

with fresh enthusiasm for Theta and a desire to promote her welfare in every possible manner; each and all determined by their college work to lift high the "black and gold," and wave it "Excelsior."

One of our seniors, Miss Effie Lemonds, has been chosen, by reason of her great ability, by the professor of Romance languages, to translate a work of considerable importance from the German. She is now at work upon it, and it will be published at some time in the near future.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to a joint meeting of Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta to be held at one of our Theta homes. The feelings and sentiments between the two fraternities are of the most amicable character and no animosity lingers in the same atmosphere with the "Key and the Kite." The bow of peace spans and arches our college sky, and from the depths of true and loyal hearts emanates one pulsation of hope for our fraternity that she may "live long and prosper." She is recognized as a substantial organization, christened and officially honored. With this recognition may we be unselfish in our devotion, and not weary in well doing. May our hearts go out in thanksgiving that our order has been prospered in the past, and may we have much to be thankful for in the coming days. Unreserved allegiance and unswerving loyalty to our chapter makes the sweet music of the perfect harmony of Kappa Alpha Theta.

With love to all Thetas.

Sincerely yours,

JOE PITTMAN.

NU.

Hanover College, Hanover, Indiana.

The midwinter term opens with prospects for hard work and some pleasure for Nu chapter. Two of our active members did not come back after the Christmas holidays, but expect to join us again in the spring. We have with us again this year Victoria Arbuckle, formerly of '88, who has returned from a year's stay in Colorado and enrolled with '89. Although our chapter is small this term, fraternity spirit and enthusiasm are not wanting. We have made no initiations so far but have pledged two bright preps.

We have done very little in a social way this year. Last year we gave a public reception the first Thursday of each month, but this term, owing to the pressure of college and fraternity work, have discontinued them. We hope to resume them soon. Fraternity circles have been rather quiet in Hanover this year, but it is rumored that some of the "bretheren" will soon give a regular Greek spread. The frats are all in a flourishing condition with the exception of the Delta Gamma, which has but one active member. Nu has already begun to talk and plan concerning the next convention, which meets with Kappa chapter. Now, when the bleak winter weather is upon us, we are rejoicing in the wise action of the last convention in changing the time of the convention from February to the beautiful month of October. Having so many new chapters in the next convention ought to be a very full and a very enjoyable one.

Nu was more than glad to respond to a call for a JOURNAL letter once more, and we are quite certain that if all the chapters have felt the need of the JOURNAL as much as Nu has, they will all be very prompt in their contributions in the future.

Best wishes for the JOURNAL and sister chapters from

NU.

KAPPA.

Kansas State University, Lawrence, Kansas.

The girls of Kappa for the most part have been passing a quiet pleasant winter. Those of us in school have been too busy to give much time or attention to what the outside world has done. One of our number, Tella Chapman, was sick during the last of the fall term. She has recovered now and is again in college.

Lillie McMillan has returned from a trip east and reports a fine time.

Mrs. Frank Webster gave a large party a few weeks ago, and some of us were among the guests.

On January 26th we initiated two girls who had been pledged to us for some time, Helen Simpson and May Monroe. Miss Beck, formerly of Greencastle, was with us on that occasion. The

two girls Saturday night. This may seem rather precipitate to some of our sisters, but thereby hangs a tale.

During the spring term, last year, our rival sisters, taking time by the forelock, began to "rush" some girls attending the high school of this place. Such forethought or fore-rushing being against the rules and rather beneath the dignity of the Theta sisterhood, we had to stand back in some trepidation (for they were really desirable girls) and let things take pretty much their own course. The result proved that to be a pretty good course to permit some times, for with the aid of moderate attention and a prompt bid this term, Epsilon has secured the prize. We do not like boasting, especially do we not like to glory over a defeated rival, and we would not mention this in our letter, but that it serves to introduce a word or two against the evil of rushing, which evil Epsilon seldom loses an opportunity to decry. Rushing, in the common acceptance of the term, seems to us to have few or no advantages while it has many attendant evils, chief of which, setting aside the loss of dignity and caution which it involves, is the unwarrantable distraction from study it causes a student just at a time when she needs all her faculties most ready at her command. The writer can testify to the harm done to herself by this in the beginning of her school career, and has no doubt that nearly every other fraternity girl would sign her name to the same effect if asked the truth of the matter. May the day come quickly when every chapter shall be able to adopt the excellent non-rushing system already in use among some of our sisters.

We hope we will not discredit our claim for modesty if we mention another source of honest pride to Epsilon. Of the five honors awarded last year in a class of forty graduates two were taken by Theta girls, Lettie Warren and Helen Jeffries. The former being given the Natural Science and the latter the Latin Oration.

As our one social event during the summer, made possible by having a good many resident members, we mention a picnic

at which none but ladies, Thetas and their friends, were present. I called it a picnic, and such it would have been had not the elements combined against us. Such it was, any how, if we may be permitted to use the word in its slang sense, the crashing thunder, the vivid lightning, and the pouring rain only adding zest to our enjoyment of the occasion, shielded from harm, as we were, under the wide-spreading roof of the gymnasium.

We are anticipating a successful and pleasant year, and looking forward with pleasure to the convention and the enthusiasm and help which flow from it through the medium of our delegates, and to the drawing closer about us the bonds of our common sisterhood. May the results of this convention not fall short of our past experience.

J. C.

NU.

Hanover College, Hanover, Ind.

The term was ushered in by four days of pouring rain, but even that could not dampen the ardor of our eight Theta girls. Shut in our cosy, little "box" with drawn curtains, we could bid defiance to weather. College opened with rather a larger number of new students than usual, and the prospects for additions to the chapter is encouraging.

It was generally understood among the students last spring that the Delta Gamma fraternity, which had died out for a number of years in Hanover, had been revived and would spring a "surprise" (?) on us Commencement week. After carrying every thing before us without effort for so long we rather welcomed the prospect of a rival fraternity, but if such exists it still lives sub-rosa.

Commencement week was a time of joyful reunion of Kappa Alpha Theta girls, and of course the annual group was taken, which proved rather less flattering even than the average outdoor photograph of that description. Our reading for the coming year is as yet not mapped out. "Cause why," the discussion of

the "new girls" was so all absorbing at our first meeting that the arrangements for literary and social work were by common consent postponed until a future evening. Perhaps in our next letter we may be fortunate enough to suggest something delightfully new in that line, but just now we are too happy to be together again in our dear, little hall, and too full of "schemes" to give any thought to serious literary work.

TAU.

Northwestern University, Evanston, Ills.

DEAR THETAS:—It would be our wish to write, as a first attempt, as interesting a letter as those we have read with so much pleasure from the other chapters in the preceding journals. But as Theta's experience this term has covered not quite a week we naturally have nothing new and startling to narrate.

We have begun the new school year with our numbers diminished by two, one of the girls who has been a loyal Theta for two years, going to Oberline for better advantages in music.

We hope before long to add at least two more to our number to make the even dozen we gloried in last year. The custom prevailing at some colleges of refraining from rushing for a month or two has gained no place here, so that we will soon be deep into the task of making ourselves *very* agreeable to all the attractive and unsuspecting new girls.

Unfortunately, owing to a change in requirements for admission to college, some of the girls expecting to enter have had to go into Preparatory, which, of course, takes away the chance of so many initiations.

We had our first spread of the term last evening, at the home of Lucy Sheldon, to meet the new girls, of whom we had about twelve present. A surprise, in the way of a watermelon, was left at the door by two of the boys "for initiation," as the accompanying note stated. You may be sure it "was put through" with small ceremony. We hope to have another

spread next week and give the burlesque that one of the girls has written. Our prospects are very bright for the year. In numbers we are far ahead of the Deltas, who have six, while we have ten to sing the praises and flaunt the colors of Kappa Alpha Theta. Our pledged girls number six. We have pinned the black and gold on Edith Crüver, a very bright and lovely girl, since this letter was begun this morning.

No doubt you lucky girls of Lambda are reveling in your new chapter house now, and though we are green with envy we wish you much joy and many good times in it.

With sisterly wishes for a successful year.

TAU.

IOTA.

Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Very little of interest to our sister chapters has happened to Iota since we last wrote, except individual rest and good times during the long summer holiday. The last event which brought our active members of '88-'89 together was our annual Senior banquet, which was held Wednesday, June 12. Two '88 members of Iota, Miss Edwards and Miss Marx, were with us for the pleasant evening, and we toasted and feted them with all the zeal which we like to show in greeting our returned sisters.

During Commencement week part of our chapter, exclusive of Seniors of course, picniced with a party of ladies and gentlemen at a cottage on our beautiful Lake Cayuga. Meanwhile our Seniors went through the martyrdom of graduation, Miss Boynton having the honor of being Class Day essayist.

About this times the engagements of two of our Seniors were announced, that of Miss Boynton to Mr. F. V. Coville, '87, now in the Government Botanical Department at Washington, and that of Miss Langley to Mr. B. H. Blood, '89.

Several of the elections to honorary societies have fallen to our members. Miss Boynton was the only lady this year elected to Sigma Phi, the honorary Scientific Society, and Miss Berry,

Personals.

UPSILON.

Gertrude Bell is at Moorhead, Minn.

Ada Smith is teaching at Brainerd, Minn.

Anna and Dora Guthrie spent the summer in Ohio.

Helen Tombs passed her vacation at Grafton, North Dakota.

Beulah McHenry is still at her home, Fargo, North Dakota, but will return soon.

Emma Kemp and Kitty Comfort spent a part of July with a camping party at Lake Harriet.

PI.

E. May Moses spends her vacation at her home in Seneca Falls, N. Y.

M. Maude Beard has accepted the position of preceptress of the Corwina high school.

Stella M. Coney, '89, is preceptress of the Dexter high school for the coming year.

Mrs. Keenan, *nee* Rose Oldman, has removed to Buffalo, which is to be her future home.

Fannie J. Staley spent her vacation at Bay View, where she received a visit from Olive Hull.

We shall greatly miss Zella Starks and Kittie Carland from our number this fall, both having accepted positions as teachers.

Jennie Armstrong, finding that the climate of Denver did not improve her health, has returned to Michigan, and we hope to have her near us this year, although she will not be able to enter college this fall.

IOTA.

Miss Edwards is instructor in Greek at Wellesley College. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Marx, Ithaca, New York, a son.

Miss Mercelis, formerly '91, will enter a Medical College in New York this fall.

Miss Langley has a position as instructor in Latin, German, and Calisthenics, at the Normal school at Mansfield, Pa.

Miss Colt, formerly '91, and Miss Pyle, '89, attend the Woman's School of Design, in Philadelphia, this year.

Miss Boynton has a fine position in an architect's office in Buffalo for the coming year, for which her course in architecture has well fitted her.

Miss Van Dusen, formerly '84, has again returned to her position as cataloguer in the Cornell University library, which she left for a year in Germany.

NU.

Susan Moffett, of '89, is taking a post graduate course in Greek.

Chisie Gilcrist, of '85, has returned for a post graduate course.

Eva Fitzgerald, of '87, leaves us this month for an extensive trip West.

Laura Palmer was married to Mr. Frank P. Vail, of Madison, Ind., on the 12th of June.

Two of our girls, Victoria Arbuckle and Susann Moffett, were among the graduates last June.

Our working force was strengthened by the presence of Katie Pratt, '83, during the first week of the term.

TAU.

Lillian Prescott goes to Oberlin to study music.

Mae Earle, '88, is assistant principal in the high school at Dixon, Ills.