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WRITTEN FOR THE CONVENTION.

AIR ON PAGE 62 OF THE AMERICAN COLLEGE SONG BOOK.

We meet together once again,  
As we have met of yore,  
To sing the songs and tell the tales  
That we have heard before.

Our hearts are linked in golden chain,  
Beneath the arrow bright,  
We're sisters in Pi. Beta Phi,  
And sing her praise to-night.

Oh dear I. C.,  
We give to thee  
Our girlhood's sweetest flowers,  
To thee we owe,  
We know 'tis so  
Our very happiest hours.

We clasp each hand  
In mystic band  
With meaning sweet and dear,  
To thee we raise  
A song of praise  
That echoes far and near.

CHORUS :—

Hail to thee our old I. C.,  
We hail thee with the charm Pi. Beta Phi,  
No other earthly passion ere can vie  
With the love we sisters have for old I. C.

Come wind the garnet and the blue,  
 The hues that sweetly tell  
 Of true love warm and passion deep,  
 That bind us in their spell;  
 'Twas cupid mingled them for us  
 When wounded by our dart,  
 He stole his mother's cestus blue  
 To bind his bleeding heart,

Then let us twine  
 The blue and wine,  
 For love of old I. C.  
 A garland make  
 And pansies take,  
 Of heart's ease let it be.

That flower fair,  
 Whose meanings rare  
 Makes it more precious still,  
 Whose potent charm  
 Can keep from harm  
 All those who work thy will.

CHORUS:—

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### CONVENTION NOTES.

*Ninth National Convention, held in Lawrence, Kansas, Oct. 1885.*

The delegates and those attendant upon the convention began to arrive at Lawrence on the afternoon of the 24th. From that time on, until the following afternoon, nearly every train brought some one or more who wore the Golden Arrow. Some few did not arrive until Thursday morning, having been delayed by wrecks upon the road in advance.

Wednesday opened bright and pleasant.

The morning was spent in driving over the city and visiting the University, and early in the afternoon groups of I. C.'s could be seen wending their way down Massachusetts street toward the rooms of the Art League, at which place the meetings were held throughout the conventions.

There ensued a general hand-shaking and in the pleasure of meeting familiar faces and of forming new friendships the time slipped rapidly away, and it was not until 3:30 o'clock that the house was called to order. It was greatly regretted that the Grand I. R., Nellie Custer, of Iowa City, was unable, on account of illness, to be present. Her place however, was ably filled by Miss Elva Plank, of Junction City, Kansas. After devotional exercises a committee on credentials was appointed, composed of Mrs. Carrie Spangler, of Lawrence; Miss Lizzie Flagler, of Ottumwa, Iowa, and Miss Lulu Ambler, of Mount Pleasant.

This committee promptly reported that the following delegates were entitled to a seat in the convention :

ETHEL LAW, Indianola, Iowa,  
MRS. SPANGLER, Lawrence, Kansas,  
SUE MILES, Lawrence, Kansas,  
MYRA TROTH, Iowa City, Iowa,  
LILLIAN LEWIS, Iowa City, Iowa,  
LIZZIE FLAGLER, Ottumwa, Iowa,  
JULIA FERRIS, Carthage, Illinois,  
MARY CARPENTER, Denver, Colorado,  
JOSIPHENE GASSNER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,  
LULU AMBLER, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa,  
MRS. BALL, Fairfield, Iowa,  
FLORENCE HILL, Bloomfield, Iowa,  
CORA WYDICK, Burlington, Iowa,  
VINNIE HARRISON, York, Nebraska.

The calling of the roll showed that all the delegates were present save those from Galesburgh, Illinois, Boulder, Colorado, Cincinnati, Ohio, and Ames, Iowa.

Then followed the reports of Grand Officers.

In absence of G. I. R. her report was read by Miss Troth, of Iowa City. The reports of Scribe, Emma Livingston, of Galesburgh, Illinois, and Quaeste, Clara Poehler, of Lawrence, Kansas, were given and accepted. A committee was appointed

by the chair to draft a programme for the remainder of the convention. The members of this committee were: Misses Troth, Ferris and Mrs. Spangler. The convention adjourned to meet the following morning.

In the evening a most enjoyable "cookey shine" was held at the pleasant home of sister Sue. Miles.

The Thursday morning session met according to adjournment and the convention was called to order promptly at 10 o'clock, Elva Plank in the chair. The meeting was opened with devotional exercises.

The calling of the roll showed all delegates present. The minutes of the Wednesday session were read and approved. Then followed a report of the committee on programme.

The committee on credentials further reported that Rainie Adamson, of Lombard University and Carrie McMurtrie, of Knox College, Galesburgh, Illinois, had arrived and were entitled to seats in the convention as delegates. The committee was then discharged and a report of each chapter was given in the order of her founding. These reports were very interesting and showed that good earnest work was being done and that the future prospect of the Sorosis was very encouraging. After these reports remarks were made by different members concerning THE ARROW, and particularly upon the feasibility of making the subscription compulsory. After discussing this pro and con, it was decided that each chapter be responsible for as many subscriptions to THE ARROW as she has active members.

The publication will still be continued under the excellent management of the Lawrence Chapter.

A committee of five was elected by ballot, whose duty it should be to make a review of the constitution and present changes before the house. This committee to be called the Constitution Committee was composed of the following members: Mrs. Carrie Spangler, of Lawrence, chairman; Myra Troth, of Iowa City, Iowa, Julia Ferris, from Carthage, Illinois;



Cora Wydick, from Burlington, Iowa, and Vinnie Harrison, from York, Nebraska.

A committee consisting of Misses Lewis, Adamson and Miles, was appointed to present plans to the convention concerning changes in the pin. There being no further business until the reports of outstanding committees were ready, the convention adjourned, not before, however, it had been unanimously voted to accept the kind invitation of the Beta Theta Pi's and Phi Kappa Psi's to visit their fraternity halls on the following evening. In the afternoon, the ladies assembled at the home of sister Maude Mansfield, there to partake of a bountiful Thanksgiving Dinner.

Friday morning proved chilly and disagreeable. Notwithstanding this, however, a goodly number of the delegates were promptly on hand. But as many were working on committees the convention was not called to order until eleven o'clock. Then it was to hear the report of the pin committee. The plan presented, which was unanimously agreed upon and adopted by the convention, was that of having a guard pin with head the size of a gold dollar, in which should be cut the Greek characters, Pi Beta Phi, attached to the wing of the arrow by a slender chain.

The committee was continued and instructed to ascertain the cost of such addition to the pin and report at the next convention. Assembly then adjourned.

At five in the afternoon it was announced that the Constitution Committee was prepared to report. Much time was occupied in discussing various parts of the report, but it was finally adopted. The most important point gained by the convention was by the final acceptance of the present reading of Art. II, Sec. I. A large majority of the entire Sorosis feel that by this decision only, can the standard of I. C. be elevated to that point which seems necessary to her advancement.

The election of Grand Officers for the year resulted as follows :

RAINIE ADAMSON, GRAND I. R., Galesturgh, Ill.

ELVA PLANK, GRAND R. S., Junction City, Kas.

MRS. BELLE R. LEACH, GRAND SCRIBE, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

JULIA FERRIS, GRAND QUÆSTOR, Carthage, Ill.

The Managers of THE ARROW were authorized to use the motto Pi Beta Phi on the title page of the magazine.

The Burlington Chapter was made inactive at her own request.

The kind invitation from the chapter at Indianola to hold the next convention at that place was accepted.

And after having extended a unanimous vote of thanks to the Lawrence Chapter for the courteous and hospitable treatment which the delegates had received throughout their stay in the city, the convention adjourned to meet at Indianola, Iowa, the third week in October, 1886.

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### REPORTS OF GRAND I. R.

MY DEAR SISTERS:

I shall only require your attention for a short time as I have no lengthened report to make.

You do not know how greatly I regret the necessity of making my report to you in writing—sitting many miles away instead of being in your midst watching all your faces as I talk.

I thought for a time that it would be possible for me to be with you, but my duties are such that I can not leave at present, and I am certain that my absence can make no difference, as the only duty left to me would be to preside, and there are many among you who can do that better than I, for during the last three months my study has not been Robert's Rules of Order, for although the principal part of my occupation at present is to keep order, I am afraid Robert's Rules would

hardly apply to my five and thirty wee urchins. But to my report, there have reported to me this fall eleven School Chapters and six Alumnae Chapters—from two chapters, Lambda, situated at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Xi situated at Cincinnati, O., I have heard nothing although I have written to both several times.

All the Alumnae Chapters have reported, making a total of seventeen working chapters at the present time.

Since the last convention there have been established school chapters at Denver, Colorado, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and an Alumnae Chapter at Ottumwa, Iowa.

All the chapters seem to be in a flourishing condition. In some the membership is small, but all chapters must have their ebb and flood tide.

As far as I have been able to discover, all have been working constitutionally and the new constitution has found earnest supporters—it has done away with our most obvious errors and our weakest points, and has given us a footing among other fraternities, and the one thing I would ask of the Sorosis is this: keep the standard of the society up to where it now is; push it still higher if you wish, but never allow it to be lowered a single jot.

Through many successive changes we have raised and improved our Constitution until now we have a filberly foundation for a grand fraternity—an organization with an object. What we want now is representation in the best schools, and there only by the best members of the school.

The Sorosis magazine is a grand step in the right direction; it unites the chapters, gives us some idea of what our sisters are doing and how they are doing it, and gives us a representation before the world. I think that every member of the Sorosis should and does feel proud of the Lawrence sisters who have given us such a delightful magazine, and that every one's name should be on the subscription list.

Now, while I have you all here together, I should like to ask, for the sake of my successor, that each chapter keep the

G. I. R. always informed of the name of some member of their chapter, so that it will not be necessary for the G. I. R. to have two or three letters returned before she discovers some resident member; also, when any information or report is asked for that the reply be immediate. I have several times during the last year, been obliged to solace myself with the reflection that *great* bodies move slowly. Only one thing more: I have done all that I could to obtain reduced rates for the delegates, and have failed—have written to the magnates east and west—some make elaborate excuses, and others declined with thanks—it amounts to the same. I am very sorry.

And now that I am at the end of my term of office, I want to thank the girls most heartily for the honor they gave me when they placed me at the head of their Sorosis, and for the kind support and courteous treatment that I have received during my term of office. To say that I wish I could have done my work twice as well as I have done it, and to ask them to think leniently of my short comings and mistakes, for my time has been so filled with other duties.

As I step out and down, I leave a heartful of love and good wishes to each and every one of the sisters, and they may be certain that whatever I may forget, I will always remember that I was made first G. I. R.

NELL G. CUSTER.

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## REPORTS OF DELEGATES.

### MT. PLEASANT, IOWA—ALUMNÆ CHAPTER.

The Chapter of Mt. Pleasant was composed of about thirty-five members. Having a goodly number, we thought we could support two chapters, or would try it as an experiment, so made a division in our ranks and now have two, known as the College and Alumni Chapters. We met together occasionally, and this winter expect to hold our business meet-

ings separate, but have joint meetings once a month for literary and other work. In our Alumni Chapter we have twenty active members. During the past year we have had several socials, which were fully up to the standard of I. C. entertainments. We have done no special work since the last Convention, but we have fair prospects of establishing a chapter this year. Last June we were called to mourn the loss of one of our College members. Death claimed one of our brightest and best; and we realized more fully how closely the bond of I. C. held us as friends and sisters. We have nothing further, except to suggest the following as our Convention motto:

We meet as equals,  
 We act in union,  
 We part in love.

JO. GASSNER.

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MT. PLEASANT, IOWA—I. W. U. CHAPTER.

Our chapter is flourishing nicely this year, with a membership of fifteen; two of which are seniors. We have not distinguished ourselves in the literary world, as school girls have most of their time occupied with study. But we each remember something interesting or instructive which we have read, and in this way we make our conversational notes quite beneficial as well as pleasant. We expect however, during the rest of the year, to meet with our Alumni Chapter once a month for a literary and social meeting, which I am sure will be very enjoyable.

One of our "'85" girls has been one of two to tie the mystic knot of matrimony—it was her Arrow that did it, for it pierced the shield of a Phi Delta Theta, who fell a willing victim to her charms.

Rumor says that the fraternities at I. W. U. are to be annihilated this year. We however, do not confirm it, as the I. C.'s with three others expect to come out victorious in the battle.

May a Happy New Year await you all.

LULU AMBLER.

## GALESBURGH, ILLINOIS—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Number that have joined Iota.....	70
Number of active members at present...	13
Number initiated since Nov., 1884 .....	6

Iota was thirteen years old November 7th, 1885. Last year we celebrated her anniversary by a banquet, to which we invited the members of the Faculty and several of the young men in school.

Our literary work, the past year, consisted of essays on the lives and works of some of the women who have spent much of their time doing charitable work. We also gave a little attention to women of literature.

Iota's prospects are very bright.

RAINIE ADAMSON.

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 IOWA CITY ALUMNI—REPORT OF OMEGA CHAPTER FOR 1884-'85.

Directly after the meeting of Grand Alpha, in October, 1884, a committee was appointed to select a list of subjects for the year's study on the general topic of woman's rank as advised by Grand Alpha. The committee selected and assigned as follows:

MORAL HISTORY OF WOMAN.....	<i>Hattie Cochrane.</i>
EDUCATION OF WOMAN. ....	<i>Mrs. Emma Haddock.</i>
SOCIAL DUTIES OF WOMAN.....	<i>Marie Congdon.</i>
CAST AMONG WOMAN.....	<i>Jessie L. Smith.</i>
WOMAN IN BUSINESS .....	<i>Mira Throth.</i>
WOMAN IN SECRET SOCIETIES.....	<i>Nell. G. Custer.</i>
PORTRAITURE OF WOMAN BY POETS....	<i>Mina Selby.</i>
WOMAN IN THE PULPIT.....	<i>Prof. S. F. Smith.</i>
WOMAN IN MEDICINE.....	<i>Dr. Lizzie Hess.</i>
WOMAN IN ART.....	<i>Lilly Selby.</i>
CHARITIES OF WOMAN .....	<i>Mrs. G. W. Ball.</i>
WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE..	<i>To any one who would take it.</i>

Our plan has been for each member to make an investigation of the subject in hand, and after the reading of the paper a general discussion has followed.

## LAWRENCE, KANSAS—K. S. U. CHAPTER.

The outlook at the beginning of this year was not the most cheering, for we only had four members in K. S. U. Why, some of our rivals were so kind (?) as to offer condolence; but we smiled quietly, wondering within ourselves whether they would not need the condolence when the test came. In the campaign but one was lost that we invited, though our "babes" were badly "rushed" by our rivals. There are now ten; one post graduate, one from '86, two from '88, four from '89, one sub-freshman, and one from the department of music. Though our numbers are not so great as at times, we are endeavoring to keep up to the standard of our chapter socially and in college honors. We are equal to the best, we do not say better.

SUE. MILES.

## INDIANOLA, IOWA.

The Simpson Centenary Chapter is in the twelfth year of its existence in the college. The society has kept pace with the general thrift of the institution. Our chapter now numbers a total of seventy-eight; there are eight of these in school and fifteen resident members. We have added three to our number this year. Mrs. Lon Kennedy, an Alumni of the college, and the other two, Misses Mary Hixon and Clara Buxton, students of a high grade and whom we are proud to introduce to the girls as sisters.

Lou Humphrey is back with us once more taking her place as junior in the musical department. We are sorry to lose from our number this term Elsie McElroy, who returned to her home in the country.

ETHEL LAW.

## BLOOMFIELD, IOWA—SOUTHERN IOWA NORMAL.

Our chapter began the year with nine girls in college, and of course, expect to add to her ranks as time passes. In addi-

tion to these, we have about fifteen active, energetic I. C.'s outside of school, who understand working for the good of the Sorosis.

We have initiated eleven members into the bonds of our Sorosis since last Convention, but several who worked with us then will not be in this year.

We find time almost every meeting, to have at least a short literary or musical programme, and it always adds to our enjoyment of the meetings.

All that we have done in a social way since our last report to THE ARROW has been to celebrate our fourth anniversary; which we did by giving a party that we deemed quite a success. It being Bryant's day, November 4th; we had a short programme, suitable to the occasion.

It was composed of a Biography of Bryant, and choice selections and recitations from his writings, intermingled with good music. Clothes-pin napkin-holders were used, ornamented with a tiny knot of wine-colored ribbon and a large I. C., crossed by a bunch of forget-me-not's, painted by two of our girls. These the guests were allowed to "keep" as a reminiscence, and the young gentlemen were delighted that they were at last allowed to *wear* an I. C. pin.

One more word for THE ARROW: We were very much pleased when we examined the May number, but the September copy, we regard as nearly perfect, and think our Lawrence sisters deserve great praise for their able management of the magazine.

FLORENCE HILL.

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FAIRFIELD, IOWA.

The organization of the Fairfield chapter of I. C. Sorosis occurred on the 12th of October, 1882. It consisted of five charter members, who worked faithfully for the good of I. C. during the year, and although not increasing their number any, succeeded in establishing a strong sisterly feeling and making their meetings very beneficial.



The total number who have joined our ranks is twenty-five, and the present number of active members is ten.

We have done quite a good deal of literary work which has been both pleasing and profitable to us. The discussing of the poets, in alphabetical order, seemed to meet with better success in the chapter than anything else we have tried, and we have also done some charity work this winter.

We all feel quite proud of THE ARROW.

MRS. BALL.

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IOWA CITY, IOWA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

We have eight members in the University at present. Have taken in two members this fall—Flora Mott, of Hampton, Iowa. and Gertrude Dolley, of Le Claire, Iowa. Many of the Alumnae members still meet with us and we have enthusiastic and interesting meetings.

LILLIAN LEWIS.

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CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

This winter we miss a few faces from our midst, which we sincerely regret. Misses Nolia and Nellie Gilchrist have changed their abode, also, Adel Egbers; but are not so far away but what we expect them to be with us occasionally. Others are away visiting, and some are at different schools acquiring various accomplishments. We have never before been so scattered.

Our meetings are held every two weeks as they have been. We expect to increase our ranks by an initiatory ceremony in the near future.

Of course, all I. C.'s had their Hallow E'ven frolic. We held ours at the home of Lelia Carlton, and feasted and read our fates and had a good time generally. Last summer, in August, our chapter spent a day and night at the residence of Mattie De Hart, four miles in the country; were royally entertained and had a visit ever to be remembered.

We have several entertainments in view for the winter. Just now we are thinking of the "Giant Picture Book." We are, maybe, a little conceited over our entertainments, but they have been a success so far, and we hope this one may be too.

We are much pleased with the increased size of THE ARROW as well as with its contents, and feel that it is doing much toward making the different chapters acquainted with each other.

JULIA FERRIS.

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GALESBURGH, ILLINOIS—KNOX COLLEGE.

The condition of our chapter has changed very little since our last report. Our membership is small, as it has been ever since our organization. The present prospect, however, is very encouraging. At our next initiation meeting we expect to receive several new members. Our girls are very much interested in the proposed I. C. Song Book, and are very anxious indeed that the work should be completed as soon as possible.

We have been giving less attention to social matters of late. But reason has finally yielded to instinct, and we are talking of a Mikado Party, to be given some time in February. If it is as successful as we anticipate, we will send a description of it for your next issue.

CARRIE McMURTRIE.

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DENVER, COLORADO—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

This Chapter of the I. C. Sorosis was founded in the Denver University, Denver, Colorado, February, 1885, by Kappa Chapter, through Miss Addie Sutliff, of Lawrence, Kansas.

There were six charter members. Shortly after our founding another member was added to our list.

One of the literary societies kindly granted us the use of their hall where we held our meetings.

Once in every three weeks we met and spent the evening in singing I. C. songs, reading the letters and papers that we

had received from the different chapters and in social conversation.

As all our members were also members of one of the school literary societies, we did not have time to devote to much literary work.

After our meeting in the hall we were always entertained in a more substantial way by one of the members.

When the University opened in September, only three of our I. C. girls returned to school. Since then two have been taken into our mysterious fold, Ida C. Winne and Minnie A. Culver. We acknowledge them as sisters and gladly allow them to wear our Arrow.

We are very anxious to increase our number and establish a strong and influential chapter that shall be an interesting feature in our young and prosperous University of Denver.

MAME CARPENTER.

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OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Our chapter was organized in August, 1884, by three Mt. Pleasant sisters, and as we were laboring under the impression that we could take in any graduates, our growth was rapid, and our membership now numbers 49. Though, of course, we are now completely at a stand-still, and will continue to be so for ever, unless the all-wise committee will do something for us.

We are waiting patiently and hopefully for next October. Our work during the past year has been of rather a "mixed" character. We did considerable charity work. Prepared two barrels of clothing for the poor of our city, besides giving an entertainment—the net proceeds of which were \$119.00. In October last we gave another entertainment, at which we cleared \$132.00, and we naturally feel quite elated over our success.

In our meetings, we have taken up some literary work. Studied Sir Walter Scott last winter, and are now reading

some of Geo. Eliot's works. We have our meetings once in two weeks, and to those who attend, they are very enjoyable.

Although we are now an inactive chapter, we have decided to cling together, and are trusting that at the next convention *some* provisions may be made, that we may not have to withdraw—for we are all *too true* I. C.'s to wish to *seriously* consider such a thing for one instant.

LIZZIE FLAGER.

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BURLINGTON, IOWA.

The Burlington Chapter was organized by "Mt. Pleasant," August, 1881.

We have thirty-three members. During the four years we have had one death, one withdrawal, and six marriages.

Our meetings were held every three weeks, and our work always of a literary character.

In February, 1884, the chapter gave a concert for the benefit of the poor. The proceeds were over one hundred (\$100) dollars.

The chapter was organized and has always existed as an Alumnae Chapter. Since the change in the constitution has been removed, we have been able to do nothing, and at present are an inactive chapter, doing nothing in the I. C. cause.

CORA B. WYDICK.

## CONVENTION HILARITIES.

## I. C. "COOKEY SHINE."

We felt we were tired after a night's traveling and were going among strangers; but we soon learned our mistake when we found ourselves in the pleasant home of Miss Sue Miles. For how can an I. C. be a stranger to an I. C. "Cookey shine?" as a "cookey shine" is only an Iowa pow-wow? But this was such an one that "only the sorrow of others" who could not be with us cast a shadow over us. For, hospitality and the art of giving pleasure the Lawrence girls thoroughly understand.

As we sat in true I. C. style on the festal floor our weariness vanished like the pickles and cakes and it was only when music was heard in the distance that we realized that there is a limit to everything—even a girl's appetite.

We were told it was "our college boys" coming to see their sisters' sisters. The rooms were soon filled with Betas and Phi Psis. We thought of the boys at home. Could we say more? The Kansas boys were weighed in the balance and not found wanting. When they had been feasted they gave us a feast—of music. A general social time followed. The evening passed very quickly, interspersed with songs and recitations. But the climax came when the boys were gone and the curtains were down. When one came from a secret hiding place and gazed up at us with its calm eyes and then moved slowly away amid the laughter of thirty girls whose dreams had at last been fulfilled.

It was a late hour before the girls could separate, all voting it a "perfectly jolly evening."

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THANKSGIVING DINNER.

Thanksgiving day, 1885, will long be held in remembrance by those who attended our convention at Lawrence.

Business was suspended at 1:30 P. M. and we were driven to the elegant residence of Miss Maud Mansfield, where we were met by an able reception committee, who understood just how to make us feel perfectly welcome, conducted to the dressing room and thence to the handsome parlors.

The guests continued to arrive until the appointed dinner hour—3 k.—when fifty-three hungry I. C's. sat down to the two long tables, in beautifully arranged dining-rooms. There pen can hardly be made to express our appreciation of the magnificent dinner and the splendid style in which the five elegant courses were served. Suffice it to say we were detained in the dining-room from 3 o'clock to 6, and each participant was satisfied that the three hours were well spent.

After dinner we returned to the parlors, where the evening was passed in social conversation and music.

Our charming hostess, Miss Maud, favored us with a couple of choice solos; Miss Jennie Walker, of Lawrence, and Florence Hill, of Bloomfield, also sang for us, and Misses Mamie Woodward and Lena Beard rendered some extra fine instrumental music, at the close of which an I. C. song was sung, in appropriate style, by the whole company.

The arrangements throughout the entertainment and dinner were of the best and carried out perfectly.

The Lawrence girls certainly deserve great praise for their faculty of entertaining, and this dinner shall be remembered by us as one of the most enjoyable entertainments during the convention.

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#### BETA THETA PI AND PHI KAPPA PSI.

Friday night was the closing scene of gayety, and was indeed the very tassel on the cap of the climax. The sisters had received an invitation from the Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi fraternities to spend the evening at their chapter halls, and in the struggle to complete the business of the Convention in time, they sacrificed their supper. After the Convention had

dissolved, and when the informal pow-wow was in progress, the young men came and led us off, one by one, to the Opera House block, where they induced us to climb seemingly endless flights of stairs. At the top we found the Beta Hall, or rather, suite of rooms, for first they showed us into a very pretty dressing room, said to be the college home of one of the brothers. Here we repaired the ravages that heated argument had made, and smoothed the plumage ruffled by debate. The Beta Hall itself, the two spacious velvet carpeted rooms, ought to be passed in mystic silence according to strict laws, but surely a hint may be allowed, the beautiful furs scattered here and there, the mystic emblems on high, the many pictures and ornaments, some of which showed a feminine—we hoped an I. C. hand. But surely there can be no restraint as to the delicious and truly fraternal “dorg” that was served us there. Indeed there was but little restraint, for sandwiches were ambrosia to the hungry girls, and even their married sisters were nown to conceal whole bags of vanilla cookies behind flowing draperies, and with misleading innocence of expression, ask for a banana when one was already concealed beneath a friendly napkin.

But this was not all. Scarcely had we risen from our turkish seats upon the floor when a clapping of hands announced that sister Pearl Young had consented to declaim for us. Pearl is studying elocution in a School of Oratory, from which she graduates next June, and this lent a double interest to her pathetic recital. She was followed by Dot Mead, once also a sister of Kappa, but now at Washburn College, Topeka. Both received warm and sincere applause. Then the girls clamored for a Beta song, and we all joined in the dear old chorus of Litoria, set with Beta words. When we called for an encore, they responded by a counter call for Mr. Jenks, a brother of Phi Psi. In a mellow tender voice, Mr. Jenks sang in German, “When the Swallows Homeward Fly,” possibly giving utterance to a longing for the halls of Phi Kappa Psi.

At least so it seemed to be interpreted, for we promptly descended one of the many flights of stairs and entered the luxuriously upholstered domains of the pink and lavender.

Here we had a novel entertainment, for the Phi Psi band of five pieces played two charming selections. Between them Sister Lulu Ambler, of Mount Pleasant, recited a dialect poem with marked success. These would seem to be pleasures enough for one evening, but our hosts went still farther, and calling our attention to the canvas on the largest of their rooms, they asked us to "come and trip it ere you go."

It is hard to do our hosts full justice in print without seeming fulsome. One should hear what the girls say.

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#### TO MIRA TROTH.

The sun never smiled on a lovelier face,  
Lit from within by a soul serene,  
That looks with a rare and tender grace,  
Through the sweetest eyes that e'er were seen.

In the twilight skies at the fall of night  
Burns Evening's lamp with its silvery sheen,  
And like this star is the warm bright light  
Of the sweetest eyes that e'er were seen.

Beauty lives in your smile divine,  
In your matchless dimples, my love, my queen,  
But my deepest homage is paid at the shrine  
Of the sweetest eyes that e'er were seen.



## Editorials.

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Our exchanges will kindly note the change of address. They may now be sent to Josephine March, 925 Kentucky street, Lawrence, Kansas.

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Our efficient and highly appreciated colleague, Miss Allen, has left her seat in the editorial chair for strolls on the distant shores of Europe. We miss her from our sanctum, but are consoled by her promise that while abroad she would serve as eyes and ears for THE ARROW.

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Chapter letters addressed to the G. I. R. arrived during the Convention from Ames, Iowa, and Boulder, Col. THE ARROW has had no communication with these chapters and now does not have the reports within her reach. We are glad to have them in the circles of the target, so that a well directed ARROW may reach them, not one at random sent, as it has been in the past.

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The delay of this issue, the unusually heavy expenses to which the Sorosis has been put during this academic year and the determination of the editors to avoid all debts, have combined to render it expedient to omit the March issue of THE ARROW. The late Convention established us upon a firm basis that assures us financial success, but this does not go into operation until next year. The tardy reports of the delegates have held this issue back until so nearly the date for the March number as to make it seem most judicious to unite the two.

There are two bits of feminine Greek gossip that are not yet officially announced but whose truth can be depended upon, and as such here they are: Delta Gamma has entered Ann Arbor with a chapter of some size and considerable merit. But as some come others go, and the Ann Arbor chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta resigns her charter. This has been one of Kappa's finest chapters, but there seems to be—

“A little rift within the lute  
That widening, soon shall make its music mute.”

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The June number of THE ARROW will take the form of a catalogue, giving first a general history of the Sorosis, followed by a short history of each chapter, with names of all members, together with items of personal interest. Then an alphabetical list of all members, with residence of each. The material must be sent in as early as the middle of April, in order that the catalogue be out by Commencement. Let each chapter go to work immediately and learn all that is possible of her absent members.

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One of the most pleasing features of our Convention was entirely by the way and outside the usual line of convention notes. The general amity manifested between the fraternities themselves and toward us, was indeed a sight to make the angels envious. Is it an usual occurrence for Beta Theta Pi and Phi Kappa Psi to unite and entertain guests and each other in their own mystic and magnificent halls? That was what we saw Friday night. What we might have seen Friday afternoon when the Phi Gamma Deltas sent us that charming invitation to go driving—imagination—may picture. Stern facts of unfinished business kept us close prisoners indoors, and in vain we longed to leave it all and, temporarily, flee with the Phi Gams. Rumor says, moreover, that a certain Greek has faithfully promised to wear the garnet and blue for a year and a day. What more cunning compliment could be devised!

Every chapter should bear in mind that her actions do not concern herself alone, but the whole Sorosis, that every honor she wins is another leaf added to the laurel crown that already belongs to I. C. Separated by distance from other chapters and seldom meeting any sister save from one's own chapter, one cannot help losing the true and wide Sorosis spirit. It is like the old story of the German miser who held a pfenning so close to his eye that he could not see a silver thaler. To prevent this THE ARROW comes among you and our annual convention is held and their help is plainly seen. The warmth of feeling brought to light at the last convention was something delightful, which should never grow less. But it will decrease unless each chapter makes a constant practice of remembering the unseen sisters. With the rising of the standard of any one chapter, the standing of the whole Sorosis advances. With your honors they are honored and with your faults and short-comings they are blamed. Do not forget this, come what may. Think not alone of yourself, remember your scattered sisters.

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There is one thing THE ARROW wants for its columns and asks each chapter to exert herself to obtain: This is a department of letters from our scattered alumnae. Could there be anything more natural than that the authorized journal of the Sorosis should be indeed the journal of the whole society and not of the active members alone. The interests of the alumnae should be our interests. They should find in our columns more than mere chapter news and letters—in short, Sorosis news and Sorosis letters. These can be furnished by the alumnae alone and to the alumnae through their chapters, we appeal. We cannot reach them without the help of their chapters, who know where many of their members have been carried by the changes that follow so swiftly after college life. You can send them a copy of THE ARROW and ask them to write a line or two so that all the sisters far and wide shall

know of their welfare. Surely one cannot read a single copy of THE ARROW without wanting to speak of a new idea or ask a question. Write it to us, *alumnæ* sisters. Tell us, too, where you are and what you are doing or planning to do. Above all do not pass us by in silence and negligence.

In one of the chapter letters in *The Crescent*, of Delta Tau Delta, we find these sentences:

“Although our chapter is not as strong in numbers as it might be, we feel that it is growing within itself. While we are eight in number we are one in spirit. As we believe that the vitality of any chapter depends only upon the standard of the members enrolled, we regard it imperative to choose only the best.” The future of that chapter and all others influenced by the same principle is assured. There is no one thing that can secure such certain success as unanimity. One small, well chosen, earnest chapter is worth half a dozen that are large and unwieldy. A small chapter can be thoroughly congenial, knit together by bonds sometimes closer than ties of kinship. A large chapter almost invariably contains some one or two that are not born to be true I. O's. You all know it, you have all seen or felt it yourself, but still there is a mania for a large membership, a morbid craving to have the largest roll of active members of all the chapters. It is easy to see where this leads and an example may be seen not far away. A certain celebrated fraternity counting among its members many eminent men throughout the east, has a chapter of forty members at a certain western college. They have a beautiful chapter house, where they “live in pride and plenty.” Yet of all its many chapters this is the only one that Sketa Keta Eta regards with chagrin and humiliation, for of those forty members twenty are the wildest, most dissipated and lawless men in college. They are clever with that kind of light that soon burns to bitter ashes. How much better for the fraternity and for the chapter had the other twenty alone been found upon its roll. The moral of this “jumps at the eyes.”

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## Personals.

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### CONVENTION PERSONALS.

Of the many charming girls that met together during the Convention at Lawrence, Miss Mira Troth, Iowa City's Alumnae delegate, was acknowledged queen and the homage rendered to her came from the hearts of her I. C. sisters.

Misses Josephine Gassner and Vinnie Harrison were the guests of Clara Poehler, Business Manager of THE ARROW, during their stay in Lawrence.

As representative from our youngest chapter, Miss Mame Carpenter received an eager welcome, and our enthusiastic pride in Denver is now at the highest pitch.

Mt. Pleasant was represented by bonnie little Lulu Ambler. In declaiming, her rendition of an "Extract from a Bad Girl's Dairy" was simply perfect.

Miss Wydick, a loyal I. C. from Iowa, came with an eye to business, and if the Burlington chapter failed to secure all she desired in the Convention, it was not Miss Wydick's fault.

Miss Rainie Adamson, although delayed by a wreck on her way to the Convention, did not arrive too late for us to feel her influential and true I. C. spirit.

Carrie McMurtrie was the last arrival and by her charming modest way won the admiration of all.

Miss Julia Ferris, our stately Carthage delegate, led rather a wandering life during the Convention. She was the guest of four girls.

The curt, business-like Grand I. R. pro-tem, Elva Plank, and the winsome Florence Hill, both of Bloomfield, Iowa, received a great deal of attention.

The visiting members of K. S. U. chapter were Mrs. Wallace, of Hermosa, Col., Nettie Hubbard, of Olathe, Dot Mead, of Washburn College, Topeka, and Pearl Young, of Kansas City, Mo.

In all about seventy-five I. C's were in Lawrence during the Convention, a number, of which all may feel proud, considering the K. S. U. chapter is so isolated.

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#### IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Miss Fannie Thompson is with us again after a year's absence in Agency City, where she has been teaching in the High School.

Miss Lulu Woods is spending the winter with friends in Washington, D. C., and reports "grand times." We miss Lulu very much, as she is one of our "pillars."

Since our last issue of THE ARROW Miss Sadie Hayden, of Libertyville, has become Mrs. J. S. Davenport, of Oskaloosa. We wish her much joy in her wedded life.

Miss Anna Fuller, one of our Alumnæ, has made quite an enviable reputation as a prima donna. She is now in California giving a series of concerts, and will go to Europe in June to continue her musical studies. The following is taken from the State Register, Des Moines:

"None of Iowa's singers has brought more of honor to the State and deserves more of the great good fortune that has attended her than Miss Anna L. Fuller, formerly of Mt. Pleasant. For several years past she has been studying with the best instructors in the east, and has made most remarkable progress and developed a voice of such rare power and sweetness that she has taken a life of high rank among the leading singers of the east. Wherever she has sung, in concert, oratorio, or the great music festivals at Philadelphia, she has delighted all who heard her, and proved herself one of the singers of whom all Americans can be proud. Gifted with a voice that is a well-spring of pleasure, she has earned the right to enjoy the good fortune that it brings, by the brave and plucky fight she has made, to reach the posi-

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tion she now holds. When so many singers have been carried into popularity by the help of powerful friends, Miss Fuller has won her success unaided, save by the native grace and talent with which she is so richly endowed. For this reason especially she is worthy the pride of everybody who admires pluck, self-reliance and perseverance in the face of all obstacles."

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SIMPSON CENTENARY.

Effie Kelly is attending school in Ainsworth, Neb.

Jennie Buffington is following a course of study at Glenwood, Iowa.

Miss Hattie Poyneer visited her parents at Montrur, Iowa, during the holidays.

Sister Ella Jones and Ella Brock, teachers in the public schools, spent Christmas at their homes.

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LOMBARD.

Myrtle Conger was obliged to leave school a few weeks ago on account of ill-health. She hopes to be with us after Christmas again.

'85 Ella Suiter and Jennie B. Conger are both at home. Their schools closed several weeks ago.

'83 Lizzie Furniss and Ella Williams, from Yates City, Ill., met with us November 14. We were glad to see them.

A month ago we met at the home of Mrs. Rose Leshner. Although she is married, and has the mother's care of two very bright children she seemed not to have lost any of the genuine I. C. spirit.

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KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

'81 Miss Mamie Woodward, according to a cablegram received, arrived safely at Berlin after a stormy voyage. She intends spending several months in Germany studying its language and music.

'84. All I. C. sisters were rejoiced to have Mary Griffith return from Wellesley College, Mass., to spend the Christmas vacation at her home in Lawrence.

'85. Our post graduate, Louise Moore, from Wilmington, Ohio, was obliged to homeward fly on account of her mother's failing health. Her I. C's. are sorry to loose her, for they thought much of their handsome "big" sister.

'84 Mary Miller reports delightful times in Boston, hearing Cannon Farrar, Mary Anderson and Booth.

'82. Of our editorial staff, Miss Ethel B. Allen sailed on the steamer Nordland, from Jersey City, January 30. We wish her "bon voyage." It is said that Miss Allen is the author of a very pretty story, which may be found in Harper's *Bazaar*, January 30th, 1886. Her I. C. sisters may well feel proud that so young a writer should obtain a place for her writings in a publication of such high order.

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#### CARTHAGE COLLEGE.

Several I. C. sisters heard Gilmore's band in Keokuk, Ia., November 12.

Miss Nolia Gilchrist will pursue her art studies this winter at the New York School of Designs.

Miss Hattie DeHart is visiting her sister in Spencer, Iowa. We miss her from our social circles greatly.

Miss Mamie Hooker studied music under Prof. Schüler, Keokuk, Ia., during the summer.

Miss Kate Johnston, a former I. C. sister, is principal of the public schools in Warsaw, Ill.

Miss Ellen Ferris will make a specialty of drawing and painting at Monticello Seminary this winter.



Miss Nellie Gilchrist has lately returned from Chicago, and will accept a position in her father's office at Fort Madison during the winter.

Miss Julia Ferris spent a portion of the summer in New Orleans and vicinity for the benefit of her health. This fall she was our delegate to the Convention at Lawrence, Kas.

Miss Mary Alexander passed the summer in California; from there she returned to Silver City, New Mexico, where she will spend the winter. We feel her absence from our chapter.

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#### DENVER COLLEGE.

Miss Belle Anderson is for this winter attending Lassell Seminary, Auburndale, Mass. We miss her very much, for she was such an ardent co-worker in I. C.

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#### UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Mrs. Judge Rogers and sister, Josie Werdner, having moved to Denver we lose two good members; but what is our loss is their gain.

Quotation—"The I. C's are a power in the land."

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#### OTTUMWA, IOWA.

Miss Kate Jackson is spending the winter in Chicago.

Miss Regina Neville, who has been studying music in New York City, has returned, much to the delight of her I. C. sisters and a host of other friends.

Miss Carrie Flagler has returned from a four months' stay in Eau Claire, Wis.

Wedding bells have pealed four times for the I. C's. of Ottumwa in less than one year, the Misses Sterritt, Stevens, Capps and Chambers all taking their places among the married ladies of our city, none of them being lost to us.

Mrs. Leo. Warden and Mrs. Chas. Taylor are spending the winter in Los Angelos, Cal.

Mrs. Chas. Jordan has been in Albuquerque, New Mexico, since last fall, where she has gone with her husband for his health. The best wishes of her sisters here have been with her.

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#### MARRIED.

MARCH—MILES.—At the residence of the bride's parents, October 1, at 8 in the evening, LENA MILES to W. F. MARCH, by Dr J. A. Lippincott, Chancellor of the State University

The bridesmaids were Miss Josephine March and Miss Sue Miles. The bride wore an exquisite short suit of plain and brocaded white satin.

Mrs. March is one of Kappa's earlier members, and has kept up her interest as keenly as at first. We do not feel that we have lost her now, and some of the convention delegates can testify what an I. C. home her dainty cottage makes. Mr. March has long been called an "honorary I. C.," because of his loyalty to the Golden Arrow and its "cookey shines" and butter scotch.

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DISHMAN—COLLINS.—In Kansas City, Mo., December 25, at 8 in the evening, LETTIE B. COLLINS to D. L. DISHMAN.

Mrs. Dishman was one of the gayest Kappa sisters and though her absence from school has kept her from us for several years, we still send our warm good wishes after her.

## PARTHIAN SHAFTS.

Perhaps it is a contradiction in terms for a Greek to handle any of the weapons of the barbarians; but it hardly seems strange that a Greek Arrow, flying backward in point of time, should seem to the other Greeks, drawn up in journalistic array, a trifle like a Parthian shaft, even though it be usually wreathed with roses.

The literary side of fraternity journalism is the most notable article in the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, and the aim of a society publication, the unifying of her chapters, is pointed out clearly. The means advocated are in some respects so entirely endorsed by THE ARROW as to merit quotation:

"The object of the journal is to bring all the chapters closer together—to give us common aims. Every article should be one to be read with interest by all. What will interest all is what we know to be occupying the attention of a sister chapter. We all have sufficient sympathy and friendly feeling to make her interest ours. One chapter, through a variety of circumstances, may be especially engaged in some one subject. It may be connected with society matters, it may be a popular question, it may be some theory debated in chapter meetings or discussed in the college. Write about it. Say that it is of importance to you, that you Theta girls are thinking of it, and the other chapters reading it will at once gain some idea of your chapter, of you girls, and of your ways of thinking, and perhaps find a new topic of thought."

The *D. K. E. Quarterly* is a handsome magazine of ninety pages, beautifully printed and with a fine steel engraving of the chapter cottage at Hamilton, and is in every way a pleasure to contemplate. All this one might have expected of this fraternity, but the opening article with its long list of "Dekes" eminent in literature is indeed surprising. The whole number is a delightful one and may be read with interest by even a stranger to "Deke" circles. It is plainly not the work of under-graduates, and yet, oh! *rara avis*, neither scorns nor ostentatiously pities those who are yet grinding at

the mill where learning is poured in massive and bulky and comes out diminutive and portable. We notice on one of the inner covers a request for copies of any sort of literary venture made by a Delta Kappa Epsilon. A library of this sort would be even more practicable and interesting for a sorosis than a fraternity.

The *Purple and Gold* of Chi Psi is also a quarterly and on its lavender cover bears the colors in fact as well as name. We read with lively interest the clever and witty article on "Old Union," although not drawn to it by previous interest in the subject. Among the editorials the one on "Sisters" is both complimentary and cold. The writer acknowledges freely the great debt that a fraternity owes to its friends among the fair sex and of this we have often heard from members of many fraternities beside the Chi Psis. Still they do not want a feminine Chi Psi. Whether the prejudice extends to soroses that do not claim so close a bond, one can hardly tell. The chapter letters and alumni notes are delightfully full and the separate and lengthy list of recent initiates is a sigh to gladden one.

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only upon the standard of the members enrolled, we regard it imperative to choose only the best, and unhesitatingly exclude all those who would have a tendency to lower the dignity of the chapter."

The *Kappa Sigma Quarterly* made its debut in October and we wish it all success. Its home is in "Ole Ferginny" and it makes a departure from the beaten path by including among its purely literary articles a story of considerable length and originality and harrowing in the extreme. Some of the striking passages are worthy of quotation, but we doubt the spirit in which they would be received. The same may be said of the titleless but patriotic poem. We can not resist giving a few lines embodying the writer's idea of the aphorism that Might is Right.

"A thousand battles lost and won can make  
No change of right. The stronger arm  
Too often outweighs the balance justice holds  
And makes her kick the beam."

There is a steel portrait of Jefferson Davis accompanying a biographical sketch, which extends into the next number.

The *Sigma Nu Delta* is the exponent of a fraternity that, like the Kappa Sigma, is strongest in the Southern States. Its cover is strikingly simple but blindly mystic. Is it against all laws to give an explanation? If not, we would very much like to know why the Delta alone appears upon the cover and why there are four modest stars and only three Greek letters. The I. C's meet Sigma Nu at the University of Kansas, and we rather fancy meet sometimes with warm greetings. The subject of Northern Extension is amply discussed in a remarkably candid contribution from Ann Arbor.

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