

## *A Delegates Account.*

The time will come, perhaps, "when the sun grows cold and the stars grow old," that the question, "what to wear" will not bring distraction and heart-rending agony to the soul of the girl of the period. 'Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished, but the time is not yet ripe for such a glorious emancipation, nor will it be so long as conventions, receptions and banquets reign supreme in the hearts of college girls. We are morally certain that the heart of each delegate quickened its beating a little in thinking of dresses to wear at the convention—or, as in one case we know of—lack of dresses. Fraternity girls are not Miss Flora McFlimseys, nor ultra fashionable young ladies, nor yet advocates of dress reform, but there is one subject on which all girls agree—to make the best possible appearance on all occasions. We do not believe that the coat makes the man, but we are convinced that dress has a good deal to do with the making of a girl. So, after the manner of girls, we borrowed and scraped together all the finery of our respective chapters and families, and sent word to the neighbors to bring in all their spare jewelry, and then we started, in all the glory of our borrowed plumage, for the convention. Now *we*, individually, did not do this, but some of the delegates looked so nice that we were just mean enough to believe anything, and especially were we ready to credit it, having been told by one who knew.

On their way to convention, those delegates who could conveniently do so, stopped off at Greencastle, in order to accept Alpha's kind invitation to a reception given on the 21st of February. The reception was held at the home of Col. Weaver, who has been minister to Austria for a number of years, and who is now one of

the professors at Greencastle. Their magnificent home passes description, being literally filled with beautiful pictures, unique vases, books, and all manner of foreign bric-a-brac. It would be still harder to do justice to the charming manner in which we were received and entertained by the host and hostess. They were particularly kind to the strangers, putting them at their ease at once, and making them forget their natural shyness. We were forced, though not against our wills, to carry away a most glowing impression of the sociability of the gentlemen, and the graciousness of the ladies of Greencastle. The evening was spent in talking to death the people whom we met, and meeting others whom we wished to talk to. Oh, how some of us longed for two tongues and four eyes that night, and how many bright things we have thought of since which would have come in so "pat." However, we enjoyed ourselves to the full extent of one tongue and two eyes, and would be glad to know that we would all meet again on a like happy occasion.

To some of us not blessed with large *alumnæ* chapters, it seems almost incredible to think that nearly all the ladies at the reception could give us the Theta grip. It rouses our enthusiasm just to imagine a company of sixty Theta's, but what happiness it must be to possess that many in one chapter, and to have their support and help in all questions. Some of us were almost green with envy as we thought of the unequal distribution of numbers, but we fell back on the dear old law of compensation, which never fails to adjust all wrongs and equalize the blessings of fraternity girls. If some of the chapters have not so far-reaching a Theta back-ground as Greencastle, we know of one, at least, that has a more desirable "'bus-line." The meanest things we could say of Greencastle conveyances, could not half depict the truth in its sad reality. Words fail us when we try to describe that "'bus" in which we were placed by a malicious conductor, and which bore us, in all the glory and pride of our first convention, from the station to the dormitory. We had traveled all day, we were footsore and weary; but occasional glimpses of the coming evening of pleasure

refreshed us, and we gaily launched ourselves out into a sea of imagined repartee and nice nothings which were to captivate the unsuspecting hearts of the Greencastle youths. We little knew what fate had in store for us, and although the wind howled and the rain beat, we were happy—and ignorant. The truth in all its coruscating, corrugating splendor did not burst upon us until we were fully on our way to the dormitory. We were not greatly alarmed at first, but as the bumpings and thumpings increased, it seemed as if we were telescoping all the rocks of the Glacial Period. We flung dignity to the winds, and wildly clung to the straw at the bottom of the "bus." We tried to steady our reeling heads by clutching at the door, which was a board, pure and simple, with a nail for a knob. We thought of the spontaneous-instantaneousness of the going-to-pieces of the wonderful one-horse shay, and we held our breath waiting for the end. It was sad to see our poetic thoughts collapse, and our would-be repartee vanish into thin air, and had it not been for the warm welcome we received at the hall, we feel we could never have forgiven that conductor—never.

The morning of the 22d saw us in Chapel, listening to the eulogistic remarks on Washington and liberty, and also to the discordant cadence of cow-bells, chestnut bells and tin whistles. To one unacquainted with the cause of such a demonstration, the scene would have out-rivaled a Pandemonium let loose. The matter "in-toto," resulted from this: The good president of the college, in fullness of heart, and all kindness and earnestness, had, on the previous day, called the attention of the students to the lack of enthusiasm manifested by Young America on our national holidays. The president's highest hopes could never have equaled the results. Imagine six hundred students effervescing with ecstasy, and with the hope of satisfying the president's ardent spirit. The grave and dignified Seniors bore a banner with the strange device—"Did it with my little hatchet," accompanied by a picture of the venerable George in the cherry-tree act. It was really very funny; flags fluttering, bells jingling, and boys yelling "My country, 'tis of thee," etc.

When the exercises were over, there was a grand rush in the hall for the Senior's flags, and we were obliged to flee for our lives.

After visiting several of the fraternity halls, we proceeded to Miss Hammond's, where we held an informal meeting, spending an hour most delightfully, talking and singing fraternity songs. We were so pleased with the spirited way in which the girls of Alpha sung, that some of us straightway resolved to learn every song in our new book if it took a year.

It has taken me sometime to get to the point of really starting for the convention, but the afternoon found us *en route* for Madison. Five girls in various stages of sleepiness, all endeavoring to talk at once. We have always believed that the "best of all ways to lengthen the days, is to steal a few hours from the night," but we could not in truth and sincerity say that in the presence of such a weary company. However, we forgot it all when we met four delegates at Indianapolis, and the nine of us sped on our way with light hearts and lighter heads. Half a dozen girls or more met us at Madison, and one young man, who loomed up like a good deed in a naughty world, who knew just how to extricate our checks from us, and then disappeared mysteriously from view. A youth to fortune but not now to fame unknown, for in the annals of our memory we have traced his name in glowing characters. We were all entertained in the principal hotel in Madison; a very pleasant arrangement on account of the ease with which we got together for meetings. The first evening was passed in making acquaintances.

The convention was called to order at 10 o'clock, the next morning, but as the order of proceedings, together with as much of our work as can be published in the *Journal* is given elsewhere, I shall pass by the business meetings.

During the recess between the first and second sessions, the entire convention and all of Nu Chapter took a trip on the raging and muddy Ohio. We had heard so much of Kentucky's beauties and horses, that the temptation to actually *see* them, was too great to be

resisted. We started for the river and boarded a boat which, truth compels me to admit, was a ferry. It had been whispered that the pilot was extremely susceptible to the charms of young ladies, and we, in cold blood, determined to take advantage of this in order to get reduced rates. For reasons which were apparent to us all, but which we would rather not mention here, Kappa's delegate was chosen to beard the lion in his den (the pilot box), and either get a reduction from fifteen to five cents, or perish in the attempt. She was so quickly successful that we regretted not having asked to go across for nothing. Too much can not be said of the beauty of Kentucky—in the distance—with its rolling hills whose tops were in the clouds. But alas! as we approached, the vision of loveliness resolved itself into a mass of mud of fierce and appalling blackness; the noble horses turned out to be pigs doubly dyed in aforesaid mud, and the beautiful girls were—out of town. We took all the delight we could out of the display of pachydermal happiness, and abjectly begged pardon for carrying off so much of that dearly beloved soil.

We returned from Milton, Kentucky, in time for an afternoon session, and for the remainder of the day and a good portion of the night, devoted ourselves to business with an assiduity which showed an unlimited capacity for hard work.

Of course we were desirous of seeing the college buildings and the campus of which we had heard so much, and when the other Greeks at Hanover most gallantly placed their carriages at our disposal, we unanimously voted to show our appreciation of their kindness by using them Thursday morning. The distance from Madison to Hanover is six miles, along a road which winds in and out until the top of the hill is reached, and we see Hanover College in the midst of a campus so naturally beautiful that we thought of the Acadian Land with its forest primeval. Below the college winds the Ohio, the beautiful river sparkling and dancing in the sunlight, and on all sides are trees and rocks and flowers and rippling little streams—in *summer*—that is—for we gave our imagination full reign.

We were most cordially welcomed by the college professors, and conducted by them through the various departments. Their kindness and interest in us will not be forgotten; we carried away none but pleasant recollections of our brief visit to Hanover.

In the evening came the reception and banquet—that deluge of happiness which was to end our sojourn in the enchanted land of Convention. The bright and witty things that were said that night, the charm of smiling faces, the grace of twinkling feet, the *menu* which satisfied the most exacting connoisseur—all seemed to us the consummation of blissful things. The overwhelming rush of recollections baffles our descriptive powers, but as the editor of the *Madison Herald* was brave enough to make the attempt, you may have another Greek's version.

#### EPSILON.

"As was confidently predicted by their friends, Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity closed their sessions last night in a most brilliant manner with a reception in honor of the visiting fraternity delegates, given in the Madison Hotel, under the delightful chaperonage of the ladies of the Faculty of Hanover College, and managed, as it was, by the members of Nu Chapter, of whom the word active is no misnomer. This commingling of fraternal spirits proved one of the most delightful social affairs ever given in Madison.

"A word as to the young ladies who so gracefully played the roles of hostesses last evening. Nu Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity, the largest and best known of all our lady fraternities, was founded at Hanover College six years ago. Never very large in numbers, Nu Chapter has, since its origin proven one of the most efficient arms of the fraternity at large. Its appearance at Hanover College was welcomed as a joyous omen of peace by the warlike Greeks there, who had for several years carried on a vigorous and often an enervating border warfare. The refining influence of the admission of a coterie of lady Greeks was soon most apparent. Even the fraternity 'goat' the hero of countless toasts and poems, has gracefully bowed acknowledgment to the influences of side-saddle and skirts, and his antics have lost the dread violence which prevented many from giving utterance to the magic 'Sesame' which admits the uninitiated to the Greek world of mystery. In spite of a popular superstition to the contrary, our young ladies have proven valiant defenders of fraternal secrets. Last night proved them admirable exponents of true Grecian hospitality. It was a novel and an altogether pleasing sight to see the 'white rose and red' laid aside, and Greek meet Greek under a flag of auspicious omen and happy

combination, and black and gold of Kappa Alpha Theta — symbols of secrecy and loyalty to Greekdom.

"From eight o'clock until the still, small hours, when old 'Sol' sends forth warning that revelries must cease, a constant stream of guests poured into the brilliantly lighted parlors of Madison's justly-famed hotel. Euterpe's disciples renewed their vows and derived additional inspiration from a delightfully rendered concert, given in the music room, with the College Glee Club and Miss Palmer and Frank Vail as bright and particular stars. Terpsichore rallied her forces in the large dining-room of the hotel, which had been cleared in anticipation of the wishes of her devotees. Refreshing ices and tempting viands of every description made the *tete-a-tete* supper-rooms popular resorts. The brilliant costumes of the young ladies made the ball-room a scene of beauty. In the presence of so much beauty our pen refuses to particularize, but this we must say, the ladies of Nu Chapter and our bevy of faculty ladies, by their assiduous attentions to all, by the exercise of a grace which was to the 'manner born,' have won immortal fame as entertainers. This was the verdict of every one so fortunate as to be present at the reception last evening.

"The visiting delegates depart with sincere regret and grateful acknowledgment of the courtesies extended them by their entertainers. Need we say that the beauty and wit of our visitors, representing almost every State in the Union, have left indelible impressions upon the hearts of the manly Greeks?"

"Long life to Kappa Alpha Theta, and may many more such delightful entertainments gather to her standard the friends of whom she has legion."

## History of Nu.

The following extracts are from a letter written by one of our charter members, giving an account of the founding of Nu Chapter. It was interesting to me, as a Nu girl, and will probably be of interest to some of the *old* girls of other chapters as a bit of history calculated to recall somewhat similar experiences of the early days of their respective chapters:

"When Hanover College opened her doors to us, she gave us the same privileges that have always been accorded to her students: the right of

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organizing and governing societies composed of the most congenial acquaintances. This society feeling gradually grew more restricted in its meaning, until it developed a class of secret organizations, to which we joined ourselves, scarcely six months ago.

"A year ago, this little cluster of fraternity sisters was little more than a dream — a dream that not even the most hopeful of us ever really expected to see realized. A year ago, only one or two of us had thought of such a thing as a regularly organized Greek circle; the most feasible plan seeming to be that of organizing a literary society, under the supervision of older people and with the sanction of the faculty. At last we saw the entire removal of this feeling, and to each one of our members came a hard-working fraternity spirit that has endured through all our many disappointments and hindrances of every kind.

"A little less than a year ago, from the little post-office that marks its letters '6-27-81,' a letter was sent to Greencastle, asking in fear of a refusal information concerning the organization of a chapter of K A Θ. Its style alone shows the awe that pervaded even the atmosphere of the room where, in the Sunday silence, only broken by the soft ripple of the river before the door, a would-be Theta sat petitioning for an entrance into the mystic circle.

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"This first letter was not answered. At intervals during the first term of this year, letters were sent to Bloomington and Greencastle, both by our members and members of other fraternities, who were friends of ours. At last a rumor came to us, that secret societies were to be suppressed. Our distress was great, for we had only received certain news of our acceptance a few days before. Then our rivals made their appearance, and gave us another cruel wound. Driven almost to desperation, a telegram was sent to Bloomington praying for our institution. A group of anxious-faced girls gathered in the hall one evening to read a little folded paper that contained our fate. It said: 'What you ask is impossible. Don't send any more telegrams.' It was almost a death blow, but we came bravely from this trouble, making up our minds to stand by K A Θ or not try to organize a fraternity at all. It was a glorious resolution, for it made our reputation among our sister chapters. Way off in Burlington, Vermont, they heard of our persistent applications, and a letter came congratulating us; and in our own State, hardly a letter has been sent to us without some mention of our confidence in the fraternity. At last, the welcome news came that we were to be initiated; and when we gathered in our dear old hall, that snowy, cold, winter day, there was not one of us but gave a sigh of thanks that we were sisters by charter, at last.

"Since that day when all the forces of nature seemed spent upon us to break our courage, we have never faltered. There has never been a moment of discouragement or hesitation.

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"A fraternity may be made the best or the worst influence that can be brought to bear on a student. It rests upon us all, which it shall be."

I will only add to the above that we have endeavored to make this influence the *best*, and I think we have no reason to be ashamed of the record of the past five years. We have averaged three initiations a year. The social spirit has been kept up by numerous banquets, the broader fraternity spirit by reunions of all the members. With one exception we have held the places of honor on all the exhibitions of the literary society, and have never failed to send a representative to the conventions. Nu.

SUSAN W. MOFFETT, Hanover College.

## *The Cynicism of Carlyle.*

In the southeast of Scotland, among the granite hills and black morasses which stretch westward almost to the Irish sea, lies Craigenputtock, the former home of Thomas Carlyle. Here, in this "loneliest nook of all Britain," as he calls it, were passed the early years of his married life, and it was here he opened a new world to thoughtful men. We must all acknowledge that our lives are colored by our surroundings, and may it not be that the cold, dreary skies, the barren heath, the general bleakness of the moorland landscape left their impress on Carlyle's character? He had many strong points, clear insight, rugged independence, stern integrity, and an intense hatred of all lies and shams; yet there was a harsh background of dogmatic egotism and a sublime contempt for everybody who fell short of his standard. His works are tinged with this creed: "I believe in Thomas Carlyle, I find emptiness and chagrin everywhere, I can reverence no existing man." If we look carefully at his writings, we shall perceive he does not truly want to reverence a man, for while, Diogenes-like, he pro-

fesses to seek one, he has inwardly resolved that no man is to be found. In this cynical mood, and with dark-colored glasses, he looks at the world, and it is not strange that the pictures he presents are frightfully distorted. To him, Wordsworth is "a small, diluted man—a contemptibility;" Keble, with whose hymn, "Sun of my Soul," the Christian world is familiar, he gravely pronounces "a little ape," and Gladstone interests him chiefly on account of his "cock nose."

It is with mingled indignation and pity that we hear him speak of Charles Lamb as a "wild idiot, a combination of feeble wit and a proclivity for gin." We are indignant that Carlyle, disagreeable, cross and surly, should with his calm smile of superiority refer so contemptuously to a man who maintained, in the most adverse circumstances, a cheerfulness in striking contrast to the temper of the Sage of Chelsea. We can but wonder at the self-assurance of the man who sets himself up in this way to pass sentence of failure so relentlessly upon the majority of his fellow men.

The habit of cynicism with Carlyle was so strengthened by time, that finally he could not speak without a murderous stab at something. He had his own vocabulary. The world was translated into "a dusty fuliginous mass." London, "a foggy Babylon;" the quality of his food "Stygean." But why cite further illustrations? Enough has been given to show the general attitude of a nature richly endowed, but sadly warped and narrowed by a fault-finding spirit, which finally ended in wholesale denunciation.

It is this, perhaps, more than any one thing, which has lessened our respect for Carlyle. In cruelly ridiculing those whose impulses were, in the main, good, he has done an incalculable amount of injury. He has blown his trumpet with no uncertain sound against sham, pretense, and hypocrisy, but it has ended there. While bewailing the decadence of our times, he has done nothing to stem its current. His writings display a bold, manly spirit—yet with strange inconsistency, he identified himself with the conservatives, and did not cease to pour forth volley after volley of ridicule against popular liberty.

MU.

*Alleghany College, Meadville, Pa.*

This term began with a bright sky for Mu, and her star is still in the ascendant.

Our initiations have been two, one for Miss Helen Sherman, '90, of Titusville, Pa., and the other for Miss Henrietta Miller, '90, of Brownsville, Pa.

We have been making improvements in our hall, and hope to do more. Our alumnæ have kindly aided us.

Three of our alumnæ have been recently married: Miss Lydia Wood, '85, to Mr. Homer Bodley, of Pittsburg; Miss Clara Snyder, '85, to Mr. O. W. Hollister, of Youngstown, Ohio; and Miss Virginia Miller, '86, to Mr. Charles P. Lynch, of Warren, Ohio.

We have had several "spreads," but have done nothing else in the social line.

Alpha chapter of Delta Tau Delta has invited our chapter to a large reception Monday, February 14th, which will doubtless prove to be a social success, as Delta parties have been heretofore.

Among the different fraternities here there is a healthy competition. We still remain the only representative of ladies' fraternities in Alleghany.

We look forward to the convention anticipating many good movements for the advancement of Theta's welfare.

Yours in Kappa Alpha Theta,

Mu.

NU.

*Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.*

The widwinter term opens with prospects for work and pleasure to Nu chapter. The term is very short, and there is much of collegiate and of fraternity work to be crowded into it.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the meeting of the fraternity *Conventions*. The Province Conventions of Sigma Chi will meet here at about the same time as ours.

Last term was quite gay in fraternity circles. The Phi Gamma Delta's gave two receptions, to both of which all the members of

Nu chapter were invited. Other fraternities gave informal receptions and "*spreads*" throughout the term. Kappa Alpha Theta had a very dainty feast about three weeks before the close of the term, on the occasion of the pledging of our "Preps."

All the fraternities in Hanover are in a flourishing condition, numerically, with the single exception of Delta Gamma, which has but two members.

There is a strong "barb" element among the girls, although they have no regular organization.

At the recent election of speakers for the May exhibition of the literary society, Kappa Alpha Theta got both valedictory and salutatory, besides two speakers. We also have one of the honor places in the exercises on the 22d of February.

Before another issue of the *Journal* the convention will have met, and among other things, it will be decided where the *Journal* will be published during the next two years. We sincerely hope that Kappa will consent to continue its publication. She has amply proved to us that she is worthy of the trust. Nu chapter was greatly pleased with the slight change in the dress of the KAPPA ALPHA THETA. It does not look so sombre as before.

Nu has done little but talk of the convention for three months. If the other chapters have done likewise, we may expect an enthusiastic meeting. We expect to have a good many of our "old girls" here then. May we not hope to have some visitors from the alumnæ chapters?

Nu sends best wishes to each and every chapter of the Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mu.

KAPPA.

*University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas.*

The year thus far has been a prosperous one for us. Our regular work has been varied by open meetings, and they have been among the most pleasant of our year's experiences. Their most important feature is an address, the remainder of the session being devoted to music, conversation, and a "*spread*." Our pledged

## Personals

### DELTA.

Mamie Caldwell is teaching music in Clinton.  
 Sarah Van Pelt, '86, spent the holidays in Chicago.  
 Sadie Patton, '86, is visiting her brother in Springfield.  
 Rilla Sikes, '86, made us a pleasant visit before the holidays.  
 Maud Pillsbury, '86, is lying very sick at her home in Pontiac.  
 Carrie Russell returned from her trip to the lakes, improved in health.  
 A few friends enjoyed a parlor Christmas tree at the home of Altha Watson.

Laura McCulloch, '87, holds the office of president in Bells Lettres Society, this term.

Luella Bradley, a Theta sister in Wisconsin, intends to start to Europe with her mother, in a short time.

Mattie Myers assisted her mother in entertaining a large company on the evening of the 30th of December.

### KAPPA.

Alice Pettee is studying art in Chicago.  
 Mildred Pickard is at her home in Washington, Kansas.  
 Alice Cummings made a flying visit home a few days ago.  
 Mrs. Ida (Bay) Duback spent a few days in Chicago, recently.  
 Jean Anderson leaves soon, to return to her home at Atchison.  
 Lizzie Pettee is attending a ladies' school at Independence, Missouri.  
 Hattie Cook did not return after the holidays. She is sadly missed by Kappa.

Miss Mattie Slavens, of Alpha, has been visiting Miss Lillian McMillan, of this city.

May Walker, Bessie Root, and Ella Ropes are the latest additions to the ranks of K A Θ.

Mrs. Cora (Pierson) Hopkins, '84, has been visiting her old home in this city for some time.

Stella Overton has left school for this year. Kappa hopes to welcome her back next term.

Alice Noble, of Dallas, Texas, spent a few days in this city, settling up her father's business.

Mrs. Julia (Watson) Nicholson, '81, of Topeka, is frequently to be seen in the halls of K. S. U.

Kate Merrill, who has been studying music in New York city, will return to complete her course at K. S. U.

Mrs. Grace (Houghtellin) Finney, of Las Vegas, N. M., has returned to her home after a short visit in this city.

Miss Maggie Eidemiller, '81, entertained a large number of her lady friends at an elegant lunch party, recently.

Mrs. Carrie (Hastings) Fletcher surprised her Lawrence friends by a short visit, before going to her new home in Wichita.

Josie Cook spent the winter in Michigan, attending her mother during her last illness. She is now at her home in Kansas City.

Married—December 29th, Miss Mamie Hudson and Mr. Dell Kiser, both of Topeka. The best wishes of Kappa follow the happy couple.

Married—October 27th, Miss Ida Bay, of Fort Scott, and Mr. George Duback, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Duback will make Lawrence their future home.

May Webster has been quite ill for some time, but is slowly recovering. It is a mooted question whether her indisposition is owing to the dissipation of convention, or to the reception given her at the news that the *Journal* was to be returned.

### MU.

Miss M. E. T. Scott, '86, is teaching at Forestville, New York.

Florence Sullivan, formerly of '88, is teaching at Miles' Grove, Pa.

Sallie Welsh, '84, is organist in the Methodist church at Franklin, Pa.

Eary Fishbrim, '90, was obliged to leave college on account of poor health.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bodley (*nee* Lydia Wood), have gone to Baton Rouge, Miss., where they will make their future home.

### NU.

Crissie Gilchrist, '85, has been called to the chair of Latin in Del Norte College, Del Norte, Colorado.

Mrs. Joseph Ibach, one of Nu's charter members, accompanied by her daughter Mary, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at her old home in Madison.

Kate Piatt, '86, has been obliged to give up her position as Instructor of Science in Michigan Female Seminary, on account of the severe illness of her mother.

Dame Rumor whispers that ere long one of our sisters will take into her keeping the future happiness of a certain prominent young man. Of all the good wishes that may follow the happy couple, none will be more sincere than that of Nu.

Random: also by a beautiful plaque from Carrie (Hastings) Fletcher. Precious and highly appreciated remembrances in the shape of generous cheques have come from Kate Ridenour and Fannie Pratt. We think these absent Thetas can hardly realize how we are cheered and strengthened by their thoughtful kindness, and what an inspiration comes from the knowledge that they are still as much interested in our welfare as we ourselves. One of our Seniors, Ella Ropes, has anticipated the time when she, too, will be "lost to sight in memory dear," and has presented us with an elegant water set.

Among Commencement festivities the fraternities will play a conspicuous part. Kappa Alpha Theta leads off, June 1st, with a large reception at the home of Sydney Daily. About one hundred and fifty invitations have been issued. The Phi Gamma will give a large party June 3. The same night the Sigma Nus entertain their friends. The I. Co. and Betae follow, and the Phi Psi and Phi Delta close the lists, June 5.

The total number of students graduating from the different departments is larger this year than ever before, and a most interesting Commencement is expected. Two of our girls will graduate, one of whom, Luella J. Moore, has been elected president of the day for Class Day. One of our post-graduates, Mary E. Winder, will also take another degree.

We will only lose one of our Seniors, as Ella Ropes will return next fall to take post graduate work. It is with heavy hearts, however, that we say farewell to Luella Moore, who has always been one of our most active and efficient workers, a whole-souled Theta in every way.

Our prospects for next year are very encouraging, and we hope to return after the long vacation, ready and able to maintain the standing our chapter has held ever since the first day last Theta entered our university.

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MTU

Allegheny College, Meadville, Pa.

Thus far this term we have been very prosperous, and our fraternity spirit is ever on the increase.

We have three Seniors this year: Marie Wilkinson, essayist of her class, Ella Graef, president, and Hattie Reitze, who would not accept an honor, as she graduates unexpectedly this year and has quite heavy work.

We have made a number of improvements in our room this term and now look forward eagerly to commencement time when our alumnae shall bestow upon us the praise which we feel we well deserve.

One of our girls, Mary Flaherty, of Brainerdville, Pa., who left college last fall on account of ill health, was married a short time ago to John A. Wood, '86, of Pittsburg, Pa.

There has been a new fraternity started, a chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, which has a very favorable outlook for so young a fraternity.

There are rumors of a chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma being founded here, which we hope will prove true, for we feel that competition is the only thing Mr. Lucke.

Phi Delta Theta will give a reception very soon, to which our girls are invited. We anticipate a delightful time, as our Psi have long since established a fine reputation for entertaining.

Best wishes to all sisters.

MTU

Haver College, Haver, Ind.

This year's work is drawing to a close. It has been both a pleasant and profitable one for us.



Thus far we have initiated but one new member, Lillie Kewin. She is a girl of rare accomplishments, and is a valuable addition to our number.

At the meeting of the Board of trustees of Hanover College, arrangements were made for a Department of Music. Laura Palmer, one of our members, has been chosen as instructress. She is an excellent musician and is well qualified for filling the place.

One of the receptions that Nu has arranged to give every month, was held June 23. The weather was very disagreeable, but that did not prevent our friends from being present.

We anticipate a grand time this commencement. One of our best and brightest girls, Eva Fitzgerald, will graduate. She has always been one of our best workers, and her absence will be greatly felt.

We expect our new professor at the opening of the fall term.

We were very much interested in Cornell's plan of "not rushing." Although it has never been necessary to do much rushing here, we think it would be an excellent thing to have such a rule. Owing to the Prep. Law of our College, no fraternity can initiate any below Freshmen. This avoids the rush to a limited extent.

The fact that Lawrence has been chosen as the editorial office of another Greek Journal shows that Kappa Alpha Theta was wise in her selection. There seems to be something in the Kansas atmosphere peculiarly favorable to fraternity publications.

We were much pleased with Epsilon's account of the convention and the visit to Greencastle.

No sends love to all the chapters.

## OMICRON.

*University of Southern California, Los Angeles, Cal.*

We Omicrons have been looking over the April number of the *ALPHA THETA*, enjoying the reports of sister chapters rejoicing in the fact that we too have a right to the "black gold." Though our chapter is young and we are as yet disciplined in fraternity matters, yet we are sure we possess the Theta spirit. Our chapter consists of fourteen members, yet we are alone in our glory, being the only Greek chapter Southern California, but judging from appearance we have soon to believe that the Delta Gammas are making preparations to establish a chapter here.

Since our organization, March 3d, we have held regular meetings once in two weeks, and have held two "spreads." The first was given soon after our initiation by Mrs. President Board, member of Alpha chapter, on which occasion we were honored by the presence of five sisters from Alpha chapter and one from Delta chapter, who taught us how to enjoy a "spread" in the Theta style. The second was given by one of our own chapter at our last meeting, to celebrate the initiation of two new members. Being inexperienced in the management of the game found it a little unruly, but managed finally to get control of and after the ceremony put a lot of good humor again by feeding it sumptuously. On this occasion we initiated Miss Ida Wiley, professor of Latin in our University, who is an alumna of Wesleyan.

We are very glad to be welcomed among you, and we hope soon to make the acquaintance of sister chapters through correspondence.

PI

*Albion College, Albion, Michigan.*

From the Peninsular State PI chapter sends her best greetings to KAPPA ALPHA THETA.

## LAMBDA.

Mollie Mills, '85, is teaching at Philadelphia.

Julia Platt is studying at the Harvard Annex.

Clara Colburne, '88, is teaching, but will be with us again next year.

Clara Pease occupies the Chair of Mathematics at Bradford Academy, Bradford, Mass.

Eliza Isham, '86, has been appointed Superintendent of Public Schools at St. George, Vt.

Lucia Barney and Mattie Wheeler, both of '89, who have been teaching, again occupy their accustomed places in Lambda hall.

Jean Christie, '86, was married to George Chandler, January 19, 1887. Her present home is at Helena, Montana. Lambda hurls old shoes after her with many hearty good wishes.

Bess Howe and Emily Colburn, of '90, became so interested in unraveling the Grecian mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta, that they decided to push their explorations further yet. Accordingly they have made up their preparatory work during the year and are now doing the regular class work in Greek. We call four years' work in one pretty good for "Fresh."

## Nu.

Belle Milder, '86, spent a few days among old friends in Hanover.

Laura Palmer has been chosen as instructor in music at Hanover College.

Crissie Gilchrist, '85, will spend the vacation in Hanover, and return to Del Norte College in the autumn.

Lida M. Hunt, one of Nu's charter members, will be married on May 16th, to Joe R. Matthews. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews will make their home in Madison, so we will still be able to call the roll with a charter member as an active as well as resident member.

## Pi.

Myrtle E. Graves made a short visit with friends in Marshall.

Miss Annie E. Stevens, '87, visited friends at Ann Arbor June 20.

Gertrude Allen, '84, was elected alumni editor of the *Plirad* for the coming year.

Zua Thomas, '90, now wears a beautiful new Theta pin, set with opals and pearls.

Emma L. Southworth, '86, will retain her position as teacher in the Albion High School.

E. May Moses, '90, will spend the summer vacation at her home, in Seneca Falls, N. Y.

The literary editorship of the *Plirad*, for the year 1888, was given to Miss Olive B. Hull, '89.

M. Maud Beard, '89, was given the position of scientific editor on the new editorial staff of the *Plirad*.

## Rho.

Gertrude Laws, '90, will spend the summer months in Colorado.

Elizabeth Bonnell, '89, will spend the summer at her home, in Lincoln, Neb.

Dena Loomis, '89, and Christine Childs, '90, camped at Crete during the annual Chautauqua Assembly.

The girls of Rho chapter were made happy by a visit from Mrs. Anna Holman Burton, Alpha, a short time before Commencement.

Minnie Latta, '88, is looking forward to her visit in the East this summer more anxiously than heretofore, hoping in her travels to meet members from other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta.