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## CAPRICORNUS.

*Air: The Pope.*

Oh! have you seen that little goat  
With wine-blue ribbon at his throat,  
A bold defy in every note?  
Oh! if you've seen him, you're all right!

He's Capricornus tumbled down  
From heaven's blue into our town,  
To help us do the pledgelings brown.  
Oh! if you've seen him, you're all right!

He has a quiet, pensive air  
Until you mount him, then beware!  
A thunderbolt hides in each hair.  
Oh! if you've seen him, you're all right!

I love that goat so tried and true;  
I love him for the good he'll do,  
For he's a Pi Phi through and through.  
Oh! if you've seen him, you're all right!

—Mary Bartol.

## HOUSEKEEPING IN EUROPE.

**I**S NOT the person to be congratulated whom fortune compels to remain several weeks in a place not frequented by tourists? In the beaten track you hear only your own tongue, the hotels cater to your national peculiarities, and in general you are looked upon merely as a means of gaining a livelihood. On the contrary, in a town little frequented by foreigners you enjoy the spontaneous native courtesy and are treated almost like a fellow countryman. It would be hard to find a town not filled with historical associations, and how much the better if at the same time you are learning somewhat of the individuality of the country and the life of its people.

It was our good fortune to spend six weeks in a little German dorf near enough to the beautiful university town of Marburg to give us plenty of opportunity for study, while we could at the same time observe the home life of the German peasant. We were fortunate in having a friend studying at the university, who kindly assisted us in our search for rooms. After a most discouraging tramp our perseverance was rewarded by finding two which were large and comfortable. The village nestled most picturesquely among the hills; and, to add a charm to our surroundings, the Hausfrau wore the regular peasant costume of the district. The good people were generous hearted, and we were allowed really to occupy three rooms, and to use the kitchen also when needed. After settling, the marketing was the first thing to be mastered. Judiciously questioning the Frau regarding the cost of staple articles, the marketing was begun on a rather sure basis, though time revealed the fact that we were treated quite as fairly as the native, which is not exactly true in tourist cities.

We tried to follow somewhat the German's economical manner of living, and succeeded to a small extent; but found it almost impossible not to have things occasionally "like home." On the whole prices ranged much the same as in the middle west, some things higher, others cheaper. Nevertheless by careful study, one can live more cheaply than at home. The principal



difference was in sweets and meats. If one expects to live at all economically, the first things to be given up are pie and cake, and without detriment to proper nourishment. Rye bread is the staple, and at first is not very palatable, though one soon eats it like a German. The breakfast buns, however, are better than anything to be got in America, and the baker brings them fresh from the oven every morning. The native does not enjoy this luxury, however. His bread is baked but once in three or four weeks, when about thirty pounds is allowed for a person. They still use the large brick oven, and it takes an hour's fire to heat it. The fire is then removed and the bread put in and left an hour to bake. If the bottom of your roll looks unclean it is only ashes from the bottom of the oven. The bread is next allowed to dry until the outside crust is quite free from moisture, and then is put down cellar to keep cool. The crust of a slice is as sharp as a knife, so that great care is necessary when cutting bread not to cut your finger with it.

Though the German eats five times a day, we kept to our three meals. Now rolled oats can be obtained in Europe, so this was added to our coffee and rolls for breakfast. This recalls the Rhine trip when the admiring passengers were quite shocked to have the romance of the glorious river marred by a sign in large letters, "QUAKER OATS." Vegetables are plentiful and cheap in Germany. Being in this little dorf we could get them fresh as needed from "our garden." Nearly everyone had a patch of pole beans, and when they were in their prime, everywhere the women would spend their spare time cutting the green beans into thin slices diagonally. At first we wondered how they could use so many, but found they packed them down in salt and water for winter use. They do not use them dried as we do. Baked beans were quite a novelty to the Frau, and she was eager to learn how to make them.

The fruit! We shall never forget the sweet cherries we revelled in for almost nothing. Sour cherries were scarce; but finally we succeeded in finding enough to make a cherry pie. The good Frau was very anxious to see what was making, and

watched each step with much interest. When baked (which, by the way, was done in a small spider, as they had no such thing as a pie tin), the Bauer and his Frau thought it tasted pretty good. We invited our American friend out to dine with us, and he pronounced the pie a success. We might add that the crust was rolled out with a large bottle for want of a rolling pin.

At first it was puzzling to get the desired kinds of meat, for in Europe they have very different cuts from those we get at home, so we resorted to pointing to the part we desired, insisting upon getting it. American beef is imported to a large extent; but they must avoid our pork, for ham was fifty cents a pound. In the district around Marburg the cattle were kept in stalls all the time, except those used for work, and it was very distressing to think of animals standing in the same place for years. Sometimes cows do not leave the stable for six or seven years. The milk cannot be as wholesome as that of the cow at pasture all day, and everyone boils it before using.

Lessons in economy were everywhere; every bit of land was cultivated most carefully, and to feed the cows the servant-maid would go off with sickle and cut the grass along roadsides, hedges, and hillsides, which were too steep to use for anything else. This maid was paid the equivalent of less than two dollars a month, and besides working in the house, cared for the cows and pigs, carried the milk to town and helped in the field. The women enjoy out-door work, and no wonder, for the air is most delightful and the country most charming.

Italy seems quite in contrast to Germany, at least around Rome. So much of the Campagna is uncultivated, and, on the whole agriculture as compared with Germany, seems a forgotten or may be a forsaken art. But it is just as interesting as Germany and, of course, from an archaeological point of view more so, though we are not speaking of antiquities just now. Rome, the city of all ages, known even in antiquity as "the eternal city,"—it would take too much space to tell of even the little we have seen.

A person wishing to enjoy some of the freedom of home may manage in several different ways. One can rent a flat and keep

house, hire a servant and enjoy all the tribulations we enjoy in America. Or you may rent two or more furnished rooms and pay the servant of the family to do the cooking and you do the buying, or the servant will buy for you. Or you can rent furnished rooms with the use of the kitchen. Two sunny, furnished rooms, with the use of the kitchen, in a desirable location, rent for from sixteen to twenty dollars a month. In any case, some knowledge of Italian is almost necessary,—enough, at least, to understand ordinary phrases and to make yourself understood. We tried the last plan, and found it a very economical way to live and not at all burdensome, for one can get so many things ready for the table at the "Kitchens"—meats roasted, croquettes, or anything else one might care for. Then the servant, for a dollar a month, will do all the disagreeable part, like washing the dishes.

In keeping house here the first thing you miss is a good stove with an oven, though you soon rather enjoy the funny stoves they have, and think you will miss them very much when you go home. The little charcoal fires are so convenient for broiling steak, and really for everything except baking. The baking is done, when the family does any, at the large *forno* in the neighborhood. The kitchen stove is of solid masonry, like everything else here, with square fire pots on top. The *carbone* rests on a grate and beneath is a chamber for receiving ashes, with a door in front to regulate the draft. Over the whole is a hood to carry off dust and gas. A turkey-feather fan is a necessary accompaniment to the stove to urge the fire along occasionally.

The marketing is a recreation and a great school for studying Italian character. It is quite necessary to learn the value of things, and then insist upon getting them for that, or you will pay twice what a thing is worth. The servants usually do all the marketing, and some think they buy more economically than the signora, but this has not been our experience. Of course, if the signora does not know how much she ought to pay, the shop keeper will not refuse the extra price. If desired then, the servant will do all your buying, but usually you must add quite a percentage to cover leakage.

Maccaroni is the staple. In one shop there were forty-five

different kinds, long, short, straight, curly, flat, round, large tubes, small tubes, and so *ad infinitum*. And it is cooked in as many different ways. A necessary accompaniment is the tomato. The small red ones are hung up in the shops and dried, something as we dry peppers. In this way they have fresh tomatoes all winter.

The duty on imported goods is very high, so if one has a limited allowance he must avoid foreign foodstuffs. This is hard for those used to our national products, but for the benefit of those who expect to spend some time in Italy, there is a native product, *semolina*, used for soups, that is very like "wheatlet," and makes an excellent dish. It costs not more than "wheatlet" at home, whereas rolled oats costs fifteen cents a pound. Sugar is very dear, sixteen cents a pound, while even salt costs six. This is due to its being a government monopoly.

One can buy such small quantities here. Think of buying two cents' worth of steak! If you can't have a turkey, you can content yourself with a leg, or if you prefer, a breast. In this way you avoid the prolonged turkey dinners after a large Thanksgiving roast. You start out with your basket,—to be just right it ought to be a large plaid gingham handkerchief,—and buy a penny's worth of potatoes, one of lettuce,—enough for four people,—a cauliflower for two cents, meat, oranges from six to ten cents a dozen, figs six cents a pound, English walnuts seven, and you can see that one hundred *centissimi* (twenty cents) goes a long way. Here five *centissimi*, the *soldo*, seems a great deal more than our equivalent, one cent.

After our first two months here we were tempted, by sunnier rooms, to move. Having learned in two months how much ought to be used by our family we thought it safe to try the second plan, still doing our own marketing. We find it very satisfactory and surely it is not an extravagance since we pay the servant less than a dollar a month for doing all our cooking.

We had heard how cheaply one could live in Europe, but find that people can *exist* more cheaply than in America, but not *live* more cheaply. For the same style of living one pays more in Europe than at home. Labor is cheaper, but other things

make up for that. Salaries are correspondingly low, so the strife for life is the same the world over.

—G. C. S., Michigan Beta.

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### LETTER FROM GERMANY.

Berlin, Germany.

Dear Friends in Pi Beta Phi:—

At the end of my first year in Europe I would probably have answered Miss Read's request to "pass around some of the good things" of my sojourn here, with an account of German student life, the oft-described beer-drinking and duelling, or excursions to romantic ruins or wooded hill-tops. Later, I would have told you of the old fortress town and Hanseatic seaport, Dantsic, so replete with historic associations, or of the social life there in the highest ranks, where balls and dinners are regarded by the married people as unpleasant necessities of a representative position, and only the balls are welcomed by lieutenants and *debutantes* as opportunities of intercourse with each other. (One young lady said to me, "I haven't been out in society much this winter, as I am engaged and there is really no object in going now.") Here in Berlin, in the midst of museums and music, toward the close of my fourth year of German residence, I can find no one particular object, enjoyment, or custom, a description of which would be of advantage to you, numerous and delightful as my memories are. In fact, the longer I stay abroad, the more I am persuaded that the good things of life in a strange land are not those which can be passed around, not the individual sights which can be described, but the changes in one's conceptions, the perception of the failings and virtues of the people and customs of one's own land, advantages so subtly and gradually assimilated, that a full consciousness of their worth is not possible until the return home startles one into cognizance of them. However, some idea of their nature has dawned upon me lately when I have met newly arrived Americans.

I would say now that my greatest gain has been an appreciation and a jealous love of the English language. Not a dislike, but a growing understanding and affection for German,

have produced it. Years of translation at home cannot give the atmosphere of a foreign language, its fine lights and shades, the living quality of its words, and until such a knowledge of another tongue exists, there cannot be full comprehension of the same qualities in the mother tongue. The power to think in two languages is a source of continual pleasure in fine discriminations and comparisons. Metaphors live again in word and idiom. An unworthy relationship between expression and idea appears as jarring and unwarrantable as a false translation. I have noticed here how a well-bred German guards his language from back-alley influences, and preserves, at least in his drawing-room speech, a good literary quality. I have picked up an American paper, or even a magazine of repute, I have heard fellow-countrymen talking, and involuntarily I have been sorry and ashamed. It is a great failure in breeding for a German to use his mother-tongue carelessly, soiling it with slovenly sentences and slang; why not for an American? We are already spoken of unfavorably in this respect over here, so that an Englishman who wishes to give lessons has more chances than an American, although personally less popular.

It occurs to me that one good way of acquiring a more thorough understanding of the German language and life than any *pension* can offer, is perhaps unknown to you. There are many families of good position here who are glad to take a foreigner into their homes as a guest for a few months under the condition of a few hours conversation with him in his own language daily. A paid instructor would not be so pleasant an addition to their family circle as an attractive young lady who does not want money, but knowledge. A friend of mine, a girl who was educated in Paris, has traveled in Germany, and is the daughter of a Scotch nobleman, has just accepted an invitation to spend six months on an estate whose owner wishes to brush up his English. In this particular case a mutual friend made the arrangements, but it can be managed by a newspaper advertisement. Inquiries and references from both sides follow, and if possible a meeting is arranged for first, as of course both parties need to exercise care. Some speaking acquaintance of German or French is generally necessary to obtain such a position,

which may be exceedingly pleasant and interesting in this country, but is to be avoided in France for various reasons.

I am afraid I have not complied with the Arrow's wishes regarding the character of my letter, but if I have made suggestions which will enable another fraternity girl to gain what I have gained by my European life, I am sure the benefits will be greater than those accruing from a description, of necessity superficial, which you would read today and forget tomorrow. With hearty greetings to all, especially to the old friends in Michigan Beta, I am very sincerely yours in Pi Beta Phi,

—Florence Evelyn Wolfenden.

A "RUSHING" SONG.\*

We know a little lady,  
A shy little lady,  
Will she a Pi Phi be?

First she said she wouldn't,  
Then she said she couldn't,  
Then she whispered, "Well, I'll see."

Said I, "Oh, maid, fear nothing,  
Our goat 's ne'er rough nor shocking,  
If you but at his bidding come.  
So won't you be a Pi Phi,  
A happy, faithful Pi Phi,  
Won't you share our college home,  
Wont you?"

*Cho.*— Oh, freshman, dear freshman,  
If you do not join us you'll have only yourself to blame,  
Oh, freshman, think, freshman,  
Of Pi Beta Phi as your other name.

This artful little freshman,  
Winsome, teasing freshman,  
With her saucy wayward curls,

I'm sure is just the sweetest,  
Prettiest, and neatest  
Freshman in the wide, wide world.

And she 's to be a Pi Phi,  
A merry, faithful Pi Phi  
On our next initiation day,  
She was pledged last Monday,  
Dined with us on Sunday,  
We're happy as the birds in May.  
Aren't we?

*Cho.*— Oh, freshman, dear freshman,  
If you do not join us you'll have only yourself to blame,  
Oh, freshman, dear freshman,  
Pi Beta Phi is the very best name.

M. E. C., WIS. 'A., A. A.

\*With apologies to the author of "The Future Mrs. 'Awkins."

### THE FRATERNITY LINE AND HOW THE FRATERNITY GIRL DRAWS IT.

The fraternity man is much the same everywhere. At Berkeley he is the same sort of fellow as he is at Ithaca. The "co-ed," however (and the fraternity girl is always a "co-ed"), occupies a vastly different position in the life of different colleges. In the western state universities, where co-education is practically as old as the institutions themselves, she is generally taken for granted and is really an integral part of the college. In certain eastern colleges, on the other hand, co-education has been introduced from above by the main strength of the faculty. In these places it is not unnatural that the college girl is looked upon as an interloper and is allowed to participate as little as possible in the life of the college. Institutions like Barnard or Radcliffe, affiliated with older men's colleges, are co-educational only in name and need not be considered in the present discussion.

In other words, the fraternity girl's influence on the general life of the college is at Wesleyan nothing, but at Nebraska a great deal.

The presence of the "co-ed" is supposed to be a good thing because it encourages courtesy, refinement, and all such qualities in the students of the other sex. Probably it does in a measure. But the fraternity girl has no more to do with it than any other. What is, then, her contribution to college life *as a fraternity girl*? Is her influence a good one? Would or would not college life be better without her?

There is one grave charge that can be honestly brought against her, and that shall be the subject of the present sermon. Every non-fraternity man, and a great many fraternity men, will tell you that intentionally or unintentionally the fraternity girl does everything she can to break down that spirit of democracy and free comradeship which is absolutely essential for any healthy college life. Fraternity men do the same thing, you say? No, they do not. With the exception of a few snobs, they do not



take the trouble to make class distinctions. In the gymnasium, on the grand-stand, in the class-room, and (pardon me) behind the screens of the institution that should perhaps be anathemized as the "corner groggery," one man is as good as another. College politics and college girls are the two things which tend to destroy this equality. In the presence of either, the class line appears.

Of course a girl must be careful whom she associates with. It is absolutely necessary to draw the line somewhere. But the inexorable separation of "Greek" and "barbarian" is a very unfair classification. In the first place, the number of fraternity men in college is very seldom equal to the number of what, for want of a better term, may be called the "eligibles." Mention any qualifications you will, social, financial, scholastic, moral, or athletic, and there are always many "barbs" who possess them. On the other hand, everyone knows "frat men" who are notorious imbeciles, if not worse. Yet the average fraternity girl draws the fraternity line, and no other line. When a man is introduced to her, she seldom inquires as to his family, his character, his accomplishments, or his bank-account. A "Greek" is a fit companion for her; a "barb" is not.

A fraternity man, initiated at the beginning of his junior year, once described to the writer his sensations at the first college "function" at which he wore his pin. "I don't mean to say I've got the 'populars' now," he said, "but look at my program. Three-fourths of those girls would have told me they had no dances left if I had asked them a month ago."

A little poem entitled "The Barb's Lament," published in a college annual a few years ago, tells the other side of the story:

She's a girl from our town,  
But around the 'Varsity  
Meets me always with a frown,  
If she deigns to notice me.

Coldly turns the other way,  
On the campus, on the street;  
Looks about for those more gay,  
People more select to greet.

Does she not remember how  
At the corner she would wait,  
Meet me with a happy bow,  
Linger at the High School gate?

Other day dreams there may be,  
But I cannot soon forget  
That old friendship,—sweet to me,—  
Mine in memory even yet.

How unjust it is. The mere fact that she joined a fraternity, while he did not, ought not to separate a boy and a girl who had grown up together and been more than friends before they came to college. Yet fraternity girls in general would hardly blame this one for doing what she did. In the social life of many colleges a "barb" is an extremely awkward piece of furniture and any girl would be justified in wishing to get rid of it, however desirable it might be among other surroundings.

Merely, in order to defend his own sex, the writer wishes to call attention to the fact that fraternity men seldom think of applying any similar test to the other gender. The large number of popular non-fraternity girls which every college can show, contrasts painfully with the mere handful of non-fraternity men who have any social life to speak of.

The rules of social conduct which the fraternity girl has formulated are just to no one. They are unjust to the fraternity man because they do not compel him to stand on his own merits, unjust to the "barb" because they give him practically no recognition at all, and they are unjust to the girl herself because they put under a sort of social stigma many of those in whose company she would naturally find the most pleasure.

That may be an evil, you say, but what is the remedy? Simplicity itself. Do not take it for granted that a little jewelled pin on his waistcoat makes a man a gentleman, nor that the absence of it puts him beneath your notice. *Do just what you would at home.* Find out, if you can, who he is, and treat him accordingly. You will find that a very large proportion of those you want to know are fraternity men, but give the others a

chance, too. Draw the line as high as you please, but don't make it altogether a fraternity line. In college society there is, and ought to be, a presumption in the fraternity man's favor, but do not accept that presumption as conclusive evidence. No one can criticise any girl if she forms her opinion of the man she meets at college, in the same way and on the same basis as she would in society anywhere else. Could a girl ever lose in popularity by it?

Snobbishness in man or woman ought to be treated as the cardinal sin in a college community. Of course it is absurd to argue for a revolutionary "liberty, equality and fraternity." But it is not absurd to ask that everyone shall stand for what he or she really is. In no other way can be preserved that most precious of all college traditions—

"The comrade heart  
For a moment's play,  
And the comrade heart  
For a heavier day,  
And the comrade heart  
For ever and aye."

—A Fraternity Man.

### THE FRATERNITY MEETING.

**W**HEN we stop to think of it, what does our weekly fraternity meeting stand for, after all, how much does it really mean to us? I fear we are too often prone to overlook its real significance and to look upon it as merely a so-and-so often recurring necessity, a something which takes away just so much of our so very valuable time. We are late to meetings and then are in such a rush to get away again—to meet some trifling social obligation, perhaps—that there is scarcely time for half the business of the meeting to be transacted in a dignified, business-like manner.

Now, does not our fraternity deserve more attention and re-

spect than this? Ought we not be willing to so arrange our work, our various duties and obligations, as to be able to save at least one or two hours a week for our beloved fraternity? Is it not from these very meetings that we ought to gain our inspiration and renew our enthusiasm for the coming week, that we may better be able to attain to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi and to fulfill all the duties we owe, not only to our fraternity, but to our college as well?

Should we not then make it a point to attend meetings regularly and at the same time strive to bring with us all good will and enthusiasm, ready to transact any and all business the chapter may have on hand, and ready to enter enthusiastically into any discussion that may arise? Enter into the discussion with a will, bring up all the points in favor and against, but do it all in the kindest of spirits and with the utmost good-will. It may perhaps be some financial question, perhaps some new undertaking on the part of the fraternity, which requires careful consideration. Let us hear the pros and cons, and let us not be too hasty in our conclusions.

In speaking of financial questions a word may be said about prompt payment of dues. If the treasurer, perchance, in giving her report, asks that the payment of dues or special taxes be attended to as promptly as possible, do not turn a deaf ear to her entreaties, for, remember that there must first be a deposit in the treasury from whence the treasurer can draw, ere the bills of the fraternity can be paid. And how delightful is it, after the prompt payment of bills, to have such remarks as this addressed to you: "Who is your business manager anyhow?" "How in the world do you manage to keep all your business attended to right up to date?" or, "Do you know that you have the reputation among the business men of being the best managed fraternity in the city?" What a feeling of satisfaction and of pride may exist in a fraternity with such a reputation!

This brings me to the consideration of another point, the last but by no means the least of my humble remarks. So often we hear the accusation brought up against us that girls—nay,

that women—cannot conduct meetings upon a parliamentary basis. I fear the accusation is in a great measure a just one. But ought we to permit such a charge to be brought up against us? We are certainly as capable of learning to conduct our meetings in a parliamentary manner as is the sterner sex. We have our constitution, we have our Robert's Rules to guide us as well as the boys. We certainly ought to be able to leave our little side remarks and our little bits of gossip until after the meeting. We ought to be able to address the chair before venturing to voice our sentiments upon this or that question under discussion. We ought to be able to permit one person to hold the floor uninterruptedly until she has finished her remarks. And we certainly ought to know a few of the most important parliamentary usages according to which a business organization is conducted.

I take the liberty of quoting a few lines of an article by Miss Caroline Schwefel of Ohio Alpha, which article occurs in the January Arrow of 1897:

"In this day of sororities, clubs and federations, to one or more of which almost every woman belongs, it is just as needful that we be able to take an active, intelligent part in their proceedings, as that we be able to perform the ordinary social duties from which no one of us seeks to excuse herself. Every woman, especially every college-bred woman, should be able to preside over a meeting without violating or allowing to be violated the common rules of parliamentary law. She should, moreover, be able to speak extemporaneously upon questions under discussion and be able to give an informal talk or respond to an impromptu toast upon any occasion."

If after four years of college and fraternity life a girl enters upon the broader field of duty, still unable to call to order or to dismiss the simplest kind of a meeting, what a disgrace, not only to the individual herself, but also to the fraternity of which she was and is still, a member.

Now as we step upon the threshold of the twentieth century and peer into the dark unknown, let us not forget to consider what is expected of us college and fraternity women. Let us

remember that the new era upon which we have but just entered has been prophesied to be above all the age for women, and it is upon us, who are but just entering into womanhood, that the new century makes its demands, to show to the world what women can indeed achieve.

"Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

—Livia E. Seiler, Wisconsin Alpha.

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### "A SORT OF BEAUTIFUL ENEMY."

**W**E SEEK our friend not sacredly, but with an adulterate passion which would appropriate him to ourselves." "Reverence is a great part of friendship." "Why should we desecrate noble and beautiful souls by intruding on them?" "Let thy friend be to thee a sort of beautiful enemy, untamable, devoutly revered—a spirit."

Is this the friendship which the fraternity chapter encourages? Does the Pi Phi always seek her friend "sacredly?" Does she shun "desecration?" Is her friend ever allowed to be a spirit? The fraternity would make friends, but the chapters in the small colleges carry intimacy, I fear, to an extreme, and as surely as friendliness is the blessing of a chapter, so is ultra-intimacy its curse. As has been said, this danger threatens especially the small college, where the dormitory system exists. There the girls of one fraternity choose rooms as nearly as possible adjacent, they eat at the same table or tables, they study together and they walk together; it is almost inevitable that they become dangerously well acquainted, that joys, sorrows and ailments become common property. Now joys always stand disseminating; sorrows, sometimes; ailments, never. The daily demand of sympathy and care which one sickly member can make upon the chapter is great, and in so doing she robs

her friends of energy and strength which are theirs by right. The robber is usually an unconscious one—it is no less a theft; the robbed are usually unconscious, too—it is no less a loss. The member whose anti-faculty attitude brings upon herself frequent punishment makes the same demand, and again the theft and the loss. In both cases the sympathy was probably both unwise and unkind.

I would not for an instant discourage helpfulness, I would only encourage self-reliance; I would not advise formality, but I would plead for reverence; I would not oppose solidarity, but I would cry out against parasitism. I want that our friendships be healthy and pure and ennobling. Let us not descend to meet.

There is one little way (and it is no little way after all) in which we can stop "intruding," and that is by letting our rooms be a little more our "castles" with a welcome for all but an open door to none.

Let us guard against commiseration and sentimentality; let us give and seek inspiration rather than pity, let us not overstep the boundaries between individual and individual, let us have less of your and my worries, jealousies, clothes and headaches, let us have more of *you* and *me*.

—E. H. R., Pa. A. A. A.

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### A LEGEND OF PI BETA PHI.

In the days of sprites and fairies, in a land far, far away,  
 A little sunbeam came to earth in the form (so the poets say)  
 Of a babe more fair than a rosy dawn,  
 More fair than a summer's day.

The fairies met in a council grave in a spot 'neath a shady tree,  
 To see what boon they had power to grant great enough for the  
 baby wee,  
 And what it was which the fairies gave,  
 You, my sisters dear, shall see.

The babe grew into a gladsome maid, blue-eyed with sunny hair,  
 With never a frown the livelong day, with never a shade of care,  
     Beloved by all whom she chanced to meet,  
     By youth and by maiden fair.

One day as she sat in the forest green, quite still in a dreamy mood,  
 A fairy came and spoke to her, right out of the leafy wood,  
     A fairy clad all in glist'ning white,  
     More fair than e'er mortal wooed.

"My dear," she said to the wondering maid, "you have grown to  
     be true and pure;  
 In your heart are faith and hope and love, and long may they  
     endure.  
     So we fairies give you this symbol fair,  
     An emblem of friendship sure."

And the fairy bent o'er the listening maid, and took from her  
     robe of white  
 And pinned on her breast with lightest hands, an arrow shining  
     bright,  
     And she whispered only the words, "Pi Phi,"  
     And went from the maiden's sight.  
                                     —F. M. H., Illinois Delta.

### What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

To the new student at College there is a certain fascination about the life so entirely different from what she has been accustomed to, and there are so many gaieties in which she wishes to take part that it requires effort to give the proper time and attention to her studies. But the girl who joins a fraternity finds this an incentive to greater effort. She knows that around her are girls who are interested in her work, and who are ever ready to assist in time of trouble and praise in time of success; so she

Fraternity as an  
 incentive.



works with renewed energy, and the striving to please and help them instills in her that love for the best and highest in College life which sooner or later must become a part of her.

It is not only in work that our fraternity aids us. In becoming too much occupied with our own interests we are liable to become selfish and forget our duty to those around us; we neglect the pleasant greeting, the kindly word it is our privilege to give to all we meet, but as our love for the ideals of Pi Beta Phi grows stronger each day we realize more and more that every act of ours affects not only ourselves but our fraternity, and we become more careful in our bearing towards our fellow-students and instructors, more earnest in our work, more determined to realize our ideals which will bring greater happiness to ourselves and our associates. Unconsciously we find ourselves asking in regard to each action or thought: "Is this worthy of a Pi Phi? Is this, or would we care for this to become a characteristic of our noble sisterhood, and will it lead us to the heights we are striving to attain?"

Our close fellowship with the girls who have spent more time in the college halls than we have done shows us what we may obtain if we wish to do so, and their words of advice or kindly criticism often help us over the many difficult places that might otherwise prove a stumbling-block in our way.

What Pi Beta Phi means to each one of us we cannot express in words; what it is to us we can best show in our daily acts and in our kindness toward those around us. Our fraternity is the secret stimulus which spurs us ever onward to things that are "noble, good and true," and the girl who has pledged herself to think only on these things, feels the desire to be the embodiment of these noble qualities arising with such irresistible force within her, that her thoughts and actions are directed towards the good of the fraternity and of her associates.

—Anna Lucretia Smedley, Pennsylvania Alpha.

In what a lamentable state are the relations between the members of different fraternities when it is possible to bring up such a question as inter-fraternity courtesy. Is the courtesy between fraternities different from that prevailing between the members of any well-bred society? Does the fact of our belonging to a fraternity give us license to disregard the small amenities of life? We are not set upon pedestals by our initiation that we may feel privileged to look down upon the rest of mankind. Suppose that one of our classmates is unfortunate enough to belong to another fraternity,—I say unfortunate, for of course we consider our fraternity the best, else we should not have joined,—if she be in that pitiable plight, is that a reason for snubbing her? Rather a reason for putting forth every effort to make her pathway easy. Are the different pins that we fraternity girls wear over our hearts to be the insurmountable barriers which will keep us from thoroughly knowing and loving one another? It seems to be the rule that, as soon as we see a fraternity pin on a girl, we lose interest in her as an individual and identify her with her fraternity. Mayhap we do not consider that her fraternity has as good a standing in our college as our own. If so, we probably take no pains to conceal our opinion, and we let her know on every occasion in the hundred and one annoying little ways known only to girls, that we fully realize our own exalted position. A girl who behaved thus in ordinary society would be called snobbish, and deservedly so. Why then are so many girls guilty of this fraternity snobbishness? Then, in the rushing season who of us cannot remember little rudenesses of which we have been guilty? For the good of the cause, we told ourselves. It is very doubtful whether an advantage won at the cost of our self-respect is a real gain.

—Michigan Beta.

The Fraternity world, as all classes of society, is marked by its customs, those particularly and peculiarly its own.

From the day when that little band of girls met together at Monmouth to discuss the means by which they might be truer and better women until this day, wherever the flag of wine and blue waves, there its supporters still gather—for it has become the custom. Scattered as we are over this United States, each chapter has formed customs of its own, and we, the active girls of today, often thank the older girls for the customs they established, which have been of untold value to us. For it was not for us to worry about how often the meetings should be held and what day should be the most convenient for most of the girls, for all this had been settled, and we could not conceive of any other day than Tuesday for our meetings. Then our form of meeting, too: "The two-minute talk around," which we sometimes feel is such a bother, would we dispense with it? I think we should all reply as one girl did to a newly initiated sister when she inquired if they always had "talks around," "Why, yes, of course, it wouldn't be meeting without that." These talks, though short, may mean much to us if we would only let them, for this is such a good opportunity to get nearer to one another, and it is here also that the little faults and mistakes of the girls may be touched upon without hard feeling, and that is why our meetings mean so much to us.

One of the principal features of fraternity life during the first month of school is the rushing season, but as you turn over the pages of your October Arrow, have you ever noticed the difference in the rushing parties? It is all chapter custom. Some tell of dances and theatre parties, some of cookie shines and drives, others of teas and picnics, all working for the same result, through different means.

Later in the year when our attention is turned toward winter frolics by the shortening days, a variety of entertainments greets us—one chapter entertains its friends at a dancing party, one at a reception, another at an informal house party—all a matter of custom.

But one point of similarity in chapter customs is the cookie shine. We all have them and a cookie shine is a cookie shine whether it be given by Colorado or New York girls.

Let us keep alive our chapter customs, for it marks an individuality in the fraternity and gives to the new girls a firmer hold on the chapter life left to their care.

C. J. A., Illinois Delta.

Obligations! Such a dreadfully tiresome word, isn't it? But apply it to Pi Phi, understand what it means in that connection, and then you will not find it so uninteresting.

**Obligations.** For it means nothing but being true to our vows, and that means—what? Do we ever wish that the president had told some other girl to perform a certain duty, one for which we are sure that other girl had more time? Just go to work and do it and see how satisfied you will be that you have done your part and how much more you will appreciate the fraternity, when you have done something to help make your chapter stronger. Do you sometimes prefer to read merely the poetry or some article which may have a local interest for you, or a few chapter letters? Look out, you may miss something by so doing, which would help you considerably in maintaining the ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

Again, we must remember that each one of us represents Pi Phi, that the other Greeks will not judge our fraternity by one girl who does honor to the fraternity by living up to a higher standard than some of the rest of us. They will judge us by the one girl with whom they come most in contact, and what should she be? The best and nothing but the best. In order that this may be true of all of us, we must help each other and the way to do it is to be always kind and true to one another. In no other way can we have a strong, firmly-knit society that will be held in respect by the others. We cannot all agree with one another at all times but we can respect one another's opinions if they are not contrary to those that a Pi Phi ought to have.

We should not neglect social duties. We owe it to the frat

to be true, active members, to be present at all meetings unless we are perfectly justified in being excused, to do each one her own part as member of committees, and (I give this advice, thinking in regard to next fall) on no account to fail in being good, wide-awake rushers.

But to me, this is the strongest argument for being true Pi Phis and for realizing our obligations to the fraternity: We are not represented in one small section of the country, but extend over the greater part of it and the privilege of greeting one who wears the arrow, wherever she may be, is so great that I think we should never forget what we owe to a fraternity that has thought us worthy to be a member and to enjoy its privileges.

—H. D. B., Mass. Alpha.

In a large college where "rushing" is extensive, and where there is no pledge-day set aside by an inter-fraternity contract,

**Duties to the  
Pledgeling.**

it is often customary to pledge the most desirable academical students during their first term in the sub-freshman class. Two or three are chosen, and casually introduced to the girls whose fraternity hopes and ambitions they will probably share. They receive the pledge-pin and the congratulations of their sisters-to-be, and, in the eyes of the fraternity the matter is settled until the fall initiation.

The arduous duties and strict discipline of the Academy prevent the pledgeling receiving any social attention; in the class rooms she never meets any member of her fraternity, she does not know them all by sight, even; and though they have her interests at heart and are positive as to her "desirableness," they do not feel that they have the time to spend in her room, or to tell her the chapter history, to see that she meets the alumnae, or to show her the numerous little attentions that are considered absolutely necessary in "rushing."

The academy student and the college girl have not one interest in common, so it is rather difficult to find the solution of the problem of how to keep the pledgeling interested in the fraternity.

The usual excuse for not showing her much attention is "We haven't time." We should make time. If some rival fraternity, noticing this carelessness, steps in and through flattery and rushing lifts the pledge, she is blamed for "instability," when the fault really lies in the fraternity which would not take the trouble to keep her after pledging her.

"As the twig is bent, the tree is inclined," and each individual member of the fraternity should do her best to inculcate in the mind of the pledgeling those high ideals which will tend to make her an honor to the fraternity whose pin she will wear.

—P. M. C., La. Alpha.

## In Memoriam.

### MARY EDITH SCHUYLER INGERSOLL.

**M**ARY EDITH SCHUYLER, only daughter and second child of Edwin D. and Harriet Doane Ingersoll, was born at New Brunswick, N. J., in November, 1874. Her childhood was spent in New Jersey and New York until, when she was about fourteen, the Ingersoll family moved to Denver. Almost immediately Edith entered the preparatory department of the University of Denver, finishing in '92. Shortly after her entrance into the freshman class of the college she was initiated into Pi Beta Phi.

Edith's college course had several interruptions. During the summer of '96, while visiting relatives in New York state, Mrs. Ingersoll contracted a serious illness, and Edith remained east for a year and a half, caring for her mother. Late in '97 she returned to D. U. and in June, '98, took her B. A. degree. She also carried off two prizes—the only honors given at our college—one being the literature prize, the other, second prize in economics.

The next year she remained at D. U. as instructor in Latin and English in the preparatory department, and last fall she

went to the Moody School at Northfield, Mass., to teach the same branches. Early in November she left Northfield and went home to Catskill, N. Y., for a few weeks of rest, as she had overworked. She was improving rapidly, but on December 1st rose early and while dressing her hair caught fire from the gas jet. Help could not come until too late to save her life.

The suffering was not long. Shortly before the end she regained consciousness, and with it came the realization of the great trial so unexpectedly come upon her—the supreme test of every life. “I think I am going to die. I am not afraid to die. Take good care of mamma.” Thus our Edith passed into the great beyond.

Through Pi Phi the tenderest friendships and many of the sweetest experiences of her life came. For several years her name has been familiar to the fraternity-at-large. Previous to the '95 convention she represented Delta province on the Literary Bureau. In '95 Edith was our convention delegate and came home from Boston as Grand Guide. This office was held until shortly before the '97 convention when the place of assembly was changed from Denver to Madison.

But to us of her own chapter she gave her best. There are those of us who count it among the rare privileges of our lives to have known her. Her life came in contact with ours—and there is a change, loftier hopes, purer purposes, a sweeter faith. With the smaller colleges like our own there are more opportunities for individual acquaintance and friendship among the members of the student body. While we fondly believe that we came nearest her heart, Edith was enthusiastic in all the affairs of the general college life. She gave of herself richly to whatever seemed near her.

Her life was by no means free from perplexity and disappointment. We love her for the courageous, trustful spirit with which she encountered and overcame. In her we have seen the possibilities of a glorious womanhood realized in part, and now she has passed on where she possesses the full, rich life “more abundantly.”

—Martha Nutter Kimball, A. A.

## ISABEL BENTLEY-AMBLER.

**A**GAIN Michigan Alpha has been made to mourn. This time it was when it was whispered about that Death had claimed Isabel Bentley-Ambler of Cleveland, Ohio. Mrs. Ambler was a student at Hillsdale two years but as her parents had located in Cleveland, she completed her course at the Woman's College of the Western Reserve University. As a student Mrs. Ambler was bright and intelligent, a leader in the social and literary life of the college. It was given to her in 1895 at the dedication of the soldiers' monument, erected by one of the men's literary societies, to unveil it.

As a friend she was one of those happy, sympathetic, lovable girls, full of life and energy. We all loved her and next to her immediate family, the loss is greatest to her Pi Beta Phi friends. She had been married only a year to Mr. J. C. Ambler, a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity, when that dreaded disease, typhoid fever, closed its grasp about her and in spite of all that skill and love could do she passed away February sixth. Although the shock was a severe one, it is a comfort to know that "Sometime, somewhere, we shall see and understand."

—Bertha Myers, A. A.

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**Alumnae Department.**

On February 3d the annual re-union dinner of Indiana Pi Beta Phis took place in Indianapolis at the Hotel English. Immediately preceding the luncheon a business meeting, which was attended by active and alumnae members of the Indiana chapters, was held in the parlors of the hotel.

Miss Jessie Lockhart of Indiana Gamma presided. Formerly the choice of entertainment had devolved on Indiana Gamma. This year a committee on entertainment was chosen, consisting



of an active and an alumna member from each chapter. The following girls were elected to serve for the coming year:

Miss Eleanor Le Grange and Miss Laura Lukens from Indiana Alpha.

Miss Laura Bradley and Miss Josephine Cox from Indiana Beta, and

Miss Jessie Scott and Miss Ethel Curryer from Indiana Gamma.

After the luncheon, which was unusually well attended, the afternoon was spent at the *matinée*.

Miss Jessie Keith, an alumna from Michigan Beta, was the only one present who had not been an Indiana college girl.

—Annie McCollum, A. A.

The Baltimore Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi was formed last December with seven members: Elizabeth K. Culver, Esther Cox, May Kellar, Blanche Reisinger, Helen Doll, Elizabeth Lamb, Alice Wood. Elizabeth Culver is president.

In order that the alumnae girls of Franklin might continue the pleasant companionship formed in fraternity life and at the same time keep alive the active and animating principle of Pi Beta Phi, a club was formed in 1896.

Although having the usual officers, the club was little more than a social one till a year later. At this stage in its history the girls decided that the intellectual and social go well in hand and are more to the taste of a college-bred girl.

A committee of four was selected to arrange a suitable plan of work. The spirit of the times and literature, culminating in the experiment of the Brook Farm, formed the theme of the entire work. About twenty-five separate programs were prepared and placed in booklet form. The work was carried out with great benefit.

At the conclusion of this a Magazine club was formed. This is yet in operation. Meetings are held every two weeks at the homes of the girls.

In '99 they decided to give annual receptions in honor of their

active sisters. Last commencement the first one was given. This having proved a success there is greater enthusiasm for another.

There are ten members in the club: Lucile Carr, Frances M. Dean, Nelle Graves, Mabel Kerlin, Viola B. Lukens, Jeannette Marlin, Elsie Holman Neal, Florence Province, Lillian Weyl, Jeannette Zeppenfeld.

The officers are: President, Nelle Graves; secretary, Frances M. Dean; treasurer, J. Zeppenfeld.

Frances M. Dean.

On February 20th, last, Mrs. Dr. J. Kerfoot Shute opened her house for the first time as president of the Washington Alumnae Club in a most delightful way, by inviting the alumnae, active chapter of Columbian, and the wives of the professors of the University to meet Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who has just been elected president of the National Woman Suffrage Association.

As alumnae, we are all proud of the fact that one of our own fraternity has been chosen to fill this high office. The honor shown her throws its radiance over us, with whom she has always kept in touch.

It may be interesting to recall that Mrs. Catt was initiated into Pi Beta Phi at the State Industrial College of Iowa in 1878. Following her graduation in 1880, she studied law. Later she became principal of the High School and General Superintendent of Schools in Mason City, Iowa, a position she held for three years. There she met Mr. Leo Chapman, whom she married in 1884. He was editor of the Mason City Republican, and she became joint owner and editor with him. On account of the ill health of Mr. Chapman, about a year later they sold the paper and went to California, where he died. During that year Mrs. Chapman had shown marked ability as a writer, and after his death she remained in San Francisco, doing newspaper work, being the first woman reporter in that city. While in that work her attention was first called to the difficult task of working women in large cities to gain a livelihood and retain their re-



MRS. CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT.

spectability. As her sympathies went out to them, she sought a means of relief, and very soon found herself a suffragist.

In 1891 she married Mr. George W. Catt, president of the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company, Engineers and Contractors. He is in full sympathy with her work, and contributed largely to its funds. Under her able management as chairman of the National Organization committee, the annual income of the Association has grown from \$2,000 to \$15,000. She has lectured in nearly every state and territory of our republic for equal suffrage.

Alice Stone Blackwell says of her: "Mrs. Catt, in addition to being a good organizer and eloquent speaker, has in a pre-eminent degree the gift of statesmanship,—the power of understanding and dealing wisely with political conditions, of laying plans on long lines, and combining all the elements that lead to victory."

She is "an all-around woman, a good housekeeper, an accomplished cook, an enthusiastic gardener and cultivator of flowers, a tasteful dressmaker and milliner; in fact, well tried in all housewifely arts."

The Tacoma Ledger says:

Living happily with her husband in a handsome home at Bensonhurst, Long Island, Mrs. Catt keeps house independently, and acts the part of the gracious hostess better than many a woman whose aims are all domestic. Last spring she found herself without a cook. She obtained an intelligent Swede, and personally taught her the art of cookery. Mrs. Catt is an excellent cook, and in a few weeks she had the Swedish girl so well trained that she could achieve the dishes so well liked by Mr. Catt without a mistake—not a grain of spice lacking, not a turn of the spoon wanting. Now Mrs. Catt can go away secure in the knowledge that the cook will get the meals ready at the proper time, and serve them well. The wife of a man of means, the head of a happy home, the owner of as many elegant gowns as a woman could well wear, the center of a large social circle, and a woman of culture, with all that is implied by the word, she is one of the new type of woman suffragists.

## PERSONALS.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Mary Stone McDowell, '96, is studying for a Ph. D. at Columbia University in New York city.

Georgie Walter, ex-'99, is studying at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, Pa.

Jean Melrose Leitch, ex-'01, is studying art in the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

Mary Wolfe, '96, who took her M. D. from Ann Arbor, June, '99, is now assistant resident physician in the state asylum at Norristown, Pa.

Clarissa Fowler, ex-'99, recently graduated from Vassar, received the prize in Biology, a course in the summer school of Biology at Wood's Hole.

## OHIO ALPHA.

Lucy Murdock, of this chapter, graduated from Delaware College, is teaching Greek and Latin in a private school in Kentucky.

Stella Koons, '99, has a position in the schools of Butler, Indiana.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

On January first, 1900, Mollie E. Munnford, '98, and Mr. Claude Latham, '99, Phi Kappa Psi, were married at the First M. E. church, Syracuse.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Clara B. Cooke, '99, is making a special study of the mission work in Chicago.

Susan Burbank is teaching in Revere, Mass.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

May Kellar, '98, is studying Old High German and Anglo Saxon at Chicago University.

Blanche Reisinger took graduate work in English at Cornell last year.

Grace Reale is studying for her Master's degree in the University of Ohio.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Helen MacKay is studying architecture.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Grace Williams is making a special study of the Romance Languages in Paris.

Julia Carr is taking special work at Armour Institute.

Isabel Maynard is studying music in Chicago.

INDIANA BETA.

Mary Dunham, '98, is taking advanced work in Latin at Yale.

Edith Hill, '99, is assistant librarian at the University of Vincennes.

Rousseau McClellan, '98, is teaching Botany in the Indianapolis High School.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Olive Phares is teaching music and drawing at Oxford, Indiana.

Elizabeth Davis has primary work in the Indianapolis public schools.

Jessamine Armstrong and Sophia Smith are teaching in Kokomo.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Effie Brown, '99, is specializing in Latin and Greek in the Chicago University.

Grace Higbee, '96, has charge of the training school at Pike Seminary, N. Y.

Kate Skinner is teaching in the Ortonville High School.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

Mabel Parker, '00, is taking her Senior work at the University of Chicago.

Mabel Leonard, ex-'01, who graduated from the Edna Chaffee Noble School of Expression last year, has been very successful in her work.

Helen Wetmore, ex-'00, is again in New York studying art.

## IOWA ALPHA.

Miss Cora Dill, who took post-graduate work at Columbia College, is Professor of Mathematics in Marysville, Missouri.

Mrs. Mattie Andrews-Guy is a missionary in Japan.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Florence Porter Robinson is spending the winter in Rome, Italy.

Mrs. Gertrude Clark Sober, with her husband and little daughter, is spending the winter in Rome.

The engagement has been announced of Grace F. Cox, ex-'02, to Mr. George F. Carroll, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Anna L. Mashek, '99, is spending the winter in California.

The engagement of Alma M. Moser, '00, and Paul S. Reinsch, Delta Upsilon, Asst. Professor of Political Science, U. of Wisconsin, is announced.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

Jessie Maud Rippey is spending the winter in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Tillie Lohe is at home in St. Joseph, Missouri.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

Helen Perry, '96, is spending the winter with Edith Snow in Lawrence.

Ruth Plumb is attending Leland Stanford.

Mrs. Henrietta Warren-Shaw, one of Kansas Alpha's most recent brides, is in New York city for the winter.

Mrs. Martha Snow-Brown, '98, writes interestingly of her South African experiences. Her home is a suburban one, near Salisbury, out of sight or hearing of the war. Their house is a spacious and comfortable one, made of corrugated iron.

## NEBRASKA BETA.

Kate Snow Walker, '98, is teaching in the High School of Wisner.

Bessie Turner is in New York studying music.

Vera Wattles is studying in the Emerson School of Expression, Boston.

Edna Carscadden, '98, and Belle Reynolds, '98, are teaching in York High School.

## COLORADO ALPHA.

Emma Sternberg, '90, who studied in Germany for several years, is teaching this year in the Denver High School.

Daisy Carney, '95, has been traveling in California during the winter.

Edith Weymouth, '97, is assistant principal of the Chittenham School in Denver.

## COLORADO BETA.

Nan McFarland, '96, is teaching in the West Denver High School.

**Editorials.**

**O**WING to extra demands made upon the January issue of the Arrow, the Business Manager is very desirous of receiving about forty copies from those who do not wish to keep them. A few copies of the November number are also needed.

**W**E WISH to call attention to the fact that Clara Matthews has resigned and Martha M. Kimball of Leadville, Colorado, has been appointed president of Delta Province in her stead.



The address of Miss Grace O. Edwards, Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Constitution, is 934 West Illinois St., Urbana, Ill. All information and suggestions in regard to the constitution should be referred to her.

Convention appointed Miss Mary Bartol, Rockford, Ill., a committee of one on song books. All suggestions in regard to new music, songs, two-steps, and waltzes, looking to the betterment of the second edition of the song book, should be addressed to her.

**A**T LAST we are to have a complete catalogue of the members of Pi Beta Phi. In the appointment of Mrs. Florence Chase Cass as catalogue secretary the fraternity may congratulate itself upon having secured a woman so well fitted to perform the duties of a position which exacts such unremitting attention to detail.

Mrs. Cass has held many responsible positions in the fraternity, filling all with efficiency.

In regard to the recent issuance of catalogue blanks, it is important to add that the greatest care and accuracy should be exercised. The chapter is not relieved of all responsibility when a member has been appointed to attend to it. Nor is that member at the end of her task when each active member and alumna have been duly supplied with blanks.

It may be necessary to write to them several times before the required information is obtained, and even then the reports should be carefully looked over and every effort made to have them absolutely correct.

Each chapter president should see that her chapter sends in its full quota of carefully prepared blanks with the least possible delay.

**W**E HAVE noted with pleasure that Illinois Zeta is making a point of collecting short sketches of the fraternity life of each chapter. It is a departure that cannot fail to be instructive and interesting, besides being a means of obtaining possible material for some future history.

It is a plan that we would advise all chapters to follow were

it not that a short history of the fraternity, prepared by the Grand Historian, Susan Lewis, is soon to be published in convenient pamphlet form, the same size as the Arrow. This, while not going into the historical details of every chapter's life, will tell us much that we ought to know about our fraternity.

**W**E HOPE we will not be too severely criticised for publishing an article from the pen of one who wears "a little jeweled pin on his waistcoat." It sometimes does us good, you know, to discover what other people think of us and our position in regard to others outside of our Greek world.

It has pleased our author to view us in our relations to men, and to leave out of all account our treatment of sister Greeks and "barbs." It seems that the article is just a little hard on us and makes the fraternity girl bear more than her share of criticism against the fraternity world in general.

It is eminently suitable and proper for the author to defend his own sex, but when in his defense he says: "Fraternity men seldom think of applying any similar test," \* \* \* etc., we cannot help but think he absent-mindedly overlooked many things he must have known. To find a non-fraternity girl, be she ever so attractive, who is popular among the fraternity men, is the exception rather than the rule. This would seem to show that the fraternity girl is not the only one who draws a "fraternity line."

But it is not our place or purpose to criticise the fairness of an article thus graciously contributed, and we leave it to our readers to take to heart and profit by whatever of its statements are truly applicable to themselves.

## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Although hidden away among the snow-covered hills of Vermont, we find that all the snow and wind of a New England winter are not sufficient to chill the ardor of our Pi Phi spirit or change our love for the wine and blue. And as we gather every Monday evening in the Pharetra, our little fraternity home seems very bright and cheery to us.

Last week instead of our usual literary program we had a "lemon delight." This was a decided success and proved especially pleasant as it was a surprise to both the freshmen and sophomore girls, who had not yet learned the meaning of this delightful mystery.

A Ladies' Glee Club has been a reality with us this winter and has had a very successful season. A number of our girls are members, and Rena Bisbee, 1900, is business manager.

Florence Andrews, another of our seniors, is a member of the Vermont Botanical club, and at a recent meeting in Burlington presented a paper on, "A species of *Cyathus* common in lawns at Middlebury."

We were very glad to welcome back to our active chapter Bertha Collins, formerly of the class of 1900, who left us at the end of her freshman year and has now entered the sophomore class.

One feature of our social duties this winter is the systematic calling upon our patronesses. This has proved very pleasant to us and seems to be appreciated by them.

Just now we are putting in all the time possible getting ready for that dreaded examination, of which warning was received a few days ago, and we hear a complaint now and then at having such short notice.

We are hoping to hear before long from our sister chapters, for thus far this year we have not received a single chapter letter.

EDITH FLORENCE BARRETT.

#### VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Since the last chapter letter was written the members of Vermont Beta have found their time pretty well occupied, for very soon after the Christmas recess came the dreaded mid-year examinations, bringing with them the usual amount of work and worry.

Our fraternity life during the winter has been quiet but pleasant. On the evening of January thirteenth we indulged in a "cookie-shine," and it was especially enjoyable since some of the alumnae were present as well as nearly all the members of the active chapter.

Thursday evening, February twenty-second, "Governor and Madame Van Ness" gave a Colonial party to the college girls at "Grass Mount," the girls' dormitory. All were arrayed in colonial costumes, and among the famous personages represented were Napoleon, General and Mrs. Washington and La Fayette. An old-fashioned literary and musical program was rendered, after which refreshments were served and dancing was in order. The evening was much enjoyed by all.

We are now looking forward to a concert which the Ladies' Glee Club of the University is to give, assisted by its instructor, Mr. Rudolph Von Liebich, and a few of his most accomplished pupils.

Our junior promenade has just taken place, and was one of the pleasantest affairs of the season. One of our girls was on the reception committee.

With greetings to all Pi Phis.

IVAH WINIFRED GALE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN COLLEGE.

How many poor corresponding secretaries sit and bite the nib of their pens, trying to evolve from their inner consciences an original "beginning" for "that chapter letter"!

It is useless to spur on Pegasus. Either he is "foundered" or "staved-up," for he refuses to rise to an inspiration.

Dear Pi Phis, how is everybody? At Columbian there is nothing of great importance to tell you. The daily round of lectures and recitations brings us nearer and nearer the end of first term and its attendant exams. Each student is as busy as *three* bees. We find just a moment at odd times to take a peep ahead where we see the familiar face of dear old Christmas smiling at us across the weeks.

The work of our fraternity holds a dearer and dearer place in our hearts and the spirit of Pi Phi grows with each day. One bright evening stands out from the record of our doings.

On the third of November, at the home of Rosalie Robinette, we celebrated our first initiation of the year, when we welcomed to our chapter the three pledges introduced to you in our last letter—Eleanor Hance, Florence Frisby and Elsie Turner. The beautiful and impressive ceremony gave to us three as dear girls as heart could wish. A real Pi Beta Phi cookie-shine followed and the active chapter and alumnae joined in showing our babies what the merry side of fraternity is like.

We boast no "spiking season" at Columbian, but our careful vigilance has been unusually well rewarded this year. We bring you another pledge, Lucina McGroarty, who we feel sure will be a great acquisition to our chapter.

We are a very happy chapter at this writing. Our dear Cecelia Franzoni is restored to us, and Helen Lee, who has been very ill with typhoid fever, is cheerfully convalescing, to join us again next term.

Only two social events have enlivened us, and they were given outside our chapter. Both were very charming functions and the first was of special interest to all Pi Phis.

On Saturday afternoon, the twenty-eighth of October, Mrs. Royal B. Bradford entertained all the Pi Phis of Washington, at her beautiful home in R. street. Everyone was delighted to meet our Grand President and her equally charming and gracious mother.

On Saturday during Thanksgiving recess Edna Stone, Woman's College, '00, entertained our active chapter at a tea, to meet Sylva Ware, Alice Belt and Roberta Frye. We spent a pleasant afternoon exchanging fraternity gossip.

We send our loving greetings to each chapter in Pi Beta Phi, and hearty good wishes for a very merry Christmas.

MARY LUCRETIA HOBGOOD.

P. S.—The corresponding secretary of Columbia Alpha feels in such disgrace, that through her carelessness her chapter was placed in such an embarrassing position last quarter, that it is with a very apologetic countenance she appears among her *fellow-sufferers* in this issue. She begs leave to assure you all and the editorial staff in particular, that it shall never occur again.

So girls, just a little postscript to tell you our newest and send fresher greetings.

Our pledge of some weeks ago, with another lovely girl, have been admitted to the inner circle of our fraternity. Lucinda McGroarty and Frances Heilprin were initiated in Post Graduate Hall, University Building, on the evening of February the ninth. The occasion was an enjoyable one, being a joint meeting of the active chapter and the alumnae club, at the installation of officers in the latter.

We feel a thrill of pride when we look around upon our girls, for never was a sweeter circle of loyal Pi Phis enrolled upon our chapter register since the earliest days of Columbia Alpha.

On Wednesday, January twenty-fourth, Mrs. Hodgkins, wife of our University dean, entertained the Pi Phis at a tea, when she was assisted by our Grand President and Mrs. Whitman, wife of the president of Columbian. On this occasion we had the pleasure of meeting Mary Handley of Indiana Alpha.

The one big Columbian affair was the reception given on the evening of Valentine's Day, by Mrs. Myron M. Parker, assisted

by the Columbian Women. Mrs. Parker's lovely home on Vermont avenue, was never seen to better advantage than with its Columbian colors and beautiful floral decorations ingeniously arranged to suggest the mischievous little sprite, St. Valentine.

The following Tuesday we had the honor of meeting at an afternoon reception at Mrs. Shute's, the new president of the Woman's Suffrage Association, Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. Mrs. Catt is an I. C., and so the honors of Pi Phi grow and wax great.

Then there was one truly fraternity affair, which marks a very happy day, when on February the twenty-fourth six girls of Maryland Alpha, Florence Denney, Alice Wood, Edna Stone, Alice Belt, Roberta Frye (pledge), and Martha Land, ran over from Baltimore on a little sight-seeing excursion, and were piloted around by our girls. After luncheon at Rosalie Robinette's, every one of the girls met there and spent a merry afternoon.

We have enjoyed the chapter letters we have had from our sister chapters. With first term exams. behind us and glorious spring before us our outlook is especially promising.

M. L. H.

#### PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

This nineteenth-century life of ours is such a busy one that we seldom can take time for retrospection, so it is with pleasure almost mixed with fear that Pennsylvania Alpha stops for a few moments in the busy whirl of college life to learn what we have been doing the past few months, and what is our true position in the college.

A chapter which has always been strong runs great risk of getting (pardon the slang) a swelled head, and although Pi Phi has always had the strongest girl in the senior class a member of the chapter, Pennsylvania Alpha fully realizes that the strength of a chapter rests on every individual and the past few weeks have shown a renewed energy and enthusiasm on the part of both old and new girls in working for the honor of Pi Phi.

Before Christmas came the annual Shakespeare evening in which only the members of the senior class take part. Pi Phi was well represented by Mabel Latimer who, through excellent acting gave unusual interest to the character of Ann Boleyn, and Lucy Bancroft, who presented with dignity and loveliness the doctor of the Merchant of Venice.

With the new semester came the first honors for the seniors, and although the chapter has but one member to graduate this year, we feel she well represents the chapter and inspires with both students and faculty the respect and confidence which has always been shown Pi Beta Phi at Swarthmore.

This one senior, Lucy Bancroft, was chosen commencement speaker as the first choice of her class, and she is also eligible for the Lucretia Mott Fellowship. This fellowship has with one exception, always been given to a Pi Beta Phi.

There has been but little social life at Swarthmore lately. The most important event was an initiation on February sixteenth, and we now have the honor of introducing to her sisters, Ida Wright, a member of the Sophomore class. This initiation was followed by a delightful candy pull given the chapter by one of our patronesses, Mrs. Walton.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated by the chapter by a typical cookie-shine, and after the feast was concluded we gave a resounding ring a ching ching, with a cheer for George Washington. We then turned down the lights and softly sang the familiar college songs until late in the evening.

The subject of putting off pledge day until the end of the year has come up in the Pan-Hellenic circle, and Pi Phi is in favor of it. It may not come this year, but we hope in the near future that the college life at Swarthmore will be freed from the bane of rushing, for every earnest fraternity girl must feel that it is the great evil of fraternities and that it undoes much of the good which the fraternity really does the college.

Now that the time for chapter letters is drawing near, Pennsylvania Alpha hopes to know more personally her sister chapters.

MARY COOPER JOHNSON.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta began this term by giving a small reception in honor of Mrs. Gretzinger, who has consented to be one of our patronesses. Only our ladies were invited, in order that they might become better acquainted with the new girls, and the evening was spent in talking and singing Pi Beta Phi songs.

We are glad again to have near us Mary Wilson, ex-'98, who was with Michigan Beta for a year. She is at home in town, and though not an active member, is helping us in many ways. Mary and Gertrude Stephens, who were graduated last June, are now studying for their master's degree. Mary is teaching one of the freshmen German classes in college. Edith McCain, whom we regretfully transferred to Pennsylvania Alpha this year, visited us in February. It was our privilege to give her a "second degree" in the form of a "cookie-shine." We are always glad to see sisters from other chapters, and we only wish that more would visit us. The time when we may entertain the traveling delegate is eagerly waited for.

February has been a lively month for Bucknell students. To begin with, our basket-ball team defeated Cornell by a score of

29 to 10, and later beat Bloomsburg, which claimed to be state champion. Then came the college girls' reception which surpassed all previous ones in the history of the college. On Washington's birthday the Dramatic club presented "A Night Off" in a very successful manner, while the junior ball and the sophomore class banquet added to the list of enjoyable festivities. In the midst of all these we girls have found time for our own small gatherings and fudge parties.

Laura Allen.

#### OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The winter term has sped very quickly and pleasantly with Ohio Alpha, our time being in the main devoted to our studies.

We have nevertheless found time to develop our social nature and eagerly look forward to the relaxation and recreation of our fraternity meetings. Nellie Fuller, one of our girls, pleasantly entertained us at her home with a fudge party. We also enjoyed a delightful informal tea at the home of Minnie Dean, another member. At the two social functions given by the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta fraternities, a number of our girls were present.

Since the last issue of the Arrow, our chapter has been honored by having one of its alumnae, Mrs. Lucy Weethee Bryson, elected professor of biology and geology, to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Prof. Chapin to fill a similar position in Brooklyn.

Ohio Alpha sends most cordial greetings to all her sister chapters.

Mabel Zoe Wilson.

#### OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The first semester has passed altogether too quickly and it is hard for us to realize that it is over. We hope that it has been as happy and successful a semester for all the Pi Phis as it has been for Ohio Beta.

It gives us great pleasure to welcome Mrs. Sheperd, formerly Miss Grace Grosvenor, of Ohio Alpha.

Recently we entertained with a chafing dish party and had Mrs. Shepard, Miss Ryan, of Athens, Mrs. Kyle, of Iowa, and Mrs. Marks, of Michigan, with us.

We have had several very delightful rushing parties and our prospects for next year are very good.

Miss Carrie Holloway, '02, entertained the girls recently.

The girls of Ohio Beta gave their annual formal dance on last Friday evening. Of course all the girls tried to have it a success and we think we succeeded.



We are planning to soon have a "cookie-shine."

Dallas Lisle, '99, is teaching at Ashland, Kentucky.

This is the first year that dancing has been allowed on our campus. As a result we have had two of the promised four — the Cadet Hop and the Junior Prom. Both took place in our large gymnasium and were certainly very successful.

With best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis, Ohio Beta closes her letter.

EDNA EARL MURRAY.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

It is since the writing of the last Arrow letter that New York Alpha celebrated the fourth anniversary of her founding. How aged we feel and yet only four years old! But the experience of even four years has given us advanced ideas about ourselves. We celebrated our anniversary by entertaining at the chapter house about forty of our college friends.

On the evening of Washington's birthday, Julia Talbot, one of our charter members, gave a delightful reception at her home in honor of New York Alpha. This was a charming occasion for us all.

We have been doubly rejoiced recently by visits from two of our girls who dropped out of the ranks, Violet Apfelbaum, ex-1900, and Maude Kaufman, '01. We gave a dance and a whist party in their honor and also reveled in an old-time cookie-shine.

Rushing again! Well, not exactly, but we are proud to say that we have a pledged member for next year, Jessie Barrett, who is a sister of one of our seniors.

Although we do not approve of more than one initiation during a year, yet we did break our custom and initiate Beatrice Randall, a sister of Lena, who came to us from Indiana Gamma. After her initiation, February sixteenth, the sophomores entertained the fraternity in her honor.

February twenty-eighth the Idlers' club of Phi Delta Theta, entertained a few of their friends in Pi Beta Phi at their lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent in informal idleness.

L. GRACE HUFF.

#### MARYLAND ALPHA — THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Under cover of the recent anniversary of George Washington's birthday, the present letter from Maryland Alpha promises no cherry-colored tints, but the unadorned truth, and nothing but the truth, of what we Pi Beta Phis have been doing for the last few months.

On the Saturday following the ninth of January, we celebrated the founding of our chapter by a "Snow-ball Party," at the home of Elizabeth Culver of Colorado Alpha.

Then on the afternoon of the twenty-third, we had a most delightful call from Sarah Bancroft of Pennsylvania Alpha, who was visiting Hettie Cox of the same chapter. Having read Miss Bancroft's article in the January Arrow upon Newnham College, we felt an added pleasure in having her with us.

Another Pi Phi, who has lately visited in Baltimore, is Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who came as a delegate to the Woman's Suffrage Convention. Several of the Pi Phis went down to the meetings, and all of us felt proud when she was chosen to succeed Miss Susan B. Anthony.

For the past three weeks, the intellectual side of college work has seemed almost secondary to the social and athletic side. The initiative was made by a general college reception on the ninth of February. Upon this occasion, four Pi Phis were ushers, and thus held a position which carries with it some honor, but little work.

The reception was followed, on St. Valentine's night, by a play in one of the halls, in which a wearer of the arrow took part.

The next Saturday the match basket ball game of the sophomores and freshmen took place. E. Maud Soper and Fannie Osterstock, both of 1902, were our contribution to the teams.

On Washington's birthday, the juniors gave a play to the freshmen. Our three juniors, Nellie E. Biehn, Lucy E. Murray, and Sylvia E. Ware, had prominent parts.

Six of the Maryland Alpha girls were royally entertained on the twenty-fourth by the Columbia Alpha chapter. Those of our girls who could not go over to Washington, find great consolation in hearing the "fortunate six" tell of all the things they saw and did, and best of all, of the Pi Phis they met.

On the same morning the seniors and juniors of our college met in a basket-ball contest. W. Estella Martin of 1900, and Nellie E. Biehn of 1901, took part, and those who know say "they took a good part." The game as a whole was bravely fought, and resulted in a tie.

And so dear sister chapters in Pi Beta Pi, you will send your letters to the Arrow for us to read, and we shall send ours for you, and by so doing we shall "tie" once more our bond of mutual love for all who wear the wine and silver blue.

KATHLEEN MOORE MALLORY.

## BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

At the close of another very happy three months Illinois Beta again greets Arrow readers.

Before Christmas we were all very busy getting ready to go home, and did very little in a social way, but since the holidays we have had a great many good times.

On January thirteenth we had a cookie-shine and pledging. Three girls put on our pledge-pins, Laura Willis, Mary A. Hart and Ethel Van Cise. Miss Hart is the first daughter of a Pi Beta Phi to come to us. Her mother was one of the first members of Illinois Beta when it was not Pi Beta Phi but I. C.

January twentieth, at the home of one of our patronesses, Lillian Harris was pledged.

January twenty-first was the day toward which all our efforts tended. One of our older sisters opened her home and ere the set of sun five more girls wore the arrow. Emma Flynn, Lillian Harris, Laura Willis, Ethel Van Cise and Martha Arnold are the girls Illinois Beta is proud to present to the Pi Phi world as the crowning result of their year's work.

After the initiation twenty-four Pi Phis sat down to a cookie-shine. Several of our alumnae were present, two of whom had on I. C. pins. Just at dusk we bade Miss Myers "Good-bye," feeling so grateful for loyal alumnae.

We now have eleven girls and two pledgelings.

We were scarcely over our own initiation when there came a dainty invitation from Illinois Delta to be present at their initiation, February third. Of course we accepted, and what delightful hostesses our Knox sisters proved to be. We enjoyed every minute of the time and made plans to hold some of our regular meetings together soon. They spread a most tempting cookie-shine, and their royal good cheer made us forget the storm raging without.

February tenth we were invited to spend the afternoon with one of our alumnae, Mrs. Wing, at Knoxville. A merry crowd of Pi Phis, with one of our patronesses, Mrs. Knowles, boarded the street car and sped away for a jolly afternoon. Of course we had a delightful time, for when did a crowd of Pi Phis ever get together and not have a good time?

One of our alumnae, Mabel Dow, '95, has been struck with the other arrow. On February seventh Miss Dow and Frank Conger, of Phi Delta Theta, were married at the Universalist Church of Galesburg. The bridesmaid, Miss Ednah Dow, a sister of the bride, is also another alumnae.

February twelfth we betook ourselves and a chafing dish to spend the evening with one of our new girls, Martha Arnold.

It was snowing furiously but we ploughed patiently through the drifts, for we could not turn back with a cookie-shine in view. Illinois Beta thinks a cookie-shine brings Pi Phis closer together than anything else.

Besides all our own good times we have rejoiced greatly over our basket-ball team. It has met only one defeat from a long series of games.

Several meetings of the literary societies have been held and Pi Beta Phi is always well represented.

Illinois Beta wishes each Pi Beta Phi a happy spring with not too many farewells to speak at the end of the next term.

NANNIE MER BUCK.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

We can scarcely realize that three months have passed by since we last greeted the Arrow.

It has been a very pleasant winter for us and Knox has been unusually gay. The men's fraternities have given several dancing parties, and the Betas and Phi Deltas have frequently entertained the girls at informal parties at their chapter houses.

Perhaps the most enjoyable social event of the year was the Pan-Hellenic dance given the second week in January.

On Friday evening, February second, Phi Delta Theta gave the formal opening of their new chapter house, but the event we are all looking forward to now is the annual Pan-Hellenic promenade to be given February twenty-third, which is usually the only occasion the fraternities have of enjoying a social event together.

Since our last letter four girls have been permitted to penetrate into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. They are Laura Knowles, Gertrude Heiple, Alice Gale and Caroline Gale, and are all loyal supporters of the wine and blue.

Our cookie-shine was even jollier than usual for we had the girls of Illinois Beta with us.

We haven't done much in the social way this term on account of the death of our former president's father, but we are planning to give a Pan-Hellenic party with the Tri Deltas some time in March, and then our own annual party the twenty-eighth of April.

Knox has arranged for some good base ball games this spring to which we are looking forward.

May each and every chapter have as pleasant a spring term as we are looking forward to, is the wish of Illinois Delta.

CHARLOTTE AYRES.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The whole college community was inexpressibly shocked by the sudden death of Dean Bowen on January the twenty-eighth. In her the university has lost not only one of its most brilliant graduates, but also one of the most valued members of its faculty.

On the twelfth our sisters at the University of Chicago gave us a most delightful "cookie-shine." Although they are not allowed to organize a chapter, they keep up their Pi Phi enthusiasm, and patiently await the happy day when the university will see the error of its ways, and welcome the sorority as it already has the fraternity.

On the seventeenth of February Illinois Epsilon gave her annual dancing party which was in every way a success. This will be our first, last, and only appearance socially this year, as the Northwestern faculty allows each organization but one formal party a year. Among our guests were Miss Young of Pennsylvania Alpha, Miss Parker of Michigan Beta, and Miss Kellar of Maryland Alpha, together with a number of our own alumnae.

If the demands of the editor were not so peremptory, and the penalty of being remiss with Arrow letters so much to be dreaded, we should feel obliged to delay this until after our initiation of Nell O'Brien, our University of Chicago pledgeling; but we can at least promise that before another letter she will be wearing the golden arrow.

FLORENCE REYNOLDS.

## ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Zeta sends a most cordial greeting to all Pi Phis.

Our girls have been very busy so far this term; their studies, fraternity and social duties, occupying almost all their time.

Last Saturday afternoon we were very pleasantly entertained by the Kappa Alpha Thetas, who have been receiving the various fraternities and the faculty of the university.

On March the ninth we are to give our annual party. Of course each of us is eagerly looking forward to it, and in all respects it promises to be a success. After this is over we intend to make plans for entertaining the fraternities, the faculty and other friends in some new way.

We still reserve Monday evenings for Pi Phis alone. At this time we meet in our room and pass the evening in various ways. Two weeks ago it was in the nature of an historical study. Each girl read a paper on such material as she could collect about the various chapters in the different states. It proved very interesting and instructive. Last week our social meeting was in the form of a picnic supper.

We are also busy planning for a chapter house, which we hope to occupy next year. We lose only two members by graduation, and so expect to start out the fall of 1900 with quite a strong active chapter.

With best wishes to all chapters.

NELL L. McWILLIAMS.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Alpha sends greeting to all her Pi Beta Phi sisters and trusts that so far the New Year has been a prosperous one with them all. We feel we have had our share of pleasant things since the last chapter letter was written, and are glad to tell you of them.

First, then, during the holidays we had the pleasure of a visit from Miss Emma Turner, whom we are so proud to claim — and to proclaim — as one of our charter members. She addressed us in the fraternity hall and stirred us up decidedly. We are more ambitious Pi Phis than before because of her enthusiastic words — the meeting with her earnest womanhood.

January sixteenth we celebrated Indiana Alpha's twelfth anniversary by giving a birth-day party to which about sixty guests were invited. Progressive crokinole was one of the features of the evening.

Two new girls are now wearing the arrow — Eva Bowser and Martha Merrick — and very proud of them we are. At their initiation in the latter part of January we had the pleasure of two Indiana Gamma girls' presence — Miss Shorer and Miss Roberts, who participated in the ceremony. Laura Lukens, class of '99, was also with us, and we spent a most enjoyable evening over our "spread."

The fifth annual reunion of the Indiana chapter of Pi Beta Phi, occurred at Indianapolis on the third of February. About twenty Franklin girls attended. After the business session a very recherche luncheon was served at the English Café. At a large table in the form of *U*, sixty-three arrow-wearers were seated. You may imagine how pleasant was the occasion! After lunch the matinee was attended in a body, and in the evening Pi Phi farewells and Pi Phi hand clasps were the order at Union station.

The Alumnae Club recently presented us with a handsome oak table, which, with our divan, recently purchased, and a new picture from one of our girls, has quite brightened up the fraternity hall.

All our girls have just received invitations from Sigma Alpha Epsilon to attend their Founders' Day celebration on March tenth. We are all curiosity to know what the promised entertainment is to be.

Several new girls are to enter in the spring term, so we have issued invitations to a masquerade on March sixth to which they are invited. We intend to show how Pi Phidom is the best kind of "fratdom."

And now, with the best wishes for Pi Phi's continued financial, social and mental success, everywhere, this spring, we bid you adieu.

MARY GRISWOLD HALL.

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

The winter term, 1900, has been an unfortunate one, both for the University, and for Pi Beta Phi. First a case of small-pox broke out, and there was a general exodus of students, during which we lost four of our girls.

Next in the chronicle of misfortunes came the burning of Wylie Hall. This threw a large number of students, particularly those who had elected chemistry as their major subject, out of work, and inconvenienced some of the History and English classes.

Arrangements have now been made so that the students may go on with their work.

After this came the news that Harriet Haas, one of our girls who had left on account of the small-pox scare, was alarmingly ill at her home in Tipton, and last and hardest of all, came the departure of Elinor Harmon, who gave up her college course to accept a position at her home in Zionsville. In losing this girl we feel that we have lost one of the strongest girls in our chapter. Quiet, reserved, unassuming, one had to know her to understand her beautiful character. During the short period of her college career she has perhaps done more than any other one girl to help us to live up to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

We take great pleasure in introducing to you Pearl Frances Huff, of Warren, Indiana. We feel sure that she will prove a great addition to our chapter. We now number eighteen girls.

On the evening of March the third we give an open meeting to our friends. At this we hope to have Florence Province and Myrtle Long, of Indiana Alpha.

The state reunion of Pi Phis held at the English Hotel, Indianapolis, at the time of the oratorical contest, was a great treat to all who attended. Fifty-five strong, we sat down to the banquet table and I am sure every girl's heart swelled with pride as she looked around at that assemblage of fine girls and knew that she was joined to them in the bonds of Pi Beta Phi.

LAURA G. BRADLEY.

## INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Since we last heard from you, Indiana Gamma has spent some very pleasant days both in college and chapter life.

During the holidays, those who were in the city had the pleasure of spending a short afternoon with Miss Turner of Washington, D. C., who brought us personal messages from our grand president. Just after the winter term opened we had a literary meeting, at which Mrs. Demarcus C. Brown read an interesting paper on Burne-Jones. She had quite a number of copies of his paintings to illustrate his individuality.

February is the gala month at Butler. The second of February was the state oratorical contest. Butler's representative, Mr. Carr, won second place. On the third, Indiana Pi Beta Phi had a reunion at Hotel English. After a short business meeting, fifty-five sat down to a banquet at noon and afterwards we had a theater party. It was so enthusing to meet so many Pi Phis.

Butler celebrated her fiftieth anniversary on February ninth. Prof. McClintock of Chicago University gave the morning address. In the afternoon the seniors gave a play and there was a banquet in the evening. University Day was celebrated on the twenty-second at Tomlinson Hall in Indianapolis. John L. Griffiths was the speaker of the day.

The debating season was opened by a glorious success. Butler retained the Depauw-Butler Banner by the unanimous consent of the judges. The banner was out of our library for a few hours only.

February twenty-eighth marks the date of a Pi Phi initiation at Fay Shover's, where we initiated Augusta Smalstig. We are glad to introduce our new sister, and hope many of you will meet her personally. At this initiation all three of Indiana's chapters were represented, Miss Eva La Grange from Alpha and Miss Bertha Holland from Beta.

Indiana Gamma is planning to give "Antigone" on April twenty-eighth, and cordially invites you all to join us in celebrating the birthday of Pi Beta Phi.

With best wishes and greetings to all.

ESTHER FAY SHOVER.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to report three months of progress, since the last Arrow letter and hope fate has been as kind to Pi Phi in general, as to our particular chapter.

Since our last letter, we have made four conquests, resulting in four pledges, Edna Bean, Vera Kerr, Louise Hunt and Mildred Babcock, whom we hope ere long to introduce to our worthy goat.



We gave a tea, a few weeks ago, to our patronesses, where we were especially glad to welcome Mrs. Tyndale who used to wear the Arrow of I. C. Founders' day is to be celebrated by us with a reception to the other fraternities in college, in honor of Anna Lytle and Vera Wattles of Nebraska Beta.

In college honors, this year, Pi Phi has not fallen behind. One the most successful plays given this season, was written by one of our seniors, Lucretia Berry, who also has recently been elected class prophet.

Hoping the next three months may pour down blessings innumerable, we will say, adieu.

CLARA E. NOYES.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

This has been a very busy term at Hillsdale. "The voice of the orator has been heard in the land" and four happy victors have carried off prizes in as many contests, while a score of others have gone away to do better next time. The preliminary contest which will decide who is to represent us at the inter-collegiate meet in May will be held soon.

Since the close of the foot ball season, athletic interest has been centered in basket-ball and both men and women have played inter-collegiate games.

Very little in the social way has happened since our last letter to you. We entertained our Kappa friends at tea one evening from five till seven. The pretty tea tables, lighted with candles and decorated with carnations, were presided over by two of our pledgelings in white gowns. Pen and ink sketches of "Gibson girls" were given to the guests for souvenirs.

Delta Tau Delta entertained with a formal dinner party February twenty-second.

A very delightful entertainment was given by the Fadette Woman's orchestra of Boston, as the fifth number on the students' lecture course. All agree in calling this the best concert of the course.

Michigan Alpha has been saddened by the loss of one of her brightest and best-beloved alumnae, Isabel Bentley Ambler, who died at her home in Cleveland, Ohio, February third. Words cannot tell how much her loss will mean to those whose lives have been touched by her sweet influence.

Before we hear from each other again that dreadful "exam" will be a thing of the past. Success to all of you!

LUTIE MYERS.

## MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Since the last letter we have been undergoing that one necessary evil of college life, the semi-annual examinations. But now knowing that the ordeal is over, we can again take a cheerful view of life.

Since Thanksgiving we have gained three pledges, Grace Devenham, of Milan, Anna Marshall, of Marshall, of the class of 1903, and Ruth Gilbert, of Detroit, who will enter next year. This brings the number of new girls and pledges up to ten, so that we have no reason to fear that the chapter will be weakened by the loss of the seven seniors who graduate in June.

We have given but one formal dance so far this year, on the evening of January nineteenth. There have been several college dances and on the last day of the semester, February ninth, occurred the annual Junior hop. We were glad to have with us at that time, one of our girls who could not return to Michigan this year, Mabel Parker, of Chicago. Since then we have had visits from three of our alumnae, Mabel Leonard, Harriet Beard and Frances Foster, of Detroit. We are fortunate in having so many Detroit alumnae, who always maintain a kindly interest in the chapter and on account of their nearness to us, can be present at many of our good times, making these affairs much more enjoyable.

This semester we girls intend to devote Saturday afternoons to social meetings just among ourselves. Lida White, one of the town girls, started the good work by entertaining the chapter at cards.

Last week we sat for the fraternity picture,—the reason for having it taken so early was that it might include Edith Clarke, who left Saturday for Chicago, to do Social Settlement work.

We are trying our best to possess our souls in patience until April, when we expect to see you all in the pages of the Arrow.

GRACE ROBERTSON.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha sends hearty greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

Another term has almost expired, and with it have passed many happy hours in Pi Beta Phi meetings and jolly spreads.

Iowa Alpha cannot boast of a very large chapter now, but she is quite proud of the girls she claims, as well as those who are hers to be.

This has been an unusually quiet winter here, there being but few receptions and parties, the principal reason being the very strict rules of the Faculty regarding the fraternities. But we have done our share of the entertaining.

Our chapter quite recently had the pleasure of dining with one of our girls, Laura Kirby, at her country home. The ride both going and returning was most delightful, it being our first "bob" ride this winter. Of course it is needless to say that we made the air ring with Pi Phi songs and yells. We all returned with regrets that the time had passed so quickly.

We have just issued invitations to our friends for a reception at the home of one of our alumnae, Olivia Ambler. It will be an informal affair.

But with all our joy comes sorrow. Laura Kirby and Bertha Augspurger, two of our finest and dearest girls, cannot be with us the rest of the year. But we hope to have them with us again next September. We consider ourselves quite fortunate in have four of our alumnae with us this year. Of course we have profited much by their wise counsel and timely warnings.

On January 26th occurred the initiation of Bessie Davis into our beloved fraternity. We had our initiation at five o'clock in the morning, after which we proceeded to arouse the college community from their slumbers by tin horns, songs, yells, etc., on our way to the hotel where we had a banquet-breakfast served.

We are all so proud of our new sister and know all other Pi Phis would be if they only knew her.

With best wishes, Iowa Alpha closes.

EDNA F. HOUGH.

#### IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Another term is almost ended, and although it has been a rather uneventful one, the friendships of Pi Beta Phi in our chapter have meant as much, if not more, to every individual girl than ever before.

We are very sorry to lose two of our girls who will not be back in the spring term. They were initiated just this last fall, and it seems hard to give them up so soon. But we are hoping they may return next year. One of our senior girls, however, who has not been in school this winter, will be with us again in the spring.

Inez Henderson, who has been visiting in Iowa City, sends home delightful accounts of her visit with the girls of Iowa Zeta and their kindness to her during her stay among them.

We have spent one evening with our alumnae this term. There were eight of our girls who had never been admitted to the mysteries of the second degree, so we met together for an evening of fun. After the ceremonies we had our cookie-shine, and the jolly time that we had will not soon be forgotten.

We are planning now for a St. Patrick's party to be given March seventeenth. For three years this day has been celebrated by our chapter, and the occasions have always made us glad that we knew of the good old saint.

We have one new member this term. Alma Wagner is our new sister, and we are proud to have her one of us.

DAISY A. DENT.

IOWA ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Many distractions have claimed our attention since our last letter to the Arrow. Since that time the winter term has closed and we are gladly anticipating the few days of recreation before the opening of the spring term. We shall have but a very short vacation, and most of our girls will remain in the city. On the first day of the new term the senior girls will appear in their mortar-boards, as is the custom here.

The principal social event that has occupied us of late, was the Pan-Hellenic dance which we gave at the armory, February twenty-third. Pretty furniture, screens, pillows, rugs, together with time and patience, lent all their home-like powers and pretty effects. A profusion of old-gold bunting, the University color, and of wine and blue, was draped from the ceiling, from the center of which was suspended a huge Japanese umbrella, holding by its handle a bunch of arrows. The stage was banked with palms which screened the orchestra from view.

Three of our alumnae, Mesdames Shambaugh, Swisher and Ball, Mrs. MacLean, our president's wife, and Mrs. Beering, were patronesses of the evening.

We have been quite fortunate in meeting members of sister chapters. Two girls from Iowa Beta, Miss Henderson and Miss Hartman, recently visited here. We were also glad to meet a former Pi Beta Phi of our own chapter, Miss Mary Colson, who spoke at the Unitarian Church last Sunday morning. We have been promised a visit from our Province president in the near future, which we anticipate with pleasure. With greetings to all wearers of the wine and blue.

DOROTHY WARD SCHULTZ.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The first bit of news in our letter this month will have to be the information about the three new girls whom we have just pledged — Millie Askew, Cora Norsman and Ada Welsh — three of the very best girls in the High School, and so we are proportionately jubilant over our success. Ida Spaulding and Laura Cosgrave have also had an introduction to Wisconsin Alpha's

goat since the last letter was written. This brings our number up to nineteen.

How we blessed our song books when the fraternity examination was upon us and we needed to know all sorority colors. The "Free-for-All-Race" was such a help then. Endless puzzling questions were poured upon the upper classmen by the freshmen before the trying evening, but we agreed afterwards that it was a very good thing for us and that they were all questions that we ought to know.

We enjoyed the visit of Miss Elma Warwick, formerly of Illinois Zeta, so much at Prom. time. I wish that we could meet the girls from the other chapters oftener. Prom. week in general was one of the best and gayest we have ever had here. It is fortunate that it does not come oftener or we might forget why we are at college.

We are already beginning to plan for Founders' Day, when we will give our annual play and formal party — the events of the year in our fraternity life.

Mrs. O'Shea and Mrs. Olson, two of our patronesses, and Mrs. Kropf, a Pi Phi alumnae, have all entertained us most delightfully in the last weeks.

At last the senior class at Wisconsin has adopted caps and gowns for the spring term. It was tried unsuccessfully by the class of '95, and since then there has been a great deal of opposition to it, but now we are hoping that the innovation will become a permanent practice.

Wisconsin Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

ALMA M. MOSER.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

We girls of Missouri Alpha are again breathing freely. "Exams," the bugbear of every school girl's existence, are now over and we are well settled in the work of the second semester. We are very glad to be able to introduce to the other chapters, two new sisters, Lucile Lawson, of Columbia, Mo., and Amanda F. Becker, of St. Louis, Mo., who were initiated Friday, February the sixteenth. This is probably the last initiation we will have this year.

Various plans in regard to chapter house, chapter rooms, etc., for next year are already forming in our minds, and the prospect is bright for something definite, as a result of such "brain work."

Two of our girls, Sue Stone and Lil Johnson, have taken part in French and German plays recently.

The Junior Prom. which takes place soon is engrossing the attention of our junior girls at present.

We are enjoying fraternity life to its utmost, but already begin to regret the parting in the spring. Nearly all of our girls will return next year.

With best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

GRATIA EVELYN WOODSIDE

### DELTA PROVINCE.

#### KANSAS ALPHA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

At the time of the writing of this letter for the Arrow Kansas Alpha is settling down for eight weeks of quiet and hard work to make up for the good times of the past two months. Five of the fraternities have given their annual parties besides many smaller events that have been crowded in before lent. Our party was on Friday, February sixteenth. It was given in New Eldridge hall which was very simply decorated in wine and blue. The principal feature of the decorations was a large Arrow studded with electric lights that was hung in the arch of the hall. Although it was a very stormy night the party was a great success.

On January twenty-seventh we held initiation at the home of Laura Poehler. After introducing the initiates to the "Book of Fate" and other mysterious rites we had the initiation proper. Our new members in Pi Beta Phi are Mary Dudley and Elsie Evans, both of Leavenworth, and Mary Chamberlain of Topeka, who was pledged last year to Illinois Zeta. We have been much interested in hearing about the Illinois university, and about the Pi Phi chapter there from Miss Chamberlain.

The Lawrence Alumnae club which has established a scholarship fund in the university has planned a series of teas for the benefit of the fund this winter. The first of these teas was given on the seventh of this month. The active girls gave a farce, after which dainty refreshments were served. There is to be another tea next week and the entertainment then will be a musical.

Two of our girls, Louise Moore and Marjory Bunker, have been compelled to leave school on account of ill health. It is needless to say that we miss them very much and hope they will be able to come back to us next year.

Kansas university will send out two annuals this year, one from the law school and the other from the school of arts. One of our seniors, Gertrude Hill, has been elected editor-in-chief of the latter.

A number of our members have been getting new pins and have chosen the small ones. How much daintier they are than the larger pins. Kansas Alpha has twenty-one active members and our chapter sends greeting to you all.

MARY J. SPENCER.

## NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

University life has been eventful since Christmas. " Aside from the unusual number of attractions outside the university, we have had the semester's examinations, the Junior Prom., and the very exciting meetings of the class of 1902, where the election of the junior annual board has been contested so hotly that the class has been forbidden to hold any more meetings.

Memorial services have been held for Dr. Solomons, of the Psychology department, and for Dr. Warner, a graduate and former professor of the university.

Our own particular interests have been very delightful ones. On the evening of February third we initiated Gladys Henry, Grace Montgomery and Beth Marshall. After a very gay banquet, we were treated to impromptu toasts by the initiates and alumnae — each one delighting us by "a few well-chosen words." We now have three Graces in the chapter, as is fitting for Greeks.

February fourteenth the alumnae club gave a dancing party at the home of Jennie Barber. The favors were decorated with the time-honored hearts and arrows, and the rooms were festooned with blood-red hearts. Among the guests was Gertrude Branch of Omaha, and one of our out-of-town charter members, Gertrude Wright, who has been visiting here for a short time.

The chapter sends greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

GRACE REYNOLDS.

## COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

It seems but a very short time since our semester examinations had to be undergone, and now spring, with the fraternity examination daily awaited, is here. In Colorado, spring comes early, and stays long; and we have already had pleasant tramps to the mountains where the anemones are out.

Boulder and University circles have been very gay this winter. Delta Tau Delta gave a large reception and dance, February ninth. Everything down to the smallest detail was carried out elegantly and tastily. Mrs. Burger, one of our alumnae, Mrs. Dodge, a patroness, and Mrs. Gamble, assisted the boys in receiving their guests. As a chapter, Pi Beta Phi has entertained very little, but we have had many delightful social gatherings among ourselves. Our alumnae could not be more helpful and interested. They give us much encouragement as well as more material aid.

Since our last letter we have a new pledge whom we introduce to you with much pleasure — Laura Fisher. She is a cousin of Rosetta Bell, our "model initiate" at convention.

Mr. Omar E. Garwood won the oratorical contest for the State University this year. We are pleased at this especially because it is now Colorado's turn to have the Inter-State Contest. It is to be held in Denver, May third. The state contest was held in Denver, and at that time we had the pleasure of meeting some of the Colorado Beta girls.

Colorado Alpha sends most cordial greetings.

MINA KILGORE.

#### COLORADA BETA — DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter the time has gone by on wings; yet we do not regret it because we are always so eager, when the Arrow arrives, to read what our sisters are doing.

The social life of the university has been very active since our new chancellor has come among us. Charter Day, March fifth, is expected to be a great day in the school calendar; that being the time Dr. Buchtel is to be inaugurated. The efforts of Dr. Buchtel to raise the debt on the university have been wonderfully successful so far.

There have been few functions among the fraternities. February seventh our chapter gave a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Albert E. Hamilton and Mr. and Mrs. Hubert L. Shattuck, the two ladies being Colorado Beta brides. The reception was given at the "Aldine," the home of Rebe Brewster, one of our girls. Musicians played during the evening, and later for dancing. From the number of congratulations we received, the affair must have been a success.

The senior girls in caps and gowns came to our lodge not long ago for an informal thimble party; and, as in the old fashioned sewing bees, the tongues flew as fast as their owners' needles.

Miss Etta L. Miller, professor of literature and preceptress of Wycliffe cottage, entertained the two women's fraternities most enjoyably Saturday evening, February third.

We expect to entertain the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter in the near future. But pray don't think this is to be a mere chronicle of Colorado Beta's social engagements; for she is beginning to foreswear all such things and is becoming suddenly studious, because in glaring letters the word "Examinations" stares her in the face.

We have been rejoicing over the fact that Martha N. Kimball, '98, has been appointed president of Delta province. And we are aware also that chapter examination will soon be forthcoming.

January twenty-seventh we initiated Anna Berry, '02, and Marguerite Dyer, '03.

This year our girls are well represented in the different college organizations. Volume three of the Junior Annual,



"Kynewisbok," is expected to be out in a month and just now we Juniors can sympathize with the Arrow editor when all the matter is not in on time.

Best wishes to all the chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

ETHEL ANTRIM.

### Exchanges.

Since the January number of the Arrow we have received in exchange the following:

- Delta Upsilon, *Quarterly* (March).
- Sigma Chi, *Quarterly* (December).
- Theta Delta Chi, *Shield* (December).
- Beta Theta Pi (December, February).
- Phi Delta Theta, *Scroll* (December, February).
- Alpha Tau Omega, *Palm* (December).
- Kappa Alpha, *Journal* (January).
- Delta Gamma, *Anchora* (January).
- Kappa Kappa Gamma, *Key* (January).
- Kappa Alpha Theta (January).
- Delta Delta Delta, *Trident* (February).
- Alpha Phi, *Quarterly* (February).

"Let us resolve to make each new member of the coming year feel that she is really one of us, and that she is a necessary part of the chapter."

This sentence, quoted from a clipping from the *Key* on "New Members," is expressive of the sentiment of the article, and should bring home some truths not always realized by the older girls who are so accustomed to the idea that everything depends on their exertions and that the chapter would go to pieces if their guiding hands were to be suddenly withdrawn.

In most of our chapters it is not long after the opening of college until some of the new girls forsake the paths of the barbarians and follow in the footsteps of the Greeks. Do they receive the same consideration and attention that they did while they were outside the pale of the mystic sisterhood? I am compelled to say, "No, in many cases they do not." They are not made to feel that they are now an integral part of the chapter, that

the life and success of the fraternity depends as much upon them as it does upon the older girls. As a consequence the new members do not take a proper interest in the organization, and it is not long before the standard is lowered.

"Why," said a girl to me not long ago, "I never took a bit of interest in the fraternity until my second year, simply because the old girls never made me feel that anything depended on me. I always felt as if I were an invited guest at the meetings, instead of feeling that their success would be due to me as much as to the seniors."

Many another girl has had the same experience, and it is the result of a wrong idea. How can a girl become interested in something she knows nothing about? The new girls should be drilled in the workings of the fraternity as soon after joining as possible. They should be helped in the study of the Constitution, the Standing Rules, Convention minutes, etc. Learning these things will naturally awaken an interest that otherwise may not be manifested. The new members, also, should take an active part in all discussions at the meetings, and in assigning work the president should see that each new girl has her share.

Let us resolve to make each new member of the coming year feel that she is really one of us, and that she is a necessary part of the chapter.

From the same number of the *Key* we clip the following as a warning for all readers of the *Arrow*, although we cannot help but feel that the author must have come in touch with some unusually exaggerated specimens of a type that one sees in print oftener than in life.

No one is less disposed than I to undervalue the advantages of college education. It is not only worth having, but worth working hard to get! Still, value it as one will, it is merely training, and a college is not the only place where that is obtainable. It does not set the seal of superiority upon all who have it. Most women are much the same after college that they were before. Some traits are more prominent, perhaps, others have become subdued; but even these changes are partly due to the fact that the college years are those when development is to be expected, wherever one may be. The college life and training help, but they are not indispensable.

As long as college life lasts, the students keep one another from too great self-respect; but once they are out in the world, their one aim seems to be to encourage the spirit they formerly condemned, only now it is in the name of the college and not of the individual. An assemblage of college women is awe-inspiring. One of their favorite pursuits is to thank the Lord that they are not as other men are. No matter what subject comes up for discussion, they say: "What shall we do, as the college women of

the community, to make ourselves felt in this matter?" More emphasis is laid upon the college attitude than upon the thing to be done. Now, a pedestal is a dignified appendage, and is agreeable to everyone at times; but in ordinary life it is most inconvenient. It is cumbrous to carry, and it renders locomotion practically impossible. No wonder that its possessor looks tired!

Just to show the all-pervasive influence of this tendency, which leads me to lay down the law for other people, I am minded to formulate some rules. If I had followed them myself I should be too wise and too modest to give precepts to others; but I, too, am a college graduate, and blood will tell:

I. Don't take yourself too seriously.

II. Don't assume that you are necessarily the superior of every woman who has not been to college. Give her a day or two to prove that she is a fool, before you regard it as an established fact.

III. Don't look upon yourself as divinely appointed to reform the world. The world is too old to be changed much, even by a whole club of college women.

IV. Don't distribute information *gratis*. Free lectures tend to pauperize the masses.

V. Don't consider it a crime to see the funny side of college women, yourself included.

VI. Don't spell the words "college" and "woman" with a capital, even in thought. Freshman rhetoric should have warned you against that fault.

VII. Meditate occasionally upon how little you know in comparison with some of those around you who have not been to college.

VIII. Again and again and again, don't take yourself too seriously.

The *Anchora* for January contains the following excellent advice upon the subject of "Hasty and Superficial Judgments:"

Since in the nature of its existence, the peculiar duty of a Fraternity is so largely a "weighing in the balance" there seems to be the greatest need for careful and deliberate exercise of judgment. If it be true that women judge by such an untrustworthy faculty as intuition, here is an extra reason for us to beware. The injury, not only to the Fraternity but also to the individual, resulting from a hasty and unstable passing of opinion, cannot be too strongly emphasized. An impulsive girl forms an opinion without forethought or consideration, and if she be strong willed and imaginative, she converts personal feeling into final and positive judgment. A girl of such character may be entirely unconscious of injustice, but the immediate result of her judgment is equal to deliberate malice, and works injury to herself more than to anyone else. Moreover, however in-

dependent in thought her friends may be, her hasty utterance has its effect upon them, and they are the more ready to find the suggested defects. Life is a complex thing at best. Even with a knowledge of motives, and extenuating circumstances, and the thousand and one things that go to make up character, we find it difficult to pass judgment — which becomes still more difficult when we have only superficial observation upon which to base our opinions.

By cultivating an over critical attitude, by looking always for flaws, and when these are discovered, relegating our victims to a top shelf as if they were of no further use, we are injuring ourselves most of all, and missing the best of life, the broadening influence that comes from contact with people.

Let us be charitable. We need charity ourselves, yet we are so slow to give it. If an unkind criticism comes to our mind unasked, let us at least deny it utterance. If we but wait, it is very likely that our judgment will change.

As a fraternity, even if those under consideration do not meet our fraternity requirements, we can judge them charitably and without prejudice, and like them for all the good that is in them, for good we shall find, if we but look for it. The ideal fraternity girl is not limited to her fraternity for friends, but numbers them throughout the college world.

Within the fraternity, let us not adopt one standard of judgment — is it not better that we should put personal feeling into the background, and consider the qualities that do *not* appeal to our strongest sympathy? Life, though fundamentally the same, is marvellously different, and we need many types of character to make a Fraternity the broadest and most rounded. Let us be slow to form opinions. Let us weigh in the balance carefully and coolly. Let us put aside the passing opinions that have floated to us. Let us consider real worth of character, the qualities that are strong, enduring and of value in the long run of life.

The following clipping is from the same magazine:

Loyalty to one's fraternity includes fidelity to every member of one's chapter. An interest shown in the welfare of each one, a support willingly given, strengthen the fraternal bond and help to secure that internal strength which insures success to any organization. We wear the anchor; we work zealously for Delta Gamma; we enjoy its blessing, but do we truly realize how much there is in being loyal not only to our own chapter but to Delta Gamma as a whole? We have taken vows and obligations which should endear us to the fraternity and not to any one chapter alone.

Each individual member of a fraternity represents to her friends the good or evil influences of fraternity life. If she is selfish, if she does not show

the deep, broadening influences which widens her circle of friends to include not only the girls of Greek letter fraternities, but also some of the non-fraternity class, her fraternity is condemned as the embodiment of selfishness and narrowness. If this can be truthfully said of our fraternity, then its members have not been loyal to its standard. In no better way can the broadening influence of our fraternity be shown, than by the relationship of its members to other girls.

The following rather caustic editorial from the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for December is an argument in favor of good-sized chapters. And although we fully apprehend the dangers that may arise from a chapter of unwieldy size, there seems to us to be much of truth in the remarks in regard to over-conservatism:

We believe in large chapter memberships, other things being equal. "Quality, not quantity" is a glib phrase, which is often used as an excuse for laziness and lack of ambition. As a rule, we note that our chapters with large memberships are most efficient and enthusiastic in their work.

But, of course, this idea is not to be carried to an extreme, or without regard to the fundamental ideas of the fraternity. At some of our institutions the attendance is comparatively small, and then, necessarily, the membership of chapters is restricted, and there are some large colleges where it would not be wise to maintain correspondingly large chapters and where, indeed, our fraternity is not at all represented. But sometimes we fear the idea of conservatism is carried too far, and to the detriment of the fraternity. When it is reported impossible to find more than three or four or five good available men for fraternity purposes at any particular institution, the chances are that it is not a favorable place for a chapter or the fraternity representatives there are not doing their duty. In the latter case, the grand officers should interfere, and, in the former, it is time to consider the advisability of withdrawing the charter.

The only safe theory of chapter membership is the happy medium between exclusiveness and its reverse. It is not well to have much the largest or much the smallest chapter in the college. Each condition would ordinarily show error in judgment, although there are exceptional cases. We do not recall any instance where there appears to have been too large a chapter on our rolls, but we do think that even now some of our chapters are ultra-conservative and too small.

The December issue of the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta contains a long and detailed account of the different college annuals pub-

lished under various titles,—more or less extraordinary. The subject of annuals is always of interest and the thought of the following extract is particularly true:

The college annual is a peculiar institution. One may read the official catalogue and obtain a fair idea of the curriculum, endowment and attendance of a given institution; one may make a flying visit and see the student body, the campus and the buildings; but next to living for a whole college year in the heart of a student community, the best and only means of arriving at an appreciation of the standards and spirit of colleges and students is to examine closely the publication known generally as the 'annual,' and known individually by the eccentric names which appear in the list we present. The annual alone will tell whether athletic distinction or scholarship prizes are most sought; whether the moral tone is low or high; whether the social graces are widely diffused; whether the administration is loyally supported; whether the college is a machine or a living soul.

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