

TOWER DORMITORY FOR MEN, WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY.

INSTALLATION OF ALPHA IOTA CHAPTER 167

The prospects seem bright in every way, and the house and its management are, so far, highly satisfactory to both the active chapter and alumnæ.

BLANCHE BRIGHAM HARPER.

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Our new sisters of Alpha Iota chapter come with "Loyalty" so richly emblazoned on their escutcheon that we may well be envious of their noble device. Seven years ago in the fall of 1899 at Washington University, St. Louis, twelve girls banded together under the name of Eta Epsilon Tau. Their motto, "as soon as possible," to quote their words referred to Kappa Alpha Theta, a charter of which was hoped might be obtained in a year, or at most within two years. Their petition passed the Grand Council but was refused by some of the chapters on the ground that the university was not large enough. For seven years these girls patiently persisted, increasing in numbers and strength, resisting all overtures from other fraternities, their hopes fixed always on Kappa Alpha Theta. In the meantime the university was growing until its future became assured in the eyes of the most cautious, and finally, the last day of November, 1906, the long cherished plans of Eta Epsilon Tau were consummated and a joy it was indeed for those who could assist to receive them into the bonds of Theta fellowship.

Miss Cummings and Miss Dodge of Iota, who had mothered the little waif, Eta Epsilon Tau, threw open their hospitable home and Kappa Alpha Theta virtually held possession for two days. There Friday evening

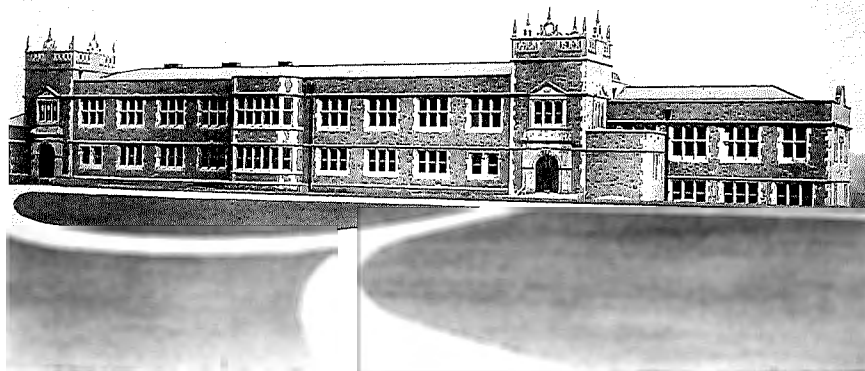
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Mrs. Norton bestowed the charter upon twenty-two initiates. You all know how beautiful, how impressive, how inspiring it was, and we believed that we saw the realization of the ideal of the fraternity in the person of the beautiful woman at whose hands Eta Epsilon Tau became Alpha Iota chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta.

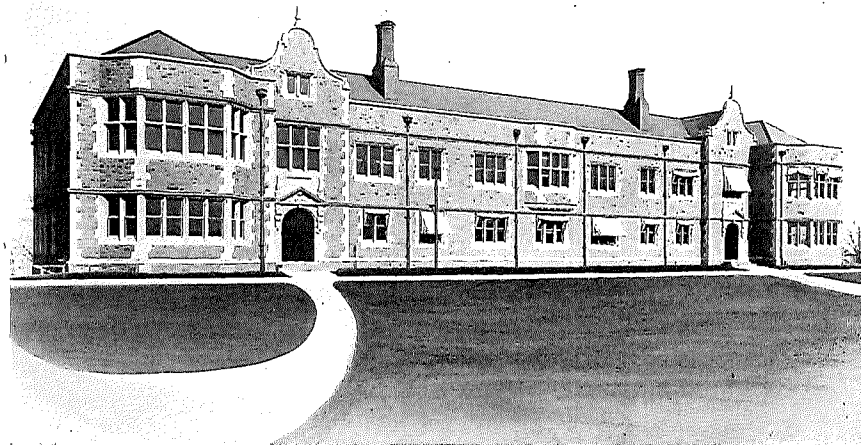
After the initiation, a banquet was served in a private dining room of a nearby hotel. I had almost said "a private hotel," for so it seemed. Every visible woman wore a kite-shaped pin. There the charming toastmistress, Miss Cummings, amid a flow of graceful, witty introduction and repartee, gave opportunity for Miss Cockins to give a most poetic tribute to Kappa Alpha Theta, for Miss Gruner to recount the struggles of Alpha Iota, and for Miss Benson to touch happily upon the joys of the prospective alumnae chapter, but also for everyone present to give a word or two of greeting from her own chapter to the newly installed one. It was a peculiar pleasure to hear the "welcome" from so many, for there were present eleven from Delta, two from Iota, three from Tau, two from Alpha Eta, two from Kappa, four from Eta, one from Alpha Gamma.

Saturday, Alpha Iota proved that she could add to her list of virtues, those also of a charming hostess, for she made the visitors welcome indeed, took them out to the beautiful campus to luncheon in the morning, and in the afternoon to a delightful "at home" and chapter meeting. She certainly made everyone feel that the latch-string would always be out in the new home of Kappa Alpha Theta for any of her large family. Long may that home endure, a house that could withstand the winds and rains of seven years is certainly not built on sands.

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