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I love to walke in musing mood
The wooded hyte along,
And heare Mendota's waves below
Chante their delyteful songe.

When summer sunne shies hottly downe,
And sultry wyndes do blow,
Her pebbled shoars are coole and freshe
Beneth the branches low.

Anon old Boreas cometh rvd
In furious raging storme;
Mendota chafeth then full sore,
By angry passion torne.



But when, in time of leafy June,
The air is all perfume,
And lovers wander in the bowrs
Maye sweet with bud
and bloome—

Then beste I love in musing mood
To walke the hyte along,
And listen as the waves below



M. G. Cattell

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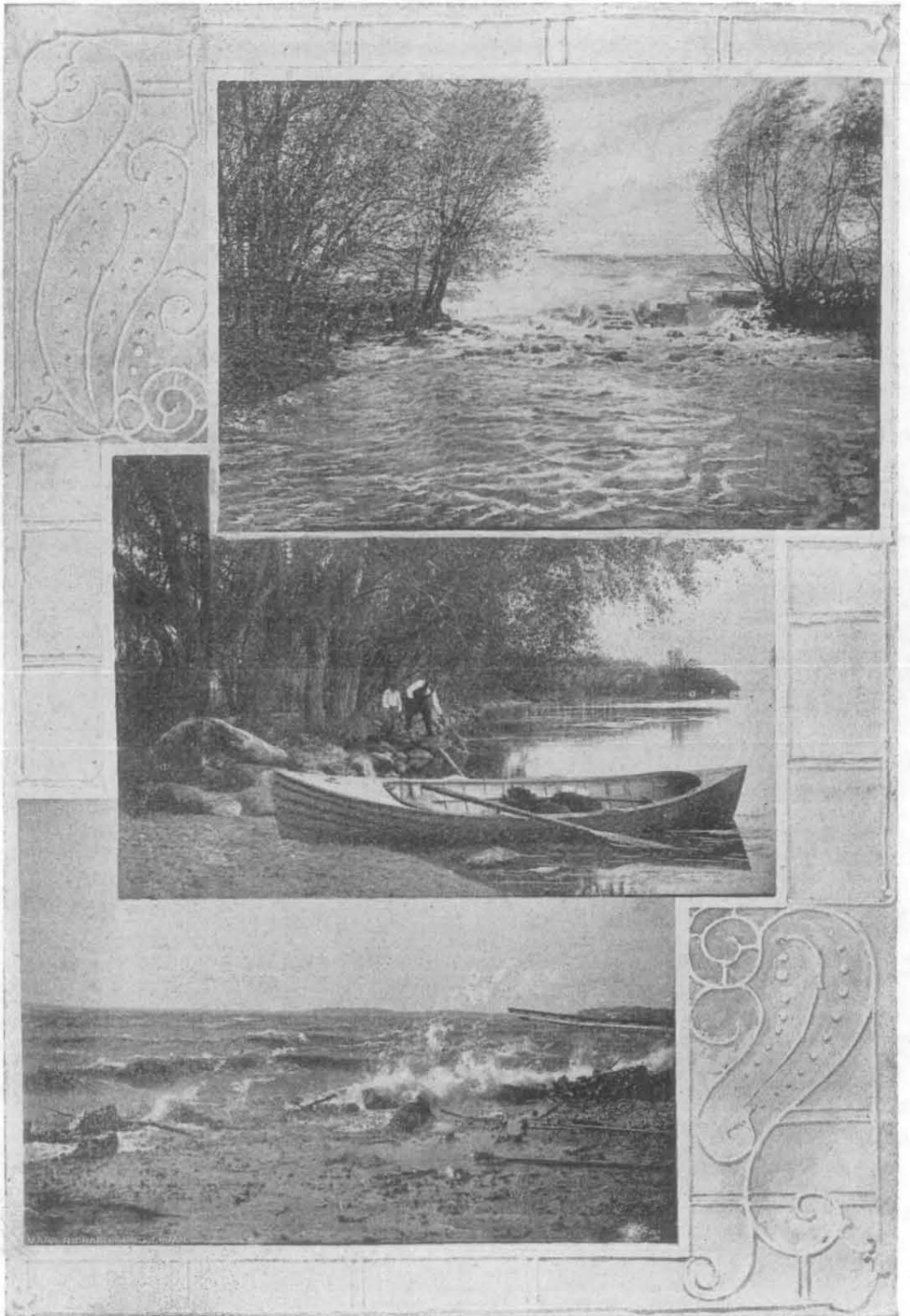
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GLIMPSSES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

"This is the most beautiful city I have seen in the United States," Sir Edwin Arnold once said of Madison. This peaceful city surrounded by four beautiful lakes, built on long rolling hills, and adorned with countless trees, is indeed beautiful. It is primarily a residence town, the university being the only stirring factor in it. The university grounds, which are very extensive, are situated in the extreme western part of the town and border Lake Mendota.

The upper campus, lined by two avenues of stately elms, occupies the greater portion of "the hill." Main hall with its white dome and Greek portico stands at the top of "the hill" and seems to scorn the law building and the library lying below it on one side of the upper campus, and science hall and the chemical laboratory which lie on the other side well toward Lake Mendota.

The clock in the tower of library hall is slowly creeping toward eight o'clock, and students are hastening into science hall or up "the hill" to main hall. A frolicking wind blowing up from our beloved Lake Mendota catches the hasty greetings and laughter and carries them away over the upper campus to the silent library. One can not hurry up the hill, which though not steep is long, without being short of breath and painfully aware that the law of gravitation is still in force. So we usually take plenty of time to saunter up.

The clock strikes eight and the day's work has begun. The hill is now practically deserted except for a law student who may wander up early to gossip with Pat, the janitor of the law building, and to listen to his wonderful stories of the Em-

erald Isle, and the campus is but a stretch of grass lined with its avenues of trees and great silent buildings. But almost no sign of the pulsating inner life of the University is given, after all, by these splendid buildings and great campus.

Tramp—tramp—sound the hurrying feet of the students pouring out of main hall as the patient old clock strikes ten. Down the campus they hurry, to the library, the laboratories, and a crowd of merry girls to ladies' hall. Let us join this merry throng and learn something of the life of the hall girls.

Ladies' hall is the home of about sixty of our college girls. They are kept strict watch of by a preceptress; yet they manage to have many a midnight spread or frolic. Some fortunate girl receives a box from home and invites a chosen few to partake thereof *en costume*. Here the king of France may hobnob with the queen of the Cannibal Islands, white men with black, and nuns with fashionably dressed women of society.

A fad of holding mysterious midnight meetings of a ghostly order has grown lately in "the Hall," and has found especial favor in the eye of the freshmen. White draped figures spring up like the traditional mushroom, at the appointed hour. After cautiously turning out the gas and silently arranging themselves on the stairs, they indulge in the luxury of telling ghost stories till one's blood turns cold at the slightest noise. When every one is worked up to a delicious state of excitement, the party quietly breaks up and each girl returns to her own suite to find sequels for the antics of the "bogies" in her dreams.

But you must not be allowed to think that the Hall life is all play. There are regular hours for study and for gymnasium work.

Sad to relate our gymnasium is so small that it can accommodate only the freshman girls. The sophomores, juniors and seniors are compelled to develop their muscles by walking, rowing and tennis. The gymnasium is in ladies' hall.



UPPER CAMPUS

WPPRICHARD'S BOOKS

This year has seen the establishment of a conservatory of music as a part of the university. As yet it has no separate building but occupies various rooms in ladies' hall. Amateur recitals are given once a month, the programs of which are thoroughly enjoyed by all lovers of music.

We have, too, a law school and a school of agriculture. The law school has a fine red sandstone building on the upper campus. The agricultural school occupies south hall and Hiram Smith hall. In connection with this last named school there is an experimental farm. The products of this farm are sold in the town.

Wisconsin has an enrollment of fifteen hundred students about four hundred of whom are young women. The friendliest possible feeling exists between the young men and the young women in consequence of which the social life of the University flourishes. It consists for the greater part of class-parties, receptions given at the house of the President and entertainments provided by the various fraternities; perhaps the greatest social event of the year is the Junior promenade.

Like all colleges, the University of Wisconsin has her share of literary societies, Christian associations, Glee, Banjo, and Mandolin clubs, and athletic organizations.

We have, too, an Oratorical league among the literary societies which gives a junior exhibition every spring. The Philosophical and Classical clubs are also active. The Choral Union is one of the most prominent features of our University. Under the direction of Prof. Parker, a chorus of two hundred and fifty voices gives an oratorio once a year. Elijah was given in March. The Woman's league was started here last year, but, as yet, is not very firmly established.

There are nine fraternities among the young men, while five of the international sororities are represented, the last to be established was our own chapter. We are a young chapter and have had a house only since September, 1895. It lies somewhat apart from the rest of the chapter houses, which

are either near or on Mendota court. It is a brick house pleasantly situated on the corner of a square.

Nine of the girls enjoy the pleasures and benefits of this home. Here we entertain, hold initiations and, best of all, learn to know each other better and deepen our friendship for each other. In a word, it is the center of our fraternity life. The parlor is the scene of many a merry gathering during the half hour after supper. In the corner on the couch with its countless pillows or before the cheerful grate-fire may be seen groups chatting and laughing, while from what was formerly a dining-room come the strains of a waltz. We often rest our tired minds with a little dancing.

We rent our house furnished; but many of our own pretty belongings help to give it an air of daintiness and cheerfulness which we all enjoy so much. If you will drop in some afternoon about five, we would be very glad to make you a cup of tea at our dainty tea-table and tell you all about our college life while you drink it.

May Church.

ALUMNÆ REUNION OF RESIDENT PI BETA PHIS IN CHICAGO.

March 20th will be recorded in *II. B. Φ.* history as a day filled with unique and delightful memories. The first of what we hope will be an annual reunion of all Pi Beta Phis resident in Chicago, occurred at the home of Mrs. Leslie Lewis on the South Side. The address is well known to all as the home of our Grand Historian, Miss Susan Lewis, 5605 Madison Ave. From three in the afternoon till ten at night the hospitable doors of the spacious home were thrown open, and the fragrance from the many bowls of carnations filled the house and greeted every guest.

The scene from the first was one of uninterrupted festivity. Nearly forty dainty jeweled arrows sparkled from the gowns of as many loyal Pi Beta Phi girls, representing ten western chapters.

Among the guests from outside the city were Miss Grace Lass, the grand president, Galesburg, Ill.; Miss Elizabeth Culver, chairman Literary Bureau, Baltimore, Md.; Miss Grace Harsh, ex-president Beta Province, Creston, Iowa and Mrs. Mary Reid, ex-editor of ARROW, Harvey, Ill. Beside the alumnæ there were present the delegates from seven active chapters who were in Chicago attending the convention of Beta Province of Pi Beta Phi.

Except for our grand national reunions nothing could compare with the enthusiasm and pleasure expressed by every one in being able to renew so many old acquaintances, and in forming as many new ones. The old songs were sung, again and again, and the Pi Phi yell re-echoed many times from floor to floor, and every one felt the words come back which we have heard so often: "once a Pi Phi, always a Pi Phi."

In the early evening a banquet was beautifully tendered by Mrs. Lewis and her daughters, Misses Susan and May.

All unwillingly the merry, happy scene had at last to be broken by the thought of returning trains. For Chicago is too large a city to allow us to stay as late as we often used to do in college days, when there was usually some one to "go a piece" home with us, but the good-byes were mingled with hearty wishes for 'a year from now,' and so broke up the first Chicago reunion.

Only one regret was heard, and that was that so many of our *II. B. Φ.* alumnæ in Chicago were unable to be present. Some we were unable to reach and others were kept away by illness and unavoidable absence from the city.

Next year we trust to find every one in and around Chicago, and we are confident that our number will be doubled if not trebled, and soon we will have a permanent Chicago Alumnæ Club.

—*One Who Was There.*

BETA PROVINCE CONVENTION.

A convention of the Beta Province of Pi Beta Phi fraternity was held at Evanston, Ill., March 21st. Delegates were present from Illinois Beta, Illinois Delta, Illinois Epsilon, Illinois Zeta, Indiana Alpha and Michigan Alpha. There was but one session of the convention and this took the form of an informal discussion of subjects suggested by Miss Lass, who was with us.

The principal points discussed were: manner of conducting fraternity meetings, initiations, pledge pins, pledge ceremonies, reading of the constitution, and keeping of the chapter roll. The things which we should all remember are: the literary part of our program should not be neglected, the manner of conducting initiations should be that which will lend most solemnity to the ceremony, and if the constitution has not been read to the candidate before should be read at this time, the whole constitution must be read at installation of officers, a complete file of THE ARROW must be kept from the date of the establishment of the chapter and must be supplied by an ARROW subscription, and lastly a complete record of members of the fraternity must be kept, recording all points of interest to alumnae as well as to active members. This record should be kept by the vice-president of the chapter and should be in such form that it can be forwarded to the grand vice-president at any time.

Saturday evening a cookie-shine was enjoyed by Miss Lass, the delegates, and most of the Epsilon chapter, at the home of Miss Prindle in Evanston.

After the banquet the evening was spent in singing, dancing and fortune-telling until the time of night warned us we must say farewell. We parted feeling that we had gained much from our convention, in the way of inspiration to go on with the work, and from the pleasant time we had enjoyed with Epsilon Chapter.

Annie Beall Montgomery, Illinois Zeta.

ADVICES FROM HEADQUARTERS.

It was a great pleasure to me to be able to attend the first convention of Beta Province, and indeed the first Province convention of Pi Beta Phi. We know now that they can be successfully held, and I trust the other provinces will soon follow Beta's example. Alpha Province was all ready for one last spring, when the time of national convention was changed and it seemed best to give it up. But cannot plans be made now for one in the early fall by each of the other provinces?

Two new chapters have just entered Alpha Province. I trust that they may soon be given representation in a convention of their sister chapters.

It is not so much the business meetings of a province convention that signify its importance or success, as the strengthening of the social ties of friendship, that chapters may more closely feel the bond that unites them with all others.

Very little time is given in national conventions to talk over informally the aims, methods and characteristics of the individual chapter life, even a chapter letter has but little life and enthusiasm in it at best. It falls to the Province Convention to supply this need. It is stimulating and helpful to meet and learn of each other the joys of success and triumph, and to realize that sometimes other chapters have passed bravely over defeat. Such a gathering must break down the barriers of provincialism, and crush any tendency to local pride and exclusiveness in a chapter. Very little of this feeling has ever been found in Pi Beta Phi, but as our fraternity grows let us guard against an evil common in many another fraternity.

The only regret of the convention was that more time had not been allowed, but this was, of course, in many ways an experiment, and from it we have learned many things we will profit by when it comes time for a second.

Although the chapters in Beta are loyal to the constitution and traditions of Pi Beta Phi, yet through our informal discussions we found that each had many things interesting and

profitable to learn of the other. Pleasures and customs long experienced by one chapter had never been heard of by another, and this is doubtless true of chapters in every province. Then let us have more informal Province Conventions, let its spirit of freedom and cordiality bring life and enthusiasm to every chapter represented.

All will be interested to know that a revision of the constitution according to the ruling of last convention has been made by the Grand Council, and the work is now in press. One or two additions have also been made by the Grand Council which we trust will be welcomed by all. One is the issuing of a daintily designed and engraved certificate of membership which will be sent to every initiate immediately following her initiation, and will be signed by the Grand President and Grand Secretary. This we believe to be a long felt need and will tend to strengthen in the mind of the initiate her relation to the Grand Council and General Fraternity. Too often I fear a new member fails to realize that she has joined and is responsible to any but a local chapter; that the bond she has made extends to any beyond her own dear friends in the home chapter. This certificate will at any rate be an exquisite recognition from the Grand Council to the initiate, whether it serves a further purpose, time will tell.

Twenty-seven colleges and universities now grace our Chapter Roll. We are all conscious that our fraternity inwardly and to the world has grown steadily the last year or so. Never before has our constitution been adhered to so closely by both chapters and Grand Council. It has cost us some trouble, but it is worth the while. To have twenty-seven chapters responsive, and in touch with each other and the Grand Council means a constant guarding on every side, not always easy or even pleasant.

If it lies in our power to prevent it, we must not have one weak chapter, not one careless of correspondence or dues.

We have too many splendid chapters who do live carefully, admirably by all that is required of them, and it is their right to demand that the others keep up with them. Pi Beta Phi has adopted no method as have some fraternities, of placing a chapter on probation, but such a provision I believe will some time be advisable, for we cannot allow the work of the Grand Council and thereby the National Fraternity to be retarded, almost impeded by the neglect of one chapter's duties. Pi Beta Phi is not where it was ten or even five years ago, we have moved on, but there are one or two chapters that still need to catch up. If your chapter cannot lead in enthusiasm and aspirations, at least see that it is ready to follow.

Fines and probation may be necessary afflictions, but if given they are like punishments from the true and loving mother on the impulsive but thoughtless child, a necessity which hurts the mother's heart to inflict, but which the future welfare of the child demands.

If the chapter is in trouble socially or financially, let the Grand Council know, but to neglect correspondence with the fraternity for any reason is the greatest injury to the chapter and reflects upon the entire organization.

A comparison of the total active membership enrollment and the chapter roll, is not as it should be. Many of the chapters are far too small. Our most enthusiastic chapters, and our strongest in many ways are those with an enrollment of eighteen or twenty. A chapter of only nine or ten, is not all that it could be; there may be cases where small chapters are advisable, but not generally.

If there are more fine women in the college or university, and there must be many who are creditable and eligible but are not asked, take them in.

If a girl would be congenial in your chapter do not keep her out because the chapter is "large enough and it is better to be exclusive." Our chapters are not too large, any of them, our fraternity is not too large. Next year we want to

find a large increase in our enrollment, begin now to work up your chapter. See how many are to leave in the spring. Have you still a strong chapter left, if not make it so. Do not start in in the fall living on the hopes of new members, even if you get them they cannot fill the place of old members. Numbers do not always count, for a chapter however large, where the majority are new members must necessarily be a weak chapter in many ways.

Do not wait till a girl is a senior or even a junior, if it is possible to take her in when a freshman, for they are the ones who make loyal, working Pi Phis. Begin now to make a splendid chapter for next year. —*Grace Lass.*

“WHAT IS WORTH WHILE?”

On the title page of the little white and gold bound edition of “What is Worth While” by Anna Robertson Brown, I find the words “thirtieth thousand.” I am not surprised that this book has been so widely read for it contains much that is helpful. Doubtless it is well known to many Pi Beta Phis, but as some portions of it apply most pertinently to college girls I shall venture to quote from it very freely.

Lack of time is a hackneyed excuse in college life. One hears it on all sides, and at all times, both from the giddy girl and from her studious sister. Our author says: “The question of life is not how much time have we?—for in each day each of us has exactly the same amount; we have all there is. The question is, what shall we do with it? “What is worth while?” Before considering these things that are important we are told of four things that we may let go.

First, pretence. Why is it that we have such a desire to seem to be what we are not? The little black crow in his peacock feathers only made himself an object of ridicule. “Nothing,” we are told, “gives such upright dignity of men as the consciousness, ‘I am what I pretend to be. About me there is no make believe.’”

We may let go worry and discontent. To some favored few, perhaps, college brings nothing but joy and gladness, but to others it brings heartaches and worries and real discontent. It brings the first taste of life. If a girl can learn here to overcome small grievances, to be contented, to lay hold of present happiness, she can never learn a more enduring or more important lesson.

We may let go self-seeking. This is a very essential thought for us. Ambition is apt to get beyond our control, not listening to the warning voice we seek great things for ourselves, forgetting "that all things are in the way of him who forgetful of self tries to be helpful to the world." Our education is but a means to an end. We must not make it the all important end.

Pretence, worry, discontent and self-seeking: life would be strange for some of us if, according to the theory of mento-culture, by exerting our wills we could banish these elements from our natures.

We are told of some things that it is important for us to lay hold of, to keep, to guard, and to use. Among these are time, work, present happiness, love, duty, friendship, sorrow and faith. The author discusses each in a most suggestive manner. She emphasizes especially the necessity of employing time to good advantage. Although time is given us for many different things "no moment is given us to throw away." She tells us, as Horace did so long ago, that we are not to put off our happiness until next year, but are to enjoy each day. "Know thou my heart if thou art not happy to-day thou wilt never be happy. Thou art happy when thou hast done thy duty, be the skies dark or fair, be men kind or unkind, just or base."

I shall pass over the other points to quote to some extent from the paragraphs on friendship. I wish every Pi Beta Phi might own a copy of "What is Worth While," and might have these paragraphs marked. Because the words are so applicable to fraternity girls they will bear reading by them

many times. This is the especial message I believe that the little book has for us. It is for this reason that I have called your attention to it. Let us hear the message and heed it.

“I used to think that friendship meant happiness; I have learned it means discipline. Seek how we may we shall never find a friend without faults, imperfections, traits and ways that vex, grieve, annoy us. Strive as we will we ourselves can never fully fulfill the idea of us that is in our friend's mind; we inevitably come short of it. Yet let us not give up friendship though we have found this true. To have a friend is to have one of the sweetest gifts that life can bring. It takes a great soul to be a true friend—a large, catholic, steadfast and loving spirit. One must forgive much, forget much, forbear much. Let us be patient, let us be kindly, let us be self-possessed in friendship. There are so many ways of grieving a friend shall we not walk softly before him? Let us be true to our friends, and then believe that they are and ever will be true to us. True love never nags; it trusts.”

—*Wisconsin Alpha.*

THE RELATION OF SCHOLARSHIP TO LITERATURE.

PHI BETA KAPPA, MARCH 3RD, 1896.

I must beg the kind indulgence,
Of this most august assembly,
If your very humble servitor
Should seem a trifle trembly.

In my previous experiments
In culinary art,
An aching head and burning face
Have played the leading part.

In preparing toast especially
You need a glowing fire,
And you get so warm you fancy
That you surely will expire.

And that's exactly what I feel
Alas! this very minute—
But the President's eye is on me—
So I think I'd best begin it.

The people who make literature
Have fits of inspiration,
Which sort of harmless mania
Comes not by invitation,
'Tis either sent you from Heaven above
Or brought by irritation.

A multitude of means they use,
These geniuses erratic,
To woo the oft coquettish muse
Of poesy ecstatic.

The far-famed poet Schiller,
Against most sage advice,
Was wont to plunge his fairy feet
In water as cold as ice.

Another bard of equal fame
Would hide his fevered brow
In a sofa-pillow's bosom,—
A warm embrace, I trow.

From such mad acts resulted
A cerebral congestion,
Which proves a most efficient aid
To poesy's suggestion.

But when this rare, exalted mood
Has passed away forever,
The wondering poet ne'er can tell,
For all his mad endeavor,
The meaning of the mystic words
Which sound so very clever.

The German poet Klopstock
When questioned, I've been told,
About the hidden meaning
Of a poem then grown old,
Once answered in this fashion:

“The meaning of this poem,
 When I wrote it long ago,
 I and God alone both knew it,
 But only God knows now.”

If the poet who conceived them
 Cannot tell his poem's meaning,
 Is there any hope for common folk
 Who've to Literature no leaning?

The scholar—bless his dear old heart
 And dim old blinking eyes
 That peer above his glasses' rim
 With a look of vague surprise,
 Is there anything can baffle him?
 He prods the poets cherished work
 With sharp dissecting knife,
 He eyes it through his microscope,
 Assails its very life.

And after due analysis,
 And careful distillation,
 And brain distracting synthesis,
 And skilled precipitation,

The scholar proud produces—
 Of this fame he's long been dreaming—
 The double distilled essence
 Of the poet's mystic meaning.

The relation of the scholar
 To the genius literary
 Is a thing that will escape you
 If you are not extraordinary.

Scholarship and literature
 Are cousins—forty-second,
 May naught obliterate your
 Recollection that I reckoned
 That scholarship and literature
 Must be cousins—forty-second.

Now if you find in what I serve
 A dearth of rhyme and reasoning,
 Remember that I quail—on toast,
 And I quite forget the seasoning.

—Grace Brewster, *Kansas Alpha.*

FRATERNITY MEMBERSHIP.

College fraternities bring together students who are congenial. The bond of union being the fraternity ideals, the study of these should claim our attention more than mere social pleasures. As individual progress is the result of concentration, so the progress of a fraternity will depend upon the vigor with which its aims are carried out. As far as possible these fraternity ideals should be made the attraction which brings in new members. New members must not be over persuaded, but they must come in because of their belief in the fraternity aims. And in choosing our associates we must remember that we choose not only for the immediate chapter but for the whole fraternity. We must not initiate for the purpose of equaling some rival fraternity in numbers. Better give up a charter, saying that there is no material suitable for the fraternity in the college, than initiate those who are not in full sympathy with our ideals. This ought to modify our rushing and pledging customs. We must realize that it is the members who give character to an organization.

When a congenial chapter has been formed there is a relationship between the members which does not exist with outsiders. What would be a sufficient relationship in ordinary society is not so within the fraternity. Fraternity relationships are more like those of the family, and out of them grow two responsibilities. Each member must be frank in what she says, and she must trust what is said by other members, always being ready to give one the benefit of the doubt. The apparent insincerity of social life is such that we rarely feel sure of the people we meet. This should not be so in a fraternity because it is a group of selected people with whom frankness is an essential.

Then, on the other side, what has been frankly said must be judged of from the fraternity standpoint, not from the standpoint of general society, because things may be said in the fraternity in a way in which they would not outside. There

must be good faith among fraternity members. Differences of opinion must not be taken personally. We trust each member to work for the good of the chapter and the fraternity according to her judgment. There must be loyalty to officers, to other chapters, and to the fraternity at large.

In general society those who think alike naturally come together for sympathy, but a fraternity, being already a selected body, should have no cliques, no divisions, within the chapters.

Fraternity work, the self-sacrifices which members must make towards the success of the fraternity, should be made a point of honor. Each one should offer her services rather than wait to be asked. Those who sacrifice most, generally get the most benefit from the fraternity. Consequently it should be seen that the sacrifices are made as equal as possible.

In the sermon on the mount an ideal picture is given of laws for human relationships; blessed are the meek, the poor in spirit, and so on. So, as the fraternity offers a nearer approach to the ideal human relationship than exists in ordinary social life, there can be no better guide in the matter of fraternity ethics than these precepts of the greatest of all ethical teachers.

—*Colorado Alpha.*

Editorial.

AS OUR girls are doubtless aware it was decided at the national convention last summer that a reunion of all Pi Beta Phis should be held at Washington, July 9, 1896. Of course the chapters are already interested and will make a good representation of active members but it is especially desirous that as many of our alumnæ as possible be present and each chapter is urged to do all in its power to arouse enthusiasm among its alumnæ in regard to the reunion. Arrangements will be made to have as many as possible of those who attend accommodated at the same place and all who intend to visit Washington at that time are requested to address Miss Anna Hazelton, 1215 Ninth street, Washington, as soon as possible. She will make any arrangements for them that they wish. Of course the sooner the chapters and the alumnæ respond to Miss Hazelton's request the sooner and more satisfactorily can arrangements be made.

THERE seems to be a growing looseness in pledge-taking among fraternity men and women. In many cases a fraternity is joined because the aspirant for honors desires to be a fraternity man rather than because of his sympathy with the aims and purposes of the fraternity and the latter suffers in sympathy with other objects. Nor is this wholly the fault of the initiate; the extent of the fraternity at large, and the flourishing condition of the chapter, rather than the ideals of the fraternity, have been held out to him as inducements to join. And having pledged himself carelessly his vows are lightly held. If we, Pi Beta Phi, have erred in this direction we must be more careful in future. Let us get down our vows and wiping off the dust and cobwebs accumulated upon them go over them again and again until the duties and obligations they impose upon us are ever before our minds. We

must have more glad spontaneity in *living* the vows we have taken or we shall never attain the ideals we have set before us.

FROM the sensationalism of the modern novel down to the gush of the chapter-letters, exaggeration and insincerity pervade the literature, so-called, of the day, and it is coming to be impossible to express one's full meaning without the most liberal use of superlatives. In our chapter-letters the correspondents indulge in the most extravagant and at the same time most meaningless statements in regard to the many perfections of an initiate, a new knowledge of friendship which suddenly bursts upon them with supernatural radiance, simultaneously with the donning of the wine and blue, and more to the same effect. There are so many phrases we use unthinkingly that they are employed as a matter of course and we never pause to consider if they convey any idea whatever or even a meaning utterly ludicrous. While we most heartily sympathize with the much abused corresponding secretaries, realizing the difficulties with which they meet in their effort to make the chapter-letter of interest to the fraternity, we do urge that it is within their power at least to be sincere. As college women and especially as Pi Beta Phi, let us "attach ourselves to truth," saying only what we honestly and sincerely mean, just so much and *no more*. In the words of the poet:

"Let us then be what we are and speak what we think,
and in all things
Keep ourselves loyal to truth, and the sacred professions
of friendship."

We note with pleasure the revival of interest and the renewed enthusiasm of our alumnæ in fraternity work as shown by the announcement given elsewhere. The active members need the aid of the alumnæ, and the fraternity can not but derive benefit from their more mature judgment. It is always

an inspiration also to meet noble women whom we know to have at least the same ideals as ourselves, and it is hoped that many of our girls will be able to avail themselves of the opportunities thus afforded them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

As given in the directory of the Grand Council the address of Miss Florence P. Chase, Grand Secretary, is changed to 1320 Corcoran street, Washington, D. C.

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Those who expect to attend the Pi Beta Phi reunion at Washington this summer are requested to communicate with Miss Anna Hazelton, 1215 Ninth street, Washington, as soon as possible.

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Attention is called to the Alumnæ Association directory and appointment of alumnæ secretaries for various cities. These secretaries will represent and care for Pi Beta Phi interests; and extend a cordial invitation for acquaintance to all Pi Phis passing through their respective cities. This is an additional step in development of the fraternity national, and carries its own recommendation.

Chapter Letters.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Could wintry weather with its accompaniment of snow clad hills and bright sunshine be necessary to bring Phi Beta Phis into closer sympathy with each other and with their fraternity work, certainly Vermont Alpha possesses it in the fullest degree. Somewhat apart from the activity and excitement of the great busy world, we, as a college, form a little world of our own. Thus far the year has been a busy, active one, intense with its daily round of toil and pleasure; yet amid all the work our fraternity has been by no means neglected and our Monday evening meetings have been the brightest spots of the whole week.

Vermont Alpha has been too thoroughly occupied with college work to spend much time in recreation, yet when these spare hours do come, they are improved to the utmost, whether it be in dancing, coasting, or sleighing.

The Glee Club concert stands out most prominently upon the list of recent entertainments. Only lately have the college girls had a club of their own, but through the faithful work of one of our number, one has been in training and at the concert proved itself fully competent to compete with the young men's Glee Club. Several of the most prominent parts were taken by Pi Beta Phis.

A college lecture course, similar to that of last year was opened by Prof. Wright, who gave us a most interesting talk on "The Attitude of the Teacher toward Poetry." Prof. Brainerd Kellogg, of Brooklyn, spoke to us a few evenings ago upon "Lowell."

February fourth the Delta Upsilon fraternity very pleasantly entertained their friends in their rooms, and a few evenings later, Professor and Mrs. Henchels received at their home the seniors and juniors who take elective German or French, as well as the entire sophomore class. A faculty reception, always so enjoyable, is especially so when the host and hostess are brilliant talkers, always ready to enter into the "fun" of college life.

Mr. Leyford, the college evangelist, has just left us after a few day's stay in our midst. His work here has been a quiet one, yet one the influence of which, we hope, will forever remain.

—*Harriet Dupre Gerold.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

It seems a very short time since our last letter was written,—since December when we were looking forward with such bright hopes to the Christmas season with its round of festivities. And yet now, as we are anticipating with so much pleasure the spring vacation, looking back over the three months we feel that Pennsylvania Alpha has not been idle. Most important of all for us is the fact

that we have initiated two girls, Mary E. Hutchinson, '99, and Mary E. Seaman, '99. Mary Hutchinson was initiated January twenty-ninth at the home of one of our patronesses, where we had a very delightful time. Mary Seaman's initiation, March eighteenth, was followed by a memorable "cookey-shine." Not only in the increasing of its numbers do we feel that our chapter has done well, but we have had our share of honors. Mary S. McDowell is a commencement speaker, another of our girls is president, and some of the others hold offices in the girls' literary society.

During the past weeks we have had many interesting entertainments and lectures. One of our professors, Dr. Appleton, gives annually a series of Shakespeare readings, which are charming in the fullest sense of the word, as he has an excellent voice and fine delivery. Of course Swarthmore has been watching intently, as has every other college, the results of "the new photography," and we are much interested in the work done here in that line by Prof. Hoadley. On the twentieth of March the State Inter-collegiate Oratorical Contest is to be held at our college, and we hope that our orator will win a high place for us.

Basket-ball was introduced into our gymnastic work this year and has certainly given a great deal of pleasure to the girls who have participated. The class teams are working hard in order to uphold the honor of their classes in the games to be held sometime in April.

A chapter of Phi Beta Kappa is to be founded this year at Swarthmore, and we feel that the college will receive a great honor in having a chapter of such a fraternity.

Our chapter meetings have been very interesting, although we have not attempted to do much literary work, thinking that as so many hours of the week are devoted to the training of our minds we need a rest and a pleasant social time together once a week. We are trying to enjoy to the fullest extent the presence of our seniors, on whom we depend so much. We do not like to think of their leaving us to carry on the work by ourselves next year. Our plans for the twenty-eighth of April are not complete yet but we hope to have a banquet at the home of one of the seniors whose mother is a patroness. The chapter has concluded to have a chapter library, but it does not seem to grow very rapidly. It started with a very valuable nucleus, Robert's "Rules of Order." One might suppose from that, that our meetings are carried on in a parliamentary way and that we all know parliamentary law thoroughly, but sad to confess, our knowledge in that line is quite limited.

—Sarah Bancroft.

PENNSYLVANIA 'BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

The close of the second term at Bucknell has proved this year to be an unusually busy one. Two courses of lectures were delivered: one Saturday evenings by Dr. W. Clark Robinson of Dublin,—a University Extension course. It included the "Poets of the Revolution," Burns, Byron, Scott, Shelley, Moore and Wordsworth. The other course of four lectures was given by Dr. H. L. Wayland of Philadelphia, on Sociology and Armenia.

Zeta literary society of which our girls are members, entertained Euepia,

one of the men's literary societies, March twelfth, at an open meeting, followed by a reception. Dr. Wayland and President Harris were honored guests. Theta Alpha, another college society, opened its halls to welcome Zeta the night of March 20th and a most enjoyable evening was the result.

Mrs. Lincoln Hulley, one of our patronesses, entertained the college women, in her inimitable manner, at a five o'clock tea, Tuesday evening, March seventeenth.

The junior hop, inaugurated here by the class of '97, occurred March thirteenth. Despite the fact that the juniors flew in the face of fate by holding their ball on Friday and on the thirteenth, it was a brilliant success.

The glee club, whose leader is from our chapter, gave a concert in Bucknell hall, March twenty-third.

Two of our girls, Flora Sigel and Grace Slifer, both of '98, were chosen to contest for the sophomore-freshman prize in declamation.

When we were preparing for our last examination, we realized the incompleteness of Baird's Manual and are pleased to hear that a revised edition will be issued if eight hundred subscriptions can be obtained. We hope they will be secured.

We were glad indeed to welcome our new neighbor, New York Alpha, and we wish her the greatest success.

—*Mary Belle Harris.*

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

We have always been proud of our school as the oldest west of the Allegheny mountains, and proud of the long list of illustrious men who claim her as their *alma mater*, but now we have new enthusiasm.

Good fortune in the form of the Ohio legislature smiles on us and makes it possible for us to have two new buildings,—one for laboratories, the other for library and studio,—and also does away with the tuition.

On the evening after the bill for the appropriation had passed the state senate, we were invited to the Phi Delta Theta rooms to help them celebrate the occasion in a fitting manner. Although it was an impromptu affair, the rooms were draped with colors and even our own Greek letters greeted us. After we had partaken of the dainties set before us, and drank to the health of the worthy senators, we went to see the bonfire which the enthusiastic students were building.

A beautiful new building to be used as ladies' hall has recently been completed in College Place, and was formally opened by a house-warming given by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s to all the students.

As there have been no accommodations for the girls before this, we expect it to attract a large number of new students.

Those of our girls who attended the Ohio State oratorical contest at Delaware met quite a number of the Ohio Beta girls. To us, who have been isolated from the other chapters until so recently, it is quite a treat to meet sisters from them. We are beginning to feel very well acquainted indeed with the Ohio State university girls.

Lucy Weethe, ex. '97, who has been out of school this year on account of the illness of her mother, recently spent a week with her school friends.

We take pleasure in introducing to you Minnie Brown, a new Pi Beta Phi. We send greetings to all the chapters, especially to those recently established.

—*Lucie Murdoch.*

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We are rejoicing over the fact that the Hysell bill passed. But what does that mean? you ask. It represents wonders to students of the Ohio State university. It means that hereafter our university will receive an annual appropriation of one hundred and eighty-five thousand dollars instead of but half that sum, as formerly. It means, first and foremost, a gymnasium, a drill hall and a new assembly room, to be constructed immediately. In time other buildings will be erected the demands for which are not so urgent as for these.

"The Scarlet and Gray," as our annual is called this year, is to be a fit representative of the growing university, and will be edited with larger proportions and wider scope than ever before. Every society and organization, numbering thirty or more, is to be represented by a cut or group picture. Mona Fay, Pi Beta Phi representative on the board, is literary editor.

The women of the board of editors of the weekly college *Lantern*, will edit and issue the edition for May 8th. It will be known as the woman's edition. Mary B. Porter, Pi Beta Phi, is reporter from Browning literary society.

The social life at Ohio State university has been quite gay during the winter with many receptions and parties. Among the most important affairs, besides the usual fraternity parties, have been a leap year dance, two cadet hops, class receptions, junior hop and the senior promenade.

We have not quite decided how to celebrate Founder's Day, but it is probable that we shall have a spread just among ourselves, in honor of our second anniversary and of Pi Beta Phi's twenty-ninth, which occur quite close together. Now that finals are over we can very profitably "banish our books and our papers," and dissipate a little after steady work.

We shall have but eleven in college this term, as Marie Zellar will be unable to attend. However she expects to re-enter next fall. Gertrude Plimmer is our only senior, but she lives in the city, so it will not be losing her even after graduation. Our only resident alumna, Leona Humphreys, can testify to the fact that frequent little duties devolve on those who have no college work. Doubtless she will be glad to have an assistant.

A hearty welcome to the girls of Massachusetts Alpha and of New York Alpha.

—*Ruth Houseman.*

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Winter has passed and spring has come, bringing with it new joys and inspirations for the college girl. It does seem hard to study and to spend hour after hour in the recitation room when we long to be out of doors enjoying this glorious weather.

The Pi Beta Phis have not been idle, however, and we now have organized in this city an Alumnæ Chapter composed of alumnæ of Knox and Lombard. We have felt the need of this chapter for some time, and we are very glad it has been organized.

Illinois Beta took her examination with fear and trembling, but it is to be hoped that she "passed." Our chapter is very much in favor of these examinations as they bring us more in touch with the work of the fraternity at large, and give us a knowledge of things we might otherwise never learn.

At a suggestion in THE ARROW, we have adopted the plan in our chapter meetings of having one girl, at each meeting, take the others on some journey which she has taken, or to some excellent lecture or play which she has attended. We have the promise of talks from those who have travelled abroad. This plan is proving very entertaining and instructive, and it has this advantage, that it takes very little preparation or time from our studies.

This Commencement we lose three of our best girls, Elice Crissey, Iva Dell Myers and Jean White. The number of speakers on Commencement day has been limited to five. They are chosen for excellence in three things, scholarship, elocution, and the merit of their thesis. Miss Ethel Tompkins, '93, has been chosen to deliver the Master's Oration this year.

Our faculty have decided to try the plan of self-government at Lombard. A Septemvirate, composed of the president, three members of the faculty, and three of the students will have the power to decide all questions of discipline, rules and studies pertaining to the college.

—*Nina Harris.*

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

The past term has been an unusually quiet one and the students of Knox have all applied themselves diligently to their work. Knowing that in the spring the desire to be out of doors often interferes with our studies, we have come to regard the winter term as the one in which hard work is to be done.

On the fifteenth of February the college celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. In the morning the students gathered in Alumni hall and listened to addresses given by several prominent men of Illinois. In the evening a splendid address on "Common Sense" was delivered by Major McClaughrey.

It has always been the custom for the sophomore class to give a reception and a play for the college students on the evening of February twenty-second. The class of '98 deserves much praise for the manner in which it entertained. Invitations of most original design were sent to every student in college. There were only two girls in the play and they were both Pi Beta Phis.

During this term we have pledged four girls. As they all live in Galesburg they will be a great help to our Chapter in future years.

Mrs. Alice Stewart Wolff entertained all the Knox Pi Beta Phis at her home on the evening of March fourteenth. At this time we had a pledging ceremony in which our preparatory girls took a pledge which had been drawn up by several of the members. We think this a very good idea and perhaps it would be well for those chapters who do not have such a pledge to adopt one.

—*Mary D. Walker.*

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Epsilon has just had the honor of entertaining the Beta Province Convention, which has been a wonderful help and inspiration to all of us. We first had a reunion of the delegates and alumnae in Chicago at the home of Misses Mary and Susan Lewis, of Michigan Beta, on Friday evening, March twentieth. The Evanston chapter and delegates had as a chaperone Mrs. Maude Heiks Lamson, a resident alumna. The Grand President and many older Pi Beta Phi were with us, and it was a most inspiring sight to the newer members.

Saturday the delegates met in Evanston, and discussed the various phases of chapter life; one of them was appointed to make out a report. Saturday evening we enjoyed a real Pi Beta Phi cookie-shine, with Miss Lass at the head of the table. We cannot be sufficiently thankful, considering the help this has been to us, that Province conventions are now an established fact.

The local chapter of Delta Tau Delta also has a "western division" convention the last week in March, and gives a reception to all the other fraternities.

Early in the term we enjoyed a pleasant little visit from Miss Myers, an alumna of Illinois Beta. We have initiated three new girls this term, Lucille Fitch, Elfrieda Hochbaum and Margaret Ransome. We now have thirteen active members.

We are rejoiced to welcome two new chapters of this term, New York Alpha and Massachusetts Alpha, to the Pi Beta Phi circle, and to wish them all success.

—*Miriam Elisabeth Prindle.*

ILLINOIS ZETA—ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Fearful lest there should be less petting a "baby" always rebels when obliged to give up its place to a newcomer, but it is not so with Illinois Zeta. We welcome most heartily New York Alpha, and would gladly greet her with the warm hand clasp of Pi Beta Phi.

Since becoming a part of THE ARROW, as it were, by being represented in it our interest has deepened and expanded. We all discuss its merits and demerits and will try our best to make it *the* woman's journal.

We wish all who read this might have been with us on the night of February twenty-ninth, when Elizabeth Dale was initiated. The Alpha Tau Omega fraternity had kindly given us their beautiful new rooms for the occasion and everything, in the way of surroundings, added to our pleasure—and many amusing things occurred!

Our last social affair was an informal, in the form of a "Winter Picnic," which proved a great success and the girls are now planning for the Annual.

Next week examinations will occupy our attention and following them our Easter holidays, after which we will meet again filled with renewed energy.

—*Amelia Darling Alpiner.*

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Fraternity life seems to be gaining favor in Franklin college. We have three national fraternities and one local, each owning a hall, three of which are in the college building, and the other in the business part of the city. The Alpha Gamma Alphas have just furnished their new hall and they entertained all the fraternities Saturday afternoon.

Misses Viola Murphy, Lillian Weyl and Nannie Drybread will visit fraternity sisters at the close of this term. We expect to give an informal reception for them, and will invite alumnæ and pledged members to join with us in again meeting our girls of former days.

We are pleased to introduce to the fraternity world our pledged sisters, Misses Steinning, Robbins and Taylor.

Pi Beta Phi has an alumnæ club of twelve members in Franklin. They meet every two weeks to do literary work. They entertained the active members a few weeks ago, the principal feature of the evening being a full discussion of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity. Dainty refreshments were served.

Our literary work consists principally in studying the constitution and initiation ceremony. We expect to read short stories next term in order to keep in touch with the latest literary works.

—*Adda M. Wyrick.*

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

The beginning of the spring term finds Indiana Beta prosperous, with twenty active members, one of whom we now introduce for the first time,—Vara Morgan, '98. Many new students have entered college this term and we hope to still further increase our chapter role before the close of the school year.

During Commencement week we hope to have with us our fifteen alumnæ and look forward to a happy reunion. Indiana Beta was established in 1893, and we feel that we have a right to be proud of our growth, especially as we have to contend with three rival fraternities.

We are not fortunate enough to possess a chapter house, but have rented pleasant parlors where we entertain and hold our meetings.

As was predicted, the Woman's League has become an important factor in the social life of Indiana University. Several receptions have been given by the League. Not content with this, several of the ladies in town and the professors' wives have entertained all the girls in college, in groups of about twenty-five, at their homes. The work of the League has done much to break down the narrow spirit in college life, so often laid at fraternity doors.

Indiana Beta sends greeting and best wishes to the new chapters at Syracuse and Boston universities.

—*Stella R. Fox.*

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha sends heartiest greetings to all the chapters and especially to our new sisters. We have been unusually quiet this year as more than half of our number are dignified seniors and are so busy that they have little time for entertainments. Now that spring has come, however, with its promise of picnics and lawn parties, we fear that we shall be less studious.

We are glad to introduce to you Lutie Nicholson and Irene Anderson who have lately pledged to Pi Beta Phi. Maud Brearly, another of our pledged girls, has moved to the Northern part of the State, but we hope that she may return to college next year.

Mayme Fuller, who recently completed a course in the Detroit Elocution School, assisted in an entertainment given here by the ladies' glee club a few weeks ago. Miss Fuller has exceptional talent as a reader and we are glad that she is a member of Pi Beta Phi.

We were very glad that two of our girls, Addie Melten and Gertrude Branch, could represent us at the Province convention lately held at Evanston. They brought home many new ideas and encouraging suggestions and we all feel more in touch with our sister chapters in the Province. We think these conventions are a good thing and hope we may have more of them.

—*Grace Higbee.*

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Although we are in the midst of college work, yet we are by no means neglecting our fraternity duties. As a chapter we are feeling quite encouraged, for we have never been in a more flourishing condition than at present, and the highest hopes are entertained for the future.

We have been recently favored with visits from Miss Dunbar, graduate of '95, and from Miss Madge Sibley of '98, who was unable to return to college last fall on account of ill health.

The woman's gymnasium is occupying much of the time and attention of the college girls, who, by their constant efforts, have already raised the debt to the extent of \$5,000. A leap year party was given a short time ago for the benefit of the general fund. It was an afternoon affair and proved not only pleasurable but profitable as well, in the realization of \$500. The Pi Beta Phis continued the festivities by a pleasant house party in the evening.

The college women are looking forward with pleasure to the coming of the new dean for the woman's department of the university, Dr. Mosher, who enters upon her duties at the opening of the fall semester. Mrs. Mosher, a graduate of the university, is a lady of high authority in her profession and of national repute. We are sure that she will prove an inspiration to all who come under her influence.

—*Pauline Temple.*

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Massachusetts Alpha sends her first greeting to her sister chapters, and wishes that she could adequately express the loyalty she already feels for Pi Beta Phi, though so few weeks have passed since her initiation.

Our life though brief has been eventful. Trials and disappointments attended our foundation. But we have had many an amusing experience as well, and the history of our first meeting would prove highly entertaining could we ever be prevailed upon to tell it.

March seventh, the date appointed for our initiation, brought with it a

heavy rain, but the storm without could not dispel the brightness within; and we shall always have very delightful memories of that afternoon and of Miss Grosvenor, who initiated us.

When we look back, we realize that we owe a great deal to Michigan Alpha chapter, and especially to Mrs. Helmick, from whom we have received great help and encouragement. We have been most cordially received by the other fraternities in the college. In various ways they have expressed their good will, and have welcomed us into the pleasures of fraternity life.

We think ourselves especially fortunate in our patronesses. The wives of three of our professors have consented to lend their names to the new chapter; and we are proud to have Mrs. Tyndale and Miss Bennett also among our patronesses. The former must be known to you all, having been a member of the fraternity since the days of I. C. Miss Bennett is a graduate of our own university, and is now a teacher there. She is moreover, a friend of our Grand President.

—*Lucy Allen Gardiner.*

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Spring has come again and with all of its beauty and gladness comes the usual attack of spring fever, and we do not suppose Pi Beta Phi to be proof against the epidemic. It is indeed hard to remain indoors with one's books when nature is fairly laughing at us from outside, but it will not be long before examinations and commencement with all the work and fun are upon us, and if we give up to our dreamy moods now what will become of us then?

Iowa Alpha was deeply grieved to hear of the death of Miss Alice Haws' mother in Ottumwa, Iowa, April 15th. Miss Haw was a graduate of the conservatory and an enthusiastic Pi Beta Phi, and the heartfelt sympathy of her sisters is extended to her in her sad bereavement.

We are all very much interested and delighted with the prospects of a Province convention. There certainly is nothing which would bring our members closer together and arouse more fraternity spirit, than the frequent meeting of the chapters in each province, and how glorious it would be for our chapters to be well acquainted with each other. If we can not know all well, let us at least know the ones in our province.

A new feature has been introduced into our college athletics; an hour and a half is to be given by the faculty three times a week, at which time every student and professor is supposed to be on the campus taking part in some of the many amusements. We are anticipating fine times, and suppose we will soon see our most dignified professors enthusiastic baseball players.

At the regular yearly election of officers of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Lulu Baxter was elected president, and Miss Dora Laughlin, vice-president; both are Pi Beta Phi. We have a strong organization here.

Miss Anna Fuller, who has been studying music abroad for the past six years, has returned to her home in Los Angeles, where she recently gave a concert.

We have one new Pi Beta Phi this term to introduce to her many sisters, Miss Marie Heines was initiated the last of March.

—*Olivia Ambler.*

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The time has been so short since our February letter that we have little to tell. We are all deeply interested in our College Annual, which will be issued about Commencement time.

Basket ball is the rage just now, and many pleasant hours are spent in the gymnasium. The Pi Beta Phi and the Tri Deltas have been playing against each other and have had many exciting games. No one can play basket ball without feeling much better acquainted with the other players when the game is over. So for this reason we feel that our playing has been profitable as well as pleasant.

We have delightful fraternity meetings each week. As we are all fond of music, our senior Harriet Smith plays her best selections for us. We send greetings to the two new chapters, New York Alpha and Massachusetts Alpha, and are glad to welcome them.

—*Ethel M. Gilbert.*

IOWA ZETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Since we last greeted our sister chapters through THE ARROW we have introduced another girl, Dorothy Wickersham, to the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

Varied, indeed has been the life of Zeta chapter during the past few months with mixture of work and pleasures. Among our pleasures we count the evening when Miss Simms, the international college secretary of the Y. W. C. A., was our guest—and a very delightful one too—telling us many interesting things about our Colorado and Kansas sisters. A few weeks later one of our own alumnae, Miss Bessie Peery, brought us greetings from California Alpha.

One moonlight night in January, Iowa Zetas and a number of their friends, loaded down with baskets of good things, embarked in several conveyances, taking possession, after a short drive, of the home of one of the girls where they proceeded to have a good time in "ye picnic" style. Marvelous were the records made while fishing, throwing horse shoes and playing croquet, but when the table-cloths were spread upon the grass under the sturdy oaks and elms still more wonderful were the feats accomplished. All too soon the light of the moon began to wane and "ye picnickers" wended their way homeward.

At a later date we received invitations from our president to spend the evening with her, and in responding to them we found she had provided very impressive souvenirs in the shape of the yearly examination papers. Of course we were delighted to expatiate upon the known and unknown facts concerning Pi Beta Phi and our delight still continues for our standing has not yet reached us.

Honors also have come to Iowa Zeta this term. Louisa Boeche, was chosen June orator of the Erodelphian Literary Society. Another of the girls was elected on the '97 Annual board and several others have been made officers in the different college organizations.

The last number of THE ARROW was much enjoyed by our chapter and from it and the examination questions several discussions have arisen which we hope will bear fruit before long. One of these is the question of "Province Conven-

tions." This would seem a very pleasant, profitable and feasible undertaking for Gamma Province because of the short distances between the chapters and the large number of Pi Beta Phis within our Province. We hope to hear more of it soon.

—*May V. Henry.*

MINNESOTA ALPHA—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter is to be entertained Saturday afternoon by Emily Brooks to meet Jean Hitchcock from Denver, and Dr. Griswold of Illinois Delta.

We have given an informal reception to a few friends. Our alumnae dinner is to be held at the Hampshire Arms, and we hope to meet several from other chapters who are in the city.

The University won the honors in the State oratorical contest, taking first and second places.

The morning before the Wisconsin-Minnesota debate, one bright red mail box was painted green and white, with the inscription "No Wisconsin Colors on the Campus."

We are sorry to lose one new member, Cora Marlowe, who was obliged to go home on account of illness. She hopes to return for examinations.

Minnesota Alpha has suffered a great loss in the death of a beloved sister, Mildred Rosger, who died after a long illness in Atchison, Kansas.

She was highly esteemed by all who knew her for her superior ability and unusually noble character, and her loss to her friends is indeed hard to bear.

—*Edith Robbins.*

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Greetings to all our sister chapters and to Massachusetts Alpha a hearty welcome.

We have had our spring vacation and are once more at our work.

During the past few weeks the principal university events have been a number of oratorical contests and debates, recitals given by the School of Music, concerts under the direction of the Athletic Association and by our musical clubs, and a series of athletic exhibitions given in the gymnasium.

Socially, Lent has been quiet but there are indications of a revival in fraternity parties and an athletic party is to be given April 17th.

The *Badger*, our college annual, edited by the junior class, has made its appearance and the new board is about to be elected.

The most important event in the fraternity world of the University of Wisconsin has been the installation of the local chapter of Rho Kappa Upsilon as the Rho chapter of Psi Upsilon, which took place March 27th. Seventy were ushered into Psi U and vowed eternal devotion to the owl.

With best wishes for all we close.

—*Genevieve Smith.*

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE.

We send greetings, and hope all have had as happy a time as we this winter. We entertained at the residence of one of our girls at a "tea," on the twenty-ninth of February. Several of our brother fraternities showed their appreciation by sending beautiful flowers, among the handomest of which were those sent by the Alpha Tau Omegas, and the Theta Taus.

On February the fifth, Fanny Eshleman, Pi Beta Phi, was married to Mr. Fountain Craig. Two of our girls, Elizabeth Henderson and Anna Coyle, were bridesmaids.

Isabella Coleman, Pi Beta Phi, who has been studying in Europe for three years, has returned home.

Hoping that all Pi Beta Phis will enjoy their Easter holidays, Louisiana Alpha will close.
—*Anna B. Grant.*

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

An event which is always looked forward to with the greatest interest is the annual election to the honorary society of Phi Beta Kappa. This year only one fraternity girl received this much prized honor, Miss Grace Brewster, one of our own girls.

Miss Alice Darlington, who joined our chapter three years ago, and her sister, Miss Marie, have been visiting in Lawrence for several weeks. The girls gave a whist party for them Saturday afternoon which was attended by a large number of active members and town girls. We were so fortunate as to have with us, also, Mrs. Nora Love-Crawford, of Omaha.

The girls are preparing for their annual spring party which is to be given on the twenty-fourth of April. The other fraternities are following our example this year in having their parties early before the rush of commencement time begins.

We realize more than ever the advantages of the examination and how important it is to have a knowledge, not only of our own fraternity, but of fraternities in general. I am afraid that some of us are familiar only with the fraternities in our own university.

—*Mary M. Snow.*

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

If "surroundings made the man" this would be a very literary letter. Here in our new library, with its large, elegant study tables, its rows and rows of books, its magazines and papers,—what an inspiration we have. One wants to become a part of the great world of thought—and tries, but the effort is not satisfactory.

Our spring is here in all its beauty. April has smiled and cried in her most capricious moods. But if moods are as productive of good in human character as they have been in nature, they may be venerated and respected.

The lilacs are in blossom; they are about the only early flowers on the campus. But the gardener and his men are putting out shrubs, making flower

beds and trimming the trees, so that later in the summer our campus will be much prettier. That will be some consolation to a few of our girls who will be here during the summer school, which opens about a week after commencement.

Just now every one is very busy as it is so near the close of the school year. Duties seem to multiply and when the evenings are so beguiling it is almost impossible to study.

We have been quite a giddy crowd during the past month. While Miss Clough, a Tri Delta from Evanston, was visiting one of our members here, the girls spent a pleasant evening together. A little later we gave a reception to which all the fraternity people of the university and a few outside, including the faculty, were invited. We were glad to have Lulu Wirt and Jennie Barber with us on that occasion. One Saturday afternoon we were entertained by Mrs. Summers, a Pi Beta Phi alumna. The meeting at her home was of a literary character and was greatly enjoyed. Later in the evening refreshments suggesting our colors were served. Very recently we gave an informal dancing party at the home of our patroness, Mrs. C. H. Morrill. We have also had some very pleasant times at social events given by other fraternities.

—*Ada M. Quaintance.*

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

It seems to be natural to write first of those things which have happened most recently, so you shall hear at once of an initiation which took place March fourteenth. On that occasion Miss Gertrude Fitz-Randolph became a full fledged member of Pi Beta Phi, and Colorado Alpha takes great pleasure in introducing her to the sister chapters.

When our last ARROW letter was written, we were very busy preparing for a party which was given on the evening of January tenth. Invitations were sent to the members of the faculty and to all Greek letter people connected with the university. We secured for the occasion Masonic Hall, which is nicely arranged for entertaining, Lohman's orchestra from Denver furnished the music, and after the reception, which lasted from eight until ten o'clock, dancing was the order of the evening. It was a pretty and delightful affair, so we were told, and we think we are right in considering it a great success.

Our Friday afternoon receptions in our chapter room have been successful, too. We chose the first Friday in each month as the day on which we would be at home to our friends, and on these occasions special pains is taken to make the room look attractive.

Last time we had hoped to have several of our Colorado Beta sisters with us but only two of them, Miss Bloom and Miss Burkhard, could come. We take this opportunity to become better acquainted with the Denver girls, and shall hope to see more of them at our April reception.

Colorado Alpha is represented in the senior class this year by Elizabeth Gamble, who finished her work required for graduation last semester, and is at present enjoying the delightful climate of California.

Miss Wilson, a graduate of Iowa State University and a Pi Beta Phi, recently

gave an entertainment in Boulder. She was entertained during her stay here at the home of Mrs. De Long.

On the evening of February fourteenth the Delta Gammas entertained the members of the different fraternities at their chapter room.

The University of Colorado can sympathize with Ohio State University, for on that same date, February twenty-first, our State Oratorical Contest was held in Denver, and we suffered defeat at the hands of Denver University. We tried to bear it bravely, but it was a hard blow.

President Baker has lately returned after an absence of several weeks. He attended a meeting of State University presidents in Jacksonville, Florida, afterward going to Washington in the interest of educational movements.

—*Mabel Martin.*

COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

This morning we girls are on the eve of departure for our brief holiday. Perched upon this eave is our dignified senior, who in her cap and gown, with flapping wings will shortly sail away. And we realize that the much-talked-of "senior vacation" is at last a reality. If the rest of us could only have senior vacations how happy we'd be; but, of course, we act as if we didn't care a bit, and with elevated noses say that senior vacation is only a miserable foretaste of the long vacation that is coming when she never can associate with us any more.

Our chapter life has been uneventful, but very pleasant. It is against our principles to do any heavy literary work. We did read Shakespeare's *Henry the Eighth* a couple of years ago, and have since been living on the reputation of that. We prefer not to make our chapter meetings burdensome, and like to feel that there we can throw off all restraint and "commune as friend with friend." Sometimes we discuss current events, but they are apt to be of a local nature. We thoroughly enjoyed reading *Hilda the Prophetess*, by Kate Douglass Wiggin, in the Christmas *Harper's*.

We wished we might have been invisibly present while the other chapters were taking their examination. We thought it a trifle hard, but no doubt the bitter medicine will do us good, even if we were not expecting so much of a dose. Won't the grand inquisitors please let us know next time if we are to be prepared on everything from Alpha to Omega; isn't Pi Beta Phi sufficient? Dear literary bureau, we do appreciate your efforts and you all have our heartfelt sympathy when the time comes for correcting our papers, but don't work so hard preparing the questions next time.

The great event of this term was the state oratorical contest which was held in Denver. Never before did college spirit wax so great. The red fezes of our "dents." and "medics." and the skeleton and mammoth sets of teeth which they brought, attracted universal attention. And when first place was given the U. of D. we well-nigh lost our senses. One sanctimonious "theologue" was actually seen trying to dance a jig. The next interstate president will also be a Denver man.

As for the interchange of fraternity courtesies we have informally entertained the Beta Theta Pis and Sigma Alpha Epsilons, and on New Year's evening all the Greek letter people of the university were pleasantly entertained by the members of Alpha Iota, our local sorority.

We do not believe that the social element is the chief object of our fraternity—using the word *social* in its more restricted sense. We do think that no woman, be she a member of a fraternity or not, is symmetrically developed who has not cultivated the art of being entertaining. While enjoying simply a good time we try to look deeper, and make what seems merely pleasure, a source of permanent good in the development of our characters.

We are especially fortunate in having so many resident alumnae in our city, both of our own and other chapters. The interest they have shown and the help and kind advice they have so gladly given from time to time, we sincerely appreciate. A few weeks ago we spent a delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Mary M. Barnes, an alumna of Kansas Alpha. She had invited us especially to meet some of her own chapter alumnae.

Mrs. Farnsworth and Miss Gamble from Boulder, made us a flying visit not long since. As a result, we Colorado Betas are going to visit the the Alphas once a month on the installment plan.

Our college has a glee club of which we are justly proud. Their first appearance was at the contest, and this vacation they make a tour of the state.

—Patty N. Kimball.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

*Rah, rah, rah,
Rah, rah, rah,
Rah! rah!!
Stanford!*

All the college world is rejoicing with us, we know, in our bright prospects. What shall our university not accomplish now that the suit has been favorably decided.

It was an experience never to be forgotten—the celebration that followed the good news. The arches of our quadrangle were gay with fire works and colored lights, and the whole seemed to be fairly ablaze with the cardinal, our college color! The students moved in procession, with Japanese lanterns, around the tropical garden beds, and the weird effect of the winding lights, with the noise of the tin horns, and the firing of cannon, and our college yell, can perhaps be imagined. We hardly noticed the effect—we were in the midst of it all. It was like a carnival.

The Pi Beta Phi girls had a carriage bright with lanterns and bunting—for didn't it mean a great deal to us? The life of our university, and the prosperity of California Alpha.

There were speeches in the gymnasium, too—enthusiastic, hopeful addresses by professors and students. And we were glad that we were among the chosen ones to see the university come out of its clouded past and enter upon a new

era. We felt that we could appreciate our "Alma Mater" all the more, because we had struggled on in the harder years.

We were just the least bit sorry for the succeeding classes, who could only read of the days of anxiety, and who would never see any celebration, nor have a special holiday decreed.

Joachim Miller, our typical California poet, gave us a nature talk one evening. A fitting subject for us, now when the hills are bright with poppies—the golden poppies that named the "Golden Gate."

We are glad to present to you a new Pi Beta Phi whom we have lately initiated, Jennie Beal. Our girls are always together for Saturday dinner. And a weekly Pi Beta Phi *Bulletin* with different editors each week makes the hour full of laughter and merriment. We send best wishes to Pi Beta Phis everywhere.

—*Helen Williams.*

Exchanges.

THE DELTA KAPPA EPSILON QUARTERLY for March devotes the place of honor to a report of the forty-ninth annual convention held at Syracuse in November last. The poem read on that occasion was too universal in its fraternity application for the "Dekes" to keep it for themselves alone and we beg leave to borrow the last three verses.

Shame, shame on a' yer jealousies
 Yer slanders, plots and a' that,
 Away wi' all such childish things
 Be men and let go a' that
 For a' that and a' that
 Yer badges, grips and a' that.
 Yer lives show plainer than yer pins
 Ye're still yersels for a' that.

Think not to make yer badge a crutch
 To help ye on and a' that,
 Ye'll be whate'er ye *make* yersels,
 The world cares nought for a' that
 For a' that and a' that—
 Fraternal help and a' that—
 The time will come ye'll walk alone
 And rise or fall for a' that.

Then let us pray that come it may—
 Come soon, come sure, and a' that—
 That college cliques may better mix,
 With less of hate and a' that.
 For a' that and a' that—
 Yer brotherhood and a' that—
 A man's a man, whate'er his badge
 Be nobler men for a' that.

A SUBJECT of very general interest is that of Fraternity Extension which is discussed in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* by Ben P. Runkle, one of the founders of the order. General Runkle argues in favor of extension, and both the soldier and the Greek speak in the following words:

There is a narrow and a broad way of looking at this question. The man who opposes extension is not less loyal than he who advocates it, but may he not, nevertheless, be more narrow in his way of viewing the same? The mountaineer is loyal to his native land, patriotic in every nerve and fibre. Surrounded by towering cliffs, his little valley with its bright meadow and rippling stream, is his all-in-all. His horizon is bounded by the line of sky and crag,

and in defense of his narrow home he will dare the most heroic deeds. But is this the highest, the broadest, the noblest form of patriotism? Is the man whose horizon, following the sun, sweeps round the world, who longs to share the blessings he enjoys with his fellow men less patriotic, less ready to do and dare? Will he not seize his rifle to defend an empire as readily as a clansman of old drew his claymore at the call of his chief?

Can development, progress, be secured in any other way than by an increase in the number of chapters—I mean all the progress desirable, the most complete development attainable? If Sigma Chi has chapters in ample number, and it shall be deemed wise to have no more extension in that direction, then this necessary progress must be found in the elevation and strengthening of the chapters we already have. But how is this to be accomplished? The character and reputation of each chapter depends almost wholly on its own members. All that the general body of the fraternity can do is to carefully guard the granting of charters, making sure that men worthy and well qualified are secured. After such action has been taken the navigation of that ship of our fleet depends on its own crew. We furnish the compass and chart, the thinking brains and guiding hands must be found within the chapter limits.

Now in determining whether or not to grant a charter, it seems to me that we should consider before and above all things the personal character of the applicants; second, the grade of the college; lastly, the probability, all things being taken into account, of the permanence of the chapter. We should never grant a charter merely because the institution from which the petition comes is large and rich, neither refuse it because the college is small. Men make institutions. Will it not be wise to accept men wherever we can find them."

THE *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma may be relied upon to treat whatever subject it discusses with generous fair-mindedness. Its whole attitude is an admission that fraternities do not embrace the entire excellence of college life, and that Kappa Sigma does not monopolize all that is good in fraternities.

It is a pleasure to quote the following regarding the influence of a fraternity upon its members:

"This influence of the chapter, in the hands of the right kind of men, is most important and beneficial; but exerted in the wrong way it becomes a dangerous weapon. Then the question arises, 'How am I, as a part of that chapter, as an individual member to exert my influence?' There is but one answer—by precept and example. When a man becomes a member of a fraternity, or assumes the responsibilities of membership in any organization as for that matter, he is supposed to be man enough to conduct himself in a manner becoming that organization. Every chapter is influenced by the fraternity as a whole. Its ideas will be high or low just as the ideas of a fraternity of which it is a part are high or low. Likewise, the individual member is influenced by the chapter as a whole. The old saying birds of a feather flock together holds true here as elsewhere. In every chapter there are one or two men who are recognized as leaders. They are looked up to and admired by the younger members, respected and followed by all. If these be men of the proper stamp, the

chapter will almost invariably be the same; but if they be wild, harum-scarum fellows, the chapter is more than likely to follow in their footsteps."

Then, since the influence of the chapter and of the individual is so powerful, since on this account the future of every member of the chapter is at stake, let us halt a moment and ask ourselves, as a chapter and as individuals, are we exerting our influence in the right way? Have we any inducements as a chapter to offer the initiate other than the fact that he is being taken into a fraternity? Is the initiate bettered, improved, and elevated by being a member of our chapter? In other words, are we conducting an organization which takes a man's time and money without rendering him anything in return, or are we returning both as we should do, with interest, and thereby encouraging those qualities and instilling those principles which will make him a better man?"

THE discussion of "Our Relation to Non-fraternity Men," voices that peace-policy which is so much safer and saner than the rampant fraternity "Jingoism," which sometimes marks the relations of the Greek and the non-fraternity man.

"On numerous occasions one or both parties have failed to realize the need of courtesy and generosity in their dealings with each other, and have brought about unseemly contests, which have been productive of much evil. I do not mean to discourage the spirit of friendly rivalry in certain matters. Far be that idea from me! It adds zeal and relish to college life, and renders it more enjoyable. But I wish to give my disapproval of that spirit which refuses to grant the slightest concession to the other party—whichever may be in the ascendancy—but rule affairs with a high and sometimes unwise hand."

"Let us show that we are refined and well-bred, without seeming to call attention to those qualities. Why should we be haughty and overbearing because we wear the badge of a good and honorable fraternity? Truly it is something of which we may be justly proud, but that is no reason why we should look with scorn and contempt upon the 'barbarian.' His heart may be as true as ours, his ambition as high, and his final success as great.

It is eminently proper that we should cultivate the spirit of brotherhood with the members of our own fraternity; but let us beware of exhibiting too little friendliness for others. This spirit of narrowness is most severely criticised wherever it exists, and is harmful to any chapter. Why not have friends both within and without the gate of our order? Choose to brighten your pathway through this "vale of tears" those who,

"Heart-whole, pure in faith, once written friend,
In life and death are true unto the end."

While we are considering this subject let us enter a plea for the abolition of that disagreeable word "barbarian." The classically trained are aware that it is the name which the Greek applied to all who spoke a foreign tongue, including the highly civilized Persians and Egyptians. All who were not Greeks were foreigners, that is, barbarians. Such then is the origin of the term as applied to the non-fraternity man. Modern usage, however, makes the term "barbarian" antithetical to the civilized man, and we suspect that it is this meaning which is uppermost in the minds of many, both within and

without the boundaries of Greekdom. Used in this way the word is discourteous and insincere, and we can not blame the non-fraternity man for resenting it. That this resentment is based on a misunderstanding is an insufficient argument; therefore, the best course is to eliminate it altogether from the college vocabulary.

It must be a source of gratification to every fraternity woman when the interests and life of woman's fraternity are brought to the notice of those to whom co-education has not given a nearer and more empirical knowledge of their sister Greeks. Therefore, it is with interest that we note that the March number of the *Kappa Alpha Journal* devotes not less than nine pages to a humorous critique of the magazines of the woman's fraternities. The article is characterized throughout by keen insight and delicate southern chivalry. The true scientific method of reinforcing and illustrating statements with citations is followed, and the manner, not less than the matter of the journals carefully treated.

The reader of this article might detect a certain studied character in the facetiousness of the style, particularly evidenced perhaps in the consideration of the covers and general appearance of the different magazines. The surprise of the writer, too, at the lack of half tones or other illustrations suggests that his acquaintance, with *THE ARROW* at least, is of very recent date. It is, moreover, difficult to account for the omission from the list of sororities of the small but flourishing Gamma Phi Beta.

Those whose sole source of information regarding the woman's fraternities is the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, will, we fear, be left with a somewhat inadequate idea both of the sororities and their magazines. That the critique will arouse interest, however, and a desire to learn more, is undoubted, since it bears the hall-mark of a very real and hearty interest on the part of this writer in the woman's fraternity, none the less genuine for being a bit provocative; an interest which, we venture to assert, made the writing of the article a pleasant and congenial task.

THE current number of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* contains an excellently written article concerning the character of the fraternity journal. While we cannot wholly agree with the author in the following, yet we realize perfectly that it is a fair question for argument. *THE ARROW* would gladly welcome suggestions or expressions of opinion upon this subject.

I very much doubt the propriety of a literary department in the journal. There are more magazines at hand than any of us find time to read, and there is no reason why we as a fraternity should undertake the publication of a literary magazine. In fact, there are several reasons why we should not do so. If, however, there is to be a literary department in connection with the journal, I should recommend strongly that it be confined to current literature and its different phases. Praiseworthy as our prize essays are in and of themselves, it is scarcely in good taste to make the fraternity magazine a repository for them; and such essays in the nature of things cannot be of as much interest to a general reader as to the writer herself and her professor of English. It is hard for

the college girl to find time to read the books of the day, the books that everyone reads and talks of, yet opinions about them are always useful and expected; and whatever helps her to obtain them serves a useful purpose. Book reviews, criticisms, short sketches, or essays upon the tendencies or characteristics of the literature of the day might perhaps be embodied to advantage in a literary department; but this department, it seems to me, should be regarded as of purely secondary importance.

THE *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta pays tribute to the memory of Eugene Field by reprinting a number of his best poems and songs. Mr. Field was a member of Missouri Alpha of the class of 1872.

SEVERAL of the current journals publish illustrated sketches of colleges where they are represented by chapters. Phi Psi has one of Cornell, Beta Theta Pi of Beloit, and Tri Delta of Adrian College. This practice has much to commend in it. A large number of colleges, particularly the smaller ones, are known only by name beyond their own locality. We are sometimes surprised to learn of the age, growth and standing of one of these colleges, in whose existence we have previously had no interest beyond the fact that it sheltered one of our chapters. As described by the sympathetic pen of one of its students, a college is brought to our interest through the pages of the fraternity magazine, and we at once feel a new sympathy with our chapter and a new respect for the largeness of the college world.

THE *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi is gay with anticipations of the coming convention. If the young lady in scarlet who adorns the cover is intended to be an impersonation of Phi Psi, we must congratulate her on being a very up to date young lady, though not so ancient or staid as we had previously supposed.

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