

THE INSTALLATION OF ALPHA KAPPA CHAPTER

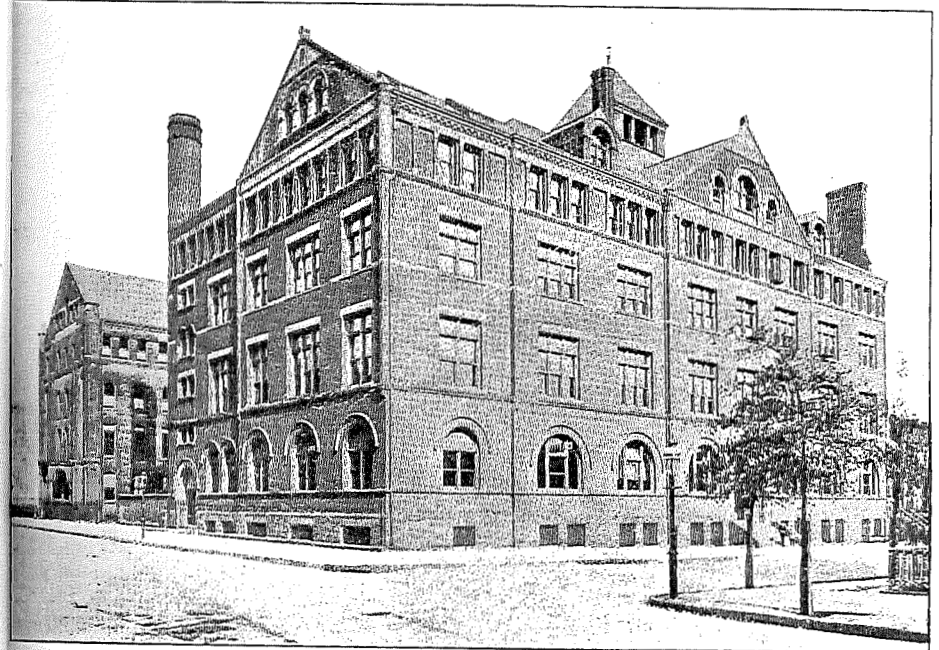
The new academic year finds a twenty-eighth chapter starting out in its career with all the hopes, enthusiasm, and eager planning that characterizes the other twenty-seven. Alpha Kappa is now little more than five months old, but her loyalty to Kappa Alpha Theta dates back to several years ago when a band of eager Adelphi undergraduates first applied to Theta for a charter. Since then the persistence and earnest perseverance of these girls has shown that they are of the true, staunch, loyal, Theta stamp.

On the afternoon of June fifth, 1907, the installation of Alpha Kappa chapter was held, under the direction of Gamma Alumnae. Miss Elizabeth Carse of Iota and Gamma Alumnae kindly offered the use of her home on East Thirtieth Street, New York City. There she heartily welcomed, and hospitably entertained all who attended the installation.

Between thirty and forty Thetas representing ten chapters, were present. Miss Lippincott, President of Alpha District, was abroad at the time, and therefore unable to officiate at the ceremony. Accordingly Miss Cockins requested Miss Aurelie Reynaud of Alpha Zeta and of Gamma Alumnae to preside. She carefully planned every detail, and conducted a most impressive installation.

Twenty-five charter members of Alpha Kappa were initiated. The graduates are:

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| Edna Story Lutkins, '99 (Mrs. S. L. Lutkins, Jr.). | |
| Adelaide Garland Brown (Mrs. Alvah Brown). | |
| Marie Frith Wood, '04 (Mrs. M. H. Wood). | |
| Cora Snowden Litchfield, '02 (Mrs. Norman Litchfield). | |
| Maude Webb, '02. | Jessie Harris Righter, '04. |
| Emma S. Crane, '03. | Bertha Graf, '04. |
| Josephine Kelley, '04. | Anna K. Van Vranken, '05. |



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Frances E. Napier, '06. Loretto M. Walsh, '07.
 Grace E. Commiskey, '06. Alice R. Fish, '07.
 Genevieve W. Beavers, '07.

The undergraduates are:

Marjorie Commiskey, '09. Erene Figuera, '10.
 Edna G. Reilly, '09. Marguerite Stephens, '10.
 Ella C. Hale, '09. Anna C. Bulwinkle, '10.
 Helen Wolferz, '09. Regina Gorman, '10.
 May Townsend, '09. Caroline Sutphen, '10.

After the installation the new Thetas were greeted and toasts were drunk, Miss Reynaud acting as toast-mistress. Those who responded to her were Miss Elizabeth Carse, Iota; Miss Sadie Titus, Alpha Beta; Miss Eva Capron, Iota; Miss Agnes Durant, Alpha Zeta, and Miss Loretto Walsh, Alpha Kappa.

The list of Alpha Kappas includes the names of many Adelphi women who have figured prominently in college activities and academic honors. In their undergraduate days Mrs. Lutkins and Mrs. Litchfield were both presidents of their classes, the latter both junior and senior year. Ella Hale was president of 1909 in her freshman and sophomore year, Anna Bulwinkle was president of 1910 in her freshman year, and Genevieve Beavers held the presidency of the Students' Association in 1906-7. Josephine Kelley, Jessie Righter, Anna Van Vranken, Frances Napier, Genevieve Beavers, Edna Reilly, and Carolyn Sutphen have all held important editorships or managerships on one or more of the three college publications. Many Alpha Kappas have been prominent in the Y. W. C. A., have worked on numerous committees, and have taken a general interest in undergraduate and alumnae affairs. In scholarship too, the chapter stands high. Mrs. Wood took honors in Latin at graduation, Grace Commiskey wrote the prize essay on "Taxation" in her junior year, the prize es-

say on "Municipal Affairs" the year following, and took honors in biology at graduation; Alice Fitch graduated with honors in philosophy, and Bertha Graf received the degree of M.A. from Columbia University in 1907. Starting with such a strong force, the future of Alpha Kappa bids fair to be bright.

Greater New York can now boast of two active and one alumnae chapter. What an opportunity there is for Alpha Kappa, away off in one corner of Brooklyn, Alpha Zeta, up on the heights of Morningside, and Gamma Alumnae, scattered all about town, to help each other in solving local problems, and to combine efforts in working for the good of Kappa Alpha Theta as a whole!

HELEN W. COOLEY,
Gamma Alumnae.

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When writing of one's Alma Mater, the danger is lest one become too eulogistic, and the result is, that the reader, ignorant of conditions, is in a hopeless medley of fact and fancy. Recognizing that this article is intended to give information, rather than impressions, I shall endeavor to mention things and conditions, only as they are.

Since our college is so comparatively new, being only eleven years old, and likewise comparatively small, having some three hundred and five undergraduate students, its fame is naturally local, and its existence is unknown perhaps, without the environs of Greater New York. This is as it should be, for we are distinctly a Brooklyn college, with a proud record of accomplishment to our credit in the past, and tremendously vital opportunities in our future for Brooklyn's welfare and culture.

We are fortunate in having a faculty of twenty-six members, the personnel of which is said to equal any in

the country; these men and women are foremost in the city's intellectual activities. We are also happy in having the leading educators, workers, and thinkers speak to us weekly from our auditorium platform, who bring to us the best the present has to bestow, and thus we are kept abreast of the times. All these are only a few of the exceptional advantages of a college located in the heart of a large city.

Adelphi is co-educational, and the student body is strictly self-governing, both the men and women having self-governing associations, which are all but absolute in their executive capacities. In the Women's Association executive power is vested in a president and executive body of eight members. Recitations and examinations are conducted under the honor system, and we are very proud to be able to say that during the three or four years that this system has existed, the cases of dishonesty have been too few to deserve mention.

Of course, in common with all colleges, we have the ordinary clubs, give several plays annually, have the usual class and society dances, and teas and receptions; and we are just like all other colleges in the nature and purpose of our organizations, where the students endeavor to exert their activities along social, intellectual, and spiritual lines, in a sane and healthy proportion.

Three fraternities flourish here, as does the green bay tree; these are Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Phi Delta Phi, which is trying for a charter from Delta Gamma. In numbers, the active membership of the three is comparatively even, though Theta, at present has the advantage. But in numbers only are we alike, for the personnel and esprit de corps, of these societies varies according to their several standards. It is to the credit, however, of the fraternities themselves, that the spirit of rivalry, though keen and strenuous, is never bitter, and the feeling between these three bodies is friendly and cour-

teous in the extreme. In like manner, these societies, contrary to conditions at many colleges, are regarded with the greatest favor, by the large body of non-fraternity students.

Theta, therefore, should forever abandon any misgivings she may have as to the future of her newest chapter, for the future of the college is bright and hopeful, since Adelphi is now out of her swaddling clothes, as it were, and bids fair to walk alone, propped only by the endowments which are beginning to come to us, thus insuring our financial emancipation. They may rest content with the assurance that Alpha Kappa will typify all that makes for the best in college life and noblest in womanhood.

GENEVIEVE W. BEAVERS,
Alpha Kappa.

THE SIXTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE

Yes, the Inter-Sorosity Conference has met for the sixth time, stronger and more representative than ever before. The wise skeptics who prophesied in 1902 that the institution would not live five years have reason, therefore, to hang their heads in mortification.

What has it accomplished? Not a multitude of tangible reforms certainly, but one supreme triumph in abolishing ante-matriculation pledging and many subtle benefits in fostering inter-sorosity confidence, and respect. I wish that every fraternity-woman might be present at a session of the Conference to note the cordial relations existing among the delegates and to breathe the atmosphere of helpfulness and sisterly affection that there prevails. The twelve delegates who assembled this year in the pleasant parlor of the Stratford, welcomed one another as friends. A large majority had sat in the preceding Conference of 1906, while

two veterans had been present at every session since the institution was established. Miss Gamble, President of Pi Beta Phi, failed us for the first time and her absence was sincerely regretted. However, we welcomed with joy her capable substitute, Miss Elda Smith, who is the Secretary of the Conference for the coming year.

The importance and value of the Conference has increased during the passing years. Mrs. Canby, President of Kappa Kappa Gamma, showed her appreciation of that fact by crossing the continent to be present. Her sound judgment and sincere purpose were very valuable in all our deliberations. And Miss Jobelle Holcombe, newly elected Dean of Women at the University of Arkansas, honored us for the second time by making the long trip from that state to Chicago.

It is not necessary to dwell upon our proceedings as the official printed report of the Conference is accessible to all. Numerous matters of general fraternity interest were discussed, including social progress, high school sororities, and Pan-Hellenic difficulties. The reports of the individual delegates were most encouraging, pointing to improvement and advancement all along the line. We are learning the great lesson of patience. We realize that we must progress slowly and deliberately and not hope to reach our goal in one sudden leap.

It is our hope that the Pan-Hellenic associations will broaden their scope by taking up various subjects of general college interest. A list of topics was prepared, to be submitted to these associations with the recommendation that they do not consider their work finished when the rushing season is over, but that they hold monthly or bi-monthly meetings throughout the year. We feel that these associations are capable of becoming very potent factors in the college life.

We earnestly entreat every fraternity woman to do her