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Greeting

Dear Girls:

Accept a New Year's greeting through the Arrow, which we look upon as a love letter from our daughters.

When your founders think back to '67 and the beginning of I. C., and then of the vigorous growth of Pi Beta Phi today, we are proud of your achievements, and feel sure you help to move the world on, or at least your piece of it.

May the new year bring more of joy than sorrow to each Pi Phi. May each one of you strive to live so that every night shows the record of a completed day. May you be women of character, stronger and more beautiful than your founders, is the New Year's wish of

EMMA BROWNLEE KILGORE.

Monmouth, Illinois.

Old I. C. Days at Lombard

ON November seventh, 1872, some of the Monmouth girls came over to Galesburg and initiated twelve of our Lombard girls into the mysteries of "I. C." It being a secret organization they wished to keep the whole matter quiet until they could appear with their pins. But twelve new pins at once! The supply was not equal to the demand, and our girls had to wait until they were manufactured. Weeks grew into months before the pins were forthcoming. In the meantime the secret leaked out. A few got hold of it and, for a joke, two girls hunted the town over for arrow pins. Finally they found some black ones, about three inches

long, at a millinery store. These they took to a hardware store and had chains and gilding put on. They appeared next morning in chapel wearing the pins. Of course consternation reigned among the "I. C." girls. Others were curious to know why they were wearing such pins, but they kept their secret and had their fun to themselves. How well I remember the day the girls did appear with their new pins. It was at a social. These twelve girls all came together with their twelve new pins shining so brightly. They kept their original number for about ten months, then I and a particular friend were the first to join their ranks. Soon we began making preparations for our anniversary. We were to have a feast,—a turkey dinner and everything that goes with it,—and more, too. Our president suggested that we have some pickled tripe,—the dinner would not be complete without it. We who were not acquainted with the dish, supposing it to be some great delicacy, said, "Certainly." The *looks* of that dish satisfied most of us; but for years afterward, at every anniversary dinner, we had a dish of pickled tripe as a sort of memorial of our first anniversary feast. I think it was generally left untasted. Our chapter was then called Iota. I kept in touch with the girls and the work for a good many years, although family cares prevented me from doing much active work. In '86 and '87 my niece was with me. When she became a Pi Phi I was Aunt to all the chapter, which at that time included the first Grand I. R.

I afterwards moved to California. After living in the state about ten years, at a meeting of the Woman's Club, we made the discovery that there were four "I. C.'s" present, or rather two I. C.'s and two Pi Beta Phis. Well, what a reunion we did have! One was from Minnesota University, another from Iowa, and two of us from Illinois. Two years ago I attended a Pi Beta Phi banquet in Los Angeles. It was a rare treat. Surely "'t is a tie that binds."

R. C. W. L.

The Report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference

CHAPTER DISCUSSION

AT A RECENT meeting of Illinois Delta the questions which were brought up at the Inter-fraternity Conference this summer held at Chicago, Illinois, were discussed according to the plan suggested in the Arrow with these results:

1. Are the recommendations of the delegates broad enough to meet the needs of your chapter?

After a discussion of the several motions which were made the decision was, that if they were accepted, they would meet all the needs of our chapter.

2. Would these or similar regulations work hardship to your chapter?

For Illinois Delta it seems that these regulations would do more harm than good. In a school where there are perhaps five or six rival fraternities, it would seem that some such plan were necessary in order that the plan of "rushing," as it is now carried on, may be done away with. For our own chapter such rules would be quite unnecessary, as we have but one rival organization. For one or two years our chapter had a treaty with her rival which included a number of these regulations, and after a fair trial it was decided that our chapter and all its interests would flourish better without such a treaty. Therefore, this year we have made none, and our chapter is more prosperous than heretofore, and there is a better feeling between us and our rivals. Of course some of these regulations could be adopted by our chapter and do us good.

3. Are the time and method of extending invitations the best that can be selected.

This, of course, means a special day for extending an invitation, and Illinois Delta as yet has seen no good results from having a set day. This was one of the regulations included in the treaty mentioned, and was the chief point of objection. As a rule a girl who is considered for membership by us has been a friend

perhaps of one of our girls, and the greatest care is taken in ascertaining whether or not she is a desirable girl. When once it is decided that a girl is desirable, it seems rather a loss of time to wait four or five months before she can be even pledged, and surely one can decide in less time whether or not that girl will come up to this standard. As to the method of extending invitations, Illinois Delta has been following the plan suggested and finds it quite satisfactory. Although as yet we have not adopted the plan of setting a length of time in which the decision must be made, our girls all feel that this is the better plan and think the ten-day limit sufficient.

4. Would such lengthening of the time before invitations simply prolong the period of getting acquainted and the objectionable social features belonging to it?

If a definite time must be named for invitations it seems to us that to lengthen that time would most surely prolong the objectionable features and could not be done either in justice to the chapter or to the girls who were the objects of our interest.

5. Does the definition of "rushing" meet your approval?

To us "rushing" does not include discussion of fraternity matters. It is simply a social term and includes only that. We do not consider that we are rushing a girl if we chance to say anything about Pi Beta Phi—something of its merits or history—for that we take for granted our friends like to hear about. But when an invitation to any social affair is given to a girl in the name of the fraternity we concede that we are rushing that girl, and the girl generally thinks so, too. For the discussion of fraternity matters to be prohibited until the day of the formal bid means that the girl will know nothing at all about the fraternity she is asked to join until, say, thirty minutes before she is asked to join. Then it is all thrust upon her at once and she cannot grasp what you mean, whereas, if during the preceding weeks and months one girl and another had said ever so little about the fraternity, she could by degrees come to see what the fraternity really meant and would surely think it was a more serious thing than otherwise. Therefore, if this is included in "rushing"—dis-

cussion of fraternity matters—we do not agree that it should be prohibited until the day of the formal bid.

6. The girls in our rival organization are girls who can be trusted,—girls who have a sense of honor, and who would, in case such regulations were adopted, keep them to the best of their ability.

Illinois Delta.

The report of the inter-fraternity conference, held to discuss rushing and pledging, is of peculiar interest to Illinois Zeta. An attempt similar to the one proposed in the July Arrow, has been made by the five women's fraternities at the University of Illinois, to regulate the local conditions governing the very questions with which the report is concerned. The opinion of Illinois Zeta coincides with that of the delegates on some of the points under discussion; but certain changes in the proposed regulations would have to be made if our chapter were to profit by their enforcement. One year's experience with an inter-fraternity contract which settled upon the Tuesday before Thanksgiving as the earliest date for pledging, resulted in the changing of the date to the fifth Tuesday after the beginning of school. This was for two reasons: first, the support of a large chapter-house, devolving upon the few "house-girls" who returned in the fall, was a financial strain which it seemed unwise to prolong after the first month, especially when new members would be glad to share it; and second, the longer period, in our experience, certainly prolonged the objectionable features of rushing to the detriment both of the new girls and of the chapter. This year, a one month's contract has served satisfactorily, and after our previous experience, we would hesitate to try a longer period. We thoroughly approve of the official issue of invitations, however, and the ten days' limit to the answer. We accept the definition of "rushing," and would agree to prohibit discussion of fraternities or fraternity matters with any eligible girl before the day of the formal bid. We do not consider, however, that it would be either to our advantage or to that of the new girl to prohibit entertaining by chapters, except during the time between the issue and the answer of the invitation. Our own

experience has found a preventive against undignified rushing during this period, which is a provision that no discussion of fraternity matters be held at any other time than one stated in the invitation, except when desired by the girl who has been asked. Our chapter disapproves of public initiations, and agrees to the proposed method of reporting chapter violation of rules. As to the attitude of the other chapters, although it has seemed impossible to secure ourselves against occasional infringements on the part of individuals, we believe that there is no chapter which as a chapter would countenance any violation of an agreement once entered into.

Illinois Zeta.

The recommendations made by the delegates at the fraternity conference last summer are not broad enough to meet the needs of Missouri Alpha.

Such regulations for a pledging day would certainly work hardship to our chapter. There are comparatively few girls here in the University and still less fraternity material so our chapter is necessarily small. At the beginning of the year, we could not possibly keep up a chapter house, until we had taken in some new girls. For instance, we had six old girls back this fall and several of them lived in town. How could we get along with so few girls especially as we had a chapter house on our hands? Of course, we think every invitation should be official but we prefer giving it personally. Very often there is a fraternity talk to be given which can't be sent through the mail very well. Then you have a better chance of pledging the girl. We do not ask a girl until we know her and she knows us. By that time she has made up her mind one way or the other so that there is no need of extending a formal invitation. We have tried both plans,—of extending the invitation and of having the answer given immediately, the latter way we found much more successful.

Lengthening the time before invitations would make rushing season too long and would distract our minds from our lessons, besides it would make rushing a continual worry not only to us but to the "rushes" as well.

The definition of rushing does meet our approval.

Missouri Alpha would rather not have any pledging day, as she thinks the chapter would get along better without one.

Missouri Alpha.

In compliance with the suggestions in the July Arrow, Kansas Alpha sends the following report :

We accept the definition of rushing as all right.

We do not approve of having a limited time in which rushing (as defined above) is forbidden, terminating in a pledge day. Our reasons are several :

1. The rushing here is not a mad, frantic scramble.
2. The chapter would in the case of a pledge day be deprived of the usefulness of members for three months.
3. We would not know the girls any better after this time, because active students do not have an opportunity to know *well* ten or twelve girls outside of the chapter.
4. Not seeing the candidate in the presence of the entire chapter, we could form no idea as to whether she was favorably inclined toward us or not. We do not care to waste an invitation.
5. We fear that such a pledge would only result in strained relations with the other fraternities, where now there is a very friendly feeling. This would arise from different interpretations of the definition of rushing, and criticisms would be numberless.

Kansas Alpha thinks that no modification would be satisfactory here where customs are so well established; that none would succeed unless fraternities and sororities would unite; that this is a question which each university and college should decide for itself.

Kansas Alpha.

It certainly seems as if some radical reform in rushing methods is necessary, but what and how is a difficult question to answer. What is best in a large university does not at all meet the demands of the smaller colleges where one meets all the girls in the first week of school and learns to know them in the class room as well as socially.

At the beginning of the school year the faculty submitted to a Pan-Hellenic meeting some fraternity regulations based upon the

motions made by the Inter-Fraternity Conference though differing in a slight degree.

Two months seems to us long enough to wait before extending invitations as it only prolongs the period of getting acquainted and the objectionable social features attached to rushing.

We now have Thanksgiving day as color day and that of course brings the initiation and the accompanying festivities close to the Christmas holidays and into the busiest part of the term.

Having tried regulations similar to these, we speak from experience and think it makes fraternity affairs decidedly public in a small college.

Michigan Alpha.

The girls of Indiana Gamma were pleased to read in the July Arrow the report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference. Right heartily did they enter into a contract, as suggested, and right faithfully have they carried it out. Results show that they are now ready to declare in favor of the long contract plan.

Had invitations to fraternity membership been given at the opening of our college year, we are assured that combinations would have been formed which would have proven anything but pleasant. As it is, although the second Friday in December has not yet arrived, we feel very safe in saying that when it does come, and the invitations are sent out, the new girls will be sure to "cast their lots in pleasant places."

We did not approve of the definition of rushing, as given, and accordingly we have had some very happy parties. But our chief rushing has been merely getting acquainted with the new girls in a quiet way. Some very close friendships have thus been formed, which we know could not have been, had our "season" been a short one.

Our term examinations come the third week in December, and for that reason we think the Thanksgiving vacation would be a better time for the invitations to be sent out. It is, of course, next to impossible for the new girls to be deciding fraternity questions and preparing for examinations the same week.

It is in our contract to allow only three days for answers to be

given. With a rushing season of two months, surely each one can be ready with her answer within three days. In special cases, of course, more time may be allowed.

Indiana Gamma hopes that at the next delegates' conference some decided action will be taken, whereby all women's fraternities will be bound to give no invitations earlier than the Thanksgiving vacation.

Indiana Gamma.

Illinois Beta heartily agrees that the best thing for Pi Beta Phi and all Greek letter fraternities is to overcome the evils of rushing.

In our own particular case we have fewer reasons for feeling the evils of the rushing season than in the larger colleges where there are more representatives in the field. Still even here as everywhere there is a tendency to hurry. The greatest hope for the best future success of our fraternity is to give every chapter time to know the new girls thoroughly, and the bewildered new girl time to consider and choose. If she is what we want and we make ourselves what our ideals would make us, there will be no doubt of our finding one another if we wait until the first mad rush is over. It is really remarkable that so few mistakes are made when we consider existing conditions at the opening of many of our colleges.

For our particular chapter there seem to be objections to some points in the resolutions. In the first place the date for pledging is too late. College opens September first and the first term's work closes at Thanksgiving. It would seem far better to have the pledge day previous to this first vacation but not too near as it is a time of especially hard work for the students owing to examinations.

We would prefer the resolution to put the pledge day two months from date of matriculation. The method of issuing invitations we approve of.

The term "rushing" we do not consider to mean what is given in the definition of Resolution IV. It would be almost impossible to avoid discussing fraternity matters in any form with new girls.

Such discussion should of course guard against any attempt to bias a new girl's opinion. If all entertaining by the chapter is ruled out, how can the object desired, namely: getting acquainted with the girls, be accomplished? It would only be postponed. A certain amount, for instance, two social events, should be allowed, and each fraternity given the privilege of the same number and no more.

The great secret of success in this whole plan is the honorable, upright adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the law. Illinois Beta has as a rival Alpha Xi Delta, a fraternity of three chapters. Unless they were willing to abide by the same rules we should of course be at a disadvantage.

Illinois Beta.

At a late fraternity meeting, the report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, held at Chicago last May, in regard to form in rushing, was discussed.

The plan of discussion was in accordance with the suggestions in our editorial of the July Arrow, and the chapter decided, that while it deplored the present rushing conditions and believed that the method proposed might be applicable to some colleges, yet it felt that such an agreement could hardly be entered into or lived up to in Ann Arbor. Such a plan was tried here, we believe, some years ago, and failed through the chapters not keeping the spirit as well as the letter of the regulations.

There has been no inter-fraternity meeting here to discuss the subject, consequently we do not know the opinions of the other chapters.

Michigan Beta.

Ohio Beta is unanimous in her vote against the proposed rushing regulations. While the existing conditions are not perhaps the most desirable, still to this chapter such regulations would only work disaster. The definition of rushing meets our approval. But the lengthening of time before invitations would only prolong the agonizing strain. Then, too, there are certain chapters in our college which we fear would not keep the spirit and letter of such regulations.

Ohio Beta.

Massachusetts Alpha held a very interesting discussion over the inter-fraternity conference, and the ideas and opinions suggested.

We feel that a pledge day as late as December would work us ill rather than good, in that it would simply prolong the period of rushing and all the objectionable features belonging to it.

And if rushing is prohibited, as in the recommendations, there would be no chance to become acquainted with the new girls. There is no dormitory life at Boston University and therefore we are at college only a part of each day. Entertaining by the chapter is quite necessary.

Our chapter also believes it is quite important to talk of fraternity matters with the new students, else how will the student who knows nothing of fraternity life before coming to college understand us.

The majority of our members favor sending the invitations to enter the fraternity officially and by mail, a few disagreeing on the ground that it is an unnecessary formality and adds nothing, and that wrong impressions might be strengthened before a member could talk with the candidate.

Massachusetts Alpha feels that the other regulations are perfectly just and fair, and is willing to agree to them. The only two points which we desire changed are as to rushing and pledge-day.

Massachusetts Alpha.

After carefully reading and discussing the report of the Pan-Hellenic convention of July last Colorado Alpha girls came to the following conclusions: We feel indeed that the rushing at the first of the year is in every way humiliating and undignified, and if any national code of laws could be made strictly governing fraternity rushing we would be only too happy to endorse and obey them. But we cannot agree in every detail with the motions as they now stand.

We feel that the second Friday in December is little too late for our advantage, instead Thanksgiving would suit us much better. In the first case there would not be time enough to initiate

before holidays, and examinations follow the holidays, and thus we could not initiate during the first semester which we believe is much the preferable way.

We heartily approve of not pledging before matriculation. But we cannot but object to the motion made that the invitations be sent by mail. We would earnestly beg to be allowed to present the invitation in person as our experience in this matter has been of such a nature as to warrant us in firmly objecting to the mailing of invitations. It has always been our custom, however, and we strictly observe it today, to give written invitations to our candidates.

Ten days given to the candidate to decide is sufficient, but we would wish to be allowed to use our own methods in rushing, that is, we would not be willing to be confined to ten days' entertaining but would wish to entertain occasionally—personally or as a fraternity, up to the time of the formal invitation, otherwise what would be the gain of postponing the invitation day. We feel that if the day was set for pledging—it must be for the fraternity's good—to allow the girls to get better acquainted; and if entertaining were prohibited everyone must know that it would be impossible for all the girls to meet the new eligibles. If this were prohibited it would simply mean to us the putting off of the rushing from the first of the year to a later date, when it would be harder than before because of the heavy work in college and the necessity of doing a great deal of entertaining in ten days' time. We do not feel that the lengthening of the time before the invitations would prolong the period of getting acquainted and the objectionable features belonging to it, that is, if entertaining during the interim were permissible; instead it would give us more time to be sane, to get well acquainted with the girls whom we would ask and to be wholly satisfied, when we asked her, that we wanted her. As for talking of fraternity matters, we believe that could well be left until "bid-day" and the ten days of grace. We firmly believe that if such a code governing rushing be nationally established and fully understood, that all the fraternities and sororities in our University would keep the spirit as well as the letter of the regulations, if adopted.

Colorado Alpha.

Since rushing season is over and the girls we have won are now a part of our circle, we have all wished more than ever that an inter-fraternity pledge in regard to rushing might be adopted.

It is sometimes impossible to make such an agreement between local chapters because the unanimous approval of the membership cannot be obtained.

Considering the injustice done to a girl who joins the first fraternity extending an invitation and afterwards learns with regret of others, and considering the inclination of some chapters to be more conservative than others, which they must sacrifice, we have sometimes most deplored the strained relations existing between friends in rival fraternities. These friendly relations, when once so nearly broken, are often not resumed and the attitude of the organizations to one another becomes more and more a serious question.

We are very anxious that the solution of the difficulty proposed by the convention last May be approved by all the fraternities.

Iowa Beta.

In the Woman's College there are represented seven fraternities—six national and one local. The government of these fraternities in regard to rushing, pledging, and matters of general interest, is in the hands of a Pan-Hellenic association, which is composed of two delegates from each fraternity. The rules for the next year's rushing and pledging have already been made. They conform very nearly to the motions in the report of the Inter-Fraternity Conference.

Maryland Alpha has discussed this report and has come to the following conclusions in regard to it: The suggestions of the delegates are broad enough for the present needs of our chapter. We feel that the rules which have governed fraternities in this college in former years could be very much improved. The regulations recommended by the members of the conference appear to be very beneficial, and in so far as we now know, could be tried by our chapter without any harm.

Heretofore, our pledge day has been in October. However, Pan-Hellenic has decided that next year no one shall be pledged

to any fraternity until a date appointed two weeks before the Easter vacation. There have been many evils connected with the short rushing season. We are sure that the system, which will go into effect next year, cannot fail to be much better than the one we have at present. It will be so regulated and governed by Pan-Hellenic that many of the social evils can be avoided. It means a greater care and a nicer discrimination in regard to the selection of the girls, whom we wish to join our fraternity, and not simply an extension of the time of getting acquainted.

We approve the recommendation that all invitations to enter a fraternity be official and sent by mail. However, we do not think it necessary that a candidate have ten days in which to make her decision, unless she asks for it. Upon her request this time shall certainly be granted to her.

The definition of rushing, as offered in the recommendations, does not meet with our approval. In every year it has been found that some of the fraternities of the college have broken the rules laid down for them by Pan-Hellenic. It is very probable that if the suggestions of the Inter-Fraternity Conference were adopted as rules, they would be disregarded by some of the fraternities in the college. Yet, we feel that reforms are very necessary, and that these, if adopted, might prove to be beneficial both to our chapter and to the fraternity life as a whole in this college.

Maryland Alpha.

During the summer months, when we were all widely scattered, many were the letters exchanged discussing the pros and cons of the results of the Inter-Fraternity Conference, as published in the July Arrow. Now that we are together again, we have had more time to consider, and to get the composite opinion of the chapter concerning the various motions made.

There were several motions that did not affect Pennsylvania Beta. We are the only chapter who wait until June to initiate. The laws laid down by the faculty concerning fraternity initiations are very strict, and no one may become a member of any fraternity until he or she has had one year in college, or its equivalent, nine college studies. Therefore we are not permitted

to *pledge* a member until the end of her freshman year, that is, no pledge may be signed, or no pledge pin worn. But, instead, the girl desired is formally *asked* to become a member, with the understanding, for form's sake, that she may change her decision at any time, or that we may withdraw our invitation. Consequently our pledge day is not until the end of June, and immediately precedes initiation. Any by-law made setting a pledge day before the end of the freshman year could have no effect on us, as the faculty has made the rule above stated to affect every fraternity here.

The second motion, that all invitations to enter a fraternity be official, and be sent by mail, met with disapproval. The way, to us, does not seem at all desirable. An invitation, sent through the mail, to a freshman who, in all probability, has just come from home and who is somewhat bewildered by all the attention shown her, would lack much of the impressiveness a verbal invitation has. Words that are sympathetic when spoken face to face are cold and distant when they appear on paper.

The third motion, concerning time given to a candidate in which to make her decision, was approved of by all.

Regarding the rushing regulations, there is much to be said on both sides. The definition of rushing seems to be a good one; whether or not it should be prohibited till after the day of the formal bid is a mooted question. This does not affect us, since we have the rule the faculty has made regarding formal pledging. Moreover, Pi Beta Phi being the only woman's fraternity here, there necessarily can be no "undignified scrambling" for desirable girls. Yet, if there were rival fraternities, we are inclined to favor rushing before the girl is asked. To cut out our fraternity entertaining would be to cut out one of the pleasantest social features of our college life; and when it is clearly understood that we ask a girl because we want her, and not merely to swell our number or to get her from a rival fraternity, rushing seems to us to be a very pretty courtesy to the freshman.

This is the feeling of Pennsylvania Beta regarding the Conference. We shall be glad when we get our Arrows, so that we may see what our sister chapters think.

Pennsylvania Beta.

1. The recommendations of the delegates are fully broad enough to meet the demands of our chapter.

2. If these regulations were uniform for all fraternities they would not work hardship.

3. We think the time of extending invitations is rather long. The method of extending invitations is approved by us.

4. We certainly think that lengthening the time before invitations to as late as the second Friday in December would only prolong the objectionable features of getting acquainted with the freshmen.

5. We do not approve of the definition of rushing, and see no objections to entertaining desirable girls before the day of the formal bid.

6. We fear that other fraternities might not conform to the regulations.

Vermont Beta.

In response to the request that each chapter contribute to the Arrow a statement of opinion in regard to the report drawn up by the delegates from all the national fraternities, we shall try to give as nearly as possible the position of Pennsylvania Alpha on the points mentioned. Some of them happen to be very vital ones to us as the inter-fraternity pledge which we now have at Swarthmore corresponds in many respects to this report.

Answering these questions in the order proposed we would say, first, that the recommendations do not entirely meet the needs of our chapter.

Second, the regulations would not work hardship to our chapter, but we believe that even if rushing as defined in Clause IV were discountenanced, there would still be rushing of an undignified and injurious sort.

Third, we should approve of the time and method of extending invitations.

Fourth: Not if the agreement against rushing had been made to prevent these "objectionable social features."

Fifth: No; the definition does not cover the individual rushing which is often carried to excess.

Sixth: No, our rivals would keep their agreements loyally.

Pennsylvania Alpha.

In regard to the questions in the last Arrow, which we were to discuss and answer, we would say that the conditions in our college are so unique that for the most part the questions do not apply to us in any way. Until two years ago, we did not know what it was to have a rival fraternity to contend with, and when finally a local was organized, we found it quite impossible to co-operate with them in *any way*.

Under the existing conditions, quick action on our part is essential to the life of our chapter and without the rushing season at the beginning of the year we should be handicapped and seriously affected. We realize, however, the desirability of an inter-fraternity understanding or agreement for chapters in colleges where there is more than one national fraternity or a local willing to abide by such an agreement.

Columbia Alpha.

As suggested by our editor, in one of our recent chapter meetings we discussed the questions voted upon in the Pan-Hellenic Conference. We decided that the recommendations of the delegates are not broad enough to meet the needs of our chapter, seeming more applicable to chapters in a small college or dormitory school.

We feel that the regulations against sub-freshmen pledging would work hardship to us as we depend in some measure upon sub-freshman pledging of students in the City High School or the preparatory schools. We have had ample opportunity to become acquainted with these girls and to thoroughly know them. This plan would also delay the pledging of near relatives of the girls until some time in their freshman year, when they would have missed so many of the pleasures of fraternity life. We agree that the bids should be sent by mail, as the objectionable features of "forcing pledges" would thus be avoided.

The Syracuse chapter feels that the rushing and pledging should be carried on earlier in the college year for an interruption at the first of the year is more easily gotten along with than one later on. The longer the period of rushing, so much the longer is the period of inter-fraternity distrust.

We would suggest that there be a week or two for rushing before the bids are given and then *no* rushing afterward. Bids should not stand open for ten days; a girl should have realized her desires even before the bid.

We feel that rushing can never be defined.

We do not feel that any chapter of any fraternity here would disregard the letter of the agreement, but we fear, owing to the vagueness of the definition of rushing, that the spirit might be set aside.

New York Alpha.

Fraternity Friendship

FRATERNITY friendship is the best gift of a college course," wrote an Arrow correspondent recently, and the statement made in such evident good faith leads us to ask just what is fraternity friendship? We all know the subtle friendship that we feel at the solemn initiation ceremonies or during the sad June spread, that we whisper in the glow of the firelight or in the grey shadows of the early twilight, and we know, too, that this is a very different thing from practical friendship seen in the sober light of day. The initiates with wet eyes and clasped hands vow to be true until death to one another and to the ideals of fraternity; and bless their little hearts! they mean it every word. But as the days go by they realize, more's the pity, that they are but human, that the roses of chapter life have thorns quite as painful as those of ordinary varieties and that even into as sacred a thing as fraternity friendship the petty heartaches and jealousies of every-day life will come. "The senior had a spread last night and invited all the girls on the upper floor except me," says the sensitive sophomore with a quivering lip. "I asked the junior to let me copy her Anglo-Saxon today, and she said she hadn't it," the senior is heard to remark. Trivial little things, thread-like cracks in the perfect vase of friendship, cracks so tiny that we can hardly distinguish them now, but that sooner or later will strip the highly polished surface of sentiment from the plain foundation. It is

then that fraternity friendship must show of what material it is fashioned; and whether it is wrought in metal or moulded in frail clay is the question each girl must decide for herself. There is, too, the friendship you feel for some girl outside the fraternity, someone who is more thoroughly congenial perhaps than many in the fraternity, the girl with whom you could have formed a life-long friendship, but—you belong to another fraternity. "In true friendship," says the wise alumna, "fraternity can make no difference, and if you are allowing it to do so you are abusing the ideals of the fraternity." Very pretty in theory, my sage counselor, but you are forgetting many things; for instance, the vague, unnatural barriers opposed during the rushing season and at all times more or less perceptible.

The conception of fraternity friendship is all that it should be, but in practice is it very different from other friendships, and does it not often prevent many we should have formed under other circumstances?

Fraternity friendship ought to be the noblest gift of our college course, and I ask you seniors and alumnae, Do we make it so?

Vermont Beta.

Segregation at Northwestern

THERE seems to be a false impression that we have segregation here at Northwestern, and we hasten to correct the idea. A rumor arose during the week of the inaugural ceremonies of President James that he would be influenced by the action taken by the faculty of Chicago University in adopting segregation for the freshmen and sophomores there. But so far as we know no steps have been taken in this direction as yet, and no changes from the customs of the past few years have been made. Men and women recite in the same classes, have the same professors and advisors and enjoy equal privileges in the library and laboratories. They are not allowed to room in the same houses. There are four dormitories for women, the largest accommodating about

one hundred girls. In two of these Halls the general housework is carried on by the women themselves, thus lessening the expenses of each woman.

The sororities are not allowed houses, because a few years ago one sorority abused the privilege, but each chapter has its own rooms on the top floor of Willard Hall, the largest women's dormitory. The fraternities have their chapter houses; and with the exception of these and one small dormitory, the men live in boarding houses.

The question of segregation is seldom brought up among the students, with reference to its adoption here as to whether it would be a good thing or not, whether, if tried, it would be successful; and is discussed but little except in the newspapers and outside world. Personally I do not think the system would be welcomed here by the students.

Illinois Epsilon.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

Whether it is beneficial to a fraternity to elect as members girls who intend to remain in college but one year, is a topic for much discussion in our chapter. There are strong arguments on each side of this subject. Congeniality is, of course, our first consideration. But aside from this there are other questions of especial importance, particularly if the candidate be from a part of the country where there is no woman's college with fraternity chapters. If a girl be considered all that is good and fine in the community in which she lives, the fact that she is a Pi Beta Phi will strengthen the standing of the fraternity in her state, and she should *not* be excluded from membership simply because she intends to remain at college only one or two years. Some contend that a girl cannot love and learn to appreciate her fraternity in so short a time as

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she would were she an active member during a complete college course, and that for this reason membership should not be conferred upon her. For during her four years of college life a girl acquires a great affection for her fraternity, and through long association with its life and working, takes its interests deeply to heart. A member in one year cannot learn to feel this same love and interest and so weakens the strength of her chapter by her half-hearted help. But we have learned from experience that often a girl may, in a very short time, learn to appreciate and enjoy her fraternity life so much that she is influenced to return to college, contrary to her original intentions. And so we think that such a membership brings us more good than harm.

Louisiana Alpha.

When a new fraternity is started in our college it is often composed not only of freshmen but also members of the older classes, who have viewed fraternity life from the outside and have known many bitter moments. They are looking forward to their fraternity life with a joy which we, who have not known what it is to be an outsider, may not realize.

Perhaps we think the new fraternity does not come up to our standard nor the standard of the other fraternities of our college, for if it had there would, perhaps, have been no occasion for its existence. But let us be very careful that we do not take one little bit from their happiness by a slight or careless word, but give them a hearty welcome among the Greeks.

M. B. W., Colorado Beta.

The freshmen have to make their own place in the fraternity. It should be the object of each of the older members to make them feel that they are an integral part of the chapter, and to help them to find their place. You can no more give them a definite position than you can learn their lessons for them. So during the freshman year each

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one should take an active interest in the relation of the new members to the rest of the chapter.

California Beta.

Illinois Beta wishes to express her approval of the opinion of Michigan Beta chapter concerning the pledge pin. We have two pledges that for certain reasons cannot be initiated *The Pledge Pin* at once and they would much prefer a pledge pin that would be recognized by a stranger as a badge of loyalty to Pi Beta Phi. I. C. does not mean that to the average observer and it is only reasonable that these pledges should find another pin more satisfactory.

Illinois Beta.

Of the tangible symbols of Pi Beta Phi, there is not one so dear to every member of the fraternity as the fraternity pin. While *Where to Wear the Fraternity Pin* the girl is in college, the arrow she wears tells her little world just where she stands. She values it among her most cherished possessions. It becomes almost a part of herself; the ideals which it stands for become more truly her ideals.

If possible, the arrow means even more to the Pi Beta Phi out of college. Wherever she is she has with her a shining little reminder of some of the happiest hours of her life; moreover, it is often her shibboleth to a pleasant acquaintance, or to a friendship valued in after years.

Should not a pin which means so much to each one of us have a place of its own,—a place prominent enough so that all may see it? Every college girl has numberless little pins to fasten the stock or bodice. The arrow should stand alone, where it cannot be mistaken for a trinket which has no meaning.

E. S. H., Michigan Beta.

"To tell secrets shows a lack of self-control," said the professor in sociology last week. Two Pi Beta Phis exchanged glances and after class they tried the coat on various of the college fraternities and found it fit some of them very well.

No self-respecting fraternity girl would think for a moment of revealing fraternity secrets or discussing fraternity matters with non-frat girls, but there is a temptation to talk with girls of other fraternities and to reveal more of the inner life of the fraternity than is wise and best.

To practice self-control in this matter is worthy of effort and in fraternity life more than elsewhere we can wisely follow Pope's advice:

"Be silent always, when you doubt your sense,
And speak, tho' sure, with seeming diffidence."

Maryland Alpha.

"What Is Worth While" is a little book, a copy of which should be in every chapter room. It is not written for the fraternity girl especially, but in its sentiment it seems peculiarly fitted to help us in our fraternity life. The substance of the book is given in the closing lines, which express the ideal toward which we are all striving: "Letting go the unworthy things that meet us, pretense, worry, discontent and self-seeking, and taking loyal hold of time, work, present happiness, love, duty, friendship, sorrow, and faith, let us so live in all true womanliness as to be an inspiration, strength and blessing to those whose lives are touched by ours."

Massachusetts Alpha.

We are in college only four years, and then when we feel that we are just beginning to live, we graduate and all is over. To the Pi Beta Phi not the least of the losses which come at commencement time is the loss of that active chapter life which means so much to the enthusiastic fraternity girl. When we are relegated to the class of alumnae, we may still remain loyal Pi Phis, but we cannot be

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bound by that close tie which exists in the chapter. Girls, we must not lose interest in the alumnae. We cannot afford to let them drift away from us.

Illinois Beta has tried a plan for keeping up the interest of those who have left us, which has proved to be very successful. Once every month all the alumnae are invited to attend a regular meeting followed by a short program, a cookie-shine, and a "Pi Phi sing." The old and new girls meet, converse, and become interested in one another, and the alumnae always want to come again. Truly, it is worth the while. We must not wilfully lose our alumnae members.

E. M. C., *Illinois Beta.*

If ever you have any small differences in the chapter, which are sometimes almost impossible to avoid, keep them *within the chapter*. Sometimes you may disagree about one of the

Differences rushees,—some may like her and some may not.

Her name will be brought up in fraternity meeting and a hot discussion will ensue, in which perhaps some sharp things may be said. Avoid this if possible, of course, but by all means keep it to yourselves. It is no matter of the outside world's, and the outside world is not really interested; but it may cause talk and notoriety, which a Pi Phi always wishes to avoid. The little difference will be healed the quicker for being kept quiet, and will be entirely forgotten in a short while. And above all things, always be perfectly frank with your Pi Phi sisters. You love them and they love you too well to misunderstand you if you are frank with them.

A. H. G., *Texas Alpha.*

What would a Pi Phi initiation or "cookie-shine" be if it did not conclude with a rousing Pi Phi song? What would an initiation be if "Goblinato Spookioso" were not sung
Our Song Book for the benefit of the initiate? What would a "cookie-shine" be if it were not interrupted occasionally by "Oh, can't you sit over a little, I'll suffocate; how you

do squeeze," or "Cookies, cookies, the cookies now pass if you please?" The Pi Phi songs are surely a blessing, for they add just the necessary touch to the occasion and if we were forced to give them up now, they would be very much missed. It also adds much to our meetings to begin them by singing a song or two, for it seems to get you into the spirit of Pi Phi. If you feel just a little cross or impatient with some one when you come to meeting just sing a verse of "Little Goaty," and before you know it you will be smiling and happy. So now

"Come ye maidens, gay and cheery,
Gather one and all,
Of singing songs we'll ne'er grow weary
Down in our Pi Phi hall."

Illinois Delta.

Usually during the summer vacation we meet many new girls, form new acquaintances with them, and in so doing come in contact with new characters and personalities. These acquaintances end, perhaps, with the summer, and yet we often derive some benefit, as well as pleasure, from them. Should we while choosing a friend ask ourselves this question? Would this girl, if at college, be a Pi Phi; would she be rushed by our fraternity? And if for some of the various little reasons we should decide not, would it be right to avoid her and draw off to ourselves? While I think it an excellent plan to choose our friends by comparing them to the fraternity standard, still there are cases, perhaps each one of us could recall one, where friendships with non-fraternity girls have been fraught with benefits to both parties. For by using our influence we might not only make the girl happier and better, but also be fulfilling the duty of every true fraternity girl, that of helping others. And in so doing we are oftentimes strengthening our own characters and developing within ourselves a higher and nobler womanhood.

M. McC., *Columbia Alpha.*

Alumnae Department

THE PHI BETA KAPPA FRATERNITY

In about fifty of the colleges and universities of this country, the little gold key, which is the badge of this oldest of the college fraternities, is one of the most coveted honors that graduation can bring. To most under-graduates it is simply a mark of achievement, a distinction from the rank and file, and desired as such, but when, at the annual meeting, he is welcomed with the grip of the society, and learns what a goodly company he has joined, the honor transcends that of mere competitive scholarship, and a broader view is opened to him. To belong to the same society with Longfellow, Emerson, Holmes, Bryant, Everett, J. Q. Adams, Jas. R. Lowell, John L. Motley, Justin Winsor, William D. Whitney, Phillips Brooks, and still living Bishop Potter, T. W. Higginson, Ambassador Choate, Elihu Root, Seth Low, E. E. Hale and Theodore Roosevelt, surely in such company the best one has is all too poor, and modesty must take the place of youthful conceit and exultation.

Phi Beta Kappa, now unique among Greek letter societies, both in aim and method, was founded at William and Mary College, Williamsburg, Virginia, December 8, 1776. It was at first merely a social and literary society, like all other college fraternities, and its frequent meetings were devoted to programs, in which at least four members always appeared and which always included a debate, half prepared and half extemporaneous. Some of these old debating topics have come down to us: Whether Brutus was justifiable in killing Caesar; Whether the execution of Charles I. was justifiable; Whether a general assessment for the support of religious establishments is repugnant to the principles of a republican government; The justice of African slavery; Whether any form of government is more favorable to public virtue than a com-

monwealth. The political unrest of the revolutionary period is evident in all these topics, and doubtless many of these ardent young debaters found opportunities of testing the practical worth of their theories in the stirring times which followed.

The original founders were John Heath, Thomas Smith, Richard Booker, Armistead Smith, and John Jones, none of them otherwise especially known to fame; but of the fifty members of this Phi Beta Kappa society, before it dissolved in 1781, nearly all were in the continental army, seventeen were in the state legislature (most of them for more than one term), eight were members of the convention that ratified the federal constitution, five were members of the national house of representatives and two of the senate; the society was also well represented in the state convention of 1788, and the legislature of 1783-87. Many of them achieved a national reputation—Madison, Lee, Bushrod Washington, and John Marshall, to name but a few.

The life of this first chapter was brief. When the British fleet, with the traitor Arnold on board, appeared off the coast, the then members sealed up the society's records and intrusted them to the college steward "until the desirable event of the society's resurrection," and it was not until 1849 that any attempt was made to revive it, when the last president, Mr. Short, after an active public career of foreign emissary and diplomatist, at the advanced age of ninety-two, again saw gathered around him a chapter of the society that had been the stimulus of his youth. The chapter was again broken up by the Civil War of 1861, and the Virginia Historical Society took care of the records until its final revival in 1895.

Before its first dissolution, however, the members, believing that "It is repugnant to the liberal principles of societies that they should be confined to any particular place, men or description of men, but that they should be extended to the wise and virtuous of every degree and of whatever country," commissioned Elisha Parmale, a Harvard graduate of 1779, who had come to William and Mary for graduate work, to organize chapters of the society at Harvard and Yale. Accordingly, on his way home from Virginia, he established the Yale chapter in 1780, and the Harvard chapter

immediately after. The original chapter called itself Alpha, and planned to give the names of Epsilon to Harvard and Zeta to Yale (Beta, Gamma and Delta having already served for Virginia branches, of which no further traces exist), but before the charters were issued it was decided to make the first chapter established in each state the "Alpha" of that state, with the privilege of granting charters, the concurrence of all the Alphas being necessary to extend the society to any new state, and this system of government was in force for over one hundred years. In 1787 the Alphas of Massachusetts and Connecticut, being then by the decease of the William and Mary chapter the sole representatives of the society, agreed to establish a chapter at Dartmouth, and for thirty years these three chapters constituted the society. It was during this period that a most important change was made in the policy and character of the organization. At the time of the Morgan anti-masonry agitation in the early part of the nineteenth century, which was especially strong in New England, the Harvard chapter abandoned the oath of secrecy at the urgency of John Q. Adams, Judge Story and other influential members. Filled with the missionary zeal of new converts, they sent Edward Everett to the Yale chapter to persuade them to a similar course, which he accomplished after considerable opposition. Dartmouth also agreed not to emphasize the oath of secrecy even if it was not given up altogether, and this policy has been followed ever since, a "becoming reticence" being recommended, but no binding vows required.

In 1817 the Alphas united in granting a charter to Union College in New York, and some years after to Bowdoin and Brown. Then there was an interval of fifteen years before any further expansion was attempted. It is in this first half of the nineteenth century that the society enjoyed its period of greatest influence, being in fact for fifty years the only organization in this country which could pretend to be devoted to literature and philosophy. The annual poems and orations were by men, many of whom are now famous, and the Phi Beta Kappa program was the literary event of the year. Harvard leads with John Q. Adams (1788), Edward Everett and Emerson, each with a poem and two orations,

Story, Parsons, Peabody, Sumner, Bellows, Beecher, Curtis, Woolsey, Wendell Phillips, and poems by Allston, Bryant, Emerson, Holmes, Longfellow, Bret Harte, Stedman and Stoddard. These were not all graduates of Harvard, though most of them were, and the Harvard list contains beside, George Bancroft, W. H. Prescott, J. L. Motley, Jared Sparks, John Fiske, J. R. Lowell, Phillips Brooks, and of those still living, E. E. Hale, Charles Eliot Norton, T. W. Higginson, Charles F. Thwing and Theodore Roosevelt.

Yale has also quite a long list, but not so many widely known names as Harvard. Bowdoin has Jacob and John S. C. Abbott, Longfellow, Hawthorne and Franklin Pierce; and Brown boasts of Horace Mann, George William Curtis and President Jas. B. Angell, and Dartmouth, Daniel Webster, Rufus Choate, Salmon P. Chase and George Ticknor.

The period of the society's rapid expansion began in 1845, and in the next fifteen years more new chapters were chartered than in the sixty-nine years preceding. Since the war the increase has been steady and progressive, and at present there are fifty-three chapters on the roll, more than half of them having been organized in the last fifteen years.

Until 1881, the old method of giving each Alpha the privilege of granting charters within the boundaries of its own state prevailed. In that year the Harvard chapter celebrated its hundredth anniversary by inviting the other chapters to send delegates to its exercises and to empower them to constitute themselves a convention representing the society. Most of the chapters accepted the invitation, and after much discussion of the society's condition and prospects, they agreed that the chapters would be brought into closer touch by a permanent representative body and a definite constitution. These delegates took no formal action but agreed to meet again in the fall, when they could present the views of their respective chapters on the measures proposed. Accordingly in October of that year delegates from sixteen chapters met in New York city and resolved to recommend the adoption of a national council to their chapters. A third meeting was held a year later, when the present constitution was

adopted by a unanimous vote. It provides for the government of the society by a senate of twenty members, one-half of them to be elected triennially, to act as the governing body of the society in the interim of conventions, and a triennial convention, each chapter being entitled to three delegates. The progress and growth of the society since this thorough re-organization of its methods of government, has been rapid and steady. It now numbers fifty-three chapters, over 10,600 living members, with a roll of over two hundred "distinguished dead," and many more undistinguished. The first two or three "national councils" settled several important questions, notably the grade of institutions to which chapters should be granted and the proportion of each class that may be elected. It was generally agreed to limit the granting of new charters to institutions having a regular course for the degree of Bachelor of Arts, and a special effort has been made to keep the standard as high as possible. It was also considered expedient that not more than one-fourth of any graduating class should be elected to the society; this was not to interfere with the established customs of older chapters, and in fact most of the chapters have found it desirable to limit the proportion still further.

The general condition of eligibility to membership in the society is good moral character and high scholarship. At first the old-fashioned idea prevailed that "high scholarship" could not be found in any course but that leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts, but with the recent activity in scientific research, a strong protest was made, which led to a broadening of the society's policy in that respect, though even now probably nine-tenths of the yearly elections are from the Arts' course, the proportion varying, of course, in different institutions. The chapters also vary in their time of election, and in the proportion of each class that they elect. The older chapters at first reserved their original right of electing one-third of the class, but rarely exercised it, and as a matter of fact Harvard elects only about one-thirtieth, Yale and Cornell one-eighth, Dartmouth one-sixth, Columbia, Syracuse, Williams and Northwestern one-fifth, and Kansas University only elect ten, no matter what the size of the class. Almost all

the chapters elect at the end of the senior year, but a few still cling to the older method. Yale is the only chapter that elects any considerable number at the end of the sophomore year, though two other chapters elect a few men at that point. Three chapters elect at the end of the junior year, fifteen elect one-half at the end of the junior year and the other one-half at graduation, and thirty-three elect only seniors, and mostly after the final examinations.

Phi Beta Kappa is therefore a graduate society in most institutions, and having no undergraduate voting body, the election is almost entirely in the hands of the faculty members. In a few places the resident members participate in or confirm the elections. For the same reason literary meetings during the year are almost wholly confined to those chapters having undergraduate membership, and the whole tendency of the society is away from the original idea of a literary and social fraternity. Most chapters, however, have annual meetings for initiation, with addresses by resident professors, or, in the larger places, by some noted speaker outside the college.

The original badge of the society was a square silver medal bearing the initials "S. P." (the early name of the society signifying *Societas Philosophiae*), and on the other side the Greek initials that later were adopted as the official title of the organization. Some chapters still use the silver medal, giving one to each initiate. Early in the society's northern career the present badge was adopted, a rectangular golden key bearing the Greek initials of the society, the date of its founding, and an index finger pointing to a group of stars, whose signification is variously given; on the other side is engraved S. P., the name of the college and of the owner, with his date of election.

Pi Beta Phi comes in contact with the Phi Beta Kappa society in eleven institutions,—Middlebury College and the Vermont State University, Boston University, Syracuse, Northwestern, and the state universities of Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, and California; and it is safe to say that with the high standard of scholarship that the arrow stands for, she gets her full proportion of members in all these halls of learning. Nay, it might almost seem that the little gold chain on our beloved badge

was expressly designed to hold the golden key that signifies "good moral character and excellent scholarship."

MIRIAM E. PRINDLE, *Illinois Epsilon.*

Pi Phi in Phi Beta Kappa

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

1894

Bertha E. Ranslow, Middlebury, Vt.

During her college course Miss Ranslow specialized in Latin and Greek, receiving second year honors in these branches. Since graduation she has taught at Glastonbury, Conn., as assistant in the Free Academy, at Swanton, Vt., as preceptress of the high school, at Kings Mt., N. C., in Lincoln Academy, and is now in the high school at Middlebury.

1895

Annis M. Sturgis, Centreville, Mass.

Miss Sturgis specialized in Latin and Greek and received special honors for her work. Since graduation she has taught in the school at West Tisbury, Mass.

1896

Mary O. Pollard, Middlebury, Vt.

Miss Pollard's specialties were the classics and chemistry. Junior honors were given her for her work. She has taught at Middleton, Vt., Middlebury, Vt., and is now at Sherburne, Minn.

1898

Florence C. Allen, Hudson, N. Y.

Miss Allen graduated in the classical course and has since been a teacher of Latin at Hudson, N. Y.

1900

Florence M. Andrews, Holland Patent, N. Y.

While in college Miss Andrews did special work in the sciences, especially botany, in which she received highest honors. She is now science teacher at Holland Patent, N. Y.

Clara B. Andrews, Elba, N. Y.

The sciences were specialized in while in college; junior honors received for the excellent work. Miss Andrews has been teaching at Warrensbury, N. Y., but is at home this year.

Rena I. Bisbee, Milford, Mass.

Since leaving college Miss Bisbee has devoted herself to music. She is now studying pianoforte, organ and harmony under Mr. B. J. Lang of Boston, also is organist and chorister in the Episcopal church at Milford.

Sara V. Mann, Rockland, Mass.

Miss Mann is teaching French and history at Rockland, Mass.

1901

Charlotte M. Johnson, Wayland, Mass.

Highest honors in Latin and chemistry and honors in English were given Miss Johnson while in college. She is now teaching the sciences in Wayland, Mass.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

1899

Eliza M. Farman, Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

Miss Farman specialized in French and German, receiving honors in the latter. The summer of 1900 she spent in Paris preparing herself for teaching French in Annie Wright Seminary at Tacoma, Wash. She is now teaching at Hillsboro Bridge, N. H.

Ada A. Hurlburt, Stamford, Conn.

After two years spent in teaching, Miss Hurlburt continued for one year her study of French and German abroad. She is again teaching.

1900

Edith L. Carpenter, Rochester, N. H.

After graduation Miss Carpenter took up the study of stenography and is now engaged in that work.

1901

Ivah W. Gale, White River, Vt.

Miss Gale received special honors for her work in German. She is now teaching at White River Junction.

Katherine K. Gebhardt, Valley View Shelburne, Vt.

Special honors were also given Miss Gebhardt for her work in German. She is at her home in Shelburne, Vt.

1902

Geneva Carpenter, Brookfield, Vt.

Miss Carpenter expects to join the ranks of the teachers, but is at home this year.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

1896

Frances Darlington, Media, Pa.

Miss Darlington's special work was done in ancient languages. After teaching several years, she is now at home.

1899

Mary E. Seaman, 1112 Bushwick Ave., Brooklyn.

Miss Seaman won the Lucretia Mott fellowship after graduation, which entitled her to a year of study abroad. This she spent at Newnham College, Cambridge, Eng. She is now teaching.

1902

Lucy Bancroft, Wilmington, Del.

Miss Bancroft had Greek and Latin for her major work. She is now at home.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

1896

Louise V. Winfield, 121 W. Castle St., Syracuse, N. Y.

Miss Winfield graduated with high honors in 1896, having specialized in Latin and history. With the exception of one year of teaching at Jordan, N. Y., she has been at her home.

1897

Clara G. Hookway, 324 W. Gray St., Elmira, N. Y.

Miss Hookway specialized in Latin and is now teaching that branch at Elmira.

1902

May Van Doren, Phoenix, N. Y.

Miss Van Doren took a portion of her college work at Wellesley college, finishing at Syracuse University, where she specialized in mathematics.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

1899

Martha P. Luther, 3 Nixon St., Dorchester, Mass.

Miss Luther specialized in the languages and is now teaching French, Greek and English at Ayer, Mass.

1901

Helen D. Barrett, 12 Myrtle St., Jamaica Plain, Mass.

Miss Barrett specialized in Latin, writing her thesis in that course. She has taught one year and is at home this year.

1902

Edith M. Bean, Claremont, N. H.

Miss Bean is teaching at Claremont.

Elizabeth R. Halligan, Shelburne Falls, Mass.

During her senior year Miss Halligan held the "Huntington" scholarship, which is granted to the one having highest rank the previous year. She is at home this year.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

1897

Miriam E. Prindle, Manchester, Va.

Miriam E. Prindle (A. B.), was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, June, 1896, at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill. She taught English and history in high school for a year and a half, took a year of decorative designing at the Chicago Art Institute, and three months in the Chicago School of Illustration. She is now staying at home, Grove Farm, Manchester, Virginia.

Mrs. Hila V. Knapp (Mrs. H. E.), 218 Lunt Ave., Chicago, Ill.

In 1896 Mrs. Knapp received a certificate from the Northwestern University Music School, and in 1897 finished her college course. Her husband is professor of violin and ensemble music at Northwestern, and her work, since leaving college, has been along these lines. She is now studying piano at Northwestern.

1898

Mary I. Reynolds, 563 Orchard St., Chicago.

While in college Miss Reynolds specialized in English and Latin and is now teaching these branches in the Lake View high school.

1899

Marjorie L. Fitch, 1803 Barry Ave., Chicago.

Miss Fitch graduated in 1899, and in 1901 received the degree of Ph. M. from Chicago University. Her graduate work was along the lines of Germanic and Romance languages. She now holds a fellowship in Germanics in Chicago.

Elfrieda Hochbaum, Wells College, Aurora, N. Y.

Since leaving college Miss Hochbaum taught one year in the schools of Aurora, Ill., studied Germanics in the University of Leipzig for one year, then pursued the same studies as fellow in Cornell University for one year, receiving the degree of Ph. D. She now has the chair of German in Wells College, Aurora, N. Y. Florence Reynolds, 2564 Lakewood Ave., Edgewater, Chicago.

Miss Reynolds' major work was German and her minor, philosophy and French. After spending a year traveling in the west and Honolulu, she is now at home.

Elda L. Smith, 710 S. 6th St., Springfield, Ill.

Miss Smith specialized in Latin and mathematics. She aided her mathematics professor by reading all the proof for a new geometry in which he was interested, and he in acknowledgment of the work mentioned her name in the preface. She is now teaching mathematics in the Springfield high school.

Abbie F. Williams, 731 Morse Ave., Chicago.

Miss Williams received her master's degree in 1902 and since has been teaching English and history in the Joliet township high school.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

1896

Mrs. May Henry Bluhm (Mrs. Conrad), 1143 Broadway, Boulder, Colo.

Mrs. Bluhm was initiated into Pi Beta Phi at Colorado University, but graduated from Iowa University. Later she returned to Colorado as assistant professor of German in the university and at the same time studied for her master's degree, which was received in 1899. Her thesis was entitled "Some Phases of Poetical Ornament in the *De Rerum Natura* of Lucretius." Mrs. Bluhm is now the wife of a Presbyterian minister and has two small daughters to care for.

Kate B. Reed, Spokane, Wash.

Miss Reed graduated from Iowa University in 1885, but there being no chapter of Phi Beta Kappa there at that time, her membership in that fraternity did not begin until 1896. She also received her Master's degree at Iowa, and is now teaching at Spokane.

Mrs. Zoe Williams Seevers, 1212—28th St., Des Moines, Ia.

Mrs. Seevers also graduated before Phi Beta Kappa was started at I. S. U., but was elected to membership in 1896. Since

graduation she has spent several years teaching in the Des Moines high school, but is now assistant in Latin in Drake University, from which she hopes to receive her Master's degree in June.

1901

Ethel May Bond, Sioux City, Ia.

While in college Miss Bond specialized in Latin and German and is now teaching.

1902

Julia E. Rogers, Ithaca, N. Y.

Miss Rogers graduated from I. S. U. in 1892, but was not elected to Phi Beta Kappa until the spring of 1902. After teaching a few years she entered Cornell University as a graduate student of horticulture and agriculture, taking her degree of M. S. in agriculture in June, 1902. She was instructor in the summer school of Nature Study, held in Cornell University in 1900. Her work as an institute lecturer began in Iowa. For two years she has given nature study lectures in various city and county institutes in Pennsylvania, and in 1902 gave three courses in the summer school at Chautauqua, N. Y. Miss Rogers has just written a book entitled, "Among Green Trees." She is now engaged in giving correspondence courses in nature study.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Amanda F. Becker, St. Louis, Mo.

Miss Becker graduated in 1901, and the following year studied for her Master's degree while acting as assistant professor in mathematics. After receiving the degree of A. M., she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, this chapter having been established very recently. She now has a mathematical fellowship at Bryn Mawr.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—WISCONSIN UNIVERSITY

1899

Mrs. Lucretia Hinckley McMillan (Mrs. J. W.), South McAlester, Indian Territory.

Phi Beta Kappa at Wisconsin dates from 1899, and Mrs. Mc-

Millan was one of the first to be initiated. In college she specialized in ethics and ancient languages, and for two years taught at Ashland and Milwaukee.

1900

Livia Estelle Seiler.

Miss Seiler specialized in Latin and German, and after graduating taught German one year in the high school at Monroe, Wis. She died of typhoid fever on October 5, 1901.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

1891

Mrs. Gertrude B. Blackwelder, Morgan Park, Ill.

Old Norse literature and myths have claimed Mrs. Blackwelder's special attention, both while in college and since, going into it so extensively as to now be considered an authority on those subjects. Educational work, carried on principally through women's clubs, such as Public School Decoration, School Extension, and especially Vacation School Work in Chicago, has claimed her leisure moments for several years. She is still an active member of the Illinois Consumers' League, and speaks frequently before clubs on the work of that league. At present she is president of the Chicago Political Equality League, member of the Board of Education of Morgan Park and president of the Public School Art League. Mrs. Blackwelder graduated from Kansas University in 1874.

Mrs. Effie Scott Franklin (Mrs. E. C.), Lawrence, Kan.

German was Mrs. Scott's special branch. After teaching three years she studied at Cornell and in Germany, and then for two years was one of the faculty of Kansas University. Mrs. Franklin was married in 1897.

1895

Mrs. Florence Parrott Barber, Lawrence, Kan.

After teaching in secondary schools for two years and spending a summer in study at Göttingen, Mrs. Barber was assistant professor of German in the Kansas University for four years, until her marriage made her a full professor in another line.

Mrs. Lucinda Smith Buchan.

Anglo-Saxon, Old English and advanced work in English composition claimed Mrs. Buchan's special attention while in college, and after teaching two years she was called to the University to have charge of the freshman English. In 1898 she was married to Captain Frederick Buchan, spending the short period of her married life in Manila. She died April 17, 1899.

Mrs. Ethel B. Hamilton (Mrs. J. K.), 2317 Scottwood Ave., Toledo, O.

Mrs. Hamilton received her Master's degree in 1885, but election to Phi Beta Kappa came in 1895. For some time she was connected with the "Boston Society for the Encouragement of Study at Home as Preparation for the M. A. Degree," acting as one of the teachers a part of the time. Mrs. Hamilton attended the College de France for a time, and has contributed to the Chicago Inter-Ocean, Harper's Bazar and other journals.

Mrs. Clara F. Sterling (Mrs. M. W.), Lawrence, Kan.

Although married, Mrs. Sterling has continued her studies and in 1901 received her Master's degree at Kansas University.

Mrs. Mina M. Wilcox (Mrs. A. M.), Lawrence, Kan.

Mrs. Wilcox graduated in 1881 and was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa for graduate work done at Tours, France.

1896

Grace Brewster, Helena, Mont.

Miss Brewster received her Master's degree at Cornell University in 1899. The following year was spent in the study of modern languages in France and Germany. She is now teaching these branches at Helena, Mont.

1897

Anna M. Shire, Leavenworth, Kan.

Miss Shire began her study of history in college, continued it at Cornell University and later in European travel. She is now teaching.

1898

Mrs. Martha Snow Brown (Mrs. W. H.), Lawrence, Kan.

As Mrs. Brown was married almost immediately following her graduation, domestic science has been her post-graduate work. Her home for a few years was in Salisbury, South Africa.

1901

Minnie L. Leach, Leavenworth, Kan.

Miss Leach made work in English her specialty and is now teaching these branches at Junction City, Kan.

Eleanor T'Miller, Lawrence, Kan.

German was Miss T'Miller's specialty. She is now teaching at Hiawatha, Kan.

1902

Mrs. Loren Leslie Heryer, 1120 E. 22d St., Kansas City, Mo.

Mrs. Heryer specialized in Latin and English, but is now studying domestic science.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

1899

Bertha Quaintance, Iowa City, Ia.

After graduation Miss Quaintance was given an honorary scholarship in English, that being the course in which her major work was done. She is now registrar at the University of Iowa.

1902

Gladys Henry, 1117 H. St., Lincoln Neb.

Miss Henry took the scientific course, specializing in chemistry. Later she did post-graduate work in zoology, at the same time acting as assistant in this branch and chemistry in the University. She is now teaching the sciences at Kearney, Neb.

Pi Phi Reunion in Chicago

On Friday, November twenty-eighth, there took place the second annual reunion of Pi Phis in Chicago. This year they met at Kinsley's restaurant, and after a short informal reception, they sat down at one long table, to lunch together informally. After luncheon, plans were inaugurated for establishing an alumnae club in Chicago.

Among those present were Roberta Akers and Caroline White from University of California; Lucie M. Murdoch from Ohio University; Pauline Houghton from Wisconsin University; Grace Robertson, Florence Comings and her sister, and Julia Heath from Michigan University; Mrs. Horace Bingham from Swarthmore College; Marietta Busey from University of Illinois; Ethelwyn Grier, Bess Philbrook, Ethel Van Cise, Mila Parke, and Ruth Parke from Lombard College; Myra Cox, who studied both at Illinois University and at Wisconsin University; Fannie E. Sabin, from both Michigan University and Chicago University; Nelle O'Brien, from both Northwestern University and Chicago University; Margaret Hubbard Florence Reynolds, Alice Doland, Mae Doland, Lenore Negus, Lucy Derickson, Emma Doland, Carrie Mason, Elberta Smith, Isabel Everett, Hedwig Mueller, Gertrude Baldwin, and Elda Smith from Northwestern University.

The Kansas City Reunion

The annual reunion of Kappa and Iota Alumnae Circles held at Kansas City on Thanksgiving makes that day one of the dearest of the year to the Pi Phis of Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. To the alumnae of near by universities it brings a happy meeting with their active chapters, the renewal of old friendships and that gay and intimate gossip of fraternity happenings so dear to every loyal girl; to those whose chapter homes are distant it brings sweet and sacred memories of other days and far away scenes—memories which are only the more precious for their touch of sadness.

The third alumnae banquet held at the Hotel Baltimore was a most delightful affair. Thirty-five women, loyal to the wine and blue, working toward the same ideals although representing five different and scattered chapters, met there to learn that they had long been friends united in sympathy and heart. The arrangements and appointments were perfect in every respect in consequence of the tireless energy of Miss Dunham of Kansas Alpha, Miss Bayless of Missouri Alpha and Mrs. Walls of the Kansas City Alumnae Association. The lovely decorations of dark wine colored carnations, the dainty arrow shaped souvenirs, the songs, the toasts, the yells, and withal the excellent breakfast left nothing to be desired. The hearty cordiality and good fellowship of Pi Beta Phi reigned supreme, nor was the deeper meaning of our fraternity life forgotten. One glance at those "countenances in which did meet sweet records, promises as sweet" was proof sufficient that the pure and lovely thoughts of our creed were deeply engraven on each heart. Pennsylvania Beta, Kansas Alpha, Missouri Alpha, California Alpha, and Iowa Alpha were represented at the reunion.

On Friday morning the circles were the guests of the Kansas City Alumnae Club, at the home of Mrs. King. This old fashioned cookie-shine, with its charming informality, was a fitting ending of these happy two days dedicated to sisterhood, loyalty and enthusiasm.

Personals

VERMONT BETA

Kate Russell, '99, is teaching in Wells River, Vermont.

Mary Gregory, '99, Katheryn Gebhart, '01, Ethel Stevens, '02, and May Conro, '02, attended the initiation November nineteenth.

Charlotte Hale, '01, and Margaret Lang, ex-'05, recently visited friends in town.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Elizabeth M. Baily, one of the charter members of Pennsylvania Alpha, was married to Dr. Benajah Butcher Powell of Moorestown, New Jersey, November nineteenth.

Lauretta T. Smedley, '96, and Mr. John F. Dutton, of New York city, were married October twenty-first.

OHIO ALPHA

Nell Fuller, '01, has returned after spending the summer in New York.

The engagement of Bess Harris to Mr. John V. Wood has been announced.

The marriage of Bertha Hoover to Mr. Fred P. Johnston, Beta Theta Pi, occurred October tenth. They will live at Columbus, Ohio.

OHIO BETA

Blanche Butler, '01, became Mrs. Robert Marriott on Thanksgiving day. Mr. and Mrs. Marriott will reside in California.

Dallas Lisle, who has been spending the fall in Columbus, has returned to her home in Ashland, Kentucky.

Dorothy Louise, daughter of Professor and Mrs. Chas. Burket, of Raleigh, North Carolina, was born in October, 1902. Mrs. Burket was formerly Laura Weiseman.

The Alumnae Club will have as its guest at the next spread, Miss Rheinman, of Chicago, who has lately moved to this city.

ILLINOIS BETA

A daughter was born recently to Mrs. Elizabeth Durston-Simmons, '90, at Woodhull, Illinois.

Laura Grubb, '88, was married November fifteenth to Mr. Mercer at her home in Liberty, Illinois.

Nannie Mer Buck, '01, has regained her health and returned to take her position as teacher in the training school in Galesburg.

Mrs. Hattie Grubb Hale of Stoughton, Wis., visited her alma mater and Illinois Beta in November.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

May Logeman, '00, is teaching this year in the high school at Marquette, Michigan.

Abbie Williams, '01, has accepted a position in the Joliet, Ill., High School.

Minnie Starr, '00, who graduated from the Cumnoek School of Oratory, is teaching in Albany College, Oregon.

Elfrieda Hochbaum, '99, Ph. D., is professor of German in Wells College, New York. Her engagement to Mr. Paul Pope, instructor in German at Cornell University, has just been announced.

Alice Doland, '00, returned this summer from a two years' course of study in the university at Berlin. She is in Oconto, Wisconsin, this winter, teaching in the high school.

Lucile Fitch, '99, received a fellowship in the German department at the University of Chicago, where she has been doing graduate work.

Ella McNulty, ex-'05, has not been able to enter college this year on account of ill health.

Grace Doland is teaching elocution at Fayette, Missouri.

Miriam and Edith Prindle have removed with their family from Evanston to Elm Grove, Manchester, Virginia.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Grace Osborne Edwards is librarian of the Michigan City library.

Born, October thirteenth, nineteen hundred two, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stern, Champaign, a son. Mrs. Stern is better known to Pi Phi as Amelia Darling Alpiner.

Elizabeth Gibbs, who is teaching music in Newton, New Jersey, has made arrangements to continue her musical studies in New York city.

Lena Stocking is studying kindergartening in Chicago.

Mrs. Laura Busey Fulton of Sycamore, Illinois, spent some weeks this fall visiting her mother in Urbana.

On November thirteenth, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Weaver of Champaign. Mrs. Weaver was formerly Eunice Sheldon.

Blanche Lindsay was married June thirtieth, at her home in Onarga, to Mr. Harvey Wood. Mr. and Mrs. Wood are at present keeping house in Joliet.

The marriage of Lou Herdman and Mr. Bertram O. Young, a recent graduate from Harvard Law School, took place in September, at Oklahoma City, where they are now living.

IOWA ALPHA

Mrs. Charles Snider, Iowa Alpha, has left Mt. Pleasant to make her home in Council Bluffs.

Miss Mary Brenholtz is now in Custer City, South Dakota, teaching school.

Miss Ethel Ausbauger, Iowa Alpha, was married in November to Mr. Edwin Johnson.

Miss Edna Hough, Iowa Alpha, has been lately married to Mr. Ethan Allen Bennett.

The engagement of Miss Norma Courts, Iowa Alpha '02, to Mr. Glenn Adney Mitchell has been publicly announced.

IOWA BETA

Mrs. Effie Busselle Henderson visited in Indianola the first of December and attended meetings of both the active and alumnae chapters.

Daisy Dent and Mrs. Helen Riheldoffer-Gilbert visited Indianola friends during the term.

Eva Anderson spent several weeks with friends in Texas.

The Indianola Alumnae Club celebrated Hallowe'en with a cookie-shine.

Marian Cooke, '02, who is teaching in Cutler, Minnesota, will spend the holidays with college friends.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Mrs. Maud Huntley Jenks is now in the Philippines, with her husband, who has a government position.

Bertha Bramhall was married Christmas day to Mr. Franklin Cass of Michigan City, Indiana.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Mary Iglehart, President Jesse's private secretary, and one of Missouri Alpha's charter members, is now Mrs. M. S. King. She will soon be at home in Paterson, New Jersey.

Mrs. Elizabeth Houx Williams of California Alpha has been living in Columbia for more than a year. A son was born to her in June.

Grace Williams of Illinois Delta is instructor of French and Italian in the Missouri State University this year.

Maud Rippey is spending the winter in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Florence Lay of Warsaw visited the girls in the chapter house not long since.

Gertrude Bayless has taken her sister to Phoenix, Arizona, for the winter.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

The engagement has been announced of Louise Rainey, '02, to Mr. Henry Hardie, the marriage to take place January seventh.

The engagement has been announced of Anna Shafter Lovell, '00, to Mr. J. N. Bliss of Crowley, Louisiana, the marriage to take place there in the spring.

Hilda von Meysenburg, who was pledged to Louisiana Alpha and was to have been initiated this fall, is now with her parents, Baron and Baroness von Meysenburg, at 28 Silbermann Strasse, Dresden, Germany, and would be pleased to see any Pi Phi who may be traveling abroad and stops at Dresden.

Rosa Russ, Special '02-'03, is spending the winter in Texas and has several times been pleasantly entertained by Texas Alpha.

KANSAS ALPHA

Helen Webber Peairs of Los Angeles, California, has been visiting friends in Lawrence.

Gertrude Hill has left for Boston where she has accepted a position on one of the best newspapers.

Mrs. Zillah Smith Wilcox, '99, visited friends for a few weeks. She has returned to her home at Muscotah.

Claudia Pendleton and Alma Poehler, '06, have sailed for Italy where they will spend some time.

Mrs. Bates Allen (Lucy Collinson) is living in Clebourne, Texas.

Mrs. Herbert Armstrong (Belle Roberts), Kansas Alpha, spent the summer in Europe with her mother, Mrs. Colonel Roberts of Lawrence.

Ada Closson, Nebraska Beta, is soprano soloist with a concert company from Chicago.

Mary Chase Chamberlain, Kansas Alpha, Illinois Zeta, is the juvenile librarian in the Topeka (Kans.) Free Public Library.

Birdena Crandall, Kansas Alpha, who has been abroad for the last eighteen months, returned to New York in August, where she was married to Mr. George Payne of Fort Worth, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Ketner (Nell Blakely) are spending the winter in Colorado for the benefit of Mr. Ketner's health.

NEBRASKA BETA

Anna Lytle, '99, is teaching music this year in Greenwood, Nebraska.

Anna Stewart returns to Chicago to resume her study under Madame Zeisler.

Grace Andrews is teaching history at Berkeley, California.

Lois Burrus is teaching in the Blind Asylum at Nebraska City, Nebraska.

Gladys Henery is teaching at Kearney, Nebraska.

Bessie Turner has just returned from a Chicago hospital where she has been very ill with typhoid fever.

Jeannette Thorpe has announced her engagement.

COLORADO ALPHA

Married, November fifteenth, nineteen hundred two, Nannie F. Earhart to Mr. Newton Ross Coleman, both of Denver. After an extended trip in the east they will return to Denver and make it their home.

On the evening of November nineteenth, Kathryn De Lodds Burr was married at her home in Denver to Mr. Charles F. Teller, of Syracuse, New York. Syracuse will be their home. Many Pi Phis will remember Miss Burr as delegate from Colorado Alpha at the last convention at Syracuse.

Ruth Bishop, '00, is teaching at the Bryant School in Denver this year.

Mabel Ashley is teaching school in Ouray, Colorado.

Editorials

THE report of the Inter-Fraternity conference regarding rushing, which was published in July, has called out plenty of chapter discussion and informal reports have been received from more than half the chapters. On reading these over, one is struck chiefly with the diversity of opinion expressed. Scarcely a chapter approved of all the recommendations as they stood, a few would reject them altogether, while in the majority of cases, part were concurred in and part strongly objected to. In only one particular did there seem to be anything like unity of opinion, and that only by implication. Everybody seemed to unite in the feeling that grave evils in the rushing system do exist. Whether these evils can be remedied, and if so, by what means, are questions which this discussion seems at first to bring no nearer a solution.

And yet one point is made tolerably clear. The difficulties in the way of adopting a uniform code of rushing regulations are not between fraternity and fraternity, but between different chapters of the same fraternity. These difficulties are due to the fact that local conditions,—the number of rivals, the attitude of the faculty, the college calendar,—vary so much as between college and college, that neither the recommendations of the conference nor any other set of regulations could help working some hardship to numerous chapters.

We suspect that if the other fraternities were to call out expressions of opinion from their several chapters, there would be less disagreement between the reports of different chapters in the same college than in those of the same fraternity in different colleges.

Will not the solution of this and other inter-fraternity problems have to be worked out along the line of "local option?" That is, might not the wisest course of the general fraternity

be not to urge a uniform rushing code upon reluctant chapters, but to encourage each of them to make such treaty regulations with its rivals as suited its own conditions and then to use every effort to hold the chapters literally to their agreements. The little articles sent in are of course mere expressions of chapter opinion and entirely unofficial. They do serve an important purpose, however, because they indicate how much time it is worth while to give this subject at convention, and what direction convention action on this subject may profitably take.

PERHAPS very few of our number realize that all of Pi Phi government is not contained in the constitution, but that we have besides a considerable body of what, for want of a better name, we may call statute law. This consists chiefly of convention action, but includes also the votes of chapters in the interim of conventions and the rulings of the Grand Council. So long as this does not conflict with the constitution, it is equally binding with it, although it may of course be repealed or modified by subsequent convention action or by constitutional amendment. A good many of us overlook this fact and hold the impression that our rights and duties end with what is prescribed by the constitution. One chapter once went so far as to refuse outright to perform a certain duty because there was no mention of it made in the constitution.

Are the chapters wholly to blame for this ignorance? Is there not real need of compiling and publishing the working laws of the fraternity, sifting them out of convention minutes and putting them in shape for easy reference? Ignorance of the law, they say, excuses nobody, but certainly it is a forgivable offense when the law is secreted in the reports of bygone conventions, many of which the younger chapters do not possess. By all means let us have our "statute law" put in shape, and that right early.

AGAIN it is the editor's painful duty to "poke up" the corresponding secretaries, many of whom seem to have been imperfectly instructed by their predecessors. Please, then, dear victims, observe the following rules:

1. Write on but one side of the paper.
2. Head the letter with name of chapter and college.
3. Send all matter to reach the editor on the tenth of the month preceding date of publication.
4. Send the names and addresses of all girls initiated since publication of the last ARROW.
5. Notify the editor of any change of address of old members.
6. Note carefully the editor's address. Letters which must be advertised or forwarded may be too late for publication.
7. Send or have the treasurer send the subscription for the chapter ARROW files.
8. Send alumnae personals. They are not required, but to the alumnae they form about the most interesting feature of the magazine.

So shall you reap great harvest of praise and editors and readers shall rise up and call you blessed.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Another busy term of college is nearing its close and we are all hard at work preparing for the inevitable examinations.

At the time of our last letter I believe we were shortly to have our initiation, which occurred October twenty-fourth. A merry banquet the following evening again expressed our joy in the addition of new members "to the band of Pi Phi." We were so fortunate as to have several of our alumnae and sisters from Vermont Beta with us at both initiation and banquet.

Since rushing, we have done very little entertaining. Some of the girls gave a Hallowe'en party in the Pharetra, and Maude Smith entertained us at her home one evening in honor of a sister of one of our members. Lena Bixby, one of our seniors, also entertained the women of her class Satur-

day afternoon, December sixth. They took their needlework and spent a very enjoyable afternoon.

Mrs. Crane, one of our patronesses, gave us a marshmallow toast, and we had our usual good time when invited to her home.

We were very glad to have our Province President, Miss Williams, with us and we feel that her visit was a help and inspiration to us.

Lena Roseman Denio invited six of us to her home in Bristol to spend the Thanksgiving recess. A very delightful time was given to them.

Anna Deuel, '02, who is teaching in Manchester, spent Thanksgiving in Middlebury.

Vermont Alpha sends best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to every Pi Phi.

JESSIE M. PRENTIS.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Very little has happened to Vermont Beta out of the usual order of things since our last letter to the Arrow.

Wednesday, November nineteenth, our initiation took place at our rooms and the banquet at the Varr Ness afterwards. Four of our alumnae and four of our sisters from Vermont Alpha were with us at that time and it is needless to say we had a very pleasant time.

About a week previous to initiation, we were favored with a visit from Miss Williams, our Province President, whose stay with us proved very helpful.

On Hallowe'en, the ladies of the faculty entertained the students at the gymnasium, which was tastefully decorated, and the entertainment very appropriate and enjoyable.

One of the pleasantest events of the year for us is the visit to Vermont Alpha at its initiation and having some of them with us at ours. Were it not for this we should be almost entirely out of touch with our Pi Phi sisters. This year four of our seniors were fortunate enough to be present.

By the time the Arrow goes to press it will be time to wish all our sisters a Happy New Year.

MARY E. COLBURN.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

So many things have happened to Columbia Alpha since our November letter that it seems as if we hardly knew, in telling about them, where to begin.

As a result of the rushing season we took everything by storm. We pledged six girls, and as one of our number expressed it, "We have the cream of the college." You cannot imagine five happier girls than we were the night we pinned the wine and blue on our last pledge.

On the night of November eighth, we initiated into Pi Beta Phi, beside Edith Giles, whom we had already pledged when we last wrote you, Clella Stevens, Nina Raymond, Adele Taylor, Ruth Young, and Lulu Stovall. Needless to say, among these we have the prettiest, the wittiest and the wisest that Columbian affords.

Our new room is now furnished and we entertained there for the first time Saturday, December sixth, by giving a tea to our patronesses.

Saturday morning we had a sort of house warming, but on account of our not all being able to come at the same time, the "house" was warmed by degrees. Every now and then during the forenoon one might have seen a girl alight from the car on H street, with her arms full of sofa pillows, school pennants and bric-a-brac, and casting a hurried glance up and down the street, make a rush for the McLean building in which our room is located.

At two o'clock that afternoon the decorations were completed. But, alas! the girl who was to bring spoons had not put in an appearance. What was to be done? We rushed frantically up and down the halls in search of we knew not what, when in the midst of this confusion, our first guest arrived. Suddenly assuming all our dignity as hostesses we resolved to make the best of it and were forced finally to serve refreshments to our guest with the one spoon the house afforded.

Luckily for us the delinquent arrived a few minutes later, relieving the situation. But for this anxiety and embarrassment, which after all was only another one of the many experiences of a college girl, the affair went off charmingly. It is ever thus with young housekeepers, but "all's well that ends well."

NELLIE K. BURT.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Swarthmore college has settled down under its new regime. We have inaugurated our President with all the pomp and ceremony common to such occurrences. The fifteenth of November was a memorable day in the history of our college and indeed in the history of the great educational institutions of the east. Representatives from all the great universities, colleges, and preparatory schools of our own country, as well from several universities abroad, were present, and their gowns with their many colored hoods and different sleeves bespoke a gathering as learned perhaps as any ever assembled in the east.

Also our chapter has experienced great changes. Three years ago the women's fraternities were threatened with expulsion from Swarthmore. After a noble appeal, sufferance was given us on condition that we have no rushing and do no bidding until May first. This was accepted, but, as there were no specific statements as to what constituted rushing we have

ofttimes lapsed into a state very like to rushing and have disagreed one with another as to just what we might do.

This year things tended to become as bad as ever, so Pi Phi called a Pan-Hellenic meeting, and as a result, after many earnest discussions a pledge was drawn up which has been signed by each fraternity girl of Swarthmore, which utterly discountenances any form of rushing and tries to eliminate even the spirit of contest, encouraging the idea of allowing a girl to drift toward the group to which she would naturally be drawn. This was done the latter part of October and so far has proved entirely successful. We all find that we have more time to devote to all the work of the college and we are forming healthy friendships with the new girls. We have settled upon March first as our new pledge day.

On December fifth we had with us Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, who gave a lecture on "The Procession of Justice." We were all delighted to meet this very prominent as well as very charming Pi Phi.

MARY AMELIA GUTELIUS.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

It is such a short time since we were discovering, discussing and bidding our new girls and now all is over and they are really Pi Phis, just as loyal as we are ourselves. Our new girls are Elizabeth Musgrave and Mary Trendley, who were initiated October tenth. After the initiation we had a "cookie-shine," which might properly be called a part of the initiation. Although the fraternities have not entertained much this fall, we have had some mighty good times just among ourselves, for every two weeks two of the girls entertain the rest of the chapter.

The next subject to speak of is the Inter-Fraternity Conference. We are scarcely able to discuss this matter, since we have no national rivals and have never experienced rushing in its most violent form. The recommendations all seem very wise, and if properly carried out, the present conditions would certainly be much improved. They would, we think, fully meet the needs of our chapter, and in no way would they harm us. The time and method of extending invitations seem to be as good as any that can be selected; they certainly seem fair both to the chapter and to the candidate.

The lengthening of the time before invitations seems to be an excellent recommendation, and would not, we think, simply cause a delay, but would enable us to see the girls both in and out of the class room, and we could better judge whether they will be good students, butterflies, or a mixture of the two, and they also will be able to more correctly judge us. We want the girls who will really "wear," and they can seldom be selected on short acquaintance, for how often after a few months' acquaintance the impression we have of a person entirely changes.

We thoroughly approve of the definition of rushing, and the discontinuance of public initiation ceremonies seems to be a very wise change, for they do not seem appropriate as a part of the girls' initiation, but more properly should belong exclusively to the boys' fraternities.

With fear and joy on account of the approachings exams. and holidays, Ohio Alpha closes.

JANE BAYARD ULLOM.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

In the first place we want you all to meet our dear freshmen and so we introduce to you our four initiates, Katherine Bancroft, Martha Jones, Laura and Mary Leonard, and there is a fifth, Vera McAlpine, who is pledged. Our initiation was followed by a banquet at a down town hotel at which there were twenty-five loyal wearers of the wine and blue.

It is always such a pleasure to meet Pi Phi from our sister chapters and in November Ohio Beta was favored by a visit from Vivian Brenizer of Texas Alpha, our baby chapter. We are only sorry that she did not stay longer and that we saw so little of her.

We have had an unusual number of spreads this year and they have even become so popular that they have been introduced into the meetings. We have tried a new plan and now meet at five in the afternoon, with the spread at six. The usual olives, pickles, cakes and sandwiches are accompanied by salad, dessert and hot coffee which all tastes pretty good to hungry girls who have spent the afternoon "rooting" at a football game.

Speaking of football, it seems to me that we have been unusually enthusiastic this season. We even helped swell the crowds that went to Michigan and Delaware. We happened to meet some of our sisters at Ann Arbor and were very much pleased to make their acquaintance.

There have been several fraternity dances at all of which Ohio Beta has been well represented, and of course there will be more, for which we live in hopes. Oh yes, and last night most of us attended the first military hop of the season. These events are the most popular of all our college affairs.

Isabelle Hamilton is traveling in the west and we hope that upon her return she may bring news directly from some of our western sisters.

Wednesday evening, November twelfth, Ohio Beta entertained her freshmen with a reception at the home of Carrie Holloway. We believe it was a success, for even the hostesses enjoyed it and we all regret that it is a thing of the past instead of one of the future. But we are planning for our annual formal dance to come sometime in the month of January—but that is next term and it is best not to anticipate.

So farewell, Pi Phi all, and that good fortune bless each one is the wish of your sisters in Columbus.

MAUD A. McALPINE.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since the last issue of the Arrow we have done hardly anything which is writable; but before the next Arrow appears we shall have had our Christmas party, at which the freshmen entertain the fraternity; shall have attended a luncheon given in our honor by one of our patronesses; and best of all shall have enjoyed our mid-year vacation, followed by those terrible finals.

We were greatly pleased last week to receive invitations for the wedding of one of our alumnae girls, Jessie Barrett. She is to be married Christmas eve.

Next year we hope to have another building added to the group on our campus, as the Chancellor has promised a new dormitory. This will afford great convenience for the students, for many who now have to secure rooms in the city far from the college will be accommodated on the campus.

Winter here has begun with ten below zero weather, causing rushes for coal and wood equal to some of our memorable under-classmen rushes.

FRANCES M. BULL.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY

We hoped, when we were mourning the absence of the last year's friends in our November letter, that it would be the last time a letter must be shadowed by sadness. All hopes cannot be realized and again we are saddened by the loss from among us of one of the circle—Ethel Van Cise—who was compelled by her ill health to give up her college duties and pleasures and return to her home in Denver, Colorado.

We have lost an earnest and enthusiastic sister but it is a great comfort to think that the tie still binds us together in spite of the many miles that separate us.

Illinois Beta has spent a quiet two months since our last greetings, if social events indicate activity. We have entertained very little but the many happy gatherings among ourselves have made the time pass quickly and happily.

Two new pledges have joined us since we last introduced you to our little circle. Edna Uhler was pledged October thirteenth and Faith Nash, daughter of our college President, donned the colors November twentieth. Both are true and loyal girls—every inch Pi Phis. One of the happiest

features of the latter date was the donning of the colors a second time by Ruth Nash who was compelled to withdraw in '98 because of her mother's desire. Ruth has ever been a most loyal Pi Phi at heart and every member rejoices to receive her among us again.

Two initiations have been held. The first was October eighteenth when the dear old goat came forth to work off his superfluous feelings on Ida Ritter East to whom we gave you an introduction last time as a pledge.

December sixth Edna Uhler, Delia Conger, and Faith Nash learned the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi and were invited "to walk into our dungeon." Many of the girls said after this initiation that it seemed as if we never felt so happy, harmonious and united before; but it is the same old story we repeat each time.

Cookie-shines were enjoyed after each initiation. December sixth we had several of our alumnae and four of the sisters from Illinois Delta to add to the pleasure of the evening.

One thing that Illinois Beta has especially enjoyed is getting acquainted more intimately with some of the alumnae. The idea was first suggested by giving a cookie-shine for a visiting sister, Mrs. Hattie Hale, October sixteenth. The evening passed so pleasantly that we originated a plan for having a joint meeting in the evening once a month with the alumnae.

We advise all chapters to try it. You may be surprised to find how interested your alumnae are in you and how thoroughly they can enjoy a cookie-shine, Pi Phi songs and genuine good time. They certainly help and encourage you by their presence.

May every Pi Phi in every chapter have a happy time during the coming two months until we meet again by "the petrified pen and ink conversation" of another chapter letter.

NELLIE J. NEEDHAM.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

It seems such a short time since the last letter to the Arrow was sent and yet since then Illinois Delta has accomplished a great deal. Perhaps those outside of the chapter cannot see what we have been doing, but the hour or two spent together each week at our meetings are a delight to all, and at these meetings we see and talk with all the girls,—planning some new work for our chapter and thinking of some way in which we can improve our own chapter and thus help Pi Beta Phi. Our good times are not all spent by ourselves though we have had some informal doings to which we have admitted our friends. Last Saturday evening we gave a little dancing party to which our men friends were invited. After the dance we went to one of the restaurants where we were served with light refreshments. These little informal affairs are very much enjoyed and serve to take away the monotony of our study life, for of course we are all

busy at our college work. We have also given a cookie-shine lately at which a general good time was had in Pi Phi fashion, and you all know what that means.

Before you read this letter you will have enjoyed a Merry Christmas and welcomed in a new year, and we girls of Illinois Delta most sincerely hope that it may prove a very Happy New Year to all Pi Phis.

DELLA HURFF.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

As the excitement and hurry of the rushing season have passed away, the difficulties of new studies and six weeks' examinations present themselves in an emphatic manner which it is impossible to overlook. Yet in spite of the attention demanded by school work, Illinois Epsilon still has time for "frat spreads" and long chats at the meetings, to say nothing of the invitations coming from other sources.

One of our patronesses, Mrs. Baillot, entertained us royally one evening at her home. Her kitchen was completely overrun with Pi Phi girls and fudges, while the other rooms were also filled with girls and fun.

The reunion of Pi Phis held in Chicago was enjoyed by many of the Illinois Epsilon girls. All went who could, but several were unable to go for various good reasons. There were thirty-two present at the luncheon, and it was a rare treat to meet so many from other colleges. Good natured rivalry was shown by the girls of the various colleges giving their so-called yells, although it could scarcely have been called yelling, because of the quietness with which it was done.

Two of our girls, Helen Hatfield and Margaret Hammond, have been quite ill, but they now are able to be at classes again, much to our satisfaction.

We were very sorry to lose one of our freshmen, Faith Hoyt, until after Christmas. Because of sickness she went home to gain strength and we are hoping to see her well again after vacation.

Illinois Epsilon sends wishes for the very happiest of New Years to all her sister chapters.

CARRIE MASON.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

The Pi Phis at the University of Illinois have so far passed a very happy year. With our ten recent initiates, all but one of whom are pledges this year, we are starting into chapter work with a large enough membership, and a sufficient amount of enthusiasm to assure us, we think, continued prosperity. We have had such enjoyable initiations this fall. We have taken special pains to make them interesting; and one very solemn, but,

to us, ridiculous, mock-ceremony, will never be forgotten, I imagine, by six of our new girls.

Although nearly every Friday and Saturday night since the beginning of school has been taken up by informal parties of the different fraternities, the formal social season has just begun with the "Junior Prom." as the opening event. This year it was an unusually delightful party, and seemed especially pleasant for the Pi Phis who were there through the fact that Myra Cox, Illinois Zeta, and Roberta Akers, California Beta, came from Chicago to attend it.

Musically, the University of Illinois has begun what promises to be a very successful season. Max Heinrich, the baritone, has given a most delightful program here, and our own glee and mandolin clubs have given their first concert for the year.

I could not tell much of what the Pi Phis have been interested in this fall, besides their work, and not mention the subject of football. I am sure that all Pi Phis must be anxious to have their teams win, the more so especially if they have friends among the players. Although some rather unfortunate accidents are perhaps responsible for the fact that Illinois has not won quite *all* the games she has played, the final impression left by the 80 to 0, which was the score of the Iowa game played here on Thanksgiving day, makes us feel very well satisfied.

By the time of publication, a new year will have come in with new joys and responsibilities, so it is fitting that Illinois Zeta should send its heartiest New Year's greetings to all of the other chapters of dear old Pi Phi.

ETHEL C. S. FORBES.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

How quickly the months roll away! We have been so busy this fall term that it seems impossible to us that again we send greeting to our fraternity sisters with the story of our chapter life for the past months.

Two weddings are chronicled by Indiana Alpha. Ada Magaw was married to Otis Wooley, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and the "at home" cards for Mr. and Mrs. William Stout have been received from Chicago. Mrs. Stout was Eva Marten, one of last year's active girls, and the groom another member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

One of the most important events of this term was the "house shower," which was a success in every way. Among our lovely gifts is a beautiful mahogany davenport from our mothers. It is certainly a great addition to our "fraternity room."

Hallowe'en night rightfully belonged to the other fraternity, Alpha Gamma Alpha, but we initiated our last pledge, Mary Lacy, that night, and this was followed by the usual Hallowe'en spread and games, and there was a fair sprinkling of men, "the faithful few."

We had planned for a party before the girls went home for the holidays, but a number of other affairs and term examinations caused us to decide to wait until the new term opened, and as our "birthday" comes in January and the Valentine Party is ours by right and our State Reunion occurs in February, we thought it best to save our forces.

Indiana Alpha sends best wishes, and hopes that the year 1903 may be the most successful and happiest Pi Beta Phi has ever known.

M. BERTHA FLETCHER.

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA

This term has been a very prosperous one for Indiana Beta. After we thought the spiking was closed we were fortunate enough to put our colors on two more girls, who are now enthusiastic Pi Phis, Clara Bell of Knightstown, Indiana, and Mabel Milligan of Attica, Indiana.

We have only two weeks more of this term and everyone is interested just now in reviewing for examinations. This term we have been entertaining the fraternities in rotation and have had very pleasant times at these evenings.

The subscriptions for the students' building are coming in generously and the prospects are promising for an early beginning of our much needed and much desired building.

Foundation Day will be celebrated January twenty-eighth. On that day our new Science Hall will be dedicated and our new President, Dr. William Lowe Bryan, will be inaugurated.

Indiana Beta sends greetings to all loyal Pi Phis.

ALICE ALBERTSON.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Our first term is almost over, a term full of fun, work and good fellowship. Never have our prospects been brighter. The girls, individually as well as a chapter, feel that they have not worked in vain and that Pi Beta Phi has established itself firmly and surely in our college life.

As yet we have no new girls to introduce to Pi Phi, but in our next letter Indiana Gamma hopes to present some girls of whom not only we but all our thirty sister chapters shall be proud. We have aimed to make our rushing like what the catalogue claims the English literature courses are, "intensive rather than extensive."

We gave one large reception and dance at the home of our patroness, Mrs. Alfred Potts, which eclipsed all previous entertainments. Both we and our guests felt that the "Home, Sweet Home" came all too soon. We were so happy to have with us some of our Franklin sisters and to become better acquainted with them.

We have given a few little informal parties where we could be as jolly as we pleased and enjoy ourselves thoroughly.

One of our alumnae entertained us recently with a musicale at her home and we spent a pleasant afternoon with our alumnae and patronesses.

Lulu Kellar, who was in college last year, has paid us several short visits so we do not feel as if we had quite lost her.

By the time this letter appears in the Arrow we will have or have not, as the case may be, struggled through our final examinations. But as yet we are looking forward to them with a dismay calmed only by the thought of Christmas fun and rest.

Indiana Gamma sends best of Christmas greetings, and hopes that the year of 1903 may be a happy one to all Pi Phis.

GERTRUDE CRONBACH.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Michigan Alpha has had a very delightful fall.

According to the resolutions adopted at the opening of the school, there was no rushing until after the first Tuesday of November, and we had an opportunity to become well acquainted with all of the eligible girls. After the rushing season opened we spent several evenings pleasantly, entertaining our friends. One evening we held a reception at the home of Mrs. Stewart, our patroness, and later, a cookie-shine at our rooms.

One Saturday evening we initiated May Lewis, Harriet Wood, and Evelyn Gates, and after the initiation ceremony enjoyed a dainty banquet at the home of Ana Closson Green.

We have also three new pledglings, Elizabeth Dudley, Winnifred Whaley, and Vera Decker, whom we hope to initiate soon.

At Thanksgiving time we had with us Julia Soule, of Grand Haven, and Mrs. Kempton, both members of Michigan Alpha; and Ada Closson, of Nebraska Beta. The evening was pleasantly passed with singing Pi Phi songs and talking of fraternity pleasures.

When this letter reaches you another term's work will have been begun, and Michigan Alpha wishes that all may have had a pleasant vacation.

BLANCHE BRADLEY.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

As I have been thinking over the events which have made the past two months such bright and busy ones for Michigan Beta, the thought came to me,—how completely we have been "shut in from all the world without!" The November Arrow, published so early in the college year, can give but the year's prospects, and not its real happenings; and I am sure we shall hail with unusual interest the Arrow for the new year which will tell us how the time is really passing for our sister chapters.

Let me tell you some of the things we have been doing. First, even before initiation, we gave a large reception at our fraternity house. In October the Alpha Phi fraternity held its national convention in Ann Arbor; a number of pleasant afternoon receptions were given in their honor, and ours rounded up the list. We were pleased to have Miss Gamble with us that afternoon.

We held initiation Saturday, November eighth. A number of the alumnae visited us then, and the reunion did us all a world of good. About forty members were present, altogether. Besides the five girls whom I introduced to you in the last Arrow letter, we initiated Elsa F. Tritscheller, of Chillicothe, Ohio.

The lull which followed initiation was welcome to all of the girls, for not until then could we really settle down to college work. Evidently the reaction was great; for we are all surprising ourselves and each other. One of the seniors remarked the other day that she could not remember when the girls had been so busy with college work. It was by no means "all work and no play;" but we were all glad when Thanksgiving rolled around and gave us all a needed rest.

This week the Comedy Club gives a farce, and Jessie Helsell, one of our girls, will take part. This will probably end social gayeties until after the holidays.

EDITH HURST.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

The girls of Iowa Alpha, together with all the students of Iowa Wesleyan University, are rejoicing over the success attending the President, Dr. Hancher, in his work of raising money for the \$65,000 debt which has hung so menacingly over us. Twenty-three thousand of the amount has been raised in Mt. Pleasant alone and after such noble generosity on the part of her citizens we feel sure that the rest will come easily from the Methodists and friends of the institution who reside in the conference district. Every student voice is ready to greet the time of freedom with proud hurrahs.

On one of November's moonlight nights the Iowa Alpha girls escorted solemnly, Kate L. Beatty, to the home of Laura Kirby, who lives a mile and a half from the city limits, where we initiated our victim and welcomed her most warmly into our midst.

There have been but few social events this term, since each society is limited to two social functions during the year.

However we have enjoyed several events of general student interest. One of these was the Thanksgiving banquet, held in the large dining room of the girls' dormitory, Elizabeth Hershey Hall. Tables were arranged in the shape of a cross at either end of the room, and seated altogether about one hundred and twenty. Spirit and enthusiasm were added to the occasion by a victory in a game of football which was played against Parsons College Thanksgiving afternoon. The humor and originality of the toasts was the most enjoyable feature of the evening, and the last sound of Thanksgiving day heard at Iowa Wesleyan was the echo of the favorite song—

"It's a way we have at old Wesleyan
To drive all care away."

While we of Iowa Alpha are deprived of the joy of living in a house all our own, yet we find much to enjoy here in Hershey Hall, where together with all the girls we often hold high carnival.

One Saturday evening was made especially enjoyable by a masquerade in the gymnasium. Every familiar character was represented, from "Topsy" to "Josiah Allen's Wife." Fudges and welsh-rarebit were served at side tables during the evening and many flash lights were taken that the memory of the affair might be perpetuated.

For us at I. W. U. is but one more week of grace and then come "exams" and the attending trials and tribulations. Pi Phi everywhere understand these troubles and Iowa Alpha girls would drown the dread of it in wishing one and all a Happy New Year.

JULIA SHANKLAND.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

The weeks have passed so swiftly since the Arrow last visited us that only anticipation of our Christmas vacation and prospects of the usual term "exams" force upon us the realization that the work of another term is almost completed.

Although we have tried to study faithfully we have enjoyed several genuine Pi Phi good times. With the friendly aid of ghosts and broom-armed witches we celebrated Hallowe'en and enjoyed or tried to appreciate the fates which they assigned to their victims. The ghost stories, to which we listened under the surveillance of the grinning jack-o'-lanterns, concluded the entertainment. A week later Mrs. Daniel Robinson and daughters, who are two of our new sisters, gave a most delightful reception to the Pi Phi of the city.

We have been very glad to have with us during the term, Ethel Dunning, of Iowa Zeta, who has been most enthusiastic and helpful to us. We also

enjoyed meeting Miss Farlow, of Iowa Alpha, who visited one of our girls in November.

Five years ago, the last of the chapters of men's fraternities in Simpson ceased to be, and in November, for the first time since, a local fraternity, Kappa Theta Psi, was formed. We welcome new fraternities in Simpson and wish for them that they may live long and prosper.

The past year has been one of considerable improvement to our college and we are proud of the success of her representatives. Our football team has won distinction and glory during the entire season. Conservatory talent has presented the "Bohemian Girl" three times very successfully and now we are preparing for intercollegiate contests. Our new Conservatory of Music will be opened to the public this week and the library will be moved to more commodious rooms, before the first of the year.

We wish for Pi Phis everywhere a happy and successful New Year.

NELLIE L. VALE.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

We have had pleasant and happy weeks since the time of our last letter to the Arrow, but quiet ones because we have all been busy. Each of our girls this semester seems to be trying to do the amount of work which would ordinarily keep two girls occupied; but the one fact of having everything to do at once lends a charm to our life as much as anything else, and for the present we are quite content with the informal spreads of every other week. After the excitement of rushing it is such satisfaction to settle down in our Pi Phi circle, secure in friendship and pride of our new girls.

October twenty-fifth was the date of initiation and we initiated into the mysteries of Pi Phidom Mattie Blocke of Atlantic, Iowa, pledged since the last Arrow letter, and Verne Stockdale and Agnes Remley. The initiation was held at the home of Edna Boerner, one of our town girls and was followed by a banquet at which were a goodly number of town alumnae and others from out of town. Dorothy Shultz, '99, of Burlington, and Leda Pinckham, '99, who has but just returned from abroad, were with us at the time.

We have been especially favored with visits from alumnae this year. Matie Maxwell of Duluth, Minn., spent a few days with us before the Thanksgiving recess and Dorothy Wickersham, one of our last year's girls, has but just left after a short stay.

Beta Theta Pi gave the first formal armory party the twenty-fifth of October, on the eve of the memorable Iowa-Minnesota game, entertaining visiting brethren from Minnesota. Sigma Nu entertained the faculty and their friends, December fourth, at a reception in their new home on College street.

Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma and Sigma Nu have given informal dances the last month, and withal the social life of the university has been by no means dull. We are now looking forward to the Christmas vacation and the pleasure of being again at home. Yet we know we shall be just as ready to come back again and take up the life which means so much to us all.

With love and holiday greetings to sister chapters.

MAY BELLE ALLSTRAND.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Since our last chapter letter, Missouri Alpha has had a great deal of pleasure along with her studies.

In October we gave a house-warming, opening our chapter house to our friends. It was an autumn reception and the house was decorated in autumn leaves and dark red carnations. Ice, sandwiches and chocolate were served.

The annual reunion at Kansas City of the Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri Pi Phis was a decided success. An informal reception was held in the parlors of the Baltimore and directly following the reception was the breakfast, which was served in the Japanese room.

On Friday, Mrs. B. S. King gave us a very enjoyable cookie-shine. Miss Grace Williams, a Pi Phi from Knox College, is an instructor in French in the University of Missouri now and we are very glad to have her with us.

The University girls gave a reception to our foot ball team last Friday night. We are loyal to the team even though we have not been so victorious this year as we had hoped.

Florence Lay, who was here in college last year, visited us Pi Phis a short time ago.

Lately we have initiated two girls, Betty Williams of St. Joseph and Olive Williams of Carthage. Every other week we have a social meeting at the chapter house, in order to get the active girls, pledges and alumnae together. We have all sorts of entertainments and also have very jolly times.

CLARABEL DENTON.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The very first thing that Wisconsin Alpha is going to do is to introduce to all Pi Phidom a new Pi Phi, Helen Rosenstengel; a new pledge, Madge Burnham, and a new patroness, Mrs. William Marshall. Wisconsin Alpha always seems to have the singular good fortune of being able to introduce new people to other chapters.

November sixteenth we entertained for our new girls and visiting

friends, and last but not least for Lucia Dewey from Illinois Delta. We have also been entertained by our patronesses and by Mrs. F. B. Johnson. Mrs. Smith, our chaperon and "chapter mother," gave a dinner for Pi Beta Phi and Psi Upsilon at the chapter house, and Mrs. Rosenstengel entertained our girls and the Phi Kappa Psis at her home.

We enjoyed a visit from Florence Robinson last November, while the Arrow was being published. "Robby" has always been our guardian angel and we miss her greatly. Her absence takes away a good deal from what we thought was the importance of our chapter. It gives the girls such a feeling of intimacy and importance to know one of the "powers behind the throne" well.

We suffered a severe shock recently through the death of Mrs. Julius Olson, one of our patronesses. As a woman she was almost perfect, and we cannot help feeling that her memory will always help to elevate and uplift our fraternity life.

The university league is planning to have an ice fete, which is to be formally opened January seventh and is to continue six weeks. The lower campus will be flooded and the rink will be enclosed with canvas. It is a great novelty and the students are looking forward to it with great enthusiasm.

Wisconsin Alpha wishes you all a Happy New Year, with all the success and happiness possible.

MILLIE ASKEW.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

The college term just passed has been one of the most eventful in the history of our chapter. In the first place, we made an excellent beginning by initiating no less than nine girls, which is the greatest number we have ever taken in at one time. Their names are: Edith Bayne Aiken, Alba T. Beauregard, Elizabeth N. Dillard, Viola May Murphy, Adair Monroe Taylor, Mary Bayne Vaught, Harriette Waters, all of New Orleans, and Genevieve L. Jackson of Birmingham and Helen Mae Collins of Charleston, W. Va. Besides these brand new members, we are pleased to claim now Miss Lampton, once of Maryland Alpha, who is taking a special course at Newcomb and has already proved herself a valuable addition to our chapter.

Excitement runs high over the persistent rumors that two new fraternities are soon to be represented here. The annual increase of students at Newcomb is very marked, and there is no reason why the three fraterni-

ties already established, as well as two others, should not find plenty of good material. However, we have been looking to the future and have already pledged five sub-freshmen, so we feel that it will not be difficult to maintain our usual standard.

Basket ball is receiving a vast amount of attention at present, and the senior class team has determined to win the cup offered by Miss Baer, the instructor of gymnastics. They have already beaten the Normal Art team by an overwhelming score and are soon to meet the junior class and alumnae teams, when they hope to establish, beyond a doubt, their superiority. Two of the best players are Pi Phis, and we can but feel proud of their achievements.

The biennial conclave of Kappa Sigma, held this year in New Orleans, was highly successful from every point of view. They entertained at a large theatre party, to which representatives from every fraternity at Tulane and Newcomb were invited.

Louisiana Alpha wishes each individual member of her sister chapters a pleasant passage over the sea of examinations soon to engulf us all, and a very happy Christmas-tide.

PAULINE CURRAN.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The Pi Phi's mind has been kept busy of late. Besides many questions relating to our own chapter, foremost among them that of large membership, we have considered carefully the broader matter of rushing by women's fraternities in general. Such questions as these are very good for a chapter to have to bring before it and we would be stronger if we had them oftener. Whether we all come to the same conclusion or whether our conclusion affects directly our fraternities' methods, we have had to think and we have had an opportunity to hear others' opinions. It is certainly well to know just what we are thinking collectively and individually as we go along—and while we are in close contact in so many ways I am not sure that we understand one another's ideas on some of these important questions quite as well as we think we do.

Having laid by the heavier ones, however, Kansas Alpha is entering, she hopes, upon a rest that will last until time for the spring party—a little space in which we will have nothing to do but be glad we are Pi Phis, and think that of all the good and beautiful things the Greek world left to this age, Pi Beta Phi is the best.

MARY DUDLEY.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

After a very successful rushing season, and a splendid initiation of eleven girls, we have settled down to the steady routine of college work.

After the Christmas recess, we expect once more to take up the social

side. Minnie Morril, who has been away from us so long on account of poor health, has returned much improved, and will give a dancing party for Pi Phi, and we have also planned a series of smaller parties.

Nebraska is very proud of her foot ball team, as they have not been scored against this year. Now that the foot ball season is over, our interests have turned to basket ball, and as a number of Pi Phi girls play, two being on the team, the excitement is great, indeed.

When the Kansas foot ball team came to play against Nebraska they brought with them a large delegation of enthusiastic "rooters," and the Nebraska Pi Phis were made very glad by a visit from nine Kansas Alpha girls.

When Nebraska won, and Kansas failed even to score, we were very sympathetic with our sisters and consoled them the best we could at a banquet at the Lincoln Hotel. Never did a jollier crowd surround a banquet table, and our visitors entertained us with Pi Phi songs new to us. After drinking the health of Jeannette Thorpe, one of our dear girls who is to be married this month and go so far away from us, we left the hotel and went to the home of Anne Stuart, where we had a jolly good visit in regular Pi Phi fashion until time for the girls to go to the train. We were sorry to see them go for, even in the short time they were here, and all the excitement, they won a warm place in the hearts of the Nebraska girls.

I think that little visit from the Kansas Alpha girls did us much good and made the name of Pi Beta Phi dearer than ever before. We only wish it could be possible to meet other chapters more frequently.

Nebraska Beta is very sorry that after all she could send no representative to the reunion at Kansas City on Thanksgiving. I am sure that a good time was enjoyed by all who could go.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Nebraska Beta.

ELIZABETH MARSHALL.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Since the university opened, Texas Alpha has been very busy. According to our agreement with Kappa Kappa Gamma, we do not pledge till January, and so our rushing season is prolonged. We are also doing our best to make Pi Beta Phi shine in the class-room, which of itself is enough to keep us busy.

Soon after the opening we gave a tea at Jamie Armstrong's to about twenty-five of the freshman girls. This was a delightful little affair, to the Pi Phis any way. Since then we have given one rushing party in the form of a wagonette ride on Hallowe'en night out to the country home of an aunt of one of our girls. We found a camp-fire waiting for us, and hanging over it, in true gypsy fashion, a pot of soup. We roasted apples,

toasted marshmallows, bobbed for apples, and told ghost stories until about half past nine, when we started home, waking the echoes with songs and yells.

During the last part of October the Beta Theta Pis entertained at their chapter house with an afternoon reception in honor of the Pi Beta Phis and the Kappa Kappa Gammas. This was a very delightful affair and we all felt very much indebted to our hosts. The house was beautifully decorated with palms, bamboo and chrysanthemums, and in the door-way between the hall and parlors hung an arrow and a key made of white chrysanthemums and smilax. A large number of people called and enjoyed the hospitality of the Betas.

The wife of the governor of Texas is one of the patronesses of Texas Alpha, and has always manifested a great interest in our welfare. On Tuesday, November twenty-fifth, Mrs. Sayers held one of her regular "At Homes" at the mansion, and the Pi Beta Phis in a body were in the receiving party. We have all fallen in love with Mrs. Sayers, and we regret very much to have her go.

But do not imagine that Texas Alpha does nothing except in a social line. At the election of board of editors of our Annual, one of our girls, Flora Bartholomew, was elected one of the editors. This is considered quite an honor here, and we are very proud of Flora.

We are very anxious for January to come so we can find out what girls we are going to get. There are a number that we want, but of course we can't tell you about them till we get them. We hope that in our next letter we can introduce to you a bevy of freshman girls that we think cannot be beaten.

We have met and had with us for a few days a member of Louisiana Alpha, Rosa Russ. We enjoyed every minute of her stay with us and envy Louisiana Alpha for being able to claim her. It means so much to meet Pi Phis from the outside.

Soon after Christmas we hope to have a chapter house. Of the eleven men's fraternities here, two own chapter houses and five rent them. So if all things are favorable, the Pi Beta Phis will have a house.

Texas Alpha sends best wishes for a very Merry Christmas.

ADA H. GARRISON.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

This semester has been a very active one, both socially and otherwise. This year marked the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the university, and it was very suitably commemorated by a celebration on the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteenth of November. Classes were dismissed for the occasion. On the evening of November thirteenth there was a concert given by three artists, Madame Suzanne Adams of the Grau Opera

Company, the celebrated soloist, Mr. Sterne, who is so famous with his violoncello, and Mr. Langs, a master at the piano. The university was very proud to furnish Mr. Langs, who this year was elected the head of the Colorado School of Music. On the evening of November fourteenth there was a "college parade," in which all the classes of all departments had floats and processions.

Again we have the state championship at foot ball. We also played the Nebraska team this year, with a score of 5 to 0 in their favor.

Our fraternity life has been a very busy one this semester. On Hallow'en we gave a dance to the faculty, our patronesses and friends. We have been entertaining the men's fraternities in the order of foundation. We gave two of the parties in November to Delta Tau Delta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon, two in December to Beta Theta Pi and Alpha Tau Delta, and have two yet to give to Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta. On December sixth Mrs. H. O. Dodge, one of our patronesses, entertained in our honor at her beautiful home on Mapleton Hill. The girls of Delta Gamma entertained the Kappas and Pi Phis at their lodge on the evening of November eighth.

We have two new pledges, Elizabeth Brown and Cora Terwilliger, of Belvidere, Wisconsin.

Colorado Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis and wishes them all a very Happy New Year!

LULU WANGELIN.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Since our last letter we have initiated three freshmen, Bertha Crawford, Estelle Wilson and Blanche Cameron; and we have two new pledges to introduce to you, Daisy French and Jessie Nason.

Our entertaining this term has been limited to two receptions. We gave one evening reception to the faculty, and a week later gave an "At Home" in the afternoon. This was followed in the evening by an informal dance.

We have had several very pleasant visits from Isadore Van Gilder of Colorado Alpha, who is studying at Stanford this year. There is another Pi Phi in Berkeley, Miss Bailly, from Minnesota.

Six of us spent Thanksgiving day at the home of one of our freshmen, Bertha Crawford, in Alameda, and we had as thoroughly good a time as only Pi Phis can have. The day after Thanksgiving was junior day, the day of the last college affair of this term. The farce was given in the afternoon in the Grand Opera House in San Francisco, and in the evening the prom was held in the gymnasium.

Now we are beginning to think of the "exams," and after those, the holidays. California Beta sends best wishes for a Merry Christmas to all Pi Phis.

DORA BRAMLET.

Exchanges

The following exchanges have reached us since the issue of the last ARROW: The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, October, November, and December; the *Beta Theta Pi*, for October and November; the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi for September, the *Caduceus* for October, the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for August, the *Scroll* for October, the *Phi Gamma Delta* for November and December, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* for December, the *Frater* of Psi Omega for November, the *Anchora* for November, the *Key* for October, the *Eleusis* for October, and the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for August and November.

This extract from the *Beta Theta Pi* shows a tendency on the part of the faculty of smaller institutions to take a hand in solving a problem which in many of the larger colleges is being handled by the students themselves.

We notice that at a number of institutions restrictions are being placed upon "rushing" by college authorities; and in the Beloit chapter letter there will be found the elaborate system of rules now in force at that college. At Lehigh some restrictions are referred to in their letter, and at Iowa Wesleyan, Bucknell, Purdue, University of the South, and Amherst some checks have been placed upon the wild scramble for members on the part of the fraternities. At least two of our chapters, viz., those at the Virginia Military Institute and Washington & Lee, surrendered their charters rather than their self-respect in this hasty fight for members, and we are glad to see that the colleges are becoming alive to the danger.

The *Frater* of Psi Omega is a welcome guest that comes to our table for the first time. It is published by one of the large dental fraternities, and is an exceedingly creditable publication. The only evidence that it is the organ of a profession whose known object is to make men miserable, is the poem from which we quote:

The beauty whose plump, cherry lips
Have tempted many craving beaux,

I've wrung with pain by my fierce whips,
Inflamed her eyes and swelled her nose,
And jaws, until she feared to pass
The mirror, where of late she stood,
Proud of her face, and thought it was
The perfect bloom of angelhood.

I've checked the singing of sweet psalms,
And too, the fervent rising prayer,
While cursing gives good people qualms,
I've forced some would-be saints to swear;
But now, like Nero, I'm in dread!
My end is near! With weapons come
My vengeful foes! but when I'm dead
A golden crown will cap my tomb.

Alpha Phi celebrates her thirtieth anniversary by a sort of symposium of articles from her surviving founders. Passing over the contributions of two women of national reputation, Mrs. Robert J. Burdette and Mrs. Martha Foote Crowe, we quote from a less known founder the following sensible words:

It has been my privilege to have spent the past three years in Syracuse and the Alpha Phi chapter has come under my especial notice, and as the growth of an organization means the growth of each individual member, I will give you some of my personal observations of the Alpha Phi of to-day.

First. The girls of to-day are more developed than the girls of '72. The years of physical training in the gymnasium and the proper use of food products—now so generally followed—have given them a stronger physique, a more symmetrical appearance and a greater degree of health and endurance.

Second. The improved scientific methods of reasoning and greater facilities for studying have made them marvels in the way of acquiring knowledge; they are much the superiors of their founders in this respect.

Third. While Alpha Phi has grown brighter, handsomer, more intellectual, she has grown spiritually and religiously stronger. After all said, this is the true test of Alpha Phi growth. The high standard of spiritual excellence which has ever been maintained in Alpha Phi is felt everywhere in the personal character of our alumnae, both at home and outside in daily life.

Still we are not satisfied. While we want more chapters, we want greater unity among its members; while we want women of character type, we want the sisterly bond still stronger. This is a world where we look for

practical, helpful results, and as we grow in numbers we should think of establishing a fund to aid struggling sisters in time of need, and a teachers' bureau should be organized and methods planned for helping our sisters to get started in their work. The needs of life are many and modern chivalry gives a woman half a man's pay for doing a whole man's work. Certainly we have grown numerically stronger; the ten names first enrolled, have grown and multiplied a hundredfold.

The following from the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* needs no comment, but a recommendation to all officers to read and digest.

This is for all chapter officers, present or prospective. As you are so will your chapter be. Are you active, earnest, up to date? Or are you dozing away the chapter's opportunities as well as your own? Do not invite future regret by neglecting your present duties.

The President.—The duty of the President is to preside—that doesn't mean only at business meetings. Do you know, Mr. President, that your corresponding secretary has acknowledged the contribution to the chapter fund sent by that enthusiastic alumnus to the man who used to hold that office, or have they between them failed to attend to it? *You* should know. Do you know that the chapter letter has been written, and that it includes not only the latest news of the chapter, but the honors won just after the last letter was written, and the names of the brothers initiated three months ago, too late for mention in the last issue of *The Quarterly*? *You should* know. Do you know that the other officers are doing their duty? That the entertainment committee (if you have one, and you should) is making the alumni meetings entertaining; that the historian is keeping up the records; that the librarian is preserving *The Quarterly* for binding; that the rushing committee is really rushing? Do you know these and many other things about the working of the chapter? *You don't?* Then why are you holding the office of president and hampering the chapter? *You should know.*

The Vice-President.—This office is a snap for the lazy, isn't it? It's an insult to a really active, enthusiastic member—only if you take it that way. But the office should really be the stepping stone to the presidency. Are you taking it *that way*? It should be the school for presidents. Are you studying your lessons? Don't think that the chapter must move you up anyway—they may move you so high you will fall over the edge. But work hand in glove with the president. Be on hand to run the meetings when he must be away. It should be considered a disgrace to a chapter to have to put in the corresponding secretary or historian to preside. Borrow some of the president's work; help out the chapter editor; check up the historian; work with the rush committee—you should be chairman of that body;—be on hand on alumnia night to get

acquainted with the men who are standing by the chapter. Do these things and you will show the chapter that the education you have acquired in the office of vice-president has made you the logical candidate for the higher office.

The Recording Secretary.—It seems foolish to have to take notes of a chapter business meeting, then put them in shape to be read and approved, and finally transcribe them in the minute book, now doesn't it? But would it seem at all absurd to conduct a scientific investigation, taking notes of the work as you progress, then arrange the notes and record the results of your observations on, say, wireless telegraphy? And yet one is as important as the other—relatively. It is highly important that the chapter records should be accurate. Reference has often to be made to this account of the chapter's doings. The results of business transactions, whether it be the decision to invest in a lot for a prospective chapter house or the proposal, election or rejection of a candidate, should be briefly but accurately recorded. It is good experience to serve as recording secretary and "experience is the germ of power." If you are a good secretary for your chapter you may yet be Secretary of State—not that the duties are similar, but because the qualifications are the same. The main requirement is ability, the next industry and the third thoroughness, and all three are capable of development. All training is worth while.

The Corresponding Secretary.—Such a bore, letter writing! Is it? Then choose quickly—get over the idea or resign. For your own good the better choice would be to hold the office and do your full duty. Such an opportunity as it presents to acquire concise, business-like method of conducting correspondence. Think of the millions of letters that are written every year, and how few of them, comparatively, are brief, well worded, to the point, saying just what should be said and no more. Now is your chance to learn the trick. Use your wits; see how few words you can use in saying all you mean—but be sure to say it all. And, above all, be prompt—Don't think when the treasurer gives you a letter which enclosed a check that he has acknowledged it. He probably hasn't. At most he has sent a receipt. It is up to you to write to the generous old chap who has been thinking of his chapter days and sends the check in memory of them. You tell him how it is appreciated and that the chapter bought a new bookcase with it; and in the capacity of a plain, active member see that the bookcase is bought and the check isn't "blown in."

The Historian.—How many graduates have there been from your chapter? Two hundred? One man can fill the office. Eight hundred? Better have an assistant. It is not easy to keep track of them all, and yet that is what must be done. You must know where they are. Don't try to remember it all. Write it down. Do it systematically. Have a record book. Give the name, class, course and chapter number of each member.

Give his pedigree, offices, honors. If he is a graduate keep his address up to date. You may want to "touch" him. Note his marriage; the birth of future members of Delta Upsilon or of the sororities; put down the political offices he has filled; the business he has gone into; the articles he has written. You may be called upon for his biography some time—and the Decennial catalogue is always in sight; be ready for that. Oh, there's a lot of work for the historian. The office is no sinecure for a lazy man to try to fill, and it isn't a "minor office" unless you are a minor man. Don't be that. Be a miner and dig out the facts.

The Librarian.—Such a mess as that last man left the library in! Then straighten it out. Any copies of *The Quarterly* missing? Complete the files and have them bound. You can get two years in one volume and do it for a dollar or a dollar and a half. It makes interesting reading for the graduates to look over the old chapter letters, and you can refer new officers to the articles in Volume XIX on their duties and pleasures if you have the volume handy. Text books help out a chapter library, too. If the graduates leave them with the chapter they can be rented to new members. The income would pay for binding *The Quarterly*. Try it. Do you know that Delta Upsilon has a library? What do you suppose it consists of? Not Dickens and Scott and Thackeray, but books, pamphlets, magazine articles, etc., by members of the fraternity. How many contributions have you made to the Fraternity library? Is your chapter song book there, or your chapter history? Do you publish an annual circular to your alumni? Is that there? All this is part of your work. Get a grip on it.

The Chapter Editor.—It would not do to forget the chapter editor, the man who is the link between the chapter and the fraternity—between the undergraduates and the alumni. Your opportunities are, perhaps, greater than those of any other officer of the chapter. You have your chapter letter to write. Make it as interesting as possible; inform the alumni of the doings of the chapter; record the honors won by its members; tell the latest college news; give interesting facts concerning the fraternities; but avoid boastfulness. Tell what you have done, not what you are going to do. Do not say that your chapter has "upheld the high standard of Delta Upsilon." The records in your letter should show that. Be enthusiastic, but not bombastic. Do not refer to "the brothers of our sister chapters," or "our lady friends." Be careful in spelling the names of your chapter members; several bad slips have appeared lately. It may be it's the hand-writing. Then print the names.

There is another duty of the chapter editor that seems to have been neglected. Is your chapter letter your only interest in *The Quarterly*? How about the rest of the magazine? You should see that your chapter is represented in the general reading matter. There should be a regular depart-

ment of short thoughts by chapter members. See that some member contributes a dozen lines or so giving the chapter's views on some important topic. Discuss the convention, the *Annual*, The Quarterly, the ritual, the chapter policy, extension, conservatism, size of chapters, pan-Hellenism, inter-fraternity rivalry and courtesy, the Olympian Games, and a hundred other subjects of interest to the chapters and to the alumni. Get to work, and show what you can do.

The alumnae meeting at the convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma must have been most interesting and profitable, judging by the program of their round table talks.

1. "The College Woman in Literary Clubs."
2. "The College Woman in Practical Life."
3. "Our Alumnae Association."
4. "The Province and the Possibilities of the Alumnae Association."
5. "What Should be the Character of Alumnae Association Meetings."
6. "Alumnae Help for Chapters."
7. "The Fraternity's Policy of Extension."
8. "How can the Fraternity be Sure to have Officers Capable and Well Informed?"
9. "Should Officers be Chosen for a Period of Four Years."
10. "The Alumnae and the Key."
11. "The Relation of Alumnae to the Establishment of Chapter Houses."
12. "Should not Sec. 4, Art. IV, of the Constitution be Changed?"
13. "The Endowment of a Kappa Table at Wood's Hall."

COLLEGE NOTES

Through the efforts of Miss Jayne and Miss Sharp at the recent national convention of the Collegiate Alumnae at Washington, the women graduates of Illinois University are now eligible to membership in the association. The association consists of the women graduates of twenty-three leading colleges of literature, science and arts and has twenty-four branches scattered over the United States, at such important points as Washington, Buffalo, St. Paul, St. Louis, Philadelphia, Milwaukee, and San Francisco.

Broadly speaking, the aim of the national association is to bring the women of the different colleges into contact. The branches have various aims.

A group of girls at Minnesota are petitioning for a new sorority, making seven in all.

An important move is on foot at California to establish a committee of students which shall confer with a committee from the faculty in dealing with cases of breach of discipline on the part of the students.

The women of Leland Stanford have published a "Jordan Calendar" illuminated with the sententious sayings of their president.

Indiana students have already raised \$23,000 of the \$30,000 necessary to secure an equal amount from John D. Rockefeller, to build a "Students' Building."

Chicago has a new women's gymnasium.

The universities of Wisconsin, Indiana, Michigan, Stanford have "Women's Leagues."

A project is on foot at Wisconsin for the erection of a new University building to be called the "Women's Building." As planned it will be a woman's club-house, with all the furnishings for an up-to-date building of its kind. Already the women of the University have raised quite a sum. Last year, while the State Federation of Women's Clubs was in session as guests of the Women's League, much interest was shown by the members toward the women of the University. This interest has grown during the year and something may result from the convention now being held in Muskegon. The question of establishing a scholarship in the University of Michigan to be open only to women is being very favorably discussed. If such a scholarship is established it will probably be called the Mrs. Stone scholarship in memory of Mrs. Stone, the mother of women's clubs in Michigan, and who advised the entrance of the first woman into our University.

The University of California will publish a new monthly periodical this year entitled "The University of California Magazine." It will contain stories, sketches, poems, etc.

Stanford will have a new \$500,000 gymnasium.

On November eighteenth, nineteen hundred two, the corner stone of the Hearst Memorial Mining Building was laid at the University of California.

To arouse more college spirit Stanford students are to meet once a week for an hour, to sing college songs and listen to addresses by popular speakers.

A St. Louis woman has left \$90,000 for the endowment of a chair of dramatic art in Washington University.

Wisconsin University is going to erect an "All University Clubhouse," and \$25,000 has already been subscribed for the purpose.

University of Colorado at Boulder celebrated its quarto-centennial on November fifteenth. The principal feature was an address by President Schurmann of Cornell.

The "Woman's League" of the University of Colorado occupies an important place in the college life of the women of that university. This year they are considering plans for raising a scholarship fund in the interest of girls who wish an education and are without means for obtaining it. They recently joined the Colorado State Federation of Women's Clubs.

The women of the University of Illinois have a new gymnasium.

University of Illinois will publish a new literary magazine called "The Illinois Magazine."

The girls at Minnesota formed "The Girls' Megaphone Brigade," for this last football season.

In his inaugural address, President James of the Northwestern University said he believes that co-education will be the typical form of education in the future.

The only women's college in Western Asia and Southeastern Europe is the American college for women in Constantinople. It was founded in 1871.

The girls at the University of Indiana take such an interest in oratory that they purchase shares in the Oratorical Association.

President Harper has so far succeeded in his pet scheme of segregation that hereafter the men and women of the two under classes of the University of Chicago will recite in separate class rooms.

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