

Not long before the Christmas vacation we hope to have our old members with us at the first reunion of our chapter.

Sincerely,

ALPHA BETA.

S. Ellen Williams, Cor. Sec., 12-6-'92.

Alpha Gamma.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, Nov. 29, 1892.

We are sorry that Upsilon did not find the letter from us that she looked for; we certainly made the attempt to have one in time for the July issue but there was probably some mistake.

We can say that we are now well started in our fraternity life, and how much we enjoy it! To be sure we have had some disappointments this term, owing to our formidable rivals, but we have much to make us very happy.

We are delighted with our new sister, Dessa High, '96, and with our Professor's wife we feel quite strong for such an infant.

Our entertainments this fall have been very pleasant. The first was a pansy tea given for the new girls, and on Hallowe'en we invited our gentlemen friends to eat a New England dinner with us. The dinner was at seven; the rest of the evening was spent in dancing, and the regulation Hallowe'en sports.

We want to tell you how much we enjoy the journal and what a help it is in becoming acquainted. It has been greatly admired here, both for the quality and character of its articles, and its exterior and general appearance.

We are anticipating much pleasure from an addition that we are to have to our chapter; Grace Eggleston, '96, comes from Epsilon to make her home in this city, and will attend our University. Of course we are sorry for the Wooster girls, but their loss is our gain.

Wishing one and all a happy and useful year,

ALPHA GAMMA.

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Alpha Gamma.

Although last fall we girls of the "baby" chapter were not as successful as we hoped to be in our first rushing season, we now feel quite elated. During the gala week between Christmas and New Year's Day we pledged Anice McLaughlin, a sweet girl belonging to '97, and on February twenty-fifth we gave the formal pledge to Anna Ball, of '98. We shall do our best to "bring her up" in the cause of Theta and are certain that we shall enjoy it much.

We are delighted to have with us this term Grace Eagleson, whose parents moved here the latter part of December. She is attending college here, and we are trying hard to make her feel as much at home with us as she did with Epsilon.

Our new Secretary of State, Mr. Taylor, has recently come to Columbus and brought with him his charming wife who is a Theta. We have two resident members now which makes it very pleasant for us.

Several times we have entertained a few of our gentleman friends in an informal manner, and altogether have had many jolly "Theta times."

Just now we are discussing the advisability of entering into a "spiking" agreement with our sister chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma. We shall probably make some agreement and give it a fair trial in the beginning of the next school year. We are taking "*The College Fraternity*" and like it very much. Every chapter of every fraternity should subscribe for it, for it is an excellent magazine and we all can derive a great deal of benefit from it. It draws all fraternities together, furthers the interests of inter-fraternity life, and gives us a better glimpse of our "Greek World" than can be accorded us in any other way.

As we are all loyal Thetas so we are also loyal to O. S. U., and take great pride in the progress which the University has made during the past few years. Five years ago the attendance numbered only three hundred students, twenty-five of whom were young women. Today we have nearly eight hundred students, one hundred and twenty-five of whom are young women.

Two years ago the institution received quite an impetus from the passage of a bill giving annually one twentieth of a mill of the tax duplicate of the state to the University. The bill, while before the legislature, was hotly contested—a fact which brought the institution into great prominence. While our worthy legislators were

eagerly discussing this question pro and con, more and more were the friends the university made, and with their aid the bill was passed after a fierce struggle of several weeks. Great was our rejoicing and that of all well-wishers of the institution.

Since then several new buildings have been planned. One, Hayes Hall, named in honor of the late Rutherford B. Hayes, has just been completed. It is to be used for the Manual Training Department. Our geological museum named Orton Hall, in honor of Dr. Orton, who has long been connected with our university and who is State Geologist of Ohio, is a magnificent stone building which will be ready for use in the beginning of the new school year. A law department has recently been added which is growing continually. A phase of college life in which girls are not supposed to take so much interest, (but we do nevertheless) is athletics. Last spring our base ball team carried off the state penant and this fall our foot ball eleven was quite successful in its contests against the other institutions of the state.

Being a state institution, the Ohio State University should rank highest among Ohio's many institutions of learning, and all indications are that such will be the case in the near future.

Some one once said:—"As Ohio is a greater state than Michigan, so shall our university be greater than hers!" Let this be true and the "scarlet and gray" can float with the colors of the proudest institutions in the land!

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At the time of the Kappa Alpha Theta convention of '97, Billie was in very poor condition but was, nevertheless, able to receive such inquiring delegates as came to see him, among whom was a fair deceiver from Upsilon, who was so impressed by Billie that she inadvertently (?) mentioned his well known name at a fraternity party given by Billie's former admirers. The sad work was done. But a few more days remained to Billie in which to make his last fond farewells, before the summons came which took him to that bourne from which no Billie e'er returns.

Our grief was sincere, our anger at the betrayal most intense. Billie was in our happy home less than three years, but in that time he won the respect and love of all. His tasks were arduous but always thoroughly fulfilled, and we feel that no other Billie could fill his place.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 21; number of active members, 10; seniors, 1; juniors, 4; sophomores, 2; freshmen, 3.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Jessie Carpenter 105 W. Third Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
Mary Loren Cor. High and King Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
Gertrude Bellows 325 Town St., Columbus, Ohio.

Number of faculty in university, 98; number of students, 1,100.
Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Kappa Alpha Theta, 10; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Delta Delta Delta, 11.
Men's fraternities: Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma.

CHAPTER HISTORY.

Alpha Gamma branch of the Theta tree began to develop, so our charter "grandmother" tells us, as early as October of Ninety-one. It was then, at any rate, that humble petitions from would-be Thetas of the Ohio State University began to attract the attention of Kappa Alpha Theta's Grand

Council. However, the conservatism of the general fraternity, the trait of which we are all so justly proud, withheld our charter until the Spring of the following year. A three months' existence as a local fraternity was required as a test of unity and strength, at the end of which time a delegation of Epsilon Thetas paid a welcome visit to Columbus, and started flying eight new kites. And so, since 1892, we have been celebrating May 24 as Alpha Gamma's birthday.

Prior to Theta's advent, eight Greek colonies had been established here, Kappa Kappa Gamma being the only women's fraternity among them. Since our coming, eight more have been established, Pi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta being of the number.

For any opposition at the time of our establishment, we have sought in vain. Traditional history tells us that there were, in those days, none but kindly Fates:—the Faculty smiled upon us and graciously wrote many letters of recommendation; Kappa Kappa Gamma welcomed us as a long-needed stimulant; and the President of the Interfraternity Board wrote to our Grand Council, assuring them that the University furnished ample material for two good sororities. However, before we were assured of our charter, other national sororities, unsolicited, made offers to the local fraternity. This, together with some rushing and the extending of one bid on the part of our sister fraternity, is the only vestige of opposition met at the time of our founding. Our opposition, during our seven years' existence, has been confined solely to Kappa Kappa Gamma, to whom we have lost a number of fine college women, and from whom we have gained as many.

Alpha Gamma, we are afraid, is not resourceful in fraternity traditions unusual enough to be of interest beyond our own chapter limits. Perhaps, however, every Theta Chapter doesn't have quilting-parties. Wishing to disprove the general belief that college girls are anything and everything but domestic, Alpha Gamma Thetas meet occasionally for an old fashioned Aunt Dinah quilting-bee, an announced en-

gagement furnishing the necessary inspiration for this homely diversion. The comforts are of Theta colors,—a gold background, knotted with black worsted. Of course there are always as many kinds of knots as there are girls in the chapter, but brides are too happy to be observing, and besides, variety is an essential part of the love-message.

Just now, we are looking forward to our seventh anniversary. Remembering our happy birthday parties of former years, we are to have another reunion and banquet on the coming May twenty-fourth. There will be toasts, with reminiscences from alumna Thetas and a glance forward from undergraduates. At these reunions, probably more than during all the rest of the year together, we learn how much active and alumna Thetas have in common, and how truly we exist as a unit. Aside from this reunion and the Fall rushing parties, our one annual social event is the Winter dancing party, given in honor of our Freshman girls.

Our newly appointed picture committee is busy collecting for the fraternity archives, photographs of all Alpha Gamma girls, and securing copies of all the chapter groups. Already two or three of the groups look antiquated, and we smilingly promise ourselves that no unpledged rushling shall ever be given a glimpse of these old pictures. The glimpse might prove fatal. This sounds like unpardonable family disloyalty, but we quiet our consciences by acknowledging to ourselves that we, too, may be kept under cover by coming generations of politic Thetas.

Alpha Gamma sends greetings to all Thetas, everywhere.

Gamma District.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 11; number of active members, 14; seniors, 2; juniors, 5; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 2; graduate, 1; graduates from other chapters, 1.