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REPORT OF CONVENTION.

The fifteenth biennial convention of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity convened at Boston, Massachusetts, August 28-29, 1895. The Grand Council, the business manager of *THE ARROW*, the chairman of the Literary Bureau, delegates from twenty-four chapters, and visiting members, were present.

The convention was opened by a sweet and inspiring address by the Grand President, in which she reviewed the work and progress of the last two years, and spoke of the needs of the future. It is to be regretted that Miss Sutliff did not have this address in manuscript form so that it might appear in *THE ARROW* and all the members of the fraternity profit from its wisdom.

The delegates from the respective chapters were as follows:

Vermont Alpha—Miss Roseman.

Columbia Alpha—Miss Pace.

Pennsylvania Alpha—Miss Smedley.

Pennsylvania Beta—Miss Bartol.

Ohio Alpha—Miss Schwefel.

Ohio Beta—Miss Porter.

Indiana Alpha—Miss Lukens.

Indiana Beta—Miss Fox.

Michigan Alpha—Miss Higbee.

Michigan Beta—Miss Hempsted.

Louisiana Alpha—Miss Logan.

Illinois Beta—Miss Crissey.

Illinois Delta—Miss Aylesworth.

Illinois Epsilon—Miss Griggs.
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Iowa Beta—Miss Busselle.
Iowa Zeta—Miss Cobb.
Minnesota Alpha—Miss Blanche Smith.
Wisconsin Alpha—Miss Elizabeth Smith.
Kansas Alpha—Miss Gardner.
Nebraska Beta—Miss Lansing.
Colorado Alpha—Miss Wilder.
Colorado Beta—Miss Ingersoll.
California Alpha—Miss Weaver.
Business Manager of THE ARROW—Miss Dunbar.
Chairman of Literary Bureau—Miss Chase.

There were four business sessions, each crowded with work. A report of the business transacted during these sessions has already been prepared and sent to the chapters by the Grand Secretary, so that no account of it will be given here.

The reports from the various chapters, the province presidents, the literary bureau, and THE ARROW, showed that the fraternity is doing serious work in all lines, and that it is in an enthusiastic and prosperous condition.

The social features of the convention were particularly enjoyable. An informal reception was held on the evening before convention opened, when the delegates began to learn each other's names and faces and had little preliminary fraternity gossips.

On Wednesday evening a model initiation was held, followed by a jolly "cooky-shine." The initiation ceremony was beautiful and impressive.

On Thursday evening a banquet was served, a description of which occurs elsewhere in THE ARROW. After the banquet and toasts, Pi Phi songs were sung, and informal dancing and conversation continued until a late hour, then ended one of the most successful and delightful conventions of Pi Beta Phi.

MEMORIES OF CONVENTION OUTSIDE THE SESSION
HALL.

Convention began for many of us before we reached Boston. Fortunate indeed were we whose route led through the national capital. Here we paused for a day and were cordially welcomed by the resident Pi Phis.

At the twilight hour we gathered—a cosmopolitan assembly, for seven chapters were represented besides the Alumnae Club and the Grand Council. Pleasant are the remembrances of that evening.

I wish those who question the advantages to be derived from a fraternity might have met these earnest women whose hearts and hands are full of the cares of a thoughtful, busy life. They find time to give to the fraternity that which for them has been a source of benefit and of pleasure.

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Heigh-ho for Boston town! What a merry crowd! What a jolly time! The unexpected meetings with other Pi Phis; the stories that were told; the chapter experiences that were related; the songs that were sung

“As we sailed, as we sailed.”

On the deck of another steamer were two other delegates. Strains of music were wafted to them; the water below crooned a lullaby; the lights of New York City faded from sight as the Puritan plowed her way down the bay, passed the statue of liberty, out into the sound. The night was ideal and its beauty awed them to silence.

Finally they seemed to realize a mutual sympathy such as strangers sometimes feel for one another. An earnest, helpful talk followed with the stars for witnesses. The one may have forgotten that hour ere now, but the other will never recall convention without sweet memories of a lovely maiden whose hair is the golden brown of which the poets sing.

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The night before convention opened we were gathered informally in the parlors of the hotel. Our president passed among us and in

her sweet, gracious way, bade us welcome. For many, this was our first meeting. Eagerly we clasped hands and gazed into unknown faces.

We talked a little, gave glimpses of our college life, sang a song or two, then said "good night," and we went to Dreamland wondering if chapters varied much after all.

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One was impressed with the spirit that prevailed the business sessions. The willingness to yield individual chapter interests for the national good. Vital questions were at stake and many opinions were expressed. We respected each other's views and then we asked, "how will this affect the fraternity?" It was this spirit of unselfishness which reaped for Pi Beta Phi lasting benefit from its fifteenth biennial convention.

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In a dimly lighted room filled with Greek maidens another took her vows of fidelity. As we listened to the impressive ceremony the room seemed to vanish, and in memory's mirror we saw our own chapter hall. Time turned back to the hour when we were the candidate. Many things flashed across our mind—the lasting friendships that had been formed, the words of comfort and cheer that came in a lonely hour, the kindly advice, the loving reproof, the girlish pleasures, and alas! the heartaches too, for on a distant hillside sleeps one we love, with a tiny arrow on her gown.

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One of the good times was the cooky shine. Many of us had never enjoyed this time-honored feast. How the house echoed with our "Ring, ching, ching," as we separated, tired Pi Phis.

Another night there was the banquet, followed by toasts and then by dancing. Lastly, a group of ghostly figures passed silently down the corridor to the chamber door of her who had been our president and our friend.

A momentary hush, then on the stillness fell the notes of a Pi Phi song. As quietly, the group stole away and thus ended the convention.

What of the girls themselves? Their photograph is before me as I write. There are girlish faces, thoughtful faces, beautiful faces; but withal there is a charm—a sweetness and womanliness that comes from study and a purpose in life.

It was hard to say "farewell." The acquaintances had been so pleasant that we longed to know each other better. To some we were singularly attracted and we feared we might never meet again.

"Small fellowship of daily commonplace
We hold together, dear, constrained to go
Diverging ways. Yet day by day I know
My life is sweeter for thy life's sweet grace."

Florence P. Chase.

WHAT I LEARNED AT THE CONVENTION.

What I learned at the convention! I am sure I might fill a whole number of the ARROW if I were to tell *all* that I learned at the convention, but not wishing to do such an unseemly thing, to say nothing of not being allowed by my good friends, the editors, to do so, I scarcely know where to begin; or what is still more important to my readers, where to stop.

First and last and all the time was I impressed with the fact that the Pi Beta Phis are such *splendid* girls. We each knew before that the dear sisters of our own chapters were lovely, earnest girls, congenial to our souls; and that the Pi Phis from other chapters whom it had been our good fortune to meet had more than come up to our standard, but to see forty-three young women comprising a dignified legislative body and doing the work in a thoroughly parliamentary manner is well calculated our enthusiasm to a yet higher pitch and cause us to rejoice anew in the fact that we are Pi Beta Phis. Taking each of these forty-three young women as representing on the average ten or twelve as charming and attractive and intelligent as herself, what a power Pi Beta Phi must be and how it must make itself felt in the life of the colleges where it has a place. And this feeling, which I am sure every delegate must have carried back to her chapter, must inspire every one with new love for Pi Phi and new zeal for its welfare.

One of the greatest lessons of the convention to me was the prominence given, and not unduly, to the *national* element. It helped me to realize more fully that ours is a *national fraternity*, and what more expressive words could be chosen? National! having its interests all over this glorious land of ours, uniting in sisterly love the great educational institutions of all sections; giving us common thoughts, ideals and aspirations. The *fraternal* element binds us so closely together that we might grow narrow through laying undue stress upon it, but that the magical word national is added to give us breadth of thought and feeling. And how it does broaden one's views of life to know that fifteen hundred women scattered abroad through the land are looking through the same glasses, taking the same general view, so to speak, and by the brilliant light of the same creed trying to search out the path of noble womanhood and to walk therein.

The reports read by the delegates showed that while we have so much in common, there are great differences in the daily life of the various chapters; and this is as it should be, and is a natural consequence of different environment. A chapter in a college where no other woman's fraternity has entered can scarcely realize the difficulties to be met by those who have rivals to meet and contend against. The life in the former is quiet and uneventful, save for an occasional outing or social entertainment, their pleasures consisting chiefly in the sweet heart-to-heart intercourse for which college life affords such excellent opportunity. But the life of the latter is filled with the excitement of competition, of rivalry. Their dreams by night are haunted by plans for showing the *desirable new girls* that Pi Beta Phi is the grandest fraternity ever organized and that to belong to it is an honor to be desired by many but attained by few; and their days are filled with the carrying out of such plans. There is pleasure and enjoyment of the intensest kind in this, yet it requires a warm heart and earnest love for Pi Phi to keep it up week in and week out, as was indicated by the words of one of the delegates who said at the convention banquet that she wished she could go straight back to college with the zeal inspired by the con-

vention full upon her, for she could go into "rushing" with *such* energy.

But was the convention all seriousness and dignity and work? The convention, yes; but that the young women composing this august body knew how to have a "good time" when opportunity offered was not the least enjoyable lesson of those three days in Boston. To give a description of that delightful entertainment which followed the model initiation is not a part of work of this fortunate participant in the feast, who hopes that that task has been assigned to the pen of a readier and *wittier* writer who will do justice to the subject for the ARROW; but if not, let me beg of those who are still in the lamentable clouds of ignorance on the subject of that edifying and intellectual ceremony, the Cookyshine (as I was before I went to Boston), let me beg you, I say, to call a meeting of your chapter and demand of your delegate "What is a Cookyshine?" and have one as soon as possible.

Lillian Pace, Columbia Alpha.

RECOLLECTIONS OF CONVENTION.

It was the proudest and happiest moment of my life when I arrived in Boston after a long and weary journey from the land of the West.

The thrill of delight that pierced my heart when I met in that far off place those strangers, the wearers of the wine and blue, has left upon my mind the most pleasing recollections that my memory can treasure. The Convention! What a success!

The untiring conscientious work of our worthy President made it an inspiration, and each delegate reluctantly took leave, filled with an earnest, burning desire to do something in the future to further the interests and develop the great work of Pi Beta Phi.

The Convention taught many lessons, but as each one receives different impressions, it is extremely difficult to say just what is the great lesson; but my impression is, that the one great lesson to be learned from our last convention, was that we should work more earn-

estly and faithfully for the advancement of Pi Beta Phi fraternity as a whole. In other words, we should endeavor to become more free from all local prejudice; take greater pains to perform all duties pertaining to the general fraternity more promptly; each officer of the local chapters should study faithfully her particular duties as given in our constitution; each member should constitute herself a committee of one to see that the constitution is enforced in her respective chapter. We can not have our standard too high, and if we never reach the goal we shall have the satisfaction of duty performed in having made the attempt. The principles of our fraternity are idealistic. Let us then, make ours an ideal fraternity; be united and careful in our selection of members; not blinded by merely social polish and popularity; see to it that every member who wears the arrow is worthy of the high honor; see to it that she is an "honest, just, true, pure and lovely" woman, cheerful, sympathetic and progressive, a woman who is truly a gentlewoman, with self-respect and dignity, willingness to help others and entire freedom from narrowness and snobbishness. Then while raising our standard, let every loyal Pi Beta Phi work for the true advancement of our fraternity; and let us make our lives glad sweet songs, so beautifully expressed in poetic verse.

Our lives are songs, God writes the words
And we set them to music at pleasure,
And the song grows glad, or sweet or sad
As we choose to fashion the measure.

We must write the music, whatever the words,
Whatever the rhyme or meter,
And if it is sad, we can make it glad;
Or if sweet, we can make it sweeter.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 11, 1895.

Mae M. Lansing, Nebraska Beta.

WHAT CONVENTION MEANT TO ME.

Arrow to right of us,
Arrow to left of us,
Arrow to front of us.

And Convention report completing the circle we can scarcely help but dream of Pi Beta Phi in general, and of Convention in particular.

Indeed the elements outside—for the wind is howling—and the bright fire within contribute to this propensity to dream.

A smile will come and go as memory recalls a group of Pi Beta Phis vainly hailing car after car on a certain corner of a Boston street. At last the Pi Phis fall into a prodigious anger and decide to try another corner. The experience on the second corner is ditto with the first. Pounded with endless stones of rhetoric we at last comprehend. The Boston cars receive passengers only on corners where there are white posts. We render fervent gratitude to the gods for one, just one certain objective point—even if it is only a white post.

The scene changes and with it comes a different group—but Pi Beta Phis still. We are in Fanueil Hall. The gallant Knights with their brilliant uniforms form a pleasing background, but in this mind's picture the four Pi Beta Phis contentedly drinking coffee and munching doughnuts are the figures of interest.

Anon the scene changes and we find ourselves in a brilliantly lighted room. Grecian figures, tall and stately, are flitting to and fro, but suddenly these same maidens become a band of jolly feasting Greeks, unceremoniously sitting on the floor and indulging in their favorite repast, "the cookey-shine."

A pleasant idle pastime perhaps. But to me it meant a new initiation into Pi Beta Phi. It is true we were wont to speak of being loyal to the wine and the blue, but now we are as truly loyal to one chapter of Pi Beta Phi as to another. It is not now simply our individual chapter. The interests, the aims, the pleasures, the triumphs, the disappointments, the losses of every separate chapter, aye of every individual member, we might say are ours also.

And then the pleasing thought comes that we are bound by ties—ties warmer and stronger than those of friendship—to noble, intellectual, womanly women all over these United States.

For the dear little girl from the far west, for the gentle Quaker maiden of the east, for the stately sister from the north, and for the charming girl from the south, convention has brought us a warmer interest and love. *Elsie Blanche Smith, Minnesota Alpha.*

THE BANQUET.

HELD THURSDAY EVENING, AUGUST 29, 1895.

MENU.

ESCALLOPED OYSTERS.

CHICKEN SALAD.			LOBSTER SALAD.
	COLD ROAST TURKEY.		CRANBERRY SAUCE.
	COLD BOILED TONGUE.		ROLLS.
	PEACHES AND CREAM.		
	ICE CREAM.	SHERBERT.	CAKES.
COFFEE.	OLIVES.	ALMONDS.	CHEESE.
	LEMONADE.		

TOASTS.

- Toast Mistress, - - - GRACE GROSVENOR, *Vice-President*
 "I tell you that, that you yourselves do know."
1. The Early Days, - - - EMMA HARPER TURNER, *Ind. Beta*
 "The best prophet of the future is the past."—*Byron.*
 2. The Pi Phi Baby, - - - MARY BARTOL, *Pa. Beta*
 "The little young inheritor of a world."—*Byron.*
 3. Our Fraternity in the West, - ANNIE WEAVER, *Cal. Alpha*
 "Ours is the land and age of gold
 And ours the hallowed time."—*Mellen.*
 4. The Cooky Shine, - - - JOANNA HEMPSTEAD, *Mich. Beta*
 5. The Meaning of Pi Beta Phi, - CAROLINE SCHWEFEL, *Ohio Alpha*
 6. The Outlook, - - - HELEN B. SUTLIFF
 "Fortune is merry, and in this mood will give us anything."—*Shakespeare.*
 7. Impromptu, - - - - - ALUMNÆ
 "Just hold your breath, kind friends, awhile!"

The tables, arranged to form the Greek letter Pi, were decorated with the fraternity colors, wine and blue, and with clusters of the fraternity flower, the carnation.

At the end of each table candelabra were burning and at each plate were lying dainty little menu cards in blue covers, tied with wine ribbon.

At the head sat the toast-mistress and the grand officers, and around the table on every side smiling faces of delegates and visiting Pi Phis completed the scene.

Lively repartee and merry laughter re-echoed in the room until a late hour. Only now and then the faces were clouded by the thought that on the morrow so soon to dawn all must part, some perhaps forever.

A very pretty and touching feature of the banquet was the presentation of a large bouquet of American Beauty roses to Miss Sutliff, our retiring Grand President, as a token of our love for her and appreciation of her efforts for the welfare of the fraternity. Miss Schwefel, Ohio Alpha's delegate on behalf of those present, presented them to her in a touching little speech at the close of her toast.

After the banquet the remainder of the evening was spent in dancing and the singing of Pi Phi songs.

THE BABY PI PHIS.

A TOAST GIVEN AT GRAND ALPHA BANQUET.

Honored Chairman and Friends:

In behalf of the baby Pi Phi I desire first of all to express my acknowledgment and appreciation of the graceful compliment you have paid us in giving us a place upon the program on this occasion.

Years ago my dear old grandmother was wont to tell me: "Little folks in the presence of company should be seen and not heard." But you have here reversed this time-honored maxim. Possibly you have reflected that infants are by nature the noisiest members of a household and have hence concluded that it would be cruel, perhaps wicked, to keep them quiet against their natural proclivities. At any rate we baby Pi Phi understand that when

you invite us to do a little talking you really expect of us only the prattle of infancy. For the strong speech of "truth and soberness" you of course will turn to our seniors who have but to open their lips when words of wit and wisdom drop out like apples of gold.

Who are the baby Pi Phis? Since our last Grand Alpha seven chapters have been chartered. The babies then are the California Alpha at Leland Stanford University and the Vermont Alpha at Middlebury College, both established in '93; the Ohio Beta at Ohio State University, the Wisconsin Alpha at the University of Wisconsin, and the Illinois Epsilon at Northwestern University, established in '94; the Pennsylvania Beta at Bucknell University and the Nebraska Beta at the University of Nebraska, established in '95. We babies of course think this is a noble list and one well worthy of our honored Grand President who first taught us to walk in fraternity ways.

As your baby Pi Phis are somewhat scattered geographically, and in a measure strangers even to their mother, I presume it would not be out of place to tell you what we regard as our chief characteristic. We think that we are just like other small folks,—we will permit nobody, if we can help it, to get ahead of us. We have the feelings precisely of a little fellow up our way whom I shall call Tommy. When Tommy gets a new pair of boots how proud; he is nobody's boots are so fine as Tommy's. Whatever Tommy has is always just right. What anybody else has, in the opinion of Tommy, never amounts to much. Now Tommy had a friend Dick and the regret of Dick's life was that he could never get ahead of Tommy. One day Dick was so kindly favored by fortune that he was in great glee, for now thought he, I have something which Tommy doesn't have. So with a cry of exultation he came to lord it over Tommy: "Ah Tommy," says Dick, "we have something up at our house which you don't have. We have a brand new baby straight from heaven." "A baby straight from heaven," repeated Tommy, "Well we had a baby a month ago, but it died, and when it left us mama said it went straight to heaven. I'll bet your baby is the same kid. We had him a month ago."

Tommy's leading trait is our chief characteristic. We baby Pi Phis do not intend to permit any other babies to get ahead of us. To sustain our leadership we may be driven to the same straits Tommy was, but like Tommy we will land first. Our watchword is Pi Beta Phi first, last, all the time and forever. The baby Pi Phis would shout their cry so loud that it may be heard above all other cries; they would fly their flag so high, that it may be seen above all other flags; they would "speed the golden arrow swift as light, white-winged with truth and honor." What is to prevent "Pi Beta Phi the queen of queens" from remaining forever the "queen of queens"? The baby Pi Phis cannot see that there is anything. All their horizon is bright with those rosy-tinted hopes and prospects which belong to the happy children of a strong and loving mother.

Adapting Robert Lowry's beautiful poem to our own needs,—even among the attractions of this famous city of culture, the baby Pi Phis would sing MY OWN PI PHI. Will you listen to the words?

What's this old town to me,
Dull, drear and slow?
What care my eyes to see
All its poor show?
There is but one bright spot,
Where shadows enter not;
There I have cast my lot—
My own Pi Phi.

Tell me no idle tales
Of mirth and love:
All your persuasion fails
My heart to move;
For I have found the place
Where dwell true love and grace;
There joy lights every face—
My own Pi Phi.

Take what your world can give,
Weak is it call;
He who for truth would live
Lives best of all;
From all false fire I turn
To where pure censers burn;
There life's high aims I learn—
My own Pi Phi.

Mary Bartol, Pennsylvania Beta.

THE MEANING OF PI BETA PHI.

A TOAST GIVEN AT GRAND ALPHA BANQUET.

A new hour is struck by the Horologe of Time, a new era has begun—the era of progress, the hour of triumph.

The shackles of the past have fallen, the chains are loose and we stand upon the threshold of our lives with such possibilities before us, with such duties resting upon us as the women of no other age have had.

The womanhood of today is as widely different from the womanhood of the past as the chastened beauty of the Milo is different from the crude Egyptian figures cast in clay.

Pi Beta Phi means to us the pledge of sympathy with this new ideal womanhood, the promise that our lives shall count upon the side of right, that our search for truth shall be sincere and steadfast, with no fear of what the truth may be, but with an abiding faith in its ultimate transcendent beauty; it is the outward sign that a high and earnest purpose dominates our lives, that more than wealth or fame or happiness we value a character strong, womanly and pure.

Pi Beta Phi means too that we stand pledged to help each other in this striving for a noble womanhood; it means that the strong shall not trample under foot the weak, but that we will march shoulder to shoulder and reach the goal together; together share the gladness of attainment.

When we have spoken the "Open Sesame" which throws back the doors of Pi Beta Phi, when we have taken the vow which entitles us to enter, there comes into our lives this new and sacred influence, there is born within our minds this new ideal—the ideal of loyal unselfish friendship among women. No tradition of a perfect woman's friendship has come down to us, we have no Damon and Pythias, no Orestes and Pylades; but we are strong to *make* tradition, and to the college women of the future we can leave the heritage of our love for Pi Beta Phi, the memory of our loyalty to one another so that, then as now, it may be counted their highest

privilege to wear the wine and blue; so that then, as now, a noble character shall be the most perfect crown of a woman's life; so that their most fervent hope may be one with ours—that for our having lived, the day of perfect peace shall sooner dawn; that for our having lived the far-off sun of truth shall have traveled one hour nearer to its zenith.

Caroline Schwefel—Ohio Alpha.

THE COOKEY-SHINE.

Although the regular meetings and the formal proceedings of the Convention held at Boston last summer have already been carefully reported, there remains a very interesting occasion yet to be told of. This entirely informal affair was one of those we all know as cookey shines. It is not that a cookey shine is so remarkable, but that this particular one was so especially delightful that it should be described. It was held in the parlors of the Young Women's Christian Association's building directly after the model initiation. A long table cloth was spread over the floor of the room, and the girls, who still wore their Grecian gowns, sat or reclined around this as inclination directed. The good things to eat,—which consisted of the usual number of good things which college girls have at their feasts, including fruits, pickels, olives, candy, and all kinds of cake except cookies,—were scattered about on the cloth without any arrangement whatever; so that all each girl had to do was to "pitch in and help herself." This undoubtedly each one did; for long arms were stretched out to reach some dainty which, most naturally, was on the other side of the cloth; and the girls fairly fell over one another in their efforts to obey orders and to help themselves. It may be easily guessed that there was plenty of merriment, plenty of jests, and a great plenty of laughter and good spirits. Strange that in spite of so many bright remarks and so much gay nonsense no one seemed to lose her appetite! The whole affair was merely an example of what a lively, delightful, and altogether happy time a number of Pi Phi girls can have when together.

CONVENTION AFTERMATH.

I was a favored one; sent as a delegate to Grand Alpha. I wanted to go and would have gone anyway, had I not been sent. If I had paid my own expenses, my feeling now is that my money could not have been invested to better purpose. The returns were large. I gained much. When does a girl gain more than when she gains a friend? Each time I came to know a new Pi Phi, I found a new friend. I came to have clearer views of the aims of our fraternity; and observed that they comprehended some of the highest purposes of life. It is easy and natural for lilies to please by their hue and roses by their perfume. It is easy and natural for Pi Phis to please by the fraternal graces.

And the dear girls who were left behind paid all my expenses. They paid; I received. I am only a recent initiate, but it seems to me that this is scarcely fair. At home I am accustomed to pay for all I get. Perhaps for the pleasure and profit received at Grand Alpha a delegate could afford to pay something,—say half our own expenses. Then each chapter could send two instead of one, and travel *by pairs* would be much pleasanter. The measure of good done would be nearly doubled. The general fraternity would save a little money thereby. Further, any chapter at a great distance from Grand Alpha might be permitted to send one delegate instead of two,—all her expenses paid and two votes allowed her,—whenever it appeared that even half the expense was too great an expenditure for an individual.

But it appeared at convention that on some subjects we do not all think alike. I wish we did. I presume I really wish that everybody held the views that I hold.

Somehow the longer I am a Pi Phi the more I love the things of Pi Phi. Her very name, her motto, her flower, her arrow, her songs, her whistle, her yell, I love them all. For taken singly and collectively, these are the tangible distinguishing characteristics of *my* fraternity. They belong to no other. Yes, it hurt me some to have it said in convention: "Let us have another motto, a new Greek motto." What care I for the new? I wish to cling to the

old. Long live the motto so dear to the founders of I. C.! May it never, never, have a rival!

And it pleased me not, to hear it said: "Let us have a new name for our biennial convention; Grand Alpha forsooth does not mean anything. Let us call it our National Convention." I would not take away the name Grand Alpha—the name speaks to me of our old mother in I. C. It is a monumental stone to the dear past. It tells to our initiated a story of old Monmouth—the Grand Alpha to whom allegiance was rendered for many years, and to whom we owe our fraternity existence. I would not remove the ancient landmarks nor change a thing that unites us to the past.

But I would be a Pi Phi, for I find that I need our intimate life, our fraternal kindness. I need sympathy in grief, help in distress, protection in danger. Because of these I would be a Pi Phi, and because I believe there is no limit to the trust I may repose in a true friend.

Mary Bartol.

CONVENTION COMMENTS.

On account of the large expenses and the undue demands on the time and strength of all participants, which a protracted convention would incur, convention sessions must be limited to two, or at most, three days. This necessarily crowds a great amount of business into each session and requires that all the work to be done at convention be planned beforehand, that no time may be lost in useless parleying or discussion. Too much stress cannot be laid upon thoroughness in the *preliminary* work of convention, for on it depends the whole success of convention. If each delegate comes fully informed upon all questions likely to come before the convention, and the business is conducted along a prearranged plan, a great deal may be accomplished in a short time and yet without any hurry and rush. That so much business was accomplished in the four sessions of our last convention was no accident, but the result of careful work preceding convention and parliamentary ability on the part of the delegates and president.

This reminds one that a knowledge of parliamentary law is indispensable in all members of convention. Robert's Rules of Order should be the pocket companion of every delegate. There can be no better preparation of a delegate for convention than the ordinary business meeting of the chapter, provided it is conducted according to parliamentary rules. We hope the chapters are always mindful of this, and that any member of Pi Beta Phi is so trained in the chapter meetings as to be able to conduct any ordinary business meeting with dignity and correctness.

The sentiment of convention was decidedly in favor of using severe measures with those chapters who are habitually negligent in answering fraternity correspondence, paying dues, sending in ARROW subscriptions, etc. It would be far better that the charters of one or two of these negligent chapters should be sacrificed, than that our whole fraternity work should drag on account of the dilatoriness of these same chapters.

Another good thing which convention did was to require the chapters to keep a file of THE ARROW. The formation of chapter archives should be encouraged, and with a file of THE ARROW to start with, let each chapter add a chapter catalogue, a chapter history, minutes of each convention, the circulars issued from time to time by the Grand Council and Literary Bureau, and all other matter pertaining to the chapter or fraternity.

Do you remember the report of the Literary Bureau, and what fine work it has been doing? But it was not necessary to hear the report to realize this, for all of us cannot help remembering the helpful circulars on fraternity duties and other topics, the fine programs for meetings, which the Literary Bureau has from time to time issued. There has been much originality displayed in the plan and execution of the work, and great credit is due the Literary Bureau for its successful labors in a field which is quite new in most fraternities, we think.

The editor of THE ARROW may be said to have "come down on us like a sledge-hammer" in her talk on Fraternity Journalism. Perhaps we like praise rather than blame, but after all, wasn't all that she said true? Suppose we make this a year of all-around reform, and promise to do all we should for THE ARROW, to perform all our other duties promptly, and to institute a model fraternity. What a glorious thing this convention would be, if it should kindle the spark that spread to such a widespread flame of reform!

A LETTER FROM THE GRAND PRESIDENT.

Dear Sisters in the Fraternity of Pi Beta Phi.

It is indeed a joy for me to send you greetings as your newly elected Grand President.

I am proud of the trust you have reposed in me, and am eager to know how I may be of the best service to you.

Dumas, the elder, in one of his matchless romances, tells us that "We enjoy thoroughly only the pleasure that we give." Whether this be true or not, we all know that what we give of our thought and our life to Pi Beta Phi is returned to us many fold in the pleasure of such service.

Pi Beta Phi is no longer uncertain, no longer an infant. Founded on a rock of sisterhood, strong in its love of woman for woman, firm in its ideals, it has grown and flourished. Yet we must not halt, for our possibilities are but dawning. A new year, full with opportunity, is opened before us. Let the new thoughts and the inspiration brought to each chapter from the Grand Convention just past be a sweet leaven in your work this year.

Lavater in his study of man concludes that, "copiousness and simplicity, variety and unity, constitute real greatness of character." May we not apply this comprehensive definition to our Fraternity. Let it be broad, all containing, yet broad in simplicity. Let it represent life and character from every part of our nation, yet in its organization, weld them into one. Give up our provincialisms, individually and as a fraternity. It is weakness, it is narrowness, wher-

ever found. Realize the force of our being a national organization. Give to Pi Beta Phi the benefit of our own highest ideals, for its and our own betterment, and whatever effort the fraternity may make, give it our interest and our zeal. Giving to others, we are ourselves the recipient.

James Anthony Froude, in the midst of his delving into the facts about men and things of England, found an inspiration which gave us this observation: "The essence of true nobility is neglect of self, let the thought of self pass in and the beauty of a great action is gone like the bloom from a soiled flower." Let us represent this true nobility, may each chapter enter on its work this year with higher resolve and greater energy, and strive to live up to the Convention Resolution.

Our Fraternity is recognized and judged by the results we accomplish. It lies with you to give it its character and make its standard what you will.

Make the history, the traditions of Pi Beta Phi, your study, and with this as a background let it be your privilege to polish and brighten the sittings.

Very sincerely,

Grace Lass.

SUMMER READING NOTES.

Our editor has asked me to write of any thoughts or impressions, suggested by my summer reading, which might interest the readers of THE ARROW, and so, in all modesty, I offer you a few rambling notes.

On a ledge of one of the Catskill Mountains there is a rocky little promontory called Eagle's Crest, where a group of pine trees casts a grateful shade, and frames with the green branches beautiful vistas of mountain and valley. During several summers this has been a favorite haunt of mine in which to rest, and read, and dream; sometimes with a little philosophy in my hand, or a biography; sometimes with a novel or one of the simple beautiful Scotch stories, which Ian McLaren, Crockett, and one or two others are writing for an eager public.

I will not speak of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," for you have probably all read it or heard of it, but McLaren's later sketches of Drumtochty characters are not as yet so well known. "Drumsheugh's Love Story," which was printed in the August *Bookman*, has the same tenderness and pathos, the same indescribable charm which we felt in "Domsie" and "A Doctor of the Old School." Drumsheugh is the crabbed old bachelor whom all the village has thought to be something of a miser, and whose life has yet been one of unselfish devotion and self-sacrifice for the sake of the woman he has loved all his life. Marget Howe has never known of his love, nor could she guess who was the original of the unknown relative who has constantly helped her husband out of debt and difficulty.

Drumsheugh himself tells his story to his old friend, Dr. McClure. Its pathos brings unbidden tears to the eyes, and many of his words linger long in the memory, his description of Marget being especially tender and suggestive. "It wesna her winsome face nor her gentle ways that drew me, Weelum; it wes . . . her soul, the gudeness at lookit oot on the warld through yon grey een, sae serious, thochtfu, kindly. Nae man cud say a rouch word or hae an ill thocht in her presence; she made ye better juist tae hear her speak an' stan' aside her at the wark."

"The Starling" by Dr. Norman McCleod, is another interesting story of Scotch life, full of vigor, earnestness, humor, and pathos. One or two short sentences referring to Sergeant Adam Mercer, the chief character of the book, have left a strong impression on me. In speaking of his visits to those in his parish who were sick or in trouble, the author says, "His strong sympathies put him instantly *en rapport* with those he visited, enabling him at once to meet them on some common ground." "He but felt aright and acted as he felt." We are all striving toward a higher social life, a more helpful intercourse with those we meet, but some of us often despair of ever gaining tact and ease, or of having anything in us to give to others. Perhaps the secret of such ability lies in those two suggestions,—to feel aright ourselves, and then, without any thought of self, to follow where our sympathies and interests lead us.

Speaking of social life, a statement occurs to me that I have often read or heard, to the effect that girls who spend several years at college too often seem to lose the power of adapting themselves to home life, and of finding their highest mission in making their home a comfortable and happy one. I am afraid that there must be some truth in the statement or it would not be made so often. Perhaps we are forgetting that culture should be a means and not an end, and are developing our talents at the expense of our characters. Surely broader, deeper knowledge is only to teach us how to live more complete and perfect lives. I was thinking of this as I read in "A Tale of Two Cities" of the life of Lucie Manette. You will probably remember where she is spoken of in her home life as "ever busily winding the golden thread that bound them all together, weaving the service of her happy influence through the tissue of all their lives and making it predominate nowhere."

In closing I want to give you a word or two of Whittier's, taken from one of his letters published in the new biography by S. T. Pickard. Friendship is surely the best and deepest part of our fraternity life, and listen to what he says of it:—"I believe in the holy realities of friendship;—pure; lofty; intellectual; a communion of kindred affinities, of mental similitudes,—a redemption from the miserable fetters of human selfishness; a practical obedience to the beautiful injunction of our Common Friend, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Mary Edith Ingersoll, Colorado Beta.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

One question that always confronts us at the beginning of the year is, what line of work shall we take up in our weekly meetings?

Literary Work How much literary work shall we do? Perhaps we **for the Chapters.** cannot lay claim to being the busiest chapter in the fraternity, but we have never been able to carry out any very systematic plan of literary work. Most of us have heavy college work, and when we add to this Y. W. C. A. duties, social obligations and many other little things that come to take up time, we must regard Saturday evening as almost our only leisure time. If we have to prepare an extended literary program, we must either slight it or our college work, and this, I am sure, no loyal Pi Phi wishes to do. Then, too, in the busy whirl of college life there are sometimes several weeks that some of the girls only see each other at fraternity. So we look to the weekly meeting as the place to really enjoy those friendships so near and dear to us.

But do not understand that I would have the evening spent in aimless chatter. By no means. My plea is simply this. Any very extensive scheme of study, if satisfactorily followed, takes more time in preparation than we care to give it. For the program I would suggest a résumé of the news of the week, some profitable book read aloud and followed by an informal discussion, or a musical program can be arranged without much trouble. A Tourist Club may be made very interesting, each girl taking the party on an imaginary journey to some interesting or famous place she has visited, or with which she has made herself familiar.

By using some such scheme as this, little time will be required, and yet each one may carry away from the meeting some new and helpful thought, and above all a memory of those warm friendships found only in fraternity life.

S. R. T., Ind. Beta.

During the past month all the colleges and universities throughout our broad land have opened wide their portals to welcome from far and near the many earnest seekers after knowledge. All Pi Phis have, no doubt, gladly returned to their college work with hearts light in the expectation of once more greeting their sisters. All enter upon another year's duties and responsibilities with faces radiant with the glow of summer's happy hours. During these months of rest and recreation there has often come to us, no doubt, the thought of fraternity life with the many pleasures we have had within its circle and the joys that we know await us.

With pride each one looks back upon the achievements of her chapter during the past year, and makes many plans for its further promotion, but do we consider carefully enough the fact that each chapter is but a small part of the fraternity as a whole? Those who have been associated only with the members of their own chapter probably do not realize what a great amount of work is necessary on the part of our grand officers to carry on the work of the organization. Each chapter should realize more fully its responsibility in aiding them in their endeavor to broaden and strengthen the influence of the fraternity. In order that they may accomplish the best and greatest results, the grand officers must have from each chapter a ready response to any question or plan which they think well to present. It is a question of vital importance to the fraternity, and should receive serious consideration by every member.

E. L. C., Pennsylvania Alpha.

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How many of our chapters have an inter-fraternity pledge? The three women's fraternities at Kansas University entered into such a **inter-fraternity pledges.** pledge seven years ago. The pledge was drawn up and authorized by a committee composed of representatives from each fraternity, and was tested through four consecutive rushing seasons. The burden of the pledge was that no invitation to membership should be issued to new girls until the said girls had been enrolled for three months as students in the University. After the second year the time of the pledge was shortened to two months.

The strength of the pledge lay in the fact that a longer time was given for deliberation in issuing of invitations to membership, which, of course, was a great safeguard against mistakes. Its weakness, and the thing that caused its dissolution, was that the girls in their zeal to make the pledge binding, added so many detailed stipulations to the chief one, that the spirit of the compact was violated in the efforts made to live up to the letter of it.

Nevertheless the spirit of such an inter-fraternity compact is of unquestionable benefit both to the fraternity agreeing to it, and to the girl destined to be rushed. Wherever she is, Pi Beta Phi considers it to her advantage to give a new girl time to cultivate the acquaintance of her members, and on the other hand her members dislike to issue any invitation hastily. Where there is no compact entered into by rival fraternities, however, some things are apt to be done hastily from a fear of being left behind in the "rush line." Therefore it seems to me the spirit of having such a compact is one to be encouraged by Pi Phis.

Why not then try a pledge the animating idea of which shall be to give the chapter and the new girl more time to become acquainted with one another. Profit as far as possible by experience and let one provision be that a new girl shall not be invited to membership until she has been enrolled as a student for four weeks, or whatever length of time best suits the circumstances of respective chapters.

J. G. S., Kansas Alpha.

Chapter Letters.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The Convention! To us newly initiated into Pi Beta Phi this single word has been one of unfailing interest and a cause of joyful anticipation. We were especially glad that two others of our chapter besides our delegate could go to Boston during convention week and since their return—as well as before—our fraternity hall and college sanctums have re-echoed with the phrase: "O, I'm so glad I'm a Pi Phi." One of Vermont Alpha's girls tells how she danced with a dainty little maiden from California Alpha, and another tries to tell us about the different girls and their individual charms but finally exclaims: "O, I can't girls, they were all perfectly lovely!" Our delegate was quite surprised to notice some of the girls wearing the arrow pointed downward, while we had been taught to aim it high. Will some one please tell us the correct way?

During the summer our Alpha has been scattered to the four winds, but each reports a jolly time. One has traveled, another has led a gay life socially, and still another has helped the dear little mother with the dishes and the dusting, but whatever the occupation and whatever the place our "Round Robin" letter has always reached us and been a source of never-failing delight. However we are glad to be back in the college halls and as a number of very charming girls have entered with the class of ninety-nine we hope soon to present our new sisters.

Assisted by Mrs. Stewart, on the evening of the 17th of September we gave a reception in our rooms to the young ladies of the freshman class to meet Miss Sutliff. We were very sorry that her visit to us was, of necessity, so brief, but we were very much pleased that our guests, as well as ourselves, could be so honored.

We welcome to our faculty Prof. Burt of Harvard, who is to have charge of the department of Natural Science in place of Prof. Seely who has recently resigned. Several improvements on the

campus are a pleasure to us all and a new senior laboratory adds greatly to the work in chemistry.

The Phrontisterion witnessed a pretty sight on the evening of the thirteenth. The young ladies of the Y. W. C. A., together with the other girls of the college had a marshmallow toast and the scene was weird, indeed—forty happy girls gathered about the tables, chatting merrily, and daintily toasting marshmallows by candle light. Imagine the displeasure on one smiling face, when in the “feast of reason” the feast of sweets was entirely forgotten and the bon bon discovered a blackened coal!

Ada Hurlburt '97, spent a few days with us recently after having passed the year in Philadelphia. We are sorry to lose her, but glad that she is strong enough now to take up her studies at the University of Vermont. Bertha Ranslow, '94 has been chosen Preceptress of the High School in her old home, Swanton, Vermont. We wish her the success she desires.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

The fall term of 1895-96 has opened very successfully for Columbia Alpha, as we have all but one of last session's Pi Beta Phis with us again. We deeply regret the loss of this one dear sister who finds it impossible to return. Two of our number graduated last session, but as their homes are in Washington we are making a desperate effort to keep them in the active chapter, though they have already been elected to membership in the Alumnae Club. What will be the result of this fraternal difference remains to be seen.

We had been in college only one week when a call-meeting was held to hear the delegates report of the convention. Every member present at that meeting showed great interest in the proceedings of the convention, and many expressed their conviction that that body had done a great deal of important work and done it well.

We are very proud of our college this year. We have a magnificent new President, Dr. Whitman, formerly of Colby University, Maine, and have already enrolled a larger number of students than

we had at any time last year. The courses of study have been enlarged in many directions and our only regret is that there are not twenty-four working hours in the day so that we might take advantage of more of these fine opportunities than our time now permits.

We have not yet chosen any new members for this session, nor even shown special attention to any with that end in view, for having no rival fraternities we may take our time and be sure of making wise selections. We wish THE ARROW a prosperous year and send fraternal greetings to our sisters all over the land.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Alpha sends most hearty greetings to all the chapters and wishes for them the greatest success during the coming year.

We have again gathered in our college home after a pleasant summer; and though only six in number, we feel strong in our eagerness to do our best both in fraternity and college work. We believe that the convention, besides affording a great pleasure to those who attended, will be a great benefit to our chapter. Besides four alumnæ, three girls who returned to college attended the meetings, and they will surely impart to the others some of their enthusiasm. We will surely have greater interest in the fraternity as a national organization and feel in closer relationship with the other chapters.

During the summer we were kept in touch with each other both by the convention and by a delightful circulating letter, which was quite prompt on account of a fine to be imposed for keeping it more than forty-eight hours.

The first Saturday after we returned the "old girls" gave a reception to the "new girls" in the girls' parlor, and in that way all became to some extent acquainted.

The next important event was a visit from our new Grand President, Miss Lass, which was a great pleasure and encouragement to us. She attended some of our classes, and in the evening we invited some of the other fraternity girls to meet her.

On the anniversary of the founding of our chapter we invited all our alumnæ and some other Pi Phi's living near us to come to a little afternoon tea. Unfortunately it was a very rainy day and on that account several were prevented from coming. We enjoyed ourselves, however, and were delighted to become acquainted with Miss Ruth Sprague of Pennsylvania Beta.

Sarah Bancroft '97, was elected to represent Swarthmore in College Settlement work and is now attending the convention in Boston.

We have no initiates to introduce yet, but hope we will have several lovely girls before the next letter is written.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

We have entered upon our second year in Pi Beta Phi with bright prospects and consequent enthusiasm. Bucknell opened September the twelfth with all departments full to overflowing.

There are more college girls here now than ever before, and as we have no opposing fraternity, we can make our choice deliberately. We are fortunate in that many of our college girls are prepared at the Bucknell Institute, so we are well acquainted with them when they enter college. This year we have received an unusual amount of good fraternity material from this source. Of these girls we have already pledged Grace Slifer '99, and have under consideration several others of whom we may have something to tell you in a later edition.

Five of our last year's chapter have left us; four of them charter members.

Cora Perry, who graduated last June, has been engaged as assistant secretary of the Scranton Y. W. C. A. and hopes to visit us soon.

Mary Eddelman left us to teach in the High School at Alexandria, Indiana.

Ruth Sprague is at Darlington Seminary, West Chester, Pennsylvania, as teacher of Latin and French.

Edna Stifer is at her home in Chester, Pennsylvania. She

could not return on account of ill health, but hopes to be with us again next year.

We do not realize yet what a loss Mary Bartol will be to us, for she is still here; but before this ARROW has been issued, her chapter home will be Michigan Beta.

Kate McLaughlin, whom we feared to lose by graduation, will continue with us as an active member, she will pursue graduate work at Bucknell in connection with her duties as teacher in a neighboring school.

Eliza Bell retains her place on the Bucknell Institute faculty, and is a valuable addition to our active membership.

Mary Wolfe, Kate Goddard, Rose Hartley, Flora Sigel and Mary Harris complete our present chapter roll.

Miss Elizabeth Eddelman, of Indiana Alpha, is still here, and is a constant help and inspiration.

Mary Bartol, our delegate to Grand Alpha, has given us an interesting, detailed account of the proceedings and made us feel more intimately associated with the work of the fraternity. We are much pleased with the Grand Alpha picture and are better acquainted through it with the chapters represented. We are especially glad, being a young member, that our delegate to the convention won so much honor for us.

Mrs. Bartol entertained us very pleasantly the evening of September the twentieth, after our election of officers. Our pledged members were invited too, and given a foretaste of the joys that await them; also, of the sorrows, for we sang the Initiation song for them and the "groans" by our groaner-in-chief are terribly realistic. We expect to give a farewell cookyshine to Mary Bartol the night of the twenty sixth at Mary Wolfe's home, after witnessing an initiation.

We wish you all a happy and successful year.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter numbers ten at the beginning of the fall term.
Geneva Garber is with us again after a year's absence.

Bertha McVey '93, is instructor in Latin in the High School at East Liverpool, Ohio.

Minnie Roach, who has been studying in the School of Expression at Boston for the past year, has returned, and will graduate with the class of '96.

Lena Hatfield, '95, one of Iowa Beta's girls, is taking post-graduate work in the Ohio University.

Caroline Schwefel entertained the chapter and several alumnae on Tuesday evening, September 12th.

Elizabeth Carpenter spent a few days among college friends at the beginning of the term.

Ohio Alpha's first born is little Margaret Humphrey, not yet a month old. Of course, we are very proud of her.

Jessie Fresham is teaching in Whitehall, W. Va.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

School at the Ohio State University has commenced in earnest and our chapter numbers nine, with a prospect of more before the year closes.

Our new observatory is almost completed and even now our students are beginning to dream about the wonderful discoveries which will be made about Jupiter, or some planet, as yet unknown.

Military drill is compulsory at O. S. U. and the "awkward squads" are being patiently drilled, with a view to making them marvels of military perfection. It seems a hopeless task sometimes to the instructors, but the young ladies manage to have a great deal of honest amusement while watching the boys.

One of our graduates of last year, Miss Agnes Chalmers, is teaching French and English Literature in the High School at Bay City, Michigan.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The Convention so long looked forward to by all Pi Phi's has become a thing of the past. Our delegate, Miss Elice Crissey, has returned just bubbling over with enthusiasm.

We have pledged two new girls of whom we are justly proud, Miss Edna Dow, a Pi Phi's little sister, and Miss Iva Steckle.

Lombard is looking forward to a glorious future. Dr. Nash, of Brooklyn, N. Y., has accepted the Presidency, and will be here in October.

Our long wished-for new Ladies' Hall has at last been begun. Other buildings are to be erected on the campus very soon.

We have been fortunate indeed this year in procuring Miss Baker as teacher of French and German. She is highly educated and has had much experience in teaching. We all like her very much.

Misses Bragg and Tompkins, '95, visited us recently.

September 13th the Phi Delta Theta boys entertained the faculty and students in their usual, delightful manner, in their new Chapter House.

Miss Mabel Dow, '95, will assist Mrs. Gunnell, our elocution teacher, this year.

We have four patronesses, Mrs. Gunnell and Mrs. Wing, Pi Phi Alumnae, and Mrs. Seth Conger and Mrs. Charles Webster, loyal friends to Pi Beta Phi.

Illinois Beta sends good wishes to all Pi Phis.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

The Illinois Delta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi of Knox College again sends greetings to all sister chapters. We have now been in school five weeks, and though in some ways it seems a long time, yet in many others it seems scarcely possible that we have been away from our home friends for that long a time.

The Pi Phis of Knox have not been idle during these September days, and as a result of our labors we now have three lovely new girls wearing the wine and blue.

Our new girls come from widely separated parts of the United States. Miss Victoria Treat from New Haven, Conn.; Miss Ethel Clark from Clarinda, Io., and Miss Virgile Paddock from Fort Worth, Texas. We are very proud of our new girls.

We have had some very good times together this fall. On Sept. 12, having arranged for a large picnic, rain set in, which greatly

annoyed us, but one of our girls, Julia Carr, threw open her beautiful home, and about forty of the Pi Phis who are here in Galesburg, gathered there at 5 o'clock and had a "big" picnic supper. Then music was furnished by the orchestra and we passed the remainder of the evening in dancing, playing games and telling stories.

On Sept. 30th the Pi Phis again gathered at the home of Miss Frances Arnold, one of our '95 girls, and another evening, such as only Pi Phis can have together, was spent.

Miss Marian Niles, one of our girls who graduated in '94, was married on October 3d. As she lived only ten miles from here, a party of thirty, mostly Pi Phis, went up to the wedding on a special car. It was a very pretty home wedding and of course the bride looked "prettier than ever before."

Invitations are now out for the marriage of another one of our girls—Miss Alice Stewart, a loyal Pi Phi. We wish our brides all the success they deserve and that is a great deal.

We have procured a list of patronesses, which we consider a worthy addition to our chapter.

Of course, you all know how proud we are that our Grand President is one of our own girls. We feel spurred on to do more good now and be more faithful wearers of the wine and blue.

Delta Chapter closes, hoping all sister chapters are in as flourishing and happy condition as she.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Epsilon wishes all her sister chapters a prosperous year, and hopes they have received as much benefit and inspiration from the recent convention as she has.

The college term has just begun, and as usual, the first week is filled with receptions, ostensibly to give the new students opportunities for getting acquainted, but practically serving the purpose of grand fraternity hunts, as all the Greek-letter societies are on hand in full force, and do a great deal of rushing. The first Thursday night of the term, a reception was given all the young women of the college by the principal of the "Woman's Hall," and at the

same time one of the professors received all the young men. The next night the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Association gave a joint reception to all the new students; this is always largely attended, and was a perfect crush. A week from this will be given a reception to all the students by the faculty of the College of Liberal Arts, at the Woman's Hall, and smaller affairs are going on all the time, so that we will hardly have time to get our breath for a month. With the intense rivalry that prevails here among the fraternities, the first few weeks are very exciting, and as we have no inter-fraternity contract or regular pledge day, the tension and anxiety are very great.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

A very delightful vacation for all our Pi Beta Phi's was suddenly brought to a close on the twelfth, by the ring of the college bell. The college halls are again merry with the voices of the students. Many old faces are seen, and our fondest expectations were more than realized in the number of new students.

The college building is again being improved, this time the principal improvement is the elevators which, it is whispered, are for the especial "use of the girls."

Last year a chair of English was established, but as Prof. Henry had a fellowship in Chicago University, it was thought best to grant him a years absence that he might continue his studies.

Mr. H. E. Coblentz heard the classes. Although Mr. Coblentz's work was quite satisfactory, still all looked forward to the time when Prof. Henry would take charge of the department. He made the opening address. Although the department was a year old yet it had never been formally introduced nor any of its principles set forth. As an introduction he gave some ideas of its working principles. He showed clearly that English had as great a need to fill in a college course and could be taught as successfully as any other of the languages or sciences; that students taking English thinking it an easy way through the college course would be sadly disappointed. There is as much system and the principles are as finely

established as in other departments. Its Q. E. D. as certain as in Mathematics. It is the place for *thinkers*.

Mabel Kerlin, the day before the opening of college, delightfully entertained all the Pi Beta Phis then in town. We are sorry that owing to sickness in her family she is unable to take work this year. It was while picnicing we found that but seven girls would be active. It seems a small number, but they are all earnest, energetic girls ready and willing to do anything for the fraternity. The outlook is good seemingly as there are over thirty new girls.

We have had one meeting, a short session to make a few plans. We will receive the college girls Saturday afternoon at our hall. In the evening Pi Delta Theta opens her doors informally to all students.

Olive Moore, after a short attack of fever, is improving. We hope she will soon be able to resume her duties in the Tipton school.

Alva Gorby and Ethel Miller, '94, are teaching at Hopenell near Franklin. Marcia Miller, '94, is established as instructor of music in the Edinburgh school. Lillian Weyl, '94, is teaching in Marion. Prof. Zeppenfeld, of the Modern Language department, is home from her three months visit in Europe. She enjoyed the trip very much, but is not satisfied. She must spend more time along the Rhine.

Inez Ulery McGuire, a Pi Phi of former days, who has been to Burmah as a missionary for several years, is to be with us soon. Our girls are anxious to see her and have a long talk.

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Indiana Beta sends greetings and good wishes for a pleasant and profitable year. We are very glad to again be a part of the busy college life, although we greatly miss some familiar faces. Our chapter numbers ten and we hope to introduce some new sisters in our next letter. We have doubly adopted Michigan Beta's suggestion about a circulating letter, for two of our girls were seized with the idea about the same time and as a result two letters are now making their rounds among the sisters. It has been such a pleasure to us, we think we will make it permanent.

Edith Bramhall, '95, is spending the year at the University of Pennsylvania, where she was granted a fellowship in History.

Laura Grace Bradley is teaching at her home, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Lura Grimes, who took A. M. last year, is principal of the High School at Oxford, Indiana.

Fatima Jackson was unable to return this fall on account of ill health, but we hope she may be in the spring term.

Carrie Burner will spend the winter at Clinton, Missouri.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

September has come, college has opened, and such a number of new students! Everything points toward prosperity for Hillsdale and Pi Beta Phi. We have twelve active members. We were very glad to welcome Frances Randolph, '92, who is taking post-graduate work here, after having spent three years as Professor of Mathematics in Parker College, Minn.

We have had only one meeting thus far, so have no new girls to introduce. At this meeting we spent the greater part of the evening listening to the report of our delegate, Miss Higbee. We feel that many measures were taken at Grand Alpha which will benefit Pi Beta Phi and make us ere yet the very strongest of fraternities. We feel, even, that we can well afford to know of the mistakes we made, and although we regret them so much we can profit by them and by doing better work for our own chapter we will aid the fraternity at large.

We have made no definite plans as yet for the year's work, but one thing we know, that we are going to *work more*.

We have always been very proud of Miss Chase, but now doubly so, not because she is a Grand officer but because the other chapters will know more of her and thus realize the more her real worth.

Although we were scattered far and wide during the summer, and although we did not begin it until after the July Arrow was published, we had a circulating letter. How delightful it was to get

that great bunch and know what all of the girls had been doing! Thanks to Michigan Beta for the suggestion.

That fraternity means something more than rejoicing with our friends in time of gladness was fully realized by us this summer when the word went the rounds of Michigan Alpha that the beloved mother of Sadie Van Ostrand had died at their home, Mason, Mich. On account of this, Sadie cannot return to us this year.

During the summer, Adah F. Browne, '91, was married to Leonard Loomis of St. John's, Mich., and they are now at home to their friends in Addison, Mich.

Of our girls, some of them are located as follows: Kittie Closson-Greene, '91, Instructor in Elocution, in Green Mountain Seminary, Vt.; Anna G. Closson '95 assistant in High School, Paw Paw, Mich.; Lena Judd, '93, and Evelyn Smith '92, are Assistants in High School, Dowagiac, Mich.; Isabel Bentley, teacher in Bryant (Ohio) Public Schools; Edith Wagstaff is a New York school teacher; October 1st, Mayme Fuller and Minerva Naylor will enter Detroit School of Expression, in charge of Mrs. Noble.

With best wishes of Michigan Alpha to all other chapters the present scribe transfers her pen to the new corresponding secretary, Miss Higbee.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Beta is always unfortunate in its letter for the October ARROW. The University is comparatively late in opening. Thus it is not until some weeks after the writing of the letter that the corresponding secretary can become fully cognizant of the condition of the chapter and speak authoritatively of its prospects for the coming year. Such general news as may have reached the secretary must have come, perforce, through letters, a source of knowledge which, considering the failings of the average summer correspondent, is, to say the least, somewhat uncertain. Michigan Beta, however, has adopted the plan of sending out each summer a circulating letter. This goes the rounds of the various members and thus, in some degree, makes correspondence compulsory. By means of

this budget which came to me not long since, I have learned of the whereabouts and something of the plans of the Michigan Beta girls for the coming year.

Miss Gurdum, a graduate of June, '95, is to be located in Ann Arbor as teacher in the High School. Miss Thompson and Miss Dunbar, also graduates of last year, have positions at Kalamazoo and Pontiac. Kate Rogers and Mabel Parker, who were with us last year, will not return to the University. The rest of last year's chapter, thirteen in all, will doubtless be back.

The Fraternity quarters will be the same as formerly. Indeed the question of the Pi Beta Phi house was long ago settled and there can be no thought of change for some time.

As usual, after the summer vacation everyone is anxious, I think, to begin work once more and surely with that desire, if we have not indeed been growing smaller through these months, must be present still another and a stronger one—namely, to make of the coming year of fraternity life all that is possible and of ourselves “all that we can of the stuff.”

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

How true it is, that “Time and tide wait for no man!” We can scarcely realize that three months have come and gone since we last met in the college halls, and vacation with all its pleasures is a thing of the past.

September 18th will find the college doors thrown open, with four new members in the faculty, Prof. of Military Science, Prof. of Mathematics, Prof. of English Literature, and Instructor of vocal music in Conservatory.

In vacation Mrs. Bell Mansfield generously donated to the college the Scientific Library of her husband, Prof. J. M. Mansfield, which is a very valuable gift.

We will begin our work with nine enthusiastic Pi Phi girls, who are waiting anxiously to hear the report of the convention. But how much more enthused would they be, could they all have attended the convention and heard the talks given by the Grand

officers and reports of the delegates. We are looking forward to a prosperous year in college and for Pi Phi.

On September 4th occurred the wedding of one of our girls, which transformed Miss Lou Brown into Mrs. Marquis Andrews. The home was beautifully decorated with golden rod, autumn flowers and vines. Miss Nellie Walbank, a Pi Phi, played the wedding march. After congratulations the bride assembled all her girl friends in the back parlors and by a peculiar arrangement of ribbons her bridal roses fell apart, each girl receiving two, but one, whose single rose denoted the "old maid." Another received a card inscribed "next bride," and both tokens fell to Pi Phi girls.

Miss Mable Miliner has gone to Colorado hoping that her health may be restored. We are all very anxious that her hopes will be realized.

Miss Elizabeth Sawyers will assist Prof. Romnel in the Piano department this year.

Miss Fanette Okel will be instructor in Art and Painting.

Miss Ida Van Hon has gone to Louisville, Ky., for a short visit.

IOWA BETA--SIMPSON COLLEGE.

When school opened this year Iowa Beta had eight active members, but soon the number changed to ten, for two lovable girls had donned for the first time the wine and blue. We are pleased to introduce to our fraternity sisters Miss Hester Van Scoy and Miss Mary De Mott. Miss Alice Hancock, a young lady whom we are anxious to secure, was pledged the twenty-sixth of September.

We have met many nice girls among the new students and feel that by careful and earnest work Iowa Beta may increase her strength and usefulness during the coming year.

Miss Marie Bradford, '91, is making a short stay with her many Pi Phi sisters who reside in Indianola.

We have as yet made no definite plan for observing Hallowe'en, however we will have some jolly affair to tell you about in our next letter.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The twenty-fifth of September brought most of the Pi Phis of Wisconsin Alpha to Madison. Our reunion was a happy one, but now since the first excitement is over our thoughts turn more frequently to our three missing links and we cannot but think of Long-fellow's poem—Resignation—in which he speaks so beautifully of separations—sad but inevitable.

We have ten members now, and two pledges, of whom we are justly proud. Later, we expect to invite others to join our mystic circle but our present policy is to go slowly but surely. We, knowing the aim and ideals of Pi Beta Phi, want to become well acquainted with a girl before asking her to become a member.

I am sorry that there is such a thing as "rushing," but it cannot be avoided where there is such competition as there is here. But there are two sides to every story and "rushing" has its redeeming qualities. As opposition strengthens the character of a person, so it is that rivalry among fraternities engenders power and discrimination. Yet I hope that sometime there will be a rule forbidding the pledging of freshmen before Christmas; then one could tell so much better about their scholarship, character, and disposition.

We hope that the future is as promising for all chapters as it is for ours.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE.

We send greetings to you, oh sisters! wherever you may be. We the La Alpha Pi Phi's, are now scattered far and wide in the north, south, east and west. Some of our girls are sailing over the breezy lakes of our southern coast, others are watching the autumn leaves turn in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, while perhaps others are gliding down the smooth stream of some small river in southern Indiana. But this is September now, and before many weeks, when we are all poring over THE ARROW, the scenes will be changed and all the summer's outings will be carefully treasured up, to be told over again, behind the grey walls of college. How hard it is to work after play, but if we should follow the old adage "work before play," what a miserable existence we should have, for it is the recol-

lection of pleasures had, that makes us willing to go on and do our duties through life, happier and better. But to our plans for the winter. Haven't you all made glorious plans for the future? Louisiana Alpha, after thinking over her numerous plans, decides that they would take up too much room on the pages of THE ARROW, so will have this for her correspondence, for perhaps it is for want of plans that the different chapters do not exchange letters oftener.

One of our girls while in Indiana met Miss Burton, of Mitchell, Indiana, the founder of Louisiana Alpha, It is always delightful to meet any Pi Beta Phi girls away from home. The convention afforded an excellent opportunity. Our delegate, Miss Lily Logan appreciated exceedingly the cordial reception given her and enjoyed meeting her different sisters from different parts of the union.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The fall term of '95 finds Kansas Alpha decked with laurels and the "wine and blue,"

The "Rushing" season is almost at an end and Pi Beta Phi is unanimously declared victor of the field.

Four new girls have pledged themselves. Miss Frances Moon, Miss Elizabeth Ayres, Miss Mattie White and Miss Charlotte Cutter.

The enchantment "Work and Study" is rapidly wielding its influence over rebelling minds, and soon the thoughts of summer idleness will be merely memories of the past.

Since the closing of the last school year, Kansas University has met with a double loss, in the deaths of two members of the faculty, Prof. David Robinson, Deau of the School of Arts and Professor of Latin, and Judge Thacher of the Law School. The vacant places of these two efficient instructors causes the returning students to realize that something is not as it was at Kansas University.

This year the new Physics Building is in readiness for use, and the large enrollment, shows that it was furnished none too soon.

Some of our girls did not return, this fall, but our number is still large, and with a chapter roll, which will soon be increased to sixteen members, Kansas Alpha is sure of a successful year.

Best wishes, that all chapters of Pi Beta Phi may enjoy a prosperous year.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The outlook for Nebraska Beta appears very bright indeed. Were Jennie Barber and Lulu Wirt only here our circle would be again complete. However we are looking forward to February ninety-six with much pleasure, for then we expect them to return to us.

Though we were widely separated during the summer, yet our interest in Pi Phi and Pi Phi matters was kept intensely alive by our circular letter, which proved to be a delightful success. It was truly a "merry-go-round" as one of our girls called it.

Our delegate, Mae Lansing, has given us a most interesting report of the convention and has inspired us with the desire to become model Pi Phis.

We gladly introduce to you our new sister, Anna Lytle, who was pledged to us last spring and whom we initiated into the mysteries of Pi Phi on the evening of October 5th. The same evening we introduced her to the other fraternities at a reception given by the Kappa Kappa Gammas to the fraternity people of the University, in honor of our new Chancellor.

To-night we have had a merry time planning a ghost party for Friday night, to which we are inviting quite a number of girls who do not belong to any fraternity.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Another school year has begun with the brightest prospects for the university and for Colorado Alpha too, we think.

As most of our girls were in Boulder this summer they held meetings weekly, thus keeping up the enthusiasm and making many plans for the year. We are very proud of the fact that we have a chapter room this year and are taking great pains to make it attractive and homelike.

One afternoon last week we entertained a few of the new girls at a "cooky-shine," and rejoice to say that the two girls to whom

we sent invitations have already decided for Pi Beta Phi. They are Miss Mary Dunham, niece of Professor Dunham, and a graduate of the Indianapolis High School, and Miss Anna Ramsay who has entered as a freshman from the Durango High School. These two girls together with our pledge, Fanny Andrews, who has entered college, will soon be initiated into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

We are very glad to have Mrs. Farnsworth with us again as an active member, she having entered the university as a junior to work for her degree.

Fortunately two of our three graduates of last year are not far away. Miss Wilder has accepted a position in the Boulder public school, and Miss Davis is teaching in the Longmont High School. The latter expects to take her M. A. degree at the university this year. Miss Ziemer returned to her home in Wisconsin shortly after her graduation.

We are sorry not to have Sue Shotwell with us for a while. She is teaching at Sugar Loaf now, but will return to resume her college work at the beginning of next semester.

Emma Sternberg who has been in Dresden for four years is receiving high praise for her singing, and will remain abroad another year.

Florence Wilder, our delegate, has filled us with enthusiasm for Pi Beta Phi by her accounts of the convention, and Colorado Alpha wishes every other chapter as much success in the future as she feels sure of having.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Colorado Beta is very happy in the fact that our next Grand Alpha will convene in Denver, and takes the earliest opportunity of assuring a warm greeting to every Pi Phi sister who may find her way hither.

Our chapter has a membership of seven—all old girls—and how glad we are to be together once more. Yet there are many thoughts and sighs for the dear girls with us but a short time since, and now so far away. We have applied the more dignified term of “cultivating”—instead of “rushing”—to a certain series of performances

in which we all indulge at this season of the year. We cannot say as yet what will be the result of all this attempted cultivation, but maybe we shall have something to tell you next time.

Our first meeting was such a jolly one. Lucy Hammond, our corresponding secretary last year, sent us a "box," a mysterious "box," to be opened on this auspicious occasion; and between—sometimes during—the mouthfuls of sweets which this "box" from far-off Washington contained, we all said our says.

The report of Miss Ingersoll, our delegate to Grand Alpha, we have found very delightful. It is surely a great satisfaction that these last two years have been so prosperous, and we do most sincerely appreciate the faithful work of our officers in their several branches. To this fidelity on their part, our excellent standing, to a great extent, is due.

We fully appreciated the editorial in the July ARROW regarding circulating letters. This has been the second summer that we have tried the plan. The very next week after commencement this season's letter was started and it went the rounds twice. It really was next best to a Pi Phi meeting or a cooky-shine. Judging from the bulk of ours, if all the chapters have written these letters, Uncle Sam must have quite a little extra pocket-money this fall. But the poor old fellow will need it all, for so much of his gold is going off to Europe.

Those of us who have been in the city during the summer have been very fortunate in meeting visiting Pi Phis. Miss Sutliff and Miss Scott from Kansas Alpha, both are making extended visits in Denver, and we hope to become better acquainted in the near future.

Never before has our University opened with such a fine outlook on every hand. There is a marked increase of students, and everything indicates a thoroughly successful year. Of course it must follow "as night the day," our fraternity life will receive a new impetus. Several changes have been made in our faculty, Prof. Strong has accepted a position in Bates College, Maine, and Prof. Engle from Albion, Michigan, has filled this vacancy. We are pleased to note that Mrs. Engle is a Kappa Alpha Theta. Prof.

Hall, Northwestern University, has taken the place of Prof. Barnett who has been called to the University of Virginia. Miss Lord, Instructor in Modern Languages, is now on leave of absence in Europe. Her successor, Miss Wirt, arrived last week from two years of study in Germany. Miss Wirt is a graduate of Syracuse University, and also an Alpha Phi.

Our social life is well begun. Last Tuesday evening the Beta Theta Pi boys gave a reception—which was a very enjoyable affair—to the entire college. The receptions of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. As. were also a great success. We first had separate meetings in our own different rooms. Mrs. McDowell, our chancellor's wife, and Miss Fisher of the faculty, both gave us girls very earnest and helpful talks. The two associations afterward gathered in the large reception rooms and everybody had a grand time getting acquainted.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

We think of all the chapters as receiving just such helpful reports from the convention as ours. How much better acquainted we shall all feel now, and how enthusiastic we shall all be for Pi Phi work this year!

Our university has opened with an enrollment of 950 students. This is somewhat less than last year. We trust that the suit against Stanford will be entirely cleared away before another year, so that improvements may be made in many lines. We are already at work again, and were it not for the vacant places left by the graduating class, we would hardly realize that this is a new semester.

We have had with us several well-known men, Prof. Josiah Royce of Harvard, Prof. William L. Tomlins of Chicago, and Bishop H. W. Warren of Denver.

California Alpha is a very happy family in its fraternity home this year. Perhaps you can imagine just what jolly times we all have together. How we can know one another better, how we can entertain our friends, but you all know how the life of a fraternity centres around its home.

There are ten of us to begin the year's duties—to do all the

rushing and pledging, to get into scrapes and out again without the helpful advice of our last year's graduates. But we are full of plans—may they be carried out!

We are particularly fortunate in having back with us, Miss Frances Band, a dear Pi Phi of '93, who was absent from the university last year.

We must tell you of the whereabouts of some of our "old girls:"

Miss Lucia Lay is teaching in South Riverside, California.

Miss Dora Woodburn is teaching in San Diego, California.

Miss Alice Matthews is teaching in Fort Collins, Colorado.

Miss Laura A. Trumbo was married, August 21, to Rev. Edward Layport, of Akron, Ohio.

ALUMNÆ PERSONALS.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA.—Miss Mary Bartol will take post-graduate work in the University of Michigan, and will live in Michigan Beta's fraternity home.

MICHIGAN BETA.—Miss Dora Elmer, '94, is teaching in the High School at Lansing, Mich.

MICHIGAN BETA.—Miss Miriam Dunbar, '95, former business manager of THE ARROW, is the science teacher in the Pontiac, Mich., High School.

The following clipping from the *Chicago Chronicle* refers to a prominent member of Pi Beta Phi. Mrs. Catt is a brilliant lecturer, and has been a teacher, superintendent of schools, and journalist:

The Political Equality league will begin its series of public meetings next Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock with a free lecture by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt on "Subject and Sovereign." Mrs. Catt is considered one of the best speakers of the National Suffrage Association, and has been prominently mentioned as a possible successor to Miss Anthony as the president of that association. The rooms of the Woman's club will be opened for the lecture for the first time since receiving their new decorations.

The following clipping has been taken from the *Washington Post*. Miss Hinman is an Iowa Alpha Pi Phi:

There have been many guide books and illustrated descriptions of the national capital, and also several blue books of Washington society, but it has remained for Miss Ida Hinman to combine the principal views of the city, with portraits and sketches of prominent people connected with them, in a handsome volume, entitled "The Washington Sketch Book."

The book contains, in addition to excellent views of all the public buildings and places of interest about the city, portraits of all the prominent people in official society for several years. There are portraits of the President and his Cabinet, Mrs. Cleveland and all the Cabinet ladies, the judges of the Supreme Court, heads of the Army and Navy, and prominent people of Washington. Accompanying the portraits are short sketches, which make the book doubly interesting in the present and valuable as a reference book in the future. In short, it is, as Miss Hinman describes it, "a society souvenir," and one of the most complete that has yet appeared in Washington.

Of Interest to all Women.

The influx of college women is still so recent that statistics of their careers have not ceased to be interesting. Mrs. Sidgwick, the head of Newnham College, England, has lately collected and tabulated information dealing with the occupations of those who have been at the college, the result being reported in *The Queen*. The total number of students who have left between October, 1871, and June, 1893, was 720; of this number only 667 need concern us, as of the remainder some have died and some are foreigners, who have returned to their native land. Of these 667 we find that 374 are engaged in teaching, 230 are living at home (of whom 108 are married), five have gone into the medical profession, two are missionaries, one is a market gardener, one a book binder, two or three are engaged in charity organization work, and the remainder are said to be "for the most part engaged in secretarial work."

It will be noticed that more than half have taken to teaching, and of these it is cheering to observe only seven set down as "looking for posts." Less than one-sixth have married; the proportion is small, and it would be interesting to know whether it is smaller than that prevailing generally among women of the same class and age. We do not hear of any writers, but to our knowledge at least three are principally so engaged, one being known as a writer of short stories and sketches, one as a journalist, and the third is a remarkably successful translator.—*Boston Journal*.

Miss Anne M. Earle gives a very interesting account of the result of the University Extension Movement in the United States: "It has turned the current of thought and discussion in whole communities from every-day gossip into the great, broad stream of human history and science. They have been set talking about Shakespeare, Milton, Copernicus, Napoleon, Bismarck, and Gladstone, instead of about their neighbors; and it is not too much to claim—it is absolutely true that often the entire social life of a village or country

town has been changed. The demand for the best literature has increased enormously."

In a recent junior examination of the medical department of the University of Michigan two Chinese girls, from Kinkiang, China, took the highest stand. It is probable that they are the only Chinese girls in a coeducational institution in this country, and at Ann Arbor they are noted for their brilliancy and scholarship. Miss Howe, a missionary from Ann Arbor, induced them to come to this country, three years ago; at that time they knew scarcely a word of English. Each is twenty-one years of age, and they receive their M. D. degree next year. Then their plan is to return to China as medical missionaries and spread the Christian religion among their country-women.—*New York Tribune*.

The National W. C. T. U. Convention in Baltimore declared in favor of woman's suffrage, and also in favor of an educational qualification for both men and women.

Miss Jane E. Bulkley completed a two years' course of study in pedagogy, a few weeks since, and passed the Ph. D. examination most creditably. Prof. Hunziker, with whom she worked, regarded her as one of the strongest students he has had in his department. Dr. Bulkley returns to America to occupy the chair of pedagogy in the University of Chicago.

While Germany is showing signs of being willing to throw open to a limited degree her universities and the learned professions to women, Austro-Hungary is apparently determined to adhere to the traditional policy of exclusion. Several cases of recent date show this. A Vienna lady, Mrs. Sidy Eisenschütz, graduated at Berne in the department of natural sciences, and made application to be admitted to medical examinations at the University of Vienna. The Cultus Minister denied her request on the ground that on principle the Austrian Government cannot permit women to practice medicine. A similar case is that of Baroness Possaner, who graduated in a college and then took the degree of Doctor of Medicine in Zürich, where she also passed the official State examinations. Her dissertation on "Diseases of the Eyes in Connection with Kidney Disturbances"

was very favorably received by the medical press and profession. Afterward the Baroness took part as a special student in the clinics of Professor Schauta, of Vienna, and received from him the highest testimonials of efficiency. In addition she has offered to submit to any examination in medicine which the State would require. Yet the authorities have refused to permit her to practice, on the ground that the Superior Sanitary Commission of the Empire has advised against admission of women to the medical profession. A similar request was made by another medical graduate, Miss Schorr, whose specialties are zoology, botany and mineralogy; but the same answer was returned. In Hungary the prospects for women seem somewhat better. Occasionally a woman is admitted to university lectures as a "visitor"; but here the matter ends. However, the women's cause is receiving assistance in Hungary from an unexpected source. The Association of Pharmacists has decided to advocate the admission of women to their department, and has also asked to have them admitted to the pharmaceutical courses at the universities on an equal footing with men. The Cultus Minister has, on the basis of this petition, asked the University Senate to hand down an opinion as to the advisability of admitting women to the Hungarian universities in all their departments. The Senate has replied that women could be admitted in case they were fully prepared to undertake the work, *i. e.*, had taken a gymnasium course, and that the Senate should pass on each application for admission.—*The Independent.*

Women's clubs, though later and fewer, are far more ambitious than those of men. Men's clubs usually aim at one thing, as mutual benevolence or self-improvement, or, more commonly, social relaxation alone. Women aim at all in one, and hence their temptation to over-work and over-absorption is far greater. "The modern Women's Club," says one of its late orators, "is organized upon the broad lines of educational, philanthropic, sociological, civic, and scientific work, as well as the purely literary." This is strictly true. The difficulty is that no club organization, however admirable, can secure more than twenty-four hours in every day, or can make a woman so much stronger than a man that she can carry on a dozen enterprises while a man devotes himself to one or two.

The tale is as old as the Greek fabulists, of the man who tried to teach his horse to live on nothing, and would have succeeded capitally only that the provoking creature died. It is as easy to die of too much food for the brain as of too little for the body. An anxious mother said, the other day: "My daughter tried to convince me that it was a good thing for her, in addition to her ordinary duties, to go ten miles away three times a week to play the violin in a musical society. She accomplished it triumphantly. Ever since then she has had nervous prostration, and now she cannot play the violin at all." It is another version of the abstemious horse. This is where, just now, women are perhaps showing a little need of that "acquired discretion" which old Theophilus Parsons thought the chief thing wanting to their exercise of the franchise. Men have had longer to practice it; they may dabble in as many things, but more lightly; they belong to as many societies, but look in at each once a year; they do not undertake so much work in dead earnest. Even in college, we are told, it is much harder to keep down the studious ambition of girls than of boys, and the disproportion long remains. After all, what good is done when a young married woman learns in a woman's club how to take better care of her children, if the cares of the club leave her too little time for her children, at any rate; when she studies public affairs, but has no time left to put in practice even what she knew before? This is no argument against the club or the class, but only against the "falsehood of extremes." It is better for men, and especially for women, to make clubs and societies their servants, not their masters; to go to them for innocent recreation, and withal for a reasonable amount of work and usefulness.—

Harper's Bazar.

Editorial.

Our ARROW this month is full of Convention. The articles contributed and the chapter letters show that all are aglow with enthusiasm. Full of zeal and earnestness, the delegates have returned to their chapters, imparting to them much of their fervor. But as the days go by and the weeks wear away in the dull routine of everyday college life, is there any tendency for this enthusiasm to weaken? We hope not. But let us see that there *is not*. Put your enthusiasm to work ere it can slip away. Remember the words of wholesome advice, the measures adopted and the changes made at the convention and *put them into practice*. Pick out the good things you have remembered in the different chapter reports and adopt them as your own. Go to work determined to make your chapter strong. Remember that strong chapters make a strong national fraternity, and to have strong chapters the individuals composing those chapters must be girls strong in character, earnest and energetic; girls who have high ideals and who strive towards those ideals. Just as one girl, weak and uncongenial, will spoil the standing of the chapter, so will one chapter, inactive, forgetful of, or indifferent to our ideals, spoil the harmony and the progress of the national fraternity. Then let each one remember this, wherever she may be, or whatever she may be doing, that "no Pi Phi can act alone," that the act of each individual involves the chapter and thus the national fraternity. Show our Grand President that she may trust us, may rely upon us to work heartily and well at whatever task she may assign us.

In a fraternity which has its chapters scattered over the country, there is a tendency on the part of each chapter to forget the existence of many of its sister chapters, to forget the existence of the fraternity as a *national* organization. There is little oftentimes to keep them in touch with each other. Correspondence is irregular and with busy college girls often not to be depended upon. Are

there not ways in which we can bring about the more intimate acquaintance of one chapter with every other? How much better we could understand the fraternity life in each college or university, if we knew something about the institution, knew of its customs, its rules and regulations. We need to be brought in touch with each other, need to know something of each other's life or surroundings.

Each College or University doubtless publishes some sort of an annual which might give some of the knowledge desired. If the chapters could exchange these annuals, it would give to the chapters much more of a reality than they heretofore have been to many. Try it and see if this is not true. We need something to keep us together. United we can do grand work, the more united the grander.

To exchange with every chapter each year would be a great and expensive undertaking, but divide the lists of chapters into halves, quarters, or as may suit you best, and each year exchange with a division.

Let the chapters try this. Experiments are a good thing, and to try this can do no harm, but we feel sure much good will result.

These college annuals are so much more interesting than the catalogues. The latter we can procure without trouble at any time, but we want to know more about each other than the catalogues will tell.

Make these annuals all the more interesting by inserting after the names mentioned in them the Greek letters of the fraternity to which the person belongs. All this will cause you very little trouble, and the good which it will do will easily repay you for whatever trouble there may have been. Let each chapter think about this and take some action. Be alive, be progressive.

The question of province conventions has been discussed heretofore in THE ARROW, and we hope some action will soon be taken upon the question. The provinces have been redistributed, and we think a province convention much more possible now than ever before. But while this question is being decided and necessary

arrangements made, there is no need of the chapters remaining idle. During the summer many of the chapters had a circulating letter among themselves. All know what a pleasure this affords. Now, why not try this same plan among the chapters in a province? It is wrong that we do not know more about each other, particularly the chapters of the same provinces. There are many little things which might be told in these letters, but which are of too personal a nature to appear in *THE ARROW* letters.

Each chapter has many little ways peculiar to itself, and which would be a benefit to the other chapters if they knew of them. Is it not selfish for us then to keep so much to ourselves? We agree to help each other whenever we can, and here is an opportunity. Do not neglect it. Will not the province presidents think of this?

Among the many good things in the "Editorials" of the *Key* is the following passage:

Strong feeling on the subject of membership is consistent with all right theories of fraternity life. If a fraternity is to maintain a high rank in the colleges where its chapters are located and if it is beside to be so homogeneous that meeting with one of its members in any place shall mean the finding of a friend, the collection of these members becomes at once a matter for most careful and deliberate consideration. When a girl joins a fraternity, she becomes a member not only for her college course but for her life time, and she joins not only the chapter but the fraternity, so that the chapter which admits her is responsible for giving her a life long claim on all members, past and present, of all other chapters. This fact is often lost sight of during the storm and stress of the rushing season when the chapter is liable to become so much interested in one cluster of girls and their candidates that they forget how much chapters owe each other in their choice of new girls.

Fraternities have been a long time finding an object in life, a practical outlet for their energies. It is sometimes suggested by the enemies of the Greek-letter system that a fraternity is a vast and

useless machine; that the wheels go round—and that's all; that chapters are founded and men initiated to found more chapters and initiate more men. The criticism, if it ever had any foundation, holds good no more; the chapter-house has become a part of the Greek-letter idea and the chapter-house will be the *sine qua non* of the coming Fraternity. The dormitory and pension will be looked back on as relics of barbarism. The chapter of the future will be a household, a family of congenial spirits. Then Fraternity will mean something. It will at last have gotten an anchorage in the natural order of things, and a glorious work it is that will then lie before it. Needless to say, there will be no rushing and spiking then. Not only is the initiate to enter into our hearts and lives, but, what is of more importance, he is to live in the same house with us and eat at the same table.

The coming Fraternity will speak as plain as Holy Writ; it will scorn bombast and puerile generalities, it will undertake only those things which experience has proven it practicable for Fraternity to accomplish; but these it will undertake with the confidence that an architect designs a house and effect with the certainty that the mason builds it.—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

NOTICES.

We are glad to announce the establishment of a chapter of Pi Beta Phi, Illinois Zeta, at the University of Illinois, Champaign, Ill. On the 26th of October, 1895, it made its appearance with nine charter members and five patronesses. THE ARROW sends greetings and congratulations.

Pa. Alpha has been compelled to discontinue the publishing of the *Arrow*, owing to the ill health of the alumna who was expected to edit it, and the pressure of college work upon the **Important.** active chapter. Wisconsin Alpha has been appointed to publish it for the ensuing year. All letters, communications and contributions should be sent to Jessie Catherine Craig, 422 N. Henry St., Madison, Wisconsin.

Exchanges.

The following masculine wail, taken from the August number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, is very entertaining. It is surely a shame that this "lord of creation" should feel his superiority over the other sex slipping away from him. There is, however, something admirable in the dogged persistency with which he sticks to his theory, even in the face of contradictory facts.

THE NEW MAN.

MR. EDITOR—I am moved by my bewilderment to write to you and ask why it is that the various magazines or journals of Greek Sororities are in matter and style superior to the like publications of the Greek Fraternities? I am an attentive reader of both classes of publications, and being a male, I am distressed to see how much the emancipated new woman excels her former lord and master. If we compare the average chapter letter in a sorority publication with the like communication by a male student, we shall find the latter, as a rule, woefully inferior. His letter is less original, less newsy, less carefully composed, less finished and agreeable in style and less indicative of culture than the girl's chapter letter. I say it with shame and disappointment, as I had expected the girl student's effusions to afford me food for mirth.

It astonished me at first to observe that the *sorores* seem to cultivate and possess the fraternal spirit more than do the real *fratres*. They dwell upon it and enjoy it more. They evidently possess to a greater extent the arts that give charm to social intercourse and their meetings seem to be interesting in various rational ways. With tea or coffee, only for a stimulant, they attain results that the male Greeks fail to reach with the help of stronger fluids. Their jollifications do not end in "drunks" and disgraceful "jags"—as is often the case with some fraternities—but all go home perfectly rational, after passing an evening in a manner to entitle them to

their own respect. Conversation, music, reading, theatricals—these seem to be to the *soror* material enough for “a good time.” They are not afflicted with that intellectual poverty that renders social intercourse a bore. Accordingly, when they come together in fraternal relations, they get more into those relations it seems, than male students do, and, of course, also get more out.

But not only do the chapter letters give evidence of a more successful fraternal life in the sororities, but they are better written and indicate more culture. The *sorores* write better English and write it with more dignity and grace than the *fratres* do. And this superiority of the female undergraduate seems to continue when she becomes an alumna contributor. Her articles are more thoughtful and helpful towards the formation of a noble character than the contributed articles of the alumnus.

This is all very painful to me. I believe in the superiority of man and would like to believe in the superiority of the boy. Lucretius was right when he said in his great poem, *De Rerum Natura*:

Longe praestat in arte,
Et sollertius est multo, genus omne virile.

And Oridius Naso utters a truism when he makes Hero say to her Leander:

Fortius ingenium suspicor esse viris.

A later agnostic than either Lucretius or Ovid—Prof. Huxley—after studying woman and the woman question, makes bold to say: “Nature’s old salique law will not be repealed. The big chests, the massive brains, the vigorous muscles and stout frames of the best men will carry the day whenever it is worth their while to contest the prizes of life with the best women.”

The philosopher asserts distinctly, woman’s lack of equality with man and her inferiority. I accept it all. I applaud his frankness and audacity. But the new woman—the young woman—seems nevertheless to be unquestionably in our college publications far and away superior to the new man. Will the editor explain it?

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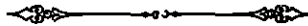
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