange to say some beautiful maidens were tied hands and feet to the trees. In distress, turning to St. Peter, she asked who these were and the cause of such punishment. His reply was that they were Alpha Chis and they had to be tied to keep them from running back to DePauw.

Miss Janet Wilson told of "Other Days" in verse. This was interspersed with song by Alpha girls. "The Outlook"

was the subject of Mrs. Will Wade's toast. As editor of the Lyre she had had opportunity to renew old acquaintances and make many new ones, and in her judgment the future of Alpha Chi Omega had finer possibilities than ever.

On account of the State Oratorical Contest, the banquet closed at eight o'clock sharp. This limited the time too much. Another year an effort will be made to have the "Annual" occur on an evening entirely free from other college events.

JANET.





PORTION OF RECEPTION HALL



STUDIO

Editorials

Sisters, the Lyre is *ours*. We want it to be a success. Any material or suggestion will be gladly received.

In the next number of the Lyre we hope to have letters from each of our alumnae chapters.

The Lyre is truly thankful for the goodly number of subscriptions received from the alumnae, but we must have more. Let the active chapters see that each of their alumnae is asked to subscribe for the Lyre. It will not only make them more loyal to their own beloved sorority, but will also keep them in touch with other people of the Greek world.

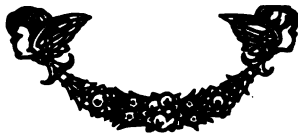
We heartily congratulate Gamma upon her new sorority room and would gladly accept her invitation to one and all to take a peep into the "coziest place in all the world" to Gamma, "Chis."

We cannot refrain from saying a word concerning the annual Alpha banquet, which was given at the Claypool hotel, in Indianapolis, on the evening of February the second. Besides seventy Alpha girls, there were two Iota and one Beta girl, whom we were very glad to have with us.

Gamma Phi Beta, in her last convention, reconsidered her motion to withdraw from the Inter-Sorority conference on rushing agreements and again takes her place in the conference on the same basis as the other sororities.

We are very much gratified to know that Alpha Chi Omega is making such noted progress in all her chapters, and we are very eager for the time to come when we can welcome new chapters to the sisterhood. We want dear Alpha Chi to grow and as we go forward we must maintain our high ideals of womanhood and remember that loyalty is the watch-word of every true Alpha Chi.

Will the chapters kindly notify us if any of their subscribers fail to get each issue of the Lyre.



Chapter Letters

ALPHA

Another term is almost gone and we are in the midst of our examinations. There is not much doing now for as usual the winter term is uneventful. It has also been saddened by the death of Miss Georgia Croxell, who was an Alpha Phi here. Her death came to us with a peculiar sadness, as her good scholarship gave promise of a very bright future.

We initiated three girls early in January—Lora Canady and Bernice Caldwell, of Winchester, Ind., and Virinda Ranier, of Lafayette.

We have the largest chapter now that Alpha has ever known, there being twenty-seven active girls and two taking post work, making twenty-nine.

We are planning to give a musicale some time soon on which we are now working very hard and we hope to give you a favorable report of it in the next number of the Lyre.

Thirty Alpha Chis from Greencastle attended the banquet, which was held at Indianapolis at the time of the State Oratorical Contest. We are proud to say that Mr. Paul Smith, who represented DePauw, was the winner of the contest. It was the seventeenth time that the old gold of DePauw has waved in victory over rivals for oratorical honors at the State meet, and at the close of the contest the scenes were of the general animated kind that prevail at the close. All is prospering here and we have great ambitions for Alpha Chi for the next and last term of the year.

Alpha was happy to receive the Lyre and we are sure it

will succeed this year under the editorship of Mrs. Wade—the first number has given promise of this. We are glad to hear of Epsilon's thriving condition and we send hearty greetings and best wishes to all our sisters.

BETA

We girls of Beta returned after the holidays with Christmas enthusiasm unabated. This first found expression in a Christmas tree bearing presents appropriate to each girl's peculiar hobby; and later, in a Christmas party, which left the lodge richer in glass, china and silver.

The Country Fair, last term in the gymnasium, was a pronounced success. Booths, representing the four seasons, relieved the conventional Japanese, fancy-article, and fortune-teller's booths,—if such a word as conventional can be applied to such a gay and unconventional gathering. All visitors to the Fair came "en costume."

January the twentieth, Alpha Chi Omega gave a reception to all the girls of the college. We are trying to disprove that the Greek world is snobbish and exclusive.

The activity of our president, Dr. Dickie, resulted in a welcome Christmas gift of fifteen thousand dollars to Albion, which will be used in remodeling "Old Central;" and we are all as much delighted as if it were an entirely personal matter. While abroad last summer, Dr. Dickie, who is very prominently identified with the temperance movement in this country, was given a reception by Sir Wilfred Lawson, head of this movement in Great Britain.

Our masquerade party on January the twenty-seventh was very successful; and the mock-faculty meeting there represented was absolutely perfect.

The Juniors are editing an "Annual," on whose staff are

two of our girls, Lulu Babcock and Blanche Ballamy, and for which another of our girls, Olah Hill, is doing considerable illustrating. Class basket-ball teams, on which Beta's girls are also well represented, are engaging, at present, college interest.

In accordance with the plan adopted at our first Pan-Hellenic of the year, all sorority girls were entertained on December the sixteenth by Pi, of Kappa Alpha Theta, and on February the tenth, by Alpha Chi Omega. We realize that in this way fraternity life is broadened.

We are working toward the goal of our fifteenth annual concert, which will take several months of preparation. Although our concert means hard work, it is a cherished tradition, and draws more closely the tie of sisterhood.

The Athletic Circus, given on February the seventeenth, in the new W. C. T. U. building, was a unique and popular affair. "This show of all the monstrous and mirth-provoking, mid-winter entertainments" was strictly of student talent. It was given under the auspices of the Athletic Association, in order to raise money to pay for the mementoes for the football team.

We are delighted to present our new pledge, Jeannette Freeman, of Mount Pleasant, Michigan.

Beta is very much in sympathy with the attitude of our grand president on the question, and eagerly looks forward to the time when we may welcome several new chapters to the sisterhood.

GAMMA

Gamma chapter is now in the midst of mid-year examinations. All the girls are so busy and anxious that it seems the one subject for discussion is cramming. Nevertheless, we

expect to celebrate when this is all over by a supper in our new sorority room, such a supper as every Alpha Chi dotes on. As to our new room—it is a paradise to us for we have been so long without a real home. You have no idea what an artistic member with paint and brush and an earnest band of workers can do toward transforming old things into new. You should take a peep into our cozy room—we invite you one and all.

We have started our literary programs again, now that we are settled, two girls entertaining each time and so with our regular sorority supper every three weeks, Gamma girls feel that "Its worth it all to be an Alpha Chi."

Our informal dance, given February seventeenth, proved a great success and we were so delighted to have with us members from other chapters.

We have given several rushing affairs—the most important event being a sleigh ride with an oyster supper afterward at the home of Romaine Hardcastle. As a result of our rushing we are pleased to introduce to you Laura Bartholomew.

Early in May the Junior play will be given and, as one of our members, Fannie Gillian, represents us, we are anxiously looking forward to it.

At the Country Club, February 21st, occurred, perhaps, the greatest event of the season, the Pan-Hellenic Prom.

We are so happy to welcome back again Esther Hinman, who was one of last year's chapter. She will resume her work in Music Hall.

The final recitals in the School of Music have now begun, and Gamma finds herself well represented this year, our number of graduates being six. On February eighth and February twenty-ninth occurred the two recitals—Edith Girton,

from the certificate and Grace Haywood from the four-year course. Gamma sends greetings to all her sister chapters.

EPSILON

Epsilon extends her heartiest appreciation for the greetings from the different chapters. It is such a pleasure to have the Lyre again, and we hope it may be the means of drawing the girls closer together.

Our chapter has promise of a substantial growth with an active membership of enthusiastic girls and a good field for work.

As was mentioned in our last letter our first initiation took place Oct. 30th. Six girls were initiated at that time.

Our first function was an "At Home," given at the home of Mauneena Max Millan. The house was artistically decorated with smilax, red carnations and asparagus fern. A progressive needle-threading contest was the feature of the evening and handsome prizes were awarded the lucky ones who threaded the greatest number of needles within the given time. The dainty hand-painted score cards were done by Mabel Chalfin and were in the shape of the Lyre, decorated with tiny red roses and tied with the colors. About thirty girls were present and the evening was voted a great success.

January 26th we initiated two girls, whom we are pleased to introduce to all—Hazel Hearne and Mabel Hickman. After the ceremony a spread was given at the home of Mabel Chalfin.

In honor of our new girls an evening was given January 31st at the residence of Carrie Trowbridge. An excellent program was rendered, after which refreshments were served. Much spirit was shown in the singing of college songs and it

is our plan to give such an informal affair the first week of each month.

We are sending views of the College of Music building, which hardly give you an idea of the splendid appearance it makes. The studios are large and well equipped; the exterior very attractive in mission style of architecture.

Even the Campus, which comprises ten acres, has been improved by cement walks, beautiful shade trees and lawns.

Professor Skeele is dean and his success in this capacity is shown by the marked increase in the enrollment. Aside from his reputation as a teacher of the piano, he is well known as an organist, having opened organs in a number of the larger cities of the West. He is a man of strong personality and has shown great interest in the re-establishment of Epsilon.

Seven of our number have sent for pins and you may imagine our happy expectancy.

ZETA

Since the last letter was written, Zeta has four fine new girls to introduce—Fanny Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C. (a sister of Mary Johnson, who was one of Zeta's first members); Irma Watson, of Salt Lake City; Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, of Mississippi, and Evangeline Bridge, of Boston.

It has been Zeta's boast that her roll call contained the names of the most talented girls in the Conservatory, and these, our latest acquisitions, continue to make good this assertion.

Fanny Johnson was called home to Raleigh very soon after her initiation, much to our regret, but we hope to have her with us again next year.

Madame Antoinette Szumomonska, one of Zeta's highly honored honorary members, gave a delightful piano recital

recently. She has just invited our chapter to a tea at her lovely home in Brookline. Other recent piano recitals of great interest were those of Mr. George Proctor, Mr. William Dietrich Strong and Mr. Carl Baermann.

Boston has been having a taste of opera—really, truly grand opera—written by a local composer, and sung by local singers, with the chorus taken from our Conservatory Opera School and with the Boston Symphony Orchestra, to furnish the instrumentation.

This work, "The Pipe of Desire," written by Frederick S. Converse, a Harvard professor, has just been given three public performances in our own Jordan Hall, and has aroused tremendous enthusiasm in the musical circles of Boston. The waves of interest extended even unto New York and brought over a goodly crowd of well known people from the metropolis for the first performance. The music is exquisite, and proves that America can produce genuine opera, after all. One of the prominent roles was taken by Mabel Stanaway, a Zeta girl.

We are all delighted with the Lyre in its pretty new dress, and congratulate Mrs. Wade on her very attractive arrangement of the contents. Surely we will all do our best to give our support in every possible way to the magazine that means so much to every loyal Alpha Chi.

THETA

Theta was so glad to hear of her sister chapters through the last publication of the Lyre. In reading the letters we were imbued with that feeling, that enthusiasm and love for Alpha Chi are strong in every chapter.

The past few months have proved to be most delightful

for the Thetas and their friends. Among the many social functions of that time are: A formal dancing party for our freshmen, a bridge-whist party given to all freshmen of the Pan-Hellenic, an informal dancing party, and a most entertaining afternoon tea at the home of Miss Lillian Clondon.

Three of our girls, well known to the Ann Arbor public, proved again that they were well worthy of all esteem shown them: Miss Leda Stimpson, in her entertaining song recital; Miss Mary Bruce, as efficient coach in two little dramas, "A Little Game with Fate" and "My Wife's Bonnet," and Miss Vera Burkhart, in playing important parts in these plays with great skill.

Ann Arbor has had many fine attractions during the past months, such as instructive lectures by the well known Jacob Riis and Lorado Taft, and most charming concerts by George Hamlin and Raoul Pugno.

But of all functions of the entire school year the annual Junior Hop always associates with it the most interest and the keenest enjoyment. This year's Hop proved to be most successful. On February 9th the big Hop took place, and more than six hundred gay dancers glided over the floor of the large Waterman gymnasium. The whole scene was a most festive spectacle. But the Junior Hop does not consist of the formal dance alone, but it includes many other gaieties, which extend over several days: House parties, informal dancing parties, Glee Club concert, play by the Comedy Club, drives and the like. This year five of our girls—Inid Holmes, Vera Burkhart, Alma Hinkle, Mary Benedict and Elenore Goeschel were happy Junior Hop guests.

We wish great success to all our sisters.

IOTA

How lovely it was to get the Lyre again last December! We all read it eagerly and enjoyed every word of it.

Examinations are all over at last for the first semester, and we are breathing freely once more. But the second semester has come with all of its new "stunts" and that means we will all be as busy as ever until June.

The uppermost thing in our minds at present, however, is a big reception, which we are going to give on the 24th of this month to all the fraternities and sororities, and a great number of our faculty and town people. We are all working real hard in order to make it a grand success, which we hope it will be. We can tell better about it, however, after it is over so I shall leave that for the next Lyre.

The Sophomore Cotillion occurred on the evening of the third of February and it was a very enjoyable affair, indeed. It was the Friday evening after "exam." week and everybody went and had a good time, forgetting that there ever was such a thing as "exams." The armory was artistically decorated in the class colors—red and black. The next big dance will be given in military hall.

All the sororities enjoyed a dance a few weeks ago together. They gave it in the afternoon and had it simply for themselves, there being no men present. We find it to be a very fine way to get better acquainted with the girls in the other sororities, and we hope to do something on that order often.

On February 13th we initiated three girls, who have been pledged for some time—Bess Bryan, Champaign, Ill., a pledge of last year; Mary McNally, Pueblo, Colo., pledged in the fall, and Lucy Lewis, Danville, Ill., who has been

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pledged for only a few weeks. We are very glad to introduce them to our other sisters of Alpha Chi.

KAPPA

Kappa girls are busy now preparing for the examinations, which mark the close of this semester.

After the "exams." comes the Junior Prom., on February 16th, the great social event of the year here at the University. Of course every girl is anxious to go and even in the midst of the whirl of "exams." one hears animated discussion of dainty Prom. gowns and of the expected fun to be had at the Prom. and its accompanying festivities.

We initiated two more girls on January 29th—Iola Harker and Vivian Verbeck—and after the initiations enjoyed a genuine college girls' spread. By the way, Miss Harker composed the words for a song to the air of "My Country 'Tis of Thee" that evening, which she sang for us. It was a clever little thing full of tender thoughts for dear Alpha Chi.

The crowning musical event of this year was the Kubelik concert given January 22nd at the University Armory. We are now looking forward to hearing the Dolmetches, who will come here sometime in February and play on instruments used years ago during the time of Mozart and Beethoven.

"The Passing Show," given January 16th by University people, was an interesting event in University life. The cast was largely made up of fraternity and sorority people. Alpha Chi Omega was represented by Miss Edna Sivensen.

Pi Beta Phi gave a charming musicale January 27th, at which members of the faculty and a representative from each fraternity was invited.

A DREAM

One night I fell asleep, and dreamed;
And in my dream a Thing appeared,
Familiar, and yet strange, it seemed,
Frightful, yet nothing to be feared.

The Thing looked like a quadruped;
It had a short, impressive tail;
Two ugly horns were on its head,
I looked, and felt myself turn pale.

The Thing just stood and looked at me,
But finally it moved, and said:
"You are the maiden, they tell me,
Who wears the glorious green and red.

"But now the time has come, at last,
When, with the help of all the rest,
I'll make you sorry for the past,
And put your courage to the test.

"I'd like to introduce myself—
I'm William Goat, for short called Bill,
And when I'm laid upon the shelf,
You'll find no one my place can fill.

"My highest pleasure, you will find,
Is teaching old girls the best rules
To make the pledged girls always mind,
And sometimes make them act like fools.

"I know you've often had to say:
'It's worth it all to be a Chi.'
You'll find the truth of that, some day—
When, did you ask? Oh, bye and bye."

THE LYRE

He stopped, and gave a kind of sigh,
Then out the door he seemed to float—
I scarce could realize that I
Had seen His Majesty, the goat.

I'm glad I saw the goat that night,
I'm glad he talked away my fears,
And I hope all will be right
With Alpha Chi, in future years.

My dream is over—but the truth
Of all that William said to me
Is quite well known, I think, forsooth,
By Alpha Chis, where'er they be.

Then here's to dear old Alpha Chi—
And may the girls who join her ranks
Be moved to give her, as do I,
The most sincere and grateful thanks.

FLORENCE FALL, Beta, '09.



Alumnæ Notes

BIRTHS

To Daisy Steele Wilson, Alpha, of Indianapolis, a son.

To Mrs. Molt, Iota, of Chicago, a son.

To Cora Hamilton Taylor, Alpha, of Greensburg, a daughter, on December 20th.

To Gertrude McGinley, Iota, of Noweaqua, Ill., a son.

To Nell Bridges Seers, Alpha, of Danville, Ill., a daughter.

To Mrs. Harding, Iota, of Peoria, Ill., a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

The engagement of Katherine Nelson, Iota, to Mr. C. J. Rothgeb, Phi Delta Theta, is announced.

Miss Mary Busey, Iota, is soon to be married to Mr. Lee Jutton, of Urbana, Ill.

The engagement of Miss Virginia Fisk, Theta, to Mr. Frederick Green, of New York City, is announced.

On December the 25th was announced the engagement of Nella Blanche Ramsdell, Beta, Cons. '03, Lit. '04, to Frank Andrews Fall, Alpha Tau Omega Busar, of Columbia University.

The engagement of Clara Fisher, Iota, to Mr. Lewis Brown, Phi Gamma Delta, is announced.

The engagement of Louise White, Gamma, to Mr. Charlie Hall, of Evanston, has been announced.

MARRIAGES

Toenniges-Patton.—Elizabeth Patton, Kappa, and Mr. C. Frederick Toenniges, were married at the home of the bride in DeKalb, Ill., December 25th, 1905. They are living at DeKalb, Ill.

Hannals-Weinstein.—Alice Weinstein, Theta, was recently married to Mr. Eugene Hannals, of Phillipsburg, Montana.

Burnham-Bond.—The marriage of Ora Bond, Theta, to Mr. Clare Burnham, of Chicago, Ill., is announced.

Turrentine-Gustafson.—Miss Elin Gustafson, Beta, '05, was married to Dr. J. C. Turrentine, in New York City, January 24th. They will reside at 266 West 154th Street, New York City.

PERSONAL

Eva Pratt, Beta, ex '96, is supervisor of drawing in the public schools of Moline, Ill. Her address is 417 Eighteenth Street.

Claudia Hill Alexander, Alpha, of Greensburg, Ind., has recently visited Alpha Chi sisters at Greencastle.

Mabel Chalfin, Epsilon, has just returned from a delightful trip through Mexico.

Misses Wyeth and Bean, Iota, visited Alpha sisters after attending the Alpha banquet at Indianapolis, on the evening of February 2nd.

Marie White Longman, Beta, has recently returned from an extensive concert tour in the West.

Mary Masters, Beta, '99, Gamma, '03, visited Beta the last week in January.

Sylvia Christley, Alpha, visited friends at New Palestine, after attending the Alpha banquet.

On the faculty of the Music School of Galloway College, Searcy, Ark., Alpha is represented by Grace Guller, '03, and Sara Neal, '04.

Mrs. Dr. Yutzy, Theta, visited friends in Albion the second week in February.

Edna Line, Alpha, of Portland, Ind., visited Alpha sisters for a few days, after attending the banquet at Indianapolis.

Mrs. Alta Allen Lond, Beta, '98, has accompanied her husband to Florida. They will return by way of Boston and New York.

Faye Newlin, Alpha, of Robinson, Ill., is in school again this term.

Marie Smith, Epsilon, has been spending the winter in Ocean Park.

Epsilon—Elmina Lank, Alpha, is visiting in Los Angeles and has attended some of our meetings. She has been very helpful to us with suggestions for our work.

Epsilon—Blanche French, Beta, is spending the winter in Long Beach and studying with Mr. Skeele at the college. We have been so glad to know her and to have her at our meetings.

Lulu Johns, Epsilon, is teaching in Los Angeles.

Adah McCoy, Alpha, '05, is teaching music at DePauw. She is assisting Miss Sawyers and also taking post work.

Maizie B. Goodenow, Beta, '04, is studying art in Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, Mich.

Pearl Fuller, Alpha, of Charleston, Ill., is again in school

after being detained at home on account of the illness of her brother.

Wilma Beebe, Iota, ex. '07, of Kankakee, visited Alpha Chi sisters and attended the Sophomore Cotillion.

Bess Luelling, Alpha, visited friends in Greencastle the first of February.

Ethel Kuhn, one of Gamma's last year chapters, is to return to us at the beginning of the new term.

Jennie McHatton, Alpha, is making an extended visit in Kansas City.

Marjory Grafins, Iota, '05, of Chicago, attended the Phi Gamma Delta annual on February the 16th.

Louise White, Gamma, has returned from a visit at East Orange, New Jersey. She also attended the Yale Prom. before returning home.

Florence Hamilton, Alpha, returned recently from a trip through the southern states.

Lusa Rainier, Alpha, '02, of Lafayette, Ind., visited Alpha sisters the first week in February.



EXCHANGES

Delta Kappa Epsilon held its fifty-ninth convention at the Waldorf-Astoria in New York, November 8-10.

Delta Chi, the law fraternity, is agitating the question of not admitting members of other fraternities.

Kappa Alpha Theta was the first sorority to enter Canada. A chapter which was established at Toronto in 1887, died the next year, but has recently been re-established.

Signal public honors were showered upon James Whitcomb Riley, whose favorite diversion, Bill Nye once said, was visiting Jerusalem Alumni Association of the Phi Psi fraternity. Shortly before Christmas he was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Vice-President Fairbanks in Washington, at which President Roosevelt was present. A Washington dispatch says: "Washington is anxious to see more of the Hoosier poet. Unusual attentions were paid to him. The President was delighted with the readings he gave at the Fairbanks dinner to the chief executive, and the Gridiron Club, which was the guest of the Vice-President Saturday night, voted him 'the best that ever came down the pike.' The modest poet was almost overwhelmed with the reception he received at every turn." On December 29th a great popular meeting was held in Tomlinson Hall, Indianapolis, by the teachers of Indiana, who were assembled in State convention at that time. The meeting resolved itself into one of the most remarkable tributes ever paid to a living man. Addresses were delivered by President E. H. Hughes, of De-Pauw; Charles R. Williams, editor of the Indianapolis News; Henry Watterson, of the Louisville Courier-Journal, and others of eminence. The poet was overwhelmed with the enthusiasm of his reception when he arose to acknowledge the

remarkable compliment involved in such a gathering. Mr. Riley seems to have left the lecture platform, though he could fix his own price for appearances, and have hundreds of invitations that he could not accept. Yet he traveled three hundred miles the other day, making an exceedingly uncomfortable journey, to appear, without charge, before an audience gathered in a town of four hundred people for the dedication of a literary club building. He explained his acceptance of the invitation to be present by the statement that he "kind o' liked the style of the fellow who came to Indianapolis to ask him to come."—*The Shield*.

Prof. John William Burgess, Cumberland '67, has been appointed the first incumbent in the chair established in the University of Berlin and called the Theodore Roosevelt Professorship of American History and Institutions. This is said to be the first step in a general system of co-operative education between the large universities of Europe and America, and has been instituted on this side of the water by Columbia. Mr. James Speyer has given \$50,000 to establish this professorship. In return, the German Government will establish at Columbia a professorship of German history and institutions.—*Beta Theta Pi*.

In 1895, Sigma Chi adopted a scheme for a chapter house fund to be derived from the initiation fees and a percentage of the regular dues of active members and voluntary subscriptions of alumni. In 1899 members were required, upon graduation or leaving college, to give to the fund two notes of \$5 each, one payable in one year the other in two years. In 1901 members were required, at the time of their initiation, to sign two such notes, payable one and two years after

their cessation of active membership. Loans have been made to aid the chapters at several of the larger universities to build houses—Cornell, Michigan and Wisconsin. This plan of Sigma Chi has been adopted by several other fraternities. The convention of southern K A last June adopted a plan which provides “that each initiate be requested, on the day of his leaving college, and likewise each alumnus, to sign five notes of \$5 each, payable one, two, three, four and five years after date, \$1 of each note to pay for a year’s subscription to the Journal, and the balance to create a general chapter house fund.”—*The Scroll*.

Perhaps the most important care of the freshmen should be exercised in a supervision of their college work. The most valuable man to a chapter has his value discounted at a stroke when he is dropped from college for deficient scholarship. So it is a mere matter of self-protection for a chapter to see that its freshmen are maintaining a grade of scholarship that will at least retain for them college and active chapter membership. Unless the older men in the chapter look after a freshman, there is considerable danger of his slighting his college work. The new life holds so many pleasures for him that he fails to grasp the importance of insuring four years’ enjoyment of them by the necessary attention to his college duties. It is in this respect the elder brothers should step in and serve his personal interests while at the same time they are performing a most important chapter duty.—*Delta Tau Delta Rainbow*.

With the recurrence of each cultivating season, we are impressed with the feeble powers of choice displayed by so many active members. Instead of considering the need of the chapter as the all important question at issue, they consult

their own wishes and choose the girl to whom they take a violent fancy. And all too often a pretty face and stylish clothes are the principal reasons for the choice. Whether the girl in question has real worth seems to be a minor matter. The chapter and its precedents are of no concern, and if no other reason can be found for initiating this mediocre candidate, it is avowed that though we may not need her pretty face and social qualities, it will never do to let our antagonists win them. We want to record here our disappointment in a goodly number of active sorority girls who vote not from conscientious principle but from selfish fancy. Alpha Phi ought to have no badge for the silly young woman who goes to college for a good time. Our badge should be worn only by the girls who are serious in purpose and true to our high ideals. We proudly sing "The badge that only the chosen may wear." Do we measure up to our standard? Are all our active members to whom is entrusted the welfare of the society fully alive to their sacred duty to choose only such girls as maintain a high standard of scholarship and are true to the best ideals of womanhood?—*Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

In an article on the "Good and Evil of College Fraternities," found in a recent issue of *The Independent*, the writer presents very forcibly the good influences which such organizations exert upon their members. He gives them credit for exercising a salutary supervision over the classwork of their members, for imparting social polish, and—which is of more importance—for restraining members whose conduct is calculated to bring discredit upon themselves and reproach upon their fraternity. The writer says that the executive councils of some fraternities discipline their disorderly chapters. As he says, the experience of spiking in the rushing campaign

teaches tact, and the management of a chapter house gives the members a sense of responsibility and good business training. Fraternities, he says, supplement the education given in college, and the wide acquaintance with highly educated men, which the larger fraternities afford, is very instructive and of great benefit. Among the alumni of the various chapters are many eminent scholars and other distinguished men. The writer testifies that the bond which unites the members is very strong, and he shows the advantage of belonging to a national, instead of a sectional, fraternity, an advantage which is felt by alumni even more than by the active members. A chapter of a college fraternity, he says, performs a valuable office in keeping its alumni interested in their *alma mater*.—*The Scroll*.

Hunt up your alumni; tell the Greek world what they are doing, who they are doing, and how they are doing it; dig up your pictures; tell stories on your faculty; introduce your new brothers; tell us of all the balls—foot, base, and social; describe your sweethearts; tell us of your wives, and give us the names of your babies;

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 Mail us your checks, and then
 Send us the drinks you drink.
 Stuff us with "Quarterly" stuff,
 Though 't would make but very poor pi;
 Boost the journal along
 For the love of old Phi Chi.

—*Phi Chi Quarterly*.

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THE STORY OF AN ALPHA CHI OMEGA LYRE

When I was very young, years ago, I was very proud of myself, because I was so beautiful, made of shining gold and sparkling jewels. Now that I am older, I am still more proud of myself, but now it is for a different reason. I have learned, in my life time of experience, that I stand for the noblest and best sorority I have ever heard of. It is not so large in membership as some others, perhaps, but it is far reaching in its influence, and benefits every one who comes in contact with it.

My first experience of any importance was the long railway journey I took, from the manufacturer's to the home of my present owner. There were as many as a half a dozen of us, all packed together in a box, and carefully wrapped up. The girl who opened the box was very pretty and sweet looking, and I felt immediately as if I had always known her, and as if I somehow belonged to her.

She tried us all on, and attempted to decide which she liked the best. Then she asked the opinions of all her family and friends, as to which they considered the prettiest. The general opinion seemed to be that the choice lay between one other pin and me. The girl wore each one of us about, in turn, for several days. One day, however, she packed all the other pins up and sent them back, keeping only me. I

was very happy then, for I had feared in my ignorance, that I might go to someone I did not fancy or approve of. Now I know that no matter to whom I had gone, it would have been the same—for Alpha Chis are the same the world over, in the things that count.

Since I have belonged to the girl my life has been full of interest. I have been, often and often, in a company of girls who wore pins of a similar design to myself. I have been placed on the proud breasts of girls who had never before worn the Lyre. I have been the means of many unexpected meetings of my owner with stranger girls, who still were not strangers, because they wore Alpha Chi pins.

I sometimes think I have been the means of helping the girl to be sweet and courageous and strong, and loyal to herself and to others. The reason why I think this is because, sometimes, when she looks sad or angry, she glances at me, whispers something to herself, and her face brightens and she is herself again. Then, too, by me she is reminded that she owes a duty to the people of the outside world, as well as to the people of her own family and fraternity circles.

I have been worn with several different fraternity pins below me—but none of them remained there long, until the last pin. This pin seems to be a favorite of the girls, because she has worn it for several months now. She got it at the same time with a beautiful diamond ring, so I rather think, perhaps this frat pin and myself will be lifelong companions.

This, then, is the reason I am so justly proud of myself: Not because I am more beautiful than other pins, but because I stand for a high and noble sisterhood, to which anyone may be proud to belong—that of Alpha Chi Omega.

Florence Fall, Beta Chapter.

THE KEYNOTE OF A STRONG CHAPTER

The keynote of a strong chapter—what is it? A chapter is one link in the chain of organized efforts to unite girls in the bonds of sisterhood in Alpha Chi Omega. The keynote of a strong chapter is the “summum bonum” of fraternity life, continued in that diminutive word of unlimited scope, common to every language we call it love.

It is not to be sought for in libraries or laboratories or to be dug up from dry old text-books. It springs up spontaneously from the communion of congenial souls. The fraternity chapter is the noble school for the propagation and cultivation of love. This school joins young women in the closest relations of mutual helpfulness; it exalts sisterhood from the realms of mere friendship to the heights of true love. Our chapter has picked us from hundreds, has taught us lessons of sisterhood, has given us the happiest times of our college life. What do we owe her in return? Unflinching devotion, our best efforts and greatest affection. The true fraternity girl loves her chapter and its members. Her sympathy embraces their sorrows, her happiness extends to their joys, her love encircles their hearts. Love keeps burning the fires on every altar of responsibility. The chapter that has caught the living spirit of Alpha Chi Omega, that will meet every obligation to the fraternity, and that will guard as a precious jewel the good name of virtue, kindness and love is deserving of prosperity.

Character, scholarship and gentle manners, are potent factors in the life of each fraternity girl. Without the possession of these, by the individual members, a chapter must needs have struggles and heartaches and disappointment. Character developed and well rounded within the fraternity,

must show manifestations of love outward toward the less fortunate. If a chapter is exclusive or clannish, it will fail completely to achieve its noblest purpose. Thow open the doors of your houses and with a generous pride dominating each girl extend to others your privileges. In the class room remember ever to uphold the honor of Alpha Chi Omega. Seek the highest development of your physical, intellectual and moral nature. Gentle manners stamp the genuine girl in her life within and without the precincts of fraternity life. Gentle manners are a projection of the spirit of love within the heart of the girl. Each individual girl forms the chapter's standard and if she is imbued with altruism, the success and popularity of her chapter among college people is assured.

"Faith, hope, love—and the greatest of these is love."
Beta '06. Madge E. Wilcox.

IS THE INFLUENCE OF THE CHAPTER HOUSE NARROWING?

In many respects I believe that a Sorority Chapter House has a narrowing influence upon the girls who live in it.

Girls belonging to the same Sorority, and groped together in its Chapter House, are inclined to be something alike in tastes and many times in manner and appearance. I often hear remarks such as these: "She looks like a Kappa," "She would make a splendid Theta!" That was just like a Chi Omega," or "She isn't exactly Alpha Chi style." It is true that girls who have deliberately chosen each other as companions, lived together as closely, worked as one person for their great common interest, their loved sorority, stood by each other so steadfastly, the interest of one being the interest of all, cannot help acquiring little habits

of speech, manner, and dress which are characteristic of all. These characteristics often become so marked that outsiders are conscious that they exist, and seeing them in some one girl, quickly identify her as an Alpha Chi, Theta, or Kappa. Each sorority is a distinct "set." The girls who belong to it care a great deal for one another and comparatively little for outsiders.

The conversation of the Chapter House is taken up either with Sorority affairs or the individual interests of the sixteen, or eighteen girls who are in the house. Although the Woman's League, Christian Association, etc., claim a share in the conversation, the attention is not paid it such general university interests which should be paid to them. The girls who live together in the Chapter House form a kind of clan, a large family—complete in itself.

I believe that there is a danger in this—a serious danger that we sorority girls should guard against. That is that the broadening experience of becoming acquainted with, and learning to understand, girls of widely different dispositions and ways of living be not lost.

The older girls of the sorority should be careful each year to interest the freshmen in general university social functions, and widen their friendships and interests as far as possible. The Chapter House, with its abundance of character developing discipline, is by far the most sheltered and desirable home for girls that there is at Illinois and many of the other universities where there are no dormitories for girls. I who have lived in it as a sister love it second only to my own home. I feel that we cannot afford to create an atmosphere in it which can in any way deserve the criticism, "narrowing." I believe it should be the case of every true sorority girl to take part as much as she is able, in the active interests of her college, and not let her sorority interests overshadow them too much.

H. G. W., Iota.

CHAPTER MEETINGS

As seniors we can look back upon our chapter meetings and realize, if we never have before, their real worth to us. All that remains now are sweet memories and we feel a strange tug at our heart strings when we stop to think that the last meeting is very close at hand.

We find ourselves looking backwards to the time when we first wore the scarlet and olive green. Do you remember, girls, how happy and proud you were and how underneath that happiness and pride you felt that a new something had come into your life. Do you remember the first sorority meeting when you were so filled with inspiration that you promised dear Alpha Chi your best efforts—you would win honors for her—you would make her proud of you?

The weeks passed, and at each meeting you were learning something new in sorority life. They were little things, but they taught you to think of your chapter's interests before your own as individuals, to be quick to see another's needs, to reach out a helping hand beyond the circle and there broaden your own life.

So each day flew swiftly by and found you trying to do your best, and each day you learned something more of Alpha Chi's real aim and purpose. Your sophomore and junior years passed quickly and in September you entered upon your last year. How much this year has meant to you! Perhaps you have not accomplished all that you set out to do, but you can look back upon your sorority life as the dearest recollection you have to carry away with you.

The time has come when you must say good-bye; you have graduated from your Alma Mater, but not from dear old Alpha Chi. The ideals placed before you in the first meeting of your freshman year are now part of your very be-

ing. The Lyre stands for all that is good and noble, and it shall be your guide. You are going out of this life into a new life of different interests, but in whatever sphere we may be let may each one of us proclaim through our line the ennobling influence which has been surrounding us each week as we have met together. Gamma, '06.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

I wish to extend many thanks to the chapter historians, and to all others who have been willing to aid me in securing necessary addresses and facts pertaining to the history of the fraternity; however, I warn you that I am not yet through with your kind services. On the other hand, I again urge you who have neglected the duty of filling out the cards and returning them, to attend to it at once, for it can make such a little difference to you, while it means so much to me, since I have about nine hundred of them to look after. Be loyal, do what your fraternity asks of you, and do it in the right spirit and in the right time. I regret that this letter will not reach some members who need it most, as they probably are not subscribers of the Lyre.

I hope that in time we may have a complete fraternity directory, but there are still many Alpha Chis whom I cannot reach because of lack of information. Consequently, I call on you again for aid. Below you will find a list of Alpha Chis to whom I could not send cards, because I had no addresses for them whatever. I also add a list of members whose cards have been returned to me by the Postal Department, because of incorrect addresses. I ask that each one of you do your very best to look up as many of these Alpha Chis as possible, and send me the correct full names and exact addresses (plainly written) without delay. Do not pro-

crastinate, for tomorrow will not do as well as today. It is necessary that the list be completed soon.

I also ask that whenever you change your name or address, you will please notify me of the fact. In this way the future historians will not experience the difficulties that I am now encountering, and we will not only get the records up to date, but we will keep them there.

I have another request for the chapter historian. Will you please send me all names and addresses of members who have been initiated since you sent in your reports? I need them before schools close.

When sending in lists, please give full name of members (and if married, full name of husband) and exact address. I trust that this letter will receive many replies.

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Editorials

Remember the convention in October.

We are very sorry that this issue must go to press without having heard from Theta. We hope that each chapter will respond readily with material for the October number, which is to be our Birthday Number.

The Editor wishes to call especial attention to the notice in this issue by Mabel Liller, Grand Historian. If the girls will respond readily to her request concerning names and addresses of old Alpha Chis it will help greatly in securing a complete chapter roll, which will be published in the October Historical number.

During the house-parties and many gatherings of Alpha Chis, which will occur during the vacation months, do not forget to speak a word for the Lyre. Send new subscriptions any time to Jennie McHatton, 1629 Broadway, Indianapolis.

This is the season of farewells. It seems hardly possible that another college year has passed into history, and that again it is time to say good-bye to those whom we have learned to know and love so well—but a few short months and most of you will return to your work and with you a number of new girls, some of whom shall wear the Lyre. Keep watch during the summer in order that you may be able to choose wisely when the time comes and thus add to the strength as well as to the number of Alpha Chi Omega. To the chapters we extend our sincere thanks for their loyal support during the past year and wish for each of them a most pleasant vacation time.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA

Many things have been happening at Alpha since the last publication of the Lyre. Everything is in a whirl. We are in the midst of Recitals, Term Examinations and approaching Commencement.

We have seven girls who will give recitals within the next four weeks—Senior Piano Recital, by Shellie Smith; Junior Piano Recitals, by Maud Mesern, Fay Newlin, Marie Wood; two Junior Voice Recitals, by Pearl Fuller and Ethel Starr.

We pledged three new girls this term—Ava Guild, Lilla Vermilya and Alta Miller, two of whom we initiated.

Six of our Juniors have been honored lately by being taken into the Sigma Pi Eta Sorority, which is an Inter-Sorority Senior organization here. We were glad that Alpha Chi took the lead in numbers as she had more Juniors eligible to this organization than any other Sorority here.

Veva Cooper, one of our girls, who graduates from the College of Liberal Arts this spring, has lately been made a member of the Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity. We are proud that one of our girls has achieved this honor and graduates with such high scholarship.

Our Alumnae, of Indianapolis, made us a visit and attended our fraternity meeting May 19. Mrs. Tennant, our Grand Vice-President and Inspector, was also with us and gave us a very interesting talk at our meeting and told us of the welfare of our sister chapters, which she had recently visited.

We had a very delightful time and our Alumnae left well pleased with the prosperity and happiness of Alpha

chapter. One of our visitors was a Beta girl, Miss Perine, who is now teaching in Indianapolis. We are always glad to become acquainted with our sisters of other chapters.

The Mu Phi Epsilon Sorority has recently placed a chapter here, taking in the girls of the local musical sorority, Phi Mu Epsilon.

It has always been customary for the new girls to take the old girls on a drive or place some new piece of furniture in the Chapter House. This year the girls presented the Sorority with a handsome leather and mahogany divan. This was a great surprise to us and we appreciate the spirit and enthusiasm of our freshmen.

Saturday night, May 12, the Sorority took a drive to Mt. Meridian, a Half Way House, about eight miles from Greencastle. Mrs. Anne Allen Smith, one of our Alumnae in Urbe, chaperoned the crowd. We had a delightful drive and a fine country supper, which we surely appreciated after eating "Dorm. Grub" all year.

Our annual spring party is to be June 6 and we are expecting a good many visitors. We hope to make this party a grand success. We want to hold up the standard which the Alpha Chis have at De Pauw, of giving the swellest and grandest party of all the year.

The Recitals and Examinations will soon be over and we will then be free to enjoy Commencement Week which begins the ninth of June.

We are expecting to have much company and, no doubt, we will enjoy our last days together to the uttermost. Alpha Chapter has had a very prosperous year and after our summer's vacation we expect to come back to old De Pauw ready to take the lead in scholarship as well as in social circles. We send greetings and best wishes to our sister chapters, and

truly hope that this past year has been as prosperous and happy for you as it has been for Alpha.

We close this last letter of this school year by giving nine rahs for Alpha Chi Omega.

BETA

Beta girls are still feeling the inspiration of Mrs. Tennant's presence. Once a year would not be too often for such a visit as hers. We were especially glad to hear her talk familiarly of our sisters in other colleges.

March 10, the chapter gave a home-like, three-course dinner in the lodge to the boys. In one corner of each place-card was a tiny picture of our fraternity house.

Albion has always been proud of her record in debate, and this year she justified her pride by her victories, March 10, over Earlham College, and April 13, over Illinois Wesleyan.

Through the activity of our president, Dr. Dickie, the college will receive an addition of twenty thousand dollars from Andrew Carnegie, to the endowment fund. We are all much interested in the remodeling and enlarging of "Old Central," the future Robinson Hall.

April 30, to meet Mrs. Tennant, Beta gave a reception to all sorority girls of the city and college. Supper was given in the lodge, April 28, in honor of Ruth Griffin Cogshall, May 1, in honor of Mrs. Tennant, and May 18, in honor of Carol Newark and Florence Howey Sims.

During the third week of April, Mrs. Belle Fiske Leonard, who was so active in making a reality Beta's dream of a fraternity house, in a series of afternoon functions, opened her beautiful new brick home.

Delta Gamma has been refurnishing and re-decorating

her house and May 12 the chapter gave a reception to all the girls of the college. Zeta Chapter may well be proud of her house. Alpha Chi Omega presented the girls with a reception chair.

The Choral Union, under Dr. Chace's direction, will soon give "Elijah," Kathryn Granger, '06, will sing the contralto solos. In the spring recitals six of our girls take part. Among the Junior recitals are those of Madge Nichols, piano, May Howey, cello and Jessie Blanchard, voice; Among the Senior recitals, those of Lulu Babcock, piano, Mildred Sherk, organ and Kathryn Granger, voice.

Beta has been paying special attention to her literary and musical programs in her frat. meetings, and the farce "Christmas Chimes," given recently was very amusing and showed unsuspected histrionic ability.

On the evening of May 25, at the Leisure Hour Club House, occurred Beta's annual banquet. The guests of honor were the Senior Professors, Dr. Fall and Mrs. Fall. The scarlet and olive in the menu and decorations was very effective.

TOASTS

- Toastmistress Miss Kate L. Calkins
- Welcome Miss Daisy B. Newcomer
- "Welcome ever smiles, and farewell goes out sighing."
- Idle Dreams Mr. Roy Bolen
- "Friday night's dreams on Saturday told,
- Are sure to come true—be they ever so old."
- Vocal Solo, "Bright Star of Love" V. Robandi
- Miss Kathryn Granger.
- The Riddle Mr. Howard W. Squire
- "Riddles, bless you, I have none to give, sir."

- Moonlight Witchery Mr. Richard E. Black
 "What beck'ning ghost along the moonlight shade
 Invite my steps and points to yonder glade?"
 A Chi, Yesterday, To-day and Forever.....
Miss Nella B. Ramsdell
 "Can college days e'er be forgotten;
 Or love for Alpha Chi?"
 As We See Them Dr. Delos Fall
 "People are not always as they seem;
 First appearances deceive many."
 Alpha Chi Stein Song Beta Chapter

GAMMA

Just a few more of these beautiful spring days and another happy year will have passed so swiftly that we can hardly realize that these are the last days many of us will spend in dear old Evanston for many a long month.

We are happy to introduce to all our sisters our new sister, Blanche Jones, whom we initiated in April.

Mabel Barlow has returned to visit Gamma girls for the rest of the year.

Anna Suylandt graduated from Annoek School of Oratory June 2. She appeared in recital may eighteenth with credit to herself and her Alpha Chi sisters.

Mrs. Mable Dunn Madison entertained Gamma girls at the pleasant home of her mother, Mrs. R. G. Dunn, on Chicago avenue the afternoon of May the eighteenth. It was one of the many good times we have "when Alpha Chis get together."

Miss Lueretia Drown, Beta, who was visiting in Rogers Park recently, came up to visit Gamma girls and attend frat meeting with us.

The sorority race, which has come to be an annual event at Northwestern, was held with the interscholastic meet on May 25. First place in the race this year was won for Pi Beta Phi.

At the April luncheon in Chicago we girls had the pleasure of entertaining the Grand President, Miss Calkins, Beta, and the Grand Historian, Miss Siller, from our own chapter. It was one of our most successful meetings and I doubt that there was one sister present who did not go away cherishing a resolution to make Alpha Chi Omega more highly honored each day.

On the fourteenth of June the last of final "exes" will be finished and on the night of the fifteenth Alpha Chi Omega gives the farewell formal party of the year to be held at Ravinia Casino. I am certain that the Alpha Chi's reputation as right royal hostesses will not be lessened by this event, as all preparations are being made for the "grandest time you ever had."

Miss Laura Howe visited Gamma and her alumnae during Grand Opera season.

Marie White Longman has been engaged to sing at the First Methodist Church, Evanston, for the ensuing year.

Viola Paulus has accepted a position as contralto for the following year at the First Congregational Church, Evanston.

Bertha McCord spent Easter with Mrs. Elizabeth Patton Prindle, Delta, in Batavia, Ill.

Mrs. Myrta McKean Dennis, of the senior class in the School of Music, gave a piano recital in April. She was assisted by Ralph B. Dennis, reader of the faculty of the Annock School of Oratory.

Mary Marshall, pianist, and Julia Marshall, violinist, both of the senior class, appeared in recital in May.

At the Women's Club rooms in Evanston Wednesday, May twenty-third, the alumnae of Gamma gave an "At Home" for the active Gamma girls. The afternoon was delightfully spent at cards and in renewing former acquaintances. In the evening a sumptuous banquet was served to all active and alumnae members of Alpha Chi who were present. This assembly was the occasion of the formal establishment of the alumnae chapter, for which during the last year the alumnae in and about Chicago have been seeking to get a charter. The charter has been granted and the chapter will be known as the Alpha Alpha Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, located at Chicago, Illinois.

Gamma girls wish each and every one of their sisters a happy vacation.

DELTA

A new Preparatory Delta building was opened on the north campus on Wednesday morning, April the eleventh. The first formal chapel service was held on Thursday morning.

This building, which has been in the course of erection during the last summer, was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Andrew Carnegie.

It is built of gray brick and terra cotta in English school style. It contains, besides an office, seven large recitation rooms, halls, cloak rooms, chemical laboratory, chapel and literary society rooms. With this new building entirely fitted for the work of the preparatory school, the institution cannot fail to prosper.

The faculty now consists of a very capable corps of teachers, with Mr. Fred S. Breed as principal. Doubtless the little academy has a bright future before it.

On May^{*}fourteenth a meeting was held in the Oratory for the purpose of organizing a Minister's Club. Arrangements were made for regular monthly meetings at which capable addresses are to be made on theological subjects.

On April twenty-fourth Ford Memorial chapel was crowded to the limit, the occasion being an address by Dr. M. C. B. Mason, the eloquent negro orator, of Cincinnati, on the solution of the negro problem. It was an eloquent and inspiring address.

On Monday, May seventh, the music lovers of Meadville had one of their greatest treats, in the form of a concert given by Mme. Nordica, assisted by Angelo Patricolo, solo pianist, and by Mr. Romaine Summons, accompanist. The concert was given under the auspices of the Pennsylvania College of Music. Mme. Nordica's wonderful voice was in excellent condition and held all entranced by its wonderful flowing melody. Patricola, who is not a stranger to the Meadville audience, played in his usual brilliant manner.

Our Pan-Heavenly Banquet was held May the eighth at the Saegertown Inn. There were sixty-one present. The decorations were the Alpha Chi carnation and smilax. Great vases of carnations were set at intervals down the long table, around each being a circle of smilax and carnations.

As a result of a visit by Rev. Wilbur C. Sneares, '93, who is home on a furlough from Korea, where he is presiding elder of the Southern District of Korea, a missionary fund of seven hundred and fifty dollars was raised to support a helper for him in the foreign field. All were charmed by his eloquent addresses and his very enthusiastic manner.

EPSILON

It is hard to realize that we are at the close of another school year. These last few weeks will be strenuous ones with examinations, recitals and preparations for commencement. The Seniors now demand the greatest attention and caps and gowns have been in evidence for some time.

The first graduating recital in piano was given May thirteenth, by Miss Hill. One of our own girls, Erna Reese, will give her program the eighteenth. We are confident of her success and wish more Alpha Chis might hear her.

The San Francisco disaster aroused such a feeling of sympathy and interest in the hearts of all that studies were dropped for several days while the students devoted the time in aiding the relief committee. The gymnasium was given up for this use and boys worked faithfully collecting and boxing supplies while the girls sorted, packed and marked them for shipping.

All Sororities of the school, both national and local had been asked by the faculty to combine and arrange something informal for the entertainment of students and friends. A circus was planned with side shows in the gymnasium. The basket ball court with bleachers was just the place for the acrobats, performing animals and all such features provided by professors and students. The night was perfect and lanterns had been hung from the branches of the trees about the court making a pretty effect. Perhaps nothing was better appreciated than the "chariot race, entered by two "Profs." gowned in ancient Roman garb each driving two white ducks. Girls from our sorority constituted the band and as the affair had been planned for the week following the earthquake it was made a benefit and \$50.00 raised, which helped swell the college fund to \$1,000 for the sufferers.

We greatly regret having missed Grand Opera and sincerely hope this year's experience will not deprive us of the same another winter.

We have heard Kubelick, Reisenaner, Pugno and others in concert this season and local managers have signed with other artists for the coming fall.

The first function after our last letter was the Valentine party, given by Maud Hawley and Essie Neff. The night was stormy but we did not allow that to keep us away and spent a delightful evening.

Our open meetings the first Tuesday in each month have proven especially pleasing. In March the girls were entertained at the home of Myrtle McArthur. The house was so prettily decorated. Carnations and asparagus fern were used with baskets of the same tied with fluffy bows of scarlet and green tulle. An excellent program of Schubert compositions was rendered with sketches of the composer's life and characteristics.

March 27 we initiated three girls, Louise White, Katharine Saunders and Blanche Gregg. After the ceremony we had a jolly chafing dish supper.

Twenty-four Alpha Chi girls attended our banquet, which was given at the Lankershire Hotel, March 29. Toasts were given and interesting points told by the visiting girls.

Essie Neff was called home suddenly, but we hope to have her with us again next year.

Mrs. Van Cleve entertained the sorority May eighth. A musical game was the feature of the evening and the program by way of diversion, miscellaneous, after which dainty refreshments were served.

Ellen Beach Yow is in the city at present, and we are de-

lighted as you will remember, she is an honorary member of our chapter.

Summer school will open the last week in June, continuing for six weeks. The girls are even now planning their vacation trips and soon university will seem deserted.

The year has been such a successful one and our chapter has grown in strength as well as numbers. We are glad to present our pledge, Susie Schenk, who possesses a voice of unusual quality.

Epsilon extends wishes for a pleasant vacation to every Alpha Chi.

Elmina Lank, Alpha, who has been in California during the winter, experienced the earthquake in San Francisco.

ZETA

Zeta was never in a more flourishing condition than at present, with our fine, full chapter of happy enthusiastic girls, all strongly imbued with the Alpha Chi spirit of love and loyalty and good cheer.

Since our last letter we have five new sisters to introduce to you, Hilda Swarty, of Albany, N. Y.; Florence Larrabee, of Petersburg, Va.; Edith Bly, of New Albany, Ind.; Rachel Osgood, of Ayres, Mass., and Ida Kirkpatrick, of McComb, Miss.

We have given several affairs this spring, the most important being the annual *Musical* in Jordan Hall, March nineteenth, which was a great success in every way, despite the fact that the worst snow blizzard of the season was raging outside. The following program was rendered:

Pianoforte, Impromptu in F. *Chopin*
 Pianoforte, Gnomensreigen *Liszt*
 Elizabeth Kirkpatrick.

Song, "The Night has a Thousand Eyes" *Gerrit Smith*
Song, "You and I" *Liza Lehmann*
Song, "The Sweet 'o the Year" *C. Willeby*
Caroline Edmond.

Pianoforte, Etude C Minor *Chopin*
Pianoforte, Scherzino from Faschingschwank. . . . *Schumann*
Evangeline Bridge.

Violin, First Moment of Concerto in E Minor, *Mendelssohn*
Blanche Crafts.

Pianoforte, Prelude in B Major *Chopin*
Pianoforte, Etude in F Minor. *Liszt*
Caroline Schmidt.

Song, "Morning Hymn" *Henschel*
Song, "Wiegenlied" *Brahms*
Song, "Chanson Provencale" *Dell Aqua*
Gertrude Damon.

Pianoforte, "Valse Romance" *C. Baermann*
Pianoforte, "Ballade in A6" *Chopin*
Winifred Byrd.

Song, "Saphische Ode" *Brahms*
Song, "Meine Liebe ist Grun"
Song, "I'm Herbst" *Franz*
Mabel Stanaway.

Pianoforte, "Intermezzo" *Brahms*
Pianoforte, "Valse Caprice" *Strauss-Tansig*
Louise Daniel.

Mrs. Charles A. White accompanying.

After the program the guests were invited up stairs where dainty refreshments were served. The Fraternity Room, Mr. Chadwick's studio and the wide corridor had been transformed into fairyland by the daft fingers of the decorating committee, and here a social hour was enjoyed by all.

Stella McFarlane Dunkle was present and assisted in receiving. We were so glad to have her with us, and wish we might see more of our alumnae members. We are hoping for a large representation from the alumnae at our annual luncheon, to be given at the Vendome this month.

On May third we gave a dance in Gardiner Hall, and everybody had a thoroughly good time. Byrnie Handy, who is up from Louisiana on a visit, was present; and also Henrietta Silliman, an Iota girl, who is taking the course at Wellesley. We greatly enjoyed meeting her and hope to see her often.

Hilda Swartz (one of our girls, when in New York recently, met our honorary member from California, Ellen Beach Yaw. Miss Yaw has been doing a great deal of concert work this winter.

Edith Bly and Louise Daniel have both given very interesting piano recitals this spring. Miss Bly's took place March thirty-first at the conservatory, and Miss Daniel's was given on the afternoon of May first in the ball room of the Hotel Tuilleries. Zeta girls acted as ushers, and the chapter was out in force.

We are planning for a basket picnic in the woods in June, and think it will be even jollier than the indoor spreads of the winter.

Only a few weeks more we can have together and then will come the scattering in all directions. And some of us are not to return next year. But always the memory of the sweet associations and loving ties formed in our sacred bond will be with us, and will help us ever to stronger and truer womanhood.

Love and greeting to all our sisters and a happy summer to you all.

IOTA

Spring has come again and with it many entertainments, parties, concerts and—"exams." But never mind the "exams," we all hope to get through them safely. The month of May at Illinois is, I believe, one of the gayest of the year. Let me tell you some of the many pleasure we are enjoying.

In the first place the baseball games follow each other in rapid succession and are very exciting to say the least. Then tennis and all the other athletic events are now in season.

The annual May festival was a treat to us all. The first program was held on Friday evening and the "Swan and Skylark" was given. Saturday morning there was a matinee and Saturday evening we heard Haydn Masterpiece, "The Creation." There was a very large audience each time and every one seemed to enjoy himself. We were particularly interested in the Festival this year, because Mrs. Longman, the contralto soloist, an Alpha Chi from Albion, was here. We were all very glad to meet her. The other soloists were, Mr. Martin, New York, bass; Mr. Strong, New York, tenor and Mrs. Zimmerman, Worcester, soprano.

The May Pole Dance is also an annual event here and occurs this year the seventeenth. There are to be many new features introduced this year which will make it prettier than ever.

We no sooner finish this event than another is right upon us, for Friday people begin to come from all over the state to attend the interscholastic meet on Saturday. The meet occurs in the morning, the Chicago game in the afternoon and the interscholastic dance and indoor circus in the evening.

Our spring dance comes this year the twenty-fifth, and we are all looking forward to it with a great deal of pleasure.

If you happen to be down by the Alpha Chi house about six o'clock these evenings you will almost always see a procession of our girls going toward John street. Why? Because we are expecting to go into a brand new house in the fall and it is now being built. We made all the plans and so forth, and are watching it go up with much interest. We hope it will be all finished by June so we can send pictures of our fine new house.

We are very glad, indeed, to introduce to all our Alpha Chi sisters two fine new pledges, Besse Carpenter, of Ottawa, Illinois and Josephine Anderson, of Rossville, Illinois.

Commencement will soon be here and over and then will come the long looked for vacation. Iota sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for a very happy vacation.

KAPPA

Kappa sends greetings to her sister chapters and at the same time wishes to introduce two new girls, Helen Jennings and Josephine Hayes, both of Madison.

April twenty-fifth we had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Tennant. We greatly enjoyed her talks, which were very helpful and inspiring. We regretted very much that she could not stay any longer, but hope she may be with us again soon and give us the pleasure of a longer visit.

Grace Winden, who had to leave her studies at the Conway Dramatic Art School, in Chicago, called home by the serious illness of her mother, has again returned to her work there.

A concert given by the Choral Union and University Orchestra, May 10, was a credit to both of these flourishing organizations.

The "May Morning Breakfast" to be given by the university girls under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., at the

Armory May 19, promises to be one of the big things of the year. Each sorority will decorate and take charge of one table and the girls are expected to sell as many tickets as possible. Breakfast will be served from 7 till 10 a. m., at 35 cents per plate. Attractive posters, designed and drawn by the girls, are posted everywhere and from present indications the "Breakfast" promises to be a grand success. The proceeds will go toward sending girls to the Y. W. C. A. conference at Winona Lake, Indiana.

A very good thing lately organized here at the University is the "Music Study Club." It meets every two weeks and membership is open to all students in the University who are interested in music. Papers are read on current musical events, talks are given on the prominent musicians and composers and some of their music played by members of the club. So far a great deal of interest has been shown by the students and you may be sure the girls of Alpha Chi are not lacking in this respect. The meeting May sixteenth will be devoted to chamber music, a paper being given by Prof. Parker. Mr. Bredin, teacher of social and pipe organ here, will assist with a vocal solo. Among the other numbers will be a trio, a string quartet, a violin duet and a selection by the university orchestra.

As Madison is so pleasantly situated between two beautiful lakes it is a most charming place in summer and has many delightful places to go to on picnic excursions. Hazel and Alice Alford have invited all of us girls to spend a day at their cottage across the lake early in June. A similiar invitation from Sarah Morgan has also been gladly accepted. May eighteenth Mae Theobald will entertain the girls at her home here in Madison.

Kappa sends greetings and wishes of a pleasant and happy vacation to all Alpha Chis.

Alumnae Letter Alpha Alpha

The Chicago Alumnae of Alpha Chi Omega, Alpha Alpha Chapter was formally organized at Evanston May 23, 1906. A business meeting was held at which the officers were elected and the charter was signed. The officers elected were as follows:

President, Mabel H. Siller, Gamma.

Vice-President, Mrs. Lucie McMaster Niles, Beta.

Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Grafus, Iota.

Recording Secretary, Gertrude Ogden, Delta.

Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Childs Wooley, Gamma.

Lyre Correspondent, Mrs. Ora Bond Burnam, Theta.

Preceding the meeting Gamma Alumnae entertained the active Gamma girls and also all alumnae at cards.

At seven-thirty, thirty-four Alpha Chis sat down to an informal banquet. The long table was decorated with red carnations and smilax. Scarlet and olive green predominated throughout each course. Alpha Chi songs were sung and the following toasts given with Miss Ida Pratt, Gamma, acting as toastmaster:

Alpha, Mrs. Roy Colwell.

Beta, Mrs. Will Niles,

Gamma, Ethel Kuhn.

Delta, Gertrude Ogden.

Theta, Mrs. Clarence Burnam.

Miss Tina Mae Haines, Gamma Associate, gave a short but most interesting talk on a few reasons why girls should study abroad.

The next meeting of the alumnae chapter will be held in the fall after the summer vacations are over.

Alumnae Notes

BIRTHS

To Mrs. Zerald Trax Ensign, Delta, of Warren, Pa., a daughter, Jauet Easton Ensign.

To Mrs. Geo. Reade, Epsilon, of Los Angeles, Cal., a daughter.

To Mrs. Mayme Goodnough Brady, Delta, Solri, Ohio, a daughter, Louise Bell Brady.

To Mrs. Frank Long, Delta, at Greenville, Pa., a son.

ENGAGEMENTS

Mary Busey, Iota, and Lee Jutton expect to be married the twenty-third of May in Urbana.

Evans-Fryette. In June Leora Frayette, Kappa, will be married to Mr. R. Evans, of Seattle, Washington.

MARRIAGES

Nelson-Rothgeb.—Kathryn Nelson, Iota, and C. J. Rothgeb were married at the home of the bride in Champaign, Ill., some time in April. They are now living in Indianapolis.

Rainier-Gwinn.—Lusie Rainier, Alpha, '02, was married April twenty-fifth at her home in La Fayette to Dr. Gwinn, of Rensselaer.

Richards-Davis.—Elizabeth Davis, Kappa, was married to Mr. D. R. Richards, Kappa Alpha, at her home in Morgantown, W. Va., May second, nineteen hundred six.

Johnson-Weaver.—Mabelle Johnson, Alpha, '02, was married to Mr. Clarence Weaver, Delta Kappa Epsilon, at her home in Carthage, Ind., on April the fifth. They are now living at 2103 Park avenue, Indianapolis, Ind.

Youngson-Smith.—Elizabeth C. Youngson, Delta, was married in January to Mr. Thomas C. Smith, of Franklin, Pa. They are now living in Franklin.

Porter-Nicely.—Myrtle Porter, Alpha, was married to Mr. Nicely, Sigma Mu, at her home in Jamestown, Ind.

Personals

Lina Baum, Beta, '00, has returned to Albion after spending the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Maurice Miller nee Carrie Holbrook, has returned to Evaston from her wedding trip to Japan.

Mrs. Flora Eastman Robinson, Delta, of Kane, Pa., visited her mother, Mrs. Martha Eastman, at Meadeville, Pennsylvania.

Miss Lelia Weilepp, Miss Ola Wyeth and Miss Flora Carr, all of Iota, attended the Alpha Chi luncheon in Chicago the first week in April.

Sarah Delano Morton, Zeta, was the accompanist for the gifted baritone, Emilio De Gogorya, at a private musical recently at Fenway Court, Mrs. Jack Gardiner's Italian palace. Miss Morton expects to go abroad in the fall to study with Harold Baur.

Miss Wilhelmina Lank, Alpha class of '00 of the School of Music and '03 of the College of Liberal Arts, with her parents, was in the San Francisco earthquake. They succeeded in escaping from the city by night fall of that day, and

reached their home here in Greencastle about a month ago.

Clara Bull Walker, Zeta, sailed for Europe May 18, to resume her vocal studies in Paris. She was accompanied by her infant daughter.

Flora Barrow, Epsilon, entertained her sorority sisters the first Tuesday in April. The program was especially good, after which we entered in a gussing contest. Pretty prizes were awarded and dainty refreshments served.

The annual commencement concert at Los Angeles will be given June 19. Commencement exercises and conferring of diplomas will occur June 21, both at Simpson Auditorium. June 22 is the date for the Alumni reunion and banquet.

Miss Arline Laue and Miss Alice MacDowell, Delta, took part in the musical comedy, "The Worsted Man," by John Kendricks Bangs, which was given at the Unitarian Parish House, Meadville, Pa., for the benefit of the San Francisco sufferers.

Ruth Griffin Cogshall, Beta, ex '04, visited in Albion April 26-30.

Mabel Siller, Gamma, spent her spring vacation with Mrs. Suzanna Porter Nutt, Delta, of Toledo.

Mable Davidson, Zeta, writes glowing accounts of her life in Berlin. She is studying with the American teacher, Kirk Towns.

Mabelle Chester, Iota, is spending a couple of months in Washington, D. C., and New York with her brother.

Carroll E. Newark, Beta, ex '05, visited in Albion May 11-19.

Miss Alice MacDowell sang Gounod's "O Divine Redeemer" accompanied by Lewis L. Lord, cello, at Eversong Christ Episcopal Church Sunday afternoon, May thirteenth.

Mrs. Esther Graniss Schmitt, of Mankato, Minn., has

been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alice Graniss Botsford, of Los Angeles.

Florence Howey Sims, Beta, ex '05, visited her sister in Albion the third week of May.

Byrnie Handy, Zeta, of Monroe, La., has been visiting in Boston for several weeks.

Lela Barnard, Iota, came down to Champaign from Chicago to attend the interscholastic events.

Winifred Van Buskirk and Laura Howe, Zeta, of Logansport, Ind., went to Chicago for the Grand Opera season.

Hazel Hearne, Epsilon, has been in Lierna, Madre, the last month.

Miss Lydia Davenport, Delta, who moved to Cleveland, Ohio, last fall, is coming to town twice a week to continue her music under Mrs. Hudson at the Pennsylvania College of Music.

Elsie DeLamarter and Myrtle Hatswell Bowman attended the banquet given by Beta, May 25.

Mrs. Mayte Vaughn Moulton, Gamma, of Dedema, S. D., spent the winter in San Francisco.

Miss Bobb, from Alpha, met with us during her stay in Los Angeles.

Iota—Majory Grafius, Mamie Lewis and Gladys Messore returned for the Senior Ball.

Blanche Breckenridge and Clara Fisher spent a week in Chicago and saw many of their Alpha Chi sisters.

Miss Lon Fair and Miss Anna Borland, of Oil City, attended the Nordica Concert here on Monday, May 7. Both girls are from Delta.

Marion Titus, Gamma, of Grand Forks, has gone to Seattle, Wash., to spend the summer with friends.

Blanche Breckinridge, Iota, expects to go to Springfield, Ohio, the first week in June to be bridesmaid for one of her friends.

Miss Sadie Van Buskirk, Alpha, attended a House Party at Purdue the first of May.

Mrs. Blodgett Hay, Delta, of Youngsville, attended the Nordica Concert on May 7, at Meadeville, Pa.

Mrs. Edna Stanton Trumbull, Gamma, of Mariette, Wis., visited Mrs. George Wooley, of Evaston, Illinois.

Miss Ethel Starr, Alpha, has returned from a visit with Alpha Chi sisters at Champaign, Ill., where she attended a house party.

Miss Katherine Elfers and Lydia Beeler, Alpha, attended a house party at Indiana University the first week in May.

Mildred Rutledge, Alpha, who has successfully conducted a private class in music in Greencastle, and has made a specialty of Illustrated Music Building and Kindergarten work, has recently been elected a member of the faculty of De Pauw School of Music.

Elizabeth Lockridge, Alpha, has a large music class at Russelville, Ind.



EXCHANGES

Northwestern University has chosen for its president Abraham Harris, of the Jacob Tome Institute.

Delta Upsilon installed a chapter at the University of Illinois, December 21.

Alpha Xi Delta announces the installation of a chapter at the University of Illinois on December 5.

The nineteenth biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi will be held in Indianapolis, June 26-30.

The alumnae of Kappa number thirty-eight hundred. Of this number fully one-fourth is organized in twenty-eight alumnae associations.

The faculty of Dartmouth restrict the number of men living in a fraternity house to ten. Four fraternities have houses.—*Caduceus*.

The moral effect of enthusiastic alumni organizations upon the outside world cannot fail to be great. Without alumni chapters and interest fraternities are naturally looked upon by the uninitiated as ephemeral school-boy societies. Backed by ardent, enthusiastic, organized alumni, they are recognized as a power in the world and as having a reason, and a sensible reason, for their existence.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

What are the duties of an associate editor? Are they performed when the subscriptions, advertisements, letters and articles are sent in? Yes, just as much as one's duty to the fraternity is performed when one has paid her initiation fee and annual dues. If a fraternity journal is to be really good it must receive the *support* of a majority of the chapters. This does not mean grudgingly meeting the constitutional requirements after repeated warnings have been received. It means doing anything and everything for the improve-

ment of ANCHORA—arousing alumnae interest, keeping the editor informed about everything of general interest that happens in college, and sending in the best articles the chapter can produce. But the whole of this responsibility should not rest on the associate editor. If she is very enthusiastic she can conceal to some extent the lack of enthusiasm on the part of her chapter, still, in the end, she is as powerless as the unsupported president. If the spirit of the chapter is loyal to ANCHORA the Editor will perform her duty, in the highest sense.—*The Anchora*,

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CONVENTION

Doubtless, ere this, many, if not all Alpha Chis know of the change of plans whereby the convention is to be entertained by Alpha at Greencastle, Indiana. Is it not fitting that Alpha Chi Omegas should meet here and with the parent chapter in this month which marks the 21st anniversary of the fraternity? To be sure, no bells may be rung, no banners unfurled to tell this busy old world that the fifteenth day of October brings to its majority an organization dear to a thousand young women, but there are a few women who well recall that day twenty-one years ago and more than nine hundred others who look to those few and to Dean Howe, with proud and grateful hearts.

Would that these thousand pilgrims might all reach the present Mecca of wearers of the lyre, Greencastle and convention, have you ever attended one? If you have and can do so again, no need to call you; but to those who have never been so favored by Dame Fortune, extend the news of the pleasure and profit that those three days afford. They are the past, present and future, all in one; old friends and old times, new friends, and new plans and new hopes. If you do not know what Alpha Chi Omega has been doing since you left school, there you may learn, and if you know the history, ancient and modern, of the fraternity, there shall you hear what may come to pass. And you, actives, do not wait to be elected delegate, plan to go any way. Your delegate will find times in the session that you may be of service to her

which will add to your happiness as well as hers and to the profit of your chapter. On the other hand, chapters, choose your delegates with care. Don't send the girl who has been before because she knows how, take the trouble to instruct another who is capable and thus give her the benefit of convention, and yourselves the benefit of having two such among you.

Familiarize yourselves with the doings of the last conventions; take a personal interest in matters for discussion; know what *you* think about them. Do you realize that all plans and movements have had each its originator? There is many a girl who looks upon a thing which is now a part of the organization and system of Alpha Chi Omega and feels a just pride that *she* first suggested that and helped to perfect that plan. Could you not do likewise? No plan made by mortals, so complete but that some loyal and enthusiastic thinker may suggest something for its betterment. And what a world of things never have been suggested.

The questions to be discussed and decided need not be itemized here for you shall have them soon. You have but to read to realize that some are vital. Bring the past history of your chapter to bear light upon what a decision, one way or the other, will mean to that chapter.

Make the heart of the Editor of the Journal glad by bringing an added list of subscribers. Start well. The convention purposely is put in the first semester that time may be had to carry out plans during the year.

Progress is written over the entrance to the new year and this is to be the best convention held, for beside added interest, the Grand Chapter will be augmented by delegates from re-established Epsilon and from Alpha Alpha of Chicago and Beta Beta of Indianapolis. To be there will mean to feel rich in friendship and enthusiasm and to be inwardly convinced that the world *was* "made for Alpha Chi."

Chapter Histories

ALPHA

Twenty-one years ago, on June 15th, 1885, Alpha Chi Omega was launched upon the sea of college life as a new Greek letter sorority. A group of congenial students in the department of music had organized for musical, social and literary work. At the suggestion of James Hamilton Howe, Dean of the School, to whom they had applied for assistance in making out a profitable course of study, the idea of forming a permanent college sorority was considered, and on the above named day the organization was completed with the following charter members: Bessie Grooms, Anna Allen, Estelle Leonard, Olive Burnett, Suda West, Nellie Gamble and Bertha Denison.

A musical given by Dean Howe in honor of the new sorority was their first introduction to the public. A week later at the home of Miss Anna Allen, now Mrs. Harry Smith, Alpha Chi Omega gave her first formal reception.

It is not to be imagined that a new enterprise of any kind can become established without the overcoming of many obstacles. At times it seemed as if a shipwreck of the new sorority was inevitable. But there were always brave hearts among the young mariners and the most serious and stormy times passing over found them with their compass set toward the goal. Repeated invitations from other sororities desiring to absorb the new chapter as their own were refused. Great conservatism was shown in accepting invitations from institutions desiring chapters of Alpha Chi Omega. In June, 1887, Beta chapter was founded at Albion, Michigan. Gamma at Evanston in 1890 gave Alpha Chi place in three strong colleges and greatly encouraged the pioneers for future work.

In the spring of '91 a conference of the three chapters at

Albion resulted in the adoption of much valuable material for the sorority and plans were made for convention to be held with Alpha in the autumn.

This much was accomplished during the first five and a half years of our history. While it may be told in few words, it required much unselfish devotion on the part of the members, and an undaunted courage and ambition to carry the colors of Alpha Chi and plant them in fertile soil in the places where competition must be made with older and stronger organizations. That this has been successfully done no one will question who knows of our present prosperity. The history of the intervening years may be given the readers of the Lyre in subsequent chapters. But of these early days Alpha can say most and feel most for to her there was a time when no sisters divided the burdens or shared the pleasures of existence.

BETA

Twenty years would be all too few in which to write the history of nearly twenty years of Beta Chapter. Each year has had its own story, but in a short sketch such as this, only the important events can be mentioned.

Mr. Mills, one time instructor in Art at Albion College, and later in De Pauw, first interested the young women of Albion College in Alpha Chi Omega, and after a short and satisfactory correspondence delegates from Alpha came to Albion to investigate.

These delegates, Mary Jones (Tennant) our honored Vice-President and Inspector, and M. Janet Wilson, found conditions very favorable to the founding of a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Then May twenty-seventh, 1887, six young women, Jennie A. Worthington, Libbie L. Smith, Harriett F. Reynolds, Emma L. Crittenden, Flora E. Adgate and Florine Defendorf were initiated as charter members of Beta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega. Lida Austin has the honor of being the first initiate of Beta Chapter.

For the remainder of the school year and part of the next the sorority met at the homes of different girls. Later rooms

were fitted off in the top floor of "Old Central" and became the first home of Beta.

In 1889, through the instigation of the late Professor Scheffler, who was ever an inspiration and source of material aid to Beta, the first concert was given and was reported to be a glorious success. This encouraged the girls and for fifteen years Beta's concerts have been looked forward to by the music-lovers of Albion.

In 1891 and again in 1893 Beta entertained the delegates to convention. Through meeting with girls from other chapters the bond of sisterhood was greatly strengthened.

In January of 1895 plans for building a lodge were first discussed. After much planning and faithful endeavor, the lodge was finally started and was ready for occupancy in December of the same year. In celebration of the opening of the lodge Beta gave a reception to the faculty and students of the College, and many of the city friends. This first affair held in our lodge was a forerunner of the many good times since.

The next few years passed very prosperously and the year 1897 was closed with a reunion of Beta.

Again in 1898 convention was held at Albion, and great was our pleasure in welcoming the founding of a sister chapter—Theta—in our own state.

For the last few years Alpha Chi Omega has extended its membership to musical-literary students and has been strong in both departments. We have had strong musical-literary programs at the weekly fraternity meetings where systematic study of some special course has been pursued.

Beta has been very fortunate in having a number of enthusiastic Alumnae in town, and, since Albion is the home of the Grand President, Beta has twice had the pleasure of meeting and entertaining the members of the Grand Council.

The visit of our Inspector, Mrs. Tennant, was an inspiration and was greatly appreciated. We only wished that she might be with us more often.

Beta looks forward to a very happy and successful year, culminating in a reunion in May in celebration of our twen-

tieth anniversary, and wishes the greatest happiness to every chapter and member of our beloved Fraternity. May she long live and may the brightest day of her past be the saddest day of her future.

GAMMA

Like every other good thing that improves with age, Gamma had a beginning. This chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was established Nov. 14, 1890, by Alta Mae Roberts of Alpha Chapter at the School of Music of Northwestern University. Prof. Orrin Locke was the Dean of Music and assisted the girls in forming plans for the new chapter. The School of Music was then in its infancy and had rooms in Willard Hall, the girls dormitory. In 1897 the present Music Hall was erected next to, and on the same campus with Willard Hall, making it a very convenient location for the girls who must practice in the school.

The seven charter members were: Mary E. Stanford, Mary J. Satterfield, Lizzie Stine, Lula Platt, Mae Burdisk, Jeannette Marshall, Mary Walker. Gamma has established two new chapters. Mrs. Barbara Strickler Ramage initiated Zeta chapter and Mrs. Mable Dunn Madson initiated Kappa.

We have initiated as associate members Mrs. Saidee Knowland Coe, who died Aug., 1905; Mrs. Eleanor Kirkham, who also recently died in Sept. of this year; Mrs. Regina Watson and Miss Tina Mae Haines.

Mrs. Coe was Professor of Piano and Musical History in Music School and at the time of her death was Professor of Musical Aesthetics at Northwestern University.

Mrs. Watson is a well-known teacher of piano in Chicago.

Mrs. Kirkham was an excellent contralto and was for some time on the faculty of the Music School.

Miss Haines is a church and concert organist of marked ability and unusual finish.

Gamma was very glad to be able to help establish the Alpha Alpha—Chicago Alumnae Chapter in the spring of 1906. The Charter officers were:

Pres., Mable Siller, Gamma; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Lucia McMaster Niles, Beta; Cor. Sec'y, Marjorie Grafins, Iota; Rec. Sec'y, Gertrude Ogden, Delta; Treas., Mrs. Florence Childs Wooley, Gamma; Lyre Correspondent, Mrs. Ora Bond Burman, Theta.

The Chapter was installed May 23, 1906, in the presence of thirty-six loyal Alpha Chis. A banquet was served which conformed to Alpha Chi colors and afterward we listened to toasts from the different chapters, also to a most interesting talk by Miss Haines on her experiences as a music student in Paris.

We have had the pleasure of entertaining two conventions here in Evanston; one Feb. 28 to Mar. 3, 1894, and the other Oct. 29 to Nov. 1, 1902.

Gamma girls and the general officers they have held are:

Mary Stanford, Treas., 1891; Mable Siller, Sec'y, 1900-02; Mrs. Mable Dunn Madson, Historian, 1904-05; Mable Siller, Historian, 1905-06; Mable Siller, Inter Sorority Delegate, 1903.

The girls of Gamma have confined their number most exclusively to music girls, only a very small per cent. have been literary students. The girls have always been active in the various musical organizations, first in the Glee Club and now in the Evanston Musical Club, which gives its concerts with noted soloists and large orchestra several times during each year. Miss Julia Marshall and Bertha Porter played for the last three years with the University Orchestra.

In June, 1906, our record for graduates from the Music School was broken when six of our active Alpha Chis were graduated.

The most inconvenient thing the sorority has had to contend with is the matter of a frat-room. On account of the dormitory system here the "powers that be" prohibit frat-homes or lodges for the girls but for a long time have arranged that each sorority have a room on the fourth floor of

Willard Hall. Because Alpha Chi was not as we say here, a "college frat" we have been pushed and probed around and stuffed into most any dark corner that happened to be handy, either upstairs or in the basement of Willard Hall. Two years ago through the efforts of Frances Meredith Patterson, we were given temporary quarters in a nice large room on the third floor of Willard and last year we got a permanent room on the fourth floor with the rest of our Greek letter sisters. We have a very cozy and artistic little room now and take great pleasure in it.

Alpha Chi Omega is a member of the Pan-Hellenic association at Northwestern which was established about four years ago. They have regular meetings once a month.

Each sorority sends one delegate and the body regulates rushing and has a general supervision over all the sororities.

EPSILON

In the spring of 1895 a number of girls comprising Kappa Alpha, Theta, Delta Gamma and "Barbs" organized ourselves for social purposes only, into a local club. We had a flourishing organization and many were the good times we had. Then Mr. L. R. Garrett, a prominent Sigma Chi of the local chapter, learned through an eastern brother that Alpha Chi Omega would place a chapter here, if the prospect was good for a strong chapter.

Mr. Garrett was authorized to look the field over and to recommend if it seemed advisable. He knew all of our girls, as the Sigs were always included in our affairs, and knew, too, that the majority of us were musical and were studying in the College of Music. He laid the matter before us and of course we were delighted with the idea of getting a National Charter. Only one thing marred our pleasure and that was the fear that our sisters, who were members of other sororities might be barred from membership with us. After much correspondence and the required amount of "red-tape" proceedings, we made formal application for a charter and much to our joy it was granted us; but to our sorrow, our Theta and Delta Gamma sisters could not be

our sisters in Alpha Chi Omega. This fact, of course, lowered our membership roll, and left us with only seven girls, with which to begin our life as a National Inter-Collegiate Sorority. We had, however, the staunch support of our former sisters, and that fall gave a large reception which formally introduced us to the college world.

That year we had a strong chapter, but there were breakers ahead that we had not foreseen. There was no dormitory connected with the College of Music. The girls came only for their lessons and then went away. It seemed almost impossible to meet the girls or to become acquainted, because there was no college life. Each year we initiated a few, but one by one the old girls would graduate and go or would be forced to give up their studies, and so little by little they lost interest and finally decided that the only honorable thing to do was to offer to give up the charter, consequently they wrote to the Grand Chapter offering the surrender. The Grand Chapter had more confidence in the girls than they had in themselves and refused to take it. However, Epsilon remained inactive for several years. Then several of us older members reorganized ourselves into Alpha Chi Club for the sake of old-time associations and to keep alive the love we still bore dear old Alpha Chi.

During our inactivity the College of Music of U. S. C. had begun new activity and we began to wish our chapter re-established here, and then as if in answer to our wish we received word from the Grand Chapter inquiring about the chapter and the school and expressing the desire to see Epsilon re-established.

It may seem strange to others, as it does to me, but the writer of this little history, was the one who carried on all the first correspondence for the establishment of Epsilon, and then after a period of ten years (during which time she had become a wife and mother) to her was again given the privilege of correspondence in regard to the re-establishment of Epsilon. To make a long matter short, the result of the correspondence was the re-establishment of Epsilon, and almost a year ago, six of us old girls, two of us charter members of

ten years before, initiated six new girls, and to them surrendered our precious charter.

The past year has been a good one. Our chapter was strong. Through the courtesy of the new girls I was given active membership and have learned to know and love our new chapter as I did the old, and I feel sure that with the uplifting and upbuilding of Alpha Chi Omega in their hands we need have no fear for her future.

During Epsilon's first period of activity we initiated sixteen girls. Last year we initiated twelve.

Ellen Beach Yow is our contribution to the honorary list. and we feel justly proud of her.

ZETA

Zeta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was founded at the New England Conservatory of Music in December, 1895, with the following charter members: Jessie Belle Wood, Elsie Louise Ellis, Bertha Thompson Buchanan, Nelle Durand Evans, Susan Ann Lewis, Helen Margaret Laffin, Belle Mancross Sigourney.

This was when the Conservatory was still in the old buildings in Franklin Square. During the first years of the Fraternity's existence, it was not regarded by the management with any great favor, nor considered of any particular importance. But by long continued effort, earnestness of purpose and loftiness of aim, Alpha Chi has become one of the leading factors of the school and enjoys the hearty sympathy and co-operation of the management.

Zeta has had her ups and downs. There was one period in her history when the membership was small and interest flagged and very little work was accomplished. But for several years past, the average membership has been about twenty and the chapter has been very prosperous.

In 1900 the National convention was held in Boston, and proud indeed was Zeta of the opportunity to play hostess.

Soon after this an Alumni Chapter was formed by the graduate members living in New England. This has proven

of great value in keeping awake the interest of the Alumni members in the life and work of the sorority.

Each year a luncheon is given by the active chapter at the Hotel Vendome for the Alumni and the Associate and Honorary members, and the songs and toasts and yells and overflowing good cheer and spirit of *oneness* are something to induce a warm feeling about the heart whenever one thinks of those joyful reunions.

Zeta has reason to be proud of her own particular honoraries. Mrs. H. H. A. Beach and Madame Helen Hopekirk were initiated April 26, 1899. Margaret Ruthren Lang, May 20, 1900, and Madame Antoinette Szumonska, May 29, 1904. All four live in Boston, and it makes Zeta girls very happy when they grace our festal occasions.

Musical ability of a high order is considered one of the important conditions of eligibility to membership in Zeta, and the most talented girls in the Conservatory are on our roll. Consequently, the programs presented at our yearly musicales are of a very high standard. This annual recital is always followed by a reception attended by the faculty and the other fraternities and many friends, and is one of the chief events of the Conservatory year, both musically and socially.

When the Conservatory moved into its beautiful new buildings on Huntington Avenue the management gave a pretty room for the use of Alpha Chi Omega.

We have never had a chapter house, as the conditions here tend to make it difficult of accomplishment, but we continue to hope and plan for it, and believe it will be ours in the not distant future.

As we think over the years spent within the dear circle, of the hard struggle, the things attempted, the things accomplished and the things still hoped for, we realize how much Alpha Chi means to every loyal wearer of the Lyre, and through the individual, what it has come to stand for in his school. It has proven always a blessing and uplifting influence, and with loving hearts we say, God bless Alpha Chi Omega!

THETA

In the spring of 1898 Theta Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was established in the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. The charter members consisted of seven School of Music girls, some of whom were also members of Collegiate Sorosis, a local literary sorority in the University. The next initiation occurred the following fall when three new Alpha Chis were added to the chapter, and since then every fall and spring initiations have been held bringing from six to eight new girls into the sorority.

During the first year the girls, having no chapter house, held their meetings at the individual homes, but in the fall of 1899 they were able to secure a desirable sorority house, and from that time on they have not been without one. In 1905 the girls moved into the house in which they are now situated and where they will in all probability remain for some time. It is one of the best sorority houses in Ann Arbor, a large, well furnished one in a beautiful resident section of the city. During the past summer the third floor was remodeled, furnishing two more sleeping rooms, and a good sized chapter room.

Theta was very fortunate this year in the fact that nearly all of the "old" girls returned. At present there are eight girls in the house, not including the freshmen who will come in after initiations, and Mrs. Craig, our chaperone.

Four years ago Theta had the pleasure of initiating Adele Ausder Ohe as an honorary member of Alpha Chi Omega.

A large proportion of the Theta chapter is in the literary department of the university and this year she will have two graduates from this department as well as two from the School of Music.

IOTA

Iota chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was installed at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Illinois, on December 8, 1899. Seven charter members were initiated at the home of Mrs. Arthur Daniels, the initiation being in charge of five members of Alpha chapter, Greencastle, Indiana. The

charter members were: Mrs. Arthur Hill Daniels, Mrs. David Kinley, Miss Marion Allison Fernie, Miss Emma Quimby Fuller (Mrs. Arthur R. Dean), Miss Charlotte Lyon Draper, Miss Clara Gere and Miss Edra Louise Collins. The establishment of Iota chapter was celebrated by a reception at the home of our former and much loved President, Andrew Sloan Draper.

The first meeting of the chapter was held on December 12, 1899, at the home of Mrs. Kinley. Officers were elected and Miss Fernie was chosen as the first president. It is due to her initiative efforts that Alpha Chi Omega is represented at the University of Illinois.

In the beginning open meetings were held once a month and later once every six weeks. This custom, however, is no longer carried out. Regular closed business meetings are now held on Monday evenings of each week.

On the day of the anniversary of our installment we have one of our most enjoyable social meetings of the year. Coming so close to the holiday season we celebrate by having a Christmas tree hung with trifling gifts, in the form of jokes, for each girl. At the same time donations are made in the furnishings of the house. Another social gathering which we endeavor to have an annual event, but which for lack of time and money was abandoned for this past year, is our Senoir dinner. The last Friday evening before final examinations all worries are left at home and all the Alpha Chis nearby meet at the hotel to feast and make merry. Toasts are always prepared and every heart is stirred with loyalty to Alpha Chi Omega. Other social gatherings have been musicals, which have been more frequent in past years than they are now since our musical requirements have been lightened. We fear though, if Iota had been compelled to live up to the early musical ideals with which she was started, she would have been in her grave long ago. She has had her struggles; there have been rivals not hampered by certain conditions, chief among which were the high music requirements and the absence of a chapter house at the time others were enjoying and profiting by one. Nothing short of eternal vigilance and

untiring efforts have given Iota the position she now holds so that she is now able to rank herself with the other sororities and is considered as one of them rather than in a class by herself. Iota with this same feeling could become more common away from Illinois for often times it comes to our ears, "Why, is not Alpha Chi Omega a professional sorority?" In the line of parties, informal and formal, Iota has always shown herself a royal hostess. Our first annual dance was held March 20, 1903, and was attended by active and alumnae members of Iota and five Gamma girls. Each year this annual party is anticipated as a gala time. Society at Illinois, in recent years, has become so strenuous that, last year, the sororities agreed to abandon the idea of a formal annual and have in its place a simple informal party. This was a disappointment to many, as it was the giving up of the one grand party looked forward to by all the chapter alumnae, when they would return and again for a few days enter into and enjoy the society of sisters.

In the beginning all the meetings of the chapter were held in the homes or rooms of the various members. Fraternity rooms were first suggested at a regular meeting May 9, 1901. The matter, however, was dropped until in February, 1902, when the question was again taken up. After many meetings of discussion on the matter we decided to rent a small nine-room cottage for the next year, beginning September, 1902. This seemed a great risk and responsibility, but never for one minute has the step been regretted. This year Iota is enjoying her fourth house, each year having been able to afford a better one, until now we feel that we are living like "queens" and do not anticipate a move for several years. Our present home was built for us during the summer according to plans made by one of our alumnae. It is very large and spacious, with a large hall, three parlors and a dining room and kitchen on the first floor; and on the second and third floors we have room for eighteen girls, a cook and a chaperone. The furnishing of a chapter house is no small expense, but by slow and economical management Iota has been able to meet all expenses and enjoy a very

happy life in a chapter home. A "home" has meant much in bringing the girls together, so that they have lived in close and intimate relations with each other. This living together has caused much stronger and more lasting friendships to be formed than otherwise could have been possible; and friendliness is the key note to an ideal sorority life.

During the life time of Iota she has pledged and initiated fifty-three girls. Our alumnae now numbers thirty-seven and the active chapter numbers sixteen. "Rushing" season is now on in full force and every one is hustling, rushing and being rushed. By the middle of October we shall hope to send to the Lyre the names of our "Freshmen" wearers of the scarlet and olive green.

It might be interesting to know that when Iota was founded in 1899 there were three sororities already established at Illinois:

Kappa Alpha Theta entered in 1895.

Pi Beta Phi entered in 1895.

Kappa Kappa Gamma entered in 1899.

Since the founding of Iota four sororities have entered the race for the girls of Illinois. Chi Omega entered in 1900, and Sigma Kappa, Alpha Xi Delts, and Delta Gamma all came during the last school year.

KAPPA

Kappa Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was established at Madison, Wisconsin, on December eighteenth, 1903, with the following as charter members: Elizabeth Patten, Edna Swenson, Leora Fryette, Julia McGrew, Elizabeth Davis and Esther Concklin. Gamma Chapter sent Miss Mabel Dunn, now Mrs. Madson, to install the chapter.

During that year Miss Regan and Miss McMurphy, piano instructors in the university, became associate members. Emrette Langlois joined as an active member and Mae Theobald was pledged.

We were very much discouraged at the beginning of the school year the next fall to find so few of us back. One had graduated and three others had decided not to return. This

left just three of the old girls. Progress was necessarily slow, but on Dec. 7th, 1904, we initiated four new girls—Hazel Alford, Sara Dixon, Mabel Van Epps and Mae Theobald. Meetings were not held regularly during the year and little was accomplished. Some of the members took part in student recitals given by the University School of Music. Just before the school year ended we initiated Anne Rueth and Grace Winden and pledged Alice Alford and Sarah Morgan. Two of our girls graduated in the spring and two others decided not to return in the fall. So we found ourselves few in number again, but we were very glad to welcome back Emrette Langlois, who was with us the first year. So we began the year of 1905-06 with six active members and two pledges whom we initiated on Oct. 2d.

We determined that this should be a banner year for us and eagerly started to work. We elected officers and then held meetings regularly every week. We had several stunts early in the year and as a result pledged Iola Harker and Vivian Verbeck on Dec. 11. They were formally initiated a few weeks later. In the spring Josephine Heuer and Helen Jennings joined us as active members so that at the end of the school year we had twelve active members.

Four of our charter members were married during the past year—Elizabeth Patten to Mr. Toenniges, Dec. 25, 1905, at DeKalb, Illinois; Elizabeth Davis to Mr. Dell Roy Richards, May, 1906, at Morgantown, West Virginia; Julia McGrew to Mr. Fred Flenniken, June 27, at Morgantown, West Virginia, and Leora Fryette to Mr. Robert E. Evans, July 10, at Seattle, Washington.

We are eagerly looking forward to the beginning of another school year and hope that this may be a prosperous year for all Alpha Chis including Kappa Chapter.

ALPHA ALPHA

For several years the Gamma Alumnae of Alpha Chi Omega have been working for a Chicago Alumnae Chapter, and with this end in view have been organized into a club which has elected officers and has held meetings, mostly social

to be sure, but these gatherings have served to hold the girls together. About three years ago some of the girls conceived the idea of holding in Chicago monthly luncheons for all Alpha Chis in or near Chicago; the plan proved so successful in its results that these pleasant affairs are continued regularly the first Saturday of every month in the Tea Room of Carson, Pierie, Scott & Co.

As soon as the new charters were ready last spring, notices were sent out for a meeting, and on May 23d, 1906, Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was formally established. On the afternoon of that date the Gamma Alumnae entertained the local active chapter and the Chicago Alumnae at cards in the Woman's Club rooms in Evanston. This social affair was followed by a business meeting of the Alumnae at which the following officers were elected, who in turn signed the new charter:

President, Mabel H. Siller, Gamma; Vice-President, Mrs. Lucie McMaster Niles, Beta; Corresponding Secretary, Marjorie Grafius, Iota; Recording Secretary, Gertrude Ogden, Delta; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Childs Wooley, Gamma; Lyre Correspondent, Mrs. Ora Bond Burnam, Theta.

At seven-thirty, thirty-six Alpha Chis sat down to an informal banquet. The long table was decorated with carnations and smilax, while scarlet and olive green predominated throughout each course. Alpha Chi songs were sung and the following toasts were given with Miss Ida Pratt, Gamma, acting as toastmistress.

Alpha—Mrs. Roy Colwell.

Beta—Mrs. Will Niles.

Gamma—Ethel Kuhn.

Delta—Gertrude Ogden.

Theta—Mrs. Clarence Burnam.

Miss Tina Mae Haines, Gamma Associate, gave a short, interesting talk on "Why girls should study music abroad."

The chapter which includes girls from Alpha, Beta, Gamma, Delta, Theta and Iota held its second regular meeting Oct. 6th, 1906, at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago.

BETA BETA

The Indianapolis Alumnae chapter of Alpha Chi Omega was organized in May, 1902, with fourteen members: Miss Alta Roberts, Miss Lillian Moore, Mrs. S. K. Ruick, Miss Ethel Jackson, Mrs. J. R. Francis, Mrs. Scoby Cunningham, Mrs. Leonard Wild, Mrs. Joseph Taggart, Mrs. Leah Smiley, Mrs. E. B. Pugh, Mrs. G. S. Wilson, Mrs. H. M. Thomson, Miss Lulu Atkinson and Miss Francis Dissette.

The following winter (1902-1903) meetings were held once a month, when a program was given. One musician was taken as the subject for each meeting. A biographical sketch was read and illustrations from his compositions were given by different members. This was the only winter that we followed a regular program. Other years the meetings were of a social nature the chapter being entertained at the homes of the different members.

However, one of the most enjoyable occasions to us is the annual reunion and banquet, given the second week in February on the evening of the State Oratorical. Here we have with us nearly every member from the achive chapter at De Pauw, thus giving us an opportunity to renew our youth and to become acquainted with the new members of Alpha and which is of more importance, giving us a personal report from the Alpha Chapters in which we have so great an interest since with one exception we are all Alpha girls.

We as charter members feel that we have been especially favored by the addition of several new members to our number. They have not only increased our membership but have instilled fresh enthusiasm and brought us in closer touch with the active work of the sorority. Our membership now numbers eighteen.

Besides, our delegate, Miss Alta Roberts, we expect to send a large representation to the convention which meets next month at Greencastle and we feel that we are highly favored by having the convention so near us where it will be possible for us to meet so many of our sisters from other chapters.

Editorials

Doubtless many of the girls are wondering why the Lyre is not out, not thinking, perhaps but what the editor could or should be able to get out a very interesting number without having heard from any or but few of the chapters. Whether you are thinking all this or not girls, it is all a mistake and only experience in this line will teach you that 'tis very much easier to do one's own work than to wait for others to do it for you. To some of the chapters we have written four times for material. We are very sorry to have this, our attempt of a historical number go to press without hearing from all, but we must not delay longer if this number appears before convention convenes, November 1st, 2d and 3d.

This is not by any means a complete history of Alpha Chi Omega, only an attempt at it, which we hope will enable us to publish a more complete history in the near future.



Complete Membership

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 Mrs. Ora P. John.....Greencastle, Indiana.
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Adams, Anna Laura.....Indianapolis, Ind.
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 Andrews, Lucy.....Brazil, Indiana.
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B

Barnes, Myrtle Thornburg.....Winchester, Indiana.
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 Bridges, Della Phillips.....Amo, Indiana.
 Baird, Mrs. Lulu Parkhurst.....Bourbon, Indiana.
 Baldwin, Mrs. Lula West.....Ft. Branch, Indiana.
 Barnum, Vivian.....Manilla, Indiana.
 Barnett, Mrs. Ida Steele.....Greenfield, Indiana.
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 Beeson, Alice.....Milton, Indiana.
 Biederwolf, Abbie Ellen.....Monticello, Indiana.
 Bennet, Mrs. Clara Marsh.....Okahumpka, Florida.
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 Branson, Clo.....Rockville, Indiana.
 Branson, Cora.
 Brumfield, Flora.....Petersburg, Indiana.
 Bryan, Grace.....Bloomfield, Indiana.
 Burton, Grace.....Gospport, Indiana.
 Busick, Blanch.....Tipton, Indiana.

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 Collier, Esther Ellen.....Dana, Indiana.
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 Cobburn, Marion.
 Courey, Carrie.....Shelbyville, Indiana.
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Dalrymple, Francis Helen.....Indianapolis, Indiana.
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 Dye, Lulu.....Monticello, Indiana.
 Davis, Minnie.....Atlanta, Georgia.
 Dorsey, Fanny Jane.....Farmersburg, Indiana.
 DeVore, Okah.....Attica, Indiana.
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Ellis, Pearl.....Pleasantville, Indiana.
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Fancett, Alda.....Bloomfield, Indiana.
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 Fox, Jessie Y.
 French, Gertrude H.Boxford, Mass.
 Fugua, Leota.....Casey, Illinois.

G

Gallihue, Mayme.....Indianapolis, Indiana.
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 Gray, Marguerite.....Chrisman, Illinois.
 Green, Rhoda Gary.....Shelbyville, Indiana.
 Guller, Grace.....Raymond, Illinois.

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Harris, Grace Conner.....Seymour, Indiana.
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 Heston, Maud.....Terre Haute, Indiana.
 Hillis, Edith.....Kokomo, Indiana.
 Hirt, Sarah.....Greencastle, Indiana.
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 Hughes, Mrs. Ella Curtis.....Greencastle, Indiana.

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Jackson, Ethel N. Mrs. Martin.....Otterbein, Indiana.
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 Johnson, Myrtle Boltz.....Dayton, Ohio.
 Jones, Ethel Williams.....Missouri.
 Jones, Mrs. Anna Augustus.....Paris, Illinois.

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Keenan, Mrs. Luther C. Bessie Grooms.....Leroy, Illinois.
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Lank, Wilhemina S.Greencastle, Indiana.
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Parker, Loretta.....Shelbyville, Indiana.
 Parrett, Bessie.....Patoka, Indiana.
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 Puterbaugh, Alice.....Peru, Indiana.
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Ranier, Susa (Mrs. Dr. Gwin).....Rensselaer, Indiana.
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Sayers, Mrs. Wellie Bridges.....Danville, Illinois.
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 Price, Bess.....Allendale, Illinois.
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Dye, Lulu.....	Monticello, Indiana.
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Grace Vess.....	New Richmond, Indiana.

BETA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

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Hall, Flora Adgate.	Worthington, Jennie.

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Allen, E. Mae.....	TeKonsha, Mich.
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Armstrong, Lillian Kirk.....	Ludington, Mich.
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Austin, Lida H.	Marie, Mich.

B

Babcock, Anna Lulu.....	Albion, Mich.
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*Baum, Nellie.....	
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Calkins, Kate Lena.....	Albion, Mich.
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Colby, Martha Reynolds.....	Albion, Mich.
Collins, Mabel R.	Ligonier, Mich.
Crittenden, Emma.....	Albion, Mich.
Culver, Grace E.	Detroit, Mich.
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Cushman, Janette Allen.....	TeKousha, Mich.
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Davidson, Ensebia Noyer.....	Port Huron, Mich.
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Dickle, Mary.....	Albion, Mich.
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Disbrow, Grace G.	Addison, Mich.
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Drown, Lucretia.....	Elko, Nevada.
Dunbar, Blanche Bryant.....	Adrian, Mich.

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 Goldberry, Katie Roode.....Quincy, Mich.
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 Goodenow, Maizie.....Albion, Mich.
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 *Gulick, Hattie Lovejoy.
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 Howey, Gertrude May.....Lake City, Mich.
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 Hill, Olah.....Albion, Mich.
 Hubbard, Maude Armstrong.....Detroit, Mich.

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Keech, Mabel Louise.....Philadelphia, Pa.
 Kinsman, Ethel M.Calumet, Mich.
 Knickerbocker, Louise Lane.....Marshall, Mich.
 Koonsman, Mildred Leah.....Lansing, Mich.

L

Landig, Lulu Kellar.....62d St., Chicago, Ill.
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 Ledy, Anna E.New Bethlehem, Pa.
 Leonard, Belle Fiske.....Albion, Mich.
 Loder, Belle.....Albion, Mich.
 Lond, Alto Allen.....Albion, Mich.
 Lovejoy, Nellie Valentine.....Saginaw, Mich.
 Lovell, B. Ethel.....Menominee, Mich.

M

Master, Mary Marguerite.....Ypsilanti, Mich.
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 McClintock, Louise Birchard.....Detroit, Mich.
 McDonald, Ethel Calkins.....Chicago, Ill.
 McDonald, Winifred.....Cadillac, Mich.

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 McHattle, Addie..... Cedar Springs, Mich.
 Miller, Cleora Athea..... Albion, Mich.
 Miller, Elizabeth Avery..... Phelps, N. Y.
 Miller, Hortense Osomun..... Port Huron, Mich.
 Mills, Glenna Shantz..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Miner, Percival.
 Moore, Josephine Parker..... Fondulac, Wis.
 Mosher, Margaret D. Albion, Mich.
 McLellan, Georgiana Gale..... Albion, Mich.
 Mitchell, May Agnes..... Bay City, Mich.

N

Newark, Caroline Elizabeth..... Cadillac, Mich.
 Newcomer, Daisie Bell..... Monroe, Mich.
 Nicholas, Madge Estelle..... East Jordan, Mich.
 Niggeman, Henrietta..... Crosswell, Mich.
 Niles, Lucia McMaster..... Chicago, Ill.
 Noble, Clara Engle..... Chicago, Ill.

O

Osgood, Daisy..... St. Johns, Mich.

P

Parmenter, Belle Simpson..... Petoskey, Mich.
 Perine, Susie Adaline..... Albion, Mich.
 Perine, Mary Lucinda..... Albion, Mich.
 Pratt, Eva Lucy..... Albion.

R

Ramsdell, Nella Blanche..... Albion, Mich.
 Reid, Jennie Dickinson..... Faulktown, S. D.
 Reynolds, Harriett F. Albion, Mich.
 Rogers, Daisy..... Hudson, Mich.

S

Scotten, Anna..... Detroit, Mich.
 Shanley, Bessie Marie..... Albion, Mich.
 Shedd, Pearl Frambes..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Sherk, Mildred Ethelynn..... Crosswell, Mich.
 Smith, Belle Merrill..... Grand Rapids, Mich.
 Smith, Bessie Tefft..... Detroit, Mich.
 Smith, Kittle Eggeston..... Hillsdale, Mich.
 Smith, Elizabeth..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Snell, Maude..... Elgin, Ill.
 Sprague, Della..... Kalamazoo, Mich.
 Spence, Minnie Lewis..... Oberlin, Ohio.
 Stewart, Clarissa Dickie..... Albion, Mich.
 Suylandt, Anna May..... Gadwin, Mich.
 Symes, Florence Howey..... McBain, Mich.
 Stewart, Mattie Miller..... Marine City, Mich.

T

Thomas, Nellie Smith..... St. Clair, Mich.
 Tinney, Eva Marzolf..... Stillsville, Mich.
 Townsend, Belle Miller..... Champaign, Ill.
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V

Vary, Emma Phelps..... Battle Creek, Mich.

W

Watson, Myrtle..... Cedar Springs, Mich.
 Welsh, Winifred Estelle..... Homer, Mich.
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 White, Florence Hoag..... Detroit, Mich.
 White, Theo. I. Bay City, Mich.
 Wilcox, Madge Ella..... Ludington, Mich.
 Willis, Orpha..... Owondago, Mich.
 Wolfe, Mame Harris..... Flint, Mich.
 Woodworth, Ora Verona..... Detroit, Mich.
 Wright, Lottie Weed..... Lake Odessa, Mich.

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 Freeman, Jeanette..... Manistee, Mich.
 Modie, Bessie Allen..... 57 Dwight Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.
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GAMMA

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*Burdock, Mae.
 Casper, Lizzie Stein..... Walla Walla, Wash.
 Gabin, Lulu Platt..... Clark, S. D.
 Stanford, Mary..... Chicago, Ill.
 Sutterfield, Mary..... Estherville, Ia.
 Weller, Jeanette Marshall..... Omaha, Neb.
 Walker, Mary..... Chicago, Ill.

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 Haines, Ina Mae..... Evanston, Ill.
 Kirkham, Mrs.
 Watson, Regina..... Chicago, Ill.

INITIATES.

A

Abbott, Carrie Woods..... Schuyler, Neb.
 Atwood, Louise..... Beloit, Kansas.

B

Bartholomew, Laura..... Michigan City.
 Brenneman, Hedwig..... Peru, Ill.
 Brown, Lella Skillars..... Los Angeles, Cal.
 *Bolan Marguerite.
 Beckett, Winnie..... Chicago, Ill.
 Botsford, Alice Grannis..... Los Angeles, Cal.
 Brown, Ethel Lillyblade..... San Francisco, Cal.

- Board, Lispeth Phelps.....Port Huron, Mich.
 Bolley, Mabel.....Cleamute, Kansas.
 Bradstreet, Elizabeth Tompkins.....Evanston, Ill.
 Beeman, Cora.....Waukon, Ia.
 Barlow, Mabel.....Bethany, Missouri.
- C**
- Chester, Laura Budlong.....Bowmansville, Ill.
 Chaffee, Theodora.....Evanston, Ill.
 Caldwell, Frances.....Chicago, Ill.
- D**
- Dennis, Myrta McKeen.....Evanston, Ill.
 DeGross, Hazel.....Spring Valley, Ill.
- E**
- Ericson, Grace.....Evanston, Ill.
- F**
- Ford, Ethel.....Ravenswood, Ill.
- G**
- Gamble, Grace Slaughter.....Omaha, Neb.
 Grafton, Fannie.....Evanston, Ill.
 Gould, Christmas.....Olney, Ill.
 Gwine, Clara L.....Waukegan, Ill.
 Girton, Edith A.....Madison, S. D.
 Gillan Fannie E.....Wellington, Ill.
 Gainer, Sarah E.....Helena, Montana.
- H**
- Hathaway, Kate D.....Rochelle, Ill.
 Ham, Suzanne Mulford.....Washington, D. C.
 Hayes, Edith Gordon.....Chicago, Ill.
 Hanson, Cordella L.....755 Chase Ave., Rogers Park, Ill.
 Hough, Jane.....Jackson, Mich.
 Hinckley, Blanche Hughes.....Sheridan Park, Chicago, Ill.
 Howard, Nina Kellog.....Plainfield, N. J.
 Hansen, Emma L.....Rogers Park, Chicago.
 Hardcastle, Romaine.....Evanston, Ill.
 Hinman, Esther.....Belaire, Mich.
 Hopwood, Grace.....Evanston, Ill.
 Hines, Ina Mae.....Evanston, Ill.
- I**
- Inglis, Ruth.....Wilbur, Wash.
 Isbester, Esther.....Denver, Col.
- J**
- Jones, Mable A.....Evanston, Ill.
 Jones, Blanche.....Canton, Ill.
- K**
- Kinkade, Agatha.....Lanark, Ill.
 Kuhl, Florence Harris.....Beardston, Ill.
 Kindig, Valeria Lyre.....Chicago, Ill.
 Kidder, Irene Stevens.....Evanston, Ill.
 Kingery, Stella Chamblin.....Oak Park, Ill.
 Kirkham, Eleanor.
 Kuhn, Ethel.....Audubon, Ia.

L

Larsen, Bessie Grant.....St. Paul, Minn.
Lindner, Bess.....Mattoon, Ill.

M

Maxwell, Jeanette Evans.....Winona, Minn.
Morgan, Gamble Helen.....Perry, Iowa.
McCorkle, Athlena.
McIntyre Mildred.....Memphis, Tenn.
Martin, Amy.....Minneapolis, Minn.
Mitchell, Beulah Hough.....Evanston, Ill.
Miller, Corine Holbrook.....238 Lincoln Park, Chicago.
Moulton, Matie Vaughn.....Deadwood, S. D.
Madson, Mabel Dunn.....Chicago, Ill.
Marshall, Mary.....Evanston, Ill.
Marshall, Julia S.Evanston, Ill.

N

Newgard, Alice.....Rogers Park, Ill.

O

O'Brien, Loretta.....Evanston, Ill.

P

Patrick, Elizabeth.....Des Moines, Iowa.
Parkinson, Ella.....Mt. Carmel, Ill.
Pratt, Marian Ewall.....Evanston, Ill.
Pratt, Ida.....Rogers Park, Ill.
Pickerson, May.....Laken, Ill.
Patterson, Francis Meredith.....Memphis, Tenn.
Porter, Bertha.....Apple River, Ill.
Paulus, Viola.....Chicago, Ill.

R

Rising, Pearl.
Ramage, Barbara Strickler.....McGregor, Iowa.
Reed, Eva Brown.....Dwight, Ill.
Richardson, Grace.....106 Buena Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Rowley, Cornelia Porter.....Rogers Park, Ill.

S

Schmidt, M. Kramis.....Mankato, Minn.
Strong, Ella F.Waukegan, Ill.
Skiff, Blanche.
Schock, Arta Bellows.....408 X. Y. Block, Seattle, Wash.
Scott, Gene.....McGregor, Ia.
Siller, Mabel H.Evanston, Ill.
Smith, Mae I.Kewanee, Ill.
Seigers, Cora.....1944 Oakdale Ave., Chicago, Ill.
Scales, Katherine.....Buena Park, Ill.
Scales, Elizabeth.....Buena Park, Ill.
Smith, Christine Atwood.....Chicago, Ill.
Siebach, Marie.....Peru, Ill.

T

Trumble, Edna Stanton.....Marinette, Wis.
Titus, Marion.....Grand Forks, N. D.

V

Vose, Mary R.Evanston, Ill.

THE LYRE

W

Wayman, El Freda Coleman.....	Muskogee, Ind. Ter.
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Wemple, Nonie.....	Waverly, Ill.
Wooley, Florence Childs.....	Evanston, Ill.
Whallon, Irene Snyder.....	Altoona, Pa.
Wemple, Edith.....	Waverly, Ill.
White, Marie.....	Evanston, Ill.
White, Louise.....	Evanston, Ill.
Williams, Rachel.....	Senaca, Kan.

Y

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

DELTA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Brown, Antoinette Snyder.....	Meadville, Pa.
Evans, Ruby Krick.....	Kane, Pa.
Osgood, Zannie Tate.....	Marselles, Ill.
Robinson, Mae Bredin.....	Tidionete, Pa.
Stevens, Fern Pickard.....	New York, N. Y.
Tate, Elizabeth.....	Boise City, Idaho.
Tinker, Etta Mary.....	Detroit, Mich.

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Decca, Madame Marie.....	Washington, D. C.
Hull, Jewla O.	Meadville, Pa.

INITIATES.

A

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

C

Cribbs, Bertha.....	Oil City, Pa.
Cowan, Lillian.....	Apollo, Pa.
Church, Agnes Pearson.....	Meadville, Pa.
Crissman, Nell Pearl.....	Swickly, Pa.
Crumliss 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.

D

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

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, Ethelvyn Porter.....Pittsburg, Pa.
 Frost, Amy Luck S.Pittsburgh, Tenn.
 Farr, Anna M.Raymore, Mo.

G

Graham, Mary Thorpe.....Meadville, Pa.
 Gummson, Harriet McLaughlin.....Brooklyn, N. Y.
 Gamble, Nelle White.....Meadville, Pa.
 Gates, Pearl Wilkins.....Union City, Pa.

H

Hay, Lou Blodgett.....Youngsville, Pa.
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 Hollister, Carrie Gaston.....East Palestine, O.
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 Hempstead, Eleanor Brush.....Indianapolis, Ind.
 Howe, Mary.....Meadville, Pa.
 Hammond, Lyda Barron.....Bolivar, Pa.
 Hall, Ella Lovell.....Fairmount, W. Va.
 Harper, Frances.....Butler, Pa.
 Hewey, Olga.....Punxsatawny, Pa.

I

Irwin, Reble Hood.....New York, N. Y.

J

Johnson, Effie Sherred.....Greenville, Pa.

K

Kesler, Evelyln Bright.....Greenville, Pa.
 Kent, Laurette 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, Kan.
 Laird, Lois McMullen.....Hattersburg, Miss.
 Lord, Catherine Mary.....Meadville, Pa..
 Long, Belle Chase.....Greenville, Pa.
 Lillard, Theo. White.....Brooklyn, N. Y.

Lord, Clara 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.....Lake View, Cal.
 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.
 Macklowell, 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 Art Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
 Orris, Helen Dudley.....Buffalo, N. Y.

P

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

R

Ramsey, Bird Knight.....New Brighton, Pa.
 Ray, Anna Clemson.....Meadville, Pa.
 Robson, Harriet Veith.....Detroit, Mich.
 Roddy, Edith Jeannette.....Meadville, Pa.
 Robinson, Flora Eastman.....Kane, Pa.
 Roberts, Mary.....Meadville, Pa.

S

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.....New York.
 Timmins, Harriet Rea.....Fargo, N. D.
 Trax, Helen:.....Meadville, Pa.

W

Wianans, Esther Rich.....Seattle, Wash.
 Wright, Jennie Horned.....Monessen, Pa.
 Waid, Adelaide Wilson.....Guy's Mills, Pa.
 Walters, Carrie Marie.....Nashville, Tenn.

Y

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

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Jack, Ella May.....Apollo, Pa.
 Nichols, Marie.....Spring Creek, Pa.

EPSILON

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 Chalfin, Mattie Mabel.....317 W. 31st St., Los Angeles, Cal.
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 Gothard, Ina Lewis.....Burbank, Cal.
 Hardwick, Loanna Mae.
 Hawley, Maude Lawrence.....711 W. 35th St., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Johnson, Etha Kepner.....Topeka, Kan.
 Millard, Ora.....2716 La Salle Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
 Mann, Mary Alice.....Arizona.
 MacEwen, Lillian Whetton.....San Francisco, Cal.
 McArthur, Myrtle Agnes.....Grand Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
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 Neff, Essie Maude.....3456 Wesley Ave., Los Angeles, Cal.
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THE LYRE

ZETA

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Ellis, Elsie Louise.	Ligourney, Belle M.
Evans, Nelle Durand.	Wood, Jessie Belle.
Lewis, Susan Anna.	

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Nelson, Clara Tourgee.	

INITIATES.

A

Armstrong Mary C.	Bowling Green, Ky.
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B

Ball, Susan Lewis.....	9 Park Vale St., Brookline, Mass.
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Bernard, Helen.....	Kennett Square, Penn.
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Bowden, Girlie M.	Bessemer, Mich.
Best, Blanche Laura.....	Valley Falls, Ark.
Bates, Elizabeth.....	Cambridge, Mass.
Bull, Lillian.....	Winnepeg, Canada.
Byrde, Winifred.....	Selem, Oregon.

C

Campbell, Florence Wheat.....	Lima, Ohio.
Collin, Helen Maud.....	Rochester, Minn.
Crafts, Blanche.....	Blue Hill Parkway, Mattapan.

D

Dixon, Elsie Elliss.....	Brookfield, Mass.
Drunkle, Estelle McFarlan.....	Jamaica Plain, Mass.
Dalley, Elma Cleveland.....	Houston, Texas.
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Damon, Gertrude.....	Boston, Mass.
Daniels, Louise.....	Boston, Mass.

E

Evans, Nelle Durand.....	14 Queens Gate Terrace, London, England.
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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.
Farel, 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

Howe, Laura A.Logansport, Ind.
 Heaton, Fannie.....Cicero, Tex.
 Hopper, Luow.....Lafayette, Ind.
 Hazeltine, Florence.....Ripon, Wis.
 Handy, Byrnie.....Monroe, La.

J

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

K

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

L

Little, Bertha Buchanan.....483 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.
 Ligonney, 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, Ga.
 McGean, Grace Phillips.....Cleveland, Ohio
 Middaugh, Ethel Alberts.....Alfred, N. Y.
 McCranie, Pearl Sherwood.....Homer, La.
 Mork, Lilly P.Owotonna, Minn.
 *Medora, Edith P.
 Morton, Sarah Delano.....New Bedford, Mass.
 Mackay, Marian A.Tampa, Fla.
 McMillan, Lillyan.....Beverley, Tenn.
 Marti, Alma.....New Ulm, Minn.

N

Norris, Lizzie Warner.....Cumberland, Md.

O

Osborne, Estella Hibbard.....Chicago, Ill.

P

Prince, Edith Stualey.....Carlisle, Pa.
 Pittman, Elizabeth.....Henderson, N. C.
 Parlout, Mabel.....Cleveland, Ohio.

R

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

S

Stanley, Carol B.	Frederick, Md.
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, N. Carolina.
Sterling, Annie Bull.....	Winnipeg, Canada.
Samuels, May.....	Ft. Worth, Texas.
Spofford, Ellatheda.....	Coldwater, Mich.
Smith, Maud Webb.....	Parlin, N. J.

T

Templeton, Katherine.....	Greenville, Pa.
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U

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

V

Vass, Eleanor M.	Raleigh, N. Carolina.
Van Buskirk, Winifred.....	Logansport, Ind.

W

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

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Reed, Alice.

ETA

Bartol, Belle.....	Lewisburg, Pa.
Gilbert, Amy.....	Elysburg, Pa.
Hirsch, Jessie Steiner.....	Lewisburg, Pa.
Kerstetter, Mary Woods.....	Lewisburg, Pa.
*Paulin, Ida List.....	Lewisburg, Pa.

THETA

CHARTER MEMBERS.

Bartholemew, Winifred.....	Charlvoix, Mich.
Condon, Lydia E.	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Green, Virginia Fiske.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Mothersill, Rachel McKenzie.....	Zion City, Ill.
Nichols, Flora Koch.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Spruce, Florence.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.
Yutzy, Marion Daniel.....	Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Adele, Ans Der Ohl.

INITIATES.

A

Allen, Louise.....Ypsilanti, Mich.

B

Baker, Helen I.Lansing, Mich.

Blanchard, Josephine.....Buffalo, N. Y.

Bovee, Mary Tinker.....New York, N. Y.

Bobb, Florence E.Hollywood, Cal.

Bissel, Maude Miller.....Lakeview, Mich.

Butler, Faith.....Frankfort, Mich.

Bumihaus, Ora Bond.....Chicago, Ill.

Bradley, Louise.....Palo Alto, Cal.

Butler, Bonnibel K.Frankfort, Mich.

Bruce, Mary E.Lafayette, Ind.

Bedford, Mattie L.Charlvoix, Mich.

Burkhart, Vera Louise.....Buffalo, N. Y.

Bacon, Mabel.....Chelsea, Mich.

Benedict, Mary Killmaster.....Port Haven, Mich.

C

Cheever, Arline Valette.....Chicago, Ill.

Carlson, Ruth Cushman.....Rapid River, Mich.

Clemens, Florence R.Ann Arbor, Mich.

D

Donville, Mary Claudine.....West Allis, Wis.

E

Etdres, Maude.....Manistee, Mich.

F

Fisher, Merriam Reynolds.....Walla Walla, Wash.

G

Greene, Mabel Fairbank.....Detroit, Mich.

Goeschel, Elizabeth.....Bay City, Mich.

Germonde, Mandrelle M.Cleveland, O.

Goeschel, Persis.....Saginaw, Mich.

Goeschel, Eleanor H.Saginaw, Mich.

H

Horver, Gertrude Montegue.....Kansas City, Mo.

Hovey, Ivy Susan.....Tacoma, Wash.

Hannah, Alice Weinstein.....Phillipsburg, Mont.

Hilliker, Nellie.....Ann Arbor, Mich.

Hoff, Addie C.Ann Arbor, Mich.

Hale, F. Mame.....Ann Arbor, Mich.

Hinkle, Olina.....Philadelphia, Pa.

Harner, Grace Lynn.....Traverse City, Mich.

Holmes, Enid.....Chelsea, Mich.

I

Isbell, Mabel Beatrice.....Jackson, Mich.

J

Jones, Isla Helen.....Grand Rapids, Mich.

THE LYRE

K

Kinsley, Lydia E. Manistee, Mich.
 Keys, Helen Day. Glendale, Ohio.
 Kyer, Mrs. Reine Lang. Ann Arbor, Mich.

M

Miller, Mabel Heath. Duluth, Minn.
 Marsell, Fern. Hibbing, Minn.
 Murfin, Josephine H. Ann Arbor, Mich.

O

Overpack, Nellie. Manistee, Mich.
 O'Hara, Frances Loley. Toledo, Ohio.

P

Potter, Florence B. Ann Arbor, Mich.

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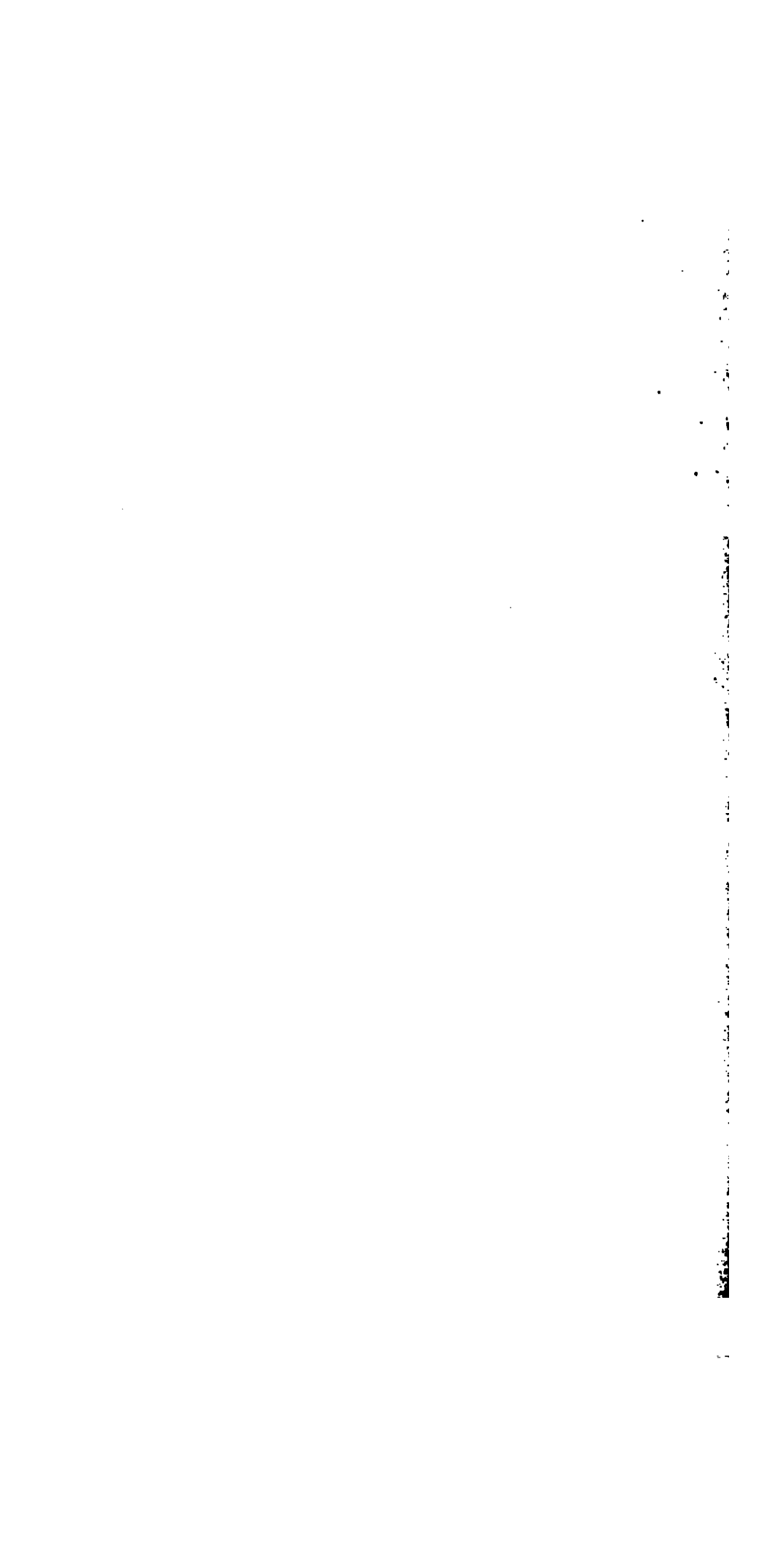
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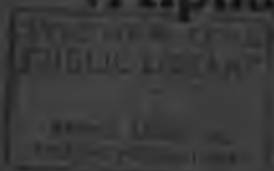
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CONVENTION

Ten days until Convention! Eight—only a week—next Thursday and then the day before. In those hours preceding sat together the Grand Council, perfecting plans cherished, and pondering new ones, in their loyal interest and work for the fraternity. By the courtesy of Mr. Black a fine concert was heard on Wednesday evening.

At length, the day itself arrived. Old Sol was the first one there—and how cheery! Nature poured out sunshine for the wearers of the Lyre.

By that light they found their way to the Chapter house of Alpha. Her home turned into a great reception hall, made brighter than ever by many flowers (the gift of sister and "brother" chapters), and filled with admiring and appreciative guests.

With the opening session came the report of the Grand Council proceedings of 1905, reports from every chapter, active and alumnae, and of standing committees. The second session adjourned at four after discussions of many miscellaneous matters, bearing on vital questions which were to occupy the succeeding sessions.

The first evening was given over to a reception at the house, where delegates and visitors made new acquaintances and renewed friendships with DePauw University faculty and students, fraternity men and women, and the townspeople of Greencastle.

By invitation of Dr. Hughes, Alpha Chi Omega assisted in the chapel services Friday morning. The hour was a de-

lightful one as you will realize when you read the address of welcome by President Hughes, in this issue.

At one thirty Alpha entertained at luncheon at the college inn.

The afternoon musicale was a program of merit and interest and the audience one to inspire a performer's best work. Program:

MUSICALE.

- I. Carnival Schumann.
Miss Hazel Alford, Kappa.
- II. Provençal Song.....Eva Dell Acqua.
Mrs. Minnie M. Hoskins, Alpha.
- III. Dream of Love.....Liszt.
Miss Shellie Smith, Alpha.
- IV. Reading Selected.
Mrs. Vancleve, Epsilon.
- V. Aria—"Samson and Delilah".....Saint-Saens.
Mrs. Ralph Dennis, Gamma.
- VI. (a) Etude, Op. 25, No. 7
(b) Etude, Op. 10, No. 5
(c) Ballade A flat Maj.
.....Chopin.
Miss Winifred Byrd, Zeta.
- VII. Violin Solo Selected.
Miss Mamie Lewis, Iota.
- VIII. Vocal Selected.
Miss Kate Calkins, Beta.
- IX. Valse D'Eventail Poldini.
Nocturne, Op. 32, No. 1
Polonaise, Op. 53.
.....Chopin.
Miss Aldah McCoy, Alpha.

Then the banquet! The gayest event, the care-free time of all the days! Over three score and ten Alpha Chis. Be-

side these adornments, the dining room of Florence Hall was a brilliant bower of scarlet and olive.

The occasion was graced by women who were charter members of Alpha Chi Omega and now grown even stronger in their "love for Alpha Chi."

Gratitude to them and the contentment of their followers in this, their chosen fraternity, was the keynote of toasts, that completed the evening.

"To try thy eloquence now 'tis time."

TOAST LIST.

TOASTMISTRESS, MRS. TENNANT, ALPHA.

- Address of Welcome.....Alpha.
 "To say you are welcome, were superfluous."
- "Why We Are Here".....Beta.
 "A little nonsense now and then
 Is relished 'by the best of men."
- "Lyres" Gamma.
 "And there are others."
- "Our Future"Delta.
 "And should fortune prove cruel and false to the last
 Let us look to the future and not to the past."
- "The Swing of the Pendulum".....Zeta.
 "Yesterday is as tomorrow in the forever."
- "Stunts" Iota.
 "What the Dickie-birds say."
- "The Scarlet and Olive.....Theta.
 "The Scarlet and Olive entwined together,
 Bloom in the heart's garden in fair or foul weather."
- "Purposes, Wise and Otherwise".....Epsilon.
 "Our todays and yesterdays
 Are the blocks with which we build."
- "The Chaperon"Kappa.
 "Much may be said on both sides."
- "X. Y. Z.".....Alpha.
 The ninth and last.

Saturday was a day of business. Discussions of Friday continued. Petitions for charters were considered and one looked upon favorably. Changes were made in the constitu-

tion, probably the one of most interest that of eligibility to membership.

The report of the Inter-Sorority delegate was a complete one and brought out discussions concerning the dispensations to Wisconsin and Michigan, the organization of Women's Leagues, Pan-Hellenics, and High School Fraternities, against pledging from which latter, the sentiment is strong. There is a large demand for more song books, and a second edition will be published soon.

The Grand Chapter meeting and convention closed formally at two thirty. A few hours of driving, of expressions of sincere appreciation of Alpha's hospitality and the homes which opened their doors to her guests, and good-byes, regretfully said but not sadly, for the spirit of those few days forbade that, and before we realized, many of us were on our way, with happiest memories.

To me this convention meant everything. The harmony, not born of lack of spirit but harmony through some diversities of opinion, the good words for and support of the administration of the last four years, are sources of pleasure and satisfaction, reward for the hours spent and happiness to recall.

I take this opportunity to bespeak for Mrs. Edward Geo. Loud, who comes into the Grand Presidency in January, the same kindness extended to me, and assure you that you have elected a capable, enthusiastic woman, whose service will be one of sincere purpose.

Gratefully and truly yours,

Kate L. Calkins.

Nov. 30th, 1906.



HOME OF ALPHA, GREENCASTLE, IND.

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ADDRESS MADE BY DR. HUGHES

**President of DePauw University, to the Delegates to the
National Convention of Alpha Chi Omega,
Greencastle, Ind., November, 2, 1906**

It becomes my pleasant duty as representing the University to say a few words of greeting to the delegates to the National Convention of the Alpha Chi Omega Sorority. I say sincerely "pleasant duty," and in the broadest sense I say it without misgiving. Yet I confess to deep embarrassment. This arises from three causes. The first is the natural timidity which a man always feels when he faces a great many ladies. The second is my assurance that nothing that I can say about the organization to which you belong could possibly equal what you feel; hence to compliment your sorority to you is quite impossible. The third cause of embarrassment lies in a rule to which your own local chapter is a party—to the effect that the young ladies shall not themselves talk on fraternity matters to any of the new students of the University, nor shall they ask *their friends* to do so. Therefore, I am held in silence by this law. I begin to understand how some of the young women in DePauw must feel! So I am deterred not only by the natural timidity which is itself oppressive; and not only by the surety that your feeling is deeper and finer than my words; but also by the rule that forbids me to compliment any sorority on the face of the DePauw earth. Never before in my life have I been in such a fix, I trust that nothing I may say may lead to a hasty meeting of the inter-sorority committee! I should dread a summons into that presence—even tho I am quite used to treading the proverbial green carpet. I trust that no one will consider that my mention of "green carpet" is merely an adroit way of working one of the Alpha Chi Omega colors into my speech.

Scarcely do I dare to mention the fact that your sorority was born here. One morning Dean Howe, it is said, walked forth from yonder Music Hall with an infant sorority in his arms. This must have been very embarrassing! What a task he would have if he should try that now! They say that from

the start this infant was musical; infants usually are. But, as infants grow, they become less exclusively musical. So have you! And now you are twenty-one years of age. By "you" I mean the organization. We are glad to welcome this grown lady back to her birthplace. I feel confident that your friendly rivals will not feel that my mention of your Greencastle and DePauw nativity is an attempt to excite local and institutional sympathy. But, to be perfectly safe, I will mention the fact that one other national sorority was born here, namely, Kappa Alpha Theta; and to that statement I must in justice add that there are not wanting indications that the other sororities represented in the University were born somewhere.

The inter-sorority rules do not forbid my speaking of your society to the young gentlemen. So, may I ask the new students among the young ladies to close their ears for a moment? It is much to ask that you neither speak nor hear but I am bold today. My own sex must feel a natural interest in Alpha Chi Omega; for a man helped in your organization. This was a unique thing, so far as I know in sorority history. It scarcely seems right that you will not let us join! Have you forgotten the pit whence you were digged? Judging by the interest manifested by the male students this morning it would require very slight persuasion to get many of them to be initiated; and the inter-sorority rules do not forbid soliciting men. That is about the only thing they do not forbid. Some of you look as if you felt that the omission was of no consequence! We forgive you. You are our guests. We--I speak for the male members of the Faculty and of the Student Body--approve of you. If our expression of approval seems lacking in enthusiasm it is solely due to the inter-sorority rules and to our own remarkable self-control. And I feel sure that I can say for the members of the other sororities that today and tomorrow they will not deny that you are just as good as they; but that for the days beyond your Convention's adjournment they will make no rash promises whatsoever.

I can assure you that your coming has caused much com-

motion. My October's work consisted quite largely of interviews with the members of your local Chapter. It is perhaps only fair to say that all those interviews were in preparation for this Convention rather than for purposes of individual discipline. The administration of the University has been solicitous for your welfare. We have tried to keep your hostess chapter from doing too much for you. We did not want the visiting delegates to go home exhausted, physical, mental and musical wrecks, and we were anxious that the local chapter house should not, after your Convention was over, be turned into a Nervine Hospital. We have even suggested that your National Convention should be held in vacation time, and we might hint that you consider this matter in your business sessions. The only thing that makes us hesitate to press this point more strongly is that the action would rob us of the pleasure of your future company. But our loss might be your gain, and we are willing to sacrifice our pleasure on the altar of your sorority's good. If you but knew how anxious Dr. Gobin and myself have been that you might have abundant time for the discussion and decision of your society's policies, I know that you would give us a vote of thanks while at the same time you would praise the local chapter's adroit and persistent dealing with the President's Office and Room 13.

Now that you are here we give you a DePauw welcome. We ought to welcome you; for you are our daughter. Your first National Convention was held here the day you were born. That was Alpha. Your last one is being held here now. That is Omega. I haven't the slightest idea what Chi stands for; but I am sure that it is all right. Inasmuch as you were born here, we trust that you may here be born again,—if you need to be. I give you now a cordial hand of welcome,—a hand which diminutive as it is, represents 750 palms of various shapes and sizes. In the warm fellowship of DePauw University we greet you now; and we express the hope that you may like the looks of us as well as we like the looks of you.

May your deliberations mark a real epoch in the history of Alpha Chi Omega! May your association promote the finer

sisterhood! May your plans make for higher intellectual, social, moral and spiritual standards in all our institutions! And from this time onward may your Lyre send forth a harmony yet more effective to still the cheap and noisy tumult of our human life! In this spirit, Ladies, DePauw University opens to you all her doors,—even those of her thirty-eight score hearts.







RECEPTION HALL AND ROOMS OF ALPHA

GREETINGS

As President-elect, I am very glad to send through the pages of the Lyre, a word of greeting to my fraternity sisters, and to express to them my deep appreciation of the honor conferred upon me at the convention. That I may be tried and not found wanting; that I may faithfully fulfill the duties of my office, and do my part towards bringing Alpha Chi Omega into a larger, broader life—this is my earnest desire.

Of the work done by the retiring President and her efficient council, too much cannot be said. Though as yet all is very new to me and my duties not fully understood, of this I am sure; whatever task is found to be hard, would be far more difficult, were it not for the careful work done in the past. Whatever is easy will be so because of the splendid work accomplished and the many obstacles overcome by Miss Calkins and the other grand officers.

I count myself fortunate in the prospect of work with a council made up largely of experienced members. From them I expect much help and encouragement. To the newly elected Grand Secretary I extend special greetings and feel sure that she, too, eagerly anticipates the work that awaits her.

And now, just a word to the active and alumnae members. We need your help. You are behind the officers. Without you they can do little. With your loyal enthusiastic support, much may be accomplished. Only by an earnest spirit of co-operation shall we move steadily on towards development and the realization of the ideals of our loved fraternity. I gladly pledge the fraternity my best efforts, and earnestly bespeak the sincere co-operation of each chapter, and every Alpha Chi individually that I may have courage when January comes, to buckle on the armor worn so graciously by my predecessor, and carry on the work outlined by the Grand Chapter.

Alta Allen Laud.

REPORT OF FIFTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE

The Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Mrs. Robt. Leib, Alpha Xi Delta, at the Victoria Hotel, Chicago, Friday afternoon, September 14, 1906. Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Chi Omega, acted as secretary of the Conference. A committee on credentials was appointed and the following delegates were enrolled:

KAPPA ALPHA THETA.—Mrs. Laura H. Norton, 2541 N. Paulina St., Chicago.

PI BETA PHI.—Miss Elizabeth Gamble, 565 Cass Ave., Detroit.

KAPPA KAPPA GAMMA.—Miss George Challoner, 456 New York Ave., Oskosh, Wis.

DELTA GAMMA.—Miss Margaret Sheppard, 225 Greenwood B'l'v'd, Evanston, Ill.

ALPHA PHI.—Mrs. J. H. McElroy, 153 E. 54 St., Chicago.

GAMMA PHI BETA.—Miss Lillian W. Thompson, 326 W. 61st Place, Chicago.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA.—Mrs. Richard Tennant, 824 S. 5th St., Terre Haute, Ind.

CHI OMEGA.—Miss Jobelle Holcombe, Carnall Hall, Fayetteville, Ark.

DELTA DELTA DELTA.—Mrs. Amy Olgen Parmlee, 918 Chase Ave., Chicago.

SIGMA KAPPA.—Mrs. G. A. Marsh, 1219 Washington St., Hoboken, N. J.

ALPHA OMICRON PI.—Mrs. Clifford Bigelow, 396 S. 41 Ave., Chicago.

ALPHA XI DELTA.—Mrs. Robt. Leib, 1271 Washington St., Springfield, Ill.

The secretary read the report of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference. Mrs. Leib then read a report of her work as secretary of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference. This report was a resume of the work accomplished during the year, and is in part as follows:

After the close of the Fourth Conference the secretary had printed 500 copies of the record of Conference proceedings and sent copies to the Grand Secretaries for distribution to chapters and officers, to conference delegates, and to the five sororities that had petitioned the Conference for membership. Five hundred copies were too few this year on account of the increased interest in the Conference. Gamma Phi Beta decided at her November, 1905, convention to co-operate with the Conference in all points. The Conference Secretary took a vote of Grand Presidents at the close of the Conference to permit the Michigan sororities to pledge non-matriculantes. The Grand Presidents voted to ratify the recommendations of the Fourth Conference, and Michigan was granted the dispensation for one year. During the year, the Secretary, at the suggestion of Miss Wheeler, Kappa Kappa Gamma, investigated the best points of the constitution of Women's Social Service Leagues then in operation, with the result that a model or sample constitution was formed. This has been given wide circulation, having been sent to the Deans of state institutions and to many interested persons. In December, a conference of Deans of women of state institutions was held in Chicago and the secretary of the Conference was asked to arrange a session with representatives of the Conference. Consequently the Chicago delegates to the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference were present and a pleasant and helpful meeting was the result. Letters from Deans of fifteen institutions have since been received by the Secretary. The Wisconsin Pan-Hellenic sent a petition for investigation of local conditions to the Grand Presidents of sororities and to the conference delegates. It was decided to send an investigating committee before the close of the school year. Most of the sororities having Wisconsin chapters sent a delegate. The committee secured valuable information concerning the situation. All Grand Presidents except two have unconditionally approved the constitution for the Inter-Sorority Conference which was proposed by the Fourth Conference. The expense of the Conference for each sorority this year is two dollars (\$2.00). The Pan-Hellenics have done a good work through the year with but few difficulties arising to de-

tract from the whole. The Secretary recommends that the Conference formulate a working constitution for Pan-Hellenics for their assistance.

Reports were then read by the delegates from the several sororities with the exception of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega. These three reports were deferred until September 15. The reports included the sorority's progress in Pan-Hellenic and Social Service work, convention action bearing upon the Inter-Sorority Conference, conflicts and difficulties arising from the inter-sorority compact, attitude of the sorority toward granting exceptions to inter-sorority laws, recommendations to the Inter-Sorority Conference.

Information was asked by Mrs. Tennant on Pan-Hellenic and Social Service work. Mrs. Tennant was appointed a committee of one to correspond with the visiting delegates, or with such persons as perform the duty of visiting delegates of the several sororities, with a view to interesting them in the Social Service work, and of obtaining a report on the work done by each chapter along this line.

The question as to whether a unanimous or a majority vote should prevail in Pan-Hellenic transactions was brought up. The question as to whether eligibility to chairmanship in Pan-Hellenics date from establishment of a chapter as a local or as a national was also brought up.

After some discussion a motion was made and carried that a committee, with Mrs. Leib as chairman, be appointed to draw up a model constitution to be submitted to Pan-Hellenics as a guide in framing a constitution. This committee was composed of Mrs. Leib, Mrs. Norton and Miss Gamble.

A motion was made and carried that the editors of the several sororities be requested to insert in the directory page of the journal the name and address of the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

The Conference adjourned until Saturday, September 15.

At the second session the reports deferred from the preceding session were read. The reports of the standing committees were then taken up. Mrs. Parmelee gave the report of the representative committee sent to Madison, Wisconsin.

This committee met the local Pan-Hellenic and heard the claims of the sororities for special dispensation. The request from the Pan-Hellenic was read. The sororities asked for dispensation for two years and promised to pledge only seniors in High Schools, and to abolish floating pledges if the pledge does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that the request be granted on the conditions mentioned above.

The petition from Michigan was then read. It was moved and carried that the Conference recommend to the Grand Presidents that dispensation be granted to Michigan for one year, provided only seniors in the High Schools be pledged and the pledge be withdrawn if the young lady does not enter the University one year from September following the pledging.

A motion was made and carried that one sorority at Wisconsin and at Michigan University be interested in the conditions existing in those two universities and asked to study those conditions with a view to improvement. Mrs. McElroy was appointed a committee of one to interest Alpha Phi at Michigan, Miss Challoner, to interest Kappa Kappa Gamma at Wisconsin.

The delegates took luncheon together, and the afternoon session convened for the continuation of reports of standing committees. Miss Thompson, as chairman of the committee appointed to confer with the Deans of Women on matters of sorority interest, gave her report which is printed in separate covers for distribution. It was suggested that the Grand Presidents be asked to send to the Secretary of the Inter-Sorority Conference the address of possible representatives in the Deans' Conference, since it was suggested that each sorority be represented in the Deans' Conference.

It was moved and carried that the Conference present to the several sororities the following motion for their consideration: Resolved, that sororities in High Schools and other secondary schools should be discountenanced, and that after four years from date of notification by Grand Presidents, each sorority in the Inter-Sorority Conference refuse to admit any

young woman who has been a member of a sorority in a High School or a secondary school.

The committee on the model constitution for Pan-Hellenics submitted a constitution which, with slight variations, was accepted. The constitution is printed separately for distribution.

The constitution of the Inter-Sorority Conference was then taken up. Since a unanimous vote could not be obtained on the constitution as presented by the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference, some amendments were made in hopes that a working constitution may be adopted. The constitution is again presented to the Grand Presidents for their consideration. The constitution is as follows:

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

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

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

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

ARTICLE III.

ORGANIZATION.

The Conference shall be composed of one delegate from each national Sorority represented.

ARTICLE IV.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

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

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

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

ARTICLE VI.

CALLING OF MEETINGS.

Section 1. The meetings of the Conference shall be called by the Sororities in rotation.

Sec. 2. The official list shall be:

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta.
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.
6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.
11. Sigma Kappa.
12. Alpha Omicron Pi.

Sec. 3. Additions to official list shall be made in order of election to membership.

Sec. 4. The delegate from the Sorority calling the Conference shall act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order shall act as secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

ARTICLE VII.

POWERS.

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

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Chairman: The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

Sec. 2. Secretary: The duties of the secretary shall be as follows:

She shall keep the minutes.

She shall send reports of the Conference, within two weeks after adjournment, to the members of the Conference and to all Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their Sororities.

She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for 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.

LEGISLATION.

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

ARTICLE X.

AMENDMENTS.

This constitution may be amended by a unanimous vote of

all the Sororities represented in the Inter-Sorority Conference.

It was suggested that the following motions, that have already been acted upon, be emphasized in the report of the Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference:

1. A pledge day shall be adopted by the national sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
2. The pledge day in each college shall be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic association existing there.
3. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated.
4. Matriculation shall be defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The Conference wishes to emphasize also the recommendations of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the sorority journals.
2. That all sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of all other sororities and to all chapters in colleges where the respective sororities are represented.
3. That each Grand Secretary send to the Inter-Sorority Conference Secretary revised lists of chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

The Secretary was asked to investigate the laws of the states concerning the making and wearing of badges by unauthorized persons. Some complaint was made that unauthorized jewelers are putting on sale cheap, unofficial pins that may be purchased by any person. The Conference was asked to do what it could in the matter.

The Conference adjourned till September, 1907.

JOBELLE HOLCOMBE,
Secretary Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference.

Editorials

To the new President, we extend a hearty welcome, although we feel a great loss in the retirement of Miss Calkins whose helpful suggestions were always so gladly received by us, we know that Mrs. Loud will serve us well and we promise her our heartiest co-operation in the work.

In this number we print in full the report of the Fifth Inter-Sorority Conference. That body is surely doing great good to all fraternities which comprise it and in time will become a ruling factor in all fraternity affairs.

Since something must be done in a very short time concerning High School secret societies we feel that each member of Greek Letter Fraternities in our colleges should make it a matter of personal investigation. These organizations should be stamped out and this can be brought about only by the co-operation of the fraternities.

At the last convention it was decided that a uniform die be made for Alpha Chi pins and a committee was appointed to see to this. Any chapters who intend to purchase pins soon would do well to wait until we have a report from this committee and then to patronize only the jewelers whose advertisements appear in the Lyre.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA

Since our last letter to the Lyre, Alpha has had the great pleasure of entertaining her sisters from other chapters, in convention. It was certainly a delightful task, and an experience never to be forgotten, and we sincerely hope that our sisters are as proud of us as we are of them.

By the ruling of the local Pan-Hellenic, the four national sororities here are bound not to pledge a new girl until the second day of February, 1907. This makes the spiking season much less exciting than formerly, especially since so little can be done for a new girl, and no frat matters may be discussed with her. We have a promising list of spikes, however, and hope to add many fine girls to our present roll of twenty-two.

We gave our informal party for new girls on Monday, October 8th. It was a Japanese affair; the house was lighted with lanterns and decorated in true Japanese style. Our formal party will be given after the Thanksgiving vacation.

Quite a number of our girls belong to the "Dramatic Club." "His Lordship," was given on the night of November 12th, in which one of our girls, Virenda Rainier, took one of the leading parts and was quite a success. Four new plays will be given during the year, the proceeds to be donated to the athletic fund.

We are enjoying the home life very much this year, as we have the entire home for the first time.

Aldah McCoy, '05, assisting Miss Sawyers in pianoforte at DePauw, is also teaching in Mrs. Sewall's Classical School in Indianapolis.

Shellie Smith, '06, is taking post work in the music school.

Alpha sends greetings to her sisters and best wishes for a most prosperous year.

BETA

Fall has come and gone and it is hard to realize that in less than two weeks our Christmas vacation will commence. The past term has certainly been a successful one for Beta. At the opening of the year we had eleven active girls and after a four weeks' "rushing season," consisting of dinners, teas, drives, marshmallow roasts, nutting parties, etc., we were proud to claim five new pledges: Adeline Ballamy, Ella Shirk, Emma Pattinson, Jane Pattinson and Jean McDonald.

The rushing season, according to Pan-Hellenic rules was in many ways, a great improvement over last year, and not nearly as strenuous.

RUSHING CONTRACT.

I. That we recognize as bidding day the fifth Saturday of the term;

II. That all bids be sealed bids. That all bids be mailed after six o'clock of the evening before bidding day;

III. That each sorority be limited to two rushing parties during the season.

IV. That a rushing party be defined as a function at which eligible girls are present with more than four girls of any one sorority, where girls from no other sorority are present. Any such function shall be considered as a rushing party, whether the invitations are given in the name of the sorority or of individuals;

V. That entertainments given by three or four girls of one sorority shall be limited to one a week;

VI. That no sorority girl shall leave her regular seat in chapel in order to be with an eligible girl, nor persuade an eligible girl to leave her seat. No sorority girl shall keep an eligible girl from chapel;

VII. That there be no rushing week days, Saturday excepted, until after three fifteen p. m.

VIII. That there be no High School rushing or pledging.

IX. That there shall be an advisory council which shall be composed of one alumna and one active member from each sorority to be chosen annually.

Our delegates who went to the convention at Greencastle report the finest time possible and were so thoroughly filled

with enthusiasm that through them a great inspiration has been received by the entire chapter.

Two of our girls left us this year for larger institutions: Blanche Ballamy went to Northwestern and Marguerite Bower to University of Wisconsin; therefore what is loss to us will be gain to Gamma and Kappa.

November the twenty-fourth we gave an informal supper at the lodge for Kate Calkins, who left last week for Chicago where she will sing in the First Methodist church at Hyde Park.

Beta sends best wishes to all her sister chapters for a happy vacation.



DELTA

College opened September nineteenth with unusually bright prospects for the college year. Four new men appear on the faculty register. Dr. Kudson's place will be filled by Dr. C. M. Coburn; Dr. Montgomery's chair will be occupied by Dr. C. J. Ling; Dr. Wagstaff will be acting professor during Dr. Smith's absence, and Professor G. G. Snavely will have charge of the first two years' French classes and one section of Freshman Latin. Dr. Jonathan Hammet has been recently made one of the beneficiaries of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Hammet retired from his position as librarian of Allegheny College on July first and he now receives from this fund an annual pension of \$1,200. This fund provides for the declining years of all those who have faithfully devoted their lives to teaching; one of the most laudable purposes for which a fund can be used. Although Dr. Hammet retires from his position as librarian of the college, yet he remains our much beloved emeritus professor.

On November fourth the students had a great treat in having with them in their chapel service, Bishop Thoburn and Dr. Stintz, each of whom gave a few minutes talk.

We initiated our six new girls Saturday evening, November eighteenth, at which initiation we had many of our very "old" girls back with us. Our new girls are: Miss Steele, Miss Chase, Miss Lord, Miss Burchard, Miss Greene, Miss Shires. On Saturday evening November twenty-fifth we gave our girls their "Second Degree," which was an occasion of great merriment to us old girls.

With an active chapter of thirteen girls—oh! no, never fear, girls, the number is not unlucky—we are looking forward to a happy and prosperous year together.

EPSILON

Epsilon girls were delighted to have the Lyre once more, and to read the history of each chapter. Although at a great distance, our interest is none the less and each number of the Lyre brings us more closely in touch with our eastern girls.

Mrs. Vancleve has just returned from the convention with reports which make us proud of the work accomplished.

Several pleasant functions have already been given; the first a dainty luncheon in honor of our patronesses. Louise

White and Maud Hawley were hostesses. After lunch we went to the football game with Occidental in which our boys made a score of 22-0.

Mauncena MacMillan entertained for Mrs. Vancleve before her departure for the east. The affair was given in the new banquet room of the University, which is a new feature this year. Lunch is served on the Cafeteria plan and the students enjoy the novelty.

Our new girls are Faye Buck, Phoebe Joslin and Lulu Reeves. We have as associate members, Mrs. Young and Mrs. Holmes on whose help we are depending because of their interest in Alpha Chi.

As pledges we claim Edith Meyers, Margaret Hough, Manona Brizzolari, Maud Anderson.

Foot ball games have followed in close succession and U. S. C. is proud possessor of the championship this year.

More than 300 students went in a body to hear the "College Widow," giving evidence of their presence by college yells and songs.

We have had five weeks of Grand Opera and will soon hear Gabrilowitch. The "Messiah" will be sung by a chorus of 200 voices with excellent soloists.

The concerts in the Artists' course this year are especially fine. The faculty was fortunate in securing Miss Margaret Goetz, of New York, for a lecture recital which was greatly enjoyed by all. The next event will be a violin recital by Herr Seiling, a prominent concert soloist and recent addition to the faculty.

The phenomenal growth of the school has made it necessary to add teachers in all departments. Miss Isabel Curl, late of Milan, Italy, is now teaching voice work. She has a beautiful soprano voice and is much sought after for concert work.

Miss Madge Patton is conducting classes in the Dunning system of kindergarten work which have proven so successful in the east.

The Juniors are editing an "Annual" which will come out in January. Each sorority will have an article and group picture. There are some exceedingly bright and energetic students in the class and we are looking forward to something good.

KAPPA

Kappa began this year with nine of the old girls back. We were all very pleased to know after the university opened that three fine girls were here from three of the older chapters. Miss Lila Weilepp from Iota is here holding a position in the state library. Miss Marguerite Bower from Beta is taking a course in the university and is affiliated with our chapter.

Miss Kinsley, from Theta, is studying to be a librarian. Each of these girls has helped our chapter and given us good suggestions.

Rushing began in earnest as soon as the university opened. We had an auto ride, a drive, a large dinner at a cottage on Lake Menona, besides several informal parties which the girls gave at their homes. As a result we have pledged two fine girls and we feel quite sure of getting three or four more. The pledged members are Katherine Riley and May Jenkins.

We girls have had the opportunity of hearing Leoneavallo with his Italian orchestra and soloists from the La Scala theatre in Milan. The concert was given in the armory and was a great musical treat. We are looking forward to the concert by Anton Hekking, the great German cellist, who appears Nov. 27.

Many of the fraternities and sororities at Wisconsin University are building their chapter houses. Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Upsilon have recently moved into new houses. Delta Upsilon opened its house with a large reception for which about five hundred invitations were issued.

Kappa was glad to hear of the other chapters through our delegate at convention. Her personal acquaintance with the girls seemed to bring us all in touch with them and to strengthen the bond of union. The change in the constitution will lessen the difficulty of getting desirable girls and we are glad that it has been made.

Kappa sends greetings to her sister chapters.

Alumnae Notes

MARRIAGES

Neal-Washburn—Sara Neal, Alpha, '03 and Sep Washburn, Delta Kappa Epsilon, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Washington, Ind., on October the fifth. They are living on a ranch in Alberta, Dominion of Canada.

Ramsdell-Fall.—Nella B. Ramsdell, Beta, and Frank Fall, Alpha Tau Omega, were married at the home of the bride in Albion, Mich., June the twenty-seventh. They are living in New York, N. Y.

Newark-Bliss.—Caroline Newark, Beta, and Mr. Aaron S. Bliss, Jr., Sigma Chi, were married in October at the home of the bride in Cadillac, Mich.

Allen-Striker.—E. Mae Allen, Beta, was married August the twenty-ninth to Mr. Lewis T. Striker, Delta Tau Delta. They are now living in Albion, Mich.

Smith-Pottoroff.—Clare Smith, Alpha, and Clyde Pottoroff, Phi Delta Theta, were married at the home of the bride's sister in Greencastle, early in November. They are now living in Greencastle.

Conger-Obenchain.—Raeburn Conger, Alpha, and Fred Obenchain, were married in October at the home of the bride's parents in Monticello, Ind. They now live in Winslow, Arizona.

Personals

Miss Bobb, Theta, is in Hollywood for the winter and has visited Epsilon chapter.

Ellen Beach Yaw has been in Los Angeles for several months and has been heard frequently in concerts.

Ema Reese, Epsilon, who graduated in piano last June is again at school studying violin.

Susie Schenk, Epsilon, is recovering from a serious illness. We hope to have her with us soon.

Mabel Hickman, Epsilon, is taking a heavy course in the College of Oratory in addition to her musical studies.

Maud Howley, Epsilon, will graduate this year in piano.

Hedwig Brenneman, ex. '07, Gamma, is studying voice and piano in the American Conservatory in Chicago.

Lina Baum, Beta, '00, has left for Florida, where she will spend the winter.

Vivian Verbeck is teaching school at Poinette, Wis.

Jennie McHatton, Alpha, will spend the first two months of the year in Cleveland, Ohio.

Mrs. Nelle Ramsdell Fall, Beta, of New York, is spending the holidays with her parents in Albion, Mich.

Claudia Hill Alexander and Ruth Bouner, Alpha, attended the convention at Greencastle, the first of November.

Loretta O'Brien, Gamma, left on November the thirteenth to spend a few weeks in St. Louis, Mich.

Myrta McKean-Dennis, Alpha Alpha, attended convention at Greencastle in November.

Iola Harker, Kappa, is at her home in Shulsburg, Wis., this winter.

Beta Beta was represented at convention by Lena Scott Wild, Daisy Steele Wilson, Helen Dalrymple Frances, Ella Hill Thompson, Berta Miller Ruick, Alta Roberts and Laura Adams, all of Indianapolis.

Hazel DeGroof, ex. '07, Gamma, is studying voice with Arthur Beresford in Chicago.

Grace Winden, Kappa, is with the William Owen Company, which is playing "Romeo and Juliet."

Grace Bryan, Alpha, is teaching voice and piano in Gallo-way College, Searcy, Ark.

Edith Girton, ex. '07, Gamma, has a piano class in Madison, South Dakota.

Mable Van Epps, Kappa, from Iowa, is visiting friends in Madison.

Alice Newgard, Gamma, is spending the winter in California.

The following delegates represented the different chapters at convention:

Edna Walters and Maude Meserve—Alpha.

Mildred Sherk and Lulu Babcock—Beta.

Romaine Hardcastle, Gamma.

Olga Henry—Delta.
Mrs. Roy Vancleve—Epsilon.
Winifred Byrd—Zeta.
Edith Steffener—Theta.
Jessie Mann and Kate Busey—Iota.
Hazel Alford—Kappa.
Mrs. Ralph Dennis—Alpha Alpha.
Alta Roberts—Beta Beta.



EXCHANGES

The Chicago Board of Education last night took the most stringent action possible under the law, to put an end to high school fraternities and sororities. Not only did the school trustees resort to radical measures to stamp out the secret societies, but they refused even to wink at their existence until the end of the present term.

By a vote of ten to five the "anti-frat rule" was made operative. Its operation will deprive the high schools of a number of their best men on the baseball teams. It also will disrupt a number of the debating teams, and may put an end to the coming oratorical contest. Unless the members of the different teams at once withdraw from membership in the secret societies they will not be permitted to represent their schools in any public contests.—*Beta Theta Pi.*

MORE ABOUT HIGH SCHOOL FRATERNITIES. A GROWING EVIL

If Sigma Nus would study right now the above subject they would perhaps be prepared to deal intelligently with a problem that is soon to press itself upon all fraternities for solution. We urge all chapters first to read on pages 48-50 of the August Delta the admirable reply of Inspector Sibson to questions addressed to him by Chairman Smith, of the Conference of Academies and High Schools of Chicago University.

"The movement against the undemocratic and demoralizing fraternities in high schools gather force," says the Indianapolis News. "We noted not long ago that the principals of the Chicago high schools had taken a firm stand against all extraneous interests in the school—interests in various forms that have crept into the school life to distract the pupil and well-nigh to nullify the best part of high school education. The Chicago schools for one thing will offer no football pennant this year. At the University high school a pledge is to be demanded from all new pupils that membership in fraternities will not be accepted and prompt expulsion will

follow a breaking of the pledge. Now the Wisconsin State Board of Education is appealing to teachers throughout the State to unite in their influence for the suppression of fraternities, and the same appeal is to be made to parents. It is the unanimous testimony of instructors of all grades that these organizations are detrimental to school life. The membership of such societies is small compared with the total enrollment, and yet the evil influences affect the whole school.

"It is significant that the most persistent opponents of high school fraternities are members of college fraternities. Believing in them for good in higher institutions they see only evil in such associations among boys and girls of the impressionable age. Some of the officers of the large college fraternities are moving toward the discouragement of these secondary societies by appeals through their own members who are alumni members of the latter. Observation has shown that the boys and girls that enter college after a tutelage in school fraternities seldom bring the strength of interest or intellect and efficiency that those bring who come free from these early associations. As we said in speaking to the subject before, a university home and where the boys and girls have grown into men and women offers conditions for which something may be said on the side of societies.

"At all events the college associations are not in question. It is their misapplication to the high school where pupils differ in nothing from those of grammar schools, simply attending a few hours a day with all the rest of their lives passed in home surroundings. In any event, we all know by experience that the introduction of these outside elements interferes with the proper life of a high school. There is a proper place for athletics as a development of the school gymnasium and there is opportunity for football diversion, but these things should be a subordinate part of the school life and within the school for entertainment; not erected into a cult or institution with its championship contests of school against school. The same criticism applies to fraternities and sororities; these should be eliminated in their inter-relation and the time and attention of boys and girls brought back to the duties and opportunities which the school affords. The evil is not a small one, but a great one, as is witnessed by the general stand that

is being taken by educational authorities. We want a healthy, natural youth in our schools and a discouragement of all things that interfere with that during the period of school life.—*Sigma Nu Quarterly*.

“That a fraternity magazine can be run on a paying basis is no longer a matter of speculation. The Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* turns over a snug sum annually to its general treasury, and possibly there are others. * * * If a fraternity journal is not supported by its alumni to the fullest possible extent there is obviously something the matter either with the journal or the alumni.”—*The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon*.

Zeta Chapter of Chi Omega was installed at the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, September 3, 1906.

Kappa Alpha Theta announces the re-establishment of Gamma Chapter at Butler college, Irvington, Indiana, on November 3.

Figures compiled by Kappa Sigma show that this fraternity meets Sigma Alpha Epsilon oftener than she meets any other rival. These two fraternities come together in forty-five colleges, or some 70 per cent. of all the colleges occupied by Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Kappa Sigma meets Phi Delta Theta next oftenest, with Sigma Nu third—“*Record*” of *Sigma Alpha Epsilon*.

We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following exchanges:

October—The Shield, of Phi Kappa Psi Delta Upsilon Quarterly—Beta Theta Pi.

November—The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta. The Delta of Sigma Nu Phi Gamma Delta. Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly. The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

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THE SCHOOLS OF DICKENS

How few of the great multitude who have been charmed by the genius of Charles Dickens as a story teller have realized that his genius as an educator was still greater? How many have read his works for the pleasure they afford, unconscious that the mind of the great author was being impressed upon their own, and that the sentiments and impulses of their lives have been more or less influenced by his books? Fortunate it is for humanity that this influence has been upward rather than downward: toward the ideals of the Great Teacher rather than away from them.

It is safe to say that if Dickens had merely amused and pleased, the cause of education would have missed a great impetus, and the work of Pestalozzi and Froebel perhaps would have borne no fruit beyond their immediate environment.

As a story teller, Dickens was entrancing, but it is now recognized that he was one of the most skillful and effective teachers of the present age. Our present Commissioner of Education, Hon. W. T. Harris, pronounces him the greatest educational reformer that England has produced, and Mr. James L. Hughes, Inspector of Schools at Toronto, calls him "the great apostle of the new education to the English speaking world." He says: "Dickens was the most profound exponent of the kindergarten, and the most comprehensive student of childhood that England has yet produced. He was one of the first great advocates of a national system of schools, and his revelations of the ignorance and the intellectual and spiritual destitution of the children of the poor

led to the deep interest which ultimately brought about the establishment of free schools in England."

Those who regard the schools of Dickens as mere incidents of the plot, introduced only as environments for the characters of the story will be surprised to know that Dickens was a careful student of educational methods and was especially interested in the kindergarten idea advanced by Froebel. His article on Infant Gardens, published in a magazine called "Household Words," is pronounced one of the most comprehensive articles ever written on the kindergarten philosophy. It shows a careful study and perfect sympathy with the aims of Froebel and a clear recognition of the value of early training and of object lesson methods in the development of the character and powers of the child. He was the leading champion of childhood in securing a just recognition of its rights by adults. Up to his time the training of children had been through coercion and often by tyranny. He attacked all forms of coercion, and it is largely due to his writings that corporal punishment has diminished to one fourth its former amount.

To realize the reforms which Dickens wrought, it must be remembered that at the time he wrote, there was no such thing in England as a national system of free schools, and under the system of private schools then existing abuses had grown up which invited the caricature which they received from the great novelist.

Perhaps the most widely known and vividly remembered of all the schools described by Dickens is Dotheboys Hall, taught by Mr. Squeers. It is described in "Nicholas Nickleby," and was a type of the Yorkshire schools. The picture of Squeers is a striking example of Dicken's power of caricature. He says: "He had but one eye, and the popular prejudice runs in favor of two. The eye he had was unquestionably useful, but decidedly not ornamental, being of a greenish gray, and in shape resembling the fanlight of a street door. The blank side of his face was much wrinkled and puckered up, which gave him a very sinister appearance, especially when he smiled, at which times his expression bordered closely on the villainous."

John Browdie voiced the sentiment of the whole world when Nicholas met him in the road and told him he was leaving the place because he had thrashed this petty tyrant. "Giv' us thee hond agean, youngster," he said. "Beatten thee schoolmeaster! Dang it, I loove thee for 't!"

The story of this school is thought by some to have accomplished more in establishing free schools in England than any other influence. At any rate the reform that has since taken place is so great that the present generation can hardly believe that such monsters as Squeers were ever tolerated in the schools of England, and yet Dickens says in his preface to *Nicholas Nickleby* that "Mr. Squeers and his school are faint and feeble pictures of an existing reality, purposely subdued and kept down, lest they should be deemed impossible and that there are upon record trials at law in which damages have been sought as a poor recompense for lasting agonies and disfigurements inflicted upon children by the treatment of the masters in these places, involving such offensive and foul details of neglect, cruelty and disease as no writer of fiction would have the boldness to imagine."

One of the foundation principles of the new education is that fear must have no place in the training of children, and as we recall the schools of Dickens we find this principle emphasized above all others. He teaches us to despise the man, whether teacher, parent or public officer, who tries to rule a child by fear, by cruelty or by humiliation. Thousands of hearts have been touched with sympathy for little *Oliver Twist* as he was buffeted, terrorized and abused by the officious *Bumble* in the parish poor house. And again we hate the gloomy and heartless *Mr. Murdstone*, who seemed to think that when he became *David Copperfield's* stepfather, little *David* became his chattel. We are fired with indignation when he turns him over to mercy of *Mr. Creakle*, whose school was conducted largely on the *Squeers* plan, and when *Creakle* pinches *David's* ear and switches his bare legs just to show what a "Tartar" he is, we want to twine our fingers in his thin gray hair and bump his head on *Mr. Murdstone's* nose.

But it was not only the physical maltreatment of children against which the great author aimed his shafts. He attacked abuses of the intellect and called attention to certain errors in methods of teaching which did not yield so readily to his pen. One of them is still in evidence in the schools of the present day, notwithstanding the advance of the new education, viz: the rapid crowding of a young mind through a prescribed course of study, regardless of its natural capacity, in order to tickle the vanity of the parents or to enhance the reputation of the school—a process familiarly known as “cramming.” The evil of this practice was never more strikingly portrayed than in Dr. Blimber’s school so vividly pictured in “*Dombey & Son*.”

Mr. Dombey was wrapped up in his little son Paul and impatient for the time to come when he could be in fact, as well as in fancy, a member of the firm of *Dombey & Son*. Though sickly, he was sent to Dr. Blimber’s school when he ought to have been in nature’s great sanitarium, “*Out-doors*.” His reception as described in the story, gives the reader at once an idea of the school.

“The doctor was sitting in his portentous study, with a globe at each knee, books all around him, Homer over the door, and Minerva on the mantel shelf. ‘And how do you do, Sir?’ he said to Mr. Dombey; ‘and how do you do, my little friend? Ha! Shall we make a man of him?’

“‘Do you hear, Paul?’ added Mr. Dombey; Paul being silent. ‘Shall we make a man of him?’ repeated the doctor. ‘I had rather be a child,’ replied Paul.”

Paul’s preference was evidently not considered a wise one by his father and Dr. Blimber, and the man-making process began. He was turned over to Miss Cornelia Blimber, and thereafter the doctor’s watchword was “Bring him on, Cornelia! Bring him on!” The delicate boy was forced to memorize confused masses of words that had no meaning to him, and because he learned easily was driven harder and harder. The man-making process ended in the death of little Paul and the blasting of Mr. Dombey’s hopes.

Dr. Blimber was to his school of boys what Mr. Burbank is to an apple orchard or a field of potatoes. He had a great

reputation for turning out an intellectual product that quite surprised those who furnished the seeds or cuttings. "All the boys blew before their time. Mental green peas were produced at Christmas and intellectual asparagus all the year round. Nature was of no consequence at all. No matter what a young gentleman was intended to bear, Dr. Blimber made him bear to pattern, some how or other. This was all very pleasant and ingenious, but the system of forcing was attended with its usual disadvantages. There was not the right taste about the premature productions, and they didn't keep well. Moreover, one young gentleman, with a swollen nose and an excessively large head (the oldest of the ten who had gone through every thing) suddenly left off blowing one day, and remained in the establishment a mere stalk. And people did say that the doctor had rather overdone it with young Toots, and that when he began having whiskers he left off having brains."

It is since *Dombey & Son* was written that teachers have found out that the memorizing of words not understood by the pupil is a mistaken method, and that the cramming process is a sin against nature.

Another of Dickens' schools that has helped to mould the teaching methods of the present day was Thomas Gradgrind's school, described in "Hard Times," as taught by Mr. McChoakumchild. In this school Dickens portrayed the evil of suppressing the imagination in children and demonstrated that a mere knowledge of facts does not constitute an education. Since "Hard Times" was written the Christian world has realized that while weeping over the cruel heathen custom of binding children's feet, it has been guilty of a far graver offense in binding children's souls, and now one of the fundamental ideas taught in our normal schools in the cultivation of the imagination in children. There has been a complete revolution from the Gradgrind idea that children "are to be in all things regulated and governed by fact" and that school boards are to be composed of "commissioners of fact, who will force the people to be a people of fact and of nothing but fact." Sissy Jupe was taught in Mr. Gradgrind's school that flowers in carpets were in very bad taste, because

as a matter of fact, flowers were not made to be walked on or to set chairs or tables on. For similar reasons birds and butterflies should never be painted on crockery, but only mathematical figures, which are susceptible of proof and demonstration. The five young Gradgrinds were brought up on this theory. They were not allowed to read poetry or fiction; they heard no stories; they had no fairies in their lives, no giants nor genii, no Little Boy Blue, nor Little Jack Horner. A cow, to them was "a gramnivorous ruminating quadruped" and no more. Facts were the beginning and end of the Gradgrind philosophy, and from this error, Mr. Gradgrind was not awakened until he saw his son a criminal and his daughter's life wrecked as its logical result.

Many other schools were pictured by Dickens. Dr. Strong's excellent school, Miss Wackles' Ladies' Seminary, Miss Monlathers' fashionable boarding school, Mr. Marton's school, which was the very opposite of the Squeers school, the Grinders' school, Miss Donney's school, Mr. Wopsle's great aunt's school, and others good and bad. It is said that no less than twenty-eight schools are described in his works, not including Fagin's school for pickpockets, Scrooge's school, Mr. Cripples' Academy and several other institutions only briefly mentioned. Besides these he describes a real school in American Notes—Dr. Howe's school for the blind, in Boston, which deeply impressed him with its humanitarian spirit and its remarkable work.

That so much of the great novelist's writings should have been devoted to the teaching, training and treatment of children shows him to have been closely in sympathy with child life, and in truth the end of time alone can tell how much the children of later generations are indebted to Charles Dickens. He has been called "the chief English apostle of childhood," and certainly he is worthy of the name.

We are filled with wonder at the never ending procession of characters which people his works, all of them living and moving before us, and each maintaining his own identity through a wilderness of plot which even taxes the alertness of the reader to follow. We are touched with his pathos and delighted with his ever abounding humor. We admire the

keenness of his sarcasm and are charmed with his word painting. The brilliant entertainer and the profound teacher were never so combined in one mortal before or since. What is the key to this wonderful combination? Perhaps it can be no better explained than in the words of Esther Summerson in *Bleak House*, a character who was evidently the author's ideal of human sympathy: "When I love a person very tenderly indeed my understanding seems to brighten; my comprehension is quickened when my affection is."

So Charles Dickens' loving sympathy for children was the mainspring which quickened and inspired him to the great achievements which have delighted and blessed the world.

After his death, there was found in his desk a poem, entitled "The Children." Two of its stanzas contain the key to the mind of the great author:

"Oh, my heart grows as weak as a woman's,
And fountains of sorrow will flow,
When I think of the paths steep and stony
Where the feet of the dear ones must go;
Of the mountains of sin hanging o'er them,
Of the tempests of fate blowing wild;
Oh, there's nothing on earth half so holy
As the innocent heart of a child!

They are idols of hearts and of households,
They are angels of God in disguise,
His sunLight still sleeps in their tresses,
His glory still beams in their eyes;
Oh, those truants from earth and from heaven,
They have made me more manly and mild,
And I know how Jesus could liken
The Kingdom of God to a child."

—Sadie Van Buskirk, Alpha '05.



AN AID IN STARTING RIGHT

The subject of preparation for the fraternity life is one that heretofore has claimed too little of our attention. If a girl has lived in a college town all her life, she possesses a more or less definite amount of knowledge in regard to fraternities, knows that they differ somewhat from the societies and clubs she belongs to and usually hopes if she goes to college, to be asked to join one. If an older sister is already a member, she is apt to be a loyal champion of that fraternity even though her knowledge be limited to the colors and the shape of the pin. On the other hand, a girl who comes from another city is often greatly confused and bewildered by the way she is received. She cannot understand why the college girls are so cordial, but accept it as a part of her good fortune that she should be invited to spreads and nutting parties and to the matinee. The girls all seem to have good times together and as far as she can see, there isn't much difference between the girls who wear a pin with a monogram and the girls whose badges have Greek letters. And if she be asked to join both societies, she frequently does not realize that she is deciding between a local society and a national fraternity. Sometimes in colleges where the faculty or the Pan-Hellenic rules do not limit the social functions given by societies, there is apt to be so much stress placed upon these features that the girl has an entirely mistaken idea of fraternity life. Such a condition is not only an injustice to the new girls but it places the fraternity in a false light.

But suppose the Freshman has given her pledge to join a Greek letter fraternity, how is she to be prepared to take an intelligent part in the life she is about to enter? Is it to be taken for granted that she will gradually absorb information with no more effort on her part than it takes to breathe? Or, do you tell her "If there is anything you want to know about, don't be afraid to ask questions?" The average girl will hesitate to take you at your word for fear of being thought ignorant and unsophisticated.

In some of the fraternities an attempt to solve the problem has been made by appointing an upper class girl to talk with each pledged girl, or by giving her fraternity literature, such as Baird's Manual, the fraternity magazines, or such articles as the one by Birdseye, in the Outlook for last August. In either case, how is the chapter to be assured that the desired result has been accomplished?

It may be that the conscientious girl to whom the duty of "educating the Freshman" has been assigned will take time to explain the fraternity system and will show her that the fraternity she is about to join has a past and a present and a future beyond the life of the chapter she is acquainted with. Yet, "the best laid schemes o' mice an' men gang aft a-gley" and in spite of good intentions the talk may be interrupted or postponed or crowded into a few hurried moments between appointments. Again, without explanation, the girl may not find the printed matter very clear and without guidance, she certainly would not be able to select from the wealth of material the information most essential to her needs.

The following experiment was tried by Beta Chapter, this year, and it met with such success, that the continuance of the custom seems assured. In the fall, after the girls were pledged, a committee, consisting of two active members and one alumna, was appointed to prepare for them a set of topics relating to general fraternity life. These included such questions as the origin and development of the fraternity system, the difference between general, local, and professional fraternities, why some faculties are opposed, while others approve, and, in general, the good and the evil in the system. They were also given books and periodicals containing the answers and just before initiation they passed a written examination on the topics.

When this work is conscientiously done, each girl should be ready for active fraternity life, and more than that, should be able to talk intelligently with those unfamiliar with the system. When a girl goes home for the holidays and is questioned concerning the colors she wears so proudly, she will be able to say more than "Oh, those are my Frat. colors; a Frat. is an awfully nice society, the girls are lovely

and we have lots of fun." Do not be too severe in your criticism of the girl. In many cases the chapter is at fault for not seeing to it that she can give a better reply.

It will be readily seen that the character of this examination in no way interferes with the annual examination, given under the direction of the grand council, that deals especially with the fraternity, its constitution and by-laws, and with the problems that only an initiated person could understand.

More definite action to meet this need has already been taken by some of the men's fraternities, including Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, and several others. For instance, in the Sigma Chi fraternity, a booklet has been published under the direction of the Grand Historian, which contains general information about fraternities, as well as a brief sketch of the history of Sigma Chi, together with a set of questions on the text. The two-fold advantages of this is that it not only places in the hands of each person the exact information desired, but also in such shape that it can be referred to easily at any future time.

Whatever may be the method best suited to the conditions in various chapters, let there be some definite plan that will bring about the desired result, for it is the duty of each chapter to see that the new girls start right.

Mary Lucinda Perine,
Beta, '02.

AN ALPHA CHI OF STAGEDOM

When I'm in the east I'm glad, when I'm in the west I'm glad, when I'm in the north and in the south I'm glad—I'm an Alpha Chi. Can you dear sisters from everywhere realize what it meant to me when one day after an all night ride on one of those "slow trains through Arkansas" I opened my eyes on two of our pins? Perhaps you don't know what music those lyres were to my dormant senses, or how glad I was all over again to be an Alpha Chi who could meet two sisters, and know we had a fast bond between us. It took

only a minute before we were in person what we all are in spirit—sisters and how we talked and how soon their station was called! But as the train pulled out again and the sister from Wisconsin and the sisters from Evanston drifted apart, all that our sorority means, its absolute stability and protection, rushed over the “sister of the lakes.” And she turned back to the irksomeness of “an awful jump” with something sweet and lasting in her soul, a bit stronger in her love for Alpha Chi and mankind.

I don't suppose there is any walk in life where one may see more, know more, or feel more than in the theatrical profession. For the first three weeks the newness of everything was delightful, and you wondered at the omnipresent grouch found in some of the older actors when night jumps or early morning jumps were your lot. But by the time the novelty of a good make-up and a prompt reply to cues had worn off, you, too, had no desire to stand in the wings. You even found yourself running a mighty close yawn-race with the most bored ones, and speaking in the regulation sharp voice to often stupid “props.”

Of course we played college towns and a frat pin and a hat-pin won me friends among the brotherhood. Sometimes on the train nearing a city the car would fill with students going to school. The sight of them, all care-free, and cared for, used often to make my heart cry out just to be back with the girls, and I'd cover my pin in a hand-caress and stare hard through the window. But when at eight o'clock “overture” would be bellowed through the halls, the music would begin that charm which gradually enfolds me until I am held powerless in the grasp of the stage. O, it may mean much to one but only through the good it may do. To my home, to my dear Alpha Chi, and to the one God, I owe my conviction of right, which I want so to work out. The problems which were big and important to us in school, the gay bantering and the “hops” of those days in Alpha Chi, even the “cons” if we got any all work toward a grand whole, what all we girls strive for, a womanhood of use.

Grace G. Wynden, Kappa.

INSTALLATION OF LAMBDA

We had worked and hoped and waited for this so eagerly! It was only one stride in the glorious career we were to make for Alpha Chi,—but it was a great one. And some of us are thankful that installation did not come any sooner; for in those weeks we were all pulling in the same boat, and we learned to love and understand each other, as one can only through constant association in practical activity.

The preparation was not easy; we were treading upon unfamiliar ground; discouragements were not lacking, and we had to struggle to uphold our ideals, when to let down the bars meant a material advance. Sometimes too, we came dangerously near—how dangerously we realize only now—to making mistakes which might have been fatal. But a kind providence,—or was it the invisible genius of Alpha Chi?—was guiding our course; we do not yet see that we made any false steps.

The first mention of installation in meeting, voiced what had long been in our thoughts, and quickened our pulses with its utterance. After the date was set, we were all constantly busy; numberless details required attention; we were rushing and preparing for installation at the same time, and our last acceptance, which made our number a round dozen—came the morning of initiation.

Lambda as it exists at present is in a way exceptional; perhaps fortunately so. It includes girls of opposite types. There is the quiet, soft-voiced, studious girl (we expect her to take Phi Beta Kappa); there is the jolly, wholesome, whole hearted girl; there is the breezy, independent sort, glorious in the perfect strength of health and poise—brilliant, yet tender; there are some of few words, but with a faculty for planning things, which amounts to positive genius; and there are some, who shine conspicuously in the witty, if somewhat fragmentary small talk which is requisite in entertaining.

Through these very differences of ability and inclination, we can usually find the right individual for the place, and

thus facilitate and simplify matters as would be less possible among girls of the same general type.

Our plans were laid. The spark needed to set them off came in the form of a telegram Monday night: "I arrive in Syracuse 12:30 noon. Please meet me at the station. Mrs. Richard Tennant."

About noon the next day two girls with scarlet carnations pinned on their jackets, were anxiously scanning the train bulletin in the noisy depot. The train was late on account of a heavy snowfall, but it finally drew in, and among the crowd entering the depot came a lady, petite, dignified looking, a little pale and tired from her long journey. The girls caught sight of the lyre on her waist, she caught sight of the scarlet carnations; introductions were soon made, and in a short time the cab left the three at the hotel which was to be Mrs. Tennant's residence during her stay. Before dinner Chancellor Day was interviewed, and a tour of the campus made. This had to be short, on account of the bitter cold.

At eight that evening occurred the initiation of Lambda, of Alpha Chi Omega, at the residence of Dr. Coddington on Walnut Park. It made all of us very, very happy.

On the following evening occurred our first initiation banquet, held in a private dining room at "The Yates." The room was filled with a soft but radiant glow from numerous scarlet shaded and fringed candelabra; in the center of the table stood a huge vase of scarlet carnations and fern; and at each place lay one of the long stemmed flowers with menu and toast list.

The toast list was as follows:

Toastmistress	Adelaide J. Durston, '07
The Keynote	Olive C. Morris, '08
Tremulo	Ruth G. Harlowe, '09
Suspensions and Anticipations	Frances L. Waldo, '08
Arpeggios and Chords	Helen A. Cunningham, '09
Major and Minor	Jessie B. Lansing, '08
The Grand Harmony	Mrs. Richard Tennant

That the responses were all well done, that the toast mistress presided with grace and dignity, that we laughed heartily at some, and grew thoughtful and silent at others was a matter of course. I do not think we shall ever forget the beauti-

ful response by Mrs. Tennant: "Rabbi Ben Ezra" has now richer memories than before.

At seven the evening of the next day, a jolly happy crowd of us gathered at the station to see Mrs. Tennant off. We chatted and planned for the next convention until train time, and then accompanied her down the long dim platform to her car, where we saw her mount the steps. As she turned to go into her stateroom, however, the clang and clamor of the bells arose; the train began to glide along; her one hand upon the doorway, she turned back towards us again, and with the light from within shining upon her face, and upon the scarlet carnation which she wore, she smiled down upon us a last goodbye until the car had passed.

We are as yet but young in deed; that we have hard problems to face, we know; but that we shall master them, we also know. And whatever befalls, may we ever stand, as we strive now daily, as proud and true and loyal "Alpha Chis."

Olive C. Morris, Lambda '08.

ALPHA CHI OMEGA INSTALLS LAMBDA CHAPTER AT SYRACUSE

The following is an account of the installation of Lambda Chapter, copied from the Syracuse Daily Orange:

On Tuesday evening at the home of Dr. Coddington on Walnut avenue Alpha Chi Omega installed in this University its Lambda Chapter. The grand chapter was represented by Mrs. Richard Tennant, of Terre Haute, Ind., the national vice-president.

"The charter members of the local chapter are: Adelaide J. Durston '07, Skaneateles; Olive C. Morris '8, Syracuse; Nellie R. Minott '08, Bowdingham, Me; Frances L. Waldo '08, Syracuse; Jessie B. Lansing '08,, Clinton Mills, N. Y.

"The initiates are: Harriett G. Moore, '08, Delphi Falls; Majorie R. Wall '08, Wilkesbarre, Pa.; Evelyn C. Peterson '08, Bayonne, N. J.; Stella K. Crowell '09, Seneca Falls; Martha Lee, '09, Broadalbin, N. Y.; Ruth A. Harlow, '09, Auburn; Helen A. Cunningham '09, Mt. Vernon.

"Alpha Chi Omega was founded in De Pauw University in 1885 by Dean Howe. The fraternity comes here with ten chapters in the prominent universities and colleges of the East and West. Following is the roll of chapters: Alpha, Depauw University; Beta, Albion College; Gamma, Northwestern University; Delta, Allegheny College; Epsilon, University of Southern California; Zeta, New England Conservatory; Eta, Bucknell University; Theta, University of Michigan; Iota, University of Illinois; Kappa, University of Wisconsin; Lambda, Syracuse University.

"The new chapter is considering several desirable houses on the hill and in a short time will probably make its choice of a chapter house for next year.

"Following the installation Lambda of Alpha Chi Omega held its first initiation banquet at the Yates last evening. During the evening Toastmistress Adelaide J. Durston, '07, called for the following toasts: "The Keynote," Olive C. Morris, '08; "Tremulo," Ruth G. Harlow '09; "Suspensions and Anticipations," Frances L. Waldo '08; "Arpeggios and Chords," Helen A. Cunningham '09; "Major and Minor," Jessie B. Lansing, '08; "The Grand Harmony," Mrs. Richard Tennant."

A JINGLE

Sing a song of Alpha Chis;
 Hearts as true as gold,
 Sing a song of laughing eye—
 Half the story's told.

Alpha Chi's a jolly frat—
 This is known by all;
 But it's something more than that,
 As you will recall.

"Come up higher," is our cry;
 Sisterhood our aim;
 Loyalty to Alpha Chi
 Is more than just a name.

Here's to the best of all the frats,
 And the sisters of the tribe
 Of Alpha Chi Omega:—that's
 The wish of this, your scribe.

—Florence Fall, Beta '09.

ALPHA'S REUNION

All Alpha Chis are invited to attend the annual reunion of Alpha Chapter to be held at Indianapolis the first Saturday in April.

BETA REUNION

In this number of the Lyre, Beta wishes to announce her reunion, which is to be held in Albion, June 14-15. The occasion is her twentieth anniversary and it seems fitting that we should gather together to gain inspiration from each other. From the point of view of the active girl, this is most desirable. As much may be learned by knowing the methods the "old girls" employed. On the other hand, from the point of view of the Alumnae, it seems to be *the* time of all times to come back and get in touch with the active chapter. The reunion will be held during commencement week, in connection with the commencement festivities. This would seem to be a special inducement to the Alumnae, who will thus have an opportunity to meet again the college friends of their own class who are back to revisit the old haunts at this time. The annual banquet will be held during this week, as well as other social functions, which will surely bring back the old days.

We present this to you in this issue, so that you may begin planning to come. To make this a success, you must co-operate with the active chapter. Make your plans so that you can be with us. Beta wishes to extend this invitation to every Alpha Chi. We feel that the highest ideal of our fraternity life may be realized only by strengthening the bonds between us and our sister chapters. This would be an excellent opportunity for you to become acquainted with the Beta girls. Begin thinking about it! Remember it is a duty to the chapter, and above all—come! Don't forget the dates, June 14-15!

Lulu Babcock, '07.





ZETA'S ROOMS.

Editorials

We are very glad to introduce to our readers, Lambda Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, whose first chapter letter appears in this issue of the Lyre.

We extend to her our heartiest welcome and may she, through the pages of the Lyre become acquainted with her sisters until she has a chance to greet them personally at next convention.

The article in this number "An Aid in Starting Right," written by Mary L. Perine, Beta, should be read carefully by the members of each chapter and then discussed freely in fraternity meeting that it may lead each chapter to employ the same or a similar method to aid the new girls to become familiar with the true meaning of fraternity at the beginning of their fraternity life.

We are glad that this issue goes to press with material missing from only two chapters and we wish to say that the reason of Gamma's and Iota's silence in the December number was the fault of the printer.

Their letters for some unexplainable reason were lost after they were in the hands of the printer.



Chapter Letters

ALPHA

Almost six weeks of the second term of school have passed and we are already looking forward to spring vacation and the joys of spring term. Four of these weeks have been spent in "spiking," and as a result of our efforts, we pledged on Thursday, January thirty-first, Bernice Anderson, Rushville. Marie Neal, Indianapolis, Margaret Smith, New Palestine, Grace Meserve and Mary Barlow, Robinson, Ill., Bernice Kiefer and Mary Harris, Greencastle.

We are more than delighted with our new girls, and think we have seven of the finest girls in school.

On Saturday night, the ninth of February, we initiated our pledges and now have a chapter roll of twenty-nine.

Our last party for the new girls was an informal, given January the twenty-sixth. We served a luncheon at six, afterwards presenting in a very attractive "Roof Garden Theatre" in the third story, a burlesque on "Babes in the Woods" and a farce from "Midsummer Nights Dream."

On February the first a special train took several hundred De Pauw students to the State Oratorical, held at Indianapolis.

Our representative won third place.

We are glad to have with us this term, Essie Neff, Epsilon, who has affiliated with us.

BETA

Beta is delighted to welcome our new Lambda chapter and wish her the very best of success.

Since our last letter to the Lyre, we have pledged two new girls of whom we are very proud: La Vida Darby and Sue Greacen.

As a result of the January initiation, we are glad to introduce four new sisters to you: Adeline Ballamy, Jean McDonald and Emma and Jane Pattenson.

On January eleventh, we entertained informally our gentlemen friends at the lodge. The souvenirs were tiny hand-painted Lyres of water color paper.

January ninth, we entertained a few guests and alumnae at a pot-luck supper.

Just at present the question of Student Government is occupying the attention of the students here. As it is our first attempt at anything of the kind we are all anxious to see the outcome.

Saturday afternoon, January twenty-sixth, Beta gave a reception to all the girls of the college. Several musical numbers were rendered and light refreshments were served.

The Oratorio "Elijah" was given here, February sixth, by the Choral Union under the direction of Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, Dean of Music.

Mildred Sherk, a conservatory teacher, and one of our active girls, has accepted the position as organist in the First Methodist Church in Port Huron, Mich. We all regret very much that she is to leave us.

All of our active and pledged girls and their gentlemen friends were entertained at a valentine party on February 1, at the home of Olah Hill.

February eighth, we gave a very informal party for the boys, at the home of Florence Fall. Old-fashioned games, pulling taffy and roasting marshmallows were features of the evening.

One of our active girls, Daisie Newcomer, gave a Junior recital Thursday, February fourteenth.

Beta is planning a grand reunion to be held on June 14th and 15th.

GAMMA

These last two weeks of the Semester have been busy ones for those of Gamma's girls who have been taking college work. But now the "exes" are over, and we can relax again.

First of all we wish to introduce our new sisters, Jane Mansfield, Ethel Harshbarger, Ladoga, Ind.; Florence Kel-

ley, Madison, Wis., Relda Van Ryper, New Carlisle, Ind., and our latest pledge, Ray Gallagher, Canton, Ill.

The matinee dance given in Wilmette by the Pan-Hellenic, was enjoyable, and helped to make inter-sorority relations more cordial.

Within the past few weeks there have been several events of general university interest. The university faculty have been giving a series of Friday afternoon receptions at Willard Hall to the various college classes. Then, on January 28, Founders' Day was celebrated by an informal evening in the Northwestern University building in Chicago. Later, at the observance of the day of prayer for colleges, three Gamma girls, Hedwig Brennehan, May Smith and Myrta McKeon-Dennis sang in the beautiful "A Capella Choir."

Our Semester Informal was given at Wilmette, and we were glad to have a number of Gamma Alumnae present.

Since Christmas we have had several informal parties, among which have been our monthly "frat" suppers. January the twelfth, Ethel Ford entertained the chapter at her home in Ravenswood. February the ninth, after a jolly bob-sleigh ride, we finished the gay evening at the home of Grace Hopwood.

Seven Alpha Chis attended the "Inter-frat" dance on the evening of February the thirteenth, at Ravina, and on February the sixteenth Esther Hinman entertained the girls with a dancing party, at Wilmette.

At the Alpha Chi luncheon at Carson, Pirie's, February the second, it was decided to give an Alpha Chi musicale at the Fine Arts Building in Chicago, after the next luncheon. These monthly luncheons in Chicago are much enjoyed by such of the Gamma girls as are able to attend them.

EPSILON

The second term has opened brightly for U. S. C. with a large number of new students. College life has been unusually active this year and Alpha Chi has had her share of the successes.

Although our girls have been extremely busy, the term has not passed without its gain. Fraternity work has progressed in a most satisfactory manner while our regular programs have been interesting and helpful. Each girl is filled with enthusiasm in the planning of great things for the next few months.

Examinations are over, but the time is approaching when the seniors begin to measure the nearness of their recital nights by the few intervening weeks. Maud Hawley is preparing a splendid program which will be given soon.

It is almost time for the junior annual to appear. As unusual efforts have been exerted this year to make it a success, we are anxiously awaiting this number.

The close of the foot ball season has not left us without enthusiasm in athletics. Basket ball has absorbed the interest for the past few weeks and the boys' team won a hard fought battle from Occidental.

Next in line is base ball and even now a number of games are scheduled, not least among them being the game with the faculty which promises to furnish much amusement.

A number of our girls are taking active part in the Clonian Literary Society, a strong organization in the university. The work has been most interesting and we are proud that Alpha Chi girls have been able to assist.

We have also been represented in the College of Oratory recitals. In addition to the regular fortnightly programs was given, a very delightful public recital on the evening of February first. The college chapel had been artistically decorated for the occasion, the platform being transformed by a profusion of greenery and flowers. An excellent program was given, showing the splendid result of the term's work.

Mabel Chalfin and Myrtle McArthur leave on the 23d for a trip to Honolulu, with an excursion party under the management of the Chamber of Commerce of this city. They expect to visit the volcano now active and all places of interest on the islands. The Chamber of Commerce of Honolulu will entertain the party during their stay in the city, but they plan to spend most of the time on the boat. The girls prom-

ise to have a letter ready for the next number of the Lyre, descriptive of their trip.

Mrs. Van Cleve will open her beautiful new home to the chapter Saturday, February the ninth. In the afternoon the alumnae will join us and tea will be served. We will have a basket lunch and in the evening entertain our men friends.

Mr. Harry Clifford Lott, a well known baritone of this city appeared to great advantage a few weeks ago, in a varied program, which made the third in the series of Artists' Concerts given by the faculty during the winter. Mr. Lott was assisted by Mr. Mead and his daughter, flutists, and Miss Carrie Trowbridge, pianist.

It has been our privilege this winter to hear a number of prominent visiting artists, among others, Hekking, Wilzcek, Gobrilowitsch, and Mme. Schumann Heink. So you may see that we are not entirely isolated from the best advantages either in a musical or literary way.

Epsilon sends greetings to all the chapters.

ZETA

Life is rather strenuous just now for Zeta, with the elaborate preparations for the annual Musicale and Reception about to be given, and with another initiation imminent, and that lengthy examination looming nearer every day.

The Grand Chapter intends that we shall not be ignorant concerning Fraternity matters in general, and this is a wise provision, even though it does make us draw a long breath when we read over the list of questions.

Boston is having the usual feast of good things in the way of concerts, and it is hard to know which to choose and which to leave out, since one cannot possibly take them all in.

Several of our Honoraries have recently been heard here in concerts which we have greatly enjoyed.

Mrs. Beach, Madame Szumowska and Fannie Bloomfield Zeisler have given delightful piano recitals, and Ellen Beach Yaw sang in Tremont Temple on December seventeenth, and some of us had the pleasure of meeting her afterward.

Madame Zeisler presented us with a very artistic photograph of herself which is to be framed and hung in the chapter room. We have been having little monthly parties this winter, limiting the expenditure to ten cents for each girl, and it is surprising to see how much fun we can have for the money.

Winifred Byrd recently gave a very interesting piano recital in Jordan Hall. The program was given with the delicacy and rare musical feeling that characterize her playing.

PROGRAMME

Bach.....	Suite in G minor	Prelude
		Sarabande
		Gavotte and Musette
		Gigue
Beethoven.....	Sonata, Op. 81	Adagio—Les Adieux
		Andante—L' Absence
		Vivace—Le Retour
Chadwick.....	"Le Crepuscule"	
Baermann.....	Etude	
Chopin.....	Prelude in Bb major	
	Prelude in Bb minor	
	Etude, Op. 25, No. 7	
	Etude, Op. 10, No. 5	
	Ballade in Ab	
Liszt.....	Concerto Pathetique in E minor,	
	for two Pianofortes	
	The second pianoforte is played by Mr. Carl Baermann	
	The Pianofortes are Steinway.	

The first week in February, Madame Szumowska entertained our Chapter at her charming home in Brookline. We look forward to this each year as a rare treat.

The Alumni Association, of the Conservatory, held a somewhat unique reunion in Jordan Hall, on the night of January thirtieth. It was called "Thirty-seven years in One," and on the lengthy, but very interesting program there was a representative from each of the thirty-seven classes that have

been graduated from this institution. Some made speeches, some sang, some played original compositions, (one of these, "A March for the funeral of a rag doll" causing great amusement,) and Mr. Louis Elson, with his inimitable wit contributed a humorous poem. There were many names on the program which have become very well known in the musical world, and of which the Conservatory has reason to be proud. After the program came the collation and a social time, and everyone agreed that the evening had been one of unusual enjoyment.

Zeta extends a welcoming hand to the newly established Lambda Chapter at Syracuse, and wishes it all prosperity.

THETA

The sisters of Theta Chapter are for the most part just recovering from the examinations which marked the close of the first semester, and two of them are also recovering from the junior hop which made Ann Arbor a scene of festivity last week. We have had many informal good times among ourselves during the last few months, but have done little in the way of elaborate or formal entertaining since our initiation and banquet last November and the dance which immediately followed it.

Our initiation and sorority banquet were held at the chapter house November 24th, 1906. The initiates were Maude Kleyn, of Holland, Mich.; Myrtle Harris, of Calumet, Mich., and Elizabeth Salliotte and Edith Leonard, of Detroit, Mich. Places were laid for thirty at the banquet.

November 26th, an informal dancing party was given at the chapter house which proved very successful.

A children's party was given just before the Christmas vacation at which the girls in youthful costumes celebrated with a Christmas tree.

Miss Leda Stimpson, of Grand Rapids, arrived in Ann Arbor just before Christmas and remained with us until the middle of January. She announced her engagement to Dr. Doolittle.

LAMBDA

Lambda sends greetings to her sisters. We have greatly enjoyed all the kind letters of congratulation, which have been sent us since we became Lambda of Alpha Chi Omega.

Our installation and initiation occurred the evening of December 18. What a revelation it was for us. As then for the first time, the possible meaning of true fraternity dawned upon us; its fullness and richness have been becoming clearer ever since. And who could have been as dear and helpful to her new sisters as Mrs. Tennant was? She seemed the very personification of what an ideal Alpha Chi ought to be.

Our initiation banquet followed, and although there were thirteen of us, we were not at all afraid, for Mrs. Tennant's Alpha Chi pin was surely enough to ward off any evil consequences.

Christmas holidays came next, within a very few days. But although they were as delightful as ever, I think we were all glad to come back and as full pledged Alpha Chis begin our work again.

Pledge Day has not been definitely decided by the Pan-Hellenic here, but will come before March first.

We have had a sleigh ride, heart party and several others since the New Year, and as a result hope to pledge several girls.

Nellie Minot, '08, is now in the hospital with scarlet fever. We expect to have her with us again, however, in about three weeks.

ALPHA ALPHA

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Chi has had many luncheons and several meetings since its installation that have been particularly pleasant for the girls from out-of-town chapters. We girls are able to renew from time to time acquaintances from other chapters than our own and also meet girls from our own chapter. The first Saturday in every month a luncheon is held in Chicago. There are usually fifteen or twenty girls representing many different chapters. At

one of the recent luncheons Delta, Gamma, Iota and Theta were represented.

On Saturday, March 2, a musical will be held at the studio of Gertrude Ogden (Delta) in the Fine Arts building. This will be preceded by the regular monthly luncheon which will probably be given at the Chicago Athletic Club.

The spring business meeting of Alpha Alpha will be held some time in April and will be preceded by a luncheon at one of the Chicago clubs.

A number of Evanston and North Shore alumnae have formed a card club which meets every two weeks and which has been entertained by Mrs. Pratt in Evanston, and Mrs. Miller in Chicago.

BETA BETA

Perhaps Indianapolis did not realize that something important was happening to a handful of her citizens, but to the few Alpha Chis within her gates, December the twelfth was a day to be recorded in history, Alpha Chi history, at least, for on that day the Indianapolis Alumnae held a meeting with the President, Miss Alta Roberts, and elected the following officers, who in turn signed the charter and under the name of Beta Beta Chapter assumed the new dignity of formal organization:

President, Alta Roberts; Vice President, Lillian Moore Cottingham; Corresponding Secretary, Daisy Steel Wilson; Recording Secretary, Anna Laura Adams; Treasurer, Lena Scott Wild; Historian, Florence Thompson Taggart; Lyre Correspondent, Ella Hill Thomson.

We make our bow to the Chicago Alumnae. They are first in name, but I appeal to you to greet your mothers—we are a little slow, I'll admit—can that be due to caution or the indifference of age, but we still claim the distinction of mother-hood because we have several charter members of Alpha with us, and honor is due them since they are the authors of our being; but theirs is not the only reflected glory by which we hope to shine—we have the editor and assistant

editor of the Lyre and they stir up our latent enthusiasm,—age again—and make us young in spite of gray hairs and grown up sons and daughters. We are fortunate in having these two extremes in our chapter and look forward to many good times.

Our state function, which usually takes place the first of February was postponed, the date now set is the sixth of April—that is tempting late, is it not? but we trust the lucky star of Alpha Chi—and say to all Alpha Chis in the state and out,

“You must come home with me and be my guest!
You will give joy to me, and I will do
All that is in my power to honour you.”

—Shelley.



Alumnae Notes

ENGAGEMENTS

Leda Stimpson, Theta, of Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Dr. Doolittle.

MARRIAGES

Ivy Susan Hovey, Theta, to James Grimes Fitch, Phi Rho sigma, October, thirty-first, at Tacoma, Washington—Address, Lordsburg, New Mexico.

BIRTHS

Clara Bull Waller, Zeta, has a second baby girl which arrived about Christmas time.

Mabel Dunn Madson, Gamma, a son, born in February. Maytie Vaughn Moulton, Gamma, of Deadwood, South Dakota, a son, born in October.

Mrs. White, Epsilon, a daughter.

Personals

Ruth Swan, Delta, visited Theta for two weeks during initiation time.

Shellie Smith, Alpha, is taking post work and attended initiation on February the ninth.

May Howey, Beta, is studying music in Chicago.

Theta—Mrs. Sturm, an Alpha Chi patroness, who formerly lived in Ann Arbor, is with us now as our chaperon.

Margaret Mosher, Beta, has been visiting in New York City.

Alta Miller, Alpha, has moved to Indian Territory.

Nellie Hilliker, Theta, has just undergone an operation in Mercy Hospital, Chicago, but her present condition indicates a rapid recovery.

Marian Ewell Pratt and husband are boarding in Evanston for the winter.

Cora Segars, Gamma, is living in Colorado Springs for her health.

Jennie McHatton, Alpha, is making an extended visit in Cleveland, Ohio.

Kate Calkins, Beta, is studying music in Chicago and living on the South Side.

Faith Butler, Theta, is spending the winter as organist and choir mistress in a church on the North Side.

Bess Lewelling, Alpha, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. W. Tucker, in Greencastle, for several days.

Sallie Morton, Zeta, is very busy and happy in her work with Harold Bauer in Paris.

Bertha Porter, Gamma, '06, was in Evanston on February the ninth.

Elmina Lank, Alpha, is teaching music in the public schools at Roachdale.

Mabel Barlow and Blanche Jones, Gamma, made the active chapter a visit on their way to Florida.

Gertrude Damon, Zeta, has decided to give up her Conservatory work for the remainder of the year and will devote all her time to her studies and church position in Hartford, Conn.

Florence Childs Wooley, Gamma, of Evanston, is recovering from scarlet fever.

Bonnibel Butler, Theta, is studying this winter at the Art Institute.

Edith Bradley, Beta, is spending the winter in Atlanta, Georgia.

Violet Truell Johnson, Zeta, has been obliged to return to her home in Plainfield, N. J., on account of ill health.

Nelle Schuyler and Enid Holmes, Theta, were guests at the Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon Houses during the junior hop.

Beta was glad to receive a short visit from Marguerite Bower, of the University of Wisconsin.

Rachael Williams, Hedwig Brenneman and May Smith, Gamma, spent February the sixteenth and seventeenth at the home of Hazel De Groff in Chicago.

Kate Granger, Beta, who graduated in voice last June is studying in Detroit, Michigan, this year.

Spicie Belle South, Zeta, has recently been heard from

in a very interesting letter. She is teaching voice in Frankfort, Ky.

Estelle Leonard, charter member of Alpha, has a very large piano class in Union City, Ind. They recently gave their eighth annual recital in the Union Grand Theatre, in that city.

Gamma—We are glad that Marie Siebach, of Peru, Ill., is with us again. She has been absent one semester.

Bess Goeschel, Theta, visited in Chicago for three weeks during January.

Lillian Siller Wyckoff, Gamma, of Evanston, is recovering from typhoid fever.

Beta Beta Alumnae Chapter will give its monthly luncheon at Ayers Grill Room on Tuesday, March the twelfth.

EXCHANGES

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to the following:

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The Lyre acknowledges the receipt of the following exchanges.

December—The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.—The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The Phi Gamma Delta.

January.—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.—The Beta Theta Pix. The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

The Trident for June has an article dealing with the history of Alumnae Chapters of all the women's fraternities, having six or more chapters. Phi Beta Phi was the leader in the movement, and Alpha Phi followed the lead, forming two alumnae chapters, Chicago and Boston in 1889.

The writer of the article has the following regarding the plan of organizing alumnae members:

"When the fraternity movement was started among the women at college, close on to forty years, the idea of edu-

cation for women was not at all popular in many schools. In fact, girls needed more than an ordinary amount of courage to complete a course in those days. But though the door had been opened only enough to let them in, they were there to stay. At once the problem confronted them—how could they overcome the very evident prejudice against them and make their position in college secure. As an answer to this came the idea of Fraternity. Thus gradually the fraternities became established and flourished partly from the desire for closer companionship among the girls themselves and partly because the promoters realized that they could more effectively secure recognition in colleges as an organization than as individuals. They were founded purely for benefits in college, with no thoughts of anything further. But it was only natural that wearers of the same pin living, after college days, in the same town, should meet occasionally and talk over college and fraternity days. And as they talked eventually the query rose—why not organize out of college and keep in touch with the “golden days of youth” though those days (for them) were past? Fraternity foundation principles were strong enough to stand the test of after life, and should not the fraternity be the means of keeping the happy college life from slipping entirely away to the dreamy past? It could be, and thus it was as a sort of evolutionary process that Alumnae chapters were formed. Their object was at first, among all the fraternities, merely to strengthen or renew friendships. Then came the desire to help the active girls; first, by their influence, then in more practical ways as the problems of chapter rooms and houses appeared. Later came scholarships and loan funds for worthy members, or for chapters wishing to build, settlement work, philanthropic work, etc. While the work varies in individual chapters according to circumstances or conditions, for all fraternities it is practically the same.”—Alphi Phi Quarterly.

“Among the so-called college publications, a fraternity magazine occupies a peculiar sphere and exerts a peculiar influence. It is the one tangible bond between chapters, necessarily far separated. There is no room in a fraternity maga-

zine for "quips and cranks and wanton wiles," for jokes familiar to one chapter would be wholly unintelligible to another. Instead, in our Eleusis—and I take that as a model fraternity magazine—there is room for sisterly letters filled with good wishes, good advice, accounts of work and accounts of play; there is room for clever, scholarly articles by the students of the sisterhood; there is room for dainty little lyrics, voicing the merits of Chi Omega; there is room for the editor's confidential chat with her contributors; and there is room—for we are broad-minded—for a brief review of other fraternity publications. Then, too, a fraternity magazine is the 'outward and visible' mark of the fraternity's ideals, goals and ambitions. It is the standard by which the outside world estimates the Fraternity."—"Eleusis" of Chi Omega.

"A large chapter is not necessarily a strong one, nor is a small chapter necessarily weak. It is quality that we wish whether we are large or small. Unity is more easily brought about when there are but few, and, for this reason, a large chapter, in which there is perfect unity, is all the more to be admired. By this unity I do not mean that every girl should lay aside her individuality and agree to everything that anyone else thinks or proposes. Each one should bring her individuality into the fraternity meeting and give her opinion on the question discussed. When the final decision is made let the chapter act unanimously. Outsiders are the first to notice any lack of unity in a chapter, and likewise are the first to criticize such a lack, therefore the best plan is to give them no chance to criticize"—Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Kappa Kappa Gamma announces the installation of a Chapter Beta Upsilon in West Virginia University, Saturday, December the twenty-second, Nineteen hundred and six, Morgantown, West Virginia.

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PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS OF GRAND OPERA IN PARIS

We were simply delighted to know that the plans of our party were completed, and that we were to attend grand opera in Paris. We had seen the "Theatre National de l'Opera" in the day time, and had admired its beauty and its magnificence. Situated, as it is, at the end of avenue de l'Opera, with rue Auber and rue de la Paix on either side, it makes an imposing appearance as one approaches it.

This opera house, which was built in 1861-74, is the largest theater in the world, covering nearly three acres; although there are two theaters in Italy which surpass its seating capacity of two thousand one hundred and fifty-six. As we approached the building, we noticed that it was constructed of light gray stone or granite. The broad, low steps lead to seven arched doors on the first floor, while above these are seven corresponding windows opening upon as many balconies with white balustrades. The massive columns across the front are of ornate, Corinthian architecture, while an immense low dome surmounts the roof. The facade is exceedingly rich in statuary, of which the most noticeable is the celebrated group of "La Danse" by Carpeaux, the seven others representing music, lyric and idyllic poetry, declamation, song, drama and lyric drama.

So much for the exterior of the theater in the daytime. We had admired it then, but our admiration grew into wonder as we entered the doors in the evening. The "Foyer du Public" is broad and magnificent with its white marble floor and

massive Corinthian columns decorated profusely with gold; while the portieres and upholstering of the chairs are of rich red velvet, adding much to the general effect of beauty. Then as we ascended the grand staircase of white marble, with its balustrades of red antique and hand-rails of Algerian onyx, we did not wonder that it is considered the finest staircase in Europe.

When we reached the second floor, a surprise awaited us, for instead of being shown to our box by a masculine usher, we found maids dressed in neat black gowns, who graciously took our wraps and unlocked the door of our box. From our position in the auditorium we could see that above the main floor of seats, were four tiers of boxes all around the theater. The mural paintings, the curtain, and the elaborate chandeliers all carried out the whole idea of rich splendor in the decorations.

About the time the orchestra began the strains of "Wilhelm Tell," we looked around for librettos, but, much to our disappointment, we could procure nothing in English, so we had to be satisfied with the French, and I, indeed, was truly thankful that I had some knowledge of that language, for while all of us knew the main plot of the opera, we had forgotten many of the details.

The music was fine, the soloists and the chorus being excellent. The scenery, too, held a particular attraction for us, since we had, just a short time before, come through that old, historic village of Altdorf and through the Swiss country bordering the shores of Lake Geneva. The shipwreck was simply marvelous—and it was, indeed, hard to realize that we were looking upon a stage scene instead of upon the beautiful Lake Geneva lashed to a fury by the storm.

The "stars" were not those whom we are accustomed to hear in grand opera in this country, as it was the summer season, but it seemed to me that they compared very favorably with them. The representation of the Alpine horn was so real that we could almost see again the old Swiss peasant who, for a few centimes, had given us an exhibition of his skill upon that instrument of such sweet and powerful tones. How distinctly its echo had come back to us from those magnificent

snow-capped mountains! Of course, the "apple scene" was intensely interesting, for it was very well acted. Tell's aim was perfectly true, and he performed his delicate task without the slightest effort.

Another attraction was the scene containing the ballet dancing, with all of its bewitching grace—the two principal dancers seeming more like fairies than like human beings. I had never before seen such wonderful dancing—but then where else could one expect to see an accomplishment of that kind so well performed as in "Gay Paris?"

How we regretted that there must be an end to that evening! After the last song had died away and the orchestra had ceased its music, yes, even after we had gone down to our carriage and had driven back to our hotel, the charm of it all was still upon us.

Mabel Harriet Siller, Gamma.

A GLIMPSE OF CALIFORNIA

In this busy world of ours stop just a moment and let me tell you a little about a few of the beautiful spots away out west in California.

Having been brought up in Evanston, I have an eye for the beautiful in nature, and find my aesthetic tastes thoroughly satisfied out here on the Pacific Coast.

In speaking of Evanston my thoughts turn naturally to the college campus and the enchanting lake shore, a most beautiful setting for the stately university buildings.

Pasadena has been called the Evanston of the west, and if it but had a university, with a campus and a lake, it well might honor the name, for a more beautiful spot seldom has been seen, every city and all classes of people have contributed to make it so, from Buffalo bankers to St. Louis brewers, every yard is a park and everything and everybody is on dress parade every day.

Mount Lowe and Mount Wilson are the greatest mountain attractions. Mount Lowe, if you want the cable to do

the work, and Mount Wilson, if you are willing to work a little yourself.

It is said that Mount Lowe has the most wonderful cable incline in the world, at the top of which, over six thousand feet high, is "Ye Alpine Tavern," an inn patterned after the long ago. The car stops in front of the door, you get out and go in and the first thing that you see is an enormous fireplace with great logs either burning or waiting to be lighted; in the winter they are always burning brightly, making one think of stories mother used to tell and almost to believe that your life had turned back fifty years.

The orchards and vineyards and cities are spread out below you in a wonderful panorama and even the old ocean, forty miles away may be clearly outlined. This is an easy mountain trip, but if you are after real fun and are willing to undergo a little fatigue, take the trolley to the foot of Mount Wilson and then the burros—one for yourself, one for your friend and one for your traps—now you are ready for a five hours trip in and out of the canyons around the mountains and before you are half up to the top, you will be sure of one of two things, either your burro knows a good deal or doesn't know anything. But it is on this trip that you really enjoy yourself, creeping along up the mountain, looking back to see and be surprised at the short distance you have gone, crossing and recrossing the same stream many times—cold as ice and clear as crystal—satisfying your ravenous appetite from your lunch basket, marveling at the growth of the shrubbery and magnificence of the trees, wishing you could carry home the sword fern and asparagus plumosis to deck your rooms.

But at length you are at the top and with the setting of the sun you are ready for that sound and refreshing sleep that only a trip in the mountains and an elevation of fourteen thousand feet can bring. Of course you will be up next morning in time to see the sun rise over the more distant peaks and to look down on the clouds as they float around beneath you, and to listen to the echoes of your voice as each peak throws them back to you until they die away in the distance.

And now for another just such a day as yesterday, perhaps sobered a little by stiff joints and tired limbs, but no less delightful.

There are many single day trips into the canyons and mountains that are grand, but I must leave the mountains for a trip to the ocean. Santa Catalina, an island, thirty miles out from mainland is an ideal spot and has become world famed, the trip to the island is a lovely one for those that enjoy the water. Away toward the horizon you can faintly outline in the distance, the island and as you approach it, a rocky prominence rises off to one side that you recognize as Sugar Loaf, up the sides of which you have climbed many times and from its top often watched the arrival of the evening boat.

Avalon, the Island City, is nestled in a crescent-shaped canyon and you at once think is that all, for it does appear from the incoming steamer like a child's playground, but so far there has been room for all that go and is an ideal place for a vacation, a month seeming all too short.

The still, clear water is all that could be desired for either boating, bathing or fishing.

The submarine gardens, which look like forests in the water, show marvelous kinds of animal and vegetable life as one floats over them in a glass bottom boat and is a sight one never tires of.

It is only after spending a little time in such places as I have mentioned that one realizes what beautiful and grand spots the world possesses and a year in California will make the most skeptical, a believer in a Paradise found. Life is what we make it, but with the help of a wonderful country and an almost perfect climate one can hardly help seeing the beautiful side and trying to add her mite to the smile of nature.

Leila Skelton Brown, Epsilon.

A TRIP TO HONOLULU

To the sisters of Alpha Chi Omega I will give a few of the experiences of Miss McArthur and myself on our recent trip to Honolulu.

Our start was made from San Pedro March 2d, and everyone's friends were there to wish the party "bon voyage," and express a desire to go, too. If they had only known the joys in store for us for several days they would not have been so envious. The first two days out were so rough our stateroom looked as though a cyclone had struck it. Our trunk, clothes and the chairs played tag until there was such a conglomeration we thought we should never find our things again. Most of my combs and hairpins were in small pieces, and I kept my hair up by faith the rest of the way over. But the fourth day found us in a tropical ocean with balmy air, and all woes forgotten.

Some entertainment was planned for the party every day, so the time never hung heavily on our hands. The funny performances of some of the passengers proved as entertaining as some of the scheduled programs.

The ninth morning out from San Pedro we sighted the island of Hawaii, the largest of the Sandwich Island group. It could be called a second "Emerald Isle," so green are its beautiful slopes with sugar cane, and tropical verdure.

The ship anchored in beautiful Hilo Bay with Coconut Island on the right, and the snow-capped peak of Manna Kea to our left. The town of Hilo is built in the form of a crescent around the bay, with the coconut trees standing up tall and straight, keeping watch for any storms that might sweep in from the ocean. Our only regret was that none of our Hawaiian ancestors were around to climb a tree and throw us down a nut.

At the landing we found ourselves apparently in Manila or Japan, there were so many Japanese women, and fat moon-faced little babies waiting to greet us. The small houses are all built high on stilts for ventilation as well as to avoid the dangers of malaria from so much moisture.

I have not space to tell of all the tropical beauties we discovered as we wandered up one street and down another, or the quaint town with never a suspicion of a street car and only one automobile, the sugar mills or the lovely Rainbow Falls back of town, but will give you a glimpse of the volcano of Kilanea.

It is a trip of thirty-two miles by train and stage through a wonderful growth of ferns, so thick one can barely force their way through. There are wild bananas and pineapples, too, scattered along to tempt one.

One has no intimation that they are anywhere near a volcano until they get right on the "critter" as one gentleman called it. The volcano house looks as if it might be built on the lid of an immense teakettle the way the steam keeps pouring out all around. We felt rather squeemish about staying all night until we had seen the active crater, then we decided it was perfectly safe.

Imagine yourself standing on the edge of a precipice looking into a black lake, seven miles long by two and a half wide, whose storm-tossed billows have been suddenly congealed into deathlike silence. From the Volcano House is a steep descent of three or four hundred feet to the lava bed, then a three-mile walk to the active crater of Halemanman. The most dangerous place is about two-thirds of the way up where we burned our postal cards. The fire is so near the surface it burns one's shoes as they walk over it.

We hurried on and suddenly came to an immense punch-bowl four hundred and fifty feet deep with an area of one hundred and sixty acres, though it looked to be about the size of a city block from the height that we looked down. Looking into the black depths everything was still, but gradually a patch of fire appeared that spread with a hissing sound like water being poured over molten metal. The lava took such fantastic shapes one could see all manner of people and animals apparently in the worst tortures of hades. It cools very rapidly turning black on top, and leaves just the outline in red lava.

Our procession back to the volcano house looked like a

class of initiates as we stumbled along through the rain and steam, with our lanterns bobbing this way and that.

One of the interesting things provided for our entertainment, was the "luau" or native feast. Every family was taxed and preparations were made for six hundred people. The hall was a bower of greenery and ferns and the native dainties were served on leaves and in little baskets, which the guests took away as souvenirs.

Of course, there were no knives or forks, our thumb and two fingers took their place. The chief dainty is the "poi," the sacred dish of the Hawaiians. It is made from the roots of the taro plant, and is of the consistency of thick cream. The natives think it delicious, but our tastes were not cultivated to it.

At Honolulu, we were welcomed by the Royal Hawaiian Band and a sextet of singers. The Hawaiians have the most beautiful voices, so strong, yet rich and mellow. Even the children's voices are without the slightest shrillness, they all sing as easily as they breathe. We were charmed with the music every where we went.

The party was feted with dances, concerts, and receptions. The most charming affair, was the reception given the ladies of the party, by Ex-Governor Cleghorn, at his beautiful home.

We had quite an experience shooting the waves at Waikiki Beach. We had started in on the last trip and were about a quarter of a mile from shore in the little surf boat, when a big wave swamped the boat, and we girls sat in water up to our necks while the men swam along pushing the boat to shore. It is most exhilarating sport to get ahead of a big wave and let it shoot one in to shore like an arrow, while the spray dashes all over one, and we did not mind our extra ducking at all.

I could tell of many other pleasant times, but will leave the rest to your imagination, and hope some time you may all have the opportunity of visiting those beautiful islands and making the acquaintance of the most hospitable people in the world.

M. Mabel Chalfin, Epsilon.

CHINESE MUSIC

Music, in China, has undoubtedly been known since the remotest antiquity. The Chinese regard it as the essence of harmony existing between heaven, earth and man. The first invaders of China brought with them certain ideas of music. The natives themselves had also some kind of a musical system, which their conquerors admired and probably mixed with their own. Different systems seem to have been developed by the different emperors, but music assumed its characteristic form with the Emperor Hoang-ty in B. C. 2697, when names were given to the sounds and one fixed upon as a base note. Unfortunately the books on music as well as those on musical instruments were lost at the great destruction of Books—so little is known of ancient Chinese music.

Modern music dates from A. D. 600. It has been remarked that the music of the Chinese is "deliciously horrible," like cats trying to sing base with sore throats. The present Chinese musical system admits theoretically seven sounds in the scale, but practically use only five.

There are two kinds of Chinese music, ritual or sacred music, which is passably sweet and generally of a minor character, and the theatrical or popular music. Ritual music is used in acts of worship, the worship of heaven and earth, of ancestors and of the sun and moon. The popular music includes all other kinds, of which there are not a few. Not a procession winds its way through the narrow streets, but has bands of musicians, sometimes scores of bands, having small drums and clashing cymbals.

Music takes an important part in marriages and an equally prominent one in funerals, the poorest of which has at least one musician. The chief attraction of the theatre to the natives consists in the music and singing, attractive to the native, but ear splitting and headache producing to the foreigner. The foreigner admits that the Chinese have theoretically, a perfect scale and fairly good notation, but finds a satisfactory method of expressing time lacking. The Chinese, it seems, do not appreciate our music any more

than we do theirs; in their opinion, all foreign music lacks harmony.

There is quite a variety of musical instruments used in Chinese music. Some instruments are confined to Chinese sacred music in their ritual ceremonies, and others to popular music. One of the most ancient of these is the "Stone Chinese," consisting of a series of sonorous stones of varying thickness, hung in a frame work. There is also the single sonorous stone, and a marble flute. This employment of stone for musical instruments is peculiar to China. Bells of different shapes, square and round, and of weights from over fifty tons downwards are much used, every temple of any size, having one large one, at least, as well as a large drum. Among curious ancient musical instruments are the chimes of small bells, suspended in a frame, another is a wooden mortar struck by a wooden hammer.

Some of the stringed instruments are also very ancient, there are a number of flutes, guitars and violins, and among wind instruments there are the flutes and clarionets.

Phoebe Joslin, Epsilon.

LAMBDA'S GOAT

A toast to our venerable goat;
 With his iron-like teeth and shaggy coat,
 His terrible horns and his painted beard,
 And plaintive bleat, so strange and wierd.
 Five maids he near scared to death
 With his flashing eye and heated breath;
 As one by one, on his back he took
 Each gave the other a farewell look.
 First, he walks sedate and slow;
 Then like a whirlwind, he seems to go,
 Now on the ground, now in the air,
 Prancing here, and galloping there,
 Until the maiden in anguish cries
 For some one to save her, to help her, at least
 She's ne'er before seen this terrible beast,
 And when all his antics and tricks he's tried,
 And finds the maidens still able to ride,
 He gives up the struggle without a sigh;
 He's proven her worthy to claim Alpha Chi.
 And when the terrible ordeal is o'er,
 He goes back to his tin-can diet once more;
 And the maid—well, when her fear is passed,
 She declares, she'll stand by that goat to the last,
 She'll love and cherish each memory dear,
 For she hopes to lead that same goat next year.



SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY. SYRACUSE, N. Y.

SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

An account of Syracuse University properly written would be so much like a fairy story that I am afraid its truth would be doubted by many, so rapid has been its growth, so unexpected and so unusual the occurrences each year. Syracuse has a population of only 130,000, yet how much it has accomplished and how much it is on its way to accomplish in building and equipping this great university!

It began in the celebration of the centennial of Methodism in 1866. There were at this time under the care of the Methodist denomination several seminaries in New York, but only one college. This—Genessee College was located in Lima, in the western part of the state—a small village several miles distant from a railroad station. This college had been in operation since 1856 doing excellent work, but because of the disadvantages of location had not prospered as much as had been anticipated. Therefore it was resolved to seek a central location to which Genessee College might be removed. As Syracuse was an attractive city in the central part of the state and easily reached from all directions it was decided to transfer the college to this city. So, in the year 1870 fifty acres in the southeastern part of the city were selected and the first building, "The Hall of Languages" erected. When the college opened that fall there were only forty-one students registered and five professors on the faculty. Though it began as a Methodist institution no strict denominational preference has ever been entertained. This college of liberal arts now offers four courses; the classical, philosophical, scientific and the course in library economy.

To this, the next year was added the college of medicine, which was a continuation of the Geneva Medical College (1835-1872). This Syracuse school, the first in New York and the third in the United States adopted a three years' course of eight months each year and for sixteen years the trio of Harvard, Chicago and Syracuse were the only three-year schools in the American Union. It has been for some years now a four years' course and today the college stands at the very front of medical schools in America.

The next year the College of Fine Arts was established, the only chartered college of its kind in the United States. It gives instruction in architecture, sculpture, painting, engraving and music. The success of the graduates of the musical department as teachers is proven by the demand for them by prominent schools throughout this country. Special attention is given to the theory and history of music, lectures with illustrations being given each week during the year. Besides the musical work and in keeping with the educational character of the work the students are required to complete courses of studies in modern languages, ancient and modern history, and the history of Fine Arts. Weekly recitals are given throughout the year at which all the students may be called upon to take part and monthly public recitals by the advanced students are held in the large hall of John Crouse College. These attract immense audiences. Since 1901 the students of Fine Arts have given what is known as "The Fake Show." In 1904 the Fine Arts Fakirs' Association was regularly formed and now each year initiation is held and the show given every other year.

In 1895 the fourth college, the College of Law, began its career. It requires a three years' course. Syracuse is especially well located for a law college as it has many courts and the bar is strong.

More recently has been established the Lyman C. Smith College of Applied Science. The work here consists of three four-year courses in engineering: civil, electrical and mechanical.

Last year the university purchased the Renwick Castle and grounds consisting of fourteen acres just to the west of the campus. As a result last September a sixth college was opened, known as "The Teachers' College." The courses of Normal Art and Normal Music belong here.

Amongst the features of the university are spacious and well arranged dormitories, two of which, Winchell and Haven Halls, are now occupied by women students, Haven being especially for the musical girls. A third dormitory, which has just been erected and will accommodate two hundred men, is called Sims Hall after the third chancellor.

Other houses are being bought and more dormitories will be erected until all the students are accommodated within their walls except those resident in the city or living in the chapter houses, of which there are already over thirty.

During the last two years several new buildings have been begun, one, a large library given by Andrew Carnegie, also a new chemistry building known as Bowne Hall, a natural history building and a mechanical laboratory for engineering courses. However one of the most interesting works now being carried on and quite unique in its way is the excavation of a stadium. It is constructed on the Greek plan and will have tiers of seats for 200,000 persons. Here almost every modern sport and game can be played. It will be the only one of its kind in America. On the east side of this stadium a new gymnasium has been started this spring, the old building being too small to accommodate the great number of students. An underground tunnel will connect it with the stadium.

Among the institutions established by the students are the Young Women's and Young Men's Christian Associations. The present membership is about seven hundred. Every year a large delegation is sent to represent Syracuse in the Students' Y. W. C. A. conference at Silver Bay.

Of all the customs peculiar to Syracuse University the one perhaps which is the most looked forward to and enjoyed the most by the students is "Moving Up" day which takes place about May first. On this day the seniors wear their caps and gowns for the first time on the campus and at chapel special services are prepared. Each class moves up one class higher and for the rest of the year there are no freshmen.

The extraordinary development of the university is due chiefly to the great personal influence of the chancellor, Mr. James R. Day. During the thirteen years of his chancellorship as many as fifteen new buildings have been erected costing over two millions of dollars. Also the number of students has been increased from about 600 to 3,000, who come, not only from around Syracuse, but from other states and even from the Eastern Hemisphere, including India, Japan

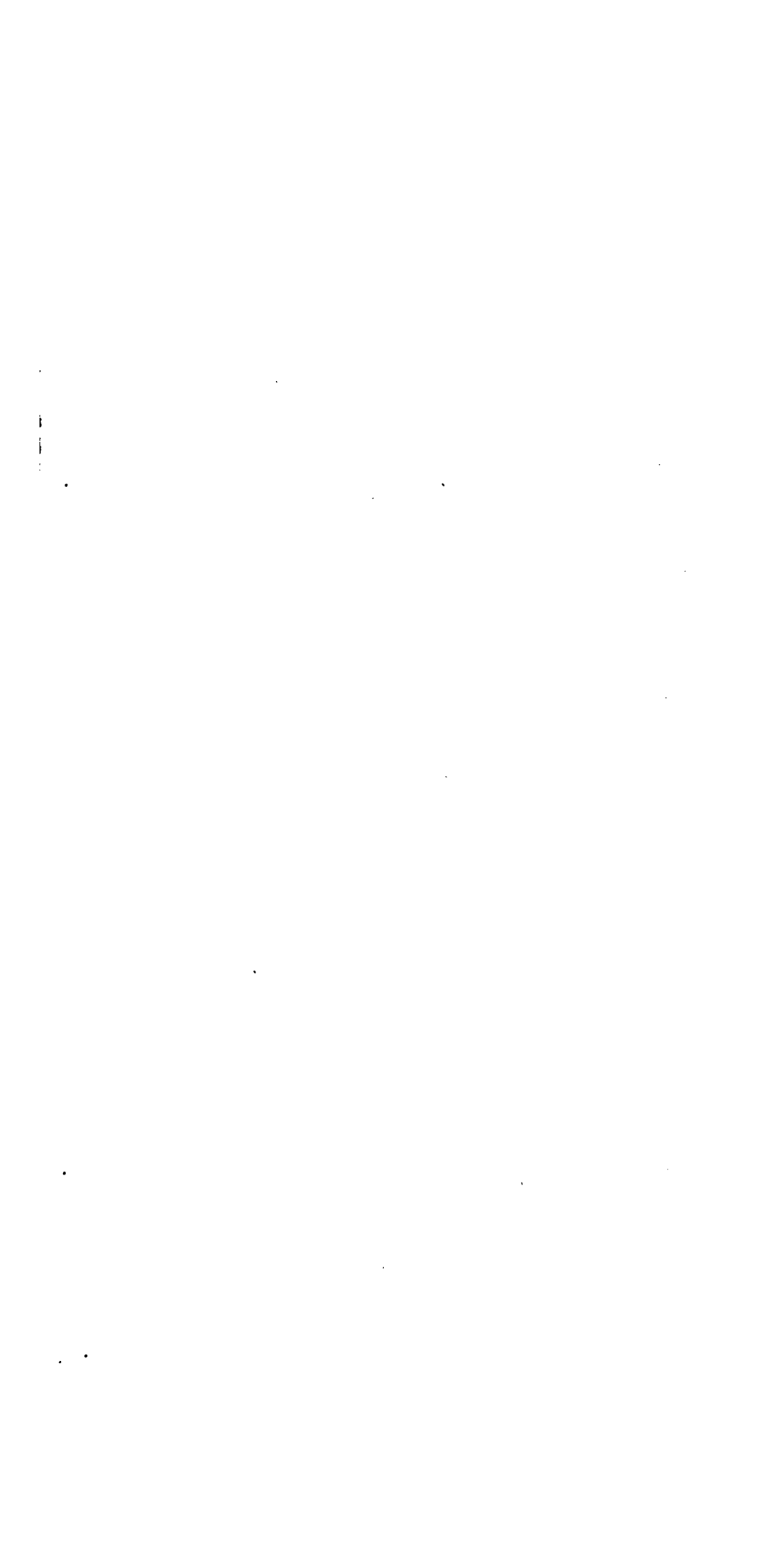
and China. The faculty of professors, lecturers and assistants now numbers over 200.

This has been the growth of the university during its short life of three and a half score of years. It has kept always on its upward march, growing stronger and stronger each year. Why, therefore, may there not be greater growth and still greater things in store for it in the future? Will not the students, too, in years to come have reason to watch its development with eagerness and have a feeling of love and pride for Syracuse University, their Alma Mater?

"Flag we love! Orange! Float for aye—
Old Syracuse o'er thee.
May thy sons be leal and loyal
To thy memory."

Martha Lee, Lambda '09.







CONSERVATORY BUILDING



SCIENCE HALL



INSTALLATION OF MU CHAPTER OF ALPHA CHI OMEGA

To begin at the beginning it was with a sense of happy importance that Mrs. Loud and I boarded the train on Sunday afternoon, May 12, to help to found a chapter of Alpha Chi Omega which would, in a measure, lessen the distance between us and our sisters in Los Angeles. After a night in the sleeper, we awakened the following morning at Des Moines, where our forces were joined by Sister Elizabeth Patrick, of Gamma, whose home is now in Des Moines, and whose help and encouragement will be of great service to our infant chapter.

Upon our arrival in Indianola we were welcomed by two smiling faces which we might have known without identification to belong to our soon-to-be sisters, so full of enthusiasm were they. It was dinner time and after this we were taken to the pleasant rooms in the Women's Hall on the campus, which were to be ours during the few days following, and where at all hours that afternoon we were welcomed by the remaining thirteen girls in whom we were greatly interested, and who were hitherto known as Alpha Alpha Gammas. This little informal gathering was a happy introduction, and at nearly five o'clock we all met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Silliman, parents of two of our members, where the pledging ceremony was given to these fifteen girls, who had been such proud possessors of their own local badge, yet realized the broader significance of their new relations. At this same attractive and convenient home the formal installation took place on the same Monday evening at eight o'clock. The downfall of rain was only a forerunner of what the weather man had in store for us for a few days, but this had no effect upon the ardor of the group of thirteen who presented themselves promptly at the appointed hour. Until half past eleven we were absorbed in the initiation of these thirteen members of Mu Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega, and at that hour arrived two other candidates who had been unable to come earlier, and now we have fifteen new sisters, and these

fifteen are happy in having received a glimpse of what significance Alpha Chi has for her members. The following is the chapter roll: Myrtle Bussey, Florence Armstrong, Emma Jane Brown, Ellen Conrey, Lena Dalrymple, Lora Hagler, Nellie Harris, Mayme Johnson, Margaret Schimmelfenig, Ada Schimmelfenig, Ethel MacFadon, Carrie MacFadon, Effie Silliman, Mayme Silliman.

After a nice dinner with Miss Dalrymple and her mother the following day, we assembled at the very pretty home of Margaret and Ada Schimmelfenig to have our first business meeting. Preceding this the pledging ceremony was given to Fern Ogg, a former member of Alpha Gamma, for whom it was necessary to wait two or three weeks before being initiated. Then the afternoon until four o'clock went very quickly in discussing the constitution and ceremonies, and explaining many things, and at five o'clock a dainty banquet was served at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bagley. The co-mingling of the Alpha Gamma white carnations and our own of scarlet hue made a pretty and significant decoration for the banquet tables. We ate and talked and gave our yells, and heard the toasts. Lora Hagler was toast-mistress and called for the following:

"How Alpha Gamma Came To Be" Mayme Silliman
 "Alpha Gamma's Pledge to Alpha Chi" Fern Ogg
 "Memories" Carrie MacFadon
 "Alpha Chi Omega" Mrs. Edward Loud

I should like to mention each one of them and give you some impression of the spirit of each, but can only say that we liked them all and realized so much that we could not tell but only feel, and wished that every Alpha Chi might have the uplifting experience of an installation. Congratulatory letters were read from all the other chapters, and the expression of inter-fraternity feeling was shown in the receipt of boxes of carnations from every fraternity existing in the college, both national and local. In fact one of the happy impressions of these busy days was the splendid spirit of friendliness existing among the various fraternities themselves, between the faculty and the fraternities and the townspeople and college students.



MU CHAPTER. SIMPSON COLLEGE. INDIANOLA, IOWA

Immediately after the banquet, we were taken to the first concert of the Annual May Festival, which, aside from the pleasure we found in the concerts which were exceedingly interesting, we were so gratified to see our girls take some of the most prominent solo parts on the programs, and in every way demonstrate their capability and charm.

Wednesday was more absorbing than ever, so full was it of visits to chapel and classes, a dinner at the hotel for all the chapter, two concerts in the afternoon, a lovely supper at the home of Mrs. Schimmelfenig. More music in the evening, and lastly, a continued business meeting after the evening concert which was the only available and unoccupied time.

Our last day, too, was made a gay occasion, and it seemed quite impossible that a day could slip away so rapidly. In the morning came a pleasant and reassuring interview with President Chelton and Miss Bentley, the Dean of Women. At twelve-thirty Alpha Tau Omega opened the doors of its attractive home to us, with a nice dinner and our thanks are extended to those from whom we received the courtesy. From two o'clock until three Mu Chapter had planned a reception at the home of Effie and Mayme Silliman in honor of their new allegiance to members of the other fraternities, the faculty and city friends. At three and four-thirty we enjoyed two more concerts and at seven-thirty in the evening was given the Oratorio of St. Paul, which was an unqualified success.

And so, on Friday morning we turned our footsteps, happy in the personal touch which had been ours and in the new, energetic life which had been added to our fraternity, grateful for the hospitality and cordiality which we found in our new sisters, and only sorry that these days were so soon ended.

Marcia Clark Howell.

SIMPSON COLLEGE

Indianola, the home of Simpson College, is situated in the southern part of the state of Iowa, eighteen miles from Des Moines. It is a quiet and pleasant town and as it has no saloons, billiard or pool halls, nor places of questionable character, it furnishes an ideal environment for students. It has about three thousand six hundred inhabitants. It has two railroads, one of which gives interurban service with Des Moines. This affords the students and citizens of Indianola the advantages of a city.

By an act of the Des Moines Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church, in 1867, Simpson College was organized and was named after our honored Bishop Simpson.

It is situated in a maple grove in the north part of Indianola, just three blocks from the business center, and has a campus of four blocks. In the center of the campus is College Hall, which was erected in 1870, to take the place of the building erected in 1867. It contains the Chapel, Business Department, German recitation room, Y. W. C. A., parlor and society halls. The next building to be erected was the Science Hall, which was erected 18 years later. It contains the laboratories, Art Department and other recitation rooms. In 1890, the Ladies' Hall was built, in which the Dean of Women and about fifty girls live. The Administration Building was erected in 1901. It contains the college offices, shorthand and typewriting department, recitation rooms and temporarily the Library. The Conservatory of Music Building, erected in 1902, contains the professors' studios, a recital hall, musical library, offices, practice and recitation rooms. A new library building, the gift of Andrew Carnegie, is to be dedicated commencement week of this year. The buildings are heated from a central heating plant, erected in 1902. We have two gymnasiums but as they are inadequate to accommodate all the students, plans are being made for new and larger ones. Because of the incapacity of the present Chapel room money is now being raised for a new Auditorium, which will also give a new home to the societies.

There are four undergraduate literary societies, two in the Academic department, one in the Commercial department, and a musical club for Conservatory students. Each year there is a series of debates among the undergraduate literary societies, the winning society having the honor of engraving its name upon a trophy plate, provided by the faculty. Great interest is taken in these debates and friendly rivalry is encouraged.

There are six fraternities in school, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Delta Delta, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Theta Psi, Phi Delta Kappa, and Alpha Chi Omega. The men's fraternities occupy houses, but because of so many resident members, the girls do not have houses this year, although they have formerly, and some of them are planning to next year. The relationship among the fraternities is very good, especially among the girls as there is a Pan-Hellenic board which regulates rushing and all matters of importance.

The Christian Associations are especially strong. A large majority of the students are members and take an active part in the work.

One of the largest departments of the school is the Military Department. It is under the supervision of Emory S. West, a first lieutenant in the United States Army. He expects to take a select company to the Jamestown Exposition.

There are two publications edited by the students, "The Simpsonian" and the "Zenith." The former is published weekly by a staff chosen from the student body. The latter is published annually by the Junior class.

We are fortunate in having among our faculty representatives of Boston University, University of Michigan, Harvard, Chicago University, Northwestern and Leipzig. The Conservatory faculty is also very strong, it being their policy to have one or more members studying in Europe each year. Frank E. Barrows, a graduate of Oberlin University and a student for several years in Berlin, is director of the Conservatory. One member of the faculty has lately returned from two years' study in Germany, and one is now in Berlin having spent two of her three years leave of absence for study there.

The Athletic Association consists of the entire student

body. Although football has been suspended for the past year, the athletic interest has not declined but has increased in other lines of athletics. We have good basket ball, base ball, tennis and track teams.

The government of the school is vested in a governing board elected from the faculty, and an advisory committee composed of three members of the faculty, three from each undergraduate class and one from each of the other departments of the College.

Class spirit has been shown more than usual this year. This has increased the loyalty of all the students to the College.

This is where your new chapter lives and she will gladly welcome any Alpha Chi's.

Mayme A. Silliman, Mu.

ALPHA ALPHA GAMMA

Alpha Alpha Gamma has had a short, but exceedingly happy existence. Early in October, 1905, there was whispered about among several girls of the College the plan of organizing a new sorority. The idea was both instigated and encouraged by fraternity people of the school. The girls who were interviewed on the subject realized something of the sacredness of such a relation, and considered the question long and carefully.

Finally they began to hold secret meetings—sometimes at night in a girl's room, where, with shades all drawn, they voted in whispers, sometimes at an obscure noon hour, in a secluded little recitation room, in Science Hall. After a short period full of vigorous planning, some anxiety and much enthusiasm, the members would carefully distribute themselves among various parts of the building, and thence depart, one or two at a time, with varying degrees of leisure, and manifesting supreme indifference to each other. It was their delight to carry this indifference with them always on the campus, passing each other as the barest acquaintances and never, under any consideration allowing themselves to be discovered in groups.

But all this time they were doing more than merely trying to keep their secret, for when, at the end of six weeks, Alpha Alpha Gamma was announced to the public, she was thoroughly organized, with constitution and ritual, a badge and a song, and had already given an informal party for her confidential friends. The "coming out" consisted simply in wearing the pins,—a gold monogram, enclosed in a circle of gold.

Alpha Gamma was most kindly received into the Greek world at Simpson, and at the beginning of the next term, she was invited to become a member of the local Pan Hellenic Association, consisting of the chapters of Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta.

The members of Alpha Gamma at her coming out numbered eleven:

Lora Hagler.
Nellie Harris.
Myrtle Bussey.
Florence Armstrong.
Lois Smith.
Lena Dalrymple.
Mayme Silliman.
Carrie MacFadon.
Olive Jones.
Ada Schimelfenig.
Ellen Conrey.

And the two patronesses were Prof. Ida B. Steyer and Miss Alice Barrows.

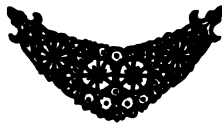
Later in the same year two new members were initiated, Margaret Schimelfenig and Ethel MacFadon, and also two more patronesses, Miss Mattie Watson and Mrs. B. F. Clayton. The following fall term, Effie Silliman and Bessie Reed were joined to Alpha Gamma, and a few months later, Fern Ogg. In the last few weeks two very delightful girls were pledged, one of whom, for very good reasons desires her pledgeship to remain secret for a time.

From the very first, the Alpha Gamma's cherished the ambition to belong some day to a national sorority. The more they learned about Alpha Chi Omega, the more inclined

they were to investigate and finally petition. No need to tell of the months that followed, full of anxious watching and cautious planning. Finally the joyful news came. It reached the president as she stood in her official capacity as president of the Young Women's Christian Association, ready to receive all the young women of the College at the term reception. No one but an Alpha Chi who has gone through a similar experience could appreciate the ineffable rapture that possessed Alpha Gamma that evening—the ecstatic pressure in the formal hand shakes, the electric messages that announced the jubilee meeting to be held after the reception.

Alpha Gamma has indeed been dear to us, and her ties most precious. Now we give her to Alpha Chi, joyful in the trust that her friendships will become deeper and stronger, her ideals nobler, and her life more nearly after the pattern of truest womanhood.

Carrie R. MacFadon, Mu.



REUNION OF ALPHA

The parlors of the Grand Hotel, in Indianapolis, probably never witnessed a more animated scene than on the evening of the sixth of April last. The occasion was the re-union and annual dinner of Alpha, and those present represented many different years of active college life, from the first year of Alpha Chi Omega's life, up to the present year—with its twenty odd active members. The youngest members present made the transition from pledged to active sorority life the night previous to the dinner, and they certainly found their first social function thereafter one from which to count time in college life.

The time of the re-unions had been changed this year, which accounted largely for the fact that but forty-six were present; but what may have been lacking in numbers was made up in enthusiasm.

Each year finds some of the same girls there, alumnae members who are able to attend regularly, and also each year finds present some who have attended for the first time. There is no friendship to compare with the college friendship and there is no meeting quite like that of college friends in after days.

"We cannot buy with gold the old associations," and every year makes them more precious.

What a "concord of sweet sounds there was!" All the musical terms were observed—except rests.

There were notes of astonishment and tones of delight.

Fortissimo was in the greeting, declining to pianissimo, allegro vivace as confidences were exchanged.

There was a constant crescendo and diminuendo of enthusiastic conversation with legato and staccato movements well mingled.

After the social hour of greeting and meeting, Miss Roberts, president of Beta Beta, called the girls to order for a short, informal business meeting.

It was decided to fix the date of the yearly meeting at the time of the State Oratorical contest. A committee, consisting of one member from the active chapter of DePauw,

and two from Beta Beta, were to make arrangements and see that a musical program was forth-coming at that time.

Beta Beta announced that her members would lunch together in Ayres' Tea Room, on the first Saturday of each month, at one o'clock and all visiting members were invited to be present.

At the close of the business session, we were ready for dinner, which was shortly announced.

Mrs. Hamlin from Beta, who was visiting in the city, called for a few minutes, but was unable to remain, much to our regret.

The long table was beautiful decorated with carnations and smilax and was speedily decorated further by the happy faces gathered about it.

The dinner was by no means a hasty affair, but like the music, of "linked sweetness long drawn out," the movement being adagio sostenuto—while the conversation moved on in andante time.

The artistic name cards were the work of Mrs. Berta Miller Ruick's fingers—for the music loving daughters are some of them gifted in more than one direction.

It was with regret that we parted, but all went away with firm resolve to come next year and with minds made up that Alpha Chi Omega re-unions were just a little more harmonious and enjoyable than any other gathering of a similar nature.

Those present were

Bess Price	Allandale, Ill
Ethel Starr	Charleston, Ill
Pearle Fuller	Charleston, Ill
Edna M. Hamilton.....	Newman, Ill
Grace A. Meserve.....	Robinson, Ill
Maude Meserve	Robinson, Ill
Fay Newlin	Robinson, Ill
Mary Barlow	Robinson, Ill
Florence Hamilton	Greensburg, Ind
Ruth Bonner	Greensburg, Ind
Esther Hoover	Boonville, Ind
Mary F. Harris.....	Greencastle, Ind

Raeburn C. Obenchain.....	Winslow, Arizona
Bernice Anderson	Rushville, Ind
Ida Steele Barrett.....	Cumberland, Ind
Maude M. Biddle	Evansville, Ind
Caroline Conrey.....	Shelbyville, Ind
Lala Wilkins.....	Linden, Ind
Whillie Alexander.....	Wingate, Ind
Helen Dalrymple Francis.....	Indianapolis
Ella Hill Thomson.....	Indianapolis
Marie Neal	Indianapolis
Olive Stanfield Elston.....	Indianapolis
Daisy Steele Wilson.....	Indianapolis
Berta Miller Ruick.....	Indianapolis
Lena Scott Wild.....	Indianapolis
Florence Thompson Taggart.....	Indianapolis
Alta M. Roberts.....	Indianapolis
Jennie McHatton	Indianapolis
Ethel Clark	Pendleton, Ind
Jessie Gelling	Pendleton, Ind
Mae Hadley Walker.....	Pendleton, Ind
Virenda Rainier	Lafayette, Ind
Mrs. Will Dresser.....	Lafayette, Ind
Sadie Machlan	New Palestine, Ind
Margaret Smith	New Palestine, Ind
Mayme Guild	Medaryville, Ind
Ava Guild	Medaryville, Ind
Pearl Shaw Thomas.....	Clarksburg, Ind
Bernice Caldwell	Winchester, Ind
Shellie L. Smith.....	Brazil, Ind
Jessie Guild Reep.....	Fortville, Ind
Edna M. Walters	Logansport, Ind
Sadie Van Buskirk.....	Monticello, Ind
Josephine Tingley Linscott.....	Mobile, Alabama
	Florence T. Taggart, Alpha.

REPORTS OF EXAMINATION FOR 1907

Below are given the reports of the chapters for the fraternity examination of 1907. The papers were for the most part, good, and showed much care and study.

Chapter, as well as individual, characteristics could be traced in all. Most of the papers came in neat form, in suitable folders, though in a few instances papers written with pencil and showing signs of much haste were received. Perhaps the most noticeable difference was in the answers given to those questions calling for the exercise of judgment or originality of thought. For instance, Question XII was treated very thoughtfully by many writers, while others passed it by unnoticed. Some chapters showed a much greater familiarity with the constitution than others—a knowledge which produced very satisfactory results.

However, I would offer no word of criticism, but simply call attention to these few facts, trusting they may be helpful in future examinations. The grades of individual members will be sent to the various chapters, not to cause any possible embarrassment, but that each chapter may know how her average was obtained, and that each girl may be spurred to greater efforts for her chapter and fraternity.

In closing, I cannot refrain from congratulating Lambda on her splendid showing, and may not the fact that the highest grades is held by our baby chapter, as she was at examination time, furnish food for thought to those chapters older in fraternity life?

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Alta Allen Land.

Editorials

With just a little effort, most of the bitterness and petty jealousies existing between the fraternities could be changed to friendly rivalry. Without opposition the "Greek world" would never have reached the heights on which it now stands. Our opponents in the field are necessary to our existence and progress, but we lose the very ideal for which fraternity stands, when we forget that the people on the outside, whether "Greeks" or "Barbarians" are our brothers and sisters.

We can not blame the people for their criticism when we allow strife and ill-feeling to exist. The fraternity which allows any of its members to influence a candidate by running down a rival organization is not worthy of the name. Of course none of us are entirely free from this, but just as soon as such talk can be entirely eliminated from the plans for spiking season, then we can lift our heads and say, "We are not narrow and snobbish, but stand for the highest ideals of the social and intellectual life of the student."

If we allow such an unpleasant spirit to prevail while in college, it is hard to lose sight of it when we meet in the social and business world. Naturally we should have a kindred feeling for any one wearing a pin with Greek letters on it. Certainly, when the Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae, of Indianapolis entertain their sister Greeks at a big reception, they show a desire for this closer relationship. To our sisters we say be loyal Alpha Chis, but you are only loyal when you look beyond our own members and recognize the fraternal spirit towards those with whom we come in contact.

We are very glad to welcome the new Alpha Chis this year has brought to us. We are proud, and justly so, of our two new chapters as well as the sisters initiated by the chapters already existing. The last Lyre introduced Lambda to you, and now we have still a younger chapter to welcome. They have just been initiated and will only have a few weeks more of this college year in which to strengthen the ties of

Alpha Chi Omega, but will be in fine condition for the rush next fall. Both of the new chapters will be ready for this, as they were well established in their respective colleges before they entered our ranks. Lambda is all ready to enter her new chapter house when the fall term opens, and Mu will tell us her plans in her letter. To both chapters we will say that we are happy in the fact that they are one of us, and that the greatest happiness we can wish them is that Alpha Chi Omega will mean all to them that it has to the ones who have long known the joys of the sisterhood.

We are going to make a great effort to entirely complete our file of the Lyre and we need the help of each Alpha Chi.

During your vacation inquire among your Alumnae and locate as many of the volumes as possible, then next fall when the missing numbers are published you will have no trouble in getting them for us. If you realize how much this will mean to yourselves as well as to us, you will gladly do this little service. If you wish any information before fall address us at any time, and we will do what we can for you.



Chapter Letters

ALPHA

This term has been so far, rather uneventful for Alpha. Our limited social privileges permit of only one big party a term, and this will be given May the 31st. Alpha Chi has the reputation of giving the prettiest parties of all the sororities and we intended to uphold that reputation this spring. We have taken in one new girl this term. Miss Esther Hoover, of Boonville, was initiated April the fifth.

On the sixth of April, Alpha's annual banquet was held at the Grand Hotel, Indianapolis. Twenty-two of the active Greencastle chapter attended.

Alpha Chi proudly boasts of seven seniors this year. Sadie Machlan and Sylvia Christley will receive their A. B. degree, June the 12th.

Ethel Starr and Pearl Fuller will give senior voice recitals in Meharry Hall, May the 15th and 23d.

In Music Hall, Fay Newlin will give a senior piano recital, May the 17th, Marie Wood, June first and Maud Meserve in June. Virenda Rainier will give her junior voice recital in Meharry Hall, May the 14th.

The Senior organization, Sigma Pi Eta, gave a dance in the Sigma Chi Hall, April the 29th.

The Starr Concert company was in Greencastle on the 26th of April. Mr. Earl Hunt, a DePauw graduate and accomplished violinist, is a member of this company.

Mu Phi Epsilon has issued invitations for an "at home," May the sixth.

The national convention of Phi Delta Theta will be held in Greencastle, May the tenth and eleventh.

BETA

Spring, the best of all seasons, is with us again and yet who can say that it does not cast a feeling of sadness about us all when we think of the partings that are so soon to come. Partings—some for months and others perhaps for years.

Beta is glad to introduce a new pledge sister—Lucile Johnston, of South Haven, Michigan.

Just at present we are busy planning for our re-union which occurs June 14-15, and for which we are making great plans. How eager we are to greet our "old" girls and welcome them back, one and all, hoping that through this re-union we may all gain a new inspiration.

Emma Pattinson, one of our active girls, has left Albion, and is studying in Thomas Training School, Detroit, Michigan.

April 19, in the chapel, occurred a debate between Allegheny College and Albion College, in which Albion was victorious. Mrs. Helen Knappen Snipps, our Dean, leaves May first for three months travel in Europe. She will be accompanied by Mary Perine, Beta '02.

We are planning a dinner at the lodge for the "boys." It will probably be on Friday evening, May 17, and the decorations will be Japanese, and the menu cards handpainted lanterns.

We were delighted to have with us at frat. meeting, April 27, Miss Lord, Delta.

Dr. Frank Wilbur Chase, Dean of Music here, has resigned his position and will probably be in Kalamazoo, Michigan next year, where he will give private lessons. His departure from Albion College will be greatly regretted, but we can congratulate Kalamazoo in being able to claim such an efficient musical instructor as Dr. Chase.

Saturday, April 27, the Kappa Alpha Theta's called a meeting of the Pan-Hellenic at their lodge. After the business meeting, light refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed by all.

Beta wishes all of her sisters a very pleasant vacation.

GAMMA

Scarcely six weeks more and we will be getting ready for commencement.

It doesn't seem possible that the school year is so nearly over.

We Gamma girls have been very busy this semester. The principal excitement here has been the rehearsals for the Minstrel Show, which were given here at Willard Hall, April the 27th, the proceeds to be given to the Northwestern Settlement.

We are very glad to tell you that Hedwig Brenneman was interlocutor and led the singing; Ethel Harshbarger won a great deal of applause on her parody on "Just a cousin of mine," and Blanche Ballamy was chairman of the decorating committee. The whole entertainment was a great success, indeed!

The different fraternities came in groups and showed how much they appreciated it by their hearty applause.

The regular "annual" of the Gamma occurs May 17th, at Ravinia Hall, Highland Park, and we have been making great preparations for it. In this university differing in this respect from many others, I believe, we have not only our own girls but at least three from each of the other sororities in school, and as many men from every fraternity, making an entire number of one hundred and fifty as a rule.

On May 13, we have the annual sorority meet, where each of the sororities appear in gay colors, voting for the man they have chosen to run for them, and whom they present afterwards with one of their sorority pillows.

The Junior Play, given by a cast of the junior class, was given with a great deal of "Push" at the Ravinia Theater, April the 12th. These plays are becoming more artistic each year, and are one of the chief college events.

DELTA

School opened April eighth, after the spring vacation, and all returned ready to work hard until June. The girls of the Freshman and Sophomore classes had been campused for six weeks prior to the spring vacation as the result of a class banquet, so there have been no social activities. It necessitated the postponement of our term party. We are planning for it on May ninth, at the home of Prof. Akres.

We are all looking forward to it with eagerness. We have fifteen active members now, and we have many good times together. We have been very fortunate in having so many of our alumnae with us at different times. Scarcely a frat. meeting passes, that we do not have some of the "old girls" present.

Meadville has been very fortunate the past winter in securing many of the musical stars. Among them were Madam Szumowska, Von Kunitz quartette from Pittsburg, and Madam Catherine Fisk.

EPSILON

The most important news from Epsilon is that of our Reception, but first we must tell you of our new girls, and a few of the minor happenings before that event.

In Blanche Stump, we have gained a most loyal Alpha Chi. Shortly after her initiation she was called home because of illness, but her enthusiasm is so great that her letters are an inspiration and we are hoping much from her next year.

We added another member, Miss Isabel Curl, of the faculty, who has been so very helpful to us. She has a magnificent voice and is most generous in her willingness to sing. She has had several year's study abroad and we regret that we are to lose her for a time, as she plans to sail again for Europe, to be gone some little time. However, we are proud to have her go and shall enjoy her letters. She gave a very delightful concert, March 18th, assisted by Carrie A. Trowbridge.

Early in February, Moureena Mac Millan was given a surprise party, in honor of her birthday. Such a jolly time we had, with a variety of games! So many of our affairs have been given on stormy nights and this occasion proved no exception to the rule. But the real Alpha Chi spirit prevails and with fun in view, we do not stay home because of the weather. We should not tell you these little secrets about our California weather, but of course this has been a very "unusual winter."

The big Track meet, between Stanford and U. S. C.,

was a thing long to be remembered, and although not quite victorious, the score stood 63 to 59, with a very small margin for the Northern College. Our university has splendid material this year and we are justly proud.

The Junior play was a great success, full of hits on the various teachers and students. "The up-to-date Merchant of Venice," it was, and all the parts were well carried out.

The Y. W. C. A. delegation of girls has just returned from the convention at Capitola and reports an excellent time. The result of the year's work was very gratifying and after the general business had been completed, the girls were given the best time possible. A circus was hurriedly arranged and each band of delegates vied with the others to give the best "stunts." Our girls carried off the honors for the best part, for they were able to profit by the circus given here a short time ago.

April 12th was the date of our reception. The college had been transformed into a perfect bower by the use of palms, ferns and carnations.

The reception hall was prettily decorated with ferns and carnations while the alcove in which the orchestra was stationed was hung with ropes of smilax. The chapel annex was especially beautiful as an Indian room, with many rugs and baskets, and here a very pleasing effect was obtained through the use of baskets of scarlet geraniums, tied with bells and suspended from the ceiling. The pillars were covered with fern and cozy seats were there for the comfort of the guests. In the main halls, rugs and palms were used to good advantage.

In the Cafateria where the refreshments were served, pennants and Japanese lanterns were hung. Pineapple ice was served from punch bowls, our pledges presiding.

About 500 invitations were sent and altogether the affair was a success.

It is almost time for the Junior "Prom." We do not know all the plans, only hints now and then to make us curious and yet keep us in suspense. Each college connected with the university will have charge of a booth. There will be excellent music and a general good time.

The Junior annual is not out yet, but we hope soon to have that wonderful book in our possession.

Commencement is almost here and as it comes one week earlier than first planned, because of President Bovard's trip abroad, it is causing much hustling on the part of the Seniors.

Maud Howley gives her graduating recital April 30th. Her program will be found below:

Epsilon sends greetings, hoping the vacation time may prove most happy and delightful to all our girls.

PROGRAM.

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| 1. | Gavotte in B Minor | Bach |
| 2. | (a) Barcarole | Grodzky |
| | (b) Etude, Opus 10, No. 5 | Chopin |
| 3. | Soprano, Staccato Polka | Mulder |
| 4. | Sonata, Opus 26 | Beethoven |
| | Andante con Variazioni. | |
| | Scherzo. | |
| | Marche Funebre. | |
| 5. | (a) Prelude in C Sharp Minor | Rachmaninoff |
| | (b) Witches' Dance | MacDowell |
| 6. | Soprano— | |
| | (a) "A Little Maiden Loved a Boy." | |
| | (b) "The World is Full of April." | |
| | From April Song Cycle, Clough-Leigher | |
| 7. | La Fileuse | Raff |
| 8. | Organ and Piano, Kammenoi Ostrow | Rubenstein |
| | Weber Piano Used. | |

ZETA

With the school year drawing to a close, good-bys will soon have to be said, which is the hardest part of all. Particularly for the sorority girl, but we will hope for the happiest of re-unions in the fall.

First, Zeta has six new sisters whom she is very proud to introduce to other Alpha Chis; Gladys Olmstead, Boston; Eugenie Baker, Haverford, Pa.; Alice Sisson, Storm Lake, Iowa; Jessie Eversole, Logansport, Indiana; Brenda Newton, Winnipeg, Manitoba; and Lillian Dodson, Norfolk, Virginia. This brings the number of our chapter roll up to twenty-six, and with still another initiation coming at the end of the year, it bids fair to be one of the largest chapters we have had.

Our Annual Musicale was held in Jordan Hall, February 15th, when the following program was given:

PROGRAM.

- Liszt Tarantelle from Venezia E Napoli
Pianoforte.
Miss Florence Larrabee.
- Hugo Wolf "Verborgenheit"
Henschel "Spring"
Godard "Chanson de Juliet"
Miss Gertrude Damon.
- Chadwick Dans Le Canot } Pianoforte
Le Ruisseau }
Miss Edith Bly.
- Max Bruch Scottish Fantasia for Violin
Einleitung Adagio Scherzo
Miss Blanche Crafts.
- Chopin Scherzo in B Minor for Pianoforte
Miss Louise Daniel.
- Clayton Johns "Where Blooms the Rose"
Horatio Parker "Milkmaid's Song"
B. Whelpley "The Nightingale Has a Lyre of Gold"
Miss Hilda Swartz.
- Liszt Rigoletto Fantasia for Pianoforte
Miss Winifred Byrd.
Mrs. Charles A. White accompanying.
The Pianoforte is a Steinway.

At the reception held afterwards in Mr. Chadwick's studio, the Alpha Chi room, and hall adjoining, there were several prominent people of the musical world present, whom Zeta delighted to honor as her guests.

After the more serious effort of our musicale, the dance which occurred on the evening of April 26th, was all the more enjoyed. Not a more congenial company could be brought together than were present on this occasion, consequently the ensuing good time, was a foregone conclusion. The color scheme of Alpha Chis was carried out in all details even to the wearing of a red carnation by each gentleman present. This ends our social functions for the year with the exception of the Alumnae Luncheon which is to be held at the Hotel Vendome, this month.

I must not omit to mention the great pleasure Edith Bly's recent artistic pianoforte recital in Jordan Hall gave her

friends and the audience present. Also the artistic performance of another one of our members. Lillian Goulston, in the operatto given by the Beneficent Society of the Conservatory. She was quite the star of both the afternoon and evening performances, and distinctly the favorite with the audience.

Boston's one week of Grand Opera this year was a season of "standing room only" for those who had not been far-seeing enough to have bought season tickets, and that some time ahead. We had the pleasure of meeting Geraldine Farrar, at a reception tendered her by the Conservatory, and of hearing her in four different operas during her time in Boston.

The musical season here has been a brilliant one, and has been rather exceptional for the number of recitals given here by women pianists this year, and those of very high order; Mmes. Szumowska, Hopekirk, Zeisler, Samaroff and Goodson. The last named, Mme. Katharine Goodson, won a large circle of friends and admirers in her first American appearances here this winter, and will be warmly welcomed when she returns next fall.

Zeta extends heartiest wishes to her sisters for a happy summer.

THETA

The sisters of Theta have just returned from the spring vacation, and seem to be settling down to work with more than ordinary ardor. The winter has been a pleasant one in which every girl has taken an active part in the social activities of the university.

Mary Benedict, of Port Huron, and Laura Scherffius, of Evansville, Indiana were unable to return after spring vacation.

We have two new pledge members, Miss Selys Hoegar, of Detroit, and Miss Helen Cushman, of Ann Arbor.

Mrs. W. F. Hobbes, a patroness of Alpha Chi at Madison, has recently moved to Ann Arbor.

A formal dancing party was given at the chapter house March the twenty-eighth.

A very pretty Saint Patrick's party was given to the girls by Mrs. Marcia Clark Howell at her home.

Mrs. Ruth Cushman Carlson, of Big River, is here visiting her mother.

Miss Mary Lord of Delta Chapter stopped to see us last week on her way west.

Miss Alice McGregor, of Ypsilanti, has recently been made a member of Alpha Chi.

The Annual May Festival will be held from the eighth until the eleventh. Two oratorios will be given, "The Messiah," and "Delilah," by Saint Saens. The Theodore Thomas Orchestra, Campanari, and Madame Schumann Heink, will be the principal attractions.

IOTA

Almost three months of the second term of school have passed and the girls are beginning to look forward to the commencement and home going. Iota will have four graduates this year, Bertha Walters, Helen Wright, both from the College of Literature and Arts; Ethel Wood, post-graduate in Latin and English; May Allison, post-graduate in history.

During the Easter season, we enjoyed a vacation from the twenty-ninth of March, until the second of April. Many of our girls went home, but the few that remained found plenty to do.

Our Annual, held March twenty-third, proved to be a success in every way. Many of our "old" girls came back and we were pleased to have guests from our nearby sister chapters.

On April the sixth the freshmen entertained the upper classmen, mothers and partronesses of the fraternity by giving an entertainment in form of a show. Every one present could not give enough praise to the work done by the girls, who received much glory because of the genius and originality displayed.

Since our last letter we have initiated four girls. We are proud to introduce as our new sisters, Miss Green, a member

of the faculty in the School of Music, Helene McCullough, Emily Fickland and Goldie Knox.

On May thirty-first, we are going to give our Spring Party, and the following night we give a banquet in honor of our senior girls. We are very anxious that all our "old" Alpha Chi sisters will be able to come back for this latter function.

Iota, is looking forward to a visit from Mrs. Tennant, some time the first of May, and are anticipating a delightful time.

Iota sends greetings to her sister chapters.

KAPPA

This has been a busy year for Kappa. Since the last letter to the Lyre we have initiated five splendid girls, who are doing fine work as loyal Alpha Chis. Let me introduce Lillian Zimmerman, Milwaukee; Winifred Showwalter, Madison; Margaret Wynn, Indianapolis, Ind.; Sadie Sutherland, Madison, and May Jenkins, Elrey, Wis. We have two pledges, Katherine Riley and Margaret H'Doubler.

Madison has had many fine musical attractions this year, but the one in whom we took the most interest was Ellen Beach Yaw. A number of our girls went to hear her and had the pleasure of meeting her after the concert. She has indeed a wonderful voice and we are proud that she is an honorary member of Alphi Chi Omega. It pleased us that she carried a bunch of red carnations, which the chapter had sent her.

Two new national fraternities have been installed in Wisconsin within the last year. The Rho Delta Phi, a local fraternity succeeded in becoming Delta Kappa Epsilon, a fraternity which two other organizations tried in vain to get. Delta Alpha Omega has become Alpha Tau Omega. These two make seventeen fraternities in the university without the honorary and professional. There are eleven sororities.

April Twelfth, our chapter gave an informal dancing party at Keeley's Annex. Mrs. Pickarts, who has recently become a patroness of Kappa, and her husband, were the chaperons. The party was a success, for we all had a splendid time. The Junior Prom, the big event of the year, took place

in February. Though the faculty changed the price of admission from six to three dollars, the hall was beautifully decorated, though not as elaborately as in previous years.

The date set for the Inter-Scholastic Meet, this year is May twenty-fifth. From Friday until Sunday night the fraternities and sororities entertain high-school friends, who expect to enter the university in the fall. Like the other sororities, we expect to have guests. Friday evening there is a university play and some of the girls will go to that. Saturday afternoon is the big meet and Saturday night there will be dinners and dances. Sunday if the weather is nice we expect to take an early boat for across the lake. Two of the girls have cottages where we will spend the day. After a big spread at noon we have planned a launch ride around Menona Lake, through the locks and into Mendota. It is a delightful ride and will give the girls an opportunity to see our city. May 30th is the day of the big race between Wisconsin and Syracuse. Every one is looking forward to it and we hope to see our crew win the day.

We girls are happy, for we are going to have a house next year. I am sure that the chapters who have houses can appreciate how busy we are in getting ready for next year. The house we have selected has twelve rooms and can accommodate ten or eleven girls. We think it large enough to start with and feel confident that we will have a cozy Alpha Chi home.

LAMBDA

Lambda girls have been working hard the past months, and as a result can introduce to the Alpha Chi world, five new sisters: Dorothy Ross Logan, Waterloo, N. Y.; Flora A. Kaufhold, Scranton, Pa.; Alice L. Mickelson, Geneva, N. Y. Mary L. Sanders, New York; Mary Emma Griffith, Syracuse, N. Y. There is also another freshman girl, Grace A. Young, who is proudly wearing our pledge-pin.

We are looking forward to next year very eagerly for we have just signed the lease of our Chapter house and fourteen of us expect to be at home there next fall.

Lambda has been greatly honored this spring. Nellie

Minot, '08, has been taken into Eta Pi Upsilon, the Senior Class sorority, Mary Emma Griffith, '10, has been invited for Iota Tau, the Sophomore society; and Harriet Moore, '08, was chosen member of the Executive Committee of the Junior Class.

In March, the University Dramatic Club, presented "The Rivals," filling the theatre for two evenings. An out door production of Comus, is to be given some time in the first of June.

We have been very fortunate this winter in the number of fine musicians who have appeared in Syracuse: Gabrilowitch, Campanari and Witherspoon have been heard, and during the week of May 7th, at the Musical Festival, Damrosch's Orchestra, Sembrich, Madame Homer, who have appeared in Syracuse. Gabrilowitch, Campanari and Witherspoon have been heard, and during the week of May 7th, at the Music Festival, Damrosch's Orchestra, Sembrich, Louise Homer, Samaroff and Corinne Kelsey, will be here.

Throughout the winter, students in our College of Music give monthly Public Recitals. In March, Frances Waldo, '08, played with Professor Phillips, "Scene Veneziane," by Pirani.

May 1st, was celebrated here as our annual Moving-up Day. Then the Seniors appeared for the first time in cap and gown, the Freshmen had a parade in celebration of their new dignity as Sophomores, and an inter class regatta was held on Onondaga Lake.

Lambda sends best wishes to all Alpha Chis for a very pleasant vacation.

MU CHAPTER

Although still so young, we of Chapter Mu are already filled with enthusiasm and love for Alpha Chi Omega. We are so delighted with our new relation, and wish to assure our sisters that we shall have constant care to uphold the high aims and principles of Alpha Chi in Simpson.

We appreciated so much the kindness of our sisters in sending us messages of congratulation, and feel that we should

like to meet every one of them. We have such admiration for the three Alpha Chis we have met, Mrs. Loud, Mrs. Howell and Miss Patrick and already feel that they are truly our sisters.

We were very glad indeed that they could stay thro our Musical Festival, which occurred this week. Among those of our girls who took part in the programs were Ethel MacFadon, soprano soloist in the Oratorio; Myrtle Bussey, piano soloist, and Effie Silliman who gave a very interesting exhibition of her work in public school music. Emma Brown also gave a piano number, and others of our girls sang in the Glee Club and Madrigal Choir.

One of our patronesses, Miss Alice Barrows, who has spent the last two years studying in Berlin, will return June 1st to resume her work as a teacher in the conservatory. That will be another jubilee day for us.

Myrtle Bussey, with several other teachers of the conservatory, will spend the summer in Europe.

We wonder if there will not be some Alpha Chis at the summer Y. W. C. A. Conference at Geneva this year. Carrie MacFadon, who is president of our association and possibly one or two others of our number will be there, and will of course be looking for wearers of the Lyre.

We have no home for our fraternity here but shall always be most glad to welcome any of our sisters.

ALPHA ALPHA

On Saturday, April sixth, occurred the annual meeting of the Alpha Alpha Alumnae Chapter of Alpha Chi Omega in Chicago. A dainty luncheon preceded the meeting, after which all the members went to Miss Ogden's studio in the Fine Arts Building.

The election of officers for next year was held first with the following result:

President, Miss Mabel Siller, (Gamma); Vice-President, Miss Cordelia Hanson (Gamma); Secretary, Mrs. Calwell nee Finch (Alpha); Treasurer, Mrs. Myrta M. Dennis (Gamma); Recording Secretary, Miss G. Ogden, (Delta);

Lyre Correspondent, Miss Mary R. Vose (Gamma).

After the election our delegate, Mrs. Dennis, read us the minutes of the convention at Greencastle, also the new ritual.

After discussing plans for next year and miscellaneous business the meeting adjourned.

BETA BETA

The chapter has had three meetings since our last letter, two luncheons in Ayres' Grill Room, and the state function, in the new cafe of the Grand Hotel, on April the 6th. We look forward to this state meeting as the event of the year, because we meet old friends, make new ones and have our fraternity spirit revived by the enthusiasm of the active girls.

Our June meeting will be with Mrs. Taggart, at her country home in Mooresville. She has kindly asked all the "Alpha Chi men" down for the evening.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas, of Indianapolis, have issued invitations for a reception to all the other sororities represented in the city. This will be a pleasant affair, for while we are loyal Alpha Chis, we form many friendships in other fraternities, during our college life, and after years have passed, you lose sight of fraternity ties when you meet these friends, your classmates.

The summer vacation is near and Beta Beta wishes you all a very happy time.



Personals

ALPHA

Miss Vivian Barnum was married to Fred Gross, at Manilla, Indiana, on April the 21st.

Blanche Busick was married to Albert Hass, Delta Tau Delta, at Tipton, Indiana.

Caroline Conrey, Alpha, is studying voice in Cincinnati.

Margaret Smith, Lilla Vermillya and Essie Neff, Alpha, are not in school this term.

Katherine Elfers, Alpha, who was compelled to leave school the first term on account of her eyes, has almost entirely recovered.

Mrs. Josephine Tingley Linscott, Alpha, who has been spending the winter in Greencastle, has returned to her home in Mobile, Alabama.

Miss Kate Stanford, Alpha, has been visiting her sisters in Greencastle.

Elizabeth Lockridge, Alpha, will give a senior recital, May the third.

Aldale McCoy, Alpha, will give a teacher's recital this spring.

Mrs. Rayburn Couger Obenchain, Alpha, of Arizona, has been visiting in Monticello, Ind., and attended the banquet at Indianapolis.

Laura Adams, Alpha, will be married in June.

BETA

Beta announces the engagement of Maizie B. Goodenow to Don B. White, Delta Tau Delta.

The engagement of Florence M. Bailey, Beta, to Chas. Hayden, Sigma Chi, is announced. The wedding will take place sometime in June.

Born to Lotta Weed Wright, Beta, a daughter.

Beta mourns the loss of a loyal Alpha Chi mother, Mrs. Sophia Crittenden.

Miss Marguerite Bower was an Albion visitor, April 1st, on her return to Wisconsin.

Mattie Reynolds Colby, Beta, will spend the summer at Mt. Clemens.

Blanch Bryant Dunbar, Delta, has recently moved to Adrian, Michigan.

Mrs. Marian Howlett Garfield, Beta, has been visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Marie White Longman, Beta, will leave soon for Europe, where she will spend sometime in study and travel. She will study in London and Paris.

Mrs. Nella Ramsdell Fall, Beta, who recently underwent an operation for appendicitis, has sufficiently recovered to return to her home in New York.

Lina Baum, Beta, has returned from her winter home in Florida.

Kathryn Granger, Beta, who is studying in Detroit, has been home for a few days filling an engagement. She will spend the month of June at Belvidere, Ill.

Misses Maizie and Georga Goodenow, Beta, will spend the summer at their summer home at Gull Lake. Miss Maizie has recently returned from a visit with Mrs. Myrtle Wallace Allen, Beta, of Detroit.

M. Daisy Osgood, Beta, who has been spending the winter at Biloxi, Mississippi, will not return to her summer home at Bay View, Mich., as business will keep her for sometime at Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Mary S. Perine, Beta, sails from New York, May 2, en-route to Rome, Italy, where she will spend some time, then traveling northward she will visit Switzerland, France, Germany, the Netherlands and the British Isles.

Mrs. Elin Gustafson Turrentine, Beta, has accepted the position of contralto soloist in the Washington Square M. E. Church, of New York City. She recently filled concert engagements at Syracuse, N. Y. and Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Ada Dickie Hamblin, Beta, has returned from a visit in Indianapolis. While there she attended the reunion of Beta Beta.

Mrs. Alta Allen Lond, Beta, will leave May 12, for In-

dianola, Iowa, for the installation of Mu chapter. On her return, she will visit her sister, Mrs. Jeanette Allen Cushman, Beta, of Minneapolis and Mrs. Lucy McMaster Niles, Beta, of Oak Park, Chicago.

Ethel Lovell, Beta, has accepted the position as organist in the M. E. Church, at Marinette. She also has a private class at Menominee, Mich.

Jennie Dickinson Reid, Beta, of Faulktown, S. D., visited in Michigan this winter. She will spend the summer here also.

Mrs. Florence Hoag White, Beta, and little daughter, Helen, of Detroit, have been Albion visitors.

Edith Bradley, Beta, is planning to spend the summer in Michigan.

Kate S. Calkins, Beta, who is studying in Chicago, has been home for a couple of weeks, filling engagements and calling on friends. She will spend the last of May in Northern Michigan, where she has a number of engagements. Her sister, Mrs. Ethel Calkins McDonald, Beta, will accompany her.

Mabel Keech, Beta, has taken up the Deaconess work in Philadelphia, Pa.

GAMMA

Relda Van Ryper left school two weeks ago to prepare for her departure in June, for a year's travel abroad.

The announcement of the engagement of Romaine Madeline Hardcastle to James Van Ryper is greeted by all of their friends with hearty approval.

Florence Kelly did not return to school this semester, on account of the very serious illness of her father. All Gamma girls wish him a very speedy recovery.

Relda Van Ryper, Ethel Harshbarger, Hedwig Brennan and Ola Wyeth, attended the Alpha Chi Omega annual, at Champaign, Illinois, at Easter time. They returned very enthusiastic about the girls, "the place and the men."

Miss Rachel Williams left last Tuesday for California, where she expects to spend the summer with her mother.

Esther Hinman gives her Senior recital next Thursday night.

Hedwig Brenneman has a permanent position as soloist, in one of the large churches in Glencoe. She will sing next week for the choral club, at Lake Geneva.

DELTA

Mrs. John Dick spent the holidays in New York City.

Mr. Manley Brown, whose wife is one of our charter members, is a candidate for county judge, and all Alpha Chis are very much interested in the election.

Edith Rhoddy is studying art in Italy.

Miss Bertha Lackett is undergoing treatment for her eyes, in Buffalo.

Miss Mary Thorpe Graham spent Easter in Pittsburg as the guest of Rev. Lisley.

Miss Florence Moore has returned from a six weeks visit at Bemis Point, Chataqua.

Miss Clara Lord spent two months with Dr. Knudson, of Boston University. Mrs. Knudson was formerly a piano teacher in the Pennsylvania College of Music. Miss Lord then spent six weeks in New York.

Lambda writes Delta that one of Delta's girls is touring in the "Madam Butterfly" company.

Miss Vesta Leet, Delta, visited Miss Louise Chase in the Hall.

Miss Ethel Moore has the position of soprano soloist, in the M. E. Church, of this city.

Miss Alice McDowell sang for two Sundays, at the Park Presbyterian Church of Erie. Miss McDowell also accompanied the Allegheny College Glee Club to Franklin and Oil City. She visited Mrs. Tom Smith in Franklin and Miss Mary R. Phillips of Oil City.

Miss Louise Chase played "Cavatina" by Bohm, at a recital given by the pupils of the Pennsylvania College of Music, April twenty-second. Sol Marcisson, of Cleveland, teaches here one day a week and Miss Chase is one of his pupils. Miss Louise Lord sang "The Spirit of Spring" at the same recital.

Miss Amelia Greene visited her sister for several weeks in the Hall.

Mary Roberts Philp has returned to Oil City after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Roberts, of Meadville.

Mrs. Helen Trax Wynne and Mrs. Zerald Trax Ensign, of Warren, have been visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. Z. Trax, of this city.

Mrs. Amy Lusk Frost, of Chattanooga, has been visiting in Meadville.

Mrs. Beth Youngson Smith, of Franklin, has returned from a visit in Meadville.

Myrta Porter, of Delta, is Librarian at Beaver, Pa.

Miss Jessie Merchant is again instructor in the Prep. school here.

Mrs. Grace Hammond Holmes is living at Syracuse, N. Y., and is of great assistance to Lambda Chapter.

Miss Florence Bates, of Meadville, left April 25 for Hawaii with her brother, Senator Bates.

Miss May Bell Elisa Crawford, Delta, to Mr. Sam Harvey McGowan, March 5, at New Castle, Pa.

Miss Helen Elizabeth Trax, Delta, to Mr. Westley Akres Wynne, October 13, at Meadville, Pa.

To Alta Moyer Taylor, a daughter, at Mt. Clair, N. J., November 25.

Mary Gibson Brock, a daughter, Jan. 25, at Meadville.

Mrs. Elizabeth McAllister Donnelly, March 29, a son.

EPSILON

Mabel Chalfin and Myrtle McArthur have just returned from a delightful trip to Honolulu.

Hazel Hearne has spent the winter in Seirra Modre, where she has a class of pupils.

Isabel Curl sails for Italy early in the summer, to continue her study.

Maureena McMillan has just returned from a delightful trip to Francisco, where she went after the Y. W. C. A. Convention was over.

Faye Buck sang with the Apollo Club in their final concert with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

Louise White has visited Susie Scheuk at her beautiful home in South Pasadena.

ZETA

Miss Olga Brandenburg, Zeta, recently gave a very interesting vocal recital in Boston, in conjunction with Mr. Bertram Currier, cellist. Some of her own compositions were performed, and gave evidence of very fine talent. Miss Brandenburg is a pupil of Jean de Reszke, Paris, and of D'Indy in composition.

Miss Alice Walk, Zeta, recently paid her chapter a visit on her way to New York, to continue her studies in voice for the winter.

Miss Sarah Morton, Zeta, is expected home soon from Paris, where she has been studying with Harold Bauer.

Miss Gertrude Damon, Zeta, has taken up her residence in Hartford, Conn. for the remainder of the year. Zeta chapter feels her loss very keenly, as her enthusiasm and active work for the chapter, meant very much to it.

Miss Mabel Davidson, Zeta, is making great progress in her studies in voice with Kirk Towns, in Berlin.

Miss Winfield Van Buskirk, Zeta, recently gave a most successful vocal recital in Logansport, Ind.

Miss Laura Howe, Zeta, played Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite before the Logansport, Ind., Musical Club, at a recent program of the club. The performance was of highest artistic merit.

THETA

Miss Nellie Overpack, of Manistee, and Miss Bess Goeschel, of Bay City, will be here for the festival.

Miss Helen Keys, is expected here next week to remain with us the rest of the year. She has given up her position in New Jersey, on account of throat trouble and is coming here for treatment.

Mrs. Riene Kyer, of Ann Arbor, wishes to announce the birth of Miss Jean Kyer, now six weeks old.

Miss Alza Sterret, of Detroit, has been here this week visiting Nell Schuyler.

IOTA

Miss Elsie Bean, '06, Ida Wyeth, '06, Ina Gregg, and Mary Barker, '05, were all back for the annual, March the twenty-third.

Miss Eva Robinette, ex. '07, and Mr. Wesley Huss, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, were married at the home of the bride's sister in Urbana, Illinois, April the sixteenth. They are now living in Cleveland, Miss.

Miss Charlotte Draper, and Mr. Brown, were married at the home of the bride's parents, May the sixth.

Miss Lucy Lewis, ex. '07, spent a few days visiting at the chapter house in March.

Miss Ina Gregg, of Tuscola, attended the Sigma Nu annual, April the second.

Miss Mabel Hayward, is spending a few months in California.

Mrs. Lou Brown, '04, of Moline, spent a few days last month visiting Iota girls in Champaign.

LAMBDA

Jessie Lansing, Lambda, was called home early in March, by the serious illness of her father, but she returned to college after Easter vacation.

Helen Cunningham, Lambda, was a member of the winning team in the Freshman Sophomore basket-ball game; thereby winning her class numerals.

Dorothy Logan, Lambda, on account of ill health, was obliged to return to her home in Waterloo, N. Y. for a couple of weeks.

ALPHA ALPHA

Miss Marion Titus was married to Mr. Wilfred Vanderhoef, on February 19th, at Grand Forks, N. D.

Mrs. Florence Harris Kuhl, of Beardstown, Ill., visited in Chicago, in February.

Misses Mabel Barlow, Laura Bartholomew and Blanche Jones, spent the winter in Florida.

Mrs. Myrta McKean Dennis, of Evanston, has returned from a visit to her parents, in Wahpeton, N. D.

Mrs. Helen Gamble Morgan, of Perry, Ia., studied pipe organ in Chicago part of the winter.

Miss Mabel Barlow, of Bethany, Mo., visited in Evanston on her way home from the south.

Mrs. Maytie Vaughn Moulton is living on a ranch in South Dakota.

Miss Kate Calkins, of Chicago, visited her parents in Albion, Mich., in April.

Miss Marjorie Grafius (Iota), of Chicago, assisted in cataloguing Dowie's library in Zion City, Ill., preparatory to the receivers' sale.

Miss Zella Marshall (Alpha), is living in Evanston with her parents.

Miss Leslie Smith (Theta), has been spending the winter with her sister in Chicago.

The Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alphi Chi, continues to have its luncheons the first Saturday of each month.

Any Alphi Chi visiting near Chicago, will be cordially welcomed to any of these luncheons and can learn where they are held by communicating with Mrs. Roy Calwell, 1440 Wilson avenue. Meeting sisters from other chapters will strengthen the sisterhood and the frat spirit.

Miss Theodore Chaffee spent three weeks in Colorado, during March. While in Denver, she saw Miss Ethel Isbest-er (Gamma), and in Colorado Springs she stayed with Miss Cora Seegers (Gamma).

BETA BETA

Mrs. Ella Hill Thompson, has returned from a visit to Bloomingburg, Ohio.

The Kappa Alpha Theta Alumnae, of Indianapolis, entertained all the Greeks at Indianapolis, at a reception given at the home of Mrs. Mick. It was very enjoyable to all present.

Beta Beta holds its regular monthly luncheons in Ayres' Grill Room, the first Saturday in each month. Any Alpha Chis visiting in Indianapolis on that date must meet with us.

Born to Mrs. Grace Conner Harris, a son, Martin Conner Harris, on May fifth.

EXCHANGES

Exchanges are requested to send one copy to the following:

Mrs. Edward Loud, 504 E. Erie St., Albion Mich.

Mrs. Elma Patton Wade, 2236 Ashland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Miss Jennie McHatton, 5332 Julian Ave., Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Lyre acknowledges the receipt of the following exchanges:

February—The Alphi Phi Quarterly.

March—The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.—The Phi Gamma Delta.—Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.—The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta.—The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

April—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.

MUSIC IN THE CHAPTER

Did you ever stop to think what our fraternity life would be if all the music were eliminated from it? It is easy to raise enthusiasm with a little bit of good music thoroughly well distributed. If you have not already tried it, get the crowd together around the piano. People always sing better when standing than when sitting, and if you can get close enough together to rub elbows, you can make the old roof fairly ring. And when you have raised the roof with the volume of sound inside, you will be ready to go out and shout to the very heavens your paean of praise for Kappa Alpha Theta. A chorus of singers, no matter how perfect the individuals may be, can not produce that full volume of sound which reverberates like the rich tone of a clear bell, until the singers have been together, and sung together until they have developed that sympathetic understanding of one another which makes their every musical action seem the offspring of a single mind. Hunt the thought out of that jumble of words, for there is really a thought there, and ap-

ply it to your chapter *esprit du corps* and see if you can point a moral to adorn the tale.

Then when it comes to the gentle pursuit of the rude barbarian at the beginning of each new term, it is surprising how much more attractive the bait is when seasoned with a good chorus and spiced with a few guitars, mandolins, banjos and the like. The "Man of Wrath" in our household has often told the curious effect of his fraternity quintette club in opening the eyes of a blind barbarian. He was a very desirable heathen, but, being a conscientious and busy student, he very frankly answered that he did not feel the need of fraternity life, he had friends in town to whom he could devote all the time he had to spare and he had no leisure for purely social pleasures at all. So the disappointed boys held a sort of a wake over the dead one night, in which the "dead" participated, a farewell appearance for him. The strings twanged plaintively, the voices rose in a melancholy dirge, and the room would have been very appropriately blue with smoke, except that they did not smoke—at least that is what the "Man of Wrath" says. The funeral was going on famously, but the Muse did not propose to be eclipsed in any such lugubrious fashion as that. The perverse banjo began to play a coon song, and the mandolin in the hands of the "dead" began to weave the most fantastic lace work of harmony around the melody until the "dead" one forgot his late decease, and the mourners forgot to mourn, and the next morning that barbarian agreed to spell his name in Greek. The unanswerable though intangible argument of harmony had accomplished what all the logic of fact and reason could not bring to pass.

Now if that were true of a mere man, what must be the measure of such an appeal to the finer fiber of a woman's soul? Music appeals to the artistic sense, preeminently, and the artistic sense should always be highly developed in a true Theta. And it would be a criminal waste of potential energy if we fail to make of the musical element of our life all that Providence intended and nature made possible.

But to take a more mercenary view of it, it pays. Almost any of the alumnae can recall instances where a chapter has

been able to grasp and hold the leading place in the life of its college almost entirely through its musical organization. Those girls were strong girls, true, but there were other strong girls in college at the same time who did not achieve leadership. A good quartette, or a combination of instrumental performers is always in demand at social functions, formal or informal, and the best Pan-Hellenic you ever attended was the one where our quartette had an appropriate song ready to spring after every toast, and a few good things in reserve for special emergencies.

You will sing more girls into Kappa Alpha Theta than you will ever argue in. You will also win more of the good will of the collegians, which will eventuate in political preferment in election time, by the concourse of sweet sounds with which you brighten the early days of the new student than you will ever get by an appeal to her reasoning faculty.

Kappa Alpha Theta.

Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Kappa Alpha (N. O.), Psi Upsilon, Zeta Psi, Delta Psi and Sigma Phi do not support fraternity journals. Chi Phi issues a year book. The *Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi, the *News Letter* of Phi Kappa Sigma, and the *Signet* of Phi Sigma Kappa go only to the members of their respective fraternities. In addition to a magazine Phi Delta Theta issues the private *Palladium*; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the secret *Phi Alpha*; Sigma Chi, the secret *Bulletin*; and Kappa Sigma, the *Star and Crescent*, Beta Theta Pi issued for several years, in the early nineties, the secret *Mystic Messenger*.—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma*.

One fault of the fraternity girl of today, noticed by an outsider, is her critical attitude toward all things. This spirit is fostered by three things, at least; her necessarily critical attitude toward the new girl in rushing season, her well-meant effort to live up to her initiation vows and help the new girl by friendly criticism, and her sometimes strained relations with her rival chapters all lead to this same result. Too often when a group of girls get together they begin a wholesale

slaughter in words, of every girl in their acquaintance who is not there. Common language calls this "knocking." In a case of one of our own girls why not tactfully set about to mend her faults, and in a rival girl merely be thankful that we do not have to bother about her defects.—Arrow.

Love some one—in God's name love some one—for this is the bread of the inner life, without which a part of you will starve and die; and though you feel you must be stern, even hard, in your life of affairs, make for yourself at least a little corner somewhere in the great world where you may unbosom and be kind—Phi Gamma Delta.

It was asked in the recent Inter-Sorority Conference why some chapters in several institutions do not show any considerable interest in the Woman's League of kindred organizations of their colleges.

The question brought out the opinions that in such cases the fraternity girls were unthinking in their relationship to collegiate society as a unity, or unfortunately selfish and absorbed in their narrow friendships.

To be "unthinking" in these days when our best efforts should ultimately be for the welfare and encouragement of others, can be counted not less than a crime.

To be "selfish" is a misfortune that the individual must overcome for herself or she will fail to grasp the ideals her sisterhood teaches.

The natural social leaders in college are found among the fraternities, so it is the privilege of the fraternity girl to try not to "gobble up" the office of the Woman's League, but turns her arts and graces to help build it up as a power in working out the knotty problems of social service in her institution of learning and in making it ring with college spirit, in which no college student or institution can afford to be lacking.—Alpha Phi Quarterly.

A topic of vital interest to all fraternities and one discussed widely not only in fraternity magazines but also by

all high school and college authorities is that of high school fraternities. There seems little occasion for further discussion of it in our Journal since Thetas in contributed articles relating to it have been so unanimous in condemning these organizations. In fact the sentiment throughout the country seems to be, in favor of abolishing them. At the meeting of the Deans of Women of State Universities, a year ago, the opinion was unanimously expressed that such organizations were harmful to the girls who join them and to the high schools in which they exist. The National Educational Association has condemned them and has appended a list of thirteen reasons, thus discussing their pernicious influence most exhaustively. The Inter-Sorority Conference has also registered its strong disapproval. The vote which our Grand President is now calling for will determine Theta's position in the general effort to do away with "our high school imitators."—Kappa Alpha Theta.

So the question which each fraternity worker asks is, "How shall we keep aflame the loyalty of our alumni?"

Certainly not by forgetting them until something is needed and then reminding them only by passing the hat. No; the relation is one of the heart, and must be made mutual to be permanent.

If you would retain the regard of your alumni, you must yourself have a sincere regard for them. You must do the little things that show them that you have a vital interest in them and in their welfare. You must share your pleasures and hopes and plans with them. And then, when your alumni realize that you are facing the same problems, fighting the same old fight, and striving for the same ideals that they faced and fought and strove for, the recollection of the old days will stir the heart-strings and set their blood coursing; and with awakened interest and a hearty hand-grasp your alumni will be with you.

This sounds easy, but it is hard; and the hardest part is with yourselves—to establish and maintain the attitude of sincere interest. But do your part and the alumni will do theirs. It may take time, and you may not get the very last alumnus, but those alumni worth while will respond to the earnest endeavor. The best may not be the easiest to reach,

but the true heart knows how to reach them.—Phi Gamma Delta.

Good Greek fraternity verse is surprisingly scarce. Not one piece of verse in ten that appears in fraternity magazines is worth the space it occupies. At the sixtieth annual convention of Psi Upsilon, at Dartmouth in 1893, Richard Hovey read an excellent poem, "Comrades," which appears in his volume "Along the Trail." The following portion expresses well the best ideal of the Greek society:

"Praise, then, for thee, Psi Upsilon!
 And never shame if it be said
 Thou carest little for the head,
 All for the heart; for this is thy desire.
 Not for the social grace thou mayst impart,
 Not for the love of letters or of art,
 Albeit thou lovest them, burns thy sacred fire.
 Not to add one more whip to those that drive
 Men onward in the struggle to survive,
 Not to spur weary brains and tired eyes on
 To toll for prizes, not, Psi Upsilon,
 To be an annex to collegiate chairs,
 Or make their lapses good!
 Make thou not claim of use
 For poor excuse
 Why thou shouldst climb thy holier stairs
 Toward ends by plodders dimly understood.
 No, for the love of comrades only, thou!
 The college is the head, and thou the heart.
 Keep thou thy nobler part,
 And wear the Bacchic ivy on thy brow."

—Phi Gamma Delta.

The High School Fraternity is a factor in educational circles which appears to be growing with rapid strides. It has its loyal adherents—who, in the freshness of their youth, are giving it vigorous support. On the other hand, a formidable array of opponents has arisen. These come from educators, both as individual and as organizations, and not a small part is the college fraternity. The many serious objections which have been made to this organization seems to leave but little room for its existence. Still it does continue to be. Therefore the question is what attitude should be maintained toward this organization?

To Gamma Phis this subject is being presented. We have no power of disbanding the organization, and thus freeing

ourselves from the pernicious effect which it has upon those who later enter college. Therefore some other method must be pursued if we agree that they are a detriment to us, to its members, and the schools in which it lives.

If determined and positive action can be taken as to methods of dealing with this problem, by the Inter-Sorority Conference, then a blow will be dealt which will be effective.—The Crescent.

The men's fraternity journals are enjoying a discussion over what fraternity was the first to have caused chapter letters issued.—The Anchora.

Alpha Delta Phi is the name assumed by a society of young ladies in one of the Georgia colleges. It has existed for many years under a name not Greek, but has recently become incorporated and the parent chapter is granting charters to other societies.—Beta Theta Pi.

There is one class of members for whom the fraternity does not adequately provide. These are the alumnae living away from college towns or alumnae chapters. They are often more interested in the detailed work of the fraternity than those who affiliate with the alumnae chapters. They hear no convention delegate's report; they never know of changes in the constitution; they have no access to the valuable statistics contained in the Grand Council and chapter reports and thus have to make special effort to learn the inner history of many of the fraternity proceedings, as, for instance, why an applying group, much discussed at convention, never received a charter. Much of this matter could not properly be printed in the Journal which circulates outside of the fraternity while a great deal more is not printed there because it is more conveniently comprised in other documents in the hands of the chapters. Do we need an alumnae officer to keep these women in closer touch with the fraternity machinery? Could an esoteric pamphlet be issued once a year and thus serve as a supplement to the Journal? It might be well for the convention delegates to talk over this question with those alumnae interested and come prepared to vote upon this matter should there prove a call for such legislation.—Kappa Alpha Theta.

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