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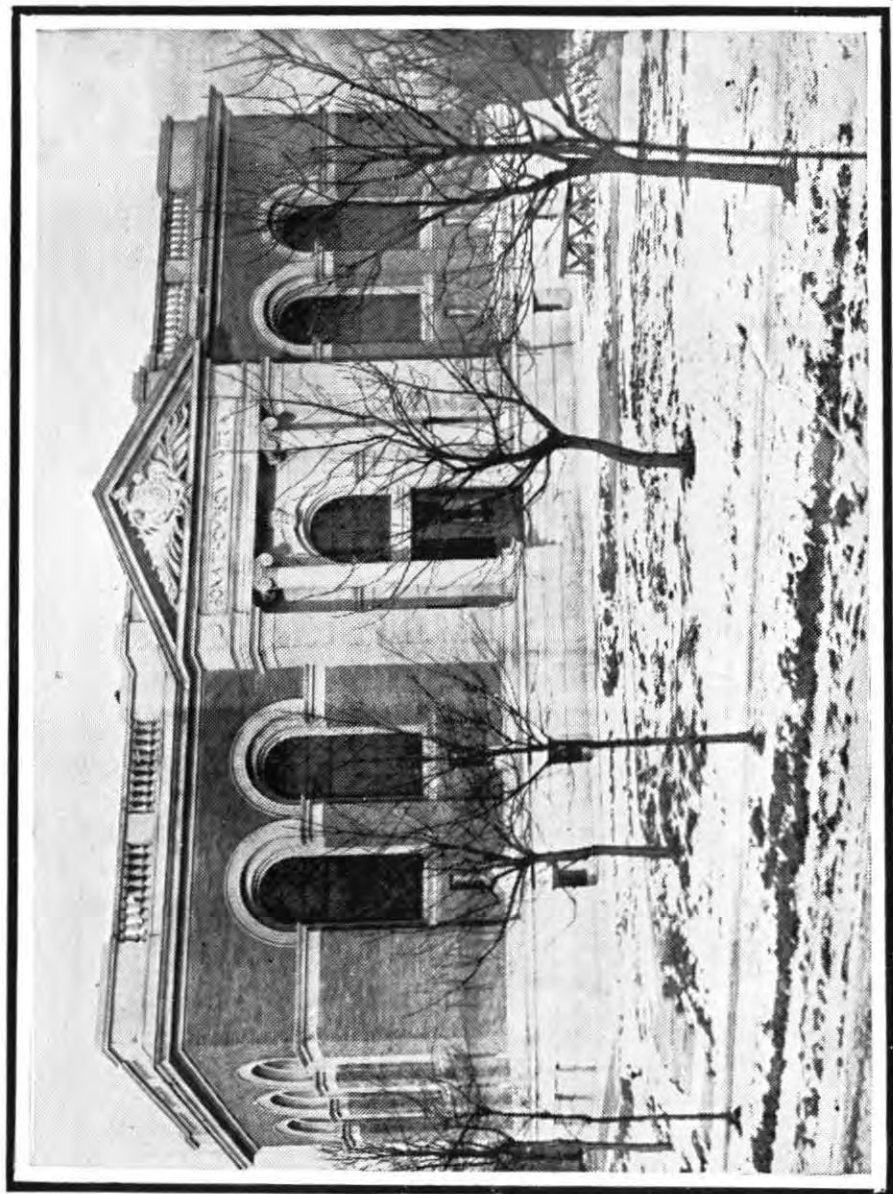
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Pi Beta Phi Toast

Tune—On the Road to Mandelay.

I.

*By the wine of the carnation,
By the knot of silver blue,
We are bound by tender ties
And we know that they are true.
For the arrow pointing upward
With its tiny chain of gold
Tells us that our hearts' devotion
Will be ever as of old.*

Chorus.

*Here's to dear Pi Beta Phi,
Here's to dear Pi Beta Phi,
Here's to all the girls who're bound
By silver link and silken tie.
Drink a health to old Pi Phi,
May her glory never die;
Every chapter in the country
Echoes back the glad reply.*

II.

*Though our college years are flying
And the days are not for long,
We will join with hearts and voices
In a loyal Pi Phi song.
For the memories so precious
In our hearts will long remain.
Let us join the swelling chorus
Of the old familiar strain.*

Chorus.

SARAH G. POMEROY,
Massachusetts Alpha.

Convention Call

THE Eighteenth Biennial Convention of Pi Beta Phi fraternity is hereby called to meet on June twenty-eighth to July first, at St. Louis, Missouri.

Chapters will elect delegates and see that they are informed on all fraternity matters, so that the most efficient work may be done at Convention. Delegates should send their reports to the Grand Secretary, for printing, not later than May thirtieth. Chapters having any questions to bring before Convention should send copies of same to the Grand Council not later than April twenty-fifth.

A circular of convention instructions will be sent to the chapters May first, giving details regarding headquarters, program, and questions to be considered.

At the Convention, the fraternity will entertain its ten surviving founders. Let all members, active and alumnae, plan to visit St. Louis at the above dates and help to make this a Convention long to be remembered.

ELIZABETH GAMBLE,
Grand President.

The New Gift to the University of Indianapolis

A SHORT distance from the college buildings is a large, gray structure of which all of our students are very proud. It is the Bona Thompson Memorial Library, built by Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Thompson in memory of their daughter Bona, who was at one time a student at our college. The grounds were formally given us on Commencement Day of 1901, but the foundation was not laid until August, 1902. Last December the dedicatory exercises were held.

The library is built of gray brick with Bedford oolitic limestone columns and trimmings, and has a copper roof. It stands high on a point of fore-ground so that it is very imposing as one

walks towards it from any direction. It is a compact building with large windows and high white marble steps. On entering, one admires first the soothing effect of an artistic combination of colors. Mahogany is the wood used in window sashes, doors, chairs and tables, while the walls are soft and dark-tinted. The Greek architecture prevails. All moldings are the "egg and dart," and Greek designs cover the entire building. Over the librarian's desk is a high dome of stained glass which softly colors with rich tones all of the central part of the building. Two large reading rooms, most conveniently supplemented with cloak rooms, tempt the student to spend a few hours each day in quiet study or reading. On shelves nearby are all of the new magazines, and lining the walls for four feet up are the encyclopedias and dictionaries of foreign languages as well as our own. Over these hang copies of the masterpieces and views of the beautiful scenes of the world. In the corners are busts of the Greek gods. Farther back is the large, well-lighted room where the books of reference are kept. Here are over sixty thousand volumes, consisting of valuable and rare editions as well as copies of the standard works.

A committee of interested men have appointed a day in April as "Library Day," when many of the alumni intend, as classes or as individuals, to make gifts of books or money, statuary or pictures to this library. The classes now in the college are also expecting to do the same and we are all very enthusiastic over our bright prospects. A literary and musical programme will also be given on that day at the library, in which each class is to be represented.

Our library is one of the finest in the middle west, and for beauty, use and comfort, it can scarcely be equaled anywhere. It is indeed a lasting memorial, an invaluable aid to the student, and a pleasure to the Irvington citizens, all of whom are very grateful to the kind benefactors of our college.

INDIANA GAMMA.

Journalism as a Profession

JOURNALISM of today offers to women, not a career, but a calling. The high places of the profession are the managerial positions, and these are not for women. They never have been and probably never will be. This is true from the nature of things. Mr. E. L. Shuman in his book "Practical Journalism" says: "The only real staples of journalism are news, politics and business. In none of these can women compete with men on even terms. The work of news gathering, as a rule, is too rude and exacting. The Associated Press has no successful women in its army of news-agents. Local reporting work deals too exclusively with the affairs of men to give women a fair chance in it. The opportunities for women to become experts in politics are extremely meagre. Their lack of such knowledge inevitably bars them out of places as copy readers, to say nothing of the executive positions."

The best thing for a girl to do who wants to go into newspaper work is to search herself for the possibility of doing anything else. If it is the desire to write that is consuming her, let her write by all means. If she can write things that are worth printing, she can get them printed. A writer of stories, sketches and semi-literary features for the magazines and Sunday supplements finds her position on this "borderland of literature" a much happier and pleasanter one than if she were standing on the "frontier of journalism." Furthermore, it is much easier to enter journalism through literature than to enter literature through journalism. A vast majority of the successful newspaper women of today have attained their success through their literary ability, and not through executive ability—the lack of which bars them from the high places.

But if the call is too strong to be denied—and it often is—if the desire for the work and the life of a newspaper writer will not be downed by reason,—then the prospective newspaper woman must face the necessity of having a specialty. People who can do "just anything" are not wanted in the newspaper

business more than they are anywhere else. The woman who can write some one particular class of stuff better than anyone else is the one who succeeds. She may develop in herself a knack for society reporting, she may make a children's page or fashion writer out of herself, or, if she prefers, she may develop a particular style of writing, pathetic or humorous, perhaps, any one of a dozen different things,—a style that will cause her city editor to say: "Here is something for Miss So-and-So. It is just her kind of story." This does not mean, of course, that she will not need to be versatile. Far from it. Her versatility will be her armor, but her speciality will be her sword.

Another thing that a girl must realize is, that in going into a newspaper office she practically unsexes herself. Less now than ever before is there a gentler sex in journalism. This is as true of the work as of the associations. The day of the "woman's point of view" story is practically past. Women now hold their positions because they do their work as well as men do it. They stand entirely on the basis of their merit, not their sex. They work hard, and ignore, or discount, their femininity, expecting and getting no favors on account of it. As to the other phase,—the office association,—a woman gets just that respect to which her character entitles her, and she gets it just as surely in a newspaper office as she does anywhere else. The woman reporter will unquestionably encounter many things in her work that are unpleasant to her, and which would not disturb her masculine associates in the least. But that is part of it, and she must accommodate herself to that phase of her work. Another thing: if she believes that she cannot be a lady and still go about alone on the streets late at night, she had better keep out of the newspaper business. Mr. William T. Stead says that a girl who has proper self-respect can go about her business in English speaking countries at all hours without serious risk either to safety or to reputation.

For my own experience in this particular, for nearly two years at different times I did general reporting on morning papers in various cities. I was in all sorts of places at all sorts of hours, often as late as as one o'clock, but never once during that time

was I accosted, or did I have a single unpleasant experience. I believe that the girl who is brisk and businesslike and unafraid is as safe in the ordinary American city at midnight as she is at noon.

In regard to her attitude among her associates, her own personality must determine this. If she expects everyone to realize that there is a lady in the room, she will soon find herself heartily disliked and shut out of that *cameraderie* that is one of the greatest compensations of the newspaper writer's life. She must learn to be deaf and blind, she must be absolutely impervious to all sorts of mixtures of all sorts of tobacco smoke; she must learn that a man can sit in her presence without coat or vest, with his feet on a table, his hat on his head and his cigar in his mouth, and still be a gentleman and still esteem her as a lady; she must learn to be "one of the boys" without sacrificing one iota of that womanly dignity that is her greatest claim to their regard.

There is no use in warning the embryo newspaper woman against launching her little craft in metropolitan waters. She could not if she would. The metropolis wants only proven craft, and will have no other kind. But there may be some use in warning against metropolitan ambitions. The newspaper woman in the town of less than two hundred thousand has easier work, better work, a better position, better hours and—proportionally—better pay, than does her average metropolitan sister. The world may not hear of her as it does of the much heralded metropolitan writer, but neither does the world hear of the thousands of women writers in every great city who are so wretchedly obscure that even their defeat is not worth heralding.

The best way to learn to write for a newspaper is to write, and the best way to get a position on any paper is to write the kind of stuff that that paper wants, and write it before anybody else does. This is no royal road. It is long and rough and weary, but it is pretty sure to win.

The best way to start to do newspaper work is to begin at the very bottom. The larger the city the less chance there is for the inexperienced writer. But in the small towns, of less than twenty thousand perhaps, you can always get a chance by work-

ing free. Tell the editor that you want to turn in items to him once a week or twice a week, or as often as you choose, that you are absolutely inexperienced and that you neither expect nor want compensation. He is pretty sure to tell you to go ahead, that he doesn't care. This will give you a chance. Gather all the good social and personal items you can, write them neatly and carefully in the style of the paper you are working for, and turn them in with absolute regularity at the times you have stated. Remember that one item about a person is worth three about a thing, and that the more important the person the greater is the value of the item. Do not try to be too original, but follow the style of your paper. If you are earnest, faithful, tactful and patient, the paper will soon learn to depend on you and on your stuff, and you will be virtually assured of the first position that is available on the staff.

The first position is the hard one to get. After that it is just a matter of hard work and common sense. One position gives a person a leverage on another, a leverage that can always be used to advantage. "Patient and long-continued practice in private or upon a small paper," says Mr. Shuman, "is the only reliable passport to success in the large field of metropolitan journalism."

No girl should consider going into serious newspaper work unless she is prepared to devote herself to it absolutely. Her work must be her home and friends and family. It will take all her time, and all her strength. It will rob her of almost all social life, and of many, many illusions about the world and its ways. It will take from her her feminine point of view, and many of the finer, gentler things of life, and it will harden her sensibilities and her sympathies.

If she values all these things pre-eminently, she had better stay out of a newspaper office. But if she values other things, too, if she values a broad, bold, free outlook on life, if she values genuine character stripped of conventionalities, if she values the joy of doing, if she values friendships, the truest, loyalest, faith-

fulest, best in the world,—then let her go on to her newspaper life. For it means all these things—and more.

GERTRUDE HILL SPRINGER,
Kansas Alpha, '00.

Fellowships for Women

IN ATTEMPTING to supply the following statistics in regard to the opportunities for graduate study which various institutions offer by means of fellowships, I have drawn my statements chiefly from the catalogues of the respective universities and colleges. In all cases more definite information will be gladly furnished by the registrar of the institution under consideration. The universities that offer the advantages of fellowships only to their own graduates have been omitted from the list, so that it embraces only those institutions which consider women applicants from other schools also. Unless especially stated, or in the case of women's colleges, the fellowships are open to men and women alike.

A few general statements in regard to fellowships, applying to all institutions, might not be amiss at the outset.

The emolument will be found to vary chiefly between the sums of three hundred dollars and six hundred dollars. Unless it is otherwise stated, the holder of the fellowship is required to pay the tuition fees. Usually also, some teaching, or, more frequently, assistance in the marking of papers, the cataloguing of books and similar duties are required. The holder is not supposed to give any private instruction.

Preference is usually given to those applicants who have already done about one year of graduate work.

In applying for the fellowship, it is advisable to send to the registrar of the institution for blanks kept for that purpose. The application itself is made, in most cases, to the president, or, possibly, to the heads of the departments in which the work is to be pursued, as the final decision rests with these. With the formal application should be sent a clear statement of the work that has

been covered, recommendations and credentials in regard to ability and character from instructors and professors with whom studies have been pursued, and, if possible, copies of any research work that has been done by the applicant. It will be found of extraordinary assistance to know some person well who is connected with the institution from which the fellowship is desired, or to be supported by the name of some well known scholar. Although this is by no means necessary, it is naturally of greater advantage than statements from comparatively little known persons, even if the cases usually stand on their own merits.

The equipment varies in the different universities, but it may be laid down as a general rule that it is safe to choose from our greatest and most liberal institutions for work in whatever department. Which institutions these are, will readily appear from the list below. Of women's colleges, Bryn Mawr compares favorably with the largest co-educational institutions in regard to liberality and equipment.

It would be advantageous to know the atmosphere which surrounds a woman graduate in each institution. I am prepared, however, merely to make the general statement that the western universities, which have become accustomed to co-education from their foundation, will offer a more congenial life than an eastern institution to which women have been admitted only in recent years. These considerations, however, are matter for separate discussion, and need not concern us for the present.

I wish also to call attention to the traveling fellowships that are offered by the Association of Collegiate Alumnae. If one wished to apply for these, it would be advisable to confer with some member of the Association, and to obtain in that manner the necessary information in regard to the manner of distribution.

BRYN MAWR COLLEGE OFFERS:

Eleven resident fellowships of the value of five hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$525.00); these are offered in the following subjects: *Greek, Latin, English, Germanic and Teutonic Philology, Romance Languages, History or Political Science, Philosophy, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry, Biology.* These

are awarded only to graduate students who have completed at least one year of graduate study.

Eight graduate scholarships of the value of two hundred dollars (\$200.00); these are awarded on the recommendation of the head of the department to the candidate next in merit to the successful ones for fellowships.

Two European fellowships; these are open to graduate students who are enrolled as candidates for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy; one, named the *President M. Carey Thomas Fellowship*, is awarded annually on the ground of excellence of scholarship to a student in the first year of graduate work; the other, known as the *Mary E. Garrett Fellowship*, is awarded annually, on the ground of excellence of scholarship, to a student still in residence who has for two years pursued graduate studies at Bryn Mawr. These fellowships yield five hundred dollars (\$500.00), intended to defray the expenses of one year's study and residence at some foreign university, English or continental.

The applications for all fellowships must be made by the fifteenth of April preceding the year for which the fellowship is desired. Blank forms for application will be forwarded by the president, M. Carey Thomas, Ph. D., LL. D.

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

appropriates \$20,000.00 annually for fellowships, which vary in value from \$120.00 to \$520.00. In general, the candidate should have spent at least one year in resident study after receiving the Bachelor's degree. Special weight is given to theses indicating ability to do research work. Several fellowships of these varying values are offered in each of the following departments: *Philosophy, Political Economy, Political Science, History, Comparative Religion, Latin Language and Literature, Romance Languages and Literatures, Germanic Languages and Literatures, English, Mathematics, Astronomy and Astrophysics, Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Biology.*

In addition there are the following *Special Fellowships*:

The William A. and Fanny C. Talcott Fellowships and Scholarships, primarily for graduates of Rockford College, but in the absence of such they may be assigned to other graduates.

The Bucknell Fellowship, yielding \$400.00, open to graduates of Bucknell College, appointments being made by the faculty of Bucknell.

The Joseph B. Loewenthal Fellowship in Chemistry, yielding \$420.00.

Also *Affiliation Scholarships* covering university fees for three quarters (\$120.00). Three such scholarships are offered to graduates of each of the following institutions: *The Kalamazoo College, Des Moines College, Butler College, John B. Stetson University, Illinois College.*

There are besides scholarships for teachers in affiliated schools, the conditions for which are mailed on application.

Application for all these fellowships must be made to the president on or before March 1, the assignment being made about April 1. The fellowships are available three of the four quarters, beginning with the summer quarter following the appointment.

THE UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

offers several teaching fellowships in the Graduate School. More definite information is not given in the catalogue.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

offers no regular fellowships for women, but occasionally a special endowment is made for a year.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

offers the following fellowships which all have the value of \$500.00 unless otherwise specified: *Thirteen University Fellowships*, assigned to the following departments: *Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Civil Engineering, Neurology and Physiology and Vertebrate Zoology with Invertebrate Zoology and Entomology; Botany and Geology, Architecture, Agriculture and Horticulture and Veterinary Science, English,*

Germanic Languages, Romance Languages, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering.

Two "President White Fellowships" of the value of \$600.00, in Political and Social Science, and in History.

Three "Susan Linn Sage Fellowships" in Philosophy.

Two Fellowships in Political Economy.

Two Fellowships in Greek and Latin.

One Fellowship in American History.

Six Graduate Scholarships in the Susan Linn Sage School of Philosophy, each of the value of \$300.00.

Ten Graduate Scholarships of the value of \$300.00, assigned to the following departments: Mathematics, Chemistry, Physics, Civil Engineering, Latin and Greek, Archeology and Comparative Philology, Neurology and Physiology with Invertebrate Zoology and Entomology, Botany and Geology, English, History.

The Oliver Graduate Scholarship in Mathematics, with the value of \$300.00.

All applications must be filed with the registrar on or before the fifteenth of April preceding the year for which the fellowship is desired. All persons accepting their appointments are required to file a bond of \$1,000.00 (with two sureties approved by the treasurer).

The "President White Fellowships" may be made into traveling fellowships.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

offers eight fellowships of the value of \$300.00. Application must be made to the president not later than April twenty-fifth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

offers twenty-four scholarships and fellowships of the values of \$125.00 and \$225.00, respectively, with exemption from university fees. Applications are made to the president before the spring meeting of the board of regents, on March first, or before the summer meeting on May fifteenth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

offers eight teaching fellowships of the value of \$200.00, with exemption from all fees and deposits. Applications are made to the chancellor of the university on or before May fifteenth.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

offers occasional fellowships, which may or may not be open to women, the catalogues giving no definite statement.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

offers fellowships of the value of \$200.00 and scholarships of the value of \$125.00, with exemption in both cases from fees and deposits. Applications are made before March fifteenth.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

offers six fellowships of the value of \$300.00 in various departments, with exemption from tuition fees, although students from other institutions pay the matriculation fee. Applications are made before April first.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA

offers for women:

Two fellowships of the value of \$225.00, with exemption from tuition but not from laboratory and graduation fees, in various subjects, assigned each year; these fellowships are upon the *Joseph M. Bennett* foundation.

One fellowship on the same conditions, upon the *Frances Sergeant Pepper* foundation.

Two fellowships upon the *Mrs. Bloomfield Moore* foundation, on the same conditions, except that the candidate must intend to become a teacher; the stipend of these is \$200.00.

SMITH COLLEGE

offers fellowships of the value of \$450.00 to graduates of not less than one year's standing in various departments, namely: *Philosophy, Psychology, Botany, and Zoology*. Applications are made to the heads of the departments before May first.

TUFTS COLLEGE

offers the *Olmstead and Miner Fellowships* in Natural History of the value of \$250.00, without exemption of tuition fees. Applications are made before May first.

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

offers ten fellowships of the value of \$100.00, with exemption from tuition. Applications are made to the chancellor of the university before June eighteenth.

WELLESLEY COLLEGE

offers the *Alice Freeman Palmer Fellowship*, having the value of \$1,000.00, to a woman graduate of not more than twenty-six years of age. This income may be used for study abroad or at any American college or university, or privately for independent research. The candidate must be unmarried. Applications are made to the president before February first.

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

offers fourteen fellowships of the value of \$400.00, in various departments. Applications are made to the president before May first.

YALE UNIVERSITY

offers five fellowships of the value of \$400.00, preferably to those who have spent one year in graduate study.

Also, the *Bulkley Fellowship in American History*.

The Loomis Fellowship in Physics, to students who have spent at least one year in the study of Physics in the Graduate School of Yale. For this a competitive examination takes place. The student must be a candidate for the degree of Ph. D., and Physics must be his chief study.

Also, *Twenty Scholarships* of \$100.00, open to graduates of all colleges.

Applications are made to the dean, Prof. Andrew W. Phillips, before April fifteenth.

NOTE.—In regard to the University of California, I have been unable to ascertain whether its fellowships are open to women

as well as to men, but from the list of fellows, all of whom are men, I judge that women are excluded from them. I regret that I have not been able to obtain accurate information as yet from that institution, nor from the University of Cincinnati, nor from the University of Michigan.

ELFRIEDA HOCHBAUM,
Illinois Epsilon.

The Altar of Pi Phi

Should Time gather up its gladness, and bring it all to you;
Should Time gather up its riches, and your path with flowers
strew,

You would lay the sweetest roses and the wealth and gladness by,
And bring them to the altar of our guardian saint, Pi Phi.

Should Time gather only sadness to make drear life's path for
you;

Should the burden seem too heavy, and no resting place in view,
You would take the heavy burden and the sorrow and the sigh,
And lay them on the altar of our comforting Pi Phi.

Should you by your stern endeavor and your courage, pure and
strong,

Make your way among the millions, be a light amid the throng,
Then its rays would drop in blessing o'er the millions, far and
nigh,

But its purest beam would linger on the altar of Pi Phi.

Falter not in life's endeavor; fail not then to be and do;
Be content but with the highest; to yourself and us be true.
Since our sisterhood's what we are, let our aims be pure and high,
And may no shadow darken the fair altar of Pi Phi.

D. H.,
Columbia Alpha.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

It is time now that we should be thinking of the delegate that we wish to represent us at the convention in St. Louis. Shall we send the girl who will make the best showing? Or shall we send the girl who will be, perhaps not as beautiful as her sister in appearance or manners, but who will bring back to our chapter more from the convention? If a senior will best represent our chapter in every way, might we not send her, trusting that she will be back with us for a little time in the fall?

*The Girl we Send
to Convention*

Kansas Alpha.

The question has often been asked as to whether it is better for fraternity girls to live in a chapter house, or not. We, who have a chapter house, even if we only rent it, would not give it up for worlds, and yet it is very necessary that we should guard against carelessness in managing the house and ourselves. In the first place, we must be careful not to attempt anything that we cannot carry out because of the expense. It is better to deny ourselves the pleasures that we cannot afford. Another thing about which we must be careful, is in taking too much advantage of our freedom. Judicious house rules are necessary, and each girl takes pride in the order that is maintained by them. One of the greatest advantages of living in a chapter house is that the girls learn to depend upon themselves to keep the house in shining order. It is not so much the feeling of responsibility as that she wishes everything to look as well as possible at all times. This is easily accomplished by each girl's having the supervision of certain parts of the house.

*The Chapter
House*

Illinois Zeta.

Very severe criticism of "those fraternity girls" was spoken the other day by one of the girls outside. It had the effect of making at least one Pi Beta Phi do some serious thinking. For the fault which she was criticising belonged not to the fraternity, but was rather a personal characteristic of one or two of its members. Isn't it true that our fraternity is being judged by our own individual characters, that every wrong act, every thoughtless word, every unlovely trait of disposition is reflected not only upon ourselves individually, but upon Pi Beta Phi? Truly there is a responsibility in belonging to Pi Beta Phi.

Yet isn't this its greatest blessing—this added impulse to right living? How much more earnestly we try to overcome those faults since they are dishonoring fraternity! How much harder we work for honors, since we are winning them, not for self alone, but for Pi Beta Phi! Let every one of us realize that to her belongs the responsibility and the privilege of maintaining the high standing of Pi Beta Phi.

Michigan Alpha.

We are continually seeking ways and means of bringing our Pi Phi chapters into closer relations with each other. Those near together can visit back and forth and so become acquainted, not only with the sister chapter, but also with the college in which the chapter is located. This is all very well in theory, but the fact is that we are scattered too far apart to be personally very intimate. Would it not help us to realize that our Pi Beta Phi sisters and their colleges really exist if the chapters would exchange college pennants? If the banners were to greet our eyes every time we go into our fraternity rooms, the colleges of which they are the emblem would not seem so remote to us, and their chapters would seem more than mere names on the chapter roll. It seems something of an undertaking for a chapter to solicit a banner from every other chapter, but it need not all be done at once.

*Exchanging
Pennants*

Would it not be a good plan to begin with the chapters in our own province and then go into the other provinces as we are able?

Vermont Alpha.

This year, after much discussion, Illinois Delta decided to keep a record of the class standing of all her girls, both active and pledged. In this way, it is easier for the girls *Class Standing* to know whether or not they are doing their best work, and it is also easier for the older girls to see that the new girls are keeping up their work as they should. The matter is in charge of a committee of two seniors; the list of the active members is in the hands of the registrar of the college, and at stated periods—perhaps two or three times a semester—the report is to be given to the chapter. While on the whole the work of our girls is far above the average, we hope by this means to make it better still, even though we are not so fortunate as to have an honorary fraternity at Knox.

Illinois Delta.

It is difficult to realize, in fraternity life, how much depends upon the individual girl. We are so apt to forget that our small weaknesses can affect the national life of such a fraternity as Pi Beta Phi. Yet we know it must, for upon the girls depends the chapter, upon the chapters depends the reputation of our fraternity. When even one girl falls below the high standard of Pi Beta Phi, her chapter feels the loss of the helpful influence and inspiration, which were hers to give, and is affected by it. Then let us all be clean in heart, and pure in purpose, since whatever our reputation, it must be shared by Pi Beta Phi.

Columbia Alpha.

A fraternity, like any other organization, should be business-like in its proceedings. Disorder is out of place nowhere more than in a Chapter meeting. If the meeting be conducted according to strict parliamentary rules, the business can be dispatched with no confusion and in much less time, than when everyone tries to speak at once. The discussions should be formally addressed to the chair, and should be brief and to the point. Such a plan has two advantages. In the first place no one will talk unless she really has something to say, and in the second, each person has an opportunity to get the hearing of the whole chapter without interruption. If the difference of opinion is so great that order cannot be maintained, then the subject may be deferred until after the business meeting is closed, and then the girls can discuss it freely among themselves. It can then be brought up again, when there is more decision about the matter. A disorderly meeting is thoroughly demoralizing, and if allowed to continue, the meeting will probably be swamped and nothing can be accomplished. I urge that strict parliamentary procedure is the only salvation of a chapter meeting.

Orderly Meetings

Texas Alpha.

The "Don't Worry Policy" which is becoming so popular suggests the thought that it might be well to form a "Do Worry Club." Conspicuous among those things which we really ought to think and worry more about, is the breaking of promises and engagements, a fault which is quite frequent even among fraternity sisters. We are all apt to think that it doesn't matter much if we break an engagement with a fraternity sister, whom we know so well, for we feel sure that she will willingly accept our apology with a forgiving smile. She will probably say that it is all right. But is it all right? Although it may have put her out but slightly, her faith in us is shaken and she can never trust us as she once did. Oh girls, let us be more careful, and make our promises with a silent promise to ourselves that it shall be done if it be within our power.

Breaking Engagements

Ohio Alpha.

Let us tell you about a little money gathering scheme which Pennsylvania Beta has adopted. Every one knows how many expenses there are at the end of the terms and especially at Commencement time. This year one of our original girls suggested a plan which we have been following out through the year. The chapter bought a bank in the shape of a china pig. It is commonly known as the "Frat Pig" and every Wednesday night at our meeting each girl drops a nickel in the pig. We have fifteen in the chapter and so you see that by June the chapter will have a neat sum besides the treasury money, and a sum which has been collecting while we did not realize it. Do not all our sister chapters think our scheme a clever one?

To Fill the Treasury

Pennsylvania Beta.

We were much interested in reading Illinois Delta's opinion of "Second Degree." We girls of Iowa Beta believe we have solved the question. We initiate by the usual ceremony, and leave for a future date the Second Degree. When we give this degree, we usually ask the alumnae to assist, and we find this a very pleasant way to celebrate Founder's Day.

The Second Degree

In this way we have more time, and the initiate is much more impressive by the beautiful solemnity of the ritual than if she was dragged through the "fiery dungeon" a few moments before.

Iowa Beta.

In the last ARROW are several questions with general appeals for answers.

By Way of Answer

Kansas Alpha made two suggestions, one for a regular place for the wearing of the arrow, and the other for a special pin for our patronesses, which appeal to us and we would like to hear more said about both.

The matter of the pledge pin brought up by Iowa Zeta seems to be worthy of thought, and the expression of opinion, from each

chapter. I. C. is certainly meaningless to everyone not a Pi Phi. The monogram stick pin would be much more intelligible.

California Beta.

There are a great many things that we as Pi Phis ought to know, some of which we can, of course, find out for ourselves.

There is one particular subject that we should like to know more about, and that is prominent

Our Alumnae

Pi Phi alumnae. Occasionally there is an article devoted to some distinguished Pi Phi, but don't you think it would be a good idea to devote one whole issue of the *ARROW* to them. In that way we should have a more definite idea of what our graduate sisters are doing and would not find it so difficult to remember about them, perhaps. At any rate we would have this issue for reference if need be. What do the rest of you think about it?

Ohio Beta.

Although this subject has been discussed often, we have never really adopted the plan. Ought we to use our arrow as a convenience?

To fasten the waist or a ribbon?

A Regular Place for the Fraternity Pin

To substitute it for a lost button, or hide away

where even a poor observer might not even

see it? Our arrow ought to be a symbol of all that is high-

est and best to every Pi Beta Phi, and each one of us ought

to honor it with a definite place, so we may be known and

recognized as loyal members of our fraternity. If we will

remember, I am sure we have never seen a Phi Psi pin worn

anywhere else but in the same position, and the pin of Delta

Tau Delta always claims the same honored spot. Our pin is the

one visible symbol of Pi Beta Phi and, therefore, the place where

it is worn ought to be held sacred to our arrow.

I wonder if we are always kind enough to the non-fraternity girl. I am sure that no girl who wears the arrow intends to neglect a sister, but do we realize how sensitive many of the girls are about these things? I do not mean the girl who has been debarred from fraternity on account of some circumstance in her private life. She has the consciousness that someone wants her. I mean the girl who for some reason has never been asked to join a fraternity. She feels that none of the girls like her; if they had, they would have invited her to join their society. She is left out of the good times the girls have at their fraternity meetings, and, as a matter of fact, is left out of nearly all the college entertainments. She comes to feel that the fraternity girls are all in all to each other, and do not care to associate with her, and she broods on this thought until it becomes a very real trouble.

The Greek, on the other hand, tries to be friendly to this girl,—too often, I fear, for mere politeness' sake,—and is met by a cold rebuff from the non-Greek. She thinks the girl is cross and jealous and begins to leave her alone, and her fraternity sisters soon follow suit. Now the non-Greek may be all her sister says of her, but she is not to be blamed too severely. She is sore and hurt clear through, and we should probably act in the same way if we were in her place.

This feeling between Greeks and non-Greeks is all wrong, and it remains for the fraternity girl to remedy it. But how, you ask, is this to be done? We will answer the question "Yankee fashion," by asking another. Do you not think there is a tendency in all fraternities for the Greek to be bound up in her own girls and to be oblivious, often unintentionally, to those outside? Now I would not have the fraternity girl lessen her love, in the least, for her fraternity sister, but let her love be broad enough to include the non-Greek as well. She may be repulsed at first, but she must remember that the non-Greek is smarting under what seems to her grievous injustice and she must keep trying until she wins the friendship she seeks. The friendship of many of these non-Greeks is worth working hard for. Perhaps some

one will say, "But the non-Greek will think this girl is rushing her." I do not think so. You can care for a girl and show her that you care for her without giving her that impression. There is only one word more to say and that is to the non-Greek. Every person knows that everyone, himself included, has a number of faults and the non-Greek must remember that her neighbor, who is a fraternity girl, has as many faults as she herself possesses, but those faults are not such as prevent her being a good fraternity girl, while in her list of defects there is some fault, probably very trivial, which would prevent her from being a good Greek and that is why she is a non-Greek instead of a Greek.

Vermont Beta.

There has been a great deal of discussion lately on the subject of changing our pledge pin. It seems as if this discussion has taken place among our pledges more than among ourselves. They say that the pin is meaningless, not symbolic of Pi Beta Phi and too much like a personal monogram. "Why, no one in the world would know it is a pledge pin," said one girl, recently. And yet, does it matter if "no one" knows it is a pledge pin? Every member of Pi Beta Phi and every pledgling knows it; and if other people do not, that fact ought to make it all the more dear to us who know. Our little pin is all that is left to remind us every day of that first I. C. band;—could anything be more symbolic of Pi Beta Phi? Everyone of us has at some time worn the pin and grown to love it next to her arrow.

Does it seem right that we should now cast this pin aside and substitute a new design, a design which could not possibly be more appropriate than the present monogram? Perhaps some day when our pledges are true and loyal members of Pi Beta Phi, they will see a deeper meaning in these now seemingly insignificant letters.

Wisconsin Alpha.

The approach of fraternity examination is an annual source of nervousness to the fraternity girl. Whether she be freshman or senior she is in constant dread lest she has overlooked some point and will be found wanting at the crucial moment.

A New Plan for Examination

Another woman's fraternity has adopted the plan of excusing from further examinations any girl whose grade is above a certain per cent. This gives one the opportunity, having passed the required average, to turn her energies to the assisting of the younger girls, thus refreshing her own supply of knowledge and being relieved of the necessity for "cramming" each year.

We believe this plan to be a good one, and hope the chapters will discuss it and express their opinion as to the advisability of adopting it in Pi Beta Phi.

Illinois Beta.

Every girl who comes to the university or to any school of higher education, does it with a definite purpose. She wants to become a broader and better woman, as well as an educated woman, and every influence which will help her to gain this is good for her. Now when our fraternity takes in such a girl, it intends to help her to attain this. If we do not try to bring out all the good there is in our girls, how can we expect them, when their time comes to assume the responsibility of the fraternity? We should encourage them to be thorough students and help them by our example. We should set them standards of correct and womanly conduct and, by our encouragement, aid them in living up to these; we should teach them how to be true Pi Phis and so high-minded, accomplished women.

What Pi Beta Phi Should do for its Freshmen

Missouri Alpha.

Alumnae Department

The Washington Alumnae Association

The presence of an active chapter of Pi Beta Phi in Columbian University gives the Washington Alumnae Association of that city a very definite kind of work to handle. At the first meeting in the fall, it was decided that the kind of help given the younger girls last year should be continued through the present year. A list was made of those members of the Association who wished to contribute to a room-rent fund. Thus the girls in the active chapter were enabled to enjoy an attractive room near the college.

The alumnae have also used this room for the monthly meetings held on the first Saturday in each month. Frequently, active chapter girls and alumnae have dropped into the room at the same time and so the common meeting place for Washington Pi Phis has promoted friendships among the younger girls and their older sisters.

Columbian is on the verge of a radical change in its university life. Great improvements are planned for the near future. Owing to this spirit of uncertainty, the alumnae have felt the necessity of being very alert to secure the safety and happiness of the fraternity. Therefore, the greater portion of the monthly meetings has been given up to the discussion of the future policy of the fraternity in the university.

Directly in line with this feeling and these discussions, a large and brilliant reception was given by the active chapter and alumnae, in the college building, January fourth, 1904. We were fortunate in having Mrs. Elise Bradford Johnson in the receiving line during the evening. All departments of the university, as well as all national fraternities in the university were represented among the guests. A dance followed the reception.

Since our chapter in Columbian is comparatively small, we

feel that the alumnae can best aid the girls in a social way. Therefore, whenever it is possible, we are glad to be able to join forces in entertaining. At present, the association is arranging for the entertainment of the fifteen Columbia Alpha girls at a luncheon in honor of Founder's Day.

Several efforts to entertain the Baltimore Alumnae Club have failed of realization. We hope for success next time in planning for the Gamma Circle reunion.

LOLA MAY EVANS.

The New York Alumnae

The New York Alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi has held very enjoyable as well as successful meetings during the year. There are living in or near New York City between twenty and thirty loyal Pi Phis, who have met this year the second Saturday afternoon of each month. Through the courtesy of the club's president, Anna M. Jackson, of Pennsylvania Alpha, most of the meetings have been held in the parlor of the Friends' Seminary, at Rutherford Place. As is natural, very many of our chapters are represented, and it is indeed a pleasure, as we gather about the piano to sing the familiar songs, to know that the "voices raised in honor of Pi Phi" come from the "chapters far and near." The club is so fortunate as to have among its members two former members of the Grand Council—Grace Lass Sisson, Illinois Deta, Grand Secretary, 1893-95 and Grand President, 1895-99; and Charlotte Joy Farnsworth, Colorado Alpha, Grand Guide, 1897-99.

In December it was our privilege and pleasure to meet our Grand President, Miss Gamble, at a luncheon given in her honor at Columbia University, by the Pi Phis of Whittier Hall. It was a great pleasure also to have with us on this occasion Carrie Chapman Catt, Iowa Gamma.

The officers for the current year are: President, Anna Maria Jackson, 215 E. 15th St.; vice-president, Josephine McDonnell Hanan, 839 West End Ave.; secretary and treasurer, Jessie Gra-

ham Osborne (Mrs. Edmund Osborne), 39 Cedar St., Montclair, N. J. Any of the officers will be glad to have visiting Pi Phis notify them of their coming to New York.

Some idea of our cosmopolitan membership may be seen from a list of those in attendance at the March meeting. They were: Nadine Hartshorn Williamson, California Alpha; Mary McGahey, Nebraska Beta; Gertrude Hill Springer, Kansas Alpha; Adaline Brown Bassett, Wisconsin Alpha; Jessie Graham Osborne, Iowa Beta; Bertha and Gladys Miller, Indiana Alpha; Margaret R. Lawrence, Illinois Epsilon; Grace Lass Sisson, Illinois Delta; Julia Lombard, Illinois Beta; Welthy B. Hon-singer; Violet Apfelbaum and Ella Rogerson, New York Alpha; Lillian Casto, Ohio Alpha; Jeannette B. Shepard and Mary Bartol Theiss, Pennsylvania Beta; Anna M. Jackson, Margaret Hyle, Anna B. Parrish and Mary E. Seaman, Pennsylvania Alpha.

The April meeting of the club will be held April ninth, at 3:00 P. M., at Whittier Hall, the Columbia University dormitory for women, at 1230 Amsterdam Avenue. The hostesses are Charlotte Farnsworth, the head of Whittier Hall, Mary McGahey, Josephine Berry, and Lucy Hammond. All Pi Phis are cordially invited to be present.

MARY BARTOL THEISS.

The Baltimore Club

During the past year no startling events have happened in the life of the Baltimore Club of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae. Our meetings are held monthly and are a real pleasure to us all.

Last year we were happy to add to our number Gladys Henry, of Nebraska, who we hope will belong to us four years at least, while she attends the Johns Hopkins Medical School. Although we number only twelve, five chapters are represented in our club; but we aren't one bit exclusive and wish that we might claim an alumna from every chapter on the fraternity roll.

Two weddings in our little circle during the past year have caused quite a little excitement. In July, Helen Doll became

Mrs. J. Walter Tottle, and in December, Sylvia Ware changed her name to Mrs. Charles W. Ireland. Nothing delights our little club more than to have the pleasure of planning a linen shower, and we wonder how long some of us will have to wait to be so honored.

Another of our members has added a new title to her name, and we are proud to announce that on February twenty-fourth, at the University of Heidelberg, May Kellar received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Some interested friends may be glad to know that none of our members were directly injured by the great fire, but there isn't one of us who will not feel its effects more or less indirectly.

Our prospects are bright and we send a cheerful greeting to all Pi Phis.

M. ALICE WOOD.

The Athens Alumnae Club

The Athens Alumnae Club has been organized now for some time and we are having such good times. Our first attempt at entertaining this year was for the active girls and was quite a success.

Our meetings are held every other Saturday night, two girls entertaining together either at one of their homes or in the chapter hall. These Saturday nights are eagerly looked forward to by our nineteen enthusiastic members.

We must confess to having done but very little business, but in our efforts to "eat, drink, and be merry" we have succeeded admirably.

We send our best wishes to all of our Pi Phi sisters.

MAZIE A. EARHART.

Columbus Ohio

This year we have had our meetings regularly every two weeks, a thing we were not able to do last year on account of so much sickness.

Our meetings are in the nature of "spreads" at five o'clock, and social time afterwards.

Every other meeting is held jointly with the active chapter and in this way we are kept in close touch with our girls in college.

We very often entertain together. We had a large reception in honor of the initiates, at the home of Mrs. C. D. Firestone, on December second, and we expect to give a formal dancing party on the fifteenth of April.

Ohio Beta.

The Detroit Alumnae Club

The Detroit Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi, organized in October, 1902, has a membership of fifteen, mostly Michigan Beta girls. The meetings are held at the homes of the members the last of the month, either Friday evening or Saturday afternoon, as the hostess chooses. The first few minutes are devoted to a short business meeting and the rest of the time to entertainment and refreshments provided by the hostess. The meetings are well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Last fall the money received during the year from annual dues of twenty-five cents and fines of ten cents for absence, was used to buy dishes for Michigan Beta chapter house.

The object of the organization is to promote social intercourse and keep up the fraternity spirit, and the full attendance at meetings shows that our efforts have been successful.

CLARA A. FOSTER.

Indianapolis Alumnae

Our meetings during the past year have been very informal. The girls have met at our various houses, with the sole purpose of keeping in touch with each other and with the active chapter at Butler. Each girl brings her sewing or embroidery, and busy fingers work while some one reads,—a story, or poem, or maga-

zine article. Occasionally we have an original story or essay. The hostess serves simple refreshments, and conversation ranges from one subject to another, coming back at frequent intervals to the doings of Pi Phis. But in spite of the informality, these meetings do much for us, keeping the ties that bind us together in Pi Phi from growing weak.

JESSIE C. BROWN.

Des Moines Alumnae Club

On the first Saturday afternoon of each month the Pi Beta Phis of Des Moines, Iowa, hold the most delightful meetings. The average attendance is twenty-five, which is a most excellent record, as the total number of alumnae in the city does not greatly exceed thirty. Twice a year there are gala days, the first meeting of the year following the summer vacation, and the last meeting before vacation separates us for a time in May. Last October the Pi Phis of Ames, assisted by Mrs. Stanton and Mrs. Curtiss, wives of members of the faculty, entertained us at the State Agricultural College, and about eighteen went up from Des Moines, and spent a long-to-be-remembered day. Annually in the May month it has been the custom of Mrs. Harry Wallace to entertain us at her beautiful suburban home; last May four of our members entertained the rest with the presentation of a bright little farce. The May party this year, as it is planned, will be a fancy dress mask party.

The death of Miss Olive McHenry, the beloved president of our alumnae association, which occurred in the month of February, came to each member of Pi Beta Phi as a deep personal sorrow. She was a living example of the bond of sisterhood. Only two weeks before her sudden death, she had attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet and when, for the second time at this annual gathering of Greek letter women, one of her songs was sung, she modestly joined in the singing. When the news of her death came but a few days after, it was hard to believe it true. In honor of her loving, faithful service during eighteen years'

principalship of Hawthorne school, the board of education re-christened it the "Olive McHenry school." From its halls scores upon scores of our brightest men and sweetest women have gone forth to take up the battle of life, each of them giving daily expression in their lives to the ennobling influence of this beloved teacher. At the time of her death she had to her credit the longest period of service in one position, hence it was peculiarly fitting that the school wherein she had labored so long and so faithfully should become by name a perpetual tribute to her memory.

Olive McHenry, as a member of the chapter of Mt. Pleasant, was one of four Pi Phis to organize the Callanan College chapter in this city in 1886. More lately, she has been one of the leading spirits in our alumnae association, and at the March meeting a flower fund was inaugurated and a floral committee appointed to look after her grave throughout the coming summer. Flowers were placed thereon on her birthday, March twentieth.

ANNA ROSS-CLARKE.

Creston, Iowa

The Creston Alumnae club has not been very active this past year. We had seven members, but last fall Mrs. C. M. Boynton moved to Omaha, and a little later Miss Marie Groves went to Des Moines to accept a position in Drake Conservatory of Music. Next month Mrs. J. B. Sullivan expects to move to Des Moines, so we shall be only four in number.

Last summer we were invited to Bedford, Iowa, by the Bedford Pi Phis, some of whom are students at the Woman's College of Baltimore. We spent a most delightful afternoon at the home of Mrs. Miller, and came home feeling quite like college girls again.

We shall probably keep up our club by occasional meetings, hoping some day to have more members.

GRACE S. HARSH.

Lawrence, Kansas

The Lawrence Alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi has for its object the support of a scholarship known as the Lucinda Smith-Buchan Scholarship, held this year by Miss Cora Taylor.

During the past summer Miss Hannah Oliver, one of the alumnae club members, visited Rome and was present at the coronation service of Pope Pius X. Miss Oliver gave two afternoon talks on Rome for the benefit of the scholarship fund. Plans are now in preparation for an exhibition and lecture on American potteries.

The present year is the fourth year of the club's existence, and during this time six hundred and seventy-five dollars have been collected and five young women given the benefit.

HARRIETTE MILES.

Lincoln, Nebraska Alumnae

As you all know, through the letters of the active girls, Nebraska Pi Phi is once more the proud possessor of a chapter house. It has seemed advisable to deny ourselves this wish for two years, because too few girls could make the house their home. Perhaps, then, you can imagine the enthusiasm and joy of one and all. The united effort necessary to plan and arrange for the house, keeps active and alumnae members in close touch.

Besides our own gatherings, we have met with the active girls several times, both for business, and for social affairs. Our last joint meeting was on February fourth, at which time they were our guests—the occasion being the initiation of their four pledges.

The Lincoln alumnae are still registering complaints against Cupid, for he claims one after another of our girls—the last, Darleen Woodward, was married on December twenty-fourth to Mr. George Burgert, Sigma Chi.

Before this comes to print, we hope to have carried out another plan. This time, it is the freshmen whom we have at heart; we

want to meet with them, and together, talk of the meaning and ideals of Pi Beta Phi. They are its youngest children, the ones who will, a little later, be the guiding stars of the chapter, and what Pi Phi means to them will determine its future in Lincoln.

Dr. Laura Brown, Iowa Alpha, has taken up her residence in our city. We cannot tell you how gladly we welcome this bright, enthusiastic woman to our ranks.

We are looking forward to Founder's Day, which the two chapters, active and alumnae, always celebrate together. On that day, scores and scores of girls everywhere will unite in lauding Pi Phi. Long may she flourish, and may the wearers of the arrow ever increase in true worth.

BESSIE M. TURNER.

Boulder, Colorado

The Colorado Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi reorganized last fall with Miss Georgina Rowland as president and Mrs. Edith McClure as secretary and treasurer. There are about ten alumnae in Boulder and we meet the last Saturday afternoon of each month for a social time. Our local chapter had a Christmas tree just before the holidays. The alumnae had been for some time collecting funds toward a gift for the chapter house, and at that time we raised the amount to one hundred dollars and gave it toward the piano the girls are buying. This is all we have done this year, but we are now beginning to plan for the annual reunion of the two Colorado chapters on Founder's Day. It is Colorado Alpha's turn to entertain and the alumnae have charge of the day.

MAUD ELDEN.

Franklin, Indiana

The annual reunion of the Indiana Pi Phis was held at Indianapolis on February sixth. Each chapter was well represented;

there were about fifty Pi Phis gathered for the occasion. It was held at the Claypool Hotel, taking the form of a luncheon. The tables were decorated with carnations and silver candelabra with wine shades. After the luncheon we enjoyed singing our songs together and hearing a few talks. Miss Sawyer, the head of the musical department at DePauw University, made a plea for the girls there who have petitioned for a Pi Phi charter. Miss Graybill of Indiana Beta, Miss Armstrong of Indiana Gamma, and Miss Sloan of Indiana Alpha responded for their respective chapters. An invitation was extended by Indiana Beta to have the reunion next year with them at Bloomington. It is thought that the chapters will be more benefited by holding the reunions with each in turn. Another plan was discussed, but nothing definitely decided, that we hold a sort of convention each year, to last about two days. In this way each girl would be strengthened individually and the condition of the chapter as a whole benefited. These reunions are so thoroughly enjoyed by us and add so much zest to our enthusiasm and fraternity spirit. Having met so many girls whose aims and aspirations are the same, the attainment of noble womanhood, we feel the tie that binds us draw closer and firmer around our hearts.

RUTH A. SLOAN.
Indiana Alpha.

In Memoriam

Olive McHenry

The Des Moines Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi, in the death of the President, Olive McHenry, suffered an irreparable loss. She was always faithful to Pi Beta Phi and her life exemplified the precepts for which our sorority stands. Both as a member of Iowa Beta and Des Moines Alumnae, Miss McHenry's splendid womanhood has left a lasting impression.

For many years she was connected with the schools of Des Moines, and the best years of her life have been given to this love service. The sphere of her influence has widened with the years and its full extent can never be known until the roll is called of those whose lives have been moulded by hers.

Sadie Leopold-Wolf

Indiana Beta mourns the death of one of her best beloved alumnae. Sadie Leopold-Wolf was born April second, 1878, at Renssalaer, Indiana, and died in the Iroquois Theater fire in Chicago, December thirty-first, 1903.

She entered Indiana University in 1897 and graduated with the class of 1900. She was married in June, 1901, to Mr. Leo Wolf of Hammond, Indiana, and to them was born one child, Helen, now about a year old.

Her loss is one which we feel most keenly, for hers was a life which represented all that the fraternity cherishes and strives to attain. At the fatal performance of "Bluebeard" at the Iroquois, she was the hostess to a number of friends and there as in college she was the merriest and most light-hearted in the party. Her beautiful character and sweet manners won her way into the hearts of all that knew her. Her influence for good, her steadfast loyalty to friendship, and her deep interest in the life about her intensify by their memory the grief which we feel.

FLORENCE MAUDE JOHNSON,
Indiana Beta.

Alumnae Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

Nellie Button, '01, will be in Middlebury during the spring term to complete her post graduate work.

Margaret Mathison, ex-'03, was married to Dr. I. C. Poole February second.

COLUMBIA ALPHA

Elise Bradford-Johnson, '98, our former Grand President, has been spending several months in Washington.

Frances Heilprin has returned from an extended visit to Chicago.

Edith Giles, ex-'06, has been visiting in Washington.

Jennie Beale of Colorado Alpha is visiting her brother in Washington.

The Washington alumnae are glad to welcome Miss Mathews among them.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Esther Rogers has left college on account of the illness of her mother, and is now spending the winter in the South.

The marriage of Mabel Latimer to Mr. Frank B. Foster took place on the twenty-seventh of January, 1904.

OHIO ALPHA

Bertha Hoover-Johnson and infant daughter, of Columbus, Ohio, were the recent guests of the parents of the former.

Mabel Wilson was called home from Whatcom, Wash., by the death of her mother.

Bertha McVey visited her parents recently.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Helen Shaeffer, '03, is doing graduate work at Bryn Mawr.

Edith Super, '02, has charge of the French department at Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Anna May Hull, '03, is teaching in the high school at Hanover, Pa.

Ruth Barrett, '03, spent the winter at her home, but has gone to New York for the spring.

The engagement of Helen Shaeffer, '03, to Mr. Leon Prince, Zeta Psi, professor of history and economics in Dickinson College, is announced. We girls are rejoiced over the fact that Helen will be back with us again, as she is one of our loveliest and most enthusiastic girls.

Lou Sheets is vice-principal of the Harrisburg high school.

Katherine Keefer, '04, has left college on account of ill health.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Miss Sadie B. Williams, our Province President, was married to Mr. Thomas Bell, on December thirtieth, at her home in Clayton, N. Y.

Maude White is spending the winter in Pasadena, Cal., with her mother.

Ruth Hawks of Phoenix and Eva F. Magee of Scottsburg have recently visited at the chapter house.

Mr. and Mrs. Neville are spending the winter in Florida.

Lucy Allen Gardiner, of Massachusetts Alpha, who is teaching in Verona, was at the chapter house recently.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Chaffee (Charlotte Hearing), a daughter, Ruth.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Neville (Jessie Barrett), a daughter, Laura.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Cassie Souther was married in February to Mr. Gilson of Bethel, Vt.

Nellie Cutter Griffin has recently announced her engagement to Mr. Warren G. Crooker of Hyde Park, Mass.

Mrs. Walter Chapman (née Nettie Dodge) left Boston on March third for San Francisco, whence she will sail for the Philippines. Mrs. Chapman was accompanied by her infant son, Dwight, and goes to rejoin her husband who is a teacher in the islands.

ILLINOIS BETA

On January nineteenth, Ethel Van Cise, who left Lombard a year ago, made her debut into Denver society. Mrs. Florence King Bullock, also a Lombard alumna, was present and speaks of the event as a very charming one.

Laura Hobbs recently made a visit to college friends.

Faith Nash, '03, has been studying music in Boston for the past year, but expects soon to return to Galesburg for a short time.

Nannie Buck and Martha Arnold, '01, are teaching in the Galesburg public schools.

Ida East is pursuing a course in music in New York city.

Ruth Nash McAlpine, '01, is expected to visit Lombard soon.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Jessie Van Clute, '02, was married to Mr. Clarence Johnson of Galesburg, February twenty-fourth.

Elizabeth Reinmund appeared in Galesburg in concert work March fourth.

Willia Garver, '03, of Illinois Zeta, visited with Illinois Delta for a few days in February.

Laura Knowles, Josephine Coolidge, and Fannie Hurff attended the annual promenade of the chapter, February ninth.

Grace Lass-Sisson has moved from Galesburg, and is living in New York city.

Glenna Garm visited the chapter several days at Christmas time.

Myra Wilson has left college this semester on account of the illness of her mother.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Born, in January, to Mrs. Harry Herrick of Champaign, a daughter, Harriette. Mrs. Herrick was formerly Katheryn Walls.

The engagement of Elizabeth Atkinson, ex-'06, to Carroll Ragan, Beta Theta Pi, is announced.

On December the fourteenth, the announcement was made of the marriage of Florence Emeline Carter, '01, to Mr. Eaton Goodell Sherman of Chicago. Since her graduation, Miss Carter has held the position of librarian of the Champaign public library.

Jane Brotherton, '03, has accepted a position in the Library of Congress.

INDIANA BETA

The engagement of Helen Shirk, '02, to Mr. George S. Wartle, Jr., of Tipton, has been announced. The marriage will take place April seventh.

Flora Traylor, '05, has been spending the winter in Des Moines, Iowa, the guest of her sister, Mrs. L. M. Grimes.

Mindwell Crampton, '03, is again at her home in Delphi.

Professo Van Hook, formerly of Indiana University, has accepted a position as head of the experimental station at Wooster, Ohio. Professor Van Hook was married last summer to Lizzie Karsell, '01.

Blanche Disher, ex-'06, and Alma McCrum will re-enter the university in the spring.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Inis Coon, '03, of Tawas City, visited Hillsdale the last of February.

Madge Vandeburg was a welcome visitor at our last fraternity meeting.

MICHIGAN BETA

Katharine Tower was married to Dr. Harry Barnes, at her home in Detroit on January the twentieth.

Anna Marshall, '03, of Marshall, Mich., has been visiting the girls for a week.

Jessie Strong, of Adrian, Mich., was in Ann Arbor for the Pi Beta Phi reception and dance held the twenty-sixth of February.

IOWA BETA

The alumnae club at Indianola has had delightful meetings the past year, usually on the first Saturday of each month. We greatly miss three of our number who have moved away from Indianola. Mrs. Eva McGranahan has gone to one of the far western states, Mrs. Tella Clammer to Ft. Collins, Colorado, and Mrs. Wilma Morrison to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cook Martin, one of Iowa Beta's charter members, has lately come to make her home again in Indianola, and she is cordially welcomed, especially by the alumnae members.

May Lacy was married on the twentieth of January to Mr. Frederick Henry. They will remain in Indianola.

Several of our members attended the annual Pan-Hellenic banquet in Des Moines in January and had a delightful time.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Genevieve Smith, ex-'98, vocal instructor in the School of Music, is now spending a month in the south for her health.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saunders (Virginia Hayner, '02) are now settled in Washington, D. C., where Mr. Saunders has accepted a government position.

Elizabeth Shephard, '02, and Elinor Russell, '03, were back for the Junior Prom, February thirteenth.

Josephine Wells, '03, who has been critically ill with typhoid fever at her home in Portage, is now recovering.

Prof. and Mrs. Paul Reinsch (Alma Mosher, '00) sail for Europe next month to be gone until August.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Hettie Anthony, '01, is teaching in the public schools of her home town, Maryville, Mo.

Laura White, of the 1900-01 chapter, is teaching in Savannah, Mo.

Gratia Woodside, who graduated here in law in 1900 with many honors, has formed a partnership with Miss Barbee, one of the first women lawyers of the state, and they have their office at 1011-12 Carlton Building, St. Louis, Mo.

Lucille Lawson, who has been in Denver, Colo., for three years, is now at home at the Cottage Hotel, Columbia, Mo.

Mary Iglehart-King is now in California.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Mrs. Lacy from Knox College, and Miss Anne Elizabeth Stuart from Nebraska Beta were in New Orleans for the Carnival.

Miss Hess from Ottawa, Ill., is now in New Orleans.

Helen Collins, who has been visiting in New Orleans for several months, has returned to Charleston, W. Va.

Mrs. Marshall Welborn, formerly Annie Brunswig, has a little baby boy, and we are very proud of him.

KANSAS ALPHA

Florence Hawk and Mr. Loyal Crawford were married in Lawrence December twenty-third, and are now living in Girard, Kan.

Edith Thacher was married in Philadelphia, Pa., on January twenty-sixth, to Mr. Van Annen Harris, and is now in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Edith Riffle was married December thirtieth to Mr. Barrow, at Salt Lake City. Mrs. Barrow is now in Kansas City, Mo.

Harriet Miles left Lawrence March ninth, to take a position in the library at Stanford University, California.

Mr. Louis Poehler, the husband of Eva Miles Poehler of Kansas Alpha, died at San Diego, Cal., on February twentieth.

Marguerite Tenney, the daughter of Mrs. Carroll Cockins-Tenney, died after a long illness at her home in Chicago, February twentieth.

NEBRASKA BETA

Anne Stuart has returned from a visit to New Orleans, where she met the Louisiana Pi Phis and attended the Mardi Gras.

The engagement of Kathryn McPheeley, '03, to Mr. Oliver Everett, Beta Theta Pi, has been announced. The wedding will take place some time in May.

Born, in January, to Mrs. Robert Norton (Margaret Custer, '01), a daughter.

TEXAS ALPHA

Rose Edmund is teaching this winter in Lot, Tex.

Mildred Durst is studying music in San Antonio, and as she is so near, Texas Alpha hopes to have her for a visitor some time this spring.

Elsie Garrett spent three weeks with Anne Townes just after Christmas, and we were especially glad to have her with us at the time of our January initiation.

Rosalis Battle visited Grace Hill in January. The girls of Texas Alpha are always glad to have their alumnae with them,

because our chapter is so young that we are especially proud of the few alumnae that we have.

Emily White was compelled to return home on account of ill health. She will be much missed by her Pi Phi sisters as well as her other university friends.

Kate Barthold visited her aunt, Mrs. Gallagher, just after Christmas, but was not able to stay over to our initiation.

COLORADO ALPHA

Donny Armstrong was married to Mr. Harry H. Gaume, December thirty-first. They are living in Las Animas, Colo.

Anna Ramsey, Edith Weymouth, and Daisy Davis-Carney were visiting in Boulder lately.

Clare Williams-Humphrey has gone to California to live.

Married, on February tenth, Marion Thompson Withrow, '03, to Mr. Frank I. Ewing, Delta Tau Delta, in Central City, Colo.

Born, to Mrs. Myrtle Ziemer-Hawkins, on December twenty-sixth, a son.

Louise Nelson visited at the Pi Phi lodge for a few days.

Lulu Pinger has been very ill with typhoid fever, and is now at home convalescing.

CALIFORNIA BETA

We were extremely glad to receive a visit from Nan Mashek, of Wisconsin Alpha. Our only regret was that the visit could not be more extended.

Grace Andrews, of Nebraska Beta, made it possible for us all to meet and know her, by joining us in our last initiation ceremony and in the banquet that followed.

Mrs. King, of Missouri Alpha, visited the chapter recently. To meet these eastern Pi Phis and to exchange with them thoughts and fraternity experiences is one of our greatest pleasures. We have been unusually pleased this year.

Elma Korbelt, '02, renewed old friendships and formed new ones when she recently visited the chapter house.

Editorials

THIRTY-SEVEN years ago this month there was formed at Monmouth College a little club of twelve girls who took upon themselves the pledges that made them I. C. Sorosis, the first women's college fraternity. Of our twelve founders, but ten could be present on the evening of actual organization, and strangely and happily, after nearly forty years every one of the ten is living and well. Eight have long been wives and mothers, and one of them has given a daughter to Pi Beta Phi. Two are unmarried, active in good works, and of all we are very proud.

These ten founders are to be the guests of the fraternity at the coming convention in St. Louis, and their presence alone would be enough to make this eighteenth convention of Pi Beta Phi the most enthusiastic and inspiring that we have ever had. As they do us honor by coming to be with us, so we shall do them honor by showing them the strong, splendid maturity of the fraternity they founded.

THERE are other reasons why this year's convention promises to be one long to remember. Surely if numbers make for success, our gathering will be the best we have ever had. Already many besides the delegates are arranging to be present, and the number of these will grow with the days from now to the end of June.

The time we have chosen is the best one possible for visiting St. Louis. The great fair will have been opened long enough to have buildings and exhibits complete but still fresh and unworn, and the weather is likely to be far more agreeable than later in the season. Every Pi Phi who is intending to be in or near St. Louis this summer ought to plan to be there at convention time, and so have a two-fold pleasure and benefit, and a two-fold reason for remembering with pleasure the summer of nineteen-four.

PROBABLY most chapters are, at one time or another, confronted with the question of the transfer, an individual innocent in herself, but occasionally furnishing one of the most perplexing problems of fraternity life. Fortunately she is often just the girl the chapter would have chosen, and fits into her new surroundings with the adaptability of a congenial spirit. Once in a while, however, the process of assimilation is not so easy, either because of some peculiarity in the character of the girl or because of differences in her former surroundings. Of the former class it is not necessary to say much. The selfish transfer, the stiff-necked and obstinate transfer, the transfer with the unmanageable temper probably never ought to have been initiated in the first place. Any chapter is the worse for her, and a chapter who passes her on to another college is alone responsible for any trouble that may come of it. Happily such transfers are rare, for the friction of fraternity life has already smoothed off the roughest angles.

The usual difficulty is not the result of character but of previous environment. The girl who goes from one college to another is often the product of different conditions, social and intellectual, her college is perhaps of a different standard, while her habits, her views of life, her whole make-up are such as would draw her, if still uninitiated, into some other fraternity or no fraternity at all.

There have appeared lately in several of the men's fraternity magazine articles protesting emphatically against the affiliation of transfers. "Be good to them," they urge, "but do not affiliate them unless they will be a positive strength to the chapter." This reminds us of the articles we ourselves publish far too frequently, bidding us "be kind to the non-fraternity girl." Of course neither one is wanted in the chapter, but they will quite understand and acquiesce if only, forsooth, we are "nice to them." But how, for instance, will the transfer feel when you reject him and receive one from another college into full fellowship, and how will such discrimination look to the college world outside? Will it not imply something against the character of the one rejected, and since he is a new comer, work him actual harm?

Worst of all, will not such a course lower fraternities and the fraternal idea in the eyes of that same college world?

Each year the chapter cheerfully undertakes to incorporate into itself the half dozen or so freshmen whom it has initiated. Considering their immaturity and the frequently hasty rushing, this is fully as difficult a task as assimilating an occasional transfer. We may argue that we choose the freshmen ourselves, whereas we had nothing to do with selecting the transfer. But then, neither did we select our alumnae nor shall we select the freshmen who are to come after us.

A girl's presence in college argues that she is ready to accommodate herself so far as possible to its atmosphere, her presentation of a letter of transfer is pledge of her willingness to meet the chapter at least half way. Should she prove a girl who falls below our standard of breeding or culture, there is still left a common meeting ground, for down below such superficial differences are certain womanly attributes which we may take for granted belong to every fraternity girl. Perhaps it is not a bad thing once in a while to sweep aside the comparatively non-essential, and found our mutual friendship on such basic qualities as sincerity, honor, and high aspiration.

A national organization gives to a fraternity strength, solidarity, unity; it gives prestige to the chapter or individual belonging to it. We boast of our national standing, are proud of our strong chapters, and feel a proprietary interest in the achievements of successful alumnae. Shall we take to ourselves all the strength of a strong national organization and not accept the one small evil,—the affiliation of an occasional undesirable transfer? Caution in granting charters, and the frequent and careful inspection of chapters reduces even this danger to a minimum, and at the very worst, we at least have our pin and our pledges in common. Sisterhood *de convenance* is not the ideal bond, but in the case of the transfer, it is certainly better than no sisterhood at all.

INSTEAD of the usual clipping from many of the fraternity magazines, we devote our exchange department this month to reprinting the essay which took the prize of fifty dollars offered

by Alpha Tau Omega. As a presentation suggestive and sympathetic and unspoiled by sentimentalism, and as a little piece of pure flexible English, it is recommended to every reader of the ARROW.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

Vermont Alpha is just drawing a sigh of relief after the fateful first week in March, which brings us all grievous duty whether we will or no. In spite of our misgivings we are ready now to raise our heads from those fateful documents and give three cheers for the "queen whose banners lead."

I wonder if we are not the first to introduce to you pledglings from the class of 1908. Two town girls, Mary Kendall and Theodora Crane, are proudly wearing the pledge pin. The addition of Theo will make our Mrs. Crane a Pi Phi mother as well as patroness. With our pledges we took our annual straw-ride to the home of one of our members, where of course, we had such fun as only Pi Phis know how to make. Besides this, we had one very pleasant rushing party before our sub-freshmen were pledged. It is our custom to make the Pharetra a present each year at Christmas, and this year we gave a blue flame stove. It is very convenient to give a present "all in the family," and this has proved no exception.

Several advances have been made in Middlebury College recently along the line of English work. Our junior exhibition is to be omitted because of extra public literary work in the college. The evening of the twenty-fifth of March is to be occupied by the junior class in giving the play, "She Stoops to Conquer." One of our girls, Katherine Collins, has a part in the play. Another Pi Phi was selected to appear, but was unable to take the part assigned her.

A debating society organized among the college men has just closed a very successful series of public debates. A team has been chosen from the freshman class to debate with a similarly chosen team at Dartmouth. Our enthusiasm is great over this contest, for we have not forgotten our

great victory in a similar debate with the College of Webster last year. A picked team from the debating association is to war with tongues against a team from St. Lawrence University later in the year.

Since the comparatively recent fitting up of our physical laboratory upon endowment, our new Science Hall has the best of equipment for laboratory work. The science courses are continually being improved and offer unusual opportunities to those interested in this work.

Our Young Women's Christian Association is in a prosperous condition this year. We sent two delegates to the recent New England convention in Holyoke, Mass., one of whom wears the arrow. Plans are being made to send a large delegation to the summer conference at Silver Bay, N. Y.

The college glee club, which has been in a dormant state for several years, has roused from its slumbers and promises, together with its mandolin and guitar clubs, to do successful work. A glee club organized among the women has already given four concerts. Several Pi Phis are members of it.

Vermont Alpha rejoices with you in the tie that binds us all in one great sisterhood and gives us, away up here in the corner of Pi Phidom, kindred interests with Texas Alpha and California Beta. All honor to our beloved fraternity.

BESSIE MABEL BUMP.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(CHARTERED 1898)

Doubtless by this time every Pi Phi has sighed a sigh of relief, in thinking that another examination has come and gone. Maybe our sighs will be heavier when we have gone, and left our active share in fraternity to new though equally enthusiastic hands. But enough of moralizing! It is suggested that this be a college letter, and immediately a great difficulty presents itself, because it is not an easy task to tell in a few words of all that makes our college life so peculiarly dear to us Vermont girls. Like all other universities, we have many departments of study, with an aggregate attendance of nearly six hundred students. Perhaps because we girls are not very numerous we each have a greater share in and responsibility for all the good times which are ours. There are only about fifty girls in college, so the chapter rolls of three sororities are of necessity small. For the past three years, as far as my memory extends, our chapter has been the largest of the three. But we do lack what time alone can supply—a larger alumnae circle. Fortunately, the ranks are gradually being filled. We cannot appreciate the girls who live in town too highly. They are very loyal to our weekly meetings, and have conceived the idea that they must never come empty handed. Of

course there are "neutrals" in college, but fraternity spirit does not manifest itself unpleasantly at any time, so at such times as class elections we are all in a common "Inter nos" company which is delightful.

The ladies of the faculty gave a Hallowe'en party to all the college students. Much fun was found in the masquerade, and all the "stunts" peculiar to the evening. A large part of the evening was given up to dancing and refreshments "suited to the occasion" were served on wooden plates! Washington's Birthday* was welcomed as one of our conspicuous few holidays. In the evening came the "Cake Walk," which was a great success in every particular. It was the most original and laughable entertainment of its kind ever presented. The prize for specialties was awarded to a sea monster more wonderful than any recorded in classical annals. Not only did it open its cavernous jaws, but blinked its eyes and breathed out smoke and a tall column of water. Dancing was enjoyed after the entertainment.

Our spring recess is postponed one week owing to the lengthened college calendar. Imagine celebrating Class Day with fire crackers and toy pistols!—but such will be the case here, because the decree has gone forth that July fourth shall be Class Day. If Commencement time is postponed till the middle of the summer, we expect a great jubilee because it is Vermont's centennial year. To celebrate the event, a million dollar endowment fund has been undertaken.

Junior week has been inaugurated here this year and will be observed in April. It is an established custom in many colleges, but has never been tried by Vermont before. The sophomore hop was held in January and those who attended agree that it was a most successful affair. The chemistry club had a Radium evening recently. To the initiated it was very profitable, but to us who could not understand all about Alpha Beta Gamma—XYZ rays, the most enjoyable part was seeing through a strong lens a bit of radium compound. It was well worth the humiliation even of being impressed with a realization of how little we did know. Before our recess, the girls are to give their annual Y. W. C. A. entertainment. Preparations are being made on a larger scale than usual, but we expect that our success will more than compensate for the extra work. I have not mentioned the best and dearest part of all our life, and that is Pi Phi. This has been the happiest year imaginable.

Both of our sophomore girls are chosen for the preliminary reading, when speakers will be selected for the Spear prize reading contest. We hope that one and possibly both may be among the final speakers. Vermont Beta hopes that each of you has enjoyed the year to the utmost.

ELIZABETH DURFEE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

Conditions at Columbian are all flourishing and everything seems to point toward a period of growth and prosperity unparalleled in its history. Our new president, Dr. Needham, has purchased a site for new buildings and the plans are now ready to be put into execution. The entire area of five acres will be occupied by buildings, arranged quadrangularly about a central court. The buildings comprise a Memorial Hall and Auditorium, Library, Alumni Hall, Gymnasium and Dormitories, the entire cost of which is estimated at between one and one and a quarter millions. We are all enthusiastic over the great future which lies before us as a university, and hope that the plans will be matured early.

The annual debate with the University of Virginia took place in January. The question as to the advisability of putting the railroads under government control was unusually interesting, and was well argued on both sides. This year, as last, Columbian won, and was entirely deserving of the enthusiasm her students evinced for their Alma Mater.

Early in February, the University gave one of the formal functions of the year. It was the Students' Ball at the New Willard. There were more than seven hundred guests, who most heartily attested to the pleasure of the evening. The majority of the college girls present were Pi Phis.

Quite an impulse was given us along athletic lines in the fall, and our baseball team promises to be as great a success as our football eleven. The choice of members for the team is the all-important question now, and regular practice will begin as soon as the weather permits. The schedule includes games with Lehigh, Syracuse, Gettysburg and Johns Hopkins, and we are looking forward to them with a great deal of interest.

But Pi Phis are such an important factor at Columbian that to give you an adequate idea of its doings, we must tell you of some of our own entertainments. On the fourth of January, the Pi Phi alumnae, assisted by the active girls, gave a formal reception in the college library to the faculty and friends of the university. The purpose was to identify ourselves clearly with college interests and to strengthen the position we hold as its oldest fraternity. It was a success beyond our most sanguine anticipations.

The Phi Alpha chapter of Chi Omega entertained us at an informal dance in February. It was a leap year affair, and altogether was most novel and delightful. We were extremely pleased with this testimony of interfraternity interest and friendship.

Edith Giles of '06 spent last week with us. It was good to have her

among us again. During her visit, we were informally entertained at the homes of several of the girls, the most delightful affair perhaps being a little dance at the home of Ethel Rollins at Falls Church. We are now busy with plans for our annual dance, to be given during the Easter vacation.

Our college work is running along smoothly and pleasantly, and we regret that so much of the year is gone. With best wishes to all Pi Phis, from Columbia Alpha.

MAUD ESTHER MCPHERSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1892)

It is very happily that Pennsylvania Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters, for at last our long delayed pledge day has come, and now very proudly we want to introduce to you our three "new found treasures"—Hazel Davis, Flora Boyle, and Elizabeth Johnson, who, at present are loyal Pi Phis and can give a hearty "Ring! Ching! Ching!" with the rest of us.

On the nineteenth of December we held the one large entertainment which our non-rushing pledge allows us. We gave it in the form of a Christmas party; and the large room draped in Christmas greens, with the softly shaded glow of the candles lighting up our own dear wine and blue was a sight never to be forgotten. Our joy was touched with sadness, however, for we knew that it was to be our last evening with one of the dearest of our sisters, Esther Rogers, who left college the next day on account of the ill health of her mother.

On the fourteenth of February, we gave a valentine party in Philadelphia, at the home of one of the girls. The affair was a great success, and we have now all solved the hidden mystery of the future and heard our fate foretold in solemn tones.

There will be many changes in our college next year, and it seems as if Swarthmore were soon no longer to be a small college. At present a new dormitory is being rapidly constructed, which will accommodate from fifty to a hundred boys. The tuition has also been raised and, beginning with next year, will be four hundred and fifty instead of four hundred dollars. The rooms, likewise, which heretofore, have all been the same price, will now be charged for according to their desirability.

With the best wishes for a bright and happy springtime to each and every Pi Phi.

ELIZABETH K. CARTER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1895)

Pennsylvania Beta again greets all her sister chapters. With her greeting, she sends a few items of interest about her college.

This year Bucknell has an attendance of over seven hundred, an increase of sixty over last year and some forty were unable to register owing to want of room. This is very encouraging, especially so, since the increase was also an increase in the number of girls entering.

The library now numbers twenty-five thousand volumes. It is open daily, Sunday excepted. Last year over a thousand dollars was expended for books and periodicals. An estate inventoried at forty-eight thousand dollars will accrue to the library after the expiration of a life interest.

The trustees and committee on the endowment fund are hard at work trying to raise the fund to one million dollars. They are meeting with success and Bucknell is confidently looking forward to the time when she will be one of the best endowed colleges in the country.

Four new courses, leading to degrees, have been added to the curriculum. They are the course in Jurisprudence, in Biology, in Chemistry and in Civil Engineering. Special work is also offered in Medicine, but as yet it leads to no degree.

An Honor Society or New Scholarship Society has been formed, to which only those who have attained a standing of 95 or more in their course are eligible. Of last year's class, four have been nominated for election to the society.

In athletics, Bucknell has prospered. The foot-ball season was not as successful as the preceding year, but basket-ball has been extremely successful, only two games in the last two years have been lost. In base-ball, Bucknell never has as strong a team as in other athletics, but this year we have promise of a better team than usual. The track candidates are in training and we have good chances for the relay races in Philadelphia.

Socially, Bucknell has been gayer this winter than ever. We have had a Faculty reception, Senior Seminary reception, college girls' reception, Open Zeta Party, a play given by the girls' Dramatic Club, Academy Boys reception, Junior Ball, fraternity parties, class banquets, leap year dance, and "at homes" for the college men given by the dean of women, besides many little informal affairs which have proved decidedly delightful and have added much to our college life. Of course next term has several large social functions characteristic of the spring term, and a date has been fixed for a new dance to be known as the Sophomore Cotillion.

The junior class is hard at work on its annual, *L'Agenda*. Pi Beta Phi is well represented on its board and all are working hard to make it the

best ever published. The sophomore class has elected its board for next year, and they also gave evidence of wisdom when they elected a number of Pi Phi girls to the board.

I cannot close without telling about the picnic our chapter gave for the freshman girls. It was held in the girls' gymnasium, which was filled with cushions. Games were played, songs sung and dancing indulged in. Then a picnic lunch was served. All the features of a mid-summer picnic were carried out, the girls wearing light dresses and carrying parasols. It was certainly a delightful way of spending an evening and we active members enjoyed it as much as the freshmen.

FERNE F. BRADDOCK.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1903)

We regret very much that just now we have to report regress of the college instead of progress.

On March third, our new administration building, Denney Hall, was entirely destroyed by fire. Those who were present at the installation will remember it very well, as it was in that building that we were taken into the mysteries of Pi Phi. All the departmental libraries and valuable records of the college were lost. The Belles Lettres and Union Philosophical literary societies lost all the records, since their establishment in the early part of the last century.

Out of this regress, progress will come, for Denney Hall will be rebuilt on a larger scale, owing to the addition of new departments since the original hall was built in '96. Economics and German have been made into separate departments and have been accommodated in South College. When the new Hall is rebuilt they will be accommodated in it.

Plans are on foot to increase the endowment fund, and twelve thousand dollars was lately left to the college by the Rev. William Lloyd.

There was some hesitation about granting Dickinson a charter of Pi Beta Phi on account of the small number of girls coming here, but that uncertainty has been entirely dispelled, as the number of girls who enter the freshman class is double what it has been in previous years.

Dickinson has been brought into prominence by her foot-ball team this fall. We are the third college team in the state. We succeeded in winning from both our oldest rivals, State and Lafayette, a thing never accomplished in any year before.

The baby chapter has had a very good time this winter. We have been entertained as a fraternity five times and naturally feel jubilant over it. Early in February we were delightfully entertained by Mrs. Prettyman, one of our patronesses. Dr. Prettyman's fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, was entertained at the same time. It was an auction party and there was no

end of fun to it. That was the first time we had ever given our yell in public, but we gave it with a vim and it was as successfully rendered as if we had had four years' knowledge of it. The Beta Theta Pis gave their annual play and reception the twelfth of February. Mabel Kirk made her debut behind the footlights that night in a very creditable manner. Pi Phi was largely represented.

Edith Super gave a lovely St. Valentine's luncheon to the fraternity and alumnae. That evening we were entertained by the writer of this letter. On February nineteenth, Jessie Hauck and Katharine Keefer, gave a card party for us. We had an especially good time as three of our last year's seniors were back. On Washington's birthday, Mrs. Evans entertained the other five patronesses and our fraternity at a progressive anagram party. We had a lovely time together and felt that we had grown to know our patronesses much better. At the dances and other social events of the year, Pi Phi always has a good representation.

As a fraternity, we have done no entertaining this term but have issued cards for "at homes" the last two weeks in March to the ladies of the faculty, patronesses and friends. We have decided to wait till spring to hold our reception, when we will have a large lawn party.

Through this medium, we wish to thank those who wrote us congratulatory letters and tell them how much we appreciate them.

KATHLEEN MOOR GOODING.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

Ohio University has reached the one-hundredth milestone in her existence and in June will make an extensive and somewhat elaborate celebration. Special attractive features will occupy an entire week, ending with Commencement exercises as a grand finale. In connection with the centennial celebration and Commencement, will be held a "Home coming," conducted by one of New York's multi-millionaires, who was formerly a resident of Athens. One striking feature of this is a dinner which will be served to all Athens' former residents, in a building erected especially for that purpose. Hundreds of former students expect to return.

A magnificent normal building is now nearly ready for occupancy, which adds greatly to that portion of the campus. Plans have also been drawn up for a handsome library building, which will occupy another corner of the campus. For this, Carnegie was a liberal donor, and increases the number of our buildings to eight.

Our campus is known as one of the most beautiful in the state; it is very plentifully supplied with trees, some of which have really grown up with the college. We have a strong faculty of thirty-nine members, many of whom have spent some years of preparation abroad, in connec-

tion with their college courses. The enrollment of students for the present term is approximately three hundred, and it will be much increased in the spring term.

Besides the college of "liberal arts," we have here a State Normal, a College of Music, a business department, an electrical engineering, and an art department.

Other Greek letter fraternities are, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, and Alpha Alpha Alpha, our rival.

Athletics attract a great deal of attention and arouse much enthusiasm. Recently more success has been achieved on the diamond than on the gridiron.

We have had a very pleasant and successful year. We have initiated since our last letter, and wish to present Bernice Coultrap to our Pi Phi sisters as a new wearer of the wine and blue. Her initiation occurred in our hall, where after very impressive ceremonies, we had an oldtime "cookie-shine," to which our alumnae were invited.

That same week, the alumnae chapter entertained us with an elegant "spread" at the fraternity hall. About thirty in all were present.

Delta Tau Delta, with their girl friends, entertained at a six o'clock dinner, in honor of their new men, and many Pi Phis were present.

We have adopted a system of entertainment which has met with great success. Two of the girls entertain the chapter, in turn, every other week. The first of these was an informal reception, the next, a Valentine party, where red hearts were in much evidence, and each girl was presented with a valentine especially suited to her. The third fell upon Washington's birthday, and for this we had a colonial party. The girls came in colonial costumes, while the decorations were of red, white and blue. Plans are now under way for a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The Alumnae chapter have adopted a similar method of entertainment and are meeting with equal success. They have organized with nineteen members and are of great help to us in many ways.

Ohio Alpha extends best wishes to sister chapters.

FLORA TERHUNE CONNER.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

The last time we girls of Ohio Beta talked to you, we were anticipating that dreaded week of "exams." Now that that awful mountain has been climbed, we have nothing more to worry about, save the daily routine of study, which becomes burdensome at the mere thought of pretty spring days.

Just think, we have only one more opportunity of talking to you this year! But we have no reason to feel downhearted, for some of us, at

least, will be at the Convention and then we can talk to our heart's content, which is worth more than a dozen letters. Anyhow, it is so hard to put on paper just what you want to say, but when girls, especially fraternity girls, get together they never lack for words.

Perhaps you would be interested in knowing what we as a college are doing. How much we would like to have you visit us some spring when O. S. U. is at her prettiest, for we certainly have an ideal campus. The addition of two new buildings adds much, not only to the college surroundings, but to the advancement of the institution as well. The Law Building, which has also recently been erected, has a beautiful exterior with a handsomely finished interior. A part of this building is now taken up with the archaeological museum, but a law student informed us just the other day that the rising generation of lawyers would be in possession of the entire building. O. S. U. is fast increasing in numbers and our enrollment has been swelled quite a little this year by the girls. Some day we shall probably have a girls' dormitory, and then O. S. U. will be very attractive for the "co-ed." We have an excellent Domestic Science department, and our Art department is gradually being made larger and better.

A few weeks ago we suffered a great loss in the burning of the Chemical Hall. But the state has shown its interest in us by making good the loss, and before long we shall have another just as fine. Our dear president, as usual, took the loss very cheerfully, consoling us by saying we would prove ourselves greater than the fire.

To go back to Ohio Beta,—we had been looking forward to the Junior Prom for a long time; it is now a thing of the past. The decorations were very tasteful and pretty, everything went off beautifully and we had a delightful time, perhaps because so many of our girls were there. We are now planning for our formal party to be given the fifteenth of April. This is to celebrate our tenth anniversary and we anticipate the best kind of a time, of course.

Before Ohio Beta's scribe writes another letter, we shall have been doing all sorts of "campus work" and by that time can possibly tell you all sorts of tales. But till then, you have our best wishes.

CLARE POSTLE.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

The fear and anxiety of midyear examinations is now over and we can once more write to our sisters.

You ask what next has occupied our minds aside from the regular course of study. First we may mention the Senior Ball, together with

many fraternity parties. Then following closely the city concert given by the Glee and Instrumental clubs of the University.

The new hall which was mentioned in the November number of the *ARROW*, is not yet completed, but as soon as spring comes, it will be pushed forward with great rapidity. The heating plant is now in operation. Its results are much more beneficial and it is less expensive than the former method.

Our college is not only enriched by these new buildings, but has recently received gifts from James Belden, of fifty thousand dollars for the endowment of the Medical College and one hundred thousand for the College of Liberal Arts; as well as one hundred thousand dollars from John Lyman.

Our athletes have been doing creditable work by winning a majority of the Basket Ball games.

The Classical Club has prepared a lecture course which has been very interesting and instructive. Among the lecturers were, Prof. Richardson, who superintended excavations at Corinth; Prof. Morgan, of Harvard, and Prof. Peritz, of Syracuse. The Historical Club has also given a very interesting course.

Some of the students are being trained by Prof. Lossey to present "King Lear." The play will be given in Syracuse, and also in Rochester and Auburn.

The fraternity has also been busy. We celebrated our eighth birthday by a party at which were invited the sisters and mothers of the girls. At this time our freshmen presented a farce "Per Telephone" in a very creditable manner.

MARY E. HART.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

As the March days lengthen and the time for the April *ARROW* approaches, we realize that Spring is indeed at hand. This has been a typical New England winter and Boston has been wrapped in a blanket of snow for many weeks. Nevertheless, chilly winds and deep drifts have not hindered our enjoyment and the days have gone very swiftly. We have been delightfully entertained several times. Early in the season the local chapter of Beta Theta Pi gave us a party at their new fraternity house, and this was soon followed by two general "Ladies' Nights" given by Theta Delta Chi, at both of which Pi Phi was well represented. Early in February, Adelaide Chase, an alumna of Illinois Zeta, entertained us most delightfully at her home in West Medford, and soon after, Anna Robinson, one of our own alumnae, held the jolliest "cookie-shine" at her home, where the active girls met the local alumnae. This was fol-

lowed on Washington's birthday by a dainty luncheon given the active chapter by Harriette O'Donald.

This winter has been a momentous one in the history of our college. Last year, Dr. Warren, who had been president of the university for more than twenty-five years, resigned the position and the trustees, after months of deliberation, finally appointed as his successor, Dr. William Huntington, for many years our own beloved dean. Dr. Huntington is greatly admired by the students of the College of Liberal Arts, and on February twenty-sixth, they tried to express their gratification at his election by tendering him a large reception. The scene was a very brilliant one that evening, and we were all proud of our president as he received with Governor Bates, who is an alumnus of our college. The reception was in charge of a committee consisting of one girl and one man from each of the four classes. Ethel Piper, one of our own girls, was the Sophomore representative on this committee.

President Huntington's inauguration will not come until next October, when there will be a week of interesting exercises. We feel that the outlook for our college is a very happy one.

We have not done any extensive entertaining ourselves, except to give a Leap Year party on February twenty-ninth. This was held at the home of Lora Pratt, in Brookline, and was a great success. We are talking of a large reception for Founder's Day, but have made no definite plans for it as yet. Adalieta Shaw, one of our dearest girls, has been out of college this semester on account of the serious illness of her mother. We miss her sadly but look forward to having her with us in the fall. The five national fraternities in college are now forming a Pan-Hellenic Association, but at the present writing its organization is not complete. Klatsch, the annual reception given by the girls of the Liberal Arts department, is near at hand, and at that time Harriette O'Donald is to be our hostess.

Massachusetts Alpha hopes that the winter has been a prosperous one for all her sister chapters, and trusts that the joy and sunshine of the Springtime may enter into the heart of each Pi Phi.

SARAH G. POMEROY.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(CHARTERED 1897)

Our thoughts have been so concentrated in the prosperity of Maryland Alpha that it seems hard to bring them to a realization of the greater fraternity world of Pi Beta Phi. Our only excuse is the fact that next Saturday, March twelfth, is pledge day at the Woman's College, and excitement runs high.

Last Friday night, March fourth, we gave the one large function

allowed to us for this year. One of our alumnae, who has a beautiful country home gave us her house for the occasion. All of our alumnae voted it the best party that this chapter of Pi Phi has ever given.

Our time for one week more is to be largely occupied with "stunts" for the entertainment of the freshmen. Concerts and teas are on the program, and we can hardly realize that the time is almost here when we are to be released from these duties. After six long months of "rushing" it will seem strange to be rid of what one upper-class girl wittily called "the ever present freshman."

But college proper claims as usual a good share of our attention. Since our last letter to the ARROW, a long, hard week of mid-year examinations has come and gone. This is the first time in the history of our college that mid-years have been made a regular institution; and if a vote of the student body was taken I am afraid they would not be continued many years.

We notice with pleasure, in the new catalogues for the year 1904-1905, a very material raising of the standard for entrance. We who entered several years ago thought they were high enough then, but we realize that progress is best in all things.

During the year, Dr. Froelicher has given a series of lectures on Art, which have been very fine, for Dr. Froelicher is considered an authority on this subject.

Dr. Moulton, of the University of Chicago, recently delivered a lecture here upon one of Browning's poems. It is a great pleasure to have with us a man whose dramatic art, as well as his insight into literature, is of the highest order.

With greetings to all our sister chapters.

MARY CREIGHTON AMES.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1872)

We hail with gladness the opportunity to devote a large part of our letter to telling our sisters of the progress of our college, for that is a subject ever near and dear to our hearts.

Just now, Lombard seems lovelier than ever, for we have returned from our vacation to find the grass on the campus showing the first tinge of green, and the squirrels and robins holding high revels over their first whiff of spring. To begin in the regulation way,—Lombard's record for the year on the foot-ball field has been an excellent one. The cham-

pionship of the college teams of the West has fallen to her share, and great has been the rejoicing thereat. The basket-ball team has been scarcely less successful, and to them laurels are due.

Our enthusiasm for the progress of Lombard has been somewhat clouded during the past few weeks, by the resignation of our worthy president. Dr. Nash has been called to the office of Field Secretary of the Universalist Church, and duty takes him away. For several years he has done a noble work in raising the college to an efficiency never before attained, and the impetus given by him to the institution will not soon be spent. Dr. Nash's departure means a loss to each one personally as well as to the community, and it is with great reluctance that we give him God-speed. May the one who fills his place be as faithful and untiring in his efforts as he has been!

During this year the work of the college has been strengthened and systematized, and all departments have flourished. A new medical department, possessing much valuable apparatus, has been established, and is being carried on under the management of Dr. Kimble.

The work in music is progressing very successfully with Professor and Mrs. Thompson at the head. Several interesting recitals have been given and a program has been furnished in which the music was entirely of Professor Thompson's own composition.

Miss Curtis, an instructor of much ability, has been placed at the head of the English department, and also holds the office of Dean of Women.

The enrollment is much larger than last year, and we have heard it whispered among the professors that Lombard never had a better class of students. But the faculty may be partial, and you too, may hear the same opinion voiced by your own professors if you will but take the pains to listen.

An event of interest in fraternity circles has been the issuing of the first number of the magazine of Alpha Xi Delta. This is a fraternity organized by Lombard girls, and has recently become national.

We have had but one party of late, which was held at the home of Grace Conley, one of our alumnae, in honor of St. Valentine's Day. Hearts and valentines abounded in the decorations, and the prizes were appropriate to the season.

Illinois Beta was greatly pleased to be invited to occupy seats of honor, together with Illinois Delta, at the wedding of Jessie Van Clute, an Illinois Delta Alumnae. The wedding was a charming one, and we greatly appreciate the kindness of Miss Van Clute in giving us the invitation.

But we dare not take up all the pages of the *ARROW*, though even then, our pen would not run dry, so we will say good-by.

ETHEL CHAMBERLAIN.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1884.)

In trying to write about the progress of our college for this year, Illinois Delta has chanced upon rather a hard problem, as we have built no additions to our college, have had no new departments added to our course, and have done nothing really remarkable.

Since the close of the foot-ball season, the athletics have been confined to in-door base-ball and track work, with the hope of having especially good teams in both, when the time comes.

Although the Knox girls are not allowed to play against the girls of other colleges, there is a great deal of interest taken in basketball. There are six teams: senior, junior, sophomore, freshmen, preparatory, and conservatory, and a schedule has been arranged so that each team has one game with each of the other teams. The girls are also much interested in fencing, and with the spring term will begin swimming lessons, also preparation for the regatta in Commencement week.

Within the last month there have been three class plays, senior, junior, and sophomore, and of course we all feel quite sure that their success was due solely to the Pi Phis in the casts.

The last month has been a busy one, too, in a social way. The nineteenth of February we gave our annual dance, and several days later, one of our girls was married, and the wedding was strictly a Pi Phi one.

The first of the semester we initiated four freshmen: Clara Lindley, Maurine Tilley, Myra Wilson and Bertha Woods. Illinois Delta extends best wishes to all the chapters.

KATHERINE M. BAGBY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

There is so much to tell that it is hard to know where to begin; but a good beginning will be to introduce our new member, Nadine Robertson, whom we initiated about a month ago. She makes a fine Pi Phi, and an enthusiastic one.

We are indulging in combined mourning and rejoicing over the fact that one of our freshmen, Marie Garrison, has left us for the remainder of the year to take a trip to Jerusalem (the old!).

Chapter affairs, now that the examination is over, are centered in our annual dance to be given the twenty-sixth of March. Our date was fixed at so late a period that we shall have our hands full until the dance is over.

Affairs at college seem to be just waking up, and there is a great deal going on. All of the dances but two will be given in the next three

months, the junior play is "impending," and class socials are in order. Thursday afternoon of this week the Alpha Phis entertain all the sorority girls at a reception, and Friday evening the senior girls at Willard Hall entertain the senior class. The list of candidates for degrees has been posted, and Pi Phi has three names therein. Whether the chapter is happy or otherwise over the fact is not for me to say; but as a representative of the seniors, I can safely say that we dread the close of our last year with our dear sorority, and will ever cherish the memories we carry away with us.

Our faculty has made two important moves lately. It has taken the initiative in abolishing the Thanksgiving Day football game; and it has done away with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy, leaving only the B. S. and the A. B. degrees in the department of Liberal Arts.

An important step among the students is the establishment of a quarterly literary magazine, the first number of which made its appearance last month. Its literary board includes a Pi Phi, and it is hoped that future numbers may contain contributions from our literary members.

To return to chapter news, I will close by saying that we have received our chapter letter from the "baby," and that we think our infant promises great things; we therefore join our sister chapters in extending a most cordial welcome to the Pi Phis at Dickinson College.

FLORENCE GERTRUDE BALDWIN.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(CHARTERED 1895)

Our mid-year and also our "frat" examinations are over, and Illinois Zeta has settled down to a peaceful existence again. Our happiness would be complete, if it were not for one fact that has caused more than one face to lengthen. We are to lose our president, and that very soon. Dr. Draper has given to the board of trustees his resignation, to take effect the first of April, and although we realize that the new position that he has accepted, that of commissioner of education of the State of New York, will offer him many advantages that he could not receive here, still we feel that his departure will mean a great loss for all of us. He has been president of the University of Illinois since 1894, and in that time has aided greatly in the development and improvement of the university.

Ground is to be broken for the new Woman's Building in April, and it is hoped that the building will be ready for use in the fall. It will fill one of the greatest needs of the students. Besides the gymnasium and swimming pool, there will be rest rooms, and all fitted out for the

girls' comfort and pleasure. The room used at present for the gymnasium is too small for the large classes, and the athletic girls, as well as the others, will be glad when they can move out of the cramped quarters.

We are hoping great things from our baseball team this spring. Although we cannot hope to have it surpass the one which made such a brilliant series of victories in the east, year before last, we trust it will not fall below our standard, and that in baseball is a high one. We are not making any claims for football.

We were delighted to meet four of the Knox Pi Phis, who were in Champaign at the Beta Theta Pi "house party and annual" the fourth of March. It was a great pleasure for us to see them, even for so short a time, and we hope they will come again. Charlotte Nelson, one of our own girls of '03, visited here at the same time, first with the house party at the Beta house, and then with us for a week.

Since each of the ten fraternities and five sororities gives a formal annual party in the spring, this is a busy time of year. Ours is to be the last of the series, on the twenty-ninth of April. The Japanese cotillion given last year was so great a success that we are thinking of attempting a cotillion again, but our plans are not yet made.

Illinois Zeta wishes for all Pi Phis a happy and prosperous spring.

HELEN MARIE ATKINSON.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1888)

Indiana Alpha is enjoying to the utmost her chapter house, which she thinks could not be improved, either in location or conveniences.

At last our dull term when everybody works is almost ended, and after all it hasn't been dull, although we have had very few formal affairs to break the monotony. Yet in a general way we "have had a good time." At the beginning of the term we gave a spread for the new girls, and while we cannot speak for our guests, the "old ones" certainly enjoyed it. What Pi Phi doesn't enjoy a spread? Two weeks later our pledg-ings entertained the active chapter and our men supporters, in honor of our new pledge, Carolyn McCaslin. And let me say here, we are proud indeed to introduce her to you.

On February sixth our annual reunion was held at Indianapolis. This is always an important day for us, and many of our alumnae and active girls attended. But you may read more of it elsewhere. On the twenty-seventh of February we gave a spread just "for the girls"—active and alumnae—and to introduce our new patroness, Mrs. Luther Short. It gives us great pleasure to introduce Mrs. Short. She is the wife of Luther Short, ex-consul to Turkey, and aside from her social promi-

nence possesses many personal qualities which make her an ideal patroness.

And now the examination questions have come, and we are eagerly (?) looking forward to the crucial test. If we survive, we hope to send you a newsy letter next time, for we expect to have our best times next term. With greetings to all Pi Phis,

GRACE STAFFORD CARNEY.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(FOUNDED 1893)

Indiana Beta pauses at the end of a very busy and successful term to send greetings to her sister chapters. We have one new girl to introduce, Mabel Keeney of Rising Sun, Ind. We have done very little entertaining as a fraternity this term, but our time has been fully occupied. January thirtieth we gave our term dance, which took the form of a Leap Year party. Leap year customs were followed throughout the evening. On the evening of March the fifth, the annual Panthygatric occurred. This is the dance given by all the sorority girls in the university. Half of them go dressed as men and accompany the others. This year it was a success in every way.

One of our girls, Mindwell Crampton, spent several weeks this winter traveling in the south. He visited New Orleans during the Mardi Gras, and also made a trip through Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. While there, she saw several piles of stones which had been left as monuments by friends of various colleges and universities. Several fraternities and even one sorority were represented, so, gathering together a few rocks and stones and marking them as best she could, she started a memorial for Pi Phi.

We were asked this month to devote part of our letter to the progress of the university. This is an easy thing to do, for it is said by strangers that there is something peculiar about Indiana and Bloomington which makes everyone who has ever been here love them. In the past few years, the attendance has more than doubled. Last year the enrollment was about fifteen hundred, and so far this year bids fair to exceed that. There are nineteen different courses offered, including both Law and Medicine. There are about seventy members of the faculty. A department of Journalism is soon to be added, and also one of Manual Training.

Indiana has been well represented this year in athletics. Our very successful football season has been followed by one equally remarkable in basketball, and by a series of indoor track meets, the greatest victories of which were those over Notre Dame and Ohio State University. On February twenty-second, the annual track meet and color rush between

the freshmen and sophomores was held. The freshmen won in each contest, but the sophomores were allowed to carry out the old custom of burning Horace at midnight without molestation.

One of the most interesting events of the past term was the Mock National Democratic convention, which was held in the Men's Gymnasium March ninth and tenth. The proceedings of a real political convention were carried out in every detail. Candidates for president and vice president were nominated and the platform and plans for the coming campaign were laid down.

FLORENCE MAUDE JOHNSON.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

(CHARTERED 1897)

Indiana Gamma sends Easter greeting to all sister Pi Phis. We have just completed two terms of a most successful year in college and in fraternity, and we anticipate a pleasant as well as profitable spring term. Our freshmen have been so thoroughly initiated that they are already useful to us, as well as ornamental.

On February sixth, our annual state reunion was held in the Claypool hotel, Indianapolis. Everyone enjoyed the occasion, which, as we look back to former reunions, compared most favorably. A delightful luncheon was served at noon. The toasts were impromptu, and were responded to by Mrs. Charles B. Clark, one of our patronesses; Miss Sawyer of Greencastle, Miss Armstrong of Indianapolis, and Miss Sloan of Franklin. Our Province President, Miss Ethel Curryer acted as toast mistress. A number of active and alumnae girls from Bloomington and Franklin came, and we enjoyed meeting many new girls as well as those we had met before. Lena Randall, of New York Alpha, and her sister, Beatrice, were with us; also, Lulu Kellar and Jessamine Armstrong.

In January, we gave a dancing party at the home of one of our new girls, Ethel Duncan. The programs were decorated with a tiny golden arrow, the work of the hostess. Everywhere were reminders of the cause we love so dearly. Pi Phi banners, ribbons and letters were conspicuous in every room.

Indiana Gamma has a new member to introduce to Pi Phidom. Frances Fuller of Indianapolis entered college at the beginning of the winter term and we won her for Pi Phi. Julia Scott of Indiana Beta visited us on February twenty-fifth, having come to the city to attend the Delta Tau-Delta Alumni party at the Columbia Club.

We are looking forward to a happy springtime, when we can have real spreads under the trees and even better times than we have had this winter. With love and best wishes to all Pi Phis.

EDNA COOPER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1887)

Hillsdale College is progressing under the wise and able leadership of our new president, and the prospects for the future are brighter than they have been for some time past. Our institution is not a large one, a fact which our people do not deplore, since they believe that it is from the small college that the student derives the most benefit, because of the privilege of frequent and close association with the instructors.

The five literary societies seem to be doing nicely, and nearly every student belongs to one of them. In the G. S. S. contest, one of our girls, Mayte Collins, carried off the prize, to the great delight of us all. We have reason to feel very proud of our music department. One of the entertainments in our Lecture Course this year was given by this department and it was of a very high order, ranking even higher than some of the entertainments by outside talent.

The student body has had quite a spiritual awakening this term. Special services were conducted by the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s, assisted by Mr. Westwood of Cleveland, and these resulted in much good. A large majority of the girls in college are now members of the Christian Association, and most of the Pi Phis can be numbered among the most active workers.

Social life is unusually active this year. Sleighrides, parties and receptions have been too numerous to mention. Delta Tau Delta gave a banquet the evening of February twenty-sixth, which several Pi Phis attended and report a most delightful time. The evening of March eleventh the Alpha Tau Omega chapters of Michigan entertain with a banquet at Smith hotel. Both sororities are favored with invitations to this.

In closing, let me introduce our new sister, Esther Branch, whom we pledged a short time ago and whom we are soon to initiate.

HARRIETTE WOOD.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(CHARTERED 1888)

The second semester has begun now in very earnest, and the girls are all settling down to work again after the little breathing spell we enjoyed between semesters. There are so many things of which I would like to write this time, that have made the chapter life pleasant within the last few weeks, but I will save them until some other time, as this letter is to be especially of things relating to college progress.

Two very beautiful new buildings are the pride of our campus, the one, the new Medical Building, was completed last fall and has been occupied all year. The new Engineering Building has been erected this year

and has been occupied only a few weeks. They are both very large, imposing buildings, and add a great deal to the appearance of the campus, which is now very thickly covered with buildings.

I think the progress of the girls in the university is more marked than almost anything else. Mrs. Jordan, our dean, has, within the last year, brought the girls into closer contact with one another than has ever before been considered possible. Each class has now an organization, with committees to prepare social afternoons, and to help the girls of the university to become a little better acquainted with one another. Class songs and yells have been adopted and are used enthusiastically at the basketball games. The seniors are to give a class play in June, and will enjoy a senior breakfast some morning during Commencement week.

The Gymnasium parlors have been furnished very prettily, and the reading room, with its library table covered with the late magazines, is a very popular place. The girls feel deeply grateful to Mrs. Jordan for the interest she has taken and the improvements she has effected.

JESSIE M. HELSELL.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

It does not seem possible that time has slipped around so quickly and that it is now time for another ARROW letter. We Pi Phis at Simpson have been very busy this winter, and when people are busy they are nearly always happy. The only drawback to our complete happiness is that Faye Remick did not return. We are proud to introduce to the Pi Phi world Amanda Young. She makes our third pledge, and we are so conceited as to think that they are the very loveliest pledges we ever saw.

The year has been especially prosperous to our college. We have nearly six hundred students this term, which is quite an increase. All the departments have improved under the corps of competent instructors and we feel that Simpson is gaining an enviable reputation among the many colleges of our land.

Everybody has been very enthusiastic over basketball, although there have been but two games with other colleges. Two very beautiful trophy cups, one for the men and one for the girls, have been offered to the class winning a series of inter-class games. These games not only develop good candidates for the college team, but supply a long-felt want in class spirit.

ment, and hopes sometime to erect a building for its especial accommodation.

CORA NORSMAN.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(CHARTERED 1899)

Missouri Alpha is rejoicing because she has a splendid chapter house for next year. The University of Missouri is rapidly progressing. Read Hall, a beautiful stone structure, has been erected in the past year as a dormitory for women. It is presided over by Miss Lewis, a Wellesley graduate. Lathrop Hall, conducted by a worthy matron, affords a home for many of the young men. All the fraternities and the two sororities have their own homes. The time seems to have come in the history of our university, when a fraternity, to be strong, must either rent or own its own house.

Our girls have been well represented in class politics this semester. One is treasurer of the senior class, while one is president and one vice-president of the sophomore class. The girls of our institution take an active part in athletics, and this season has begun with the usual vim. The class teams have been selected, and the Pi Phis are well represented.

The senior girls are organized into a secret society. All senior girls are eligible. Its aim is to enhance friendly and sisterly feeling among all the university girls. They give little social functions for themselves and frequently to the girls of other classes. Our senior, Edith Dungan, entertained the club the other evening at a very pleasant party.

Social affairs at Missouri, although a little more quiet during Lent than usual, still are by no means extinct. The Sigma Nus gave a dance March fifth at their chapter house. It was a delightful affair, and, in looking over the guests, one might see the wearers of the arrow much in evidence.

MARY M. SMITH.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEW COMB COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1891)

The past term has been a very busy one, yet one which has been broken into a great deal, and it is only now that we are fully recovering from the excitement of the Carnival. We were very proud of our Pi Phi debutantes this year; three of them were queens of the Carnival balls;

Pauline Curran was queen of "The Elves of Oberon"; Cora Stanton was queen of "Atlanteans," and Carrie Charles was queen of "Momus." Several of our other girls were maids in some of the other courts also, so we feel that Pi Beta Phi was indeed well represented in the *royal* line.

Among the crowds of strangers who visited New Orleans during the Carnival, we were very happy in finding two of our Pi Phi sisters: Mrs. Lacey from Knox College, and Miss Anne Stuart from Nebraska Beta. We enjoyed seeing them far more than I can say, for we do love to hear about the girls of other chapters, and we live at such a distance from most of the other colleges, that of course we rarely have the pleasure of meeting our far-away sisters. Another Pi Beta Phi, Miss Hess, from Ottawa, Ill., is still in the city.

But to return to college life. At present basketball is making class spirit run high, for the inter-class games are now being played for the championship cup, which the professor of gymnastics, Miss Clara Baer, has offered.

Next Thursday and Friday, Newcomb gives holiday, in celebration of Founder's Day. Thursday, there are to be speeches in the Tulane theater, and Friday is a regular "picnic" day. In the morning, the entire body of students of Tulane University, including those of Newcomb College, the Medical College and the Law School, are invited up to Tulane. From there, they go to Newcomb, where they are entertained by the girls of the various classes, and luncheon is served in the grounds, each class having its own table decorated with its class colors. In the afternoon, the students are invited to the Medical College, and at night a dance is given at the Law School, thus winding up the festivities of Founder's Day.

We are all very excited about the convention in St. Louis; we do hope that we shall be able to be well represented there, and are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure and expectancy to seeing that large gathering of Pi Beta Phis.

HARRIETTE WATERS.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1873)

Just now when we are on the "home stretch" of another college year, may we pause and look back over the year to notice the progress our university has made. In the first place, we started the year with ten new additions to our faculty, which indicates a growth in the various departments. It has been the earnest endeavor of our chancellor to raise the standard of our institution. To accomplish this, the entrance requirements have been made more severe, and the general scholarship raised. The one absorbing topic now is where to put the new law build-

ing. The buildings have been scattered over our campus with no regular system, and with no particular attention paid to beauty, so that it is difficult to find a spot. This year, for the first time, we have had an incidental fee which, however, has not decreased the enrollment as was feared, but has instead enlarged it.

All of this growth in our college has of course had its effect on our chapter, and we feel stronger in every way than ever before. We have one pledging to introduce to you: June Uhrich, a freshman, who seems to us to be just what a Pi Phi should be.

The whirl of society, with its big fraternity parties, has subsided for awhile, only to break forth with renewed vigor after Easter. The date for our spring party is April twenty-second, and we are using all our energies now to think of some new and original scheme of decoration. And then will come Founder's Day, with its usual celebration, and soon it will be June and we will separate. Trusting that all Pi Phis have safely gone through the ordeal of the examination, "Good-bye."

MARY VIRGINIA KELLOGG.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(CHARTERED 1895)

We have a good many things to tell you of these few months, which have gone all too quickly for Nebraska Pi Phis.

Our alumnae chapter gave our last initiation for us at the home of Anne Stuart, and we had a splendid time. We initiated Mildred and Anita Hazelwood, Margaret McLucas, and Pauline Bush, who are as enthusiastic as our eight other freshmen. After the ceremony a delightful luncheon was served by the alumnae girls.

Let me tell you about the jolly time we all had at the Pan-Hellenic dance given by all the sorority girls of Lincoln at the Armory. Half of the girls of every sorority were to come representing boys, wearing black coats and skirts, white shirt waists, collars and ties. The other half dressed in evening dress. We had the usual music and programs, which the boys graciously filled, and cool refreshments were served by the escorts of the evening. It was a great success and one of the jolliest times we have had so far. We expect to give a "stunt" party later on, and we are all looking forward to another evening when "the girls" may get together and become better acquainted.

On Saturday the fifth of March, we entertained our patronesses and friends at a "Kensington tea" at the chapter house. An impromptu musical program was a feature of the afternoon. This was a delightful way to meet our many friends and mothers in the city, and we thoroughly enjoyed entertaining them. Dainty refreshments were served

at small tables in our large dining room, which was lighted and decorated with carnations and palms.

Last Tuesday Mrs. Burgert gave a five o'clock tea to the active chapter and several friends. A pleasant time was had, and we ended the afternoon by singing Pi Phi songs.

Alleyne Archibald gave her post graduate recital at the University Chapel March the third and we Pi Phis occupied a row of seats at the front. It was very thoroughly enjoyed. Alleyne expects to continue her study of music abroad next year, and we can scarcely realize that we are going to lose her, but are all hopeful of her success.

Last of all comes our examination, and everyone, I believe, is relieved now that is over. I never saw freshmen study harder than for this examination. For days before the fatal night, you could hear the chapter roll ringing in your ears.

Let us hope that by the next letter of the ARROW we shall have met at Convention, and feel ourselves bound by stronger and closer ties than ever.

Nebraska Beta wishes that the arrow might be worn by all Pi Phis over the heart instead of wearing it just any place.

Success to all our sister Pi Phis for the spring months.

KATE HEACOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(CHARTERED 1902)

Texas Alpha is proud to introduce to you seven new freshmen this month. On January sixteenth the fraternity invitations were issued and Pi Phi was accepted by every girl that was asked. On the following Saturday night we initiated Susan Shelton, Fay Kincaid, Kate Sockwell, Helen Garrison, Lottie Harris, Helen Hood, and Bessie Dreier. We have a good chapter of sixteen active members, now, and the new girls are taking up with the work so well that we upper classmen feel as if we can rest awhile and let them share much of our responsibility.

Since Christmas there has been comparatively little life in the social world. We have given our regular monthly "at homes," and there have been a good many small fraternity functions from time to time, which were every one delightful. In January the university was visited by Miss Whipple from California, with a view to founding a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta here. We are all anxious to have Kappa Alpha Theta represented at the university, as we believe there to be room for several more good fraternities. Miss Whipple was entertained by many of the fraternities, and Pi Phi gave a reception in her honor one evening.

Besides the girls applying for Kappa Alpha Theta, there is another club of girls who are applying to Delta Gamma. We hope soon to see sev-

eral women's fraternities in our university, for out of our thousand or more students, two hundred and fifty are girls. There are more girls in the university this year than ever before, which fact is due partly to our new girls' dormitory, that was opened last fall. The building cost seventy-five thousand dollars, and accommodates a hundred and fifty girls. It is well equipped, and the whole basement is devoted to the girl's gymnasium, which is complete in every respect, including a natatorium. The girls are much interested in both indoor and outdoor athletics, and we have a flourishing basketball team. In the spring there will be a tennis tournament, which everyone expects will be the best the girls have ever had.

The faculty has been much enlarged this year, and an additional school added to the curriculum, that of Electrical Engineering. We are outgrowing our buildings, and a new building for the new department is being erected now. It will be completed by next year, and will be large enough to include all the engineering department. As soon as it is finished, we expect to have a new building for the law department. Besides these new buildings, the ground was broken only a few days ago for a water tower which will be sixty feet high, and which will furnish us with our own water supply.

As is evident from the preceding account, our university is growing steadily and rapidly. There is not only an increase in the number of students, the members of the faculty, and the new buildings being erected, but there is a constantly increasing university spirit among the students. We are controlled entirely by the honor system, and we have our own students' association which makes and executes the laws of the university.

We have always been wildly enthusiastic about athletics, and this year we were very proud when our football team won the championship of the south, and last year we won the championship with the track team. We hope for more honors this spring, both in track team work and baseball.

With its increased appropriation from the state and its new buildings, the University of Texas looks forward toward what is hoped to be a very bright future. It is the largest educational institution in the state, and ranks well in comparison with other state universities; and we have students, not only from every corner of our big state of Texas, but from many other states as well.

Texas Alpha sends greeting to all Pi Phi sisters and hopes to learn to know many of them next summer at convention.

EDITH CLAGETT.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(CHARTERED 1884)

Here it is time to write another chapter letter and say good-bye to all our sisters for this school year. It does not seem possible that the close of college is so near, even though we all have spring-fever, a terrible malady, especially when frat examinations are upon us.

There is a dramatic club here which is composed of students of the university, and they give a play every year. This year the "Magistrate" was presented, and we were very proud of Floye Lewis, Ethel Thornburgh and Clara Morse, our three girls who took part. Besides, Maud Hunn has the honor of being the "leading lady" in the senior class play this year.

The pride and joy of the university is the new Library building; we received the appropriation by which we were enabled to have the building last spring, and although only the central portion is completed, it is being occupied and is a beautiful structure inside and out. The dedicatory services are to be held soon. The campus has been much improved in the last year, several new walks and a number of new trees have been added. There have been additions to the Engineering buildings and in the near future the Chemical building is to be enlarged.

We have a new chair of education over which Dr. Sanford Bell presides, and it is his duty to visit the various high schools of the state and to point out to them the merits of the University of Colorado; he is also the professor of pedagogy. There are several other new professors who have taken the place of those who have accepted positions elsewhere.

An institution that has been established here is high-school day. On that day students from the different high-schools come to see and learn all they can of our university. It is a day on which a great deal of "rushing" is done by the fraternities, as almost all who expect to enter the university the following year come to visit then, so of course it is looked forward to, and planned for, a considerable time ahead, and it is an exciting time for everybody.

In athletics we surpass all other colleges of the state, and we are very proud of our football team, as this is the fourth time in succession that we have held the state championship. At present the men are in training for the interstate track meet, and soon baseball will claim their attention.

A new man's fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, has been recently installed.

We have had many delightful times since our last letter. Mrs. O. H. Wangelin, the mother of one of our girls, entertained us with a card party; also Mrs. W. M. Buckingham, one of our patronesses. On February twenty-second we gave a dance, and as most of the girls were in colonial dress, it made a very pretty party. Mrs. Delphine Bell enter-

tained us when Edith Weymouth and Anna Ramsay were in town. Now we are looking forward to Founder's Day, which we celebrate with Colorado Beta, and this year we are the hostesses.

Ethel Thornburgh was obliged to leave college this semester, but she expects to be with us again next year. Mabel Pughe has re-entered and it seems good to see her among us. We shall have our three seniors only a short time now, and we really do not know what we shall do without them. However, the rest of the girls all expect to be back again next year.

Let us hope that many of us may meet at the convention next summer, and meanwhile, Colorado Alpha wishes for all Pi Phis a delightful vacation.

GERTRUDE ALLEN TEAGUE.

COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

(CHARTERED 1885)

The University of Denver has made rapid strides forward this year. For several years past, an enormous debt has held sway over the affairs of the college but this year, through the untiring efforts of Chancellor Buchtel, we are free from debt. We have a larger student body than ever before, and more degrees will be conferred at the Commencement exercises of 1904 than have been previously. Our chapter of Pi Beta Phi has been well represented in all the activities of this college year. As class officers, we have the vice-president of the freshman class; secretary of the sophomore class, and president and treasurer of the senior classes. One of our girls is literary editor of the "*Annual*," another is Latin tutor; and we have four in the Girls' Glee Club as well as the business manager of the club.

We entertained very informally for our basketball team in February, and on February twenty-second we had our nineteenth birthday celebration at the home of Ethel Miller. Our alumnae were invited and we had a regular "cookie-shine." We received many beautiful things for our prospective "Lodge."

We are all looking forward to Founder's Day, which we celebrate with Colorado Alpha at Boulder this year.

Colorado Beta sincerely hopes that all the chapters have as pleasant a year to look back on, and as bright a future, as she has.

MARCIA MURRAY.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(CHARTERED 1900)

A season of quietness, and of needed rest from social activities has come to the busy life in the chapter house.

With the opening of the second semester, there came into our circle a new freshman. We are extremely proud to introduce to all her sister Pi Phi, Clara Louise Cooper.

California Beta takes such pride in this university that it is with great alacrity that we undertake to tell something of its wonderful progress.

Scarcely more than a quarter of a century old, the University of California ranks today among the first in the country. The progress has been steady and rapid; and this word progress is used in the broad university meaning of advance toward the greater university of Ideas, as well as toward the materially greater university.

The former advance is assured when we consider the additions to our faculty within the last three years. The coming from Europe and from the eastern universities of such men as Dr. Jacques Loeb, Prof. Morse Stephens, and Prof. A. C. Miller, means the coming of world leaders in their respective lines of biology, history and commerce.

Material advancement is apparent in the fact that, following the Bernard plans, the first building which is to be the home of the greatest school of mines in this country is now well on toward completion; while the ground for the second, California Hall, has been broken.

Significant of both these advances is the new Physiology Hall in which Dr. Loeb and his assistants will conduct original research work; and the new addition to the library of the many seminar rooms, which it is hoped, will encourage the true university spirit of contributing something, heretofore unknown, to the world's store of knowledge.

The opening of the orient has brought to our doors students from China, Japan, and the Philippines, while the other quarters of the globe are represented as well. From this fact we may say that our university is universal in its influence.

Our campus is beautiful now, and in another week or two will be at its best. California Beta could have no greater pleasure than welcoming you all to a springtime in Berkeley.

FLORENCE R. FISK.

Exchanges

The ARROW acknowledges the receipt of the following exchanges since the publication of the January issue:

For November—The *Delta* of Sigma Nu, the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*.

For December—The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta, the Palm of Alpha Tau Omega, the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*.

For January—The *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, The *Frater* of Psi Omega.

For February—The *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Alpha Xi Delta*.

For March—The *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

For April—The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

The following essay was awarded the prize offered by the New York Alumni Association of Alpha Tau Omega:

"THE INFLUENCE OF THE COLLEGE FRATERNITY."—On a day of January a group of young men at Stanford University laid their coats upon the grass or on the broad veranda of their club-house, and began a game of catch with a baseball. A carriage drove by, with one passenger, evidently a stranger, enjoying a view of the university grounds and believing all that the driver told him. The visitor was unmistakably an Englishman. He halted his carriage and, with a genial brown-whiskered smile and broad accent, hailed the student nearest him, begged a thousand pardons, and asked to be shown the ball.

Every American newsboy knows that every American baseball is covered by two equal pieces of hide, shaped like a figure eight. This little design was a marvel of amusement to the frank-eyed, hearty Britisher. Out came his note-book. The college men surrounded him, and took notes of their own, but not in a book. The tourist was a novelty to them as the ball had been to him. It was lunch time. The driver was paid and sent away, while the tourist was carried, bewildered, up the steps, through the open doors of the house and led to a chair at the head of a long dining-table. Twenty-one college boys sang, while deft Chinese came and went with the courses of luncheon.

The visitor proved himself a good fellow. On demand, he said something of India and of Australia, which he had seen, but the best that he said was of America, which he was beginning to see. He boasted the oaks of Sherwood forest until the twenty-one assured him that they could all sleep within one fragrant trunk of the sequoia.

The topic turned to college clubs, for the traveler was politely curious. His note-book could have been twice filled that afternoon. His questions were eager, often innocent and amusing; and the answers were enthusiastic. He tried to interpret many things in terms of Oxford and Cambridge, Eton and Rugby—but he had stumbled upon a new species.

In coming to a chapter house of an American college fraternity, he had found a social institution peculiarly American.

There are to-day as many as twenty-five regular national or inter-collegiate fraternities, established, roughly speaking, between the years 1820 and 1870. Each is named by two or by three Greek letters. Each is made up of local clubs in various colleges, some having more than sixty branches, while the average number is about thirty. More than one hundred and sixty thousand college men have owed their allegiance to one or another of the Greek letter societies. This represents only a fraction of the total number of men who have attended college; perhaps we may name thirty per cent as a typical proportion in a college of to-day. Exactly what it means to be of this minority will always interest college students and students of colleges.

The chapter, or unit, of the national fraternity is generally a club of about twenty men, who come together for social purposes, seeking mutual encouragement and strength of numbers. Where the dormitory system is strongly entrenched the system of fraternity homes is not found fully developed, but the prevailing tendency of fraternities, everywhere is toward the chapter home—a house where its members eat, sleep, study, play and entertain.

This social unit is founded on an economic principle. Twenty men can obtain more for their money by spending it together; their food can be more to their taste.

The amount which men might pay individually for rent, or for furni-

ture to be cast aside, will in time pay for permanent lodgings well-fitted, for rugs, lounges, portraits, pianos and shower-baths.

The freshman coming to college finds a dozen groups of men living there in homes of their own; jolly, energetic, self respecting, and mutually encouraging—a sort of self-constituted aristocracy. The freshman will be sought by the societies who consider him "good material." No more definite phrase can be used. The popular notion is that good looks, a good family, or athletic promise will win for a freshman his desired "bid." The best fraternities judge a man aside from his superficial qualities. Where money, or muscle, or clothes or cleverness alone are weighed, the result will be poor, for any artificial standard brings degeneracy. In general it is true that men can find the sort of companions they seek. There is a possibility of error during the period of rushing. This is a time of courtship. It can be made a time of servile flattery and fondling upon one side, and of truckling and deceit upon the other; or it may be made a period of manly and straightforward good-fellowship, by men who wish to become honestly acquainted, to be known for what they are, to choose natural friends and to be naturally chosen. The excitement and rivalry of the rushing season tend to artificial friendships. The successful fraternity will make its courtship always natural, based on real friendship. You cannot make a real brother of a man by coming behind him unexpectedly, slapping him on the back and telling him he is elected; nor by initiating children from the kindergarten. The fraternity which conforms its bidding to the growth of natural affection and congeniality will always mean ideal friendship. Otherwise the "frat" is a social tyrant, bestowing favors capriciously.

His initiation is an event in the freshman's life. This ceremony is a matter of some mystery and seriousness. It may include a week of penance, with a bit of physical discipline where this is needed. The ceremony itself is made memorable. The freshman learns what the fraternity means and what it expects of him. A man will be impressed by that which he hears when he is initiated, and most fraternities tell him the right sort of thing.

Life in a home with congenial, enthusiastic fellow-students is an inspiration. It should stand in a trinity with the home from which the student has come, and the home which he will some day found. Yet it has a peculiar charm of its own. He is with equals, with rivals and comrades of his own choosing. His twenty chums are not all of a pattern; they have much in common, but they may include extremes of personality. Only notes of different pitch can make a chord. Congeniality and not similarity is the standard which determines his companions. This can produce the highest social development.

The chapter will have a double influence on the college man. It works for conformity, but not at any loss of individuality. The freshman will

find that he has entered a crowd which means to train him. He will receive much advice; but he will absorb more unconsciously. He will imitate his fellows, because he admires them. He will conform in speech, in dress, in habits. A freshman in college can be spotted in a dozen ways. It is the fraternity freshman who first loses this "verdancy." Few influences excel that of the fraternity house in training and in development of character, for good or for bad. The greatest power is naturally toward those things which are best in the world. Self-conceit cannot be whipped from a man, nor can he be argued out of it; but it can be dissolved by the slow force of fraternity life. Hypocrisy is hated by healthy young fellows. A selfish man, a crabbed, morose chap, or a spoiled pet, will find no indulgence in the chapter house. They will be frankly analyzed and criticised. The "star" freshman who fancies himself perfect after the rushing season soon awakens to the fact that he has much to learn, and comes heartily to wish for improvement. Very little of the so-called "hazing" is necessary to accomplish this result. Moral force is the weapon; though it depends for effectiveness on a muscular delegation of sophomores.

Freshmen well disciplined will forever through college realize the need of cohesion and control; they will be most capable of guiding the future classes. A chapter is never as weak as its weakest member. The men support each other, each by his strongest quality. A chapter can assimilate and develop men who are deficient in one point or another. A Carlyle could be endured for the sake of his literary work. The non-grammar of Jones is coaxed out of him while he teaches the others to box.

The influence of the chapter is not merely negative and repressive. There is a profound stimulus, a pressure forward. Every man encourages the next man's talent. The entire chapter will work and hope steadily for each member's success; whether he be football player, musician, chemist, or journalist. Every freshman is ordered to come out for something, be it Phi Beta Kappa, the hurdles, or the mandolin club.

"Alpha Nu in everything, and every Alpha Nu in something," is the sort of motto that a good chapter is apt to have.

At no place can discussions be more frank, sincere and well meant than in a chapter house talk. Men may come from opposite sides of the continent, men differing in experience, in political, social, religious views. College alone might not reconcile such elements. The largest colleges of America have as many circles, creeds and antagonistic units as the world itself. But when these elements occur in a small coterie founded on friendship and equality, and blend as they can blend in a good chapter house, the result is broadening, and uplifting to every individual. One knows something of the Southern planter from living with his son three years; something of the boy from the West and the young

Vermonters that can never be learned in casual meeting for study, business or society.

Chapter life means years of family life and of business partnership at the same time. The fraternity man acquires executive power. As a freshman he learns to obey, as an upperclassman to command. He learns the work of committees, and he may in turn serve as a treasurer, steward and president. He has learned to estimate a man in a glance, he can force, persuade, threaten, conciliate.

Perhaps the most noticeable influence of the average chapter upon its members is the social stimulus which they receive. The fraternities are expected naturally to take a lead in the social affairs of the college community. Admittance to a fraternity means that a known organization has stamped its approval upon a man. It follows that the boy who never spoke ten consecutive words to a young lady is corralled by his mates, encased in evening dress and carted off to his first reception, perhaps to make the hit of his life. The sporty chap who has been "in society" since kindergarten is told in just how many ways college differs from high school. If necessary his social strides are checked by his watchful frat-brothers. The trend of fraternity influence is to make him dignified and considerate. His conversation must be as sane as is consistent with reception chat. He is meeting the sisters and the aunts of his brothers. It is not inconceivable that one's brother in college may become one's brother-in-law.

In general the most fortunate chapter is that which has asked the mother of one of its members to occupy a room in the house and sit at the dinner table. The chapter mother is most appreciated in a co-educational college community. In this position lurk infinite possibilities for success or for failure. A matron with nerves or whims could become an ogre to a houseful of fellows, and make herself supremely miserable. But a wise choice is generally made, and then a lady of tact and dignity wins her way surely to the hearts of all her adopted "boys," and her power to influence their lives is greater than that of any number of speaking reformers. Her hands find flowers for the table and curtains for a bare window. She can direct the servants as to the details which a man could never notice. Her advice will not come unasked, but it will be sought and loved. Many a good man comes to college without having had a home of refinement. He may find it in his fraternity.

But it is what the men do for each other that makes the basis of fraternity influence. Self-sacrifice and loyalty for the common cause is a lesson which must be learned if one is a good fraternity man. The attitude thus developed will be carried out toward college and toward the world.

There is good and evil in the fraternity life as in all else. The system itself is neither inherently perfect, nor inherently pernicious. A chapter

may drift from its standard of work, and become a crowd of sports and loafers. The charge has been made that chapter life encourages this; but that is no more true than that trade encourages cheating. In a poor chapter, men will send freshmen to class to take notes; they will devote themselves to a good time at the cost of work. That is not fraternity but degeneracy. A young instructor who is loyal to his chapter will be especially severe, rather than lenient, with his young frat brothers.

It has been charged that the fraternities are a pernicious monopoly of social affairs. Any combination may grow beyond its legitimate field, and become a trust. But a fraternity which has forgotten its "noblesse oblige" is not our best type. At many a college there is feud between fraternity and "barbarian" elements. Much of this hostility is unreasoning. Many a freshman who hears a classmate revile the "conceited frats" lives to see that man crown his senior year by joining or forming a new crowd, struggling for recognition. One great American university to-day excludes the Greek-letter fraternities; yet Princeton is not without her societies, her dining clubs, her coveted distinctions, and her "hat-band" cliques and problems. The proposal of authorities at Toronto to lease land for chapter-house building has been opposed by Canadian writers who contend that only public meeting places should be allowed. This opposition rests on a fallacy. Anyone may found a society to his liking. The chapter is only one sort of natural organization. It can do things for men that larger unwieldy groups cannot accomplish.

It has been claimed that fraternity life makes a disunited college. Cornell, with twenty-one chapters is a living refutation. A mass will not be less coherent because its atoms are grouped in molecules. The best chapters realize that they are a part of their college, and not apart from it. Through the chapters a faculty can control the student-body for no student willingly dishonors his fraternity.

Hostility to fraternities is directed chiefly against the secrecy which surrounds most of them. Nearly all have a secret grip, motto, ritual and password. Some keep their publications secret. This feature of mystery has a certain charm. A degree of business privacy is any man's right, and the language of lovers is said to be sweeter because of a little nonsense known only to two. The feature of secrecy has at times been carried far beyond this point; it is evil when it results in Mafia pledges and a blind struggle for undeserved honors. Secrecy for the sake of a secret has to-day been left largely to sophomore clubs or preparatory school "frats." Most fraternity men prefer the name of fraternity to that of secret society.

One may ask, is there need of a national bond between these college homes? It is the national order which works for stability and a set purpose. New branches will be founded resembling the old. By annual conventions delegates meet from many colleges, and the result is eminently

democratic and broadening. In alumni catalogs and magazines one reads the record of those who preceded him, successful to-day, prominent perhaps in public life. By an exchange of visits with neighboring chapters the fraternity man sees that men of other colleges are likewise human. He has a ready introduction through his pin. He need never feel an offishness, a hostility toward the college that rivals his own.

This feeling of kinship is not limited to his own fraternity. To all Greeks he is a marked man. Petty jealousy is remembered with a laugh and a handshake. The common sympathy of "all Greeks" is proved in daily life, in travel, in every college reunion. It is shown in the act of the Alpha Tau Omega Society, which has invited men of any fraternity to describe their common experience.

As this paragraph is written, the writer looks from the summit of a peak in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. A trail, blazed by many a traveler, marks and makes easy an ascent through forest and snow. College life is a climb. A freshman may find rocks, ravines and underbrush. He may waste steps alone. Fraternity life is a blazed trail, leading him to one peak or to another. Men who preceded him have chosen their path; indicated their standard, provided help along the way. Moreover, a congenial number follows with him. Whatever destination they seek will be reached more surely, more pleasantly. The fraternity hastens evolution, for good or for bad. It makes work and culture easier, or it can make dissipation and decay more rapid. An institution with such power should be nurtured. Its capacity for good should be developed. The chapter house at college should be studied as well as Hull House of the slums. It is a permanent and efficient factor in college life, which cannot be supplied by the haphazard hermitry of the dormitory and lunch-counter.

The college fraternity is American. It tends to produce an aristocratic socialist. A man can learn through fraternity life the equality of equals, and the welfare of the majority as well as the value of an energetic and favored minority.

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