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Gamma's existence, fifteen chapters were established, four of which became inactive before 1880 and two more in 1884. This shows all too clearly that proper care was not exercised in those early years to place chapters only in those institutions which were promising if not prominent. The histories of Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi emphasize this same fact. In the next decade sixteen charters were granted and but three of these have ever been withdrawn. It is of interest to note that six of these charters were placed in state universities which were coming more and more to be recognized as the educational centers of the west and middle west.

In the third decade but six charters were granted, while in this first year of the fourth a chapter has been established in the promising University of Colorado.

As the chapter roll stands today, there are chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the thirteen most prominent state universities, and also in the universities of Boston, Cornell, Syracuse, Wooster, De Pauw, Northwestern, Illinois Wesleyan and Leland Stanford, Junior. In the list of colleges Barnard and Swarthmore rank highest, but small chapters are still maintained for the sake of auld lang syne in several denominational colleges where the future of the colleges is a question of concern not only to the fraternities represented there, but to the college authorities as well.

As one after another petition from colleges and universities are refused on the grounds, "low educational standing of the institution," "insufficient material for maintaining a strong chapter," the high standards demanded by Kappa Kappa Gamma and her conservative policy are coming more and more widely to be recognized.

Since fraternities are not permitted to enter the largest women's colleges, it is the policy of Kappa Kappa Gamma to grant charters only to co educational institutions.

At present there are fourteen alumnae associations of Kappa Kappa Gamma in the larger cities. The continued interest of these members who are no longer in college is a source of inspiration and strength to the general fraternity and to individual chapters.

Kappa Kappa Gamma was the first woman's fraternity to undertake the publication of a magazine. The first number of the "Key" appeared in March, 1882, and the magazine has always taken high rank, not only among sister publications, but among the more pretentious organs of the men's fraternity. The editor of the "Key" was authorized at the meeting of the grand council in August to begin the collection of

material for a permanent fraternity library. This will consist of college catalogues, fraternity exchanges and all books and publications of general or particular fraternity interest. This library will be of great value to the editor and to the director of catalogues.

Three song books have been published by the fraternity, in 1883, 1889 and 1897. A catalogue was compiled in 1888 and a supplement in 1890, while a second edition appeared in 1898. The most unique publication of the fraternity is in the form of a calendar with appropriate fraternity quotations. Six of these have been issued and one is being prepared for the coming year.

For eleven years after the founding of the fraternity the government was by a grand chapter. Since that time it has been vested in a grand council composed of the five grand officers who are elected from the different geographical sections of the fraternity at the national convention which is held biennially during the last week of August. This convention is composed of delegates from each chapter and from the alumnae associations. In addition to the regular council officers there is a director of catalogues and an historian, each of whom is appointed for a period of ten years.

The badge of the fraternity is a small golden key, which may be jeweled or plain. The letters Kappa Kappa Gamma are on the stem, and Alpha Omega Omicron on the ward. The colors are particularly striking, being dark and light blue, and lend themselves admirably to decoration. The flower is the fleur-de-lis, which is used also as an emblem in the conventional form.

Sigma chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma, which for five years was the only woman's fraternity in the University of Nebraska, was established May 19, 1864. During these seventeen years ninety-eight members have been initiated. College degrees B. A., B. L., B. Sc have been conferred upon thirty-one members of Sigma chapter, and two have received certificates from the University School of Music. Four have pursued graduate work to the degree M. A. Phi Beta Kappa honors have been won by seven and Sigma Xi by two. Misses Mariel Gere, Florence Winger and May Whiting have been granted university fellowships, while Miss Winger held for three years the sage fellowship in philosophy at Cornell university. In 1898 Miss Eleanor Raymond won the school of music medal for vocal music.

The membership of the chapter has always been drawn very largely from Lincoln girls. This has been a source of great strength to the chapter—the one disadvantage having manifested itself in the last two years when there has been a desire but no real need for a

chapter house. However, when the most beautiful homes in Lincoln are constantly open to the Kappas, even this has proved no hardship or disadvantage. While Kappa Kappa Gamma does not confine her membership to regular students, she does demand that a certain number of hours of college work be carried. For years it has been the policy of Sigma chapter to extend no invitations to membership to young women not matriculated in the university. It is believed that in this way greater fraternity dignity is maintained, and the evil of rushing in the high school reduced to a minimum.

Honors have come to the chapter from the general fraternity. In 1898 the fourteenth national convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma was entertained by the Lincoln chapter. Sigma is represented on the grand council by Miss May Whiting who was elected grand secretary at the convention of 1900.

There are fifteen members in the active chapter at the opening of the present college year. Since the young women have returned from their summer outings they have been busy preparing to entertain during registration week. Invitations were issued to a chafing dish party at the home of the Misses Whedon on Thursday evening. At one o'clock Wednesday Misses Emily Jenkins and Adelloyd Whiting gave a luncheon. Covers were laid for twenty. In the afternoon a "swap" party furnished amusement for a still larger company. The vaudeville which had been planned for Thursday evening at the home of Miss Richards will be postponed until Tuesday, because of the burial of President McKinley. The formal entertainments concluded on Friday evening with a dancing party at Walsh hall.

Delta Gamma.

Delta Gamma was founded at the University of Mississippi in 1872. There may be said to be two periods in the history of the fraternity, the southern and the northern. The chapters in the south were short-lived, but with the establishment of a chapter in Ohio in 1879, the fraternity entered upon her career as a national organization.

The policy of Delta Gamma of late years has been severely conservative. Many chapters have been withdrawn because of failure or inability of schools, in which certain chapters existed, to meet the advanced educational requirements of the day. So, although the

chapter list is comparatively short—only fifteen collegiate chapters and one alumnae chapter in all—it includes the best state universities, Leland Stanford, Woman's College of Baltimore, Cornell, and Syracuse university. A chapter was granted at the Lincoln convention to petitioners from the last on account of the great promise of growth through recent heavy endowments.

The fraternity is governed by a convention, composed of a delegate from each active and alumnae chapter, which meets every two years, and by the Grand Council made up of the officers of the fraternity and the editor-in-chief of the Anchora, each elected out of the collegiate chapter chosen by convention.

Like all the other fraternities, Delta Gamma has its official publication, the Anchora, a quarterly, at present edited in Baltimore, by Psi chapter; its colors, bronze, pink and blue; its official badge, the gold anchor with "Delta Gamma" enamelled upon the white shield; its song book, directory, whistle, grip and pass word.

Kappa, the local chapter, was established in 1888. In 1895 her graduate members, to keep in close touch with the undergraduates, petitioned for a charter, which led to the establishment of Kappa Theta, the alumnae chapter. While the two chapters are separate, officially, they are as one in all fraternity work.

Kappa's growth, locally and nationally, has been rapid. In 1898, the charter members numbered five; now there are upon the chapter roll the names of seventy-nine members, the greater part of whom have come from Lincoln and Omaha. Nationally, Kappa has been honored with three offices—fraternity historian in 1893, grand treasurer in 1895, and grand president in 1901—and last spring with the entertainment of the national convention.

In 1899, it was finally decided that the chapter follow the example set by so many chapters of Delta Gamma in the experiment of a house. This was so great a success that the chapter house now seems to be a part of fraternity life. While Kappa never lacked the hospitality of the Lincoln homes, there could necessarily never be any of the college home life that the chapter house supplies. It offers not only a home to girls from other towns, but is open at all times to the resident members. It is the place for the fraternity meetings, for all the informal gatherings so delightful to the college girl.

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