



First row, left to right—Sabra Waples, Mary Wells, Marguerite Briscoe, Margaret Mett.
 Second row—Annette Young, Turpin Crout, Margaret Sturm.

Following the advice of an attorney, all money as received is deposited in the Security trust and savings bank to the credit of Kappa Alpha Theta Scholarship fund, and interest of four per cent, compounded semi-annually, is received. A regular set of books is kept. Each chapter is credited with all monies sent by its members and every Theta is asked when sending money to designate the chapter to which she wishes credit given.

The Fund through the eyes of one of its beneficiaries:

"This fund seems to me one of the finest things carried on by the alumnae for the benefit of their younger sisters. I am sure it must mean a great deal to many Thetas to be able to receive assistance from the scholarship fund in finishing a college course. I hope that the fund will continue to grow and benefit many students."

The Fund's need for more money is well attested by the following extract from the Service board committee's report on *Why Thetas leave college without degrees*:

"From the opening of college in 1913-14 to February 1, 1916, seventy-five undergraduate Thetas were forced to discontinue their college courses because of a lack of money to pay college expenses. Girls for this reason were compelled to leave twenty-eight different chapters."

BETA BETAS AS SISTERS

There has recently been added a new group of sisters to our number, and I wish you might all know them as it has been my privilege for the past year.

On entering Randolph-Macon Woman's college, in Virginia—a lone Theta from Lambda's fold—I met a group of girls who had heard within their souls the magic call of Theta, but who had no intimate knowledge of its real meaning. However, in the weeks that followed, they learned one of the first lessons of our sisterhood, to keep their ideal ever before them and to strive for it with unwavering zeal. Several of them came to me, and asked: "What can we do to make ourselves worthy to become Thetas?"

Little did they realize that much of their worthiness lay in their desire and the willingness to make the effort. That has always been characteristic of the Beta Beta girls; the slightest suggestion brought the readiest response. Out on the field, in the classroom, and in other college activities they manifested new ardor, not for their own glory but that the group might be more typically Theta.

One day came the glorious news—the charter had been granted! Yet, even then they did not relax their efforts, but went on increasing their efficiency that their new sisters to be might be proud of them. Installation ceremonies followed soon, and never has Theta received more worthy daughters to her heart. To these girls it had a two-fold meaning: the wonderful things we know so well and the realization of the attainment of a high ideal.

With the founding of the new chapter came new responsibilities, and each member assumed her share in the work with true Theta spirit. In a short time everything was working in the most organized manner. Here I might add that the only affiliate of a new chapter is naturally looked upon as a guiding spirit, but many a time when some small matter was in question did I vainly try to recall how it was done in "Lambda."

Aside from her other merits, Beta Beta's scholarship is unquestioned. But best of all she has seen the beautiful vision of sister love. They had an awaiting affection for every Theta that came to the installation, and are prepared by sentiment and association to give the same welcome to every other Theta. One of the girls said, after everything was over, "Just think, there are so many more just like them, and they are all Thetas!"

Grace M. Scofield

We who attended the installation of Beta Beta chapter at Randolph-Macon will long carry a memory of the gracious hospitality of the whole college, as well as of our applying group. An evidence of their high position attained in the college community through their gratifying scholarship records and personal charm was the recent election of one of them as senior president for the coming year. The friendliness of the other fraternities, manifested when some loaned their houses—one for pledging, another for initiation, and a third for installation—and when several others gave teas, demonstrated the esteem in which the girls of Beta Beta are held and confirmed the pride which we felt increasingly during the days of our visit.

Julia Hainer O'Connor, Rho

THE FIRST PHI BETA KAPPA WOMEN

Every Theta is justly proud of the fact that she is a member of the first national Greek-letter organization for women. Another fact that we have reason to take pride in is, that the first women to be initiated into Phi Beta Kappa are Thetas. Conservative Vermont took the lead in granting Phi Beta Kappa to women, and Lambda numbers among her alumnae Mrs. Lida Mason Hodge '75 and Mrs. Ellen Hamilton Woodruff '75, the first two women to win keys at Vermont. And the story of the winning of the keys is a most interesting one.

The story begins as long ago as 1791, when the charter of the University of Vermont was granted. In 1800 the first class entered, and in 1804 the first commencement took place, when four young men were graduated. In 1848 Vermont became the eleventh college to organize a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Through the efforts of

President John Wheeler, who had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa by Dartmouth, the charter was granted and a constitution was adopted. The next event that attracts our attention took place August 1, 1871, when the trustees of the University of Vermont voted to admit women to all courses in the academic and scientific departments.

The next year, 1872, two women entered Vermont from other colleges. Miss Lida Mason entered the freshman class at the beginning of the winter term, and for the remainder of that year was the only woman in the college. She was regarded by the conservative friends of the college and by the townspeople as somewhat of a monstrosity. Even the young men in her class confessed to having imagined she would be a very large, bold person, and were surprised when she proved to be a rather slight, entirely self-possessed and modest young woman. For some time she was conscious, whenever in a public place, of awed whisperings around her: "There's the girl who is going to college here." That fall, Miss Ellen E. Hamilton entered the sophomore class, and the two girls completed their course together.

It was the custom, at that time, to grant Phi Beta Kappa to one-third of the graduating class. There were twelve ready to graduate in 1875, including Miss Mason and Miss Hamilton, who both stood high in their studies. Two of the men, Mr. Frank E. Woodruff, who later married Miss Hamilton, and Mr. Taggart, also ranked high, while the remaining two-thirds of the class stood on a noticeably lower level in regard to scholarship. At the Phi Beta Kappa meeting that year Professor Peabody "exploded a bomb" by moving that persons eligible on the grounds of scholarship be received as members without regard to sex. Such a thing had never been thought of before. Indeed, there had never been any occasion for thinking of it, but now, here were two women graduating with honors! It is reported that there was an "animated discussion." We who have attended coeducational institutions can imagine rather vividly the probable nature of that animated discussion. In the end the motion was laid on the table, and another motion, to vote for the two highest men in the class, was carried. Again the matter was brought up, but all that was accomplished was the passing of a resolution directing the secretary to communicate with the other chapters of the order in regard to the eligibility of women. The two men were initiated without delay, although they demurred somewhat, believing that the women should be equally honored. Some of the members of the worthy fraternity must have done as much thinking as sleeping that night, for we find that the next day Professor Peabody's proposition was again considered, and the admission of women was authorized! The two girls were initiated that

on that ground as long as the college in question, is on the approved list. Also before objections are raised in respect to entering a small college, it might be well to learn how much larger were the institutions of most of our chapters, when the fraternity was installed. It is well to remember, too, that in these days, it is almost necessary to choose the lesser of two evils, if they be that, and to decide whether it is wiser to enter a large institution, with five or ten strong nationals already flourishing, or to enter a smaller institution as one of the first nationals.

When a chapter has gained a good standing and ranks among the best in its university, it is undoubtedly due, in large measure, to the fact that it is part of a strong national organization. Yet this same chapter, which perhaps boasts most of its national reputation, decides that the time for extension has passed; that we have more new chapters now than we can educate; that there is too much danger of overloading its ranks with affiliates. Our national reputation, in spite of the large number of chapters added in the last few years, hardly seems to have declined sufficiently to justify such an absolute stand against extension. In fact, with the extension into the far south and into the northwest, we have become more truly national than we were a few years ago, when our concentration was in the east and middle west, with two western chapters, so separated from the rest of the fraternity geographically, as to hardly feel their connection. So if our policy has been and is one of extension, has it not given the chapters that much more national reputation, with which to impress rushees? So when an older chapter takes a determined stand against extension and begins to be snobbish about affiliates, one is led to wonder if this chapter is giving as much to the fraternity as it is receiving. One might even conclude that such chapter might consider itself more fortunate to exist as a local, with full legislative power of its own.

A chapter may do much for the fraternity by ranking highest in the ideals for which we stand, in its own institution. It may be prompt with national reports and the wheels may all seem to run smoothly; yet an attitude inharmonious, and unjustly critical may be like a drop of ink added to a goblet of pure and sparkling water, that makes every atom dark and impure. The aspirations for the fraternity, that each of us hold are high. Then let us avoid pettiness; let us crush back selfish motives for the sake of our fraternity; let us, at all times, be faithful to the allegiance we owe her; and, let us ever remember, that only through loyalty and sincerity of the highest type, can we hope to attain true fraternity.

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INSTALLATION OF BETA BETA

Thursday afternoon, May 4, 1916, Mrs. Mecklin, Miss Green, Miss Baker, Mrs. O'Connor, and most of the girls who were with us from Swarthmore and Goucher, came to Randolph-Macon. Late that afternoon the girls of "Phi" met our visitors in East hall parlor and everybody got acquainted. From the minute they came until we had to let the last one go, we experienced that little girl feeling that used to come at Christmas time—your mind knew it was going to happen but you never really believed it.

Thursday night, though, at the Delta Delta Delta house, "it" really began to happen, for we were pledged to Kappa Alpha Theta. At pledging we had a fore-shadowing of the depth and meaning of Kappa Alpha Theta services that came as a revelation to us in the initiation service the following night. After pledging was over, the pledges were examined on the chapter roll after the manner of the old-fashioned spelling match, Dorothy Wilson of Goucher took the rôle of teacher and there wasn't another quiet minute, every one laughed almost all the time.

Friday afternoon teas were given to the officers and visiting Thetas at the Phi Mu and Pi Beta Phi houses.

Initiation was held Friday afternoon and night at the Alpha Delta Pi house. It is useless to try to give any adequate idea of that initiation and what it meant to us. Every Theta remembers with peculiar vividness the first time she experienced the dignity and loveliness of that service. Conceive if you can, what it must have been to have had it conducted by those officers and Theta girls who were with us and you will get a better idea of what this one meant to us than words can give you.

Saturday morning, Mrs. Mecklin, Miss Green, Miss Baker, and Mrs. O'Connor went to Sweet Briar on an auto trip with Mrs. Harmanson, who came into Theta with "Phi" and who to Beta Beta chapter is "our Mrs. Harmanson."

Saturday afternoon Beta Beta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta gave a reception to the faculty and students of Randolph-Macon at the Alpha Omicron Pi house.

Saturday night our first Theta banquet in Lynchburg was held at the Virginia hotel. There were forty present. Mrs. Mecklin as toast-mistress was—well, Mrs. Mecklin, having said that further words are useless. The Theta welcome was given by our District president, Amy Baker, and it went straight to the heart of every Beta Beta. Jeannie Gary gave Beta Beta's response. "Theta fun" was furnished by the Swarthmore and Goucher girls. It is impossible to give any idea of the stunts they did. Those girls have to be experienced to be conceived of and properly appreciated. Theta greetings from afar were read by Grace Scofield, then from Lambda

but now a Beta Beta affiliate. Just here we want to say that more than we can possibly express we want to make every single Theta know how touched we were over those greetings and how grateful we are for the royal welcome you gave us.

The Theta loving-cup was toasted by Miss Green. In revealing the symbolism of the loving-cup she added another gift to those that had been heaped upon us, by bestowing as only Miss Green can, the conception of how closely Theta links her hearts together.

Sunday afternoon, our first fraternity meeting was held, presided over by Miss Baker. Here the "Theta baby" was taught how to take its first steps. Officers were elected, plans for building the house in the near future were discussed and the Theta Constitution was read. Several special talks were given for which Beta Beta has later had occasion to call down blessings on the heads of those who gave them.

After the meeting all were asked over to visit with the Delta Delta Delta chapter and have tea. And right here it may not be out of place to say something of the splendid spirit of hospitality and sisterhood shown to us by all the fraternities at Randolph-Macon. They couldn't have been more wonderful.

Sunday night, with the exception of Miss Green, we had to say good-bye to our new Theta friends. And they were friends of the "really, truly" type, for in those few days they had walked straight into our hearts. Monday morning Miss Green left us and took with her the large share of the aforementioned heart we always keep for her.

Four days is a very short time as men count time, but the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh of May were full of overflowing and they will linger in our memories with "trailing clouds of glory," for they brought to us the biggest event of our college days. And we feel that not only to us were these days gracious but that Theta by taking up her abode here has brought rich gifts to Randolph-Macon and that the addition of the Theta spirit and ideals to the college life cannot but add to the college spirit of dignity and will be a very potent factor in the ennobling of her womanhood, both now and in the years to come.

Marguerite Briscoe, Beta Beta

Christmas Suggestion
Send the fraternity catalogue to your old
room-mate.

SCHOLARSHIP HONORS COLLEGE YEAR 1915-16

- Alpha:* Genevieve Briggs, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Beta: Mary Rieman, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Hilda Springer, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Esther Mayer, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Gamma: Mary Zoercher, first on honor roll, senior scholarship.
 Lola Conner, on honor roll.
 Irma Weyerbacher, on honor roll.
 Virginia Kingsbury, on honor roll.
Delta: Marguerite Bennett, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Eta: Muriel Tyson, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Esther Shaw, fellowship in psychology, elected to Sigma Xi.
 Dorothy Bastin, scholarship in botany.
Iota: Catharine Bard, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Kappa: Mabel Perry, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Naomi Simpson, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Faye Dodderidge, on freshman honor roll.
 Vivien Bretherton, on freshman honor roll.
 Elsie Patterson, on freshman honor roll.
Lambda: Helen Rutter, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, graduated *cum laude*.
 Constance Votey, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, graduated *cum laude*.
 Frances Dutton, freshman-sophomore honors, first group.
 Helen Hall, freshman-sophomore honors, second group.
 Mary Sparks, freshman-sophomore honors, second group.
Mu: Helen Adams, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Jesse Howell, second prize in Oratorical contest.
Rho: Catherine Atwood, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Florence Angle, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Sigma: Elsinore MacPherson and Elsie Graham divided the honors of the sophomore year English prize.
Tau: Genevieve Forbes, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.
 Mary Herrick, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.
 Dorothy Scott, elected to Phi Beta Kappa, on honor roll.
 Ruth Austin, on honor roll.
 Rene Murray, on honor roll.
 Gloria Ray, on honor roll.
Upsilon: Mildred Lammers, elected to Mathematics club.
Phi: Florence Stewart, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
Chi: Elsa Volkmann, elected to Phi Beta Kappa.
 Louise Stewart, graduated *cum laude*.
 Louise Balsley, graduated *cum laude*.