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for the year and being prepared to report at each meeting the current events of that country, thus enabling us to keep well posted on what is constantly happening in the world of politics, literature and art, we find it very enjoyable work. Aside from this we have taken up the study of mythology.

About once a month open meetings are held to which the pledged members, and occasionally some of the faculty, are invited. The first open meeting this year was a musicale at the home of May Webster.

Professor McDonald, Dean of the Musical Department, assisted by Miss Josie Hutchings, the finest soprano singer in the city, kindly gave us a delightful afternoon of "English Song." Professor McDonald delivered the lecture and Miss Hutchings illustrated by sweetly singing selections from the "Songs of Old England."

At the close of the lecture "five o'clock coffee" was served, Miss Mame Monroe and Miss Lucile Pennebaker presiding, at two small tables.

It was a most pleasant affair and we feel truly grateful to Prof. Mc-Donald and Miss Hutchings for their kindness. The next open meeting will be held with Mame Monroe, at which Professor Wilcox of the Greek department will give a talk on mythology.

On account of being in mourning our chapter has done nothing in the line of giving parties, our first party is to be given December 13th. We are pleased with the action of convention, giving the publication of the Jour-NAL into the hands of Upsilon chapter, although Kappa sincerely appreciated the honr shown her by having it with her for five years, she is only too glad the time has come to be relieved of the burden, for a burden it is, more or less. The kindest and best wishes of Kappa are with the girls of Upsilon in their new work. KAPPA.

#### RHO.

## UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA, LINCOLN, Neb.

DEAR JOURNAL: Rho responds to the letter call with her usual promptness (?) but we beg pardon as we are only three this winter and have heaps of work on hand.

We are anxiously awaiting the JOURNAL'S arrival for convention notes. 'Tis needless to say we were disappointed at not being able to be with our sisters at Bloomington, but as matters stood it was impossible for any of us to go. We are certain that the convention was a success, although we have received no news from it.

Our chapter roll has been cut down to three members on account of the illness of Annie Tunke and Allie Labba. The three are mighty seniors, and wear the mortar board and gown with dignity and grace. Many are the surmises as to whether we shall die gracefully or go to rushing. We will tell you, dear JOURNAL, that our two bright pledges will see that we don't die for the next three years, but as to rushing, we are constitutionally opposed to it. We have never done better work than we are doing now, and at our meeting we often see our dear invalids. It seems that we are unlucky in losing our girls on account of ill health, for four of the hearty and apparently healthy girls we have initiated within the last two years are now out of school for the year on account of illness. We had the pleasure of entertaining Miss Bird Morrison at the beginning of the school year. We hope Miss Morrison will come again and visit us.

Miss Lotta entertained, in the name of the Fraternity, a few of the new girls. Miss Loomis opened her lovely new home to a crowd of Thetas and friends on Hallowe'en.

With best wishes to all sisters for the New Year, we sign ourselves, yours, etc., \_\_\_\_\_ Rно.

#### NU.

## HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND.

DEAR THETAS:— The end of the term finds our Chapter in a flourishing condition. We have had the pleasure of placing the pin on one of the brightest and most attractive girls in college. The fact that she was a Theta was kept secret for sometime after the initiation, and oh, what fun it was to have our friends believe that we were "left" until we brought her out! We have enjoyed visits from several of our graduate members, whose stirring tales of the work of our predecessors have awakened new interest among us and a desire that our present history may be as creditable as that of the past. The glowing account of the proceedings of the convention given by our delegate has also added greatly to the enthusiasm of our chapter, so that it is with a true Theta spirit that we gather in our freshly papered hall on Friday evening to enjoy each other's society for a little time free from the responsibility of lessons.

## BETA.

#### BLOOMINGTON, IND.

DEAR THETAS:—Although one Theta loves even the names of other Thetas, the charming owners of some of the names—the delegates to the convention, have made them especially dear to us. We spend many happy evenings recalling them; and since the convention we realize more fully the meaning of fraternity.

We have now resumed our literary work with great earnestness, taking up the articles in the *Forum* and *North American Review*, varying this exercise with selections from the dramatists.

We are anticipating great pleasure for to-morrow night, as it is our Thanksgiving meeting. A special program has been prepared, a paper of miscellaneous articles, called the "Kite."

## With best wishes to all sisters.

#### THETA.

#### Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa.

We begin our tenth year with bright hopes of our future. On account of our school opening so late we were not able to furnish a letter for the October JOURNAL, but we gladly respond to the second call.

The students of Simpson are proud of our new Science hall which occupies a prominent place in the eastern part of the campus. The girls are eagerly (?) eyeing the ladies' boarding hall which is now in process of construction.

There have been several changes in the faculty, but work progresses just the same as before. We are looking forward to Christmas vacation now and if we can escape examinations by our glorious 907 rule how happy we will be. Ten loyal girls assemble and worship at the shrine of Theta this term.

We have initiated two girls, Anna Smith and Jennie Finch. We have decided on our year's work and feel sure it will prove satisfactory to all.

With best wishes for Kappa Alpha Theta we wish all its members a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. THETA.

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week, some of the most fortunate of us were invited to a party at Miss Parsons, who, though belonging to another Fraternity, showed by this invitation a friendly feeling for us. Soon again the Theta were prominent on an occasion which called forth some sadness, since it was to remove a sister from our midst. This was the wedding of Anna Lehman who plighted her troth to Fred Phelps, of Waukesha, Wis. Her letters give evidence that she is with us still, in spirit, if not in the flesh. Not long after we were called upon to part with another, and we assembled to say goodbye to Millie Immel, whose father had moved his business to Huntington, West Virginia. We determined to mingle the sweet with the bitter, and Kit. Johnson made us welcome to have a taffy-pulling at her home, where the bitterness of parting was allayed by the sweetness of the candy.

There have been other social events, but this letter is already longer than was intended.

The literary exercises of our regular meetings have been unusually interesting, and we have every reason to expect a pleasant and profitable term for the beginning of the New Year.

We send greeting to our fellow sisterhoods.

Epsilon.

## KAPPA.

## KANSAS UNIVERSITY, LAWRENCE, KAN.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: The kite is flying high at Kappa. Our last year has been a most successful one. Last June we lost two of our girls by graduation, Emma Bartell and Florence Reasoner. Our pledged girl, Marcella Howland, daughter of the Unitarian minister, Dr. Howland, gave "the oration of the day" on Commencement Day. We lost also Prof. and Mrs. William MacDonald. Mrs. MacDonald, editor of the JOURNAL when at Kappa, is taking a few studies at Harvard Annex.

After a summer pleasantly spent by all, nine girls re-entered school. Lorena Grabe was unable to return and complete her course this year. Early in the fall term, Miss Jessamine K. Howell was induced to join our ranks. She is a senior, and holds high rank in her class. Marcella Howland and Jessie Howell were initiated at the same time. Both are lovely girls —lovely in mind and person. Such a fine beginning, we were sure, would give us a prosperous year.

The literary work of the Chapter is arranged for a series of readings in Spanish History. Every two weeks some one of the girls reads a paper, or extracts, on a subject as arranged previously on the program. In addition, the second term we intend to take up the stories and legends told in connection with the historical personages. Following the program, a time is reserved for anyone to tell of a new book, a recent invention, or something of general interest. There has been no parties given by the Chapter, although several of the members have given evening parties and tea parties. You all remember that we have an inter-fraternity pledge by which we are restricted.

All these three months—no—all the spring and summer, Kappa Chapter has been on the "tip-toe of expectancy." Now hopeful, now dejected, always eager. Our Chapter did no unladylike *rushing* at the last after the pledge was up, but showed the invited girls that we truly and sincerely wanted them to come join our band of sisters.

Kappa Alpha Theta won four lovely girls—Rilla Van Hoesen, Winnifred Churchill, Bessie Hand and Kate Riggs. (We girls are all so happy that we hug each other every time we meet, and how the *grip* thrills.)

Kappa Alpha Theta is now on excellent footing for years to come. This Chapter is very conservative. It has always had a small Chapter roll on this account, not caring for mere numbers, but wanting to have girls that are true ideal Thetas. With the recent additions we are eighteen.

Mrs. John Coffin, of Omicron Chapter, visited in Lawrence this fall. She told us a great many of the Theta doings out there in California. We all enjoyed her visit very much.

Miss Mary L. Simpson, Instructor in Art until recently, was married to Dr. D. O. Walker, physician at Haskell Institute. Dr. Walker is a member of Beta Theta Pi. We miss her so much from the University. We all unite in wishing her much future happiness.

We think it an excellent plan to have a Pan-Hellenic Conclave at Chicago in 1893.

Kappa Chapter is greatly in favor of establishing Chapters at Bryn Mawr and Wellesley. We have had girls at both places. By all means have the matter looked after as soon as possible.

What is the future of Rho at Nebraska University? Is its condition good? The reports are certainly not flattering.

We are glad to know that we can have song books soon.

The suggestion that the JOURNAL have a salaried officer does not seem to present any difficulties. A fund might be created by taking a per cent from initiation fees or dues, or perhaps, to tax in some more direct way. If Kappa Alpha Theta had laws requiring a certain amount of "copy" from each Chapter the difficuty could be managed. Kappa Kappa Gamma has such rules; it is owing to this fact, no doubt, that they are able to prepare so creditable a journal. Of course, all loyal Thetas want their publications to rank with the best. Effort is required to attain the end desired; but with the literary qualities, which we trust exist in our fraternity, there would not seem to be any great difficulties in the way.

Fraternally in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Kappa.

## NU.

HANOVER COLLEGE, HANOVER, IND.

DEAR THETA SISTERS: The members of Nu, although few in numbers, have returned after a pleasant vacation, with renewed zeal for the welfare of Theta.

We have been very unfortunate in losing some of our most valued members, whom we had hoped to have with us until their graduation. We are trusting however that they are doing Theta honor wherever they may be.

. One of our most ardent pledged members was prevented from returning to us on account of the sickness and death of her father. She is now in Kansas preparing herself to teach music.

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## We are hoping that our numbers will soon be increased.

Two of our members held places on the Junior Exhibition, which occured just at the close of last term, the speakers being the eight having the highest grades in speaking and scholarship during the last two terms of the Sophomore year.

A luncheon was given in October in honor of several of our Alumnæ who were in Hanover at that time.

In the latter part of November we were very much delighted at having a short visit from one of our Chapter members, Mrs. Wm. Baird, *nee* Anna Adams. Mrs. Baird and her husband, both being former students of Hanover, were making a farewell visit to old haunts, before sailing for Corea, where they expect to engage in missionary work. Mrs. Baird is well fitted for her work for she is a bright and earnest woman, having held the position of State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., in Kansas, for several years preceeding her marriage.

We expect the coming term to be one of hard work. The favorite Hanover pastimes of lawn tennis, long walks and picnics to the beautiful falls in and about our little village are precluded by the rain and snow of this season of the year.

Nu sends her best wishes for a happy New Year to Theta's all. Nu.

#### OMICRON.

#### UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CAL.

The holidays have closed a very busy and profitable term to the girls of Omicron Chapter. We are mostly Juniors and Sophomores, and on account of the orations and essays confronting us this year, we have not allotted much time to literary work, but we have had some jolly meetings here and there, whenever we have had extra time. We have planned a course for the next term, taking up Macauley's and Rankin's essays and intend to do some solid work at regular meetings. Our resident members have met with us at different times, increasing the interest and enthusiasm very much.

Some of our girls who were visiting in the East during the summer have returned, telling us many interesting things as to how you Eastern girls conduct sorority matters, and giving us some very acceptable items along the line of work. Miss Lindley paid us a short visit upon her return, during last term; we expect to soon have her among us as a teacher in the college.

We just caught a glimpse of May Curran as she passed through here on her way home for the vacation.

Our new initiate, Mamie Sawyer, has proved a valuable addition to our numbers, and is one of whose scholarship we are proud.

We have given no social entertainment to our outside friends this term, but among ourselves we have had some very pleasant evenings.

With the wish that the New Year may be a happy one to all the Theta girls. OMICRON.

## PI.

ALBION COLLEGE, ALBION, MICH. Pi so far has had a very prosperous year. Everything seems to point to success in the future, for all is peaceful and harmonious within which adds much to our strength.

We have added, since our last letter, two new members to our little circle, of whom we are justly proud.

We now number eight active members and six pledged.

We hope to be able to introduce to you some of our pledged girls as active members soon.

They are all very enthusiastic workers and when they have once been introduced to the profound secrets, will prove noble workers for Theta.

We were delightfully entertained at the home of one of our pledged girls during Thanksgiving.

Our college is flourishing and has reached a higher number of students during the past term than during any preceding one. She has also had \$15,000 appropriated to her for a gymnasium of which she was greatly in need.

The Sigma Chis have just finished their Chapter Hall, which is very nice indeed, and in which we have all felt an interest, as it is the first building of such a nature which has found way on College Hill, and we most heartily congratulate the boys on their success. We wish that Theta might claim the next.

It was with great pleasure taht the catalogue and journal were received in our little circle after so long an absence and we trust it will not be long before we will have the song books.

With best wishes to all sister Chapters.

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## TAU.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, EVANSTON, ILL.

DEAR SISTERS: We are in the best of spirits this term, with a goodly number of fifteen members, many friends and—crowning happiness—a new frat, hall to infuse into us all more spirit and energy. The hall is large and bright, with a small room off it for the novitiates, and another for the necessary adjuncts of a well regulated hall. Kappa Alpha Theta in blazing letters on the door announces our ownership, and wards off intruders.

We wonder if you have all groaned the same groan as we, whenever the song books have been mentioned, for not being one of the delinquents we have been living in daily, hourly, anticipation of their appearance. But how our lamentations were changed to rejoicing when word came from Alpha that "the books" would soon appear.

The suggestion was made in the last JOURNAL that a *paid editor* would be a step in advance; let us think of it. If the editor, perhaps an alumnæ, felt justified in giving her time, wouldn't our JOURNAL improve, rise in importance, and decrease in price? Let some one agitate the question.

Our Thanksgiving vacation was made a sad one by the death of a young lady at the college, a freshman, who if she had lived, would probably have become a Theta, as those who knew her loved her dearly.

We have tasted the sweets of victory in pledging Jessie Phillips, '95, in spite of the strenuous efforts of Alpha Phi. She is a fine girl, and will make a good Theta.

I want to ask one question of the girls: Do you think it an advisable

May Webster has just returned from an extended trip in the East. She tells us of pleasant meetings with Theta sisters.

Miss Lindsay, of Omicron Chapter, Instructor in English at U. S. C., made Kappa a short visit.

May Russel visited several weeks at St. Joseph, Mo.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Elmer E. Pierson, a son; Leslie Babcock Pierson.

Mayme Barrett is wearing a beautiful new Kappa Alpha Theta pin. Mrs. Cora Pierson Hopkins visited her mother at Thanksgiving time. Eleanor Blaker has gone for the holidays to her home, at Pleasanton,

Kan.

Mrs. Harriet Haskell MacDonald is at home at 64 Buckingham St., Cambridge, Mass.

Emma Bartell, '90, had a pleasant trip to New York last summer.

Kate Merril, '89, has a scholarship in English, at Bryn Mawr, this year. Florence Reasoner, '90, is assistant in the High School, at Abilene, Kan. Marcella Howland, '90, is taking post-graduate work in History and French.

Married-Jean Anderson to L. A. Gilbert, on Thanksgiving Day, at the home of the bride's parents, Newton, Kan.

Married-Mary L. Simpson to David O. Walker, at Plymouth Church, Dec. 2.

NU.

Miss Susan Moffett, '89, a resident member of Nu, spent a month last fall, visiting various points of interest in the East. She is now at home pursuing her literary labors,

Miss Eva Fitzgerald, '87, is studying Greek under Rev. Aten, of Madison.

Miss Bertye Suope, '93, who was unable to return to college this year, although we hope to have her with us next, is studying German and music at her home in Madison.

Miss Margaret Hill, '88, is teaching in Kingstown, Ind.

Miss Ellonise Daugherty, '92, represented Hanover College at the Y. W. C. A. Convention, held in Terre Haute, Ind., in November.

Miss Ona B. Rebuck, formerly of '92, made Nu a flying visit in the early part of November.

Miss Virginia Southgate, '92, visited friends in Kentucky during the holidays.

Miss Mary Tandy, formerly of '93, spent the closing days of last term with Miss Glen Ramsay, '93.

#### PHI.

Miss Sue Kingsbury, '90, is teaching in Alvarado, Cal.

Miss Mable Urmy is teaching at Santa Cruz, Cal.

Phi has lost Misses Ida and Ada Larkey, but Omega has gained thereby.

On Dec. 23rd, 1890, Miss Edith Ary and Mr. Will Alexander were married. Almost all the Theta's were at the wedding and Phi wishes them a long and happy life. PI.

During Thanksgiving we received a very pleasant visit from one of our pledged girls, Miss Bertha Brown, who is teaching this year at her home in St. Joseph, Mich.

The Theta girls and their gentlemen friends were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Miss Theo. Gardner, Nov. 20th, 1800.

Miss Minna Hopkins visited at Marshall during Thanksgiving.

Miss Ella Caster spent a few days in Jackson not long since.

Miss Jennie Armstrong expects to resume her work in college this term after an absence of over a year.

During the latter part of last term Pi received a very pleasant visit from Miss Nellie Batt.

Our latest initiates are the Misses Mary and Amelia Perkins, who put on the pin after a stormy ordeal, which took place Dec. 15th.

## TAU.

One of our "old girls," Eva Hall, is teaching at River Forest and comes to visit us often.

Addie Beggs, one of our pledglings, was married Dec. 10th, at her home in the city.

Minnie Church will not return after the holidays, on account of her father's illness.

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Another event of interest has passed, the Pan-Hellenic. On that night the Greeks met and had a glorious good time, and although the girls were not invited yet we were kindly remembered after the banquet by baskets of all sorts of dainty things to eat.

The Phi Kappa Psi fraternity gave a leap year reception on the last day of February, in their beautiful chapter house, and entertained in their usual charming way.

Three of the girls of last year's senior class have made us little visits lately: Caroline Simpson, Bertha Darnall and Margaret Smith. It was so enjoyable to have them once more with us in the fraternity meeting and talk over old times.

This letter sounds as though we Thetas were having only good times, but believe me, this is only the dessert and our regular food is hard and earnest study, which grows more monotonous these bright spring days.

#### With kindest wishes,

Alpha.

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## HANOVER COLLEGE.

## Dear Theta Sisters:

We had no letter in the last JOURNAL, so we shall have to tell you of some of our good times last term. The first week last fall Miss Susann Moffett sent out from Madison a wagonette to convey her Theta sisters and their friends to her beautiful summer home, seven miles from Hanover. At the foot of the hill our fairy-like sister met us. She conducted us up the wild and romantic bridle path that leads to her home until we emerged near the top of the hill, where we found hammocks, chairs and cushions and a basket of luscious grapes and peaches awaiting us. We were glad to rest under the shade of the large oaks and elms. Soon we dispersed in groups over the spacious grounds and at one o'clock a delightful lunch was served. At four we started down the hill, a happy and a merry party. Soon after our happy day on the hill-side we initiated into the mystic bonds of Theta three freshmen, Louise Burcham, Theodora McCoy, and Margaret McCoy. Several weeks later Julia McKee went through the trying ordeal. To these were added Janette Culbertson and Nellie Bear, and all these we are proud to introduce to the Theta world. Our freshmen, six strong, are incorrigible. They persist in having impromptu candy pullings,

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## CHAPTER LETTERS.

## Alpha.

The girls of Alpha chapter of our loved fraternity send greeting to their sisters and the best wishes that all the chapters are having the days of prosperity and happiness that are ours.

We celebrated the 27th of January—a day very dear not only to the girls of Alpha, but to Thetas all over the land—for it marks the founding of this most glorious Kappa Alpha Theta—in the most enthusiastic manner, by a banquet.

Our song books were then very new to us, so we sang before we ate and sang between courses, but even the song books were thrown aside so that we might do justice to the delicious things spread before us. The best part came last, however, for after a charming welcome by our toast-mistress, the toasts were given with all the enthusiasm that Thetas felt that night.

One more song, and we parted feeling very near each other and inspired to do more to bring honor to our fraternity. We college girls have good reason to feel very proud this year, since, in spite of the fiery eloquence and burning oratory among the boys, a girl, Miss Jean Nelson, a member of the Kappa Kappa Gamma, carried off the honors at the oratorical contest. Theta entertained one afternoon in honor of Miss Nelson, the college girls.

Receptions have been following one another very rapidly lately. Even the freshman class grew bold and gave one the other evening and report all manner of good times.

The sophomore girls entertained the boys of their class on St. Valentine's eve. The number of hearts strewn around on that evening was something alarming; great red hearts on the walls pierced by blue arrows—the class colors. The conversation cards and the favors were of the same shape. At midnight with the final yell, "there never was such a class before as 1894," the merry party broke up.

On February 29, that day so dear to maids, the girls of Ladies' Hall gave a fancy dress party. Seldom does this staid dormitory see such gayety as reigned on that evening. What a motley crowd it was; gallant knights, fierce warriors, jesters, dainty flower girls and pretty Greek maidens! Every one knows the fun that can be had in such a crowd of college people, and this was by no means an exception.

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spreads and the like while the upper classmen stay at home and "dig." However the seniors and juniors are planning revenge.

A leap year party was given by some of the young ladies of the college soon after the holidays at one of our Theta homes. Our girls were well represented and we all had a fine time.

We were so much interested in the last JOURNAL and decided unanimonsly that it was an exceedingly good number. Among other things we enjoyed the article on "College Girls," but are inclined to to take issue with Alpha on a few points.

In one place Alpha says, "Perhaps it is the vast amount of undigested knowledge that makes them just a trifle too knowing and apt to be pert, a lack of reverent ideals and an exaggerated sense of their importance relative to others."

What college girl can live to be a senior and feel herself more than a tiny speck in this great universe? It has been our experience that step by step as we have passed from prep. to freshman, freshman to sophomore and so on from year to year, we feel ourselves less "knowing" and ever more inclined to seek knowledge than to impart it. If a girl is "pert" when she leaves college it seems to us that she has not in the truest sense been a college girl. If she drink deep enough at the fountain of learning, as deep as only college girls can drink, she will not have an undue feeling of superiority. We think Alpha must have been thinking of that occasional girl who sometimes finds her way into college halls, but who does not belong with the real "college girls." Is not the type of college girl that one who has been broadened and uplifted by communion with great minds, whom learning has refined and who of all persons has "reverent ideals" and whose greatest ambition on leaving college is to live up to these ideals? And if the college girl be a trifle stiff and seemingly cold, is it not because she lacks contact with the world? But we have taken quite enough of your time and will close with best wishes to all Thetas.

Lovingly,

Psi.

206 STATE ST., MADISON, WIS., Feb. 29, 1892.

Nu.

## Dear Sisters:

What a day of rejoicing it was when our song books reached us! We had been looking forward so long to the time when we might have all of our songs together, that we hailed their advent with a shout and devoted a great part of the chapter meeting that day to singing. We were very much pleased with the whole book and the black and gold cover was indeed neat. What fun it is to get together in the parlors of our lodge and sing over dear old Theta songs.

Since the last JOURNAL we have received into our midst three new members, making in all fourteen. The first week of this term we surprised the college world by presenting to their view, adorned with the kite, Mrs. Dugald C. Jackson, the wife of one of our professors of the engineering department of the university. It is the first time that the wife of a member of the faculty has ever been initiated into a fraternity here, and many were the congratulations that we received. Our other new members are Belle Austin, '93, and Leonora O'Connor, '95.

This term has been one filled with gaiety and many delightful entertainments have been given by the different fraternities. Theta has also done her share. January thirtieth we gave an informal charade party at the lodge, about a dozen of our gentlemau friends being present. February twelfth Mrs. Jackson entertained us at an afternoon tea and the following Tuesday Juliet Harris, one of our town girls, gave a small dancing party in our honor. But the crowning event of the social season to us, was our reception last Friday evening to about a hundred and fifty of our friends, including members of the faculty, towns people and students; some from all of the fraternities and sororities were invited and a goodly representation of those who are "not of the Greeks."

Never before has a fraternity reception been given here on so broad a basis, and we have received many expressions of approval on our venture. The lodge looked especially pretty, the dining room being decorated entirely in black and gold and lighted by wax candles. We were delighted to have with us at that time Miss Marion Colt, of Iota, now studying art in Chicago, and Mrs. Mitchel, of Beta, now residing at Monroe, Wis. We were assisted in receiving by Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Wing, and Mrs. Buell, all of Iota, and Mrs. Jackson.

But do not think, dear Thetas, that our minds are entirely occupied with these festivities, for they are not. We are all carrying rather heavy work in college and are taking up a literary course outside of our school work. One hour of our chapter meetings is devoted to current literature, besides which we have readings once a week from prominent authors and a short discussion on their lives. One cloud

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