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THE CONVENTION.

The thirteenth session of Grand Alpha of Pi Beta Phi was held in Lawrence, Kansas, March 29th to April 1st, 1892.

This convention was an important one, and served a two-fold purpose. By it we celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary; by it we were enabled to plan for the future of Pi Beta Phi. Many lessons were taught us by the twenty-five years. Not each year, unfortunately, has meant advancement, but where at any time there seemed to be inactivity, in reality it proved to be a period of germination, and the future years bore the rich fruitage of that silent force. Our founders, all honor to them! were the pioneers in the work, and had to feel their way slowly along. Mistakes were made and the growth of years was needed to rectify them. But at the end of twenty-five years we feel that we have a goodly harvest to reap, and the promise for future abundance is most satisfying.

The first event of the convention was the informal reception to delegates and visitors, given by Kansas Alpha, on Monday evening, March 28th, in Phi Delta Theta halls. In these tasty halls all meetings of the convention were held. To the reception came the girls of Kansas Alpha, eager to meet the strangers; the officers, busy with plans of convention work; the delegates, zealous for the success of the convention; and the visitors, anxious for the best interests of Pi Beta Phi; all with cordial greetings and kindly thoughts. The time was pleasantly spent in greeting old friends, in meeting the new sisters, in examining chapter-pictures, and in discussing the work of the fraternity at large, and the coming convention in particular.

On Tuesday morning, March 29th, Grand Alpha was opened by Grand President Emma Harper Turner, of Washington, D. C.

Twenty-three members of Grand Alpha were reported, as follows :

Iowa Alpha—LAURA PETERSON, Mount Pleasant.
Illinois Beta—ETHEL TOMPKINS, Galesburg.
Kansas Alpha—EDITH GRUBB, Lawrence.
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Grand Guide—HELEN SUTLIFF, Lawrence.

One Chapter, Louisiana Alpha, was not represented.

The time was then devoted to the hearing of Chapter reports. The interim since last Grand Alpha has been one of unprecedented prosperity for Pi Beta Phi. Two new Chapters were reported : one at Minnesota State University, at Minneapolis, was founded in June, 1890, and now has an active membership of twelve ; the other was founded in Newcomb College, annex to Tulane University, New Orleans, La., October, 1891, and now has an active membership of sixteen.

Every Chapter of Pi Beta Phi is alive and enthusiastic ; the membership is making a rapid and healthful growth. The total active membership for this year, up to date, is 210.

Following the reports of delegates and standing committees, the committees of the convention were appointed, and the greater part of the afternoon was given up to active committee work.

The evening brought a rare treat to all members of Pi Beta Phi. At an early hour the sixty Pi Phis in Lawrence

gathered at the Phi Delta Theta halls for the initiation — and, truly, it was an ideal one. Two young ladies, Misses Amy Sparr and Belle Roberts, were brought into our mysterious fold. Our initiation ceremony never was more beautiful or more impressive. At the close of the initiation the members adjourned to Weidmann's for a banquet. After a dainty repast, the toastmistress, Grand Vice-President Minnie H. Newby, of Chicago, arose and gracefully announced the following toasts and responses :

" *Welcome*,"—EDITH GRUB, Lawrence, Kansas.

" *The Greeks and the Barbs*,"—MARION NILES, Galesburg, Ills.

" *Our Absent Sisters*,"—by one of the absent ones.

(Read by KATHAREN PORTER, Ames, Iowa).

" *Auf Wiedersehen*,"—EDNA CLARK, Washington, D. C.

The speeches were interspersed with rousing Pi Phi songs.

The banquet over, the banqueters returned to Phi Delta Theta halls, where they informally received the gentlemen of that fraternity.

On Wednesday morning the convention assembled for a short business session, and then adjourned to visit the University.

The time at our disposal was all too short for this, for truly Kansas has a University of which the state may well be proud. Its situation, on the top of a high hill, forcibly reminds the sight-seer and student that the road to learning is a long and hard one. The extensive view for miles is the first reward that the toiler up the hill has. Then, after we have enjoyed the beauty of the rolling plains, the mistiness of Blue Mound, the river, and pretty Lawrence, lying almost hidden in her bower of trees, we turn to the buildings. Two of them are quite large. One is the main building, containing the library, the chapel, the classical museum, and class-rooms. The other, Snow Hall, is the science building, and contains the departments of natural science and the scientific museum. All departments show that the University is in a flourishing condition. The other smaller buildings, chemical laboratory, law building, and conservatory of music, and observatory were not visited, as the time was so limited. The extensive campus,

the massive buildings of yellow stone, the well-equipped departments, the extensive view from University hill, all combined to leave a strong impression with us that Kansas State University is truly representative of the broad culture of the people of Kansas.

Wednesday afternoon was most delightfully spent in a reception given by Kansas Alpha, assisted by the visiting members of Pi Beta Phi, to all girls of the University. It was held at the elegant home of Mame Tisdale, and with the exquisite toilettes of the girls, the profuse floral decorations, the dainty refreshments, the brilliant light, the sweet music of mandolins, the social converse, was a most enjoyable entertainment. It was a pleasure to meet the girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Kappa Alpha Theta, and those who, to us, were so unfortunate as never to have entered the mysteries of fraternity life.

The day of so much pleasure was most delightfully closed by a Pan-Hellenic hop, given to the ladies of Pi Beta Phi by the members of the chapters of the six gentlemen's fraternities represented in Kansas State University. It was most successful, and our girls went from its gaities feeling grateful to the young men for so pleasant an evening.

Thursday was given up entirely to hard work in convention. Most of the committees reported, and much business of importance was dispatched.

Notwithstanding the lowering weather, Thursday evening found not one Pi Phi absent from the crowning event of the week — the reception and banquet. The reception was held in the spacious parlors of the Elbridge House, where assembled the members of Pi Beta Phi and their friends. During the hour given to sociability many pleasant acquaintances were formed. In such meetings of Pi Phis with faculty and students our power and influence is certainly increased.

At eleven o'clock all moved to the banquet hall, which was handsomely decorated with long festoons of smilax and the wine and blue of Pi Beta Phi. The tables, arranged in the form of a Maltese cross, were beautiful with their flowers and silver and the mellow light of shaded lamps and wax candles.

The one hundred and thirty guests were soon seated at the tables, and were elegantly served with the following menu :

	<i>Orange Ice.</i>	<i>Saratoga Potatoes.</i>
<i>Smell.</i>		
<i>Trifle.</i>	<i>Veal Croquettes.</i>	<i>Green Peas.</i>
<i>Bread.</i>		<i>Olives.</i>
<i>Cold Ham.</i>	<i>Chicken Salad.</i>	<i>Orange Jelly.</i>
	<i>Wafers.</i>	<i>Ice Cream.</i>
<i>Caramel Cake.</i>		
<i>Fruit Cake.</i>		
	<i>Fig Cake.</i>	
	<i>Chocolate Cake.</i>	
		<i>Cocounut Cake.</i>
		<i>Angel Food.</i>
	<i>Fruit.</i>	
<i>Coffee.</i>		<i>Cheese Straws.</i>

After the last course was over, the toastmistress, Jennie Sutliff, of Lawrence, aptly and charmingly announced the following toasts and responses :

"*Fraternity—a Magic Word*,"—EMMA HARPER TURNER, Pi Beta Phi.

"*Fraternity—a Social Factor*,"—Chancellor F. H. SNOW, of Kansas State University.

"*Our Mutual Friend*,"—Mr. H. E. COPPER, Sigma Nu.

"*The Rush Line*,"—Mr. MONTGOMERY HALLOWELL, Phi Kappa Psi.

"*The Corridors*,"—Mr. F. H. RIDDLE, Sigma Chi.

"*The Spirit of Good-fellowship*,"—Mr. W. H. JOHNSON, Beta Theta Pi.

"*That Mysterious Woman*,"—Mr. W. H. WHITE, Phi Delta Theta.

"*The Wine and Blue*,"—Mr. C. H. JOHNSON, Phi Gamma Delta.

At last the final words were said, and slowly the happy, delighted throng left the halls; good-nights were said, and homeward all went, carrying with them memories of a very pleasant evening.

Friday morning found us in the routine of convention work. Much remained to be done, and business was dispatched with a quickness and thoroughness that spoke well for the parliamentary training of the girls. After lunch, which for convenience was served in the hall, the convention was photographed. This over, the call to order was promptly

given and the business soon brought to a close. The report of the nominating committee resulted in the election of the following

OFFICERS OF THE GRAND COUNCIL.

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Guide — LIZZIE FLAGLER, Chicago, Illinois.

The newly-elected officers were then installed, and after an enthusiastic speech from Grand President-elect, Miss Turner, Grand Alpha was adjourned.

This convention was marked by the adoption of measures of fraternity policy of unusual importance, and important plans for the future. Viewing the work of the convention as a whole, we feel that Pi Beta Phi has certainly taken no backward steps. The work in every detail was one of progression. Some of the measures which carried were as follows :

The recommendations of the Pan-Hellenic convention of '91, in Boston, were heartily adopted. These measures have seemed very urgent to Pi Phi for a long time, and we are anxious for their adoption by all the fraternities represented at the Pan-Hellenic convention, so they will come into use, and thus give us the long-needed assistance.

Iowa Zeta and Kappa resigned from the position of publishers of *The Arrow*, and it was assigned to Michigan Beta, at Michigan State University.

Decided steps were taken for active work among the Alumnæ, the object being to bring those who have long been severed from active chapter life in touch with the present work of the fraternity.

A new financial policy was adopted.

A committee was appointed to effect the organization of a stock company, whose object shall be to raise funds for the erection of chapter houses. Earnest efforts are to be made by this committee for the speedy erection of a chapter house at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

A yell was adopted, and when a strong chorus gave

Ring Ching, Ching,
Ho, Hippi Hi,
Ra, Ro,
Arrow,
Pi Beta Phi,

We felt that we had a strong outlet for fraternity enthusiasm.

The next session of Grand Alpha will be held in Chicago, during the summer of '93, about the time of the ladies' Pan-Hellenic convention.

To the girls of Kansas Alpha, we can give only words of heartiest praise. Their reception and entertainment of us was most sisterly. We thoroughly enjoyed our stay among them, and when at last farewells were said and the train was bearing us away from the girls and the good times, we felt that of all the lovely girls in Pi Beta Phi, Kansas Alpha has a goodly share. Sweet memories yet linger of the days spent with our sisters in Lawrence, and life seems brighter for this diversion from the routine of daily work. Long life to Kansas Alpha! Long life to Pi Beta Phi!

ELLA M. HAM.

CARNATIONS.

WRITTEN BY MISS CARRIE RUTLEDGE.

Oh, exquisite carnation,
How charming is thy station,
Thou bringest to each sense a fresh delight.
Thy petals, fondly clinging,
From slender stem upspringing—
Thou tell'st of *Friendship*, when thou'rt dressed in *white*.

What sort of strange material,
So delicate, ethereal,
Was used to make thee so surpassing fair?
Toward heavenly things inclining;
Our thoughts from dross refining;
Art thou the flower which the angels wear?

And here a *crimson* cluster
 Shines with such radiant lustre,
 That to behold its brilliance is a bliss.
 The fresh breath of the morning
 Is every leaf adorning,
 For it comes laden with a *Lover's* kiss.

And that warm kiss of passion,
 Has in some wondrous fashion
 Tinged deeply red each blossom's dainty spray :
 And all their kindled graces
 Seem like to blushing faces,
 As each one seeks to hide itself away.

But thou, oh rare *pink* flower,
 Thou hast the choicest dower
 Of all rich blessings sent us from above ;
 For evermore we're finding,
 The tie which proves most binding,
 And best of all, is *Friendship* grown to *Love*.

Thine is most pleasant duty,
 To brighten with new beauty
 The faces, where thy rich reflections fall.
 "Perfection" will we name,
 And one and all proclaim *Thee*,
 Carnation-*pink*, illustrious queen of all.

CONVENTION JOTTINGS.

THE ARROW editor is under obligation to the Business Manager, Grand President, Grand Secretary, and others, for Convention items, as she was unable to be present.

Too much cannot be said of the hospitality of Kansas Alpha and the courtesy shown visiting Pi Phi by Chancellor Snow and Faculty of Kansas State University. To glean from, to make a composite of, the pleasant experiences of the four State University of Iowa girls who, as members of Grand Alpha, visited the Athens of a fair western state, would be alike impossible. The reports from Grand Officers and all others emphasize the success ideal fraternityward, socially and completely.

Convention work was certainly in the line of progression, though the granting of the name was an effort to catch up with the organization, which, like all life-endowed organisms, kept on growing and prospering in spite of a legitimate cognomen. Pi Beta Phi is now a fraternity in name as well as in reality.

The song pamphlet, which materialized at convention, has a merry "ring-ching-ho-hippi-hi-Pi-Beta-Phi" sort of a jingle that sets the whole collection going in a wholesome, happy sort of way. Michigan Beta has done very good sifting of material, and the fraternity song-book is now a fact, though small. May it grow and prosper, as it doubtless will with so healthy a nucleus. Every member should own one; every Pi Phi should memorize every song, and be ready at any time to index fraternity feeling, and to provide a reliable, pleasing safety-valve, for fraternity enthusiasm. Send 15 cents and a stamp to Miss Bancker, No. 94 S. State street, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Do not wait to do this sometime, but buy your book now.

Visiting Pi Phis at convention were: Gertrude Clark, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Fanny Brown, Athens, Ohio; Fanny White, Denver, Colorado; Mrs. Helen Harrison and Mrs. Flora McCloud, York, Nebraska.

All plans for entertaining the convention had been most thoroughly made by Kansas Alpha, and from early Monday morning, when the delegates began to come, there was not a visible hitch in arrangements. Kansas Alpha has a large resident membership, both active and *alumnæ*, and they having so many elegant homes at their disposal could, and did, care for the guests in a most sumptuous manner.

The hall used for convention purposes was that of Phi Delta Theta. It is very cosily furnished, and served admirably the purpose of Grand Alpha.

We are wondering if Miss Turner told the assembled delegates how proud she was of them. She has told us privately, that "looking into the faces of these delegates, there could have been but one feeling—of pride; for surely a fairer, brighter body of young women never convened."

Chapter reports were well made out, showing progress in every line, with special attention being given to internal improvement. The Michigan Alpha report of constitutional study, through a query box, was particularly pleasing. These reports led to a discussion of chapter meetings, a questioning from chapter to chapter. The literary work done embraced all lines, through exhaustive studies, reviews of current events as noted in magazines, the reading of certain books, lectures from invited guests, down to positively no such work. One or two chapters have business sessions only once per month; most chapters follow the plan of business first, literary and social afterward. At every meeting most chapters secure prompt attendance by a system of fines.

The Grand President's report reviewed the progress for two years, recommended plans of work for alumnæ, catalogue, and financial basis. Applications for nine charters had been received; two have been granted, and several are waiting final action.

Pi Beta Phi at this Thirteenth Biennial Convention has certainly put herself on record as in favor of everything that looks toward a higher standard in fraternity affairs. The spirit of progression, concerning which we hear so much since convention, must have been in the atmosphere at Lawrence during the week. Convention enthusiasm is a usual thing, but this had a backbone of clear-headed earnestness that was most gratifying. The idea of the Pan-Hellenic meeting at Chicago was enthusiastically received, and Pi Beta Phi will put forth every effort toward making the meeting a success, and has appointed to hold her own convention immediately following the Pan-Hellenic.

Since Chicago is so central, we hope to get our largest delegation present, and will work to that end.

THE ARROW was sent to Ann Arbor for the two years beginning October, 1892, and the following resolution was passed:

Grand Alpha of Pi Beta Phi extends to Ella Ham and Mira Troth its most heartfelt thanks, appreciative of their services to the fraternity through their connection with THE ARROW.

MINNIE H. NEWBY,
Grand Secretary Pi Beta Phi.

The literary bureau has arranged to provide for building up chapter libraries by alumnæ support.

Miss Turner says: "The one thought underlying every bit of work was: What is best for the fraternity at large?"

No wonder the convention was so fruitful of good results, and one of the good things was the arrangement to keep the fraternity magazine in the hands of alumnæ for three years after graduation.

The catalogue is still a creature of the future. Much work has been done already, and Corinne Super, of Ohio Alpha, was elected by Grand Alpha as General Secretary of Catalogue Work. Miss Super is full of life, and knows how to do her work.

We have been unable to collect the toasts given at the convention banquet, as many of them were not written. We give below that of Miss Turner, on "Fraternity, a Magic Word:"

Fraternity—a magic word, and at once there spring into being beautiful memories, glimpses of our ideals, thoughts of earnest purpose, falling like a benediction over our purposes and our aims, reassuring us that after all our efforts are worth the while. It cannot be we are wizards, pigmies, giants, or brownies, subject to the will of wands, or boots, or even Aladdin lumps, but the magic of our talismanic word finds its power in a deeper spring than that of mystery alone—rather in the fact that it forms one more connecting link between the heart of the all-wise Father and the beating, pulsating heart of man. It is the magic that a soul knows when it grasps an idea worthy of the soul.

The magic of that grand idea, "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man," a thought so broad, so deep, so strong, that all humanity may venture on it. And it is the thought of this affiliation coming nearer and nearer my own heart that satisfies the soul-longing for all that is best and grandest, and worthy all effort. The realization of this great truth prompts me to action, and fraternity becomes a magic word, suggesting as it does all of co-operation. We are just beginning to learn "'tis easier taking hold of hands," but the awakening has cost woman many long years of sacrifice, the endurance of scoffs and insults, yes, even isolation itself; and all honor to the women who bore the trials for us—to Mrs. Stanton, Miss Anthony, and sweet-faced Lucy Stone, because of their work in making it easier for us today.

And just here, please, permit a reference to Pi Beta Phi's founders. Twenty-five years ago this April a band of women clasped hands in a

fraternity circle for the first time. It was no easy matter to inaugurate such a movement twenty-five years ago — to make customs, set precedents, and invite criticism — yet these fourteen women, filled with the desire to permit no latent forces to lie idle, and the determination to utilize every effort for woman's advancement, dared brave the discouraging circumstances and clasp hands in an endeavor in Pi Beta Phi, and its easier for us to-day.

Easier? Do we need to have life made easier? Think not alone, we pray, of your own sheltered home-nests, but also of the many into whose lives creep so little of its brightness and so much of its bitterness; and of the many more who must simply accept and endure conditions that debar them from larger opportunities, broader views of life and its grandeur, and from a satisfaction in any degree of their soul-hunger. Would that our educated young women would clasp hands in one grand endeavor to make the life-struggle easier for the unfortunate ones, and to make possible a response to every heart-longing.

Fraternity — a magic word — and memory throws open her galley, bringing to view the bright pictures of intimate associations with the women we admire. Associations that proved inspirations during college days, and whose memory still calls forth the best for our womanhood.

Ah! but you reply that is sentiment. Well, it may be, but the force that rules the world to-day is sentiment, and the tragedy of eighteen hundred years ago, consummated on Calvary's brow, was but crystallized sentiment. If the fraternity influence does lift us out of ourselves onto broader planes of thought; if it does pledge us to all that is noblest and best, not only for ourselves but for humanity, let its magic touch all hearts.

Build my soul a loftier stair,
Build a room in healthier air,
Here there is no rest;
Better climb to best,
Thy friends shall be the 'ternal stars,
They greet thee through the casement bars.
Thy homesick feet they lead
Where those no home shalt need.

THE SOCIAL QUESTION FOR PI BETA PHI.

How much time can I afford to give to society? What kind of society shall I aspire to move in? Are questions that come to every thoughtful woman. For Pi Beta Phi they take the form: To what degree shall our fraternity be a social organization, and to what sort of society shall it give its approval?

In the first place, what is meant by the term "society?"

You think of ball-rooms with the crowds of daintily-garbed figures flitting about, the atmosphere heavy (and unwholesome) with the fragrance of hot-house flowers and delicate perfumes. If you are at all imaginative, you think farther, of the costly fabrics and laces, the expensive table delicacies and decorations, the snatches of trifling talk, the whispers of admiration, the morning headache and listlessness. Then come visions of calls and theatres, afternoon teas and operas, drives in one's elegant new street costume — an endless succession.

If this be the only meaning of *society* to-day, it needs no extended deliberation to decide that an earnest girl can afford very little time for it.

If, then, our so-called best society is little more than frivolity and empty display, why is not the social question settled for all of us?

Because society of some sort is a necessity for mankind. It is an institution having its foundation in human need and its summit in mutual benefit and pleasure. A social organization is proof of evolution from savagery. And society, not only in the sense of social organization, but also in the sense of intercourse of man with man, is a necessity to each individual.

Men of all ages have tried to deprive themselves of the society of their fellowmen; monks have shut themselves in cloisters away from human life and thought, and have withered up bodily and mentally; scholars have lived with books as their only companions, and the search after wisdom their only motive, and have turned into automatic machines. Notwithstanding the lofty ideals and the earnest spirit of these recluses, and the examples of self-sacrifice or the scientific discoveries they may have given to the world, we feel as if, after all, they had misunderstood the aim of life; had failed to interpret their natures and its demands aright, and so missed life's truest meaning.

It is impossible for any man to be sufficient unto himself. He must keep in touch with the life and thought of the world, and he must do this by mingling with his fellow-men.

There is an enthusiasm that comes from the intercourse of mind with mind, a quickening of mental powers, a development of latent capacities.

Narrow-mindedness must always be the penalty of holding aloof from society. What else could come from treading constantly the circumscribed circle of one's own thoughts, of being limited to merely *individual* ideas and interests?

We can tell at a glance those who have become accustomed to social life and intercourse. The most noticeable characteristic of such persons is breadth of view and largeness of mental vision; the rough corners of their natures seem to have worn smooth; local prejudices have succumbed; while over all is the peculiar, undefineable charm of manner that comes only from social culture. (Nothing else than forgetfulness of self and thought for others can lie at the basis of this charm.)

If, then, society is a necessity, what sort of society shall we countenance?

There is much criticism current on American society, and undoubtedly too much of it is true. It is to be lamented that there is in America an aristocracy of wealth, a tendency to display; but is it not, after all, our own fault that court is paid to fashion, and personal worth gets no recognition? We must remember that in finding fault with American society we are accusing our own social qualities.

But let us see if there has been a time when society was more admirable than to-day, and worthy to be reproduced in this later time.

We look back with longing to those days of the youth and simplicity of our country when Washington said: "Mrs. Washington's wishes coincide with my own as to simplicity of dress, and everything which can tend to support propriety of character without partaking of the follies of luxury and ostentation."

We read that there were "no degrees except those assigned to worth and intellect," and that it was possible "to acquire social distinction only through natural force of mind."

"The divine charm of earnestness pervaded the courtesies of intercourse, loves, friendships, counsels, pastimes. Society was pregnant with sentiment, and had the vitality which

springs from character; its spirit, instead of being exhaled in forms, or being lost in manoeuvres, kindled the mind and warmed the heart."

The sparse neighborhoods, the widely-divided settlements, and the comparative leisure of the higher class were the cause of much of the keen pleasure that was found in social intercourse.

Here lies the difficulty of reconstructing to-day a society like this, or of reproducing the characteristics of the French *salon* in so far as they were good. American life in general is too busy to develop society in its perfection. With most people society must be a relaxation, a recreation. The physical and mental work of the day makes rest imperative. We cannot expect them to have a society on a purely intellectual basis.

Nor is the need of social intercourse felt so much in this time of populous city life, newspapers, magazines, operas, theatres, and the various social amusements. We can satisfy this demand of our natures for recreation without so much personal contact with individuals.

The conditions of life, then, of the nineteenth century demand that social life should satisfy the demand of our natures for recreation, since our intellectual self is realized in other directions. To do this without being frivolous or shallow, is the social problem of the day.

How far, then, shall Pi Beta Phi be a social organization?

Since it is Pi Beta Phi's aim to aid in growth of character in all directions, to develop all sides of our nature, the social side must not be neglected. In a busy college life this is most necessary.

And, then, woman is pre-eminently the social being, and her charm the basis of all society. Though we cannot live merely to be agreeable, like the brilliant women of the French *salon*, we can do much to make society better than it is.

The materials for good society exist *in solution* everywhere. They must be gathered up and brought together before the society can be formed. Let Pi Beta Phi do such work, careful never to select its material according to the dictates of fashion merely.

The answer to the social problem for Pi Beta Phi is that each girl be fitted to be one element in this best society, founded on personal worth. MARY B. THOMPSON.

University of Michigan.

THE COLLEGE WOMAN AFTER GRADUATION.

If it be true, as has been said, that we go to college to bring out the latest capabilities of character, and to learn how to learn, then it is obvious that only those who continue their studies in later years and apply the discipline they have acquired to the problems of life gather the richest fruits of a college course.

The lady graduate can make no better resolve than that her studies shall not cease at graduation. Let no young woman pride herself on what she *has* achieved, and rest content thereafter with being a social butterfly or a mere drudge. The world moves; we must add each day to our knowledge or skill, lest we are left behind with the fossils.

The college-bred woman who enters a profession or other vocation has constant stimulus to progress in the exigencies of her calling; but she who retires to a home of comparative ease and culture finds it behooves her to cast about for some desirable avenues of intellectual effort. And, again, she who marries, and finds herself surrounded with a growing family, learns that it is only by determined and systematic effort that she can broaden the field of her intellectual acquirements.

The mind is in good training at graduation, and she who has sufficient leisure at her command should enter at once upon a course of study in modern philosophy. The impetus received during a college course should be sufficient to hold one steadfast through a round of Herbert Spencer, Darwin, Tyndall, Huxley, etc.

Beginning with Spencer's "*First Principles*," the student, if she is made of the right stuff, finds she has acquired for life what Spencer himself calls "large habitual views" and a broadened basis of reasoning; and she is, furthermore, able to judge from this work whether she will have the nerve to make

further attack upon Spencer's wide and exhaustive system of philosophy. If not, she may have the satisfaction of knowing she has already possessed herself of the kernel of the nut (begging Mr. Spencer's pardon for the flippancy of the illustration).

Darwin's "*Origin of Species*," though tedious reading to many, is yet a work of which no student can afford to be ignorant, related as it is to many of the greatest achievements in modern science. A scientific journal and a high-class literary magazine are great aids in the scholar's search for new and valuable materials for study, the college-bred woman not finding a fashion paper and the "*Ladies' Home Journal*" adequate for her needs as to periodical literature.

But there comes a time, eventually, when the average woman finds that whatsoever *has* been her inspiration and achievements; that howsoever she may have resolved to learn while she lives, and progress to the last, yet the impetus to study is exhausted; her thought-field seems a barren waste, while she lacks the power, and almost the desire, to plow it, and harrow it, and sow it any more. Perhaps her surroundings are not stimulating to solitary intellectual labor, while the practical duties of life, and, mayhap, more alluring pleasures, crowd her studies out of sight. Woe to her if they remain hidden and buried under the debris of careless neglect or loads of daily cares and labors. Easy it is now for her to forsake her high ideas and become but one plodding atom of the multitude who know not the joy of increasing knowledge nor the power of actual attainment.

She may haply find her intellectual salvation at this juncture in one or more of the women's clubs which have attained such vigorous growth in almost every city and town during the past decade. She needs the friction of other minds, the coercion of a set task, the stimulus of competition.

Should she chance to live in a hamlet where such a club is not accessible, let her strive to gather around her a few choice spirits and start one.

The writer of this article has been a member of such a club for six years. A handful of young matrons organized the Cliothalian Club, which was named for Clio, the muse of

history, to designate our chief line of study, and Thalia, one of the graces, who, according to ancient mythology, presided over the banquet, etc., to indicate that our aim includes a social element.

The organization has from the start been as informal as possible, having no president or other officers, unless the teacher be considered an officer; and as we each take our turn at the duties of teaching, we are thus all on a level.

The meetings, held at the homes of the various members, occur every alternate Friday, from 3 to 8 P. M. At the beginning of each fiscal year an artistic programme is prepared and printed, containing an outline of the year's work, the dates and places of meetings, with the prescribed lessons, and the name of the teacher for each date. We have thus made delightful as well as profitable the study of American history and Greek history, Gibbon's Rome and Guizot's France, while we are now at work on English history. We have always had some secondary study, also. Aryan mythology, Shakespeare, biography, poetry, and fiction have received our attention, and we have reviewed grammar, geography, orthoepy, and orthography.

To illustrate our method of analyzing a work of fiction — suppose it is Tolstoi's "Anna Karenina" which is under consideration:

Consulting the printed programme, we find that one lady is appointed to write a biographical sketch of the author, Count Tolstoi; another is designated to prepare a review of the work as a whole, while the remaining seven members are each given one of the principal characters in the book to "analyze."

But perhaps the most amusing of our recreative work was our struggle with orthoepy. We began by reading a page, turn-about, out of Gibbon's "Rome," the unabridged dictionary occupying the place of honor, and the teacher, alert with a list of the members, held ready to receive black marks. At the first mispronunciation the reader was interrupted by any one who knew her to be in error; in fact she was liable to be startled by a full chorus joyfully proclaiming her mistake. Were the criticism questioned, the unabridged was consulted, and down went the *mark* if it was a *bona fide* mistake.

The one who had the least number of marks against her was entitled to a small prize from the hostess. This method was changed later, by the teacher preparing a quantity of test-words, say twelve words to each member.

During one term we had a profitable recreation, which we designated as *Conversazione*. The teacher came to the meeting prepared with a number of slips of paper, each containing a subject. These were placed face downward on a table. Each lady chose one, and was in honor bound to talk five minutes to the best of her ability upon that theme. This was very difficult at first, but became easier when we grew accustomed to it. If we knew anything upon the required subject, well and good; if not, we must hide our ignorance as best we might, talk *around* the subject, but fill the five minutes *somehow*—good practice for ladies as well as politicians.

The social phase of this club need not be dwelt upon. At every meeting the hostess entertains the members at tea, and for the following hour or so a general good time is in order. Each year the anniversary of the organization is celebrated with great zest, and on this festive occasion the husbands of the members are invited to partake of the banquet and add to the programme of music and speech-making, though the chief feature of this programme is the "Cliothalian Retrospect" for the closing year.

More than one club has been organized in neighboring towns on our plan of work, which has always proved effective and enjoyable wherever tried.

The foolish fallacy respecting blue stockings was exploded long ago. No woman in the ordinary walks of life need fancy intellectual culture incompatible with the proper performance of life's more exacting duties. What great authority was it who said that one hour of genuine study every day for ten years would make a man a scholar?

To be sure the woman who reads, studies, mayhap writes, and attends a club may sometimes remain too long oblivious of cobwebs or allow her darning to accumulate shockingly; still, on the whole, her home is usually pleasant, refined, and suggestive of noble pursuits—most truly a home for a progressive family, a place where mind and character may grow as well as the body.

Real education chastens the soul, and does not stultify the sense of the human fitness of things. Possibly the boarding-school miss may pound the piano while her mother plods and toils over washboard and cook-stove (the newspapers say she does), but the college-bred woman is too nobly poised for such a course. She will take up her burden, whatever it may be, graciously and calmly, with a mind whose wealth can aid her to overcome obstacles, and a character disciplined to helpful aims.

The world of womankind has made great progress during the last score of years toward realizing that a bright mind requires a sound body. And this is a point on which the older women should sound a note of warning to college girls. For more often than otherwise it is during the years of young womanhood that a constitution is made or marred for life. It is too often only by sad experience that we learn not to attempt too much; not to jeopardize all our prospects by keeping late hours too often, thus "burning the candle of life at both ends." Vitality in physique is the foundation of vitality in intellect, and both are essential to a well-rounded womanhood.

JESSIE W. MANNING.

A VISION.

From the sanctum sanctorum of THE ARROW comes the request for Michigan Alpha to speak words of exhortation to her sister Chapters. She, who has so often fallen far short of her ideal fraternity, hesitates to so address them; yet not wishing to entirely disobey the command, and with her heart full of love and good-will, not alone for her sisters, but also for her cousins throughout the fraternity world, she asks me to tell you of a vision that once came to her.

In a vast field Michigan Alpha seemed to stand. She was alone. Neither tree, nor flower, nor shrub was in sight. Only the pale blue sky above; only the waving green grass below. Whether it was spring or fall she did not know; whether it was night or day, that, also, she could not say; yet there was

light, light that seemed to come neither from the sun nor from the moon—from whence it came she could not tell. Neither was there sound; no bird, no cricket, no brook; death-like stillness reigned.

Suddenly against the distant horizon appeared a figure; nay, not a figure, but rather a statue—that of a tall, majestic woman with her flowing robes and her intellectual face carved in the whitest of marble.

“Beautiful creature,” murmured Alpha, “what master-hand carved you?” And a voice, a voice that did not come from the statue, but rather seemed a breath of wind, replied: “You have helped to mold her; the fraternity women throughout the land have carved her. She stands there symbolizing the Greek soroses world.”

“Ah! she is then our ideal woman,” exclaimed Alpha; and the voice sorrowfully replied: “Yes, your ideal, I am afraid, though she is not mine. Draw nearer while I change her into my ideal of a womanly woman.”

Michigan Alpha drew nearer; but as she approached the snowy-white marble looked less white; dust had settled in the folds of her robe; here and there were yellow streaks and stains; the beautiful face was marred and nicked, and around her on the ground were marble chips. “Who has been so heartless; who so cruel?” sobbed Alpha, and the voice replied: “You and your sister chapters.”

“No; no!” indignantly answered Alpha, “we never should have done such a deed.”

“Then 'tis strange that this large chip should be gone from the lips,” answered the voice, “if no word of idle or malicious gossip has ever passed your lips—words that not only did you or those listening no good, but also sent a thought of ill-will toward a home-sick girl who is entering a college life. 'Tis well to be careful; in fact you cannot be too cautious whom you ask to join your magic circle, for one spirit not in harmony with your tastes and aspirations would be like a water-lily among a handful of clover. The clover would withhold its honey, abashed by her presence; and the lily, away from the water and the nature that she loves, would

soon wither. So let the stranger feel that it is on account of this difference of tastes, instead of any fault, that she receives no invitation."

"This dust is hard to remove," continues the voice, "for it has well settled in the robe, and represents the many petty things that in themselves are too insignificant to mention, yet they mar the beautiful whole. There has hardly been a meeting that has not left its dust.

"The last time 'Greek met Greek' in social intercourse there was a 'barb' present. Pause a moment, and think. Did she feel the same friendliness shown her that was shown the others? That night this dark spot appeared on the statue.

"These stains come from the unfriendly feelings, the envious feelings shown your rival fraternities. Oh, Chapters of Pi Beta Phi, will you ever learn the true meaning of these grand words?

"That love for one, from which there doth not spring
Wide love for all, is but a worthless thing."

So the voice went on explaining every stain, every nick; and as it spoke the stains would be removed, the chips replaced. There the statue stood restored to perfectness. Yet something was lacking. There was no life, no hope, no ambition. A perfectly-modeled woman stood before her, but she was a woman of stone. Alpha feebly tried to express her feelings, when the voice interrupted her.

"'Tis for you to give life, to give character to the image. Ever strive after the highest and best. Have before you an ideal so perfect, perhaps, that it would be impossible to ever quite come up to it, yet long to do it — to live such a life that another groping in the dark may reach up her hand to you for help, and drawing her to you you may strive together, little by little, to reach that ideal in the distance. A poet, who has now joined 'that choir invisible,' once sang :

" ' Longing is God's fresh heavenward will
With our poor earthward striving,
We quench it that we may be still
Content with merely living ;
But would we learn that heart's full scope
Which we are hourly wronging,
Our lives must climb from hope to hope,
And realize our longing.' "

"Yet do not make the mistake while striving after this higher life of neglecting the duties near at hand. Learn to do whatever may lie before you, even if it be the humblest of mechanical work, with the same force of character, the same womanliness, with which you would set about accomplishing the most inspiring task; and by so doing you take a step nearer your ideal, and 'help make the soul immortal.'"

The voice ceased, but the statue, as though it had already caught a part of this diviner life, seemed to grow more womanly, the lips parted in a smile, the eyes looked down upon her full of love and good-will; then the figure vanished, and Michigan Alpha was left alone.

Michigan Alpha.

FLORENCE PUTNAM CHASE.

THE VALUE OF PROVINCE LETTERS.

The fraternity that knows itself best is the one that will accomplish the most work, and in the best way. When a fraternity becomes so extended that its roll of membership includes hundreds of names, and its chapters are many and widely separated, then it is very difficult to know all the chapters intimately. In a fraternity which has not yet reached such extended fields there is great opportunity for chapters to acquaint themselves with the fraternity from the very foundation. As yet Pi Beta Phi is not so large that we are unable to know all the chapters, and to know them well — to be personally acquainted. Especially in the provinces should this be the case. With so few chapters in each province, they ought all to be thoroughly acquainted with the work and plans of the others. The interchange of ideas and plans for work and pleasure should be discussed much more freely and oftener. Do not think because there have been no great or exceptional things done or talked of that a long letter would be uninteresting and unprofitable. Very often the little things are the interesting ones, and the seemingly unimportant form a common ground of interest. The personal acquaintance between the chapters would increase so much could we

have these meetings oftener. We should be stronger, wiser, and better. We should receive a benefit that less intimate acquaintance would never give. We need more letters, not mere formal remarks, but good, nice letters, such as interest and inspire the receivers.

Let us not be so much bound up in ourselves, but broaden our circle, and know better the sisters who are distant from us.

Illinois Beta.

GRACE S. HARSH.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Columbia Alpha, after the inspiration received from the convention, has gone to work with fresh energy and enthusiasm.

We enjoyed the convention so thoroughly that we feel like asking for "more," and shall long remember the happy hours spent with our western sisters.

The group photograph of Kansas Alpha which we brought home has been very much admired, and many complimentary remarks have been made upon it; and a lady who is soon going abroad asked for a copy to take with her as a characteristic group of American college girls.

This morning our college faculty and students had their pictures taken upon the college steps, and there was an unusual excitement and enthusiasm, especially when the college "yell" was given, just before we subsided to work once more.

We begin to feel that the year is drawing to a close, for our editors are busy with the *Annual*, which is to be much enlarged this year, and will appear about the middle of May.

The seniors are having their examinations, and we only catch glimpses of them occasionally, and hear scraps of conversation about "Notes on Lectures," Moral "Philosophy," "Political Economy," and other profound subjects, and we wonder if they enjoy life, or merely endure it.

It is rumored that our pedestrian club will soon take a tramp in the country, and from past experience we know they will have a good time when they go, for the country around Washington is charming, and at this season there are many wild flowers to be found.

We send affectionate greetings to all our sisters in Pi Phi, and hope "it is well" with them.

Washington, D. C., April 12th, 1892.

OHIO ALPHA.

We are looking forward to the next issue of *THE ARROW* with more, if possible, than the usual amount of interest. It will give us the news concerning another prominent mile-stone in the history of Pi Phi. This makes the second convention at which Ohio Alpha has been represented. Now we are not only more familiar with the workings of the fraternity, but we feel acquainted with the members through the medium of correspondence.

On the evening of February 6th the Ohio Beta Chapter of Delta Tau Delta honored Ohio Alpha of Pi Beta Phi with a delightful reception at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Burchfield. The happy hours from eight to twelve passed only too rapidly, through the aid of popular games. Berry, the superb caterer, served a most excellent menu, which added not a little to the pleasure of the occasion. The guests were all presented with charming little souvenir cards from the upper corners of which floated purple, white, and gold, and and wine and blue. When the midnight-bell proclaimed the hour we wended our way homeward, thinking only the pleasiest things of the Deltas.

The students in the department of elocution at the University recently presented to a large and appreciative audience Tennyson's "Princess," dramatized. The Pi Phis were represented by Carrie Mathews, as Lady Blanch, and Alberta Norton, as Princess Ida, both of whom rendered their parts in a very pleasing and creditable manner. Pi Beta Phi was represented on the local oratorical contest by Carrie Mathews, who delivered a very fine oration, entitled "The Millennial Vision." The judge awarded her second place, and she was

sent to Akron to the state contest. She tied with the winner on thought and composition, but just having recovered from a severe illness, was unable to do herself justice on delivery.

Ohio Alpha sends best wishes to all Pi Phis.

Athens, May, 1892.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Indiana Alpha introduces five new Pi Phis—Gertrude Miller, Elsie Holman, Bertha Fletcher, Alva Gorby, and Elizabeth Payne. We have now fifteen active members.

Franklin College has a new men's fraternity—Sigma Alpha Epsilon—which was greeted gladly by the other Greeks here.

In the recent election of the officers of the College Oratorical Association, Pi Beta Phi received Vice-President and Secretary, the offices of President and Treasurer going to Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, respectively.

The state contest in oratory was held at Indianapolis, the 11th of this month, and a number of our girls attended.

Our chapter has in part followed the scheme of literary work recommended by the bureau; in part we have carried out special features of this scheme, thus giving diversity to our programmes.

We have never done better literary work, nor any which proved more interesting and profitable.

Indiana Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

Franklin, March 12th, 1892.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Since our last letter many things have happened to keep us thoroughly wide awake and alive to the interests of Pi Beta Phi.

We have spent more time socially than is our custom, but I think it has been profitable.

One beautiful moonlight night in January we invited our gentlemen friends to join us in an old-fashioned sleigh-ride, and, seated upon blankets in the bottom of the bob-sleds, we merrily glided over the snow to the home of our sister, Retta Kempton, a distance of eight miles. For two hours the merry

voices of Pi Phi rang out thorough enjoyment of the occasion, and especially the supper. Then came the all-too-short drive home, tired but happy, believing that variety is indeed the spice of life.

On February 27th we celebrated our twenty-fifth anniversary by giving a reception at the beautiful home of Mrs. Parmelee. About one hundred guests were entertained, all of whom pronounced it the "swell" affair of the season. The house was neatly decorated with carnations and smilax; delicate refreshments were served from a table strewn with carnations, and the room softly lighted with wax-candles. A short, entertaining programme was given quite informally by our own girls, showing, we are proud to say, the finest talent of the city.

Since then we have entertained Kappa Kappa Gamma, and are now planning ways and means for extending our helpful influence among the college girls. We think girls, when thus brought close together, forget those outside the circle, and this should not be. We are a power for good if we only use our influence rightly.

Convention is now in session, and we are hoping for good results.

Hillsdale.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Michigan Beta has seventeen members to work for Pi Beta Phi now, two being recently made of our number. It is very encouraging when we can see ourselves advancing as we have been this year, and a great deal of our zeal and enthusiasm has sprung from our being together. Six of us are living in a rented house; all our meetings are here, and all feel as though this was a home. Of course all the chapters are not situated as we are, and a house would be for them a most impracticable thing. But we do believe that being together is conducive to the most energetic, interested work for Pi Beta Phi.

Our work at present is for the convention; our delegate has been elected, and she is taking notes at all the meetings, in order to know thoroughly all the minds of our chapter.

Greetings from Michigan Beta.

Ann Arbor.

LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Louisiana Alpha greets lovingly her sister chapters, from whom she has not heard for so long a while. We grow more and more impatient for the time to come when the next publication of Pi Beta Phi's magazine will bring us tidings from our distant friends.

The fact that this chapter can not send a delegate to Grand Alpha convention has been a source of great mortification and annoyance to its members, particularly so because, being but recently established, we feel the need of just that sort of instruction which can be obtained only by a personal acquaintance with such a body of older and stronger Pi Beta Phis; however, in this instance we have to submit to the inevitable, hoping that the excuse for non-attendance, which we have sent to the President, may be accepted by and met with the approval of all our sisters. If this, however, is not the case, Louisiana Alpha's regrets will be unbounded; and though she may be blamed, and unkindly criticised for her action in this matter, still she will be sustained by the consciousness of strong effort exerted, though in vain.

Since our last letter to THE ARROW our chapter has held several initiations, bringing into the band the following young women: Fannie Bradford, Fannie Eshleman, Leila Hardie, Bertha Krumbhaar, Edwa Hellwege, Annie Schaefer, Virginia Logan, Vira Boarman, and Noël Forsyth, all good representatives of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes.

Since we last wrote God has seen fit to take to Himself our dearly beloved bishop of Louisiana, the father of "Dot," one of the darlings of this chapter. The tenderest love and deepest sympathy of her Pi Beta Phi friends have been with our sister in this hour of bitter trial. May God bless her, and "temper the wind to the shorn lamb." Before Bishop Galleher's death our meetings were held at his residence, in a room which he kindly lent us for that purpose, but now the President of Newcomb has given our chapter a place in the main college building. This, of course, is very convenient and pleasant for us all.

Many of our friends who are interested in the fraternity contributed various pieces of furniture, and thus we have

succeeded in making our apartments very comfortable. Following a suggestion made by Miss Turner, Louisiana Alpha has established a literary club in Newcomb, to membership of which organization any student of the college is eligible; of course all Pi Beta Phis belong, and the Presidency and Secretaryship are held by members of that fraternity.

It will be a Herculean task to reduce to good working order a club composed of so many girls as the number of members which this society has.

The chapter of Sigma Chi in Tulane College presented to the Pi Beta Phis a most acceptable token of their regard, in the form of a beautiful ebony mallet bound with silver; you can easily imagine how important a part the caller to order plays in our meetings; however, this is but one of the many kind attentions which members of Sigma Chi have shown to the wearers of wine and blue.

Again hoping that Louisiana Alpha's failure to be represented may not be construed into a lack of proper enthusiasm and interest in the fraternity, and that the absence of her delegate may not be unkindly criticised.

With all the love bound up in Pi Beta Phi, we are yours in the bond.

H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College, New Orleans, La.

ILLINOIS BETA.

It seems quite a while since we have talked to our sisters through the medium of *THE ARROW*. We are therefore glad to gather up the threads of our yearly history and present them to you.

We are prosperous and happy, and proud to introduce our newest Pi Phi, Cora Perkins. She was reclaimed from barbarism January 21st, at the home of Alva Myers.

November 19th we met with Maud Claycomb, at the residence of Mrs. Grubb. During the business meeting the door-bell rang, and when the door was opened a mysterious November basket was found on the piazza. When the business meeting was over we found that this basket contained a treat which was quite original with the donors. When this had been thoroughly discussed and the treat had vanished Mrs. Grubb

called us to the dining-room, where a "spread" had been prepared. We felt that nineteen must be a lucky number, especially in November.

February 25th Inez L. Shipman, our honorary member, after the meeting surprised us with a real Pi Phi spread.

We were happy to have Delta Chapter meet with us at Sallie Stickney's home, March 10th. A few of Delta Chapter could not be present, for they were to take part in an entertainment on that same evening. Two of our chapter were not able to attend, and were truly sorry to lose this pleasure. We talked over Pi-Phi matters in general, and convention matters in particular. After the business meeting the cloth was spread on the carpet, and we gathered around to become better acquainted at a spread. We hope that our sisters enjoyed the meeting as much as we did, and hope that we may have many more such friendly gatherings.

March 12th was a beautiful day, and we took advantage of this herald of spring by having our Pi Phi group picture taken. Everything seemed favorable, and we can hope that the picture may be a success.

We are talking more and more about a chapter hall, and we hope that next year will see at least a partial fruition of our desire.

Since our last letter Sister Lizzie Wigle's father, who had been sick for some time, was called to his final rest. The parting was sad, but we know that his terrible suffering is ended, and in this there is joy.

Rev. Mr. Shutter, of Minneapolis, Minn., last week gave a series of lectures at the University. It is well to contrast the several feasts mentioned with a truly intellectual feast given by such an able man.

We can almost hear the signal summoning to Grand Alpha, and we are impatiently awaiting the time when we can hear the good results for which we look from this body. May the interests of Pi Beta Phi be furthered at Lawrence.

With love and best wishes.

Galesburg, March 13th, 1892.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Again we greet you from the pages of our "ARROW," whose last issue has received so much praise from Illinois Delta.

The even tenor of our way has been quite reversed the past month, and at every corner of the college halls can be caught excited groups of Pi Phi girls, snatching the spare moments "between hours" to talk over some new measure to be proposed in Grand Alpha.

We are expecting great results from the convention, and we feel sure that the welfare of each chapter will be benefited by it. How can it be otherwise, when representatives of twenty chapters of wide-awake enthusiastic college women are brought together with an earnest desire to promote and encourage ideas that shall tend to broaden and ennoble woman's life.

Thursday, March 10th, Illinois Beta invited Illinois Delta to hold a joint meeting with them at the home of Sallie Stickney. After spending some time in the discussion of convention matters, the doors of the dining-room were thrown open and a royal "spread" lay before us. All our seriousness and seeming formality disappeared in a moment; the rest every Pi Phi knows.

We left at a late hour, delighted with the lovely entertainment given us by our Beta sisters.

The middle of March Violet Phelps, impersonator and violinist, one of our girls, will give an entertainment in Galesburg. She is returning from a tour of the United States, and we are proud and anxious to see her again.

With best wishes for a successful convention, and with love to all sisters in the bonds.

Galesburg, March 11th, 1892.

IOWA ALPHA.

The spring term in the I. W. U. has opened with flattering prospects for Pi Beta Phi. Our number is not so great, but each member is so enthusiastic that we expect to realize the best results.

Owing to new college regulations taking effect this year, college students are not eligible to fraternity until they have reached their sophomore year, and music students not until they are juniors.

This has necessarily made very small the number having the essential qualifications. Of these, however, we feel that we have had fully our share. We present for a welcome from all Pi Phis our new sisters, Mame Smith, who will graduate in the conservatory this year, Olive Fulton, a junior in the collegiate department, and Alice Haw, a junior in music. In honor of our new girls we gave an informal party at the home of our sister, Olivia Ambler, entertaining some of the most ardent fraternity young men, and making it a time of general merriment and rejoicing.

Our most important social event was a large formal reception given at the home of our sister, Mary Crane. In the afternoon we received the ladies and in the evening entertained the gentlemen and the faculty.

Dainty refreshments were served, and music and floral decorations added to the enjoyment of the evening. In our invitations we recognize not only the fraternities in college, but also a large number of "barbs." Aside from these, we have had several spreads, taffy pulls, etc., of minor importance.

It is our belief that the social life forms an essential part of our college education, and we as Pi Phis mean to recognize its place in connection with the more powerful forces, all of which properly combined and harmonized aid in the development of the true ideal. Greetings to all sister chapters.

Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant.

IOWA THETA.

As convention time draws near our meetings become more and more enthusiastic, and the question as to who will be delegate is exciting a lively interest, and seems to be a hard one to decide. As Lawrence has already established her reputation for generous hospitality, the fortunate one is looking forward to a great amount of pleasure. Those of us who are left at home will look forward with great expectations in hearing the report brought home to us by our delegate.

Since our last letter the programs for our different meetings have been varied and pleasing. Probably the best time of all was with Lillie Harman, when we had an old-fashioned spelling match. We took an "ARROW" instead of a speller, as we

thought we would receive more pointers from it. One went down while a worshipper, for she spelled it with one p; as it was so written in the ARROW and of course could not be wrong. Another had to sit down when asked to spell phenomena, and she a teacher, too. We will not attempt to give a full list of the mis-spelled words, for it might injure our literary reputation.

However, we had a very good time and plenty of fun, and although Helen Edgerly was the recipient of a box of chocolate creams for having spelled us down, we had our revenge, for when she left us she took nothing but the box home as a souvenir of the happy occasion.

We are all quite busy getting ready for a dancing party to be given at Armory Hall, February 19th. We expect a large attendance and a good time. There is some talk now of giving a party in the spring, but of that you will hear later.

One of our absent sisters, Jessie Chaney, of Minneapolis, was married a short time ago to Mr. Wm. Alden, of Duluth, which city they will make their future home. We hope to have more to write in our next letter, for then convention will be over and probably new subjects will be under discussion. Hoping the coming meeting of Grand Alpha will be the most profitable of all, we remain your loving sisters in Pi Beti Phi.

Ottumwa, Ia., Feb, 19th, 1892.

IOWA IOTA.

Time in its resistless flight has made many changes in Iowa Iota's chapter life. Our ranks have been broken both by sickness and death. A number of our girls have moved to other cities, and several have gone to other schools, so our number of active members is small this year.

Our last initiate was Mrs. Will McFarland, the wife of our new Secretary of State. Her home will be in Des Moines this winter.

Minnie Chamberlain now resides in Aurora, Ill. She will have the opportunity of renewing her friendship with Lena Bereman, who also lives there.

We occasionally meet Mary Thilme, of Trenton, and Eva Patterson, of Winfield.

May Teter Elliot and Lillie Elliot make their home in Chicago now.

We were delighted to meet Anna Murphy Ritner, of Atchison, Kas., once again. She visited her friends here some time ago.

Nellie Wallbank is now Professor of Literature in State Normal School, at Cedar Falls, Iowa.

Grace Norton is also teaching at Cedar Falls. Rose and Mattie Andrews are attending school at Drake University, Des Moines. Laura Brown is principal of high school in this city.

We recently enjoyed an entertainment given by one of our members, Mattie Stearns. She has made a special study of elocution, graduating from the conservatory of the I. W. U. in '91, afterwards studying in Chicago under Walter Lyman. Mattie is meeting with great success in her line of work. Iowa Iota is quite proud of Mattie's ability.

We wish also to chronicle the success of two more of Iota's members.

Bessie and Lulu Sawyers have been elected instructors in music in the University of Oregon.

IDA VAN HON,

Mt. Pleasant, March, 1892.

Cor. Sec. pro tem.

IOWA BETA.

Time speeds on, and once more our ARROW letter is due.

We have spent much of our time in the meetings lately discussing the coming convention, as likely all sister chapters have. We hope to send two representatives from our chapter; our delegate, Tella Talbott, and Anna McLaughlin. We are hoping to profit much by this convention in every way, but we feel especially interested in the literary bureau. We are heartily in favor of having a regular programme of work laid out to work by, and feel we will be able to do better work when we have.

We have been very busy lately making out our catalogue list, but at length it is completed.

February 8th we gave a masquerade in honor of Marie Bradford, who has visited us. We miss Marie so much in our

chapter work this year, and it was pleasant to have her among us again.

Katie Miller also visited us this week, and Lou Humphrey Van Scoy is now visiting here.

On the evening of February 3d the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity gave their first annual banquet. Pi Beta Phi was well represented among the guests. A very pleasant evening it was, and will not soon be forgotten.

We are pleased to have with us again our sister, Anna McLaughlin, who has been away for almost a year, teaching a class in music. Iowa Beta now has twelve active members.

With greetings to all Pi Phis, we close.

Indianola, Iowa.

IOWA GAMMA.

We have just assembled after a long winter vacation, and are happy to be together once more, though there are a few vacant places in our ranks. Sadie Barrows graduated last year, and was the only lady who had the honor of being among the ten best. Jennie Thornburg decided to finish her college education at Cornell University, Ithica, New York, and so is not with us. Miss Barrows is also taking a course there. We shall miss them from our little circle very much. Minnie Roberts has spent her vacation visiting in Colorado, New Mexico, and California. Most of our girls have been teaching in order to get the necessary "long-green" to pay college expenses this year. One spent her time as "office boy" in a lawyer's office in Nebraska. The closing evening of last term we banqueted with the Deltas. There were a few of the former members present, which added to the pleasure of the occasion. We look forward to the convention, which we feel certain will strengthen us for more active work.

Ames, Feb. 29th, 1892.

IOWA EPSILON.

One of the most interesting and pleasing features of the last ARROW was the letter from Louisiana Alpha. We are more than glad to welcome the girls, and rejoice that our sorosis is planting chapters in the south as well as in other directions.

May the southern sisters be successful in all things, and remember with pleasure their connection with Pi Beta Phi.

The winter months have been full of pleasure to us, having given one large party and a number of interesting spreads for girls alone — or supposed to be girls only — but our boys have the happy faculty of mind-reading, or “grub-smelling,” as one of them expressed it, and come with such elegant peace-offering, such as fruits, candy, etc., that we seldom have the heart to turn them away.

W. J. Steckel and his kodak have figured very successfully in some of these, so that we have been able to preserve the most charming features of these occasions.

We feel that Iowa Epsilon is about ready for convention. Our delegate has been elected, and a number of the important points which are expected to come forward been discussed and decided upon.

Iowa Epsilon has received a number of very pleasing letters from sister chapters. Miss Plank, as a member of the Alumni Committee, has been interested in working up a successful alumni chapter in Des Moines, where there are about twenty resident members, coming from different chapters, and good earnest Pi Phis we find them.

Our alumni girls have remembered us, and have ordered three new pins and the same number of ARROWS within the last month.

With strong hopes for the success of the coming convention, Iowa Epsilon sends greetings to all sister chapters.

Bloomfield, March, 1892.

IOWA KAPPA AND ZETA.

The time has flown so quickly since the last number of the ARROW went its rounds that we can scarcely realize that the time for writing another chapter letter is at hand. Since the last ARROW was out the winter term has ended, spring vacation has passed, and we are now well started in the work for the spring term.

Saturday afternoon, March 5th, we had a very jolly spread at the home of Bertha Horak, the object being the entertainment of a few friends outside of the fraternity.

One of our girls, Mabel Rundell, is the proud possessor of a beautiful Pi Phi pin, set with diamonds, emeralds, and opals, a Christmas gift from her parents.

Owing to ill health, two of our girls have been obliged to leave us during the last three months. Hattie Speer has returned to her home in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Jessie Remley is, with her mother, spending a few months in New Mexico. We were sorry to part with them even for a short time, but live in hopes of having them with us next year.

We were very much pleased to have our sister Bessie Peery, M. D., with us for a few days last month. She was on her way from Chicago to attend the convention, and stopped here to visit her sister Nelly. She also spent a few days at her home in Trenton, Mo., before going to Lawrence.

Our delegates all returned from convention much pleased with the work done there, and chant loudly the praises of the Kansas girls who entertained them so royally.

With the utmost sadness we record the death of the mother of Mira Troth, which occurred on April 4th. She had been sick for a number of weeks, and though not entirely unexpected, her death was a great shock to all. We sympathize deeply with Mira in her affliction.

Our sorosis was plunged in deep grief by the announcement of the death, on April 7th, of our sister, Nellie Cochran. She entered the University in January, but did not join the fraternity at once on account of poor health. Growing stronger after a time, she consented to be initiated, and the ceremony was performed on February 12th. She did not continue to improve, and was able to attend but one meeting of the fraternity, which was held at her own home in honor of Bessie Peery. Not long after this she was taken suddenly worse, and gradually declined until the morning of April 7th, when, quietly bidding good-bye to all, she submitted cheerfully to be led through the valley of the shadow. She was a beautiful girl, dearly loved by all who knew her, and although she was one of us for so short a time, we feel her loss keenly.

At a recent meeting a new set of by-laws was adopted, which add new zest to our chapter work.

Very solemn and quiet was the ceremony by which we took into our fraternity on last Friday evening Bessie G. Parker, of

Warsaw, Ill., and Jessie Whinnery of Marshalltown, Iowa. We feel much pleased over these new additions to our chapter.

Five charter members of Iowa Zeta were present to celebrate with us the twenty-fifth birthday of Pi Beta Phi — the tenth year of Zeta's life. A fitting celebration occurred at the home of Bertha Horak. Festoons of wine and blue draped the arch between the parlors, and each one present wore a knot of Pi Phi colors. The banquet board was beautifully decorated with wood anemones, just in season, and each guest found a tiny blue arrow tied with wine ribbon. Julia Rogers acted as toastmistress, and the following toasts were happily responded to.

"*Monmouth, '67.*" — MRS. NELL CUSTER-SWISHER.

"*Ten Years Ago.*" — MRS. EMMA HADDOCK.

"*Iowa Zeta and Kappa.*" — MISS LOUGHRIDGE.

"*Our Alumnae.*" — ELLA HAM.

"*Our Rivals.*" — NELLY PEERY.

"*The Wine and Blue.*" — ZU KOSTOMLATSKY.

"*Pedagogical Reminiscences.*" — EDNA MCÉLRAVY,

"*How I Climbed the Matterhorn.*" — LILLIAN LEWIS.

We are glad to note, in closing, that Julia Rogers has the position of Principal of the High School at Worthington, Minn., for next year at a good salary.

Zeta and Kappa have appointed a committee to collect the photographs of all who have been members of these chapters since their founding. These photographs will be grouped and a negative made from them, prints from which will take the place of the usual Pi Beta Phi group.

Iowa City, Iowa.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

Time has flown so rapidly and so many events have been crowded into the past three months that we can scarcely realize that we are in the last half of another year.

And first we have the pleasure of presenting the names of our five new sisters — Mildred Rosger, Cora Johnson, Edith Robbins, Rose Eaton, and May Colburn. We hope that their union with us will always be a happy one.

Emily Brooks, of Knox College, has been taking post graduate work at the University this winter, and very glad we were to make the acquaintance of this sister.

We had an enjoyable call from Clara Batchelder, of Denver, who is at present studying elocution under Professor Cumnock, at the Northwestern University. We that are seniors have been very busy, and as a reward for our work three of our girls were chosen to compete for commencement — Ava Sumbards, Bird Lucy, and Esther Friedlander; and the first named is to present her preliminary speech before the students in chapel. Every Saturday we have an address from a member of the senior class who has done proficient work in the rhetorical department, and we were glad to have Pi Beta Phi represented.

We have not neglected the social side of college life, for on February 17th we gave a reception at the home of Esther Friedlander. It was truly a Pan Hellenic event. The guests were from the different ladies' and gentlemen's societies here, and included, also, some of our non-fraternity friends. The dining-room was prettily decorated with our sorosis colors suspended from the gas-jets. During the evening carnations to which a lady's name was attached were distributed to each gentleman, and he was supposed to entertain her. The souvenirs were celluloid cards on which were painted gold arrows; blue and wine ribbons were tied to the cards.

An amusing circumstance happened, the sequel of which occurred next morning in the class-room. Some of the students made an agreement to treat one of the assistant professors who was there if he would not call upon them to recite next day. Faithful to their part of the bargain, a tray of dainties appeared next morning in the class-room, and we believe the result was satisfactory to all parties.

A good time was reported at the reception, and we felt quite content.

On February 19th the junior class were entertained with a masque party at the home of Edith Robbins.

We are all looking forward to the convention, and as we will then have an opportunity of expressing our greetings *in person*, we will now content ourselves with *writing* our best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

Minneapolis, March, 1892.

COLORADO ALPHA.

The present issue of the ARROW finds all chapters of Pi Beta Phi busy planning for the coming convention, which promises to be the most successful ever held. Our rivals and we have been discussing the feasibility of forming an interfraternity agreement about pledging, etc. We do not yet know what plan will be adopted.

On January 23d our chapter gave a tea in honor of the Delta Gammas. It was a merry crowd of girls who were driven in the "tally ho" conveyance to the home of Emma Sternberg, two miles out of town, where the tea was held. As a part of the entertainment, we rendered Howell's latest farce, "The Letter of Introduction."

On February 6th Colorado Alpha indulged in a spread in honor of one of our members, Nan Earhart, who, we regret to say, has gone to Denver to live.

Our University is now advancing under a new regime. Upon the resignation of President Hale, Professor James H. Baker has been called upon to lead the institution in the path of glory. President Baker is very favorably known in educational circles, and is a gentleman of wide experience in school work, and of excellent scholarship. He is eminently fitted for the position. Under his efficient management, we look forward to great prosperity for the University.

We hope to receive letters from all the different chapters before the end of the year. A more general correspondence would make the chapters feel so much nearer each other.

Boulder, March, 1892.

COLORADO BETA.

We University students are enjoying a vacation of a few days, and the reason that we have obtained this rest in the middle of the term is that we are moving to our new college building at University Park, which is about five miles from here. Besides breathing the fresh air of the country, and enjoying our new building, we shall take great pleasure in the campus, which we have never had in the city, and so could not give any attention to the sports which every college student enjoys.

We shall have to keep our hall in the old college building in the city. This is somewhat of a dissappointment to us, but we bear it as Pi Phi should.

We all wish that we could go to the convention, but our delegate, Lottie Waterbury, will carry with her all of our enthusiasm in addition to her own.

Loving greetings to all the chapters, and especially to our "baby" chapter.

Denver, Colorado.

KANSAS ALPHA.

To Kansas Alpha the one theme of absorbing interest at present is the coming convention. We are anxious to do all in our power to make this a successful and pleasant session of Grand Alpha, and to show our appreciation of the responsibility and honor which have been laid upon us. We not only anticipate great pleasure and profit in meeting our sisters, and an increased chapter enthusiasm, but we hope, also, that this will be the means of producing a broader feeling of sympathy and friendship between the different fraternities represented in K. S. U. So entirely have we been occupied with our plans for the spring that our literary and social programmes have been somewhat neglected. We are thinking of adopting some new line of literary work.

The inter-fraternity pledge, the time of which was shortened this fall to two months, is now entirely removed. Kappa Alpha Theta called a meeting of the committee, and expressed her desire of withdrawing from the pledge, so that now the new girls are exposed to the tender mercies of the "rushiest" first thing. The faculty, however, is considering the question of allowing no fraternity to pledge a student until he has completed freshman work.

The nine girls of our chapter who have recently purchased pins are very well pleased with them.

Our best wishes go with all Pi Phi until we shall welcome them to Lawrence.

Lawrence, February 18th, 1892.

PERSONALS.

OHIO ALPHA.

Corinne Super is our delegate to Grand Alpha.

Carrie Sowers spent vacation at her home in Cleveland.

Fannie Brown is in Missouri for a month's visit. Before returning she will attend the Pi Phi convention.

Jennie Ryan will not be with us next term, having consented to take charge of a class in music at Shawnee, Ohio.

We recently had with us for a few days Carrie Goodrich, whose home is now at Hiram, Ohio, where she attends college, but is deprived of fraternity life.

We regret that the rest of this year we will not have with us Cora and Mertine Berkstresser. Cora will take charge of a school at Piketon, while Mertine will teach music at Adelphi.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Elice Corissy has been teaching school near Avon this winter.

Lilian Wiswell, '90, is making a short visit with her sisters, Daisy and Vada, at the Hall. Lilian has finished her winter term, but may teach again this spring.

Lizzie Durston, '90, spent March 3d, 4th, and 5th with her sister, Delpha. She attended some of the lectures at the University.

Saidee Connable finds that her new Pi Phi pin fully meets her expectations.

Villa Cole, '91, writes that she is homesick for Pi Phi, and expects to visit Galesburg very soon.

Alva Myers meets with us quite often. Although inactive, she is a thorough and loyal Pi Phi.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Margaret Phelps, accompanied by her mother, is in Germany, where for some time she will pursue her musical studies.

Mrs. Amy Sturtevant Hobart has just returned to her home in Chicago, after a short visit with her friends in Galesburg.

March 5th Amy Smith gave her graduating musical recital. All who were fortunate enough to receive an invitation were more than pleased with her execution.

IOWA ALPHA AND IOTA.

Elsie Byrkit, '90, was Prof. A. Bommel's assistant in teaching violin in the conservatory of music last term.

Rena Reynolds Howard, of Seattle, Wash., has been spending three months at her mother's home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mertie Ramey is attending school at Highland Park College, Des Moines.

Lena Bereman, '91, is now residing at Aurora, Ill.

Lillian O. Kendig has returned to school, and will graduate with the class of '93.

Jessie Brenholt Jeffrey spent the holidays at home with her parents in this city.

Lottie Howe is teaching in Greystone, Col.

Jennie Shotwell Hare is spending the winter in California.

Flora Honsel McDowell's present address is Springfield, Mo.

Bell Requa Leech spent several weeks with Vic Thompson Collins, of Evanston, Ill.

Mary J. Snyder is visiting in Washington, D. C., the guest of Mrs. Frank Hatton.

Ella Penn, '72, and Lulu Penn-Ingersoll spent the winter in Florida.

Lulu and Bessie Sawyers are teaching music in the University of Oregon.

Henrietta Wing, of Washington, Iowa, and Lollie Crane, who is teaching at Ainsworth, spent a pleasant vacation at Miss Crane's home in Mt. Pleasant.

Nina and Mame Garvin are attending Monticello Seminary this year.

Lillian and Olive Saunders have removed to Wichita, Kas.

Mira Hope is attending school near Chicago.

Estella Penn, of Des Moines, visited her cousins in this city recently.

Carrie Murphy is teaching in Des Moines schools.

Mrs. Anna Saunders McArthur, of Lincoln, Neb., is visiting her parents in our city, and is gladly welcomed by her Pi Phi friends.

Misses Louise and Bessie Sawyers, graduates of the Iowa Conservatory of Music, are instructors of music in the State University of Oregon.

Mrs. Rena Reynolds-Howard writes from Kirkland, Wash., that she is never too far from home to find some comforting Pi Beta Phi sisters. There are four living at Kirkland and Seattle.

Mrs. Dr. J. T. McFarland, wife of our ex-President, came over from Jacksonville, Ill., to see Miss Miazaki, the Japanese student, who is quite ill.

Ida Powell takes part in the Library Literary Club this month. The subject assigned her is "Lawrence Barrett."

Cards have been received announcing the marriage, Wednesday, February 3d, at Eugene, Oregon, of Miss Louise Sawyers to Mr. Fletcher M. Linn. Iota Chapter extends congratulations and best wishes.

Mrs. Lulu Ingersoll, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and her sister, Miss Ella Penn, of Mt. Pleasant, are spending the winter season in Florida.

Mary Snyder has been enjoying a two months' visit in Washington City with her sister, Mrs. Frank Hatton, 2020 Hillyer Place.

Mrs. Prude Kibben-Murphy, of Independence, Kas., greeted her old-time friends and sisters this week, on her way to Iowa City to visit a sick sister, Mrs. Mary Ingalls.

Mrs. Anna Cole-Sands, of Baxter Springs, Kas., was called home by the serious illness of her sister, Miss Laura Cole.

Anna Kurtz will spend the spring vacation with friends in Chicago and Englewood.

Anna Lawson writes from Bareilly that the mission of which she is a member is having great success. She has some work planned for us to do, of which she will tell us in her next. She hopes some of her Iowa sisters may meet Dr. Christiancy, with whom she has lived the past four years. She returned to America in November.

IOWA GAMMA.

Mrs. Addie Rice-Hainer, '84, who has been associated with us during the college life of our present members, is now in St. Louis, studying painting, while her husband studies law.

Esther Crawford, '87, who has been cataloguing in our library for the past three years, has finished her work and returned home.

Florence Weatherby-Hainer, '89, who was married last fall, and went at that time to Topeka, has lately moved to Guthrie, Oklahoma, where her husband goes to practice law.

IOWA EPSILON.

Etta Spencer is attending school in Des Moines.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Sowers, a baby boy, who will answer to the name of DeWitt Greenleaf Sowers.

Olive Saunders, who is in school at Highland Park, Des Moines, spent a pleasant holiday week among friends and relatives.

Elva Plank is visiting friends in Des Moines and Ottumwa.

Bertha Peppers will engage in teaching after the holidays.

Mrs. Joda Linaberry-Campbell, of Ft. Scott, Kas., spent several weeks with relatives and friends in the city.

Mrs. Nell Linaberry-Allender and little ones came up from Marysville, Mo., to spend the holiday week.

May Allender, who is teaching at Lineville, spent a short vacation at home.

Mayme McGowen is our delegate to Lawrence.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA.

Mrs. Emma Haddock has recovered from her recent sickness.

Bertha Horak is teaching in the city schools.

The two Pi Phis who graduate this year fill honored and responsible positions on the commencement program. Julia Rogers, who ranks fourth in a class of fifty-three, is one of the speakers and "Class Idyllist." Bertha Wilson is "Class Historian," and would have been a speaker but for the fact that she has been here but two years.

Mrs. Lou Ham-Westover, of Boston, is visiting relatives and friends in Iowa City this spring. She will return to her home in July.

Jessie Johnston is teaching in Ida Grove, Iowa.

Dr. Elizabeth Hess has just returned from Chicago, where she has been two weeks attending lectures at the Polyclinic Institute.

Jessie Remley, who went with her mother to New Mexico in February, is much improved in health, and will return in June.

Hattie Speer, who went to Ft. Smith, Ark., because of poor health, is improving.

Jessie Speer has recovered from a severe attack of bronchitis.

Lollie Crane, of Mt. Pleasant, spent "Field Day" with friends in the city.

Bertha Wilson and Miss Williams gave an elocutionary entertainment in Williamsburg April 22d.

Laura Shipman Donnell, of Minneapolis, is visiting in the city.

Lillian Johnson, '90, is teaching in the Ottumwa high school, her second year, at advanced salary.

Bessie Peery, M. D., who was for some months engaged as house physician in the Baptist Hospital, Chicago, has resigned, and is now practicing at her home in Trenton, Mo.

Daisy Johnson is teaching at Pasedena, Cal.

Flora Mott, '90, is visiting friends in Marshalltown.

Carolyn Kimball, '91, is Principal of the high school at Newton.

Ella Ham, Ida Greer, and Julia Rogers, our delegates to Lawrence, visited Belle Hudson-Cartwright and Kate Hudson-Robinson, in Omaha, on the way. Julia Rogers spent several days with Lillian Johnson, at Ottumwa, on the return trip.

There is a rumor afloat that Mrs. Blackwelder, of Chicago, will lecture in Iowa City soon, under the auspices of the "Nineteenth Century Club."

Lillian Lewis, '87, and Edna McElravy, '92, came up from West Liberty to attend the Pi Beta Phi anniversary celebration.

Pi Phis feel great interest in the Bahama scientific expedition, as three of their active members are elected assistants. The expedition goes in April, 1893.

MARRIAGES.

IOWA IOTA.

BRENHOLTS—JEFFREY.—At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, June 4th, 1891, Jessie Brenholts and W. R. Jeffrey, Jr. At Home, Ainsworth, Iowa.

BYRKIT—CROUCH.—At Le Mars, Iowa, September 9th, 1891, Mary Byrkit and W. S. Crouch. At Home, Le Mars, Iowa.

HOUSEL—MCDOWELL.—At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Flora M. Housel and Dr. Will McDowell. At Home, Springfield, Mo.

SAWYERS—LINN.—At Eugene, Oregon, February 3d, 1892, Lulu Sawyers and Fletcher Linn. At Home, Eugene, Oregon.

IN MEMORIAM.

IOWA IOTA.

DIED.—At her home in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Thursday night, January 8th, 1892, of pneumonia, Laura Cole.

IOWA ZETA.

DIED.—At Iowa City, Iowa, April 6th, 1892, Nellie Cochran.

The members of Iota Chapter of Pi Beta Phi offer tender and loving tribute to the memory of their sister, Laura M. Cole, who died at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, January 8th, 1892. Sadness has fallen on many hearts in the loss of one so dearly loved. In her life we recognize a firm, resolute spirit and a strong Christian faith. Her's was an unselfish life, and worthy of emulation. Her intellectuality and abiding cheerfulness

were ever exerted for the uplifting of others. Fidelity to purpose and faithfulness were prominent traits of her character. We, her sisters, feel that we have been blessed in the many years of association with her. The mother, sisters, and brothers have our heartfelt sympathy, and in their grief they have the most blessed assurance of the future. There is comfort in the knowledge that our Heavenly Father can help and guide us in the night of sorrow —

“’Til in glory dawns the morrow.”

WHEREAS, The Almighty Father in his infinite love and wisdom has seen fit to remove from us our beloved sister in Pi Beta Phi, Nellie Cochran; be it

Resolved, That by her death our fraternity has suffered a great loss, and that we extend to her sorrowing family our heartfelt sympathy.

IOWA KAPPA AND ZETA, PI BETA PHI.

So soon after the beginning of college and fraternity life, so early in the fullest promise of lovely womanhood, so suddenly taken from the home circle, where so dearly loved and tenderly cared for — we pause, stunned by the loss, to say Nellie has gone home, and to pray that the human pain may help to consecrate our lives, as her life was consecrated, to all that is good.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God in his merciful dispensations to deprive our sister in Pi Beta Phi, Mira Troth, of her loved mother; be it

Resolved, That we fully realize the loss she has sustained, and do extend to her our deepest sympathy.

IOWA KAPPA AND ZETA, PI BETA PHI.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

TO GET ALUMNI TOGETHER.

“There is a method of inducing alumni to come together which I should like to call to the attention of the alumni chapters and state associations of the Kappa Alpha order. It has been tested by the experience of the society of the alumni of Washington and Lee University resident in Baltimore, and it may be said to be entirely successful. The “banquet plan” was not found to work. A banquet

costs too much, and is apt to frighten away alumni who are not opulent. Subscriptions are troublesome. Formal feasts gotten up by a committee run too much to show off snowy napkins, glassware, china, and cold victuals. What is wanted is a plan, informal, elastic, and imposing no financial terrors or responsibilities. This the Washington and Lee alumni found in the "Dutch treat."

"According to this method, the president of the alumni society, at his discretion, sends out postal cards calling upon alumni to meet on Lee's birthday at a certain hour of the evening in the large supper-room of a certain restaurant. After it is seen how many are present, the president gives orders to the waiters to bring in oysters in several styles, wines, beers, cigars, cigarettes, etc., and these are consumed *ad libitum*. The eating loosens the tongues of the alumni, who are often strangers to each other, and they enjoy themselves hugely. After everybody has come to the cigar or cigarette, the President sends for the bill, counts noses, and performs an arithmetical operation. When the result is announced those present come forward and pay their *pro rata* at once, and relapse into the smoke and flood of witty reminiscence. The cost is seldom over \$1.25 apiece — not enough to deter anybody from coming to the next meeting.

"This inelaborate and pay-as-you-go plan might be adopted by our alumni chapters and state associations with success. Its informality is its charm. Stiffness is costly and repellent, and may make it impracticable to the average Kappa Alpha to stand more than one meeting. Social intercourse is, of course, the object. But intercourse is easier when some edible substance, however simple, is in process of destruction.

"It is suggested, therefore, that immediately on reading this number of the *Journal* the presiding officer of each alumni chapter or state association shall summon his co-members to an inexpensive oyster feast — *a la Dutch treat* — at some convenient place and date. It will be found, I believe, so delightful that alumni meetings will become the rage. — *S. Z. A., in Kappa Alpha Journal.*"

Try everything until some wholesomely-working method is found. A "Dutch treat" is certainly sufficiently democratic. The Pi Beta Phis have had spreads of this kind from the beginning. And there is not a member, we are sure, does not bless the day of their initiation — we mean the spread initiation as well as the young lady's. It is just the opportunity to talk over new girls, new plans, everything that it is desirable to discuss in a committee of the whole.

A WORLD'S FAIR FRATERNITY HEADQUARTERS.

"A suggestion appearing in the admirable number of the *Journal*, just received, as to the feasibility of erecting a Pan-Hellenic head-

quarters at Chicago during the coming World's Fair, has struck the writer with considerable force. That it would be a pleasant thing for the thousands of Greek-letter brethren attending, every one must necessarily admit. That such an institution would be the means of creating hosts of new friends and a pleasant rendezvous for old-time companions, is beyond the shadow of a doubt. Chicago is an enormously large city on this very day, as every one who has walked its sidewalks can testify; but when its million shall have been increased by as many more, those coming alone and having no friends near at hand will be inhospitably neglected. Could there be some friendly house where a poor wandering Greek could feel absolutely sure of a sincere welcome, and perhaps of meeting old cronies, how much more would the pleasures of the visit be increased?

"And this could be done with proper support of the originating fraternity and of sister organizations. Why can not Kappa Alpha start such a movement? If some one is to have the credit of the undertaking, why can not the laurel rest on our own Order? Now, at this point, perhaps, some reader will drop his *Journal* with a sigh, saying that such a thing can not be thought of. Too great an undertaking for Kappa Alpha; too wild a plan for our consideration! But it is not so! Must we stand by and see rival societies eclipse us in originality and grandeur of design, simply because our confidence equals not theirs? Let the Greek letters representing our loved fraternity be familiar throughout the college world!

"William Raimond Baird reckons that exclusive of ladies' societies, there have been 99,515 persons initiated into the mysteries of the Greek world. Of these it is fair to suppose that at least 85,000 are still living; and using a very low estimate, 50,000 have yet a sufficient interest in their Order to give a small amount for this object in view.

"Each executive head could appoint a general secretary and treasurer for his organization, these to communicate with each separate chapter on all questions pertaining to the object in view. By means of notices in college and fraternity magazines, as well as by individual correspondence, thousands of Greek-letter men could be reached, each of whom would be willing to donate a small amount for his and his brethren's convenience while at the "Garden City." Fifty cents or a dollar coming from so many sources would soon amount to hundreds and thousands, all to be sent to the fraternity treasurer and thence to proper hands for practical use. By means of a postal-card sent with each donation a receipt could be held by every donor, to whom the money must be returned in case of failure to perform the end in view.

"What an elegant building we might get in this way, can only be estimated. If thought desirable, fraternities might club together and furnish rooms of their own, the smallest mite from each intended visitor being amply sufficient. There a register can be kept of mem-

bers of different fraternities, with their Chicago addresses, and many would be the calls made and received by brothers separated for years. The writer of this article acknowledges with a blush that he is totally ignorant of what arrangements could be secured for a proper site for the building, but considers that committees put in charge can easily be informed correctly.

"Let the *Journal* invite discussion of this matter through its columns; let other fraternity organs take up the argument and discuss its possibilities and probabilities, and give their own opinions as to its feasibility.

"The proper address of the writer of this article can be found in the late catalogue of the Order, and he invites personal correspondence as the best means of determining the current of other minds, who, perhaps, are far more competent to judge the best plans and the means or adaptation to produce the desired result."—*Howard L. Morehouse in Kappa Alpha Journal.*

The author of this clipping from *Kappa Alpha Journal* for December ought to blush for doing such a stupid thing as to ask his much-desired correspondents to search for his address in a catalogue.

A fraternity headquarters must be a fact if there is to be such a thing as fraternity organization thought of at the World's Fair.

As a step toward Pi Beta Phi's World's Fair organization, we suggest that each chapter report to either Minnie H. Newby, 257 South Paulina street, or Lizzie Flagler, "Rookery," Chicago, the name and address of all of their members now in Chicago. A work of this kind cannot be begun too soon; neither can it be any sooner than now. Think of this, Pi Phis, and please do something — all you can — *now*. Either one of these enterprising young ladies will be glad to be instrumental in a Pi Phi spread after the well-established plan which will give Chicago Pi Phis an opportunity to become acquainted, and to put themselves in condition to be of great service to the World's Fair committee. Work of this kind never moves as fast as the work of an individual business, on the principal that everybody's business is nobody's, and great bodies move slowly, etc. Let each member, wherever she may be, lend a hand to the enterprise of making the World's Fair venture a great success. A satisfactory result of a venture has an incalculable amount of comfort in it.

"The Monthly Smokers" is proving to be a properous feature for Theta Delta Chi's Club of New York City. Little by little the alumnæ of the cities are being gathered together, and in novel ways.

This club of Theta Delta Chi, having rented the private residence, 117 East Thirty-fifth street, already furnished, are making it a home-like headquarters for New York members, and a home-like retreat for Theta Deltas who wander that way.

"These 'smokers' are the means of bringing together the older and the younger elements of the fraternity, and furnish opportunity for renewing the friendships of college days, and bring the brothers into closer touch with the fraternity. They are doing more than anything else, perhaps, to bring about the results hoped for in the foundation of the club.

"Our club has been running now four months, and has thus far met with all the success which its promoters anticipated. When first proposed, some of the brothers were a little doubtful of its ability to succeed. The favor with which it is received is shown by the character of the men who have joined since its organization. The membership is constantly increasing, and represents nearly all the states. Examine the list of members as published in this number of the *Shield*, and if you do not find your name there, make haste to join the procession. We need your help to continue the successful operation of the house. There is no question about the important bearing this club-house is to have on the future history of our fraternity. The very men who were most ready to criticise it when the project was first talked of are now its strongest supporters. The club is being conducted on high moral principles, which makes its atmosphere home-like and beneficial."—*The Shield*.

The President of the Grand Lodge of Theta Delta Chi is now required to visit the various charges. After his first trip he has the following to say on the subject of literary work in fraternities :

"There has always been a feeling among some of the members of Charges located in the central district that the eastern Charges were losing sight of the fundamental principles of our social fraternity existence by the embodiment of literary work in their regular meetings. We confess to having entertained a similar feeling in the past. The fact is, like all the rest who have thought so, we knew nothing of the facts or necessities existing, and were disposed to condemn unheard. We went, we saw, but *they* conquered. We desire to be put on record as decidedly and emphatically approving literary work by any Charge such as we witnessed.

"There are several grounds for it. The day of 'literary societies' *per se* seems to have gone by in all colleges, except such as Princeton, where undue antagonism exists against fraternities. That the literary work performed by the fraternities is more effectual than that of the old-time literary societies is indicated by the fact that the highest honors are taken by fraternity men. The rapid advance which is made in this direction is undoubtedly due to the absence of "class feeling" inside the fraternity hall. We remember our own experience. We had no show in the society hall during our Freshman or Sophomore year. As a Junior we lost the ever present awe of upper-classmen, but only as a Senior could we get anything like the full benefit of debate. Stage fear is the greatest enemy of forensic eloquence, and underclassmen entertain it in a surprising degree. In the fraternity circle, however, nothing of this kind exists. Every member is ready to extend the helping hand, and the graceful manner in which the Freshmen performed their parts was a surprising revelation of the truth of our statement. In this way the younger men, under the influence of their surroundings, come rapidly to the front, and the honors are more easily captured. This condition of things is alone sufficient to compensate a man for all the financial expense incident to membership in a college fraternity."—*The Shield*.

THE PANSY.

Tune, "Rock-a-bye, baby."

Oh, pansy, bright pansy, the fairest of flowers
 Ever gathered by mortals from nature's fair bowers;
 The choice of the Deltas, by handfuls we'll bring,
 And now and forever thy praises we'll sing.

CHORUS.

Beautiful pansy, blest was the hour
 When Tri-Deltas chose thee fraternity flower;
 And as thy soft petals of velvet we see,
 The brightest and best to the Deltas thou'lt be.

Then ring for the pansy, the flower of true worth,
 The one that to Deltas is the best of the earth,
 Though the future may part us, wherever we be,
 We'll cling to the pansy, the sweet flower of three.

CHORUS.

Oh, pansy, dear pansy, with beautiful face,
 Thou hast found in our hearts a most enviable place;
 And thy many bright colors, of more than one hue,
 Have, 'mong them, the Delta's gold, silver, and blue.

CHORUS.

Thrice blessed pansy, oh bright be the sun
 That shineth on thee, and the hearts thou hast won ;
 For Deltas will watch thee with tenderest care,
 And shield thee forever, our pansy so fair.

CHORUS.

—*Edith M. Wait (Beta), in the Trident.*

“A fraternity is not a charitable organization. It is the duty of all loyal Greeks to keep up their standard and to ask no one to become one of them who is not properly qualified in *all* respects. Otherwise the reputation of the fraternity is injured and its influence gone. The point is not that we should altogether disregard appearances and look only to the world within. It is rather that we should not allow the bonds which hold us together to become a barrier between ourselves individually and ‘the other girls.’ Surely our fraternity relations, if fraternities are all we claim, ought to make our sympathy wider, to teach us loyalty, not only to those in our own circle, but to all of our sex who, like us, are trying to become that higher type of woman whom we honor and admire.

“It is an old, old story, that humanity, particularly the feminine portion of it, is prone to lay too much stress upon mere outward attractiveness, but so long as young women spend several years of their lives in the close association of our colleges, and many among them find those years embittered by small stings and small slights, the subject is not worn out. Fraternity women, especially, need to think of this, that it may never be truthfully said life is made harder for any of our sisters by the order to which we belong.”—*Mary P. Harnon, '92 (Beta).*

“Cornell has the largest list of chapters of any institution in the country. Twenty-seven fraternities find membership among her numbers. The University of Michigan is close behind her, with a total of twenty-three chapters.”—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

“The University of Michigan will erect a Grecian temple as her contribution to the World’s Fair at Chicago.”—*The Trident.*

“The local sorority of Alpha Beta Gamma, which was established at Sophia Newcomb College last year, has been absorbed by the general sorority Pi Beta Phi. This sorority starts out with a membership of seven, and was installed by Miss Burton, of Franklin, Indiana. We hope their progress will never falter, and that the high prestige which they have always sustained at Newcomb will continue theirs in the future. We welcome Pi Beta Phi.”—*Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

“The membership of the various fraternities represented at Washington and Lee is as follows: Kappa Alpha, 10; Phi Gamma Delta, 7; Sigma Nu, 7; Phi Kappa Psi, 9; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 4; Kappa Sigma, 7; Phi Theta Psi, 4; Sigma Chi, 6; Alpha Tau Omega, 2.”—*Kappa Alpha Journal.*

"A visit to the College Mission in New York City is full of interest to all college girls who are 'heathenly inclined.' The colleges now represented in the work are Cornell, Smith, Wellesley, and Bryn Mawr; but a branch mission which is soon to be started in Boston will require the co-operation of more colleges. The work as it is now carried on is more of a social than a religious nature, and more friendly than charitable. The mission-house is located at No. 95 Rivington street, not right in the heart, but in the *liver* (if that term may be considered as proper as appropriate), of New York City. Surrounded by the dregs of civilization, these strong, earnest, unassuming college girls are doing their best to clear the atmosphere and 'sweep the cobwebs from the sky.' Not by theory, but by practice; not by moralizing, but by realizing, they are revealing to those poor, debased street gamins, and to their poorer and still more debased fathers and mothers, the possibility of a better existence, and a purer, more wholesome life. It is not a pleasant or congenial life for refined women; there is little that is ideal or romantic about it, especially in the hot, diseased summer, but it is a noble work, and it is not only the 'heathen' who receive help from it, for 'who gives *himself* with his alms, feeds three.' In many respects this mission would be a grand 'finishing school' for young ladies who wish to complete their education. It would surely open to them new avenues of thought, and reveal startling truths in the sphere of sociology and ethics. The many would-be philanthropists who sit by their cosy fire-places reading the missionary reviews with an occasional self-adulatory sigh over the poor unchristianized millions, should spend a day making fashionable calls in Rivington street."—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

"It is *not* right to study stupidly a task set before the mind, making that free organ a mere machine. How can the mind *grow* while confining itself to a task, even if the possessor of that mind is supported by the pious conviction that it is a duty to learn that task. Oh, that much abused word duty! I declare it is *not* one's duty to study in that stupid, unintelligent way. Above all, as you study don't have the thought continually in mind will this or that 'be asked on examination.' Study as men and women, not as school-boys and school-girls. And *think* while you work — think deeply and always. Then you will not find when you have graduated that your work has been all fragmentary, and a large part of it too carelessly and indifferently done to be of much service to you after the dreaded examination has once been passed. Realize, then, that thoughtful, independent research is your aim, not merely preparation to pass certain examinations; not the great display of presenting an oration on commencement day, and not even admittance into the honored society of Phi Beta Kappa. Rather let it be your aim to graduate as well-rounded, developed, noble men and women. It is well when a student graduates from college that, with the degree, is carried away a sound body, a strong, active, thinking mind, and a sweet, earnest character.

"If college girls would work from such motives and with such aims, care not for the questions as to the results of the higher education and of co-education, no one will ask any questions, no one will say that college life unsexes women, if they can see such results."—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

"The situation here is peculiar, and not a very auspicious one, for fraternity life. The Grecian world has but two representatives—Delta Tau Delta and Phi Delta Theta. There is a strong prejudice against the fraternities, and the literary societies will not allow a fraternity man to become one of their number. So strong is society feeling here, that when college and class honors are awarded it has come to be simply a question of numbers, and in this way the fraternities are almost wholly excluded. However, during the last year Michigan Beta has had her share of that very uncertain edible served up to the fortunate few, and known as 'popular preferment.'"—*Chapter Letter from Michigan Agricultural College in Scroll of Phi Delta Theta*.

"Miss Nelson, who won the De Pauw Oratorical Contest, is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma."—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

"Vassar is probably the only college that has a fund to be used in giving its students 'good times.' For several years past a sum has been given the college by a New York gentleman for such a purpose. It is known as the 'free money,' and when parties of students start for a day at Lake Mohonk or some other of the beautiful places along the Hudson, it is the 'free money' that turns the wheel."—*Boston Journal*.

"A distinctively Yale preparatory school is to be founded at Lakeville, Conn. It is the gift of Mrs. Maria Hotchkiss. It will start under favorable conditions, with a building costing \$140,000, and an endowment of \$200,000."—*Dickinsonian*.

"It is an interesting fact that of the 345 colleges and universities reporting to the National Bureau of Education at Washington, 204 are co-educational. Women at present constitute 55 per cent of the under-graduates in this country."—*Ex*.

"The question that perplexes the correspondent is: What constitutes a good chapter letter? He does not know whether the little every-day happenings of his chapter are interesting to others, or whether he ought to endeavor to give the views of his chapter on general fraternity matters—plans by which the interest in chapter work may be increased—but the supply of this matter is limited."—*Washington and Lee Correspondent in Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

This is a vital question to chapter correspondents everywhere, in all fraternities. "Everyday happenings," when

they happen to be of general interest, are all right, but much discretion should be used in this matter. Say things that you can think of as seeming something in the way of information to the exchange editor of some other fraternity magazine — improvements or changes in college faculty, buildings, etc., suggestions in regard to the welfare of the fraternity in general or in chapter work. Wholesome letters with life enough to help the growth we so much desire and need. You would not care to receive a letter from your best friend with simply a list of happenings; the daily paper would do as well.

Since the ARROW came down from its extraordinary size it has improved wonderfully in appearance. Better paper, a neat cover, and trimmed edges give it an attractive appearance entirely lacking before. It now ranks easily with the best in external appearance. — *Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*

Many thanks; sorry that the congratulation is only cover deep.

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