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RECENT FICTION FOR COLLEGE GIRLS.

I take for granted that it is not necessary to defend the reading of fiction, in its proper degree and quality. A good novel is no less a work of art than a fine painting or an exquisite piece of music. Its province is the æsthetic, the emotional, the ideal.

The soul that really *hungers* for the best in all lines will, in its own time, find the good it desires. The mind which is contented with the joys of animal life will seek and enjoy that which satisfies its cravings. In homely phrase "water will seek its own level." The longer I work in my chosen field, the more I am convinced that the real character of a person is expressed in his tastes for amusements, and that nothing more clearly indicates his enjoyments in this field than the character and quantity of fiction he selects. There are always the same two classes to be found, whether in college life or world life. One hungers and thirsts for knowledge, for truth, for the realization of God in man. To that one, the search for truth is its own enjoyment. It needs little mental stimulant or narcotic. The deepest, truest happiness he can experience is the consciousness that he is able to understand some great thought which enlarges his horizon and brings him into sympathetic thrilling touch with the divinity in the work-a-day world about him. The other, with no especial love of knowledge or truth, by converting himself into a sponge, manages to absorb enough of the current information afloat to pass for a well educated person. He acquires knowledge (but not truth), not because he loves and enjoys it, but because it gives him prestige. The fine arts he dabbles with in the same manner.

To the latter class, I do not appeal. Hence I hope only to give a little help to the earnest, womanly student who really thinks, feels and aspires,—to the very many dear girls who realize keenly that the good things of the present time are slipping through their fingers unknown, while they are gathering the treasures of the past.

Undoubtedly, it is best to defer the greater part of novel reading to the long vacations. But at all times, the girl who is to be the type of our noble woman, will enjoy it as the embellishment, the fine art, rather than the body of her thought. In a college term of three months, I would say it is sufficient to have read two standard novels, one of the past and one of the present. What that of the past should be will depend upon your own tastes and past reading. Your professor in literature will give you best help there. I wish to mention only a few of the best recent works which every thinking girl will wish to have read. By 'recent,' I mean those published within the past year.

At the head of the list, I would put Wallace's *Prince of India*, an earnest, scholarly, though somewhat lengthy study of the conquest of Constantinople by the Mohammedans in the fourteenth century. It is the expression of present day feelings upon brotherhood in religions.

Sarah Grand's latest work "*The Heavenly Twins*," is a novel which every thoughtful college girl should read before the expiration of the summer. The occasional crudities in literary art can be entirely overlooked in the sympathy with such a brave, ringing appeal for equal standards of morality among men and women.

"*Ships that pass in the night*," by Beatrice Harraden, is well worthy a prominent place in the year's reading. It has the rare quality of sweet simplicity in style combined with remarkable nobility and strength of purpose. No one can read it sympathetically and not be inspired with higher motives of action than arise from gratification of temporal happiness.

As a type of the truly delightful in the historical novel (by the way, a difficult thing to find), I would suggest Mrs. Catherwood's "*Old Kaskaskia*" and "*The White Islander*." One is a tale of

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Illinois life in the early part of the century, the other a story of the pioneer days in the Island of Mackinac in northern Michigan.

A very clever, unique, and well written story appears in Lillian Bell's "Love affairs of an old maid." It is no less instructive than interesting as a study of many types in matters of the heart.

I cannot close this brief list without reference to one of our most attractive American writers, F. M. Crawford. There is a virility a consciousness of power, breadth, stability, and old-fashioned honesty in his writings which is exceedingly refreshing and restful in the midst of the flood of inane, over refined, disgustingly realistic, discouragingly fatalistic, and drearily psychologic novels annually poured into the ravenous maw of the public mind. His best works are those dealing with Roman life during the last thirty years. Of these, his strongest are embraced in the series 'Saracinesca,' 'Sant Ilario,' and 'Don Orsino.' The last year brought out Pietro Ghisleri, in which many of the characters of the former series reappeared. As I write, the press brings notice of the appearance of Katherine Lauderdale, the first of a series intended to depict the history of an American family in New York City in much the same manner as the Saracinescas of Rome were pictured.

I would consider the above list all that any college girl could safely attempt in one year, provided she kept up her reading in other lines of current events. Fortunately, some of the finest gems of recent literature are appearing as short stories, tales and sketches in our leading magazines. These can be read in odd moments, when an extended novel would be out of the question; and in the end one will have a vivid memory of the charm of our best modern writers. Of these, I will mention Coppée, notable for his culture and classic purity of style, Halévy, Kipling, Miss Jewett, Richard Harding Davis, Miss Wilkins, Octave Thanet, J. M. Barrie, Grace King and Hamlin Garland. Most of the foregoing have published collections of their best stories in book form during the past year.

As a fitting link connecting the novel writer with the short-story teller, I can think of no author so sweetly and lovingly adapted to girl life as Kate Douglas Wiggin. Dear, brave Polly Oliver and

quaint, chivalrous little Timothy! May our girls be able to keep their hearts as simple, pure and warm as your own!

One final thought. Do you wish to cultivate a discriminating judgment, a fine taste, for only the choicest things in light literature? Then fill your daily life so full of brave, wholesome, womanly joy and helpfulness, that your nature will repel anything which would mar its delicate responsiveness to truth and purity, which in the slightest degree would lower your belief in the dignity of human life and work.

Esther Crawford, Iowa Gamma '87.

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SYMPOSIUM.

SHALL THE FRATERNITY BE MADE NON-SECRET?

An organization must bear the name "secret" just as long as it maintains a single private rite or privilege of private meeting. The pertinent question then becomes—would it be possible to preserve a fraternity organization without privacy? Is not this the vital point wherein Fraternity differs from a mere society, and around which gathers all the beauty and satisfaction of fraternity life?

And it is certainly true this privacy can be maintained only by positive pledges taken to that effect. All will remember the position of Will Carleton in his defense of this question, "If fraternities taught our young men and women nothing more than to keep a secret, to have affairs of their own and keep them so, that would be sufficient to recommend them to all right-thinking people."

What a sermon is wrapped up in that thought, and wide-spread is the conviction that all family and social life would be immeasurably benefited were the whole fabric permeated by such secret organizations.

But any emphasis of fraternity "secrecy" in awe-inspiring tones and manner, as though the system existed for that sole object rather than secrecy being but the means to an end, all this is cer-

tainly ridiculous and to be discouraged, and the Greek-letter fraternities have most surely outgrown the idea that of necessity they must thus clothe the principles of their organizations.

Pi Beta Phi even now occupies a very liberal position on this question. Its constitution, ritual and ceremonies have been printed, and while guarded carefully, no feeling of pending disaster would over-shadow the fraternity should these same be read by the uninitiated. They have at times been submitted to college presidents when permission was sought to establish chapters in the various institutions.

But little more than this could be done without destroying the very character of the organization. Whatever is unnecessary in method or manner should most certainly be avoided, and looking to the broadest development possible, the writer for one would welcome legislation making public the motto, objects and constitution, and under certain conditions that would permit the presence of visitors (parents and teachers) at initiation ceremonies. This may be dangerous ground, but Pi Beta Phi would have nothing to lose by such a venture. Could there be anything more beautiful or assuring than this ceremony of ambitions confessed, pledges given and taken, the vows and confirmation at the altar of Pi Beta Phi? This ceremony alone would bear conviction that the Fraternity was among the sacred things of life—the sacred things that by their very nature *must* be private.

Emma Harper Turner.

While every one in the fraternity world knows that fraternity secrets are the most inoffensive bits of information in the world, this fact does not take away the odium which the term "secret society" brings upon us in the minds of outsiders in general, and of college faculties in particular. They seem to think that a secret must be either something dangerous or something to be ashamed of. Our fraternity secrets are neither, so why should we cause ourselves to be regarded as a band of conspirators by keeping them secret, and more, by emphasizing their secrecy?

Fraternity secrets reduce themselves, I believe, to four points, the meaning of the name, the motto, the grip, and the initiation ceremony. Fraternities in good standing have published their constitutions for the satisfaction of a curious faculty, leaving out only these things. What is there so vital about the words withheld? Do they not simply embody briefly the spirit of the constitution? At the risk of incurring the extreme penalty of fraternity justice, I confess that I cannot remember at this moment what Pi Beta Phi means; and yet I remember clearly the principles and sentiments of the fraternity.

In emphasizing so strongly the secrecy of certain words and signs, are we not becoming conventional and spiritless adherents to the letter? There is, to be sure, a true spirit of secrecy in fraternity, like the sacred secrecy of a family. This is truly more important than the guarding of certain words which the world would not be interested enough in to remember for five minutes.

While I am myself a profound repository of fraternity secrets, I believe that the society which first announces itself as non-secret will be regarded as taking a sensible step in advance.

Effie June Scott.

Is Pi Beta Phi a Secret Society? Yes, because the effect and not the cause, the results and not the methods of her work are made public. No, because the work of the Fraternity is that of individuals concentrated upon one theme, making it essentially private, but not secret work.

We do not advise or commend the use of the term secrecy for privacy, as applied to Pi Beta Phi, as there is nothing connected with her interests demanding secrecy, and only that is private which preserves her identity as an organization. Our Fraternity is the development of a creed in which is embodied aims, purposes, plans and obligations, and is not comprehended or enjoyed by those who are not enlisted in its support. Therefore, we protect and defend with zeal that by which we are established and which is ours by

right of possession, this evidence excluding any idea of secrecy. To the college woman, the chapter hearthstone represents home life, in its intimate relations, cordial friendship and earnest sympathies; it is the one place where all restraint may be laid aside, mutual confidence inspired, and friendly criticism offered, and to maintain this ideal standard there is a degree of privacy which we must attain that the dignity of Pi Beta Phi may not be weakened by the want of loyalty among her chapters. That devotion to honor which protects from publicity what is of vital importance in the life of the individual, that personal interests shall be promoted, is the force in our defense of privacy and explains a phase of the theory of our existence as a Fraternity.

L. May Copeland, Mich. Alpha.

College life is *multifarious* in its aspects and one of its leading centers lies in the fraternity. For years fraternities have existed and have observed profound secrecy as to names, plans and purposes. They have maintained themselves against much opposition on the part of college presidents, prejudice in the world at large, and bitterness among non-members. In the world of to-day shall this secrecy be maintained? This is an important question in the present fraternity world and deserves our careful consideration. The answer, it seems to me, lies in the fundamental purpose of the fraternity.

To the student entering college for the first time, the world is a bed of roses. All things are tinged with light from the proverbial rose-colored spectacles. College life is full of possibilities and the best way of attaining reality in them seems to lie through the fraternity. There is a delightful, indefinable something in a fraternity that lends its members prestige, distinction, what you will; and an added importance is felt by the wearer of the badge in that the organization is a secret one. Let the student graduate, and what of the relations then to the fraternity? The subject has been so ably discussed in another paper in the present number, that I need not enter into detail here. Suffice it to say that the secrecy of the fra-

ternity no longer has its potent charm. The question now is, what can the fraternity do as an active force in the world? Many of the objections to the fraternities are based upon their secrecy; that secrecy promotes clanishness; that the "Well, well, we know; we could an if we would" air of fraternity men and women shuts them off in a measure from the world in which their influence should be most felt.

It is a well known fact to-day that the secrets of a fraternity are its least important element. What the fraternity can do in the social, moral and intellectual world should be its most important consideration. If then, to further this end, secrecy is essential in binding the members more closely together, let the secrecy remain. If, on the other hand, the element of secrecy retards progress by building a barrier between the fraternity world and the world at large, then let not the fraternity, whose watch word is progress, stand behind the world, in this most important of its steps.

Every wearer of the fraternity badge feels a noble pride in that badge as a symbol of high aims and progress. Let not that pride fall into the empty one of sentimentalism, for secrecy and college life alone.

If progress demands that fraternity secrecy be given up, it does not mean that fraternity affairs be published to the world; there is a golden mean between secrecy and privacy. We would conclude as we began; the answer to the problem lies in the purpose of the fraternity and in the best way to attain that purpose.

Mary Clark Bancker.

When the subject of secret or non-secret fraternities is presented to a secret fraternity member, her thoughts at once turn to initiation, grip, motto, lodge room, etc. Give up these dear delights? Never! That is the first conviction, but the second is deeper. These secrets which we share together, do they not strengthen mutual interest, affection and loyalty?

Barbarous initiations are things of the past and such secrets as now exist in fraternities amount to nothing except as they symbolize

the fraternity sentiments. As such, it seems to me, they win their place. The exchange of grip or pass word between two members who are strangers to each other creates at once confidence and good fellowship, bringing up to the mind of each the aims and experiences which they have in common.

As has been already suggested in one of the last numbers of the ARROW, the word privacy should be substituted for secrecy in fraternity life. Because of this privacy, members entertain for each other something of the same confidence and loyalty that is felt between members of the same family. It is sometimes claimed that the secrecy promotes exclusiveness, and I think it does to some extent, especially with the younger members, but since it also promotes closer friendships than exist in non-secret organizations, the evil is more than counter balanced by the good. Just as an unselfish energetic and loving daughter in a large family is apt to be of much use in other circles, so in college life a fraternity chapter should help its members to be broader in their sympathies and interests and more to be relied upon.

Mary Edith Ingersoll, Col. Beta

The secrecy or non-secrecy of a fraternity is a much discussed question. I do not think the time will ever come when the innermost workings of a fraternity will be open to the eyes of all. It is a universal truth that we do not appreciate that which everyone can enjoy. Our home lives in all their sacredness are never laid bare to the general gaze; so ought it to be in a fraternity. Pi Beta Phi is a united family, let her keep her hopes, aspirations and struggles within her own circle. The word private could well be substituted for secret. It is the height of folly to make so much out of so little. The secrets or unwritten laws of any fraternity are in themselves only the links that bind the chain together. Whenever it seems wise or necessary, the constitution could be read by anyone interested in our welfare and prosperity, in order to further our

advancement, for there is nothing more secret in this than in the ARROW, which is found upon every exchange table.

There is no question but that there is much prejudice in regard to secret societies; and while many lay great stress on the matter, it is not a vital point. A fraternity will never die simply because it is secret or non-secret. We have a certain object as a fraternity. This and our manner of working we readily tell and explain to others. Many of our meetings are open to friends. Our constitution can be read by non-members when necessary. What then would it mean to become non-secret? To tell the meaning of the several Greek letters by which we are known? To explain our badge? To make our constitution public property? To have open meetings? To have no pass word, no grip and the like? This we can do and should, if we can better accomplish our object. But can we? Secrets are not necessarily something we are ashamed of; but often the things which are most sacred and dear to us.

Every family has its secrets, and where they are most carefully guarded, there you will find the most love and respect.

It is our own private matters that we keep to ourselves, and which we should, no matter by what we are known.

We may be a non-secret fraternity, but from the very nature of a fraternity there are "family" affairs which concern only us, and all loyal members will regard them as secret and private. Of other secrets which some outsiders may consider trivial, they may be discarded, and our work go on. But privacy should be enforced.

Zuell Preston Tyler.

I warmly defend the secret element of the fraternity because of its inherent usefulness.

We of the eastern chapters, at least, have yet need of its tactful services. The fact of having precious secrets to guard, brings

us into that *trying togetherness* which the polite exclusiveness of cultured homes does not encourage, but which develops the triad graces to the surprise of the catechism itself.

I believe, however, that as clubs, circles, unions, etc., etc., extend their happy influence, all womankind will observe the duty of mutual helpfulness. I dare to prophesy that at no distant day, an inherited loyalty will teach our daughters a kindly discretion that some of us would scarcely know but for a law of fraternity. When that day shall have dawned, let us, with wise forethought, become "non-secret."

P. R. Norris.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

There has been some discussion, both in the ARROW, and in the publications of other fraternities as to the advisability of putting The Sphere of Fraternity. fraternity organization to further use. It is evident that there is a sort of restless longing for something nobler to do, for a broader field of effort among fraternity women. This spirit is commendable, and I am glad to see the fraternity conscience quickened, but those who advance the theory seem to me to have the fault of all idealists, they are looking too far away for the good that lies close at hand.

No doubt the Alumnae Association will, after a time, find a new and farther reaching expression of their fraternity feeling and organization. It is fitting that they who are out in the world should find some new meaning for fraternity in the world. But for the college chapter there are still battles to be fought and victories to be won under the old standard. If a girl, while in college, feels the refining, kindly influence of happy friendships, and a wholesome, natural, social life (and these are what fraternities should give) she will go forth into the world more of a woman and better able to do noble service. Will not these influences in the end be more far-reaching than those of a society, organized for no matter what noble

purpose, but which from the very fact that it is aggressive and active, uses up the energies of its members in other ways than in loving fellowship with each other? For just as soon as a fraternity has any object other than its name implies it will cease to be a fraternity. The very vital element of a fraternity is here at stake. What is it that gives a fraternity its "heart to heart" character, the close union and fellowships of its members, if not the fact that they are confessedly united for no other purpose than to know and love each other? Just as soon as the fraternity has some other object, and friendship is given second place, it will be just like any other society, with no greater union between its members.

We must remember with Wilhelm Meister that "America is here or nowhere," and that as fraternities we have much to do here and now, without seeking for new objects and fields.

Nor is this any small work, for the sweet influences that the fraternity bestows become a part of each girl's life and character, and help shape her work and destiny. *This* is the way fraternity should reach outsiders.

A Conservative.

Much is said about the college friendship and it is just the most natural thing in the world that strong friendship should grow up between college girls, friendship which I assure you
How to Rush. will not end at graduation day. But it is folly to think that such friendships can be the result of a few weeks impatient forcing at the beginning of the year, when the unsophisticated freshman, amid all the bewilderment of new surroundings and new duties, finds herself the object of interest of such devoted girls who hardly give her time to sleep, and surely not enough to look around and choose her friends for herself. It is this hot-headed rushing that is bringing trouble to fraternities generally, disturbing its harmony within and bringing criticism from without.

A fraternity is a society whose members have been invited to join because it is the wish of the society to have them and not as

the result of the efforts of the individual. This puts the necessity of taking the initiative on the society. I see no way but that we must rush. But does that mean that we shall approach the attractive young ladies as though we were a marshalled army and monopolize her to the exclusion of all others?

This method with all its details need not tell you more of, for it is too familiar an occurrence in colleges where rivalry is sharp and the pledges are made in a few short weeks. We say we "just have to do it," but have you stopped to count the cost?

It is most unjust to the girl who is rushed. You not only take her time and assume to impose your company on her while other girls might be much more to her taste, but it sometimes happens that girls are rushed in this way and then dropped. If you entertain extensively you put the girl under several obligations which she may feel that she cannot repay.

It is narrowing to the girl who works this way. If girls could only be college women first of all and try to find something good in all rather than all good in a few.

Any organization which does not fit the individual to get more and give more to all around him, is narrowing.

And then does this kind of work help the cause of fraternity? Does it carry out the fraternity idea? I think rather it harms them and has made them the object of criticism. Shall we not take warning at this criticism?

The details of rushing must be left to each chapter to decide, for they must vary with the college and every individual. But there are some general things to be mindful of. Be considerate of the girl you are rushing. Study her tastes and find out the things which give her the most enjoyment and then help her to get them. If you have no common interest then your society does not want her and she does not want you. You cannot afford to let your college work suffer, this for your own sake and for the standing of your fraternity. Take plenty of time. I should like to see the time when it was not considered good form to make pledges until the middle of the college year, or better still, until the Sophomore year.

Then would the friendships formed be more natural and therefore more lasting.

One last word, however you rush, be womanly, do nothing under the name of the fraternity which you would criticise in another woman.

My ideal fraternity is one founded on the principles of Pi Beta Phi, where each member and each chapter keeps up to the high standard set before her, where perfect congeniality exists and all unite, not in the selfish idea of working solely for their own advancement, but in the desire of being the promoters of the true and good among the world at large. Where each feels her responsibility and duty to every other woman, yet gains strength by the association with kindred spirits whom she knows will always love and aid her. Where no trivial secrets are necessary to hold the members together, but where the bonds of true friendship and similar ideas establish chains which neither time nor distance can sever.

If in the present condition of society and public opinion such a thing could exist as a fraternity consisting of men and women, all working together as one sex, yet each gaining strength from the other's natural superior characteristics, it would, I believe, be the ideal fraternity which would shape the morals of the coming generations of men and women.

Emma S. Hutchinson, Penn. Alpha.

Of Interest to all Women.

An account of the first election in New Zealand at which women used the ballot is given in the *Nineteenth Century*. "At nine precisely the polling places were opened, and here in Auckland the women were the first to enter. There was no confusion, no cries or jeers, or interference of any kind with the voters, and very little

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respectable women would generally stay away. In Denver the experience has been entirely the reverse. As one of the Denver papers says: The registration will be large—larger than has been anticipated by the most sanguine of equal suffrage leaders. In the best localities the percentage will apparently be from 90 to 100 per cent, while it will decrease gradually down the social scale. The line is very clearly drawn. It is parallel with the line of culture and intelligence. In the best residence parts of the city the proportion of women who are registering is very large. Among the middle classes the proportion is good—better in fact than in any other. Below these classes it grows less and less till the bottoms are reached with their miseries and dirt. Here women know nothing of registration and only a meagre percentage are induced by persuasive canvassers to become voters. In short, this fear of the greater willingness of bad and ignorant women to vote is proved by experience to be in the words of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, “a scarecrow that has not even a broomstick of truth in it.”—*Woman's Journal*.

REPORT OF LITERARY BUREAU.

To the Grand Council and Members of the Pi Beta Phi Fraternity:

In submitting to you this general summary of the examination recently conducted by this Bureau, a few explanatory words regarding the importance of what to our fraternity is a new departure may not be amiss.

Feeling that our organization might be placed on a still firmer basis if we could be sure that every member was educated up to a certain point in the history and methods of our fraternity, it occurred to our alumnae president that it would be well to conduct yearly, for the active members, an examination on our fraternity management, by which the intelligence of each member regarding fraternity affairs might be known. The matter was placed before the Grand Council and the work was given in charge of the Literary Bureau.

With much anxiety the result of this first examination has been

watched, but so well have the chapters stood the test that the benefit of such an examination is now questioned by none.

Of the twenty active chapters at present on our roll all have responded; though owing to extra class work the papers from one of the chapters have not reached us in time for this report. The papers have been marked on the scale of excellent, very good, good, and medium, and the chapters relatively graded on a similar basis.

With few exceptions all have done well. From so many excellent papers showing conscientious thought and study it is hard to select three of the best as we have been requested to do, but we think special mention should be given the papers of Mrs. Jeannette B. Dunham, President of Colorado Alpha, Miss Adelia Alice Humphrey, of Kansas Alpha, and Miss Franc M. Potter, of Minnesota Alpha.

The sketches of an ideal fraternity have been as weird and fanciful as the imagination of two hundred wide-awake college girls could conceive, though one recently initiated member, evidently depressed by the questions before her, thought it must be "A fraternity in which there is no examination." In another part of the *ARROW*, under the heading—What a Fraternity Girl Thinks, will be found the sketch of what in our opinion would come the nearest to an Ideal Fraternity.

The chapters belonging to the two highest grades are as follows:

EXCELLENT.

Minnesota Alpha (University of Minnesota); Kansas Alpha (University of Kansas); Ohio Alpha (Ohio University); Columbia Alpha (Columbian University); Vermont Alpha (Middlebury College).

VERY GOOD.

Indiana Beta (University of Indiana); Pennsylvania Alpha (Swarthmore); Illinois Delta (Knox College); Michigan Beta (University of Michigan); California Alpha (Leland Stanford University); Indiana Alpha (Franklin College); Colorado Alpha (Uni-

versity of Colorado); Colorado Beta (Denver University); Louisiana Alpha (Tulane University).

We feel as though the study that has necessarily come through this work has drawn us closer together, even though miles separate us as before; we trust we have more clearly demonstrated the fact that our sorority is not all girlish sentiment, and we hope we have also broadened our own lives and through reflex action that of all womanhood. Respectfully submitted,

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IONE W. MARSH,
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Literary Bureau of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity.

April, 1894.

Alumnæ Department.

THE ALUMNÆ CLUB AT WASHINGTON.

What of fraternity life among the Pi Beta Phi Alumnæ of Washington? Splendid! we reply with a vim, and if perchance the story may prove helpful, here are some of their wonderful doings for the year of '93-'94.

The Alumnæ Club has an active membership of eight and a reserve force of three alumnæ, four visiting Pi Phis, and the college chapter, for co-operation on special occasions and at all open meetings. In territory—Maine, New Hampshire, Indian Territory, Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Nebraska, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and the District are represented, cosmopolitan quite, and in that truly indicative of the life of a capital city. And surprising as it may seem this cosmopolitan company proves congenial. First, we are Pi Beta Phis, that much for premises, and there follows naturally a similarity of tastes and aspirations, and a mutual interest in the life work of each member. Add to these a perfect respect enter-

tained by each for every other and "Fraternity" takes on a meaning not conceived by college chapters.

All regular club meetings are called according to a certain standing rule, which reads in this wise: "Business meetings shall be held the first Monday of each month. Open meetings with program shall be held the fourth week of each month." And what business meetings we have had, each in character both grave and gay; here have we planned for weal or woe; here have we quizzed on Constitution, History and Method, and here—meeting at four—have we enjoyed the picnic luncheon that was to tide us over the dinner hour while business—like the brook in story, went on forever. Business meetings are for club members only, but to the open meetings all Pi Phis are invited and privileged to bring any number of guests.

For programs, a committee is in charge, and loyalty to the Literary Bureau, opened the year for us with the topic, "The Disarmament of Nations." Fortunate mortals that we are to reside in the Mecca of America, where all wants may be supplied from the very fountain source—it was ours on this occasion to learn of the movement in both its national and international aspects from Miss Belva Lockwood, President of the America Peace Society, and many times delegate to the International Peace Congress. We were delighted with Mrs. Lockwood, but the peace movement did not develop in our minds more rapidly than our appreciation of the woman addressing us whose strength of purpose and bravery to do has accomplished so much for women everywhere. At other times the committee has assigned us: 1. The Collegiate Alumnae Association, providing an address by Miss Smith, of Smith College (now at Yale). 2. "College Settlements." This subject apropos to engaging in a similar work in Washington and to which the fraternity has made liberal contributions of reading matter. 3. "Reminiscences," in which each told of college life at her respective Alma Mater, Miss Gardner, a Tri Delta, reporting for Boston University, and Miss Kate Bronse, a Kappa Alpha Theta, for De Pauw University. 4. And one evening we kept for ourselves. Through a blinding

snow storm we trudged our way over the hills of Georgetown—historic old hills of Georgetown that have many times resounded to the tread of foot falls on war-like deeds intent, or to the roll of carriage wheels on some colonial party bent. But now, quiet and almost deserted, they seem passive enough to whatever a future might have in store, as though to Georgetown its memories were all sufficient—like some lives we have known, so peaceful and content in the closing years, and kept so by the consciousness of something achieved to which the future could be naught, and for which all life had been worth the living. This evening, in one of the cosiest, daintiest homes of the old town, proved a time that will not fade from memory. Its charm came when we drew about the open fire and on divans, in big easy chairs, down on the hassocks or big sofa pillows—each as we fancy had—we listened while our Province President read from Harper's. The story was splendid we know, but the scene was better; with only the soft lamp light at the reader's table and before us the fire-light that flickered and flamed and threw back warm answering glows upon the faces of those earnest girls, as though in sympathetic response to the many fancies being woven in its light. As into the heart there stole the quiet beauty of the hour we dared whisper a prayer of thankfulness that into this busy world may come these resting places in fraternity.

But for more pretentious things. On February 6th the club gave a tea in honor of Margaret E. Smith, Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, who was visiting in our city at that time. Miss Smith is remembered as a delegate to the first Pan Hellenic, and more, a personal friend to some of our Pi Phis. The tea was as successful as our highest anticipations, Miss Smith being greeted by at least 300 people from among the most delightful people of Washington, and they, with us, were warm in their praises of Kappa Alpha Theta's President, who in her kindly, gracious way enjoyed every preparation for her and so quickly discerned the compliment to herself and the fraternity she represented. One might easily have fancied this tea an inter-fraternity event from the Greek pins flashing here, there and everywhere. Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa

Kappa Gamma, Tri-Delta and Pi Beta Phi represented the woman's fraternity world. Who knows but that Washington may yet see a splendid Pan Hellenic Club?

Finishing the year's schedule, the March meeting provides for favorite authors; in April the club will assist the college chapter in spring initiations; in May the fraternity year will close.

Do we serve refreshments at club meetings? The committee in charge proscribe all such, but seldom have they been able to exclude the chocolate and wafers with sometimes the ices, but anything more elaborate is strictly forbidden. And some one questions, How do you find time for so much? That is one of the easy things.

1. We decide that the Fraternity Club is worth while and each member voluntarily assumes a personal responsibility for its success.
2. Every arrangement is made with the view of economizing time and effort, each guarding the interest of every other.
3. Postal cards are used in profusion. No errand is made where card or note will answer. All notifications from the secretary are made by card.
4. A certain unwritten law exists that formal calls among the membership will not be insisted upon, but that every member will attend fraternity meetings and there meet every other member.

Surely our fraternity life here decides most emphatically that alumnæ clubs are both possible and practicable. Not with the same forms and methods as college chapters, but in development of the Fraternity idea and with forms that serve an organization of alumnæ. Yes, a thousand times, yes.

We are convinced the alumnæ club even more nearly reaches the ideal fraternity life, void as it is of all petty jealousies and of cause for forcing chapter growth; with keener appreciation of friendship and friends of college people and of any college associations preserved to it.

Doubtless this long rehearsal has tired many an ARROW reader, but if to any others it has suggested aught of helpfulness, has it not been worth the space used?

A Club Member.

WHAT FRATERNITY MEANS TO AN ALUMNA.

A woman must be either very independent or very unprogressive in this last decade of the century, who is not a "club woman,"—by which expression of course is not meant the feminine equivalent of "club man." The air is so charged with emancipation and "fraternity of women" ideas, that even the feminine dwellers in remote villages and country places are inspired to go and join some woman's club, social science or progressive whist, as her taste inclines.

The young woman who goes to college, and is neither over-independent nor unprogressive receives in the college fraternity her first and sweetest experience of a woman's club;—sweetest, because the college fraternity is, in the good sense, a sentimental organization, and the college girl is at an age when sentiments appeal strongly. For in spite of the jeering which this aspect of the fraternity has received, in spite of the truly lamentable lack of charity and fraternal feeling among college girls at times, there is, I think, no fraternity girl, no matter how flippantly or cold bloodedly she may seem to regard her fraternity relations who would be guilty of jeering at the foundation sentiments of the fraternity themselves, or who would not acknowledge that they have at some time or other had a good and potent influence upon her.

The fraternity graduate finds that for some reason she cannot get up the same feeling toward her social science or her progressive whist club, which she felt toward her fraternity. The social science club may be more practical,—more sensible, if you please, but the sentiments and associations of her college society, have struck deeper than she thought.

Then why should she let the fraternity drop entirely from her life? If nothing more, it is worth while having a bond to bind her to her Alma Mater and her youth. It is worth while to keep up her interest in her own chapter, and her acquaintance, if possible, with the girls who form it. She will perhaps never find anything quite so pleasant to think of as her college life, and the fraternity

is one of the few means by which she can remain always in touch with it.

The energetic club woman, however, demands something more than a kindly interest in women younger than herself, who may, perhaps, regard her as an estimable bygone. She demands a more active association with women of her own age. To whom, then, would she turn more naturally than to the fraternity alumnæ? Why should not the Pi Beta Phi alumnæ association combine the strength of early sentimental association with the strength of practical, womanly effort, and thus satisfy the "club" instinct in all of its members? Why should the fraternity feeling, developed in the mind of the college girl, expend itself wholly on progressive whist clubs? Why should not the fraternity itself receive the benefit of the mature and developed club energy which it helped to foster?

To be more definite, there are two things which a Pi Beta Phi alumnæ association may work for: (1), fraternity among women *on the right basis*; (2), influence over the college membership.

As to the first, a college fraternity should be the foe to social classes based on false principles. It should be the ally of true Americanism. It should provide influence for worthy members regardless of their antecedents or circumstances.

As to the second, it should strive to give to the young girls of the organization, the benefit of more mature and serious effort and fraternity.

What can alumnæ do? They can organize city clubs, they can emphasize college education for women, and in time, perhaps, encourage it by practical assistance to young women. They can keep in touch with the undergraduate chapters through the ARROW, conventions, etc., and thus receive and give inspiration.

The fraternity cannot be to the graduate what it is to the undergraduate; but it may remain an important and pleasant factor in her life.

Effie June Scott,
Kansas Alpha.

LETTER FROM IOWA LAMBDA.

The Lambda alumnae chapter hold their meetings every Monday night. After opening duly according to the mystic rites of the order, we have first a short business session, followed by a literary session that must close shortly after ten o'clock.

We have a program for the year's work that consists of an analytical study of Norwegian and Russian literature and authors.

Sometimes our entertainment is in the form of a character sketch of some author and his works. For example, on one Monday evening we had an original paper on Henrik Ibsen, his works and characteristics. This was followed by a discussion, that grew very intense, over that bone of contention, "The Doll's House," and briefly, whether Nora was justified in leaving her home, her husband and her children to go out alone into the world that she might develop from a dependent, irresponsible creature into a woman of character, fitted for the duties of life, and to care for her children. We discussed the subject past our time for closing. When calling to mind the bitterness the topic occasions in Ibsen's country, where hostesses wishing peace and harmony write in one corner of their invitation cards "please do not mention Doll's House or Ghosts," we concluded to let the discussion rest.

Another evening we listened to an original love story written by one member of our chapter and read by another. The story was pathetic, yet charming, with its well rounded sentences, pure diction and beauties of character portrayed. Our chapter voted the unknown author to be Miss Olive McHenry.

I fear I am telling too much, and you will get out your big shears. I want to say to the girls, who would like to hear about our parties, that we have two parties planned, but we keep putting them off. There are so many parties in a city, and so many large literary clubs, that we thoroughly enjoy our little Pi Beta Phi circle. It is unique. We gather round, a dozen in number, from as many different colleges, and we have grown to be like a family circle, and to feel that here there cannot enter envy, malice or any uncharitableness.

CATALOGUE DATA—KANSAS ALPHA.

Flora (Richardson) Coleman, class of '73, Lawrence, Kansas; Hannah P. Oliver, '74, instructor in Latin, K. S. U., Lawrence, Kansas; Gertrude (Boughton) Blackwelder, '75, at home, in Morgan Park, Illinois; May E. Richardson, '76, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Clara (Morris) Perkins, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Josephine B. March, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Alma (Richardson) Wallace, '79, at home, in Durango, Colorado; Lizzie Yeagley Shaub, Lancaster, Pennsylvania; Florence Nevison Woodruff; Marcia R. Wood, Instructor in Lawrence High School, Lawrence, Kansas; Alice Goss, at home, 2029 Mission St., San Francisco, California; Clemmie Wilson Ross, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Eva Weston Carpenter, at home, Lawrence, Kansas; Alice Spear Sexton; Ella Clark Lorse; Sadie Tucker Locke, 32 Magazine St., Cambridgeport, Massachusetts; Florence (Finch) Kelly, '81, Journalist, San Francisco, California; Hattie L. Reddick; Almira (Wood) Carter, at home, in Chanute, Kansas; Grace Eva Hoag; Mamie (Woodward) Doran, '81, at home, in Topeka, Kansas; Laura (Hadley) Newlin, at home, in Whittier, California; Flora (Hadley) Little, '81, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Belle Stevens; Lena (Miles) March, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Mamie Dillon Miller, at home, in Council Grove, Kansas; Lizzie (Miller) Richards, '79, at home, in Benson, Arizona; Alice (Collier) Rankin, '81, at home, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Mary Schmucker, at home; in El Dorado, Kansas; Hattie (McFarland) LeSuer, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Carrie (Benman) Spangler, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Anna C. Bache, at home, 4901 Greenway Ave., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Floye Sherwood, at home, in Ahnaper, Wisconsin; Fannie Parish Wood; Lida Roming, '84, at home, in Abilene, Kansas; Mary (Smith) Blakey, at home, in Pleasanton, Kansas; Marie (Jones) Wells, 717 W. 16th St., Kansas City, Missouri; Bella (Love) Riffle, at home, 292 Clay St., Portland, Oregon; Jennie (Walker) Hamilton, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Ethel Beecher Allen, '82, at

home, 1313 Penn. St., Kansas City, Missouri; Mary Griffith Osmond, Denver Colorado; Mattie Brown, Gunnison, Colorado; Hattie (Pugh) Tanner, at home, Cottonwood Falls, Kansas; Mary Gilmore, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Cora (Fellows) Sterling, '83, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Addie (Sutliff) Wheeler, '84, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Jennie S. Sutliff, New York Library School, Albany, New York; Laura E. Lyons, '86, teaching school, Lawrence, Kansas; Lillian (Sherman) Putnam, at home, in Quincy, Illinois; Clara (Poehler) Smithmeyer, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Helen (Bay) Raymond, '83, at home, in Berkeley, California; Mina (Marvin) Wilcox, '81, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Maude (Mansfield) Gibb, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Evline (Cockins) Tenney, 188 Central Ave., Kansas City, Kansas; Nellie (Dow) Burden, at home, in Joliet, Illinois; Libbie Maud Miller, at home, in Salt Lake City, Utah; Nettie (Hubbard) Bole, at home, Dallas, Texas; Letta B. Collins; Alida (Griffith) Van Pelt, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Nannie Reese Pugh, '91, student of French, in Paris, France; Mary (Miller) Barnes, '84, 1638 Pear St., Denver, Colorado; Maggie (Sands) Abernathy, at home, in Fredonia, Kansas; Pearl A. Young; Sue (Miles) Kinzie; Josephine Gilmore, '88, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Clara (Wilson) Albright, '88, 108 Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois; Emma White, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Bay Schultz, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Clara (Coffin) Cornish, Flagstaff, Arizona; Gertrude Anna Crotty, '89, Graduate Student at Radcliffe College; Flora Alice Newlin, '89, Teacher in Lawrence High School; Lena Beard, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Alice Penfield, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Louise Moore; Daisy Cockins, at home, in Los Angeles, California; Helen B. Sutliff, '90, Cataloguer in K. S. U. Library, Lawrence, Kansas; Emma (Blackington) Davidson, 180 Chapel St., Cincinnati, Ohio; Georgia Gillette; Mary (Manley) Parmalee, '89; Agnes (Love) Crawford, at home, in Omaha, Nebraska; Lyle Hynes, at home, in Los Angeles, California; Emma (Hynes) Riggs, Cherry Flats, Toledo, Ohio; Hattie (MacCague) Kellogg, at home, in Perry, Oklahoma; Nell (Grif-

fiths) Benedict, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Eva (Miles) Poehler, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; May Page, at home, in Leavenworth, Kansas; Mattie B. Snow, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Anna Baker, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Mame L. Tisdale, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Ida King, 1513 Ave. I, Galveston, Texas; Alice Horton, at home, Lawrence, Kansas; Nettie Brown; Millia A. Crotty, '92, Graduate Student University of Chicago; Effie June Scott, '91, Teacher in High School, Leavenworth, Kansas; Edna Jones, '93, Teacher in Lawrence Schools; Rose Horner; Gertrude Miller, Baxter Springs, Kansas; Helen Webber, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Josephine T. Berry, '93, at home, in Waterville, Kansas; Lallie Buckingham, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Lucene Barker, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Mame Lyons, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Margery Brown, at home, in Larned, Kansas; Mary Margaret Snow, Undergraduate Student in K. S. U.; Eleanor Humphrey, at home, in Junction City, Kansas; Stella J. Hutchins, at home, in Sage Mission, Kansas; Flora Kennedy, at home, in Lawrence Kansas; Nelle Hawkins, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; Lucinda M. Smith, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; Grace H. Brewster, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; Mabel Scott, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; Emily May Hulme, Instructor in English, Darlington Seminary, West Chester, Pennsylvania; Adelia Alice Humphrey, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; May Stephens, Nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, St. Louis, Missouri; Amy (Sparr) Tucker, at home, in Eureka, Kansas; Belle Roberts, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; Alice Rohe, Undergraduate Student, in K. S. U.; Ruth E. Plumb, Undergraduate, in K. S. U.; Alice Townsend Darlington, at home, in West Chester, Pennsylvania; Pearl Arnold, at home, in Iola, Kansas, Kate L. Nicholson, at home, in Lawrence, Kansas; May Gardner, Undergraduate, in K. S. U.; Helen Perry, Undergraduate, in K. S. U.; Elizabeth Lingard, Undergraduate, in K. S. U.

CATALOGUE DATA—IOWA ZETA.

Booth, May, A. B. '90, Smith College, New Britain, Conn.; Breed, Mrs. Minnie Rynearson, Seward, Neb.; Cartwright, Mrs. Belle Hudson, 1211 S. 29th St., Omaha, Neb., taught four years, delegate from Iowa Zeta to Convention of '86; Clark, Mrs. Cora Ross, A. B., '89, S. U. I., Langdon, N. D., student at Smith College '87 and '88, studied elocution and dramatic action in Chicago '89 and '90 and in New York the following year, was President of Erodolphian Literary Society in the S. U. I., teaches Physical Culture and lectures on Health and Hygiene; Clark, Mrs. Flora Mott, Marshalltown, Iowa, Crayon and India Ink Artist; Craven, Mrs. Libbie Evans, A. B. '87, S. U. I., 315 Webster St., Omaha, Neb., June orator, President Erodolphian Society, commencement speaker, assists her husband in his editorial work, has written several poems of merit; Cochran, Nellie, initiated January, '92, died April, '92; Congdon, Marie D., 89 Capitol Square, Atlanta, Ga., graduate New England Conservatory '86, vocal teacher; Crump, Nadie, California; Dawley, Gertrude, A. B. '88, LeClaire, Iowa, commencement speaker, has taught for four years in Oskaloosa High School; Dayton, Mrs. Hattie Cochran Robinson, B. S. '84, S. U. I., 838 4th St., Salt Lake City, Utah, author of a thesis on "Terms of America," which received honorable mention at the New Orleans Exposition, did graduate work '89 and '90; Donell, Mrs. Laura Shipman, Sheepcote Bridge, Me.; Farr, Mrs. Minnie Ely, A. B. '88, S. U. I., 1418 Jones St., Sioux City, Iowa, taught four years; Fuller, Mrs. Ida Greer, Watertown, New York, delegate from Iowa Kappa to Convention of '92; Gaynor, Mrs. Jessie Smith, Newtown, Kansas, graduate New England Conservatory; Gillette, Mrs. Mary Ely, 413 16th St., Sioux City, Iowa; stenographer for three years; Gruber, Mrs. Hortense McCrory, Minneapolis Minn.; Haddock, Mrs. Emma Humphrey, LL. B. '75, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, graduate S. U. I. Normal '65, graduated with high honors from the law school, she was the first woman admitted to practice in the United States Circuit and District courts in Iowa, is

assistant secretary of the S. U. I. Faculty; Haddock, Ida, Ida Grove, Iowa, teaching; Ham, Ella M., B. Ph. '84, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, President of Erodelphian Society, won a university prize in declamation, is Latin teacher in Iowa City High School; Ham, Annie, Iowa City, Iowa; Hebard, Grace R., B. S. '82, A. M. '85, S. U. I., Laramie, Wyoming, five years assistant in Surveyor General's Office, Cheyenne, now secretary of faculty of Wyoming State University; Hess, Lizzie, M. D. '74, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, graduate S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, graduate S. U. I. Normal '68, is one of the leading physicians of Iowa City; Horak, Bertha M., Iowa City, Iowa, chosen a member of the S. U. I. Bahama Expedition, has taught in Iowa City for two years; Howe, Mrs. Fannie Blazier, B. Ph. '82, A. M. '85, S. U. I., Illinois, teacher; Johnson, Daisy, Springdale, Iowa, teacher in St. Hilda's Hall, Glendale, Los Angeles County, California; Johnson, Lillian, A. B. '90, S. U. I., Springdale, Iowa, teacher in High School, Sioux City, Iowa; Kelley, Mrs. Jessie Speer, Litchfield, Illinois; Kimball, Caroline, A. B. '91, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, Hesperian President, graduated with honor, teaching; Lantz, Mrs. Rose Southard, Brooklyn, Iowa; Lay, Lucia, Rosedale, Washington, taught two years, now a student at Leland Stanford, Jr., University; Lewis, Lillian B. Ph. '86, S. U. I., West Liberty, Iowa, teacher, was abroad in '90, Superintendent of West Liberty Schools; Lichty, Mrs. Annie Buren, Sioux City, Iowa; Longbridge, Sarah F., A. M.; Monmouth College, Iowa City, Iowa, Instructor in Latin S. U. I. for past 19 years; McCrory, Carrie P., B. Ph. '82, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, taught; McElravey, Edna, West Liberty, Iowa, taught three years, journalist; Mathews, Mrs. Ella Pierce, Davenport, Iowa; Mahler, Mrs. Eva Elliott, Grafton, N. D., taught three years; Meyers, Mrs. Harriette Williams, Anita, Iowa; Moor, Mrs. Lillie Selby, B. Ph. '84, A. M. '87; S. U. I., 1311 N. Jefferson St., St. Louis, Mo., President Erodelphian, graduated with honor, stenographer; Parker, Bessie G., B. S. '93, S. U. I., Warsaw, Illinois, editor S. U. I. Quill, President Hesperian Society, elocutionist; Peery, Bessie Evans, M. D. '84, B. S. '90, S. U. I., 734 Grape St., San Diego, California, Presi-

dent Erodolphian, resident physician Chicago Baptist Hospital '91 and '92, practiced the next year in Trenton, Mo., now practicing in San Diego, Cal.; Peery, Jennie June, 734 Grape St., San Diego, Cal., student at Leland Stanford University; Peery, Nellie, B. S. '90, L.L. B. '93, S. U. I., 734 Grape St., San Diego, Cal., took Freshman Declamatory prize, Erodolphian President; Reed, Kate B., B. S. '85, S. U. I., Spokane, Washington, graduated with honor, teacher; Robinson, Mrs. Kate Hudson, B. S. '88, S. U. I., Sioux City, Iowa, June Orator, Hesperian President; Rogers, Julia E., B. Ph. '92, Minburn, Iowa, June Orator, Hesperian President, Commencement Speaker, chosen a member of the University Expedition to the Bahamas, editor *Vidette Reporter*, editor *Junior Annual*, teaching at Worthington, Minn.; Rundle, Mable, Iowa City, Iowa; Seavers, Mrs. Zoe Williams, A. B. '91, S. U. I., Oskaloosa, Iowa, June Orator, received Holbrook prize in English Composition, Commencement Speaker, was Professor of Ancient Languages in Pennsylvania College one year; Sencebaugh, Isadore, B. Ph. '83, S. U. I., Rossville, Iowa; Shellenberger, Mrs. Emma White, Humboldt, Iowa, has been admitted to the bar; Selby, Mina B., B. Ph. '83, S. U. I., A. M. '87, Hastings, Neb., Erodolphian President, she was the first of the two women who have spoken in the S. U. I. Oratorical Contest; Speer, Harriette, Fort Smith, Arkansas; Swisher, Mrs. Nellie Custer, B. Ph. '84, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, June Orator, Hesperian President, Grand President of Pi Beta Phi in '84; Troth, Mira, A. B. '83, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, June Orator, Hesperian President; Tuttle, Mrs. Addie Dickey, Waterloo, Iowa; Tyndale, Mrs. Susanne Smith, A. M., Brookline, Mass., Professor of English and Instructor in German in the S. U. I. from '81 to '87; Westover, Mrs. Lucy Ham, 120 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass., student of music; Whinnery, Jessie, Marshalltown, Iowa; Williams, Bertha, B. Ph. '88, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, June Orator, Commencement Speaker, studied in Germany '91 and '92; Willis, Eloise, Iowa City, Iowa, teacher in Academy; Wilson, Bertha M., B. S. '92, S. U. I., Iowa City, Iowa, received Holbrook prize in English Composition, graduated with first honors, was a member of the Uni-

versity Expedition to the Bahamas, is doing her second years' graduate work in the S. U. I., has attained considerable success as an elocutionist in Iowa; Wyrick, Mrs. Cora Rynearson, B. S. '84, S. U. I., Burlington, Iowa, graduated with first honors, did graduate work in '86 and '87 in the S. U. I.

ALUMNÆ PERSONALS—MICHIGAN ALPHA.

The following corrections should be made in the Michigan Alpha list of alumnæ which appeared in the January ARROW:

Minta A. Morgan, '88, is teaching music in Port Townsend, Washington.

Mrs. May Austin-Kelley, '92, at home in Deenville, Pa.

Lena R. Judd, '93, assistant in High School, Dowagiac, Mich.

Mrs. Anna Burgoyne-Stebbins, '87, at home, Lansing, Mich.

Kate B. King, '92, teaching at Dowagiac, Mich.

NON-GRADUATES.

Julia A. Soule, '91-'92, teaching at Grand Haven, Mich.

Mary E. Kerr, '87-'88, teaching at Mendon, Mich.

Sara Riford Worth, '88-'89, at home, Grand Rapids, Mich.

PI PHI VISITORS IN WASHINGTON.

Grace Grosvenor, Ohio Alpha, who will be here with her father until the close of Congress.

Mrs. Sude Weaver-Evans, ex-Grand Secretary Iowa Epsilon, whose husband is an official the Treasury Department.

Miss Sterrett, Iowa Alpha, whose brother is Professor Sterrett, of Columbian University, Department of Philosophy.

Miss Spray, Iowa Beta.

In Memoriam.

The closing of the old year bears the seal of deep sorrow to Michigan Alpha in the death of a loyal, loving sister, Luella Treat Holbrook, who was identified with the Chapter from the first year

of its existence, and always maintained that active spirit of loyalty which characterizes the ideal Alumnae.

No tribute of words can express the sorrow that has come to us who have known the happy associations of a close friendship with one so admirable, and though she fell asleep while yet life was full of anticipation and promise, brilliant prospects for the future are not the legacy she left us, but a past, rich in fruition bears evidence of a life nobly spent. "We live in deeds, not years." Measured by this standard, how complete seems this life that so early yielded its scepter. This testimony of her consistent, Christian life was beautifully concluded by the resignation with which she so calmly met the messenger of Death, and, surrounded by sorrowing loved ones, sank into peaceful unconsciousness, and the Angel of the Resurrection enfolded another beautiful spirit.

Chapter Letters.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Far away among these Green Mountains, nature has laid aside her snowy mantle, and spring is really here—such beautiful weather as we have had for March has seemed to be an inspiration to work and pleasure, and evidence of this is shown in the enthusiasm of the various college organizations. Already the base-ball and foot-ball teams have entered upon serious practice for the coming season, and it will not be long before the campus and tennis courts will be scenes of life and beauty.

The Glee Club gave one of its finest concerts for years at New Haven a few nights ago, and a cordial welcome is assured when they shall give a concert in town. The students of the senior class are busily engaged in their practice of the "Merchant of Venice" which they are to play next term. The presentation of such a drama seems quite an undertaking, but the class has excellent talent and will surely do themselves honor.

Upon St. Valentine's day some of the students decorated the Greek room in a very inartistic manner with ludicrous pictures of every description. One of our professors remarked that he feared some people had a very wrong conception of Greek art to defile the room in that way; but with its clean new paper which was thus made necessary the room presents a better appearance than for some time before.

It has been a custom for many years for the Freshmen to attempt to "break up" the Sophomores when they make their first appearance in chapel rhetoricals. This year some of the '97 students secreted doves in their pockets, and at a signal these were let loose in the room. The desired effect was not secured, however, for '96 was not to be outwitted by any pranks of that sort, but proved equal to the occasion in presence of mind and well committed orations.

Each of the three fraternities, Delta Upsilon, Chi Psi and Delta Kappa Epsilon, have this year taken pleasant rides to neighboring towns where banquets were held. The arrows were noticeable at all of these.

During this term the girls of Vermont Alpha have had numerous spreads and parties among themselves at their hall, and at the homes of some of their members. Some have become expert in the confectioner's art, and a taste of their bonbons would bear witness to this fact. February 28, the Pi Phi girls gave a reception at their Hall to the professors and their wives and a few friends. Mrs. McGilton, wife of the Professor of Chemistry, gave us charming music, and one of our own girls sang of the "Founding of I. C.," and other songs. Our guests seemed very entertained by our songs, and we are pleased to know our instructors more intimately. We served cake and chocolate, and feel that our first reception was truly a success.

Upon the twentieth birthday of one of the Pi Phi girls, the members of her class with a friend in '94 gave an afternoon tea to all the college girls. The birthday cake adorned with twenty candles stood upon the tea table, and after each girl had assisted in

blowing out the candles, the cake was cut and served with dainty cups of chocolate. The party was a perfect surprise to her in whose honor it was given, and will be a pleasant memory.

We are grieved to tell you of the illness of one of our freshman girls, Ada Hurlburt. She was injured the first of the term by a fall, and is unable to read or study. We miss her very much, but hope she will be able to be with us again next year.

Vermont Alpha sends greetings to all her sister chapters, and wishes them all the joys of these bright pleasant spring days.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Alpha again greets her sister chapters with good wishes.

By the time our letter is seen in the ARROW we shall all be enjoying the beauties and pleasures of spring, which even now promises delightful walks, and games of tennis, and other outdoor exercises. For Swarthmore offers abundance of all these pastimes.

Walking is a favorite occupation with the students. Wherever you go there is beautiful scenery. From almost any direction you can see the college, and from most places the Delaware river, which is about five miles from Swarthmore.

One of the great events of the season at Swarthmore was the initiation of a strong local fraternity into Delta Upsilon, on the third of March.

One of our members, Harriet M. Kent, entertained us very delightfully, at her home, on the evening of March seventh.

We are glad to be able to introduce to you our patroness, Mrs. Jared Darlington, to whom we gave a reception of welcome at Dora Gilbert's, one of our aluminae members, on the twenty-seventh of January.

The Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity received the Kappa Alpha Thetas and us on the seventeenth of January. We had a delightful time and are certainly grateful to the Kappas for their kindness and hospitality. We had the great pleasure of meeting

the Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity, who was present at the reception, and who had been visiting the Theta chapter at Swarthmore. She gave us an interesting talk on fraternities and fraternity life, and we all felt it a great honor to have her among us.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Wednesday, Dec. 20th, was a gala day for the fraternities of the University. Early in the evening our chapter met at the residence of Miss Edna Clark, and initiated two new members, Hester McNelly and May Johnson. We are glad to introduce these bright girls into the Pi Phi circle. This ceremony was followed by a Pan Hellenic reception, at which our chapter entertained representatives of other women's fraternities. The evening was a great success and we are sure that all present were benefited by the interchange of opinions and fraternity reminiscences. The same evening a dinner was given to the Columbian chapter of Sigma Chi, by Judge Bradley, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, whose son is one of their active members.

On Halloween night, Dr. Sterrett, our professor of philosophy, entertained his classes at his lovely home, five miles from the city. The college girls adopted the plan of the original I. C. and showed their independence by banding together and hiring carriages, attended by no further escort than their drivers. The young men were left to make their way to their destination by the electric railroad. We spent a delightful evening and left charmed with our host and his family. Miss Sterrett, the sister of the professor, is now a member of our alumnae chapter of Pi Beta Phi, having been an I. C. at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, many years ago. We are proud to have her with us.

One night the Alumni Association of the Columbian University held a brilliant reception at the college, and the college girls were appointed to assist the faculty as reception committee. This proved a very happy event in our college life, affording a delightful opportunity for us to become acquainted with the families of our

professors as well as with many of the distinguished graduates of the institution.

Our girls are happy over the fact that we have been granted permission to use the ground adjoining the college building as a tennis court. Our friends who are used to spacious college grounds cannot realize what an acquisition this is to us. This court is to be used by the girls alone.

Lately our girls have not often broken the routine of college and chapter life, especially as the mid-year examinations have had us in their toils. However, there have been a few occasions when our chapter has taken a holiday and entertained its friends, and these have been marked by true Pi Phi enjoyment and success.

Another of our social successes of the season was a tea given on February 6th, at the residence of Miss Bailey, by the Alumnae chapter. This tea was in honor of Miss Margaret E. Smith, Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta. The large parlors were handsomely decorated and the daintily set refreshment tables made the dining room an attractive feature. But best of all were our girls themselves, who received scores of compliments on every side. The tea lasted about two hours, during which time about three hundred visitors called. Pi Phi enthusiasm was high, and we were proud of our fraternity and Miss Smith of the honor which we had bestowed upon her. If this was Columbia Alpha's debut into Washington society, it assuredly was a successful one.

We celebrated Washington's Birthday by a luncheon at Miss Graves', where we feasted and prattled to our girlish hearts' content. The hostess had provided everything possible to surprise and please us. For favors we had cunning little hatchets upon which were miniature portraits of the "Father of His Country," together with appropriate quotations.

Our University is at present much exercised over the resignation of our President, Dr. James C. Welling, to take effect at the close of this term. The news of his withdrawal from the position which he has so honorably filled for twenty years, has been received with genuine regret by the faculty and students.

Columbian University is the progenitor of a new organization called the Columbian Women. This association is composed of all women who are or have at any time been students at this University, and will, it is expected, become a mighty power in time. Our first object is to secure a reception room for women at the University building, and in order to raise funds to furnish this room, we expect shortly to give an entertainment under the patronage of Mrs. Cleveland, and many other ladies high in official circles.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha again sends her heartiest greetings to all Pi Phi sisters. We know that you will rejoice with us in our glorious victories, and so, with great pride, we immediately place before you the list of our recent initiates, Carrie Schröfel, Margaret Plyley, Grace Reah, Florence Craig and Geneva Garber. They were initiated at five o'clock in the morning, and the chapter breakfasted at the hotel on this memorable day. They are all true to the wine and blue and we feel justly proud of them.

Soon after the initiation we gave an informal party in honor of them at the home of Miss Craig. The house was beautifully decorated with ferns and carnations. During the evening various games were indulged in and dainty refreshments were served.

At our first meeting in March we were most happy to offer our sincere congratulations and best wishes to our sister, Miss Elizabeth Foster, upon her recently announced engagement to Mr. S. S. Humphrey, of Beta Theta Pi, class of '92.

We are now rejoicing over having our hall refurnished. The walls are covered with delicate light blue paper, and the couches and all the decorations are of light blue and wine. The effect of the whole is homelike and tasteful. Many thanks are due to our alumnae who have helped us greatly by many handsome gifts.

Miss Bertha Hoover very pleasantly entertained the chapter at a taffy-pull a short time ago. We have also indulged in a few impromptu "spreads."

I hope after the account of our festivities the Pi Phis will not think that we are given only to pleasure. Although we fully appreciate the enjoyment that fraternity life has given us, yet we do not forget the true aim of Pi Beta Phi. And we hope to grow more and more, as the years roll by, in the perfection of that aim.

The chapter is full of enthusiasm, and is in a very prosperous condition. The meetings are well attended, and in addition to the regular fraternity work, we have had very interesting literary programs.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

The thought that there are only three more months left in which to enjoy fully and completely college, and especially, fraternity life, makes a few of us almost wish that we were entering instead of leaving the pleasant times passed by, for six of our girls graduate this spring—yet we hope to keep our interest in Indiana Alpha and Pi Beta Phi up to the topmost notch.

Never before did our goat seem more gentle and peaceful than when, some weeks ago, it bore in triumph our two new girls, Esther Howard and Letty Blue. We can account for this pacific spirit only by considering the amount of good things promised before the ceremony on condition of its best behavior. By reason of the meetings at the several churches we began the initiation in the afternoon, lowering the blinds, and closing the curtains, making the effect just that which we could have had at night, and, at supper time, we served our lunch in true fraternity style. Then, as usual, our yell, some songs, and we went to church, thinking on the way how much we loved our fraternity.

This has been an unusually busy term for all of us, some active in literary work in the societies, some in music and art, all in church work, besides the regular college studies, yet, each Saturday evening, rain, snow, or shine, finds every girl hurrying over to fraternity meeting for a while, forgetting all other things for a good social time. For several meetings we have substituted the discussion of the constitution for our regular literary work.

Commencement week this year is to be a notable one in the history of our school for several reasons. It is the twenty-fifth anniversary of our able president's work, and arrangements are being made to have speakers present from all the past graduating classes—then this year's class is the largest that has yet been graduated from the institution. Of course Pi Beta Phi will make herself known during the week and we are expecting to entertain many of our girls.

At the end of the year Franklin loses two of her valuable professors, Prof. J. M. Dungan and Prof. J. W. Moncrief. For many years Prof. Dungan has had charge of the musical department and has made it an important feature connected with the college; every commencement has seen graduates in music as well as in other college work. He goes to Indianapolis to take charge of the School of Music there, yet he will continue his relationship here to some extent by subordinate teachers.

Prof. Moncrief, who has been at the head of the history department for some time, keeping the work up to the standard of many prominent eastern colleges, has been called to the chair of Church History at Chicago University. Who shall fill his place is not yet definitely known, but we feel sure that an able man will be selected.

Prof. Hall leaves soon for an extended tour through Greece and the Holy Land, and, during his absence Miss Ona Payne will have charge of the Greek classes. More honors for Pi Beta Phi!

All sorts of plans are quietly simmering in our brains for our entertainment to be given April 28. Although none have taken definite shape, yet, when our minds are once made up you know what will happen, for Pi Phis are, to some extent, the same the world over.

These warm, sunny days we enjoy our hall to the fullest extent. Almost any time between recitation hours you can find a swarm of girls talking, laughing, or studying, for we are but human creatures and seek comfort and ease in whatever we do.

PERSONALS.

Miss Gertrude Miller was royally entertained by Indiana Beta while visiting Indiana University.

On December 12 occurred the marriage of Mr. A. R. Stark to Miss Lizzie R. A. A. Clark. They reside in Shelbyville, Ind.

Miss Mabel is again with us in school.

Miss May Burton visited Mrs. A. O. Neal during the holidays.

UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA—INDIANA BETA.

Indiana Beta brings kindest greetings hoping that the last few months have been pleasant ones for all. We have been unusually busy at Indiana University this year, both in the recitation rooms and in social circles. Our President and his wife have given weekly receptions to the students which have been very enjoyable affairs. Other members of the faculty have their "At Home" evenings each week, and the ladies of the faculty have in turn entertained the young ladies of the University with "afternoons."

The fraternities have played an important part in the social world. We have seven men's fraternities, and all have given banquets, receptions, and parties frequently this year. Pi Beta Phi has had four open meetings, or in other words informal receptions. We usually have them on Saturday evening after our regular meeting, and always serve light refreshments.

One of our patronesses, Mrs. Prof. Baillott, gave a delightful reception for us, at which over fifty of our gentlemen friends were entertained. Gertrude Miller, of Indiana Alpha, visited us just after the holidays; we enjoyed her visit very much and hope to have her with us again. We are now just at the close of our winter term, and ere you see this we shall have had our spring vacation of ten days, and will be hard at work again. One of our alumnae members, Lura Grimes, is teaching at Albert Lea College this year. We have taken in one new girl this term, Margaret Waite, and now have twelve active members. We hope to accomplish much next term.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last ARROW, Michigan Beta has increased in number from six to fourteen, and we feel sure that the gain is not in numbers alone, but that in the helpful and enthusiastic girls we have added to our number, Pi Beta Phi will be advanced in every way. Besides the seven new girls who braved the "goat" upon the evening of Jan. 20, we are glad to have among us Miss Bates, from Michigan Alpha.

The last three months have been ones of comparative quiet in our chapter. Final examinations at the close of the semester perturbed our minds and hearts for a short time, but that dreaded milestone has been safely passed, and we have settled down once more to the new work the opening term has brought to us. Examinations nor anything else have, however, been able to interfere with our good times at meeting, smaller seances in our rooms, and in the thousand ways known to Pi Beta Phis.

We were delightfully entertained recently at the home of the Dean of the Literary Department, Prof. D'Ooge, whose wife is one of our honorary members.

Last week three members of Kappa Kappa Gamma who belong to the class of '95, received most charmingly and cordially the girls of their class.

Ann Arbor society has been as gay as usual this winter, and the little golden arrow has been seen at several parties. But the great social event of the year, the Junior Hop, comes as soon as the Lenten season is over.

One very pleasant feature of college life for the girls this year is the work of the Women's League. The wives of the members of the Faculty have opened their houses in turn, so that each week one group, and sometimes two, of twenty-five girls, spend an enjoyable evening together, with some simple and informal entertainment. The majority of the girls pronounce the plan a success in promoting more intimate acquaintance with each other, and closer contact with the ladies.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Since our last ARROW letter, Michigan Alpha has been in a state of continual surprise. Not only were there many bright and happy events to be remembered, but also one that has saddened the hearts of all who knew Luella Treat-Holbrook. On Dec. 14, '93, the Great Teacher called her to Himself. Her life was one continual round of kindly deeds and all who knew her could not help being better because she had lived. She was a loyal Pi Phi and will be sadly missed by all. One of her last acts was to cancel a note which she held against one of the literary societies. By this deed she has made for herself a lasting memorial in Hillsdale College. The cry for "something new" was fully realized here when the winter term began, and brought with it the "Soldier" Prof., Lieut. E. A. Helmick. We now have a *real* military department, with guns and uniforms and all the necessary paraphernalia. The girls have not yet turned into soldiers, but they are seriously thinking of it, and another letter may tell of their daring deeds of valor on the battle field. A very enjoyable reception was given the Lieutenant and his wife by the Faculty, in the Chapel, where the flags of many nations waved with the red, white and blue, and the strains of martial airs floated out from behind the bank of flowers and ferns on the platform.

On the afternoon of January 26, Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained all the fraternities here very pleasantly, at the home of Miss Joe Smith, in honor of Miss Jennie Angell, their Grand Treasurer. Miss Angell is a very bright young woman from Cornell, and we greatly enjoyed meeting her.

This term our chapter has done very little entertaining or literary work, besides reading several chapters in Frank Stockton's "Rudder Grange." But we are already arranging a program for next term and hope to gain, both in mental and social intercourse.

We have only one new initiate, Mae Lansing, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Short visits from several of our alumnae have been happy devi-

ations in our work. Among them were Lena Judd, Edith McDougal, Grace Higbee-Mark, Leila Lane-Smith and Etta Squires-Seley.

Married, at Bishop, Cal., Dec. 12, '93, Dr. John S. McQueen and Helen C. Squires.

Married, at Bangor, Mich., Dec. 25, '93, C. J. Barker, '87, and Carrie B. Charles, '88-'90. At home, 1248 Lill Ave., Chicago.

Resolved, That in the death of Mrs. Luella Treat-Holbrook, Michigan Alpha sustained a great loss.

Resolved, That the life of our sister might be taken as a model for every member of Pi Beta Phi in realizing her ideal fraternity.

Resolved, That Michigan Alpha extend sympathy to the members of the home left desolate by her departure for her heavenly home.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Louisiana Alpha has no new members to introduce to the world of Pi Beta Phi. Fortunately for us, we have no rivals, and although there are several girls, who seem to be worthy of wearing the Wine and Blue, yet we think it best to be slow and sure before making final decisions.

We moved into our new Fraternity rooms to-day and are now deeply absorbed in the all important problem of house-furnishing. When we finish arranging our cozy quarters we intend giving a luncheon to celebrate the happy event.

Lottie Galleher, one of our Pi Phi girls, is spending the winter here.

Fanny Ashleman was queen of one of our Carnival balls, and wielded her scepter right royally. Josie Craig was one of her maids of honor. So you see the Pi Phi girls have carried off their share of social laurels.

Bertha Kreembaar, who has been spending the winter in Milwaukee, has returned and will attend our meetings, so though we

have but seven active members our number is frequently increased by our visiting sisters.

Francis Frye, of Mobile, was present at one of our meetings during the Carnival.

One who saw the Newcomb College last year would scarcely recognize it. Since that time a handsome three story building has been added. The lower floor is fitted up as a gymnasium, and we have discussed the advisability of having a class day when we shall invite all our women friends to witness our agility.

The corner stone of the new Arts and Sciences building of Tulane University was laid January 27. A poem of remarkable beauty was written for the occasion by Mrs. Mary Ashley Townsend. The building is of white stone, and is situated in the most beautiful part of the city.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVESITY.

Once again through our winged messenger, the ARROW, we send greetings and good cheer.

Our college has been somewhat quieter than usual this term, but Pi Phi has been enjoyed to the utmost. We were entertained recently at the home of Miss Boggs by our sisters of Illinois Delta, Knox College. It was the occasion of an initiation and as there was only one candidate you may know how frisky the goat was with so many Pi Phis present. It suffices to say that the girl is yet alive. We had a most enjoyable time, which is always the case when meeting with Illinois Delta.

We enjoy more and more the membership of our two teachers. They are so helpful to us. Our chapter is in quite a prosperous condition this year, but next year we shall lose so many of our best workers. Four will graduate in the class of '94, and quite a number will not be back at school next fall.

The Phi Delta Thetas in observance of Alumnae Day, entertained the Pi Phis at a banquet and dance, on the evening of March 16th. The wearers of the sword and shield are noted as entertainers and this evening was one to be long remembered. The wee small

hours came all too soon, and it was with reluctance that we stopped dancing. The white, wine and blue decorated the shields on the dainty dance programs.

We lost one of our girls this term, Cornelia Ward, who was called home on account of the sickness of her father. We hope to have her with us again next fall.

It seems so good to hear, through the columns of the ARROW, of our sisters in the far east and west and sunny south. It surely is a means of keeping us united and in sympathy.

The spring term, which is by far the pleasantest in Lombard, will soon begin, and henceforth athletics will take a great deal of our attention. We have such a beautiful campus in the spring that it is a pleasure to spend the time out of doors.

Success to all of our sister chapters.

ILLINOIS BETA—KNOX COLLEGE.

Another opportunity has come for us to talk to our Pi Phi sisters through the ARROW. We appreciate this very much for we have a great many things to tell you.

First of all, we wish to introduce our new sisters, Grace Williams, a classical Sophomore, and Shirley Hatfield, a scientific Freshman. We feel that they have greatly increased our strength, and we know that you would all love them as we do could you only know them. We invited our Beta sisters to join us in our initiation and we enjoyed having them with us very much.

We have become much better acquainted with our Beta sisters this year than ever before and we realize that it is a great privilege to have a sister chapter so near us.

Our college has taken several steps forward this winter and we are justly proud of our Alma Mater.

We showed our loyalty to our college February 15th by exercises appropriate to "Founder's Day."

Our sister, Nida Hopkins gives her graduating piano recital March 20th. She has taken a full course in the Conservatory of Music. We rejoice very much in her success as a musician.

At a recent election in our Literary Society, Adda Gentry was made vice-president, an office for which we feel she is well qualified.

Our Grand Secretary, Miss Grace Lass, has accepted the position of assistant teacher of Greek and English History in addition to her work in the Department of Elocution.

We were very glad to receive the copies of the ritual for use in our meetings and feel that it adds very much to our ceremony.

What a splendid idea the fraternity journal exchanges is. We enjoy reading the different magazines so much. And yet among them all, we find the ARROW the nearest and dearest to our hearts.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

We feel as if we had just returned from a long vacation—it has been so long since we have had a talk with our various sisters through the pages of the ARROW. We are sorry for our long absence and will try and not let it occur again.

However, now that we have returned, please forgive us and listen while we tell something of what has happened since we last met. We went to work with a will at the opening of school in the fall and, as a result of our efforts, initiated three girls into the fraternity before many weeks had gone by. Near the end of the term we initiated three more and felt that we might congratulate ourselves not only on the number but also on the character of the girls we had won.

During the fall term there were several informal spreads held in honor of the new members, but we had no other festivities that term. But I must tell you of one ordinary Friday evening meeting which was an especially interesting one, and I think not altogether unprofitable. According to arrangements made the week before we each brought to the meeting an original poem, written on some subject related to fraternity life. The poems were deposited in a basket, then after they had been mixed up well, we each drew one out and read it aloud, while the others tried to guess the author. Some of the poems (?) were amusing, others were serious, but they were all very much enjoyed.

Now we have one girl appointed at each meeting to provide some sort of entertainment for the next meeting. The favorite method seems to be the reading of some good story.

Near the first of this term we gave a party to our gentlemen friends at the home of one of our new members. All the girls wore carnations and a flower was pinned on each guest as he came into the parlors.

Not long after the party, Miss Ella Ham entertained the Pi Phi and some of their gentleman friends at her home. It was a very informal affair and we did have such a good time playing jolly old fashioned games, such as Old Dan Tucker and the Virginia Reel, etc.

This is the week of commencement exercises of the medical, dental and pharmaceutical departments. The town has been full of visitors, the proud mothers, sisters and sweethearts of the graduates. Governor Jackson has honored us with a visit too. We feel somewhat proud of the fact that he is a graduate of our University, don't you think we have reason to?

I think in our last letter there was some mention of the Bahama Expedition. It returned some time since, laden with many valuable specimens for museum and laboratories. One of our girls was a member of the expedition, taking charge of the botanical collections. She has a table in her room piled high with pictures taken on the trip—some of them are very amusing, especially those which show members of the party taking their first swimming lesson.

The Junior class, to which about one-half of our girls belong, has just brought out the fourth issue of the Junior Annual. We think it some improvement over past efforts, as there is more in it of general interest than there has been heretofore. Perhaps though we are rather partial judges.

We were very glad to hear of the various new chapters founded. We feel especially interested in the one at Leland Stanford, Jr., because you know two of the members once belonged to us, and one was formerly an Iowa City girl.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Minnesota Alpha sends her warmest greetings to her sister chapters. We hope you all feel as joyful and happy as we do at the glad return of spring. For spring to us in our cold Minnesota clime means so much.

We are just entering on our last term's work, a term which we always want to be the longest of the year, but which always seems the shortest. For we are always thinking that some will leave our chapter after this term, never to come back again.

We have only one senior girl this year to lose, our dear President Edith Robbins, but as she lives in the city she will not be quite lost to us.

Work is progressing rapidly on our new Library and Assembly Hall, a building which is to be a very beautiful addition to our campus. It is being built of light stone and is modelled after the Greek Parthenon.

This makes nine college buildings on the campus, scattered in among the old oak trees overlooking the river, a truly beautiful place and dear to the students of Minnesota "U."

Perhaps what is interesting us most at present is our Choral Union which contains now about 250 students. It is under the direction of Fräulein Schoen-Rene, a sweet lady singer from Germany. The Union is to give concerts in May at which several noted singers are to sing, among them Nordica. The proceeds of the concerts are to be given to help deserving poor students in the University.

The four fraternities who entered into a compact to confine "rushing" and pledging to the University and not enter the city High Schools, have renewed it for next year. The contract worked very well this year. Alpha Phi has so far not entered into the compact.

We were quite surprised one morning a few weeks ago to find that a new ladies' fraternity had blossomed into life during the night, a chapter of Delta Delta Delta. We welcome them here and hope they may enjoy fraternity life to its fullest extent.

Minnesota Alpha gave a reception last month at the home of Edith Robbins; the time was passed quite pleasantly with music and other entertainment.

We are looking forward to and planning a grand spread for Alumnae Day. We expect to have Fanny Rutherford with us once more. She has been spending the winter in Chicago; we have missed her very much.

COLORADO ALPHA—COLORADO UNIVERSITY.

A week ago we thought that spring had come to stay with us awhile, for the anemones, true heralds of that glorious season, decked the foot-hills of the old Rockies, and the students of the U. of C. could be seen wandering over the hills picking these purple blossoms. How disappointed all were to-day to find that during the night old winter had returned and buried the land far and wide under its snowy coat.

Since the holidays the Pi Phis have enjoyed a splendid party, given to them by the Delta Tau Delta fraternity, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Whitney. The Delta boys have been very kind to our chapter this year and we appreciate it very much.

Mrs. Farnsworth entertained all of the Pi Phis at a luncheon which she gave in honor of Miss Florence Wilder, one of our dearest girls, who left us for a time in order to fill the position as an instructor in a school in the southern part of the state. We expect to have her with us again next September.

One of our sisters, Miss Daisy Davis, won the first place in the local contest, and at the state contest our chapter was strengthened by the presence of our girls from Beta Chapter who joined heartily in the yell of Ring Ching Ching!

The days are fast speeding by and it will soon be time for us all to separate and forget college work for a season. We have only one graduate this year—but we are justly proud of her—Mrs. Maurice Dunham, who graduates from the law school, a member of the first class which has graduated from that department. Our chapter is large and we enjoy our fraternity life exceedingly.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

And now the spring days
Put our brains in a haze
And our Profs. in a craze.
At the park.

The other day one of the members of the Freshman class was found guilty of a poem of which the above is an extract. We feel sure that all students will endorse the sentiment.

Since our last ARROW letter was sent off, the great event of the year, the State Oratorical Contest, has been held at Boulder, the home of the State University and Colorado Alpha. A special train started from Colorado Springs with the Colorado College delegation aboard, and when they reached Denver our cars were coupled on and we all rode up to Boulder together with colors flying. The only regret of the wearers of the red and yellow was that the Colorado Springs students had started first and decorated the engine with their yellow and black flags.

Boulder is situated right in the foothills, with rising ground to the north, west and south, but with the open prairie stretching out on the east. We Denverites were interested in comparing the situation of the two colleges, for from the park the nearest foothills are about twelve miles away, but on the other hand we have a magnificent view of the whole range, as an enterprising Easterner wrote home, we can look from the Spanish Peaks in New Mexico to the mountains in Montana!

We were all royally entertained and enjoyed ourselves immensely, and when, at the close of the contest, it was announced that Mr. Edwards, of Denver University, had taken first prize, for a few minutes we simply went wild.

Seven of our members were then wearing knots of wine and blue, and receiving many cordial greetings from the members of Colorado Alpha. Miss Daisy Davis, having taken the second place on the home contest was one of the Boulder representatives, and gave an excellent oration. To all the Colorado Pi Phis the arrow shining on her dress was a pleasant sight.

On the afternoon of March 15, we were entertained by Mrs. Ballentine, at her pleasant home in the city. All the resident Pi Phis known to us were invited, and we had a most delightful reunion, talking over old times, singing our songs, and planning for future gatherings. Two Pi Phi babies were also a feature of the occasion, allowing themselves to be handed around and talked to with the utmost good nature. A plan was proposed that on some pleasant afternoon, later in the season, one of our amateur photographers should take all the Pi Phi babies in town, and we hope it will be carried out.

Our next entertainment will be at the home of Mrs. Merritt, a sister of Mrs. Ballentine, on the evening of the twenty-eighth of April, to celebrate Founder's Day.

We have met every week, except one, during this last term, and have read aloud Henry VIII. We are all glad to become more familiar with Shakspeare and enjoy reading and talking the plays over.

Colorado Beta wishes all her sister chapters a pleasant spring vacation and commencement, and hopes to receive some letters before long.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

In our delightful, sunny Kansas, Pi Beta Phi is serenely prosperous. We feel that either we are exceptionally fortunate in our chapter life or the ties of the fraternity are everywhere magic bands, for all the members of Kansas Alpha are more than usually congenial. Our work as well as our play lies along the same lines, and we are even so fortunate in our University work as to have one class—a French class—which is constituted of Pi Phis alone.

The Faculty and Regents of K. S. U., at their last joint session, took another progressive step for the benefit of the student body. Physical culture is now one of the courses required of Freshmen and Sophomores, and is optional with other students. The Reverend Hector Cowan, a Princeton athlete, was chosen director of the physical exercises of the young men, and Mrs. May Pierce

Clark, who has studied under Dr. Sergent, of Harvard, conducts the classes for the young women. We are quite enthusiastic over this longed for change, though we all cast rather doubting and fearful looks at the suits which we are obliged to wear in consequence.

Chancellor and Mrs. Snow gave a most enjoyable reception a short time ago, in honor of the Regents, and quite a number of Pi Phi girls were invited to assist. This was the first formal opening of the new residence for the Chancellor, which was completed in December, and it was a most delightful affair. It is an established fact here that when young women of this institution are honored by the Faculty, they are almost invariably Pi Beta Phis.

Mrs. Smithmeyer, a loyal and zealous Alumna member of our chapter, entertained us most charmingly one Friday afternoon in January. At a "cookie-shine" which we held a week or so later at the home of Hattie Ayres, we were made happy by the pledging of Bertha Poehler, a sister of Mrs. Smithmeyer.

We are anxiously awaiting the passing of the Lenten season, in order to initiate Hattie Ayres and Bertha Poehler, and also to give a reception to our patronesses.

At our weekly meetings we are reading the Prince of India, and very pleasant meetings they are. The girls diligently embroider lunch cloths while one reads aloud, fearlessly and recklessly pronouncing the Indian names, so numerous in the story.

Mention of the reception given by the Kappa Alpha Thetas and Kappa Kappa Gammas must not be neglected. They were both entirely *comme il faut* and we are glad to see the spirit of rivalry, which is so strong here, dominated occasionally by a desire to meet each other on a more sociable footing.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

A warning voice sounds through my half-open door, "The ides of March are approaching," which means that another chapter letter must be written. California Alpha spent such a pleasant Xmas vacation; all of our girls with the exception of one remained at

Roble Hall. We were a forlorn-looking group of girls when we realized that we were to spend Christmas away from home. But this feeling of loneliness did not remain any longer than that afternoon, when we all took our sewing, gathered in one room, read and made plans for the holidays. These plans resulted in tennis matches, "marsh-mallow toasts," private theatricals and "ghost-telling spreads;" each girl taking turns in entertaining the rest of the chapter. We had such a jolly time, and gave such glowing accounts to our absent girl that she almost wished she had remained at the Hall instead of going home.

Shortly after the second semester had opened we gave a spread and entertained friends and some of the new girls. The toasts and "Earliest Recollections" served as a feast of reason and flow of soul, while ambrosia served as a more substantial part of the feast.

The preparations for an initiation are rather hard to keep a secret from the hundred other girls who live in the Hall, but we succeeded the other night. One of the friends of the Pi Phi Chapter unconsciously helped us by inviting us all to a spread. This spread disarmed all suspicion that had been caused by groups of our girls in the halls during the day. After the spread we donned our Greek robes, and the names signed to the constitution, just as the clocks struck twelve were those of Della Trumbo and Lillian Lay.

For a long time we girls felt as though our studies kept us too busy to devote our meetings to anything beside business and having a social time with each other, but this semester we adopted another plan, and now have four reports, covering as many different current magazines, at each meeting. By this plan we keep posted on all questions of the day.

Unfortunately two of our girls have had to leave us, Ren Ordway, who was called home by the sickness of her father, and Stella Mayhugh, who now lives in San Francisco, and comes to Stanford only two days in the week.

Just now we girls are thinking of our trip to San Francisco during Easter vacation, to spend a few days at the Mid-winter Fair.

Later in the spring we are planning for a drive to Mt. Hamilton with our patronesses, to visit Lick Observatory.

Stanford has been especially fortunate in securing good lectures this winter, a Brahmin from India, a Prince from Russia, Archbishop Keane, Joseph Le Conte, Mr. Gunsaulus, and finally ex-President Harrison who will remain until April lecturing to the law students.

Harriet Hosmer, the celebrated sculptor, gave the students an informal talk on "The Statues in the Vatican." Roble Hall had the pleasure of entertaining her at an evening reception. When the girls gathered on the steps the next morning as she drove off, she leaned out of the carriage, and with a cheery little laugh, said: "Now you must all come to visit me at my studio in Rome, or I won't come to see you again."

From her sunny home California Alpha sends best wishes to her eastern sisters for a bright spring time.

Editorial.

Fraternities are now beginning to realize the importance of keeping accurate records of their proceedings, and of compiling **Chapter History and Archives.** and publishing complete histories from the date of founding. It is astonishing how long we have depended on the personal reminiscences of our oldest members, and the memories of our alumnæ for our historical data. It is evident, that in order to give fraternities the permanence they deserve after over half a century of life and growth, each fraternity should prepare without delay a complete history of its own life.

From the large amount of historical data which Pi Beta Phi has collected from all available sources, it is hoped that a complete history of our fraternity may be evolved, as well as shorter historical sketches, brief and concise yet complete, suitable for publication in the ARROW. These latter would thus be placed in the

hands of each active member at once, and become invaluable for purposes of reference.

Each chapter bears a great share and responsibility in this work of history making. Each chapter should have in its possession a carefully written and complete history of itself from its founding. Such a history should begin with the founding of the chapter, giving the date of the granting of the charter, the circumstances leading to its founding, the full names and a short biographical sketch of each charter member. One of the most important things in the chapter archives should be the catalogue, being a list of everyone who ever belonged to the chapter, giving date of initiation, date of graduation, or leaving college, any interesting data concerning each and particularly their present whereabouts and occupation. If each chapter conscientiously kept such a record, it would be a small task to issue a complete catalogue of the fraternity. We would advise each chapter to carefully preserve the list of alumnæ of their respective chapters published in the ARROW, and if possible fill in the blanks which sometimes occur.

Besides the catalogue, each chapter should have a carefully written history of each year of its existence. This should consist of an account of the internal management and government of the chapter, list of officers, the policy pursued in admitting new members, the plan of conducting meetings, the social life of the chapter, honors taken by members, and the minutes of each business meeting. There should also be in the archives a complete file of the ARROW through the chapter's existence, a scrap book of clippings from college and fraternity publications, and photographs of the chapter home, and members. We earnestly urge each chapter to keep such a complete history—it is a duty you owe to the fraternity, and to the future members of your own chapters. If such a history has not been kept hitherto, a competent person should be appointed to write up the previous history as completely as possible, but from this time a record should be kept from week to week.

An examination on fraternity history, constitution, and work, is certainly a new departure in fraternity policy. We have anxiously awaited the result and are now convinced that it is a good plan. We ask each member to study the report of the Literary Bureau given in the ARROW, and ask what the result of this examination means to the fraternity. It means that each member is reasonably familiar with our chapter roll, our constitution, our early history and our present policy and work. This gives our officers the assurance, as nothing else could, that they have *intelligent* helpers, that the rank and file of our fraternity is in good marching order. Such familiarity with the history and workings of our fraternity as a whole, must give each member a keener sense of the unity of our fraternity.

The gratitude of the fraternity is due to the chairman of the Literary Bureau, for conducting the examination in so able a manner, and it is hoped that they will cheerfully co-operate in this plan of fraternity education.

Let every corresponding secretary send to the Editor the names and home addresses of every chapter member, in order that the July ARROWS may reach their destination.

To the Chapters. We wish every chapter would send a short discussion on some subject related to fraternity, for the department, *What a Fraternity Girl Thinks*, for the July issue. We wish to find out in what directions chapter thought is tending.

The editor wishes that she had a voice as loud as the roar of many waters and as penetrating as a London fog in order that she might impress upon chapter secretaries that *matter for publication must be written on one side of the paper only*. The editor has been obliged to copy manuscript in some cases, and feels that her work is sufficiently burdensome without the additional labor of correcting other people's errors. Remember that if *you* are careless, someone else has to pay for it.

Exchanges.

“Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies.”

It has been our custom in the exchange department to appropriate some of the best or most interesting things from the magazines of our rivals and make a banquet of our own from them. It has been our experience that thus is the exchange department carried on most acceptably to our readers—by giving them the benefit of the thoughts of other organizations. This time, however, the feast of good things prepared from our enemies' table may seem meagre. The various publications seemed absorbed in their own affairs, and thus afforded very little of interest to members outside of their own fraternities. Other journals present an array of glittering generalities, from which we forbear to quote. For example, *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* prints a nine page article, two columns to the page, under the title “Is life worth living?” We are sorry that we cannot tell our anxious readers whether it is or not, but we have not read the article.

The editor of *Anchora* was in a very sportive mood when she edited the *Anchora* for April. She lets no opportunity for a joke escape her. We quote one of her editorials. In spite of the jesting tone, the editor was evidently expressing her serious opinion:

The recent transformation of the Harvard Annex into Radcliffe college is an event of sufficient interest and importance to be mentioned even in *Anchora*. Although the fact and its causes and anticipated consequences have long since become familiar to the college world, we yet feel justified in discussing the subject once more, as it belongs to that order of events over which progressive women deem it a public duty to remain in a state of uninterrupted and ecstatic enthusiasm. However, it is not because the writer is a progressive woman that she discusses the subject. She is quite the reverse and therefore finds it difficult at times to maintain this approved attitude of mind in a creditable manner. Not that she does not sympathize with the advancement of Radcliffe college. After having stood so long looking through the pickets at Harvard college, it is quite a triumph for that institution to have gotten one foot over the university's threshold. The part we dislike about the

matter is that it should be regarded as such an unspeakable honor by men and women alike, for the Annex girls to be admitted to equal privileges with Harvard men. We consider that the honor is attached to the other party, if it is a question of glory at all. It is Harvard who should be congratulated upon at last showing signs of being able to keep up with the times in educational improvements. We should prefer moreover, that these changes be made in a more natural and matter-of-course manner. Society does not pat a man upon the head because he performs an act of justice, neither does it call before the curtain the one who has simply received his due; why then should it not be equally reasonable in regard to the affairs of educational institutions? We are weary of hearing women loudly proclaim their equality with men, and then servilely turn and fawn upon the authority that grants them their so-called "rights." If women have unswerving faith in their intellectual capacity, that is all that is necessary; their abilities will demonstrate themselves and nothing need be said about them. If, as a matter-of-fact, they doubt their own powers, and are only making a loud noise in order to postpone the discovery that "the defect in their heads is just absence of mind," the sooner they learn to keep still, the better. The writer believes in women so thoroughly, in their intelligence, their perseverance, their true womanliness, believes in them so unreservedly that it is painful to her to see them humble themselves so abjectly when accepting the tardy favors which men see fit to bestow. To our mind it seems about time that our brothers were reminded that in the first recorded discussion upon the subject of higher education, mankind played a very ignominious part. No man who accepts a certain familiar story, related in the third chapter of Genesis, has any right to express his opinion upon the subject of education, in the presence of a woman. What would be the intellectual development of the race, if Eve had been as stupid and unprogressive as was her husband? Did Adam care anything about the fruit of the tree of knowledge? He had to be urged to take even the first small taste of learning, and apparently repented of having even done that much, later. History thus makes it evident that man had very little to do with the beginning of the educational movement, and although he has played a more or less conspicuous part in its development, he certainly can never get around the fact that he owes all he knows to a woman. And in view of this undisputed proof of her superiority, woman humiliates herself by deigning to seriously discuss the question of her education with man. It is rather late in the day for men to dictate to women in this matter. They should have begun several thousand years ago.

In lighter vein is the following. It may recall the delightful mystery and shivering incident to our own initiation. After all do.

not the mystic rites, the secret ceremonies claim a very dear place in memory?

INITIATION INTO DELTA GAMMA.

Before I have taken a dozen steps (upward or downward?) I am lost in darkness; the steps are hollow and sloping and slippery, they seem to have been waxed. With difficulty I retain my footing. I count the steps, seventy-eight and over; I have lost track of the number and stumble giddily onward. I am conscious of openings from time to time—openings to what? I do not know. A damp air exhales from them, and the air is cold upon my face as I pass them. At last a dim red light above; with the next turn a blinding glare of light, then utter darkness. There comes a prodigious rattling and grinding from above, then a jangling of bells. A sound of thunder, accompanied by a vivid flash of lightning, filled the air, even as the first notes of the bells reached my ears. The music clashed about me with a deafening din, to the accompaniment of the thunder. The place is filled with shrieks and hollow groans. It is grandly terrible. A creepy, shivery feeling runs up and down my spine; a fear of which I am ashamed takes possession of me. I wonder vaguely if, when I do not return to earth, a search will be made for my bones, and think how my friends and companions will speak in whispers of my strange, mysterious disappearance, how—Hark! what was that? A giggle? Yes, unmistakably, a feminine giggle. The gods be thanked? I am saved!

From the *University Review* we clip the following from an article on histories of fraternities, as emphasizing the point we have already made:

All self-respecting organizations should publish their annuals. Fraternity pride demands that a record of the past be preserved. A fraternity history would be equally as valuable as a catalogue and more interesting. The work should not be postponed. Much has already been lost by delay. In each fraternity a competent member or committee should be appointed immediately to collect all the fraternity's publications and to resurrect old documents. Alumni who can now supply missing facts may be dead a few years hence. Archives still extant may have been destroyed by fire or otherwise. The originals of valuable papers should be kept in fire-proof receptacles, and copies of some might be printed in the fraternity's magazine, as has been done in the *Beta Theta Pi* and the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. Alumni who have acted conspicuous parts in organizing and building up the fraternity should be requested to write

personal reminiscences. As time affects the accuracy of memory, it would be well not to depend too much on the recollections of alumni for historic details, but such reminiscences will often afford delightful insights into the customs of the fraternity during eras through which it has lived.

Each chapter should utilize all the fraternity and college records obtainable in the compilation of a chapter history to be published separately, or at least contribute a full historical sketch to the fraternity magazine. A general movement of this kind would, in a few years, result in a number of splendid histories, which would be the greatest additions that have ever been made to fraternity literature. Nothing else that could be done would so powerfully operate to bring the fraternity system more prominently before the public as an important and commendable factor in the college world of America.

As an illustration of the fact that movements of thought, at any time, are often surprisingly similar with different persons in different places, we quote the following article from the *Key* for January and call the attention of our readers to an article in the *ARROW* for April, 1893, on New Fields for Fraternity.

SHALL THE FRATERNITY ORGANIZATION BE PUT TO FURTHER USE ?

We whirl on from day to day, busy with the affairs and lessons of the hour, bending our energies on college work or fraternity doings,—now a reading, a party, then a little business transaction,—and enjoying the pleasures of congenial companionship; and the “how” and the “wherefore” of the fraternity-at-large seldom assail our serene and trusting demeanor. It is this aspect of content that I would ruffle, this habit of self-satisfaction that I would disturb by the direct question to every member of a Greek-letter society,—“These immense fraternities, with their conventions and charters, councils, rules and sub-rules, what place have they in the world’s forces? Ought they not to be more than a feature of college life? And to every individual Kappa,—“What is this vast organization of Kappa Kappa Gamma doing that is of appreciable, definite value?”

Suppose a man is developed to a high degree of physical power and beauty; each organ works perfectly of itself and with all the other organs. But of what value is his physique if it is used to no purpose? “A proper man’s picture!” What does the man himself count if he has no direction, no aim? True, each air cell is

given something to do, is made to live because the whole body lives, but that is a meagre excuse for the existence of so big and capable a body. He has possibilities. He could accomplish a great deal, but he does nothing but develop each cell and perfect his physical self. The machine is ready, but needs a controlling idea to set it in motion and make it worthy of its capabilities.

So with a fraternity, not only ours, but every other,—to what is its force equivalent? Individuals are awakened, helped, developed, no doubt,—but what do we stand for as an organization? Are we not doing too little in proportion to our size and capacities?

It is right and natural for persons with common sympathies to gravitate to one another. But wherefore are such groups held together by a name and an elaborate system of government? There should be a common, definite work to bind the groups into a sheaf of great power. Concentration on a single ruling purpose is always more effective than a vague aspiration.

We Kappas are prepared to accomplish great work, for we can work in unison; we are organized, and with more system than the numerous philanthropic and temperance societies. There are plenty of things for us to do. The channels of temperance, woman's rights, charities, benevolent lecture systems, are always open, and the tremendous impetus we might give would be welcome. We might enlarge our *Key* into a woman's journal, containing articles by well known writers, which would help and interest every woman in the land. As it is now, we manage our magazine with the view of furnishing only matter of objective interest to the different chapters. There is no thought in this of helping outsiders.

In my mind we *as an association* have no right to live when we live for ourselves alone. More than this, we have no right to live when we ignore the wonderful means of power placed in our very hands,—that of organization.

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