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## AIMS IN FRATERNITY.

In a recent number of the ARROW there appeared an able discussion of the differences between clubs and fraternities, wherein the fundamental principle for organization was found to be the same—self-culture in the broadest sense; the club develops its members intellectually, socially, spiritually, bringing into the routine of daily life influences from the busy world outside that lift it above the commonplaces and trivialities that are the lot of but too many in this practical age.

The fraternity was seen to do all this and more. While it supplements the intellectual college training by bringing into close relationship women of kindred aims and aspirations, it does this in many ways more effectually than the club can do, because the fraternity influences are begun and the interests held when the women are younger, free from outside duties, and more open to inspiration and amenable to influence than those of riper years and wider experience.

The fraternity aims to gather up the scattered threads of college life and weave them into a compact whole. With its purpose of working for some common end, it believes that in co-operation lies its strength and that the power that the individual has alone, will be increased ten fold by a union of this power with others. No student can exist for herself alone; directly or indirectly she must influence those about her and her little world will be the richer or the poorer for her presence.

A fraternity girl feels a deep responsibility resting upon her, in that not only her own reputation, but that of her chapter, and,

further, that of her organization rests in a measure upon her. Her successes in the class room stimulate her sisters to greater efforts; her honors are shared by them and her failures reflect upon them.

An organization must be known by its members; but the intellectual side is not the only one that a fraternity holds dear. A well rounded woman must know how to adapt herself to all circumstances; must excel in the drawing room and business world as well as in the lecture hall, if she would command that influence that is her due.

All these phases the fraternity offers most abundantly; the old adage of "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," was never so true as in the busy college life, when the swiftly flying days seem all too short in which to accomplish what the mind desires. That student will be all the better mathematician, linguist, or scientist who, for some little time each week, each day, lays aside her books and in the companionship of congenial friends, forgets for the time being, the vexing problems, troublesome roots and inflections, long formulæ and experiments. The subject of mental waste and economy is a much mooted one to-day.

Nowhere in all her busy life can this true student find greater relaxation and at the same time greater stimulus to renewed effort than in the fraternity hall, where Greek meets Greek, for though she may be friendly with many, she can be a *friend* of but a few and those few will be the most congenial. With these points in view, how shall the chapter life be lived and so indirectly the life of the greater organization of which it is a part, be broadened and increased?

First of all let the fraternity meetings be *alive*; let them be promptly called and when the business of the hour is done, as promptly adjourned. Promptness in business matters is a *sine qua non* of the masculine world and just as surely of the feminine; only in this way will the details of the fraternity be kept alive, and on a successful business management depends largely the success of any undertaking, be it literary, philanthropic, or financial.

If in carrying out the intellectual phase of fraternity life, programs are prepared, let them be carried out briskly, vigorously,

brilliantly. A successful woman, be she teacher, society woman, in the broad sense of culture, not frivolity, professional woman, or wife, will be she who has a wider knowledge than is necessary for the actual performance of her duties, for in this way will she keep her sensibilities alert, her mind active and her soul above routine. Therefore in the fraternity meetings, let the programs, if there be any, be planned on subjects outside the college curriculum, the execution of some hobby, if you will, anything to keep alive the spirit of inquiry and investigation.

Further on the purely social side, let the pleasure be pleasure while it lasts; let rival Greeks meet in perfect harmony, and for the time being, the rivalry will be laid aside with the knowledge that though their methods may be different, the central purpose is the same, and they are not this fraternity or that, but the whole Greek world.

So much for the college chapter. Each year an active member goes away; the college course is over, the degree won, and she goes forth like Alexander, longing for more worlds to conquer. Will she forget her fraternity life? In a year or so the badge may be laid aside, the girlish enthusiasm may be lost, but is that the end? Where is the interest for the fraternity as a whole? She is known as an Alumna and her chapter is proud of her, her successes and her triumphs. Just here lies another practical aim of the college chapter,—keep the Alumnae in touch with the chapter life—by correspondence, by requests for contributions to the fraternity organ, by reunions, by personal acquaintance with the everchanging membership, by a thousand little ways that friendship and interest in a common organization can suggest.

What though fraternities are decried by many, though the argument of cliques and hostility to rival Greeks be urged, if the fraternity but carry out its *purpose*, but keep its standard high and ever aim higher and higher, critics will be silenced, arguments will be found useless to oppose, and like all true and noble causes, the fraternity will prove its own excuse for being.

*Mary Clark Bancker, Mich. Beta.*



## THE HOME LIFE OF COLLEGE GIRLS.

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

To those who have never shared a college girl's home, it may seem almost absurd to think of saying anything pleasant about her home life, and especially about the home life of the girl at the University of Michigan, which is thought to be essentially lacking in all the refining elements of the home. It is true that her home life is far different from the one she has left; but it is also true, that the new home develops qualities in her nature which the family life failed to bring out.

Nearly every girl at the University has a room-mate, or chum, as she is frequently called, and upon the congeniality of the two girls rests in a great degree the happiness of their home life. Though room-mates are usually dear friends who have long planned a college course together, it is not uncommon for two girls who are total strangers to room together, and as a result life-long friendships are often formed. Sometimes there is apparently nothing in common between room-mates as far as tastes and temperament are concerned, and yet the girls live harmoniously, for there is so much in their lives to make them dependent on each other. The girl who rooms alone is to be pitied, for unless she is exceptionally situated, her life is lonely, and having no one to call out her sympathies, she is apt to grow a little selfish.

The girl who goes out room-hunting has a large number of pleasant rooms from which to select, as nearly everyone in Ann Arbor rents rooms to students, the houses being built with suites to accommodate students.

Girls rooming together can get a very pleasant suite of rooms consisting of sitting-room, bed-room and closet, heated, for from three dollars and fifty cents to four dollars a week. Board is usually obtained at houses conveniently near, this plan giving satisfaction on account of the regular exercise thereby afforded. In some homes the girls are given the use of the family parlors for entertaining, though this is seldom, there being little familiarity

between the people of the house and their roomers. Because of this, the girls look upon their two rooms as home, and try in every way to make them comfortable and inviting. The wise girl in preparing for college gives as much thought to the furnishing of her rooms as to her own wardrobe, and packs her trunks and boxes, not only with gowns and books but pretty little ornaments for her room as well.

That we may gain an idea of a student's rooms, let us visit one of them. It is study evening and the girls are at work, so we will not disturb them, but just look around to see what the college girl's home is really like. The prevailing idea seems to be that of comfort. Painful neatness which makes one ill at ease is totally lacking. There are three or four easy chairs, a couch, and a goodly number of cushions thrown about on couch and floor. An etching, one or two paintings in water color or oil, and perhaps a portrait study, furnish the conventional wall decorations, prominent place being given to photographs, kodak pictures, canes, invitations, programs, souvenirs of all kinds, and the dainty little ornaments which only a girl knows how to make.

The library is composed of standard works in literature, text books and note books. Dainty volumes are scattered about on the tables. A guitar is leaning against the book case and one spies a mandolin under the couch. A little tea table set with china cups and saucers gives the room a cosy and homelike look. The room is a happy combination of parlor, library and sitting-room.

The girls often care for their own rooms, but instead of this being a task, it affords a pleasant diversion from study. They are usually systematic in their work and combine harmoniously the student and housewifely duties, but when there is to be a written quiz in Psychology and the home duties are in consequence slighted, they are later on painfully reminded of their neglect when the young man, who is making his first call, smilingly bids them good-night in the fast fading light of the lamp, which they forgot to fill.

College work occupies the girls' time during five days of the week and at least four evenings. Some of the girls study in their

own rooms, while others prefer the large pleasant reading-room in the library. Few girls commence work immediately after tea; there are the home letters to read, the newspaper to look over, the day's experiences to recount or perhaps a few songs to be sung in the twilight.

In the autumn and spring days the girls have a way of doing solid work in a short time, for the beautiful walks and drives in and about Ann Arbor entice the most book-loving girl from her work. Tennis is a favorite game with the girls and one which is steadily increasing in popularity.

On Friday evening work is not even to be thought of. Calls, spreads, parties, concerts and lectures are all in order, each girl spending the evening as her tastes incline. Room-mates entertain their callers together and help each other in many little ways, thus making the receiving of callers a pleasant pastime. They are fond of serving tea or cocoa out of their tiny little cups or providing other light refreshments. The arrival of a box from home is the signal for a spread and everything else is laid aside to do justice to its contents. A college spread is one of the most unconventional and delightful feasts in the world. All that is needed is a jolly crowd, something good to eat, plenty of it, and—nothing to eat it off from. One spoon, two knives and a plate have been found to be almost a superfluity of dishes for ten people. Chairs are abandoned on account of their limited number, and cushions placed on the floor are used instead. When there is no more meat left on the turkey and the last olive has been speared out of the bottle with a hat pin, the mandolin and guitar are brought out and the evening ends with a round of college songs.

Every week brings some rare treat in the music or lecture line. It is an education in itself to be able to hear the foremost talent in our country which yearly comes to Ann Arbor.

Nearly every fraternity gives at least one house party during the year, which, with the Junior hop, Senior reception, Sophomore hop and Freshman spread, furnish for the society lover a succession of parties which are often more elegant than those given in large cities. Soon after the opening of college the Sophomore girls give

the Freshman spread in honor of the new girls. The junior and senior girls escort the freshman girls to the hall and the evening is devoted to dancing and getting acquainted.

The fraternity girls who live in their chapter houses enjoy the privileges of a home, more than the girls do who rent suites. They have a better opportunity for entertaining and know intimately a larger number of girls. The friendships formed during college are the truest and best in a girl's life, and the fraternity girl more than any other, has these friendships placed within her grasp.

A spirit of freedom and independence pervades the entire life of the girl at the University of Michigan. She selects her home, arranges her hours of study and recreation, and chooses her friends as these things seem best to fill her wants. Many people feel that she has too much freedom, and that the independence which her surroundings require of her, has a tendency to detract somewhat from her womanly instincts. But the girls at the University ought to be, and most of them are, girls only in name,—they are women, who have learned in their own homes the principles governing action, and who are now capable of applying those principles. It is true that she must be strong and capable of choosing wisely, in other words, she must be independent, but it is untrue that this makes her any the less womanly. It only adds to her true womanliness for she not only realizes her own capabilities, but becomes capable of strengthening her weaker sisters.

Life at the University of Michigan does indeed present serious problems—problems much like those met in active life, and because of these it is unwise to send a very young girl there, unless she has definite ideas of what she wants, and even then a girl's school would be a better choice for a year at least. Then let her come and drink deep at this fountain of learning.

It is just here that the fraternity, so helpful to all college girls, is especially so to the girls at the University of Michigan. It affords to the girls the refining influences of a home life, thus combining what is best in a woman's college with unexcelled educational advantages.

The girl who goes out from the University of Michigan goes

well equipped for the battle of life; if she be a fraternity girl, she has, in addition to her fine education, the friendship of her strong and helpful sisters and the ideals of her fraternity, urging her on to a perfect womanhood. *Lois B. Rowe, Mich. Beta.*

#### WELLESLEY COLLEGE.

Turn, ye students of co-educational institutions, with your college buildings on a small campus, your rooms in boarding houses or fraternity halls, your life a part of the busy life of a city, turn for a moment to the broad acres, the cottages, and the small village of Wellesley, Massachusetts, where lives one of the greatest colleges for girls in this broad land.

Somewhat west of Boston, in a park of about four hundred and fifty acres, which forms the college grounds, one might travel far before finding a spot to rival in beauty the surroundings of Wellesley. Hill and valley, lake and fountain, woodland and pleasure ground, these and more form the features of Wellesley Park. Overlooking Lake Waban stands the "College Beautiful," in a region famous in legendary lore, for near by was captured Chief Waban and taken into Eliot's band of converted Indians; here is the locality famed in Mrs. Stowe's "Old Town Folks," and not far away are Concord of Revolutionary fame, and Cambridge, home of the poets.

Entering College Hall one stands in a wide corridor open in the center to the roof, in which tropical plants ever flourish and where balconies rising tier above tier to the lighted roof, give a "South European effect, recalling Spanish days to those who have seen the Alhambra." Scattered over the grounds are violets in wild profusion, the red, red Columbine, honey-suckle, the famed New England rhododendron, and all the varieties of flowers known to the woodland. Across Lake Waban are the beautiful Italian gardens, ever green and fresh, where orchids grow and tropical plants are in abundance.

To the question what do the students do, the answer must be the same in part as we would give for any college. The day begins

with chapel at half past eight; from then till five the student attends lectures, works in the laboratory, reads in the well filled library, studies in her own room, or in the sunny days of fall and spring, under the spreading trees, or cons her French verbs by the enchanted Tupelo point. If she believes in the maxim "*mens sana in corpore sano*," she takes an hour for brisk walking, rowing, tennis, skating, coasting, or gymnasium, as season and weather permit. What student of Wellesley can forget the walks on the "south porch," the run before breakfast to the secluded dell where the wild flowers grow, the dance in the gymnasium after the late dinner, the electioneering for class officers when party spirit ran high, and it was days before the president was chosen?

The details from day to day are ever the same, wearisome it may be, but what daily duties taken in themselves are not wearisome and monotonous? It is the spirit that animates them all, and the fact that their lives are broadening and deepening as the weeks go by, that lends the charm. Then too the student, if she is a true one, will have many friends, will belong to one of the many societies, where she will have a chance

"To hold debate on mind and art,  
And labor and the changing mart,  
And all the frame work of the land."

On Monday, the college holiday, she will go to Boston, Newton, Auburndale or Cambridge, and after a day spent in sightseeing, or meeting old acquaintances, will return weary in body, but refreshed in mind to enjoy the concert or lecture and hosts of visitors that each Monday night calls forth.

For the favored Freshman there is the ever ready Junior to tide her over rough places and give her a reception on Hallowe'en; the Sophomore, too, befriends her lonely state and welcomes her right gladly with a reception in her honor. For Seniors, Juniors and invited guests, there are the Junior promenade and Senior reception when no underclassman can be seen and when halls and grounds are bright with flowers, lights, gaily dressed maidens and handsome

youths. There is Float Day when the crews, long trained for the occasion, appear for the first time together to row out into the lake, rally at some central point and float gently back, while merry songs make glad the air around. Then is the Senior boat surrendered to the Sophomores of the coming year and as the shadows fall, the crews depart, the guests are gone and one of the prettiest of the gala days is done.

On Tree Day the freshmen carry out their long established custom of adding yet another sapling to the many graceful trees that beautify the grounds, when each class wears a garb symbolic of her color, flower and motto, when Senior farewells are spoken to the Alma Mater they so long have loved, and Freshmen make ready to enter upon the Sophomoric dignity that so well becomes their second year of college life. This is the last of the fête days before commencement. Space forbids more than a passing mention of the many friendships that are formed, the unappointed meetings in some favorite rooms, the feasts at night, the gatherings in Senior parlor, the expeditions to new and old retreats, the callers and the concerts in the city that make the social life of a Wellesley girl's four years.

In the midst of it all there is much hard work, much pleasure, some mishaps, but by it all the "noble woman nobly planned" stands at last at her Commencement Day, stronger, truer, broader, for her four years at Wellesley, for the experience she has gained, the battles she has won, the friendships she has made, and she is ready to take her part, as others have done before, in increasing the glory and adding to the fame of her loved Alma Mater.

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### O, TELL ME WHAT TO READ!

Would you like an essay? Then draw up before the open grate and see what Hamilton Wright Mabie says on "My Study Fire" or, if the coals burn too briskly, pick up his "Under the Trees and Elsewhere," or Walter Pater's "Marius the Epicurean,"

or Story's "Conversations in a Studio," or Mrs. Bates' "Old Salem," with its quaint shops, dame-school, and bewitching china closets.

In "The Blue Grass Region of Kentucky" James Lane Allen shows you Uncle Tom at home and takes you to the old Kentucky fair and through the Cumberland gap on horseback. Then there is Lafcadio Hearn's "Two Years in the French West Indies," Schliemann's "Excavations: an Archæological and Historical Study," and Gibson's "Sharp Eyes: a Rambler's Calendar of Fifty-Two Weeks among Insects, Birds, and Flowers." Fiske's "Critical Period of American History," and Parkman's "France and England in America," are as interesting as any novel.

There is Walter Pater again with his "Plato and Platonism," nor should Menie Muriel Dowie's "A Girl in the Karpathians" be forgotten. Brandes' "Eminent Authors of the Nineteenth Century" gives a short sketch of the lives and works of a few of the old world's writers who receive so warm a welcome from their American readers.

Eliza Chester's "Unmarried Woman" is a book any woman would enjoy, be she married or single, and it is well for every girl to read Annie Payson Call's "Power through Repose."

Has one of the girls flown from out the chapter nest across to the old world? and would you like to accompany her on one of her morning strolls down London's Piccadilly or old Berlin's Unter den Linden? If so, there is "The Great Streets of the World," but before you visit any of the art galleries you may pass on your way be sure to read Van Dyke's "How to Judge of a Picture."

Who does not enjoy love letters even if they be "The Love Letters of a Portuguese Nun," Marianna Alcaforado, written in 1668? Next to the love letters come the novels, and here it is hard to choose. Barrie with his "Little Minister," "Auld Licht Idylls" and "Auld Licht Manse," Crawford's "Witch of Prague" and "Marzio's Crucifix," the stories of Amelia Barr, Imogen Clark's



pathetic little tale, "The Las' Day," and "A Cathedral Courtship" by Kate Douglas Wiggin are only a few from the legion.

Tolstoi's "Where Love is there God is;" and Drummond's "Pax Vobiscum" are a balm for melancholy days while James Whitcomb Riley, who with hands in pockets, paces through his home whistling out his "Afterwhiles," drives "the blues" away.

Space will not permit of the mention of more. These are only a few stray crumbs scattered from the host of books published within the last three or four years, but it is hoped a palatable morsel may be found for each and all.

*Florence Putnam Chase.*

*Cataloguer Grand Rapids Public Library.*

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## What A Fraternity Girl Thinks.

Given, limited means,—perhaps self-earned at great sacrifice—is it advisable for a young woman to take two years at some prominent institution, or a full four year's course at a small unknown college, though good.

These are busy times with me, just at the opening of our school, but I can not refrain from saying a word on the subject you offer.

It is this, however hard earned the means, and at **Mrs. Haddock.** whatever sacrifice, if a young woman is ambitious for *real knowledge* rather than that which is merely *assumed*, by the holding of a diploma, then go for the two years to some prominent college or university, where the equipment is good. Suppose for instance that the young woman has a taste for the Natural Sciences, what can she learn where there are no laboratories, no museum, no herbarium, no geological collections, etc.? If her taste is in the direction of the liberal arts, the laboratory or work shop in that department is the library, hence the necessity of access to a large library, which no small unknown college possesses, however good their corps of teachers. My idea is simply this; a bright intelligent young woman will do more in two

years in a school where there is plenty of illustrative working apparatus than she will in four years where such material is wanting, and text books alone the limit of work.

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The young woman who has been under the necessity of earning the money which is to support her during her college course will, it may be assumed, be under the same necessity of self-support after her departure from college. Her choice of institutions would then, I take it, be largely influenced by her choice of professions.

The teacher's profession is the only one in which a degree, in and of itself, has weight. A college position she could hardly hope to obtain without further study after either of the supposed courses. In public school work,—putting aside for the sake of argument the question of personality, I am inclined to think that the young woman with four years at a small but good college would stand a better chance for a good position than one with two years at a noted institution.

For literary or newspaper work of any kind, or for any general culture end, the bright girl might perhaps absorb more during two years in the more inspiring atmosphere of a great university, than in four years at a narrow institution.

For the professions which require special preparation, she would of course do well to seek a technical school; getting at the same time all the general culture which she can possibly afford.

The answer varies so, according to individual needs and capabilities, that it is impossible to give any general reply.

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The younger the woman the more necessary the longer time of preparation and gathering of culture in quiet undisturbed study.

Susanne F. Tyndale. But if already so far advanced as to be ready for a *specialty* then two years at a prominent college is more advantageous. There is always a certain amount of *eclat* and

prestige gained in having one's name associated with a large institution. There are also opportunities for knowing men and women who have made their mark in the world.

On the whole, I should say, if a young woman must earn her means for an education it were advisable to press as much as possible into a short time and get at the main work of her life.

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In most of the women's colleges of our land is not the mind educated at the expense of the body? I believe thoroughly in **The Greatest** higher education for women, and believe that it is **Need of** possible to bring about such an education so that the **College Girls.** whole woman will be strengthened and uplifted, but have we hit upon just the right method yet? As my own experience goes, the college woman is in a state of continual hurry and nervous tension. And who can wonder when one knows all the things she does? If she is ambitious, and most college girls are, she wishes to do some thorough work in at least one subject, and must also become sufficiently familiar with enough other subjects to keep her from being narrow. Every girl must now know the elements, at least, of political economy, political philosophy, and ethics. She will have from fourteen to eighteen hours per week of recitations and it will take from ten to twelve hours of each day to attend and prepare these.

Besides this regular college work social duties make demands on every college girl, even if she is not a society lover. She must attend certain college events, to say nothing of calling upon her friends, and enjoying various gayeties dear to all college girls. Then almost every week a concert or lecture calls the student from her books one evening, and another evening is taken by the meeting of some society or other to which nearly every college student belongs. If the girl be at all religious she is sure to do flower-mission work, or prayer-meeting work, or have a Sunday-school class.

Now let us see what we have—eleven hours of work per day means from 8 A. M. to 10 P. M., allowing an hour for dinner and

supper each. Now if mere college work takes all this time, where can all these extras come in? Saturday can hardly suffice for them, for there is the room to care for, the week's mending and shopping to do.

Yet this is no imaginary picture of a college girl's life. At the college which the writer attended hundreds of girls actually squeezed all these duties into their lives, and moreover came out at the end of four years in apparently good health. Yet they rarely went to bed before eleven and sometimes even sat up all night. I knew of two girls who worked for weeks with less than six hours sleep per night. And in such a life, where is there room for exercise or physical development? Even at colleges where there are gymnasiums, after the novelty is worn off, this is the first thing to be neglected, and unless it is compulsory to spend a certain amount of time in the gymnasium, the time is often devoted to study or something else.

Now this plan of education may have proved harmless in individual cases, but it is evident that as a *principle* of education it is wrong. The principles of mental economy are entirely disregarded in such a plan.

Many students have tried to solve the problem by devoting all their time to work, claiming that to study and that alone is the business of the college student. This, however, is no real solution of the difficulty. The human being who in any line of life does one thing and that only, never accomplishes as much even in his own particular line as the one who develops his whole nature and thus has greater powers and strength with which to work. A college student's interests must not be narrowed down,—society and religion have as many claims upon her as upon the woman in the world.

Is it not true, and the real solution of the problem, that *in the long run* more actual work can be accomplished by working eight hours a day than by working twelve or fourteen? No apparent loss of health may result from working a larger number of hours; but is not the mental waste greater than the repair, and must there not be a decline of mental vigor in consequence, and by the end of a year

will not the eight-hour worker accomplish more and better work in eight hours than the enervated brain can do in twelve or fourteen? I emphatically believe this to be true, both from my own experience and the opinion of other mental workers.

In order therefore to get the best work from its students, colleges should not require or allow more than eight hours of work a day, even shortening the courses of study offered if necessary. Perhaps not so many pages of text-book could be covered, but would not the student enter the actual life of the world better equipped for its problems—in truth a better *educated* man or woman?

In fact, does not the whole difficulty lie just here that, in actions at least, we are constantly misunderstanding the meaning and purpose of education? Do we not look upon it as the gathering of so much information, the storing up of so much mental lumber, rather than a development of the whole nature, a training such as will make its recipients *practical*, not in the sense of money-making, but in the sense of being capable of answering the demands of actual life and of adjusting themselves easily to all relations?

There can assuredly be no such a well-balanced life as a result of a system of any mental drainage. Good health is at the bottom of all other goods. I question whether a healthy, vigorous, day laborer, absolutely ignorant, does not fill his place better, and has not more force, potential at least, than the enfeebled thinker, however brilliant and powerful.

I should like to see this question discussed further in the *ARROW*. Will not other women of other colleges send statistics and facts of hours of work, recreation, outside interests, etc., of women at their various colleges?

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## Of Interest to all Women.

Mr. Richard Harding Davis in an article entitled, "A General Election in England," in the September Harper's, criticises the part of women in English politics from an American point of view. He says: "The part the women play in an English election is one

of the things which no American can accept as an improvement over our own methods. The canvassing in the country from cottage to cottage he can understand; that seems possible enough. It takes the form of a polite visit to tenants, and the real object is cloaked with a few vague inquiries about the health of the children or the condition of the crops, and the tractlike distribution of campaign documents. But in town it is different. The invasion of bachelor apartments by young Primrose Dames is embarrassing and unwise, and is the sort of thing we would not allow our sisters to do.

“The English, as a rule, think we allow our women to do pretty much as they please, and it is true that they do in many things enjoy more freedom than their British cousins, but the men in this country are not so anxious to get into office, greedy as they are after it, as to allow their wives, in order to obtain that end, to be even subject to annoyance, certainly not to be stoned and hustled off their feet or splattered with the mud of the mile-end road. . . . I have seen women of the best class struck by stones and eggs and dead fish, and the game did not seem to me to be worth the candle. . . . A seat in the House would hardly repay a candidate for the loss of one of his wife’s eyes, or all of his sister’s front teeth, and though that is putting it brutally, it is putting it fairly. . . . It is only right to remember that from the days of the Duchess of Devonshire’s sentimental canvass to the present, English women have taken a part in general elections; that there is a precedent for it, and when you have said that of anything English you have justified it for all time to come. The young American girl who would not think it proper to address men from a platform and give them a chance to throw things at her must remember that the English girl would not give the man she knew a cup of tea in the afternoon unless her mother were in the room to take care of her.”

A scathing article appears in the Canadian Magazine on the “Displacement of Young Men.” The author claims that most young women who are earning their own living do so not of necessity, but that they may enjoy luxuries and keep up an appearance

of wealth. He says: "No girl should work who does not need to. If this rule were observed it would create an opening for at least two hundred young men in this city of Ottawa alone; for there are at least that number in the capital who have no other excuse for working than comes from considerations of pride, cupidity and selfishness. I know something of the circumstances of at least fifty girls who earn their living, and it is the simple truth to say that thirty of them should be at home. Young women must realize these two things in chief: First, that in working, if they do not need to, they take the places properly belonging to young men; and secondly, that modern notions about the independence of women coupled with extravagant ways of living, are partly responsible for the conditions which are bringing about a steadily declining marriage rate on the part of young men."

Miss Lucia Jones, of Jamestown, N. Y., is a successful ticket broker. She has a comfortable office near the Erie station, and here she conducts her business as easily and in as womanly a way as if it were a fancy work shop.—*Woman's Journal*.

About two years ago Mlle. Felicie Mendelssohn, a Jewish lady, who holds the diploma of the Medical Faculty of Paris, established herself at Cairo. Recently she was called to attend the mother of the Khedive, and so excellent was her treatment that she has been appointed doctor to the palace.

Smith College opened September 15 with a class of 270, being 50 more than the class of last year. The whole number of students is 800. The examinations were unusually severe and many failed to pass.

Dr. Warner, owner of the great corset factory of Bridgeport, Conn., has provided for the feeding of his 1,600 women employes, or as many of them as are destitute of homes and the means of support, during the running of his factory on half time. The meals are given at the Seaside Institute which is the home of hundreds of

girls who are furnished with board at the cost of the material.—  
*Woman's Journal.*

Eight of the one hundred and ten women lawyers in the United States have, by practicing three years at the bar without a flaw in their career, earned the right to practice before the Supreme Court.—*Harper's Bazaar.*

#### WHAT WILL THE COLLEGE WOMAN DO NEXT?

A graduate and teacher in a woman's college who has lately left the professor's chair for the smaller but equally busy sphere of home life, has endeavored to assist in solving the vexed question of domestic service by carrying on a little experiment in her own household.

The plan is that of bringing together into closer harmony mistress and servants, of establishing common interest and of holding up an ideal of mutual helpfulness. The basis of the system is household co-operation and the sharing of responsibilities. At the beginning of each month a certain sum of money is set aside for the table and kitchen expenses exclusive of fuel, rent and wages. The amount of the sum is confided to the cook, an intelligent Irish girl. Once a week the mistress and the cook sit down together and plan the menu for the week as accurately as possible. After that the cook takes full charge of the marketing, as well as the preparing of the food for the table.

At the end of the month the mistress pays all the bills, and if any balance remains she divides it equally between the cook and herself. The more the cook is able to economize in making her purchases the larger will be her reward at the end of the month.

The success of the plan is almost a surprise to its originator, who has watched with pleasure the mental growth of the cook under the responsibility of her position.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Twenty-three countries and sixteen languages are represented in the seven thousand volumes comprised in the Women's Library at Chicago. This will form a nucleus for the collection of the liter-



ary work of women in the future, as it will be placed in the permanent Women's Memorial Building to be erected in Chicago. Along with the library catalogue soon to be issued will be published a complete bibliography of women's writings up to the present time.—*Harper's Bazaar*.

Mrs. Tyack, an English lady who has explored what were hitherto deemed inaccessible parts of the Himalayas, is an ardent sportswoman and has accumulated a great number of bear, leopard and tiger skins as trophies of her skill.

Forty thousand dollars is said to be the sum for which Madame Patti has consented to give forty concerts in another "farewell tour" through the United States this fall and winter.—*Harper's Bazaar*.

Rev. Carolyn Maude Anderson, who graduated from St. Lawrence University at Canton, N. Y., last June, is settled as pastor of the Universalist Church at Marshfield, Vt.—*Woman's Journal*.

Miss Bertha Lamme, of Springfield, Ohio, recently received a degree of electrical engineer at Ohio State University. She already has a position in the Westinghouse Electric Company at Pittsburg. Edison says women are especially fitted for electrical work on account of their delicacy of touch.

Mary Dickinson in *Harper's Bazaar* asks the following searching questions of our present method of education:

"How many young girls find in their school course that which teaches them how to use fully the faculties of their own minds? How many are taught by the school training any habit of persistent application? How many go out from school with any orderly ideas as to the application of their mental forces to anything they may meet outside the school-room? How many young girls of twenty understand how to conduct a little parlor meeting, or how gracefully to preside over a little company of friends, or how to carry on an intelligent conversation upon the common topics of the day?"

Miss Lena Aronson, of Hot Springs, Ark., a highly educated and prominent teacher and a young and beautiful girl as well, has entered a Hebrew convent in Cincinnati and is preparing herself to become a rabbi.

The University of Michigan will publish a funny paper this year modelled after *Life*.

In the recent assignment of general fellowships by the Chicago University, young women got so disproportionate a share of the spoils as to scandalize the authorities. Ten women passed the Cambridge Mathematical Tripos this year, and two of them came out wranglers. Three women took honors at Oxford, at which university also honor examinations were this year opened to women in three new courses. At London University, Miss Ogilvie, a prodigy of erudition from Aberdeen, passed with the highest credit the examination for the degree of Doctor of Science.—*Harper's Weekly*.

A more enthusiastic advocate of cycling cannot be found than Mrs. Mary Sargent Hopkins, of Wilmington, Mass. She is now doing what may be termed missionary work among women in the New England states, and is lecturing to them on the advantages of cycling.

The Queen of Greece is deeply interested in the reformation of criminals, personally visiting prisoners, as well as acting as president of a sisterhood devoted to reclaiming this particular class of sinners.—*Harper's Bazaar*.

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## Alumnae Department.

“Do you know that the old fraternity grows higher and nobler to me every year? My fraternity experience grows richer and richer to me though it be dead to all outward show. How the touch of time has softened even the irregularities of those days into a quiet beauty!”\*

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“Experimental legislation is constantly endeavoring to bridge the gap and bring the Alumni membership into closer union with the fraternity. It is right at this point that the door is open for the fraternities to achieve their greatest and best results. . . . In other words let the chief end of fraternity membership be found in the associations of the graduate and let the undergraduate years be, in a sense, preparatory years.” §

#### THE PI BETA PHI ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION

proposing, to keep a scattered fraternity constituency in touch with each other and with the organization; proposing to maintain the relationships of active college life—may well be added to the list of “legislations” referred to above, but Pi Beta Phi makes the experiment prompted by a conviction that the college fraternity idea will admit of greater development than that witnessed so far; that it is full of practical possibilities for alumnae life and that the membership of an undergraduate is but the first principle of fraternity life on a college basis.

What then do we hope from the Alumnae Association?

———To retain an intimate knowledge of and association with our college friends. How much of life would have been lost with out them? How much will be gained if it be possible to enjoy their inspiration through all the years?

———To promote fraternity among women. None need it more. As women, we are openly charged with a lack of sympathy, interest, or kindness for women—everything that goes to make up unselfishness. To quote a recent editorial by Edward Bok:

There is altogether too little loyalty among women. If there existed more the sex would be stronger for it. Men stand and fall by each other; women are intolerant of the very weaknesses in others which they possess themselves. All the higher education that will ever be acquired by woman will not do her one-tenth as much good as the fuller development of patience and charity for each other's faults. The kind of education which women want to-day is not so much the higher education as some good, strong doses of lower education. Before we endeavor to strengthen a mind

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§ The College Fraternity.

let us first see that the heart is right. Let a woman make a mis-step nowadays, and the least mercy shown her comes from her own sex. Let sorrow come to her, and oftentimes the sincerity of her grief is questioned by other women. Let great joy come to some woman, and envy, instead of pleasure, takes possession of the natures of frequently her best friends. This is not true of all women, you say. No, thank God; it is not, but it is true of all too many. It should be true of fewer.

Where first and best may we begin the good work, if not among women who *are* able to work together harmoniously? It will not end there, for no bounds can limit such a work and none will be desired where the workers are college women.

———To direct and influence the college membership. Alumnae are indebted to the undergraduates in a peculiar manner; not in the sense of a return for benefits received, but for all they, as Alumnae, are able to do for younger members. Alumnae opinions are respected, their words hung upon, their sympathy full of deepest meaning, their advice a guide for action. And why? Because—Alumnae and undergraduate wear the same badge, are bound by the same pledges, use the same grip, work for the same organization and are zealous to maintain the same standards of fraternity honor. Where is a more promising field for Alumnae effort? Every college fraternity woman is to be a woman of influence, and with the allegiance of such women won to any cause what results might not be expected from it?

Will not the introduction of this new force into fraternity life radically change the whole organization?

It may be, and yet if creating a plan for Alumnae effort is an idea carrying any suggestion of disastrous results to the organization surely a radical change is necessary or many Alumnae must acknowledge much time and effort spent in fraternity work as practically wasted.

The prosperity of this new association will depend upon the personal responsibility assumed by each Alumna. Ultimate success is never doubted by those who have felt the fraternity pulse for the four years past, nor by those who had part in the meeting of

July 18th. What a Mecca in memory will ever be that beautiful little club room of the Isabella; there we began to know something of the influence of fraternity life,—of the many eager, earnest, cultured women among our Alumnae whom we were privileged to know in Pi Beta Phi.

## PERSONALS.

Miss Nannie Reese Pugh, of Kansas Alpha, has been given the European fellowship of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, and will pursue her studies in Paris another year.

Miss Esther Friedlander, M. A., of Minnesota Alpha, has been given a fellowship at Bryn Mawr College.

Miss Frances Stearns, of Michigan Beta, teaches Botany and Zoölogy at Adrian College.

Married—Sept. 20, Carrie E. Rutledge to Lincoln E. Park. At home after Nov. 1 at Waterloo, Iowa. Mrs. Park is remembered as the poetess of the Galesburgh Convention of 1890.

## NOTICES.

The Alumnae Association work has not progressed sufficiently yet to enable us to put the Alumnae Department in its permanent form, so we have but hinted at the work and possibilities of the organization. Mary Clark Bancker, of Michigan Beta, will hereafter have charge of the department. Attention is called to the Alumnae Directory. The State Secretaries are being appointed as rapidly as practicable and the national organization put on a working basis.

Explanations, instructions, Constitutions and all printed matter will be supplied at an early date.

Alumnae are urged to report to their respective Secretaries and thus facilitate the state organization.

A constitution of the general fraternity and the ARROW are indispensable to successful Alumnae work. For the former apply to the Grand Treasurer, Lucinda Smith, Lawrence, Kas., and for the latter to the ARROW editor, Mary B. Thompson, 197 South Union Street, Grand Rapids, Mich.

## Chapter Letters.

### COLUMBIA ALPHA.—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Here we are back at college again. In spite of the delightful vacations which we all enjoyed we were glad to return to the pleasures and duties of our college life. We have started in with the definite purpose of making the most of our opportunities this year and especially of putting forth our best efforts for the cause of our beloved Pi Phi. Several attractive bright girls have entered the University and we anticipate many pleasant friendships and perhaps the closer relations of fraternity.

Two of our number have left us. Miss Edna A. Clark, who graduated in June, and Miss Margaret H. Brewer, who was compelled to leave college on account of illness, though on the point of graduation. Yet we shall not lose sight of them, for they will remain in the city and be connected with the Alumnae Chapter to which we hold a close relation.

Miss Clark has been honored by her appointment as teacher in the Business High School of Washington.

Our delegate comes home with glowing accounts of the glorious convention at Chicago, and especially of the delightful girls she met while there.

We are now looking forward to the time when we shall have you with us in Washington in '96.

### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Since last our Chapter met three months have passed. Where have they gone? In a few days we shall be together again, all but one, Dora A. Gilbert, who is now an Alumna.

Never have we looked forward with brighter hopes for a successful year than now. Everything seems to be in our favor, and we should grasp and appreciate the glorious opportunities which lie open to us as a Chapter and also individually.

For many of us the summer has glided by as a stream with no

ripple to mar its calm enjoyment. To others it has been sad and some will return with calmer, more quiet, and more dignified bearing, all owing to their surroundings during the few short weeks of separation.

Our last ARROW was a very interesting one and many of us have read the important resolutions adopted at the Convention with much true pleasure, and feel that we can now be more loyal sisters than ever before if that is possible. We have noticed the remarks on the chapter letters and will try to profit by them, but as Swarthmore College has not yet opened we know of nothing of interest to tell you this time.

Pennsylvania Alpha wishes all of her sister chapters the highest success during the coming year.

#### INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Vacation is over, and the college bell once more calls us to work. Although this rest from studies has been enjoyed perhaps more than former ones, on account of the privilege of visiting the World's Fair, of which most of our girls availed themselves, yet all are glad to meet again in our new hall and are ready and willing to take hold of the work, especially that which pertains to Pi Phi. We are proud of our new hall since it is the only hall in this state which is owned by a woman's fraternity.

The college spirit is rapidly increasing, and, as a result, Franklin College will read this week the first issue of a college paper which will, we know, be a success, for it has been placed under the best of management, and is heartily supported by the students.

Our first meeting was very encouraging with thirteen active members, all made enthusiastic by the report of the convention given by our delegate, Elsie Holman.

Gertrude Miller, who attended college at Oxford, Ohio, last year, is again in our Chapter.

During vacation one of our girls saw fit to change her name, so we welcome back Mrs. Daniel Dunkin, formerly Jessie Smith.

Bertha Fletcher and Nannie Drybread are "school marms" this year.

Jessie Means is studying music in Indianapolis. Helen Stanton remains at her home in Madison.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

After a summer vacation, which we hope has been a pleasant one for all, we again greet our sister chapters.

College did not open until September 26, but the fraternity girls are already making wonderful plans for our year's work.

Only four of our girls were able to be in Chicago during convention, but we came home filled with an enthusiasm before undreamed of.

We begin our new year of college life with eight members, but hope to be able to introduce several new sisters to you before its close.

Our patronesses have each moved into lovely new homes and expect to do much for us this year.

Indiana Beta extends to all her best wishes for a pleasant year.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Our college commenced only last Tuesday, September 12, so we have held no chapter meetings. To begin with we number eight. Our sister, Ana Closson, we welcome to her fraternity home after an absence of a year.

We are rejoicing in the opportunity of introducing to you four Pi Phi brides. Wednesday, August 30, at 9 A. M., May B. Austin was married to Samuel E. Kelly in this city. The evening of the same day Grace P. Higby and Charles Mark were married at Marion, Ind. The following Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 5 and 6, witnessed the marriages of Frances Milan with Dixon J. Churchill at Detroit, Mich., and Etta C. Squire with J. F. Seley at Marion, Ind. The last two couples are well-known in musical circles. Mr. Churchill is professor of vocal music in the college. Mr. and Mrs. Seley are connected with the Adrian School of Music.

The new students upon entering the town were helped very much by a league consisting of Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. workers.



The members of the league came a few days before school opened, and ascertained all the places where roomers and boarders were taken. Then some of them met each train as it came in, and in this way helped all strangers to find their new homes. There are many bright and intelligent new faces and we look forward with much interest to the coming campaign.

ILLINOIS BETA.—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Our college opens in a very prosperous condition. The members of the faculty of last year are still with us, and many of our former students have returned.

We have a new Chapter hall this year which is larger and more elegant than our former one.

Pi Beta Phi was not without its share of honors in commencement festivities, for three of our members received prizes in the contests.

We have a rival organization this year with which we must contend. It was organized last spring, and though only a local fraternity, spurs us on to greater effort for Pi Beta Phi.

To-night, September 15, occurs our first ball of the term. It is given especially for the new students in order that they may become better acquainted with the college. We always have such jolly times, and of course this will be no exception. The Faculty smiles upon this festivity and some of the members may attend.

We received visits this week from two of our Alumnae of last year, Misses Daisy Wiswell and Ethel Tompkins. We also had a call from Miss Grace Harsh, '92, our ex-Province President of Beta Province.

Sincerest wishes for the prosperity of our sister Chapters.

ILLINOIS DELTA.—KNOX COLLEGE.

After a very happy and eventful vacation Illinois Delta has once more united her forces, and like her many sister chapters is planning work for what we hope will be a most successful year. Surely after such a grand reunion as most of our girls were able to

attend where the purpose and object for which we are all working was shown so clearly, and the love and sympathy we feel, made so much more close and dear, only the best results can be in store for us.

Knox College opened this term with an exceptionally large enrollment. A new era of our college history also began with this year when our new President, John H. Finley, conducted chapel services on the first morning. The inauguration ceremonies of President Finley were held at the close of Commencement week last June, which was made a grand occasion.

New instructors have also been added to the faculty and all things indicate a new growth for the college.

Pi Beta Phi proudly starts with a chapter roll of ten, and our chapter is in every way in such fine condition we will probably take in very few new members.

A treaty has been adopted for the first time this term between the ladies' fraternities, promising to receive no pledge till Oct. 13, from any young woman for the first time entering college. In this way we hope to do away as much as is possible with the disagreeable "rushing" that we all have experienced more or less.

We send loving greetings to all who live true to the symbols of our ARROW.

IOWA ALPHA.—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

After the long and delightful vacation we are united again by a renewal of college interests and the friendships of our fraternity.

We met for organization Sept. 19, and feel very much encouraged with the outlook for the coming year. Our chapter numbers twelve.

The report of our delegate to G. A. was very carefully given, and we think will serve as a stimulus to the chapter the entire year.

We are glad to welcome Miss Olive Gass who spent the latter part of last year in travel, and Miss Daisy Deane Dukes, of Chariton, to our circle.

A great many new girls entered college this year, but as our

college rules do not permit us to pledge or *initiate* under Sophomore year very few of these are eligible.

We are planning a "Cooky Shine" to be given soon for the purpose of a reunion and to introduce the new girls to Pi Beta Phi as a Chapter.

We deeply feel the loss to the chapter of Miss Laura Evelyn Crane, who was married September 13 to Paul Bird Woolson, of Toledo, Ohio.

IOWA BETA.—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Once again we have entered upon our school year with renewed energies and a determination to make this the best of our life. With a good faculty, a full attendance and an increased endowment fund, this year will be the most successful in the history of our college. We Pi Beta Phis feel proud in being able to give fifty dollars towards the endowment fund.

So early in the term we have made but little progress in fraternity life, but have elected our new officers for the term.

We are the same in number as last year, as we have not initiated any new girls yet. We hope, however, to increase our numbers soon as we have four Senior girls who will leave us next spring.

Only three active girls from our chapter visited the Fair, and only our delegate had the fortune to be there during the convention.

Iowa Beta wishes that at the beginning of this year our fraternity may realize the duty we owe to our associates in college life, that our society may not be merely for our own selfish motives, but that we may work for the general good of college women. Exclusiveness will make us selfish.

One of the lessons of fraternity life should be to make us friendly to all.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We hope you have all had as pleasant a vacation as our girls have. A number of us have been in the city all summer and we have had several pleasant meetings together.

Our chapter begins the year with nine active members—not

very large to be sure, but full of hope and enthusiasm. We lose two of our Alumnae workers this year. Esther Friedlander who took her M. A. degree last spring, has been offered a fellowship in Bryn Mawr College, and left for there October 1. She hopes to meet some of the girls of our Chapter at Swarthmore College, as she will be only a short distance from them.

Fanny Rutherford will no longer be an active member of our chapter, but will help as an Alumna worker.

Carrie McKnight Hughes, '96, is to study at the Cooper Art Institute in New York City this winter.

Cora Johnson, ex-'94, who taught last year, is in the city, but will not be in school until after the holidays.

We are glad to have as one of our Alumnae this year Thyrsa McClure, of Michigan Beta, who is teaching in the city. We find her a very enthusiastic Pi Phi girl and wish we might meet others of our sisters.

On the afternoon of September 25 we gave a reception at the home of the Misses McKusick. There were about thirty young ladies present beside our own girls. The house, with curtains drawn and gas lighted, was very prettily decorated with cut flowers. Two lady friends of our hostesses entertained us with readings and vocal solos. Refreshments were served late in the afternoon.

We are to hold our meetings this year every Tuesday afternoon from five to six o'clock; we are so busy with University work that we feel we can hardly spend more time, though we would like to.

As yet we have not decided what line of work to take up in our meetings this year and we would like very much to receive suggestions from sister Chapters.

#### COLORADO ALPHA.—COLORADO UNIVERSITY.

The State University of Colorado opens with a much larger attendance than was expected on account of the prevailing "hard times," and with her faculty strengthened by the addition of several professors who are all specialists in their respective lines, and by the

return of Dr. C. S. Palmer, who has been in Leipsic on a leave of absence of one year, continuing advanced work in Chemistry. The outlook is unusually bright, and all anticipate a very successful year. As no agreement exists, as last year between the fraternities, to refrain from rushing and early pledging, these amusements have been indulged in to a greater extent than ever before, and as Colorado Alpha will have seven new sisters to introduce by the time this ARROW is published it is evident that we Pi Phis have not "rushed" in vain, nor have we risked inviting strange girls, with whom we were but slightly acquainted, to join us, as six of the seven invited were former students entering college this year, and the seventh, graduated from the High School at her home as the valedictorian of her class and comes to us highly recommended by friends of ours as well as by a fraternity sister.

On the 7th of September we initiated Blanche M. Squires and Susie Shotwell who have been loyal pledges for three years, and we take pleasure in introducing them to all wearers of the wine and blue. Our next initiation is to be on the twenty-third if possible, and you will hear of it later. Colorado Alpha is delighted to welcome here a lovable sister in the person of Frances Vineyard Clark, formerly of Knox, and hopes to have her an active member this winter. Susie Andrews, who graduated with high honors as a B. A. in '93, has entered again to take post-graduate work. Our convention delegate, Elizabeth Smith, has not yet returned to college, nor are our plans for the ensuing year arranged, so it seems a little early for the first ARROW letter, but as the last number places September 15 as the limit of time, we shall submit this epistle to the mercy of the editor, as it is, begging indulgence from, and sending greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

#### COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Beta sends warmest greetings to our sister Chapters and wishes them a very happy and successful year. The opening of college finds only three of us here,—our two graduates of last June, who continue in active membership, and the corresponding secretary,

who writes this. But by the first week of October our number for this term, seven, will be complete. Miss Foucar, our senior, will have arrived from her Massachusetts home, and our three freshmen from the preparatory department will have been initiated.

Miss McFarland, our delegate to G. A., will remain at Longmount this year and not attend college. She will, however, be present at our initiation, and in other ways keep in touch with the fraternity.

We wonder whether any other chapter used the same jolly method of letter writing during the summer months as we did. One member wrote a letter to the sister living nearest her; the latter also wrote one and enclosed it with the one sent to her and sent them both to the next in line until each active member had received the budget containing news from all the others.

Last spring we girls were surprised, on talking it over, to find how many alumnæ Pi Phi's there were whom we knew to be living in town, and we decided to make out and keep in order a list of resident alumnæ, with their addresses, to use in making calls and in sending invitations. We hope to give some sort of a tea or reception this year, when we can all meet these elder sisters, and when they can meet each other, but slender purses will keep us from entertaining as much as we would like to.

Letters from our sister Chapters are always very welcome, and we hope to receive some very soon.

#### KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

September has once more overtaken us in the midst of our vacation pleasures, and sent us hurrying back to the university to exchange summer experiences, arrange puzzling courses of study, talk Fair, and keep our fraternity eye open.

Thus far our search among the new girls has resulted in the addition to our charmed circle of one very fine girl, May Gardner, who has pledged her best efforts for Pi Beta Phi.

We have already indulged the social side of our natures a little; our festivities consisting in a dancing party at the home of

Lucinda Smith, on Mount Oread, and a dinner at Mrs. Hamilton's.

Eleven of our girls were at the Exposition during convention week and we all greatly enjoyed meeting so many delightful young women who shared our zeal and interest in Pi Beta Phi and its future.

We feel very proud indeed that one of our own number should have been chosen to fill the high office which Helen Sutliff now holds. Her executive ability has many times been shown in directing the affairs of our chapter.

Four of our girls did not return this year: Edna Jones, Josephine Berry, Pearl Arnold and Eleanor Humphrey, but we still have a chapter roll of fourteen and hope to be able to introduce some others later.

Kansas Alpha wishes for all sister chapters the prosperity and good fortune which have attended her own career.

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## Editorial.

It is noticeable that the walls of Jericho never fall unless some one shouts long and lustily. No one would claim that the shouting actually accomplishes the work, but it cannot be **Call to Work.** denied that there is a quality in a cheery, ringing shout which encourages the heart, strengthens the weary hands, and makes the achievement of the hard work easier. So those of us who have no talents except a lusty pair of lungs and a cheery voice, need not put ourselves entirely in the background. Even such ordinary qualities once made the stones of a mighty wall tremble and topple over, you remember. The herald in Xenophon's Anabasis has come down to us through the ages for no other reason except that he had the loudest and strongest voice of the men of that time. Drummer boys and bugle sounders have this same ethical significance.

Now the editor cannot be in the thick of the fight, but she wishes to do something, so she proposes to *shout*. Would that she might send forth such a clarion note as would reach every active

changing fads, and multiplicity of interests. We do so many things and do them so hurriedly, how can we do any one of them well? It is the old story of the great river of which Cyrus broke the strength, turning its great current into hundreds of powerless little rills. This is the secret of the apparent fruitlessness of many a busy life.

The college student is particularly liable to temptations of this sort. Besides study and reading, society, athletics, fraternity, college journalism all make demands upon his time. Which shall he choose? We cannot pretend to counsel, but we do urge that when you have made your choice, work for it with vigor and earnestness, and do not dissipate your energies and accomplish nothing.

If you believe sufficiently in the principles of fraternity to join one, and take its name upon you, put some of your heart into its work, and do not desert it for a later fad.

So the editor shouts "vigor, enthusiasm, earnestness!" as watchwords for the year.

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Have you noticed the page in this issue entitled "What to Read?" We hope that the suggestions given will be as helpful as the compiler intended. There is scarcely an educated woman from whom the bitter lament does not go up, "Oh, if I but had more time to read—to keep up with the literature of to-day!"

Many busy women and college girls have no more than an hour a day which they can devote to reading, pure and simple.

If the woman is thoughtful and wishes to read as profitably as possible she must spend some of this precious time in consulting book-reviews, publisher's lists, and perhaps librarians, in order to know just what to read. If she be less methodical, she reads any book she may pick up, and possibly wastes her time over something worthless. Either of these methods consumes precious time before just the right book is found. Now it is to economize time in the lives of its busy members that the suggestions for reading are published in the ARROW.



The suggestions have been written by one who has a wide knowledge of the world of books, and who, having been a college girl herself, and now a practical woman of the world, may be expected to understand the intellectual wants of the college women who read the ARROW. We believe that her judgment may be trusted, and that from the feast of good things presented to the book-lover she has selected the best.

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The ARROW wishes to take its stand for everything definite, specific and practical in fraternity journalism as opposed to the general, vague and abstract. With this aim, it will more frequently present articles on definite, practical subjects than ethical or general discussions. It aims especially to be of actual value to the college girl and to form a practical link between the Alumnae and her college and fraternity life. Therefore articles on different colleges and different phases of college life, sketches of Alumnae members, opinions of prominent members on practical subjects, etc., are freely employed. The ARROW means beside to keep its readers in touch with all college and fraternity life, and to give a general review of woman's work of all kinds, not merely educational.

Above all, the ARROW wishes to be an exponent of that culture and womanhood which makes the college girl a power to-day.

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We take pleasure in announcing the addition of two Chapters to our roll. California Alpha at Leland Stanford, organized September 13 by Miss Hynes, of Kansas Alpha, and Miss Peery, of Iowa Zeta. Wisconsin Alpha at University of Wisconsin, organized by Miss Lass, of Illinois Delta. We welcome these newcomers to our sisterhood, and hope that the lessons they will learn in fraternity will strengthen their womanhood.

## Exchanges.

The October issue of the *Key* might be called a World's Fair number, so full of enthusiasm is it for the unexpected meetings between Kappas which took place in Chicago. From the various articles on Kappa and the fair we cannot forbear to quote:

Could the little key speak, it might tell of many happy meetings that it brought about in Chicago. It was to a Turkish woman that a western and an eastern Kappa owed a few minutes of pleasant chat at the Fair. One evening a jolly party was admiring the delicate and the gorgeous articles at a booth, when a Turkish attendant said to one of two girls before her, "Are you and that lady sisters?" As the two looked at each other in wonder, she added, "You have on pins that are alike." Then each girl found upon the other the mate to her pin; and explaining briefly to the Turk the reason for the similarity of the jewels, they rejoiced in their sisterhood.

She came out of the Midway Plaisance as I was about to enter. I do not know how she looked, or what she wore, save that she had on a strange society pin. The meeting was sudden and we both hesitated, then there was a half smile in recognition of our common thought. Had that half smile been completed I should feel that I had fast hold of the inter-fraternity spirit.

However, my visit in Chicago during Pan-Helhenic week has helped on that spirit, as every meeting with strange Greeks does, and it has made clearer the answer to the question certain serious Phis used to ask themselves and one another: must the fraternity in practice be selfish?

When it is discovered how much sympathy one has, not only for Kappas, but for other Greeks and for men and women everywhere, the doubt ends in gratefulness for that habit of brotherhood formed in the chapter and in the knowledge that the narrowness of the circle has had much to do with the strength of the influence.

Nevertheless, the feeling of universal friendship is a pleasant one, and to no one does it come more forcibly than to the fraternity member. The Kappa from Iowa who has seen another Kappa from California clasp hands heartily with a third from Boston whom she has never set eyes on before, but who returns the greeting with equal warmth, has a new idea of what it means to be a Kappa. She

knows that it is not for four years of college but for life. The evidence that Kappas really are sisters, and sisters who are willing and eager to acknowledge their sisterhood, must strengthen loyalty and impress the conviction that there is a deep and true meaning behind the college circle.

An editorial in the *Key* discusses whether alumnæ members should consider it a duty to wear the fraternity badge.

Each alumna must answer to her own conscience as to her continued faithfulness. But as far as our observation goes, there are many whose interest in the fraternity remains, whose dearest friends are still those that they found in the chapter circle,—and yet the little key is not, as it used to be “in the old times,” an invariable ornament of their attire. With one such alumna we were speaking a few weeks ago of this very matter. She suggested what is no doubt a partial explanation. Among fraternity men, she said, there is often a sense that to wear the badge after graduation is rather pedantic, an unnecessary display of college relations. This view was a startlingly novel one to us. We had continued to wear the key, without a suspicion of impropriety, and indeed had felt disturbed when our older sisters were seen unadorned. But as if in confirmation of their way, came the recollection of certain college people, more commonly undergraduates, who really do flaunt their college associations most disagreeably in the faces of innocent persons who have not enjoyed the same advantages. A few such we have had the misfortune to behold, young men or women with whom, no matter in what company, every subject led to tales of “college” as infallibly as every road in ancient days led to Rome. Now there are a good many people yet remaining in the world who have not had a college education. Some of them jeer a little at those who have, when the latter show an unhappy lack of address in later life. But others regret sincerely that the opportunity was denied them, and are only too ready to fancy that those who have been more fortunate are looking down on them half-contemptuously from the summit of some sort of intellectual superiority. The fraternity alumni who refuse to make a practice of wearing the badge have discovered very likely that the questions that it called forth put them apparently in the attitude of those too-uplifted collegians before-mentioned; a position certainly most undesirable. The fraternity woman, likewise, as she goes among various kinds of her fellow-beings after Commencement, may find that a badge gives her the air of one who is unduly qualified in her own estimation by her rank as a college woman.

Our own persuasion is that alumnæ may wear a fraternity pin

without giving offence. There is no need to make our college life a stumbling block in any person's way, even if the key does not fasten our collars. But the question is: Ought alumnae, as a matter of duty, to make a practice of wearing the badge? Are the active members right in expecting it, and in feeling disappointment and some disapproval when they find that the badge, except for special occasions, has been laid aside?

*Kappa Alpha Journal* has some suggestive words about society and college life.

It seems patent that there is a decided yearly increase in the prominence which is accorded the Junior hop, the "spreads," club houses, and the innumerable athletic fetes, which are easily the most conspicuous features of college life; in the importance which is attached to assuming and maintaining fashionable social connections, with all the attendant fopperies, and in the prevalence of fads only possible with the rich. And on the other hand, there is a noticeable decline in the respect, which in some particulars has almost reached disdain, for those solid qualities, which, while sometimes accompanied with unnecessary severity and a good deal of sweat, have been generally regarded as the foundations of manhood and a successful career. The drawback of his youth, and the few characteristics which tampering with books imposes upon him, are all that save the modern student from being a full-fledged man of the world. His language is no longer full of classical quotations and mythological allusions; his head, of saws of metaphysics and logic, nor is the regeneration of the universe any longer his avowed object in life. Whether this transition is desirable or not is, perhaps, one of those questions of like and dislike, as to which argument is useless.

There is no abstract principle nearer absolute truth than the law of compensation, so wonderfully expounded by Emerson. Tested in all the lights which the mind can shed upon it, it seems immutably true, while experience is its constant witness. Life is a long series of alternatives, in which we are addressed with the never ceasing admonition, "Choose ye!" You cannot be all things you would like to be or that it would be good to be. Hyde and Jekyll seemed for awhile to harmoniously blend, but there came a time when one character had to be supreme. De Rastignac, in "Pere Goriot," vacillated for months between his boyish ideals and the splendors of Paris, seeking to have both. It was a futile struggle. And so in the formative period of life, under the forcing influences of education, there must be a choice between the vanities of an existence *a la mode*, and the sterner occupations and the loftier

ideals which are the foundation of all genuine success and happiness. Taste, a reverence for beauty and the cultivation of all the amenities of polite life—none of these are inconsistent with the utmost nobility of character. On the other hand a devotion to fashion and luxury are. There is not a single respect in which you can acknowledge the dignity of fashion's god without an oblation of a corresponding amount of the blood which vivifies magnanimity and intellect.

The *College Fraternity* presents a more pretentious name and form to its readers this year. We welcome it heartily as the *University Review*. It speaks as follows concerning its metamorphosis and some of the departments it proposes to maintain.

A UNIVERSITY MAGAZINE.

. . . . There remains but one congress to chronicle, the general one, of college and university students. Naturally but little was accomplished or elucidated by it. One subject set for discussion, however, seemed to have a definite result in view—namely, the establishment of an International University Magazine. . . . The beginning of such a magazine, like the origin of our greatest institutions of learning, should be in fulfilling a simple yet evident need, and in enlarging its sphere as demands are made upon it. The "International" character will come in time. A start is made in this direction in the *Review* in its notes upon foreign universities. The article upon "The Sorbonne" is the first of a series upon such institutions. . . . The College Fraternity from which the present review is a development, had the still more limited field of one single phase or adjunct of college life—the Greek-letter societies. The development of these organizations is an object lesson to him who would study the growth of the American university. At first they were under the ban of college authorities as antagonistic to scholarship. For this the societies themselves were often to blame, making the social feature one of opposition to college work and authority, instead of relief therefrom. In time, just as athletic, art and glee clubs, once frowned upon by faculties as affording opportunities for idleness and incentives to rebellion, were found to be most valuable adjuncts to college work and absolute essentials to well-rounded university life, and so made intrinsic parts—and even departments—of the university, so it has been found that the college fraternity has aided in solving many a difficult problem in the institutions where they prevail. They have nurtured athletics, debate, art, oratory and journalism, in many a barren field of dry scholasticism. . . .

By their Chapter houses they are placing institutions with inadequate endowment on a level with those possessing that prime requisite to genuine college life—a dormitory system. . . . In the new form of the magazine it is intended to retain all this fraternity interest but to relegate it to a department.

In the fraternity department of this issue is given the program of the Fraternities' Congress, and the paper read by Mrs. Blackwelder, Pi Beta Phi, before that Congress.

Kappa Alpha Theta held its convention in Chicago at the Hotel South Shore, July 26-29.

Important changes were made in the constitution on the following subjects:

1. The powers of the Grand Council.
2. Division of the fraternity into districts.
3. The financial organization.
4. Pledging System.

The Chicago *Herald* notices the convention as follows:

The biennial convention of the Greek letter fraternity Kappa Alpha Theta closed yesterday at the Hotel South Shore, Seventy-third street and Bond avenue. One hundred young women delegates have been in attendance upon the convention, the sessions of which have been marked by all the enthusiasm of young collegians away on a vacation. The organization was formed in 1870 at De Pauw university and is one of the oldest of women's Greek letter societies. Prominent among the alumnae present were Mrs. Bettie Locke Hamilton of the original chapter at De Pauw, who designed the badge of the organization; the Rev. Anna Downey, Mrs. Mary Smith, once dean of Wellesley college; the Rev. Anna Shaw, and Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer. Wednesday afternoon the delegates were entertained at an afternoon tea at the house of a member of the organization in Evanston, and Thursday night a banquet was given. Friday night nine young women from Ann Arbor were initiated into the mysteries of the order and constituted the "baby" chapter of the fraternity. A revision of the constitution has been effected and the society incorporated. The national character of the organization was shown by the presence of delegates from the University of Vermont in the east and Leland Stanford university in the west.

The gratitude of the editor of Kappa Alpha Theta for provisions made by the convention for the *Quarterly* is expressed in this wise,

The action of the Convention in regard to suitable provision for the *Journal*, is most wise and satisfactory in every respect. We are now only waiting, with beating heart and bated breath, for the instructions and recommendations of Convention to be carried out fully and promptly.

It seems really too good to be true that we are to have two long contributions sent in for every number of the *Quarterly*, without the slightest exertion or waste of time and postage stamps on our part. Were it not the year of wonders, we would not believe in the possibility of such miracles for a moment; but as this news comes direct from Chicago, it must be true.

And then the ideal Chapter letters that are to appear in the most magic way—unsummoned—just at the exact time for publication and written on only one side of the paper! (Our feelings overcome us at this point, and blot, with tears of thankfulness, words that would express our inmost thoughts.)

But when we read the report of the money-appropriation for publication and salaries, we pinch ourselves to make sure we are not dreaming. 'Tis then that the full and complete joy of editorial existence floods the soul and the sweet hope of future peace and prosperity takes deep root there.

Some of our friends at Franklin College have sent us the first number of the first volume of *The Clarion*, a bright paper published by the college. We quote the following article from the pen of a Pi Beta Phi, Ona Hamlin Payne.

#### THE AMERICAN STUDENT ABROAD.

The great desideratum with most American students, it seems, is to study abroad. Whether the increased facilities for advanced learning which this country is so rapidly acquiring, will diminish this tendency is difficult to tell. Perhaps not, since about the foreign institution there hangs the flavor of antiquity which is quite as much sought in the realm of scholarship as in other phases of life.

And without doubt a school which has passed the age of experiment, and which has for generations commanded the time and labor of the greatest scholars of these generations, has advantages over one that is younger, even though it possesses unlimited money and great talent.

One is surprised to find how large a number of American students go abroad for their advanced study; and, on the other hand, one is not surprised that a large proportion of this number goes to Germany in preference either to England, Switzerland or France, since to our countrymen, Germany represents the greatest advancement in most lines of thought.

Of the German universities, while Heidelberg, Leipsic and Gottingen rank high, Berlin is perhaps first in excellence, and it is here one finds most Americans. This university is in no sense a rival of our college, but rather its supplement, where one pursues special branches in an independent and critical spirit.

Prior to the university course, the German student passes through the "lower schools" which correspond in a general way to the college here. But, at the time of entering the university, the German student has the advantage of the American, for two reasons: first, because early in his school life he has taken up branches of study which the American begins much later. The German boy studies Latin and Greek almost as early as he does German, and when he is ready for the university, is perfectly familiar with the forms and syntax, so that one finds him reading at sight musty mediæval manuscripts in these languages. The same thorough knowledge is found in history and other branches, and he is thus better prepared for the higher work of the university. Second, the German has the advantage of habits of study of which the American knows nothing.

He spends in study, not half the day, as an American does, but all day and half the night, and for this reason he accomplishes intellectual feats which seem to us little less than miraculous;—as for instance, the mastery of Italian or Spanish in two weeks, in order that he may better carry out his special line of work. In spite of these disadvantages, however, our scholars do some fine work and the American record in the university is a good one.

One finds no women in the German universities; by some schools and some lecturers they are prohibited. Even when a permit would enable them to enter, the ostracism, both by professor and student, would render the endeavor intolerable. But American women are not daunted so easily, and one meets them in all the educational centers receiving private instruction, or working in clubs which are outside of the university jurisdiction. A party of five women graduates, ranging in age from twenty to twenty-five, from one of our large western colleges, recently went to Berlin and are now receiving outside instruction from different professors of the University.

It is not strange that these difficulties in the way of woman's education exist in Germany, when one remembers her standing in that country; but one does wonder that even in Cambridge and Oxford women are not qualified for degrees. The classical school at Athens, being really an American institution, receives women on the same conditions with men, as do also the universities of Switzerland; but elsewhere on the continent the American idea of woman's education has not yet penetrated.



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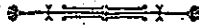
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