

morning that witnessed the departure of the last guest, and all concurred in the decision that Mu chapter had added another to her long list of pleasant entertainments."

Our journal has been the subject of much discussion in our chapter. We are pleased with the improvement already attained, but it is yet far from our ideal of a fraternity publication. We would prefer that the KAPPA ALPHA THETA be devoted to purely fraternity matter, believing that then it would be of greater interest to all Thetas. The average college girl has little time for outside reading and should devote that to the best papers and magazines our libraries afford. A few articles in last year's journals which pertained to us as students and women were acceptable, but the greater part was read simply because it was in our journal. There is an abundance of general literature in all college and city libraries, but articles on fraternity subjects, or news concerning her own and other fraternities have a peculiar interest to every enthusiastic fraternity girl. If properly supported by the chapters, such a change would certainly create a broader knowledge of the Greek world and a livelier interest in our own particular portion of it. While we could not expect such a publication as many of the gentlemen's fraternities maintain, on account of our fewer years and smaller membership, yet we ought to be able to equal the publications of sister fraternities, which are conducted on this basis. We realize that the criterion of any fraternity organ is the chapter letters, and acknowledge that there is much to be deplored and desired in that line. We should be reluctant to express our opinions upon this important subject on account of our lack of contributions the past year, had it not been that a general discussion was requested. We hope our sentiments will be received by all Thetas as sincerely and kindly as they are given.

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Nu.

HANOVER, IND.

*Dear Thetas:*

Since college opened so late (and we feared it would not open at all because our president was so provokingly detained at Fire Island,) we did not get our letter in the fall number of the journal. But when Dr. Fisher was permitted to come back to his lovely home overlooking the beautiful river, all Hanover marched out to

greet and welcome him home. With drums, torches and college yells we demonstrated our joy at his safe return.

We found ourselves at the beginning of the year fewer in number but with an enthusiastic fraternity spirit. At commencement time last year we lost four lovely girls. Two graduated with honors and we have learned this year even more fully than before how dearly we loved Virginia Southgate and Ellonise Daugherty. Julia McKee left us for Lake Forest University. We miss her sadly as well as Janette Culbertson, who is spending this winter at home. However we hope to have her with us again next year. Since college opened we have added another link to Theta's chain in the person of Clara Palmer, whom we are glad to introduce to the Theta world. Last commencement we were quite proud because the baby of our fraternity, Margaret McCoy, won the prize for oratory in the freshman class. She is the first girl in the records of the college who has taken this prize.

Many of the old girls were back for commencement, and we decided to have a picture taken, so we posed with graduates laden with flowers and our little orator well in the foreground, but we were disappointed in the result. It seems that the camera was not able to stand so brilliant a blaze of beauty staring it in the face. It failed to produce a picture that by any means could hint at the originals, else we might be sitting in paper ere long at the World's Fair eclipsing all other exhibits. We are all living in happy expectation of the coming convention and expect our chapter to be well represented. Hoping to meet and become personally acquainted with many of you there, we are,

Yours in Theta,

Nu.

#### Omicron.

Our Theta Journals are at hand a source of pride and pleasure to us all. As they did not reach us until the 30th of November, we could not get our letter in by the 1st of December as requested.

The year opened with a very good outlook for Omicron. We have one senior and will have another after Christmas—Ellen Emery, who has spent the last six months at her home in Boston, Mass., will enter then as senior. We have had two initiations, one a junior girl, Kate Winans, who, with our senior, Minerva Cook, took part in the Columbus Day exercises. The other initiate is Ada Hutton, daughter of Prof. Hutton, of the Normal School. At the latter ini-

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Miss Florence Reasoner, '90, of Leavenworth, and Miss Scott of Mu, were here visiting with friends in October.

Miss Emma Bartell, '90, of Junction City, has been visiting one of Kappa's former members, Mrs. Pearl Phillips Hatch, of Kansas City, and is expected in Lawrence soon.

Mrs. John Spenser, of Kansas City, visited here last week. Mrs. Spenser will be remembered better, perhaps, as May Webster.

Mrs. E. E. Pierson is the mother of a little daughter—a future Theta sister, we trust.

#### Lambda.

Mrs. Julia Spear, with her mother, started for Cal. Nov. 8, to spend the winter.

Bess Wright, '94, attended the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention at Bennington recently.

Cora Lovell, an ex-member of the class of '94, is visiting her many friends in college.

Emma Chandler, '89, was married to Luther White, Nov. 15, and is to make her home at Windsor.

Myra Keeler, '95, is not to return to college this year.

Harriet Steele, '95, from Upsilon, visited her Kappa Alpha Theta friends here a short time ago.

Lillian Corse, '93, who has been teaching this fall, has returned to college.

#### Mu.

At the Golden Rod, Chautauqua, N. Y., at high noon, June 28, 1892, Mr. Will L. Ailing and Miss Lillian Fradenburg were united in marriage by the bride's father, Dr. J. N. Fradenburg. Mr. and Mrs. Ailing reside at Mt. Hermon, Mass., where Mr. Ailing is instructor in Latin.

Married at the bride's home, Meadville, Pa., Sept. 20, 1892, Mr. James G. Graff and Miss Frances E. Bell. Mr. and Mrs. Graff are at home at 1149 Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

Miss Mary E. S. Scott, '86, is instructor in languages in the Leavenworth, Kansas, High School.

Miss Harriet Reitze, '87, has abandoned her plan to spend the year in Germany, and has returned for a third year at Bryn Mawr.

Miss Eva Brundage, '89, is teaching in the high school at Pasadena, Cal.

Miss Elizabeth Wood, '89, returned from a year's study in Germany early in the summer, and is now at her home in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Miss Adelaide Robinson, '89, has resumed her position in the high school at Butler, Pa.

Mrs. Ellen Chesbro Bell, '90, and Baby Helen, of Omaha, Neb., visited the chapter in September, and have been spending several weeks at Mrs. B's. old home in Sheridan, N. Y.

Miss Mynia C. Langley, ex. '94, assumes the duties of principal of the high school at Tidionte, Pa.

Misses Clara Campbell, ex '94, and Ella Howells, ex '95, hold positions in the schools at Kane, Pa.

Of our last year's seniors, Miss Julia Edson is pursuing a course of music in the Meadville Conservatory.

Miss Anna Coder is preceptress and instructor of Latin and French in the Wesleyan College at Cameron, Mo.

Misses Alice Cruttenden and Stella Foote are teaching in the high school at Union City, Pa. Their presence at our reception added much to the evening's pleasure.

Miss Emma Lockart, ex '95, holds a position in the Chautauquan office.

Mu regrets the absence of two of her present members. Maude Johnson, '94, has been called home by the serious illness of her father.

Millicent M. Davis, '95, is taking an enforced rest on account of her health.

We are glad to have with us, after a year's absence, Miss Clara Howard, '93.

#### Nu.

An addition has been made to the Hanover faculty in the person of Prof. McComb, who now occupies the chair of History and Political Science.

The Thetas are represented on both the sophomore and society exhibitions this year.

An Art Department will be opened in Hanover College at the beginning of next term.

Miss Bertye Swope, one of our resident members is spending the winter at Leadville, Col.

Miss Belle Melcher, of Vevay, spent a few weeks with us recently.

Miss Southgate of last year's class is teaching at Walton, Ky.

Janette Culbertson paid the Thetas a short visit in November.

We bought a new broom last Friday night!!!

### Pi.

On Dec. 7, Jennie M. Armstrong became Mrs. Rev. De Witt Proseus. At home after Jan. 15 at Italy, N. Y. Miss Jennie did much for Pi and is an enthusiastic Kappa Alpha Theta. A number of our girls attended the wedding at her home in Detroit.

And yet again we hear the wedding bells. Alta Dockery, whose home is at Big Rapids, Mich., and who was an active member of Pi last year, was married to Rev. C. H. Parmentier on Dec. 7. Soon after the wedding they will go to Paris.

Edith B. Valentine, '94, who was obliged to leave school last spring on account of poor health is with us again this term.

Francis J. Staley, '92, will visit Albion soon. She recently made us a present of a handsome tablecover, to commemorate the fourth anniversary of her initiation.

Lois Memro, '92, made a visit of two weeks among Albion friends early in the term.

Theo Gardener, who is doing literary work and studying music in Germany this year, writes that she is enjoying her work exceedingly and begins to feel quite at home among the friends she has met. The friend who was to study with her there has been obliged to return to her home in Michigan, so Theo is quite alone.

Agnes Graves tells us of several pleasant Iota girls that she met during a visit at Ithaca in the summer. She is now employed in the high school in this place.

Anna Mitchel, of Negannee, Mich., whom we pledged this year, has been obliged to leave school on account of illness.

Delia Sheaver, '94, who is at home during this year, will be with us again next.

Winnifred Gale, who is our "Baby Pledgling," and whom we hope to initiate next term, gave an Elocutionary Recital before

the News Boys of Detroit in Nov. We hear very flattering reports of her success.

Ella Custer and Lois Mimro, of '92, together with three of the present members of Pi, gave a fur rug to Theta Hall not long ago.

Gertrude Allen, '89, was married in the M. E. Church, Albion, the last of Nov.

Mrs. Rose Keenan, '88, spent her summer in Brooklyn, N. Y. Dec. 4, 1892.

### Tau.

May Earle, '88, was married Nov. 15, to Mr. James Norman Sterling, of Dixon, Ill.

Mabelle Thatcher Little, '88, is the representative of Kappa Alpha Theta for the fraternity exhibit at the World's Fair.

Anna Adams, ex. '89, is teacher of French and Latin at the Ann Arbor High School.

May Gloss, '92, is teaching in the high school in Waupoca, Wis.

Minnie Church, ex. '92, is taking Kindergarten work in Chicago.

Bessie Mars, ex. '92, is teaching in the public schools at West Duluth, Minn.

Eva Lee, ex. '94, was married Nov. 9, to Mr. Thomas Miller, of Fremont, Nebraska.

Mabel Welton and Ethelyn Emory, both ex. 95, are at Vassar this year.

Charline Taylor ex. '95, is at her home in Cambridge, Ohio.

This year's initiates are Belle Curry, '96, Evanston; Grace Dietrich, '96, Chicago; Lora Hunt, '96, Harvard, Ill.; Jessie Everz, '96, Evanston; Sue Welton, '96, Cambridge, Ill.; Clara Stephenson, '96, Menominee, Mich.; Nellie Fleshem, '96, Menominee, Mich.

### Upsilon.

Miss Harriet Steele, '95, is attending school at Middlebury, Vt.

Miss Sophia Pendergast, '95, is teaching at her home in Hutchinson.

Miss Anna Guthrie, '92, who is with relatives in New York, writes that she is much improved in health.

Cards were recently received announcing the marriage of Miss

has done us more good and been more to us this year than ever before. We are practically one, and we believe the great reason for this lies in our having a Chapter house. The resident girls were so busy all summer getting it ready, and when we came back in the fall we were all so enthusiastic over fraternity and we have stayed that way ever since. We heartily favor the Chapter-house plan, and wish that every chapter possessed one and we feel sure that they would enjoy it as much as we do.

Our girls have done much to further good feeling among the women of the college by inaugurating a series of receptions the second Saturday of every month. We have already had three, and many have taken this occasion to call on us in our new home and we feel that they are a success.

Our having ten Seniors necessitated our taking in a larger number of girls than usual, and we have initiated twelve since college opened, eight last term and four this one. This term's Thetas are Blanche Blynn, Madge Hornbrook, Lucy Howe and Louise Goodbody, four especially strong girls, and we feel that ours is indeed a strong chapter. Arda Knox was chosen president of the Senior class. This is only the second time in the history of the University that a woman has held this position and they were both Thetas. Charlotte Malotte is one of the editorial staff of the Senior annual, while Margaret Roberts and Mary Lindley represent us in the committee chosen to write a play for the Senior class day.

Nilla McMahon was compelled to go home, the first of the term, on account of sickness, but will return in the spring and graduate. Rose Spielhoff was also compelled to go home, but will be with us in the spring.

Louise Maxwell '78 has just been re-elected to the position of librarian of the University, which she has filled so acceptably the last year.

We are glad to welcome back Maude Lemon '91, who returns

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to do post-graduate work in Greek. Grace Woodburn '85 will also take her master's degree this year in Latin.

With love to all Thetas,

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HANOVER, IND.

*Dear Girls:*

We owe you a letter and because we have delayed so long we hope to have the more to tell you. Our last letter being conspicuous for its absence we must make this one answer for the time past over in silence.

The summer and its pleasures were sufficient for the time, but we were all the more eager to get back to "old Hanover" and greet each other with the new Theta grip, after our vacation. It was a great disappointment to find that besides our graduate, three of our Junior girls had not returned. The decrease in numbers made us feel the more responsible and we are glad to report that our extra efforts have been crowned with success. It gave us great pleasure to receive Clara Palmer, who has been absent for a year, into our thinned ranks. After a few weeks we added, by initiation, Virginia Overton of '96. We have found her bright, cheerful disposition a veritable beam of sunshine at all times.

Only a few weeks ago we again gathered ourselves together for a special meeting, and introduced Agnes Gibbony to the Theta goat. It is needless to assure you that she rode it with regal grace. We think we have just reason to be proud of our two acquisitions. They are both splendid girls, well worthy to wear the black and gold.

Three out of six girls representing the different literary societies at the May exhibition are Thetas.



Our cosy little hall was the scene of one or two spreads during the fall term, which were very enjoyable. Since then a number of impromptu spreads and taffy pullings have been indulged in.

One of the chief social events of the season, to the Thetas, was a reception at Glen Ramsey's in honor of our "baby."

College life has been rather uneventful this year. There has been one change in the faculty, Professor Colbertson having been called from King's College in Siam to fill the chair left vacant by Professor Adair's resignation. The number of new students was unusually small this year, especially the number of young ladies.

One of the new things in Hanover is a boarding club, which has been quite successful so far. It is the first attempt to introduce anything of the kind here.

As the spring days draw near we begin to look forward to our accustomed rambles through the woods and over the hills for wild flowers. We wish all our Theta sisters could see Hanover in its spring garb, for it is certainly beautiful. I don't believe any of you would wonder that we think it the fairest spot on earth.

With best wishes to all our sister chapters,

Nu.

DELTA.

BLOOMINGTON, ILL.

"The level land went stretching away to meet the sky,

With never a rise from north to south to rest the weary eye."

It is an impossibility to picture, to those who have never seen the prairie lands, the charms of our location. It has been said that this section can produce no literature because there is no grandeur of scenery. To this, we, who so dearly love our prairie State, cannot agree. We think that literature may be impossible,

but only because no genius is so great as to put into language our "sea of land" and its fascinations.

Our State is almost all prairie land, but of course everyone saw that when they made their last summer's visit to the Fair. Well, you saw Chicago, but probably not Bloomington, and there is where you made a great mistake, for in "Blessed Bloomington" is the home of your nation's vice-president and also the homes of many others who would serve willingly, regardless of personal inconvenience, as president, if their country should earnestly request it.

Our little city is as pretty as can be, with a thriving business center and an elegant residence section, united by hundreds of cosy homes. We have much of which to boast in wealth and culture and little to regret in poverty and ignorance. The city, as a picture, has broad, paved streets, ornamented with several rows of trees each, making in summer delightful shade and rich masses of foliage. We have, of course, "all modern improvements" in electric lights and railways, artesian wells and coal mines. Opportunities are offered for any kind of religious relations, from the African Salvation Army to the English church, High. There is a beautiful library which is always a welcome retreat to us Wesleyans. There are parks and statues, one of Lincoln, of course, and a pretty opera house, almost new, with several smaller ones. Educationally, there are good city schools, two conservatories of music, two art schools, two business colleges and the Illinois Wesleyan University.

In the Wesleyan, is the home of Delta. The campus is a large quadrangle, with many trees, tennis courts and winding walks upon it. The two main buildings of the University are situated near together in the center of the campus. Both buildings front to the south and are of brick with stone finishings. The smaller one accommodates the preparatory school and the larger the college of letters with a chapel, room for all.

The music and art departments occupy separate brick build-

Like most college women, we are interested in the college settlement movement. We have had the pleasure of entertaining Amelia Shapleigh of Iota, who holds the College Settlement Scholarship, and have imbibed some of her enthusiasm. Jane Shaw, '95, is the active representative and Hannah Clothier, '91, the alumna representative of the college. Jane Shaw attended the meeting in New York on May nineteenth. Some of us hope to visit the Home on Long Island this summer.

With many good wishes to all Thetas for a pleasant summer,  
ALPHA BETA.

### Beta District.

#### ALPHA GAMMA.

COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Since we did not write a chapter letter for the January number of the JOURNAL we have two terms to account for. The winter was gay with college events and fraternity entertainments, for there was given the Junior Hop to the Seniors, the Pan-hellenic reception, and many delightful informal gatherings of fraternity friends.

But these days seem far away while contemplating on the happy times of more recent date.

On the twenty-sixth of March, Mrs. McLaughlin invited the Thetas and their gentleman friends to come for a surprise to her sister Annis. All, I assure you, responded to the invitation and enjoyed a delightful evening.

The Pi Beta Phis made their appearance in college on April the fifth, with six charter members. Alpha Gamma soon wel-

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comed them to a spread and Kappa Kappa Gamma gave them an afternoon reception to which also Thetas were invited.

We shall graduate two members this year, Mary Edith Bell and Edith D. Cockins, for whom we entertained with a Pan-Hellenic on our second anniversary, May 24th, at the delightful home of Katherine Doren.

These are our first graduates and two of our charter members. Alpha Gamma will scarcely know how to do without their guiding care which has piloted us through so many difficulties during our life of two short years. We shall hope to have them with us at our meetings next year to look to for advice as in the past years.

We regret very much that our dear Sophomore sister, Esther Stafford, was compelled to leave college during the winter term on account of the severe illness of her mother, but we trust that she will again be with us in the fall.

Our numbers will be diminished by three members in the fall, for besides our Seniors, Helen Patterson, a charming Freshman, will not return next year.

With the hope that Thetas everywhere may have a joyous vacation, we remain,

ALPHA GAMMA.

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HANOVER, IND.

Dear Thetas:

Commencement with its pleasure and excitements gives us added spirit for our last letter to the JOURNAL. We have had especially enjoyable meetings the last of this term. All the members seemed determined to make them a success, and the return of one of our girls, Margaret McCoy, who has spent the winter in Chicago, added much to our pleasure.

Hanover has not been lacking in recreations of all sorts this spring. Each fraternity has a tennis court, and the athletic park has presented a gay appearance every evening, and the spirit of rivalry has given vent occasionally to fraternity yells. A number of our girls report unusually adventurous botanical trips to our various noted and beautiful falls. And our herbariums, what toil and worry they gave us, yet what pleasure!

We felt greatly encouraged by an unusually large number of Thetas with us at Commencement. They are loyal girls, every one, and their spirit and love for Theta seemed as zealous as when they were in college. Among them were Elouise Dorehty of '92, who has just returned from a trip to Texas, Ona Rebuck, Bertie Swope, Jeanette Culbertson, Mary Tandy and Eva Fitzgerald.

Hanover has a very bright prospect for next year, and the Thetas are determined to make the most of it and come out with colors flying.

The fraternity felt they had well reason to be proud. On Commencement day two of the prizes went to our girls, Pauline Ernst receiving the prize for scholarship in the Sophomore class, and Agnes Giboney for elocution in the Freshman class.

We all have bright plans for a happy vacation and expect to return in September with fresh efforts for Theta. We wish you all a happy vacation and hope you will not miss many faces from your hall when you return.

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TAU.

EVANSTON, ILL.

*Dear Theta Sisters:*

Here we are at the end of another year!—Our last recitations occur to-day, and we have only the horrors of examination and the pleasures of Commencement week to endure, and we may

again lay aside our dignity with our books and be giddy once more. We have been enjoying our chapter life very much this term, our regular meeting being held every Monday evening in our hall. Besides trying to "keep up with the times," we have been reading Charles Kingsley's "Hypatia" and we have enjoyed it very much indeed. At the last meeting of the term our Freshmen served supper to us at half after five in the hall and we had a jolly time.

We have had several very pleasant spreads this term and have pledged two very nice town girls. On April 7, Tau gave a green and white tea to all the sororities at Northwestern and it was very well attended. We held our annual reception April 20th, at the "Avenue House", receiving the faculty and our friends from eight to eleven and dancing afterward. About a hundred were present. The halls and parlors were draped in the black and gold—the music being furnished by Johnny Hand.

Pi Beta Phi has just granted a charter to five girls in Northwestern, so now we have one more sorority to add to the list. The girls in this new chapter are very good students.

For some time past we have been looking forward to this year's issue of the "Syllabus" and at last it has appeared. As perhaps you know it is an annual, published by the Junior class; and it contains everything of interest in a literary and social way for the year. The present issue is especially fine. It is bound in the University purple with white and is said to be very artistic from a printer's point of view.

The Junior class this year is covering itself with glory. It has revived the old custom of holding an annual Junior exhibition and this spring presented very successfully a good play, "The Rajah." Then the Juniors of the fraternities gave, on the 29th of May, the "First Annual Junior Promenade," and it was a great success.