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ALTRUISM IN FRATERNITIES.

The work of colleges and universities has been confined almost entirely to training the purely intellectual faculties. The last few years show some advance in the care of the physical being,—but an important factor in the development of the individual is still wanting. Until that is supplied we shall fall far short of Froebel's idea of education,—which means harmony in feeling, thinking, willing and doing.

The lack of the moral sense in affairs of business and politics, the failure to know, and to do, one's duty, is calling forth much comment from press and pulpit. Some of the blame must rest upon the schools for their failure to recognize the need of ethical culture along with the intellectual. We will venture to predict that the college of the future will teach history, literature, even science and mathematics, with especial reference to the moral influence of these studies. This change will be gradual, however, and meanwhile we must look to the students themselves to supply deficiencies.

It seems quite probable that the fraternity idea may have grown out of an indefinite, almost unconscious feeling on the part of students that something was lacking in their college course which they must supply. This indefinable longing may have been nothing higher at first than a desire for social intercourse, but hidden in that desire lies an important ethical principle. The banding together of individuals for any cause whatsoever, tends towards a spirit of altruism. No one can be utterly selfish who lives with others. The hermit is the only supreme egoist. In our college societies we should find

that regard for others which is so desirable in this life. Lowell tells us that it is "not what we give, but what we share," that brings the blessing.

The traveler, half frozen in the mountain finds another in the same plight. By his efforts to save his comrade he is himself revived, warmed by exertion and bodily contact. So it is in our mental life. We grow cold and selfish if we remain alone, but by sharing whatever of warmth there is in our nature, whatever we possess of intellectual strength, we not only impart it to others, but are ourselves made better and stronger.

Our fraternities should breathe forth the very spirit of brotherhood,—not only among the members of each particular society, but toward each other as organizations. Narrowness of spirit should never be tolerated.

In our women's societies we naturally look for that sweet spirit of unselfishness, that regard for others, which is inherent in the womanly nature when it is unspoiled by environment or education. Let these qualities, so necessary for the happiness of the world, blossom in our college societies, that we may help, not only ourselves, but others to a higher plane of life.

—*Gertrude B. Blackwelder, Kansas Alpha, Alumna.*

CHAPTER HOUSE LOAN FUND.

It seems too bad, from an ideal point of view, that we mortals who are joined by the heavenly bonds of fraternal friendship should be compelled to look after earthly and sordid interests, and to soil our hands by dabbling in business affairs. But yet, such being the case, it seems to me that every loyal Pi Phi should give her attention to any little matters that come under her notice by which she thinks the material well-being of her fraternity might be advanced.

It was my good fortune during the early part of this school

year to make a study of the various women's fraternities in the United States; and, in that study, some of the weak and some of the strong points of each fraternity were brought to my notice. One of the weak points is the dearth of chapter-houses *owned* by the fraternities and Pi Beta Phi is no stronger than others in this line. To some this may seem a small thing; but, in this age in which "the almighty dollar" plays such a leading part, it seems to me that things of this nature must be looked after, if we want our fraternity to take a leading place among her sister fraternities.

As soon as this weakness was made evident, my mind was set working with the hope that some plan might be devised whereby we might strengthen ourselves; and which would at the same time not prove too much of a drain upon the members of the fraternity. It is, of course, a thing that cannot be accomplished in a day; but, if you will bear with me, you shall have my plan; and, if it seem feasible and should succeed in aiding the fraternity, the time used in telling it will be well spent.

In our church association we have a fund called "The Building Loan Fund." This is for the assistance of poor churches—to enable them to erect houses of worship. Money is obtained for this fund by private subscription and is loaned to the churches on application to the committee that has this matter in charge. The borrowers pay no interest on the money; but are required to pay back one-tenth every year, which tenth is again loaned out. In this way the money is kept in circulation and there is a constant fund upon which the churches can draw without paying any interest.

Why could not this plan, with certain modifications, be applied to the building of chapter houses for our fraternity? We ought to be able to raise quite a sum of money from our *alumnæ*; for, surely, we have five hundred *alumnæ* members who would be willing to give a dollar apiece, and in some cases they might give more. This with any subscriptions received from active members would make a nice little nest-

egg; which, added to year by year would soon increase in size. Another advantage of such a system is that, by this plan, the alumnæ could assist us twice; for they would assist in supporting the national fund, and as each chapter borrowed money and was anxious to pay it back, they would call upon the alumnæ of their chapter to help them; so that the alumnæ would assist the chapters not only nationally but also individually.

As to who would take charge of this money, we might say that it could be put in the hands of a permanent committee. This committee, having in charge business of the general fraternity, could be elected at the Grand Convention; and, if necessary to give it standing, could be given the right of one vote, or one representative, at the convention. The committee would have control of the funds and would have the power of arranging the loans at their discretion. The loans when made could be managed in several ways. We could take the method adopted by the churches of having the chapters pay back each year one-tenth of the amount loaned; or, —and this presents itself as the better plan— we could allow the committee to give a certain amount to a chapter for building a chapter house, on which they could take, in the name of the fraternity, a mortgage bearing interest at six per cent.; —which interest would not amount to as much as the rent the chapters now pay. This would practically make the national fraternity owner of the chapter houses; and, in this case, should anything happen to an individual chapter having a chapter house the money would revert to the fund and could be used by another chapter.

Some might urge the objection that if two chapters wanted help at the same time, and both could not be accommodated, feeling might be created between the chapter which was refused and that which was successful. But this could be obviated. There are two plans on which the money might be distributed. It might be given to the oldest chapter applying; or it might be given to the chapter having collected

the most money for a house. The latter seems the better ground on which to base the distribution, as it shows a willingness on the part of the recipients to help themselves.

This is but a brief outline of a plan by which we might be able to own more chapter houses. Can we not by the use of it, or some other, bring our fraternity up to the mark of the other fraternities; or, if possible, exceed them in the number and beauty of our buildings?

—*Mary M. Wolfe, Pennsylvania Beta.*

CARNATIONS.

“Carnations? Yes. But now I ask
 Why are you sad at seeing these?
 Of all the wealth which nature gives
 I thought these blossoms would but please.”

“Quite true,” she said, “I love them best,
 And yet they always make me weep;
 They seem to wake within my heart
 Dear thoughts which else had been asleep.

“Have you yourself not often heard
 Mere snatches from a little song
 Which sent you back into those arms
 For which at times you madly long?

“Has not a bird or e'en a leaf,
 By flutt'ring past at close of day,
 Brought back to you an old oak tree,
 Where you and others used to play?

“It's just the thoughts the flower brings
 Of friends and faces then with me,
 And what we said and felt and did
 Before I knew or cared for thee.”

—*Bessie Steenberg, Wisconsin Alpha, Alumna.*

MOCK INITIATION AGAIN.

At almost every initiation held by our chapter, the question arises, "Shall we have a comic initiation or not?" And then, a torrent of pros and cons, ayes and noes; for the chapter is about equally divided on the subject. The major objection is, of course, that the mock initiation destroys the solemnity of the true ceremony. This objection is more likely to present itself than the arguments pro; but there are arguments for it nevertheless.

Most initiates expect the comic or mock initiation and are disappointed if they do not receive it. From childhood, the word initiation with its "degrees" means to us something mysterious and awful, and the impression is deepened as we grow older. To an outsider, fraternity means mystery symbolized by some terrible initiation rites; and an initiate is an outsider during the comic portion of the ceremony. She feels as though fraternity is not what it is represented, and that the whole thing is a delusion, if the initiation does not have some element of horror. If we remember that all the associations and ideas that had previously centered around fraternity are dispelled, we can understand why the initiate should have a feeling of disillusionment. Of course, when she realizes the aims of the society, her momentary disappointment passes away. But it is a fact that the initiate experiences a disappointment if there is none of that mysterious goat *en evidence* at her initiation.

The variety of the mock initiation, also, gives individuality to the initiations. Each member then feels that she made her entrance into the Greek circle in a different manner from every one else. Initiation is the only ceremony or event in our fraternity life that belongs exclusively to the individual; cookie-shines bear a strong resemblance to each other and all the members participate in them; but the initiation is for the initiate and ought to be unique.

Unless the candidate is solemnly assured that the goat is not to appear, the ceremony even without the "mockery" is

not always solemn to her. It is doubtful, however, if she would trust such assurance, for, as said before, she expects to be deceived in an initiation. But the mind of the trembling initiate—they do tremble—is too busy thinking of the horrors which she imagines are awaiting her, to be greatly imbued with the awe and reverence proper for a solemn initiation.

No one doubts that comic initiations are fun. Many of the merriest, pleasantest associations of our fraternity life are connected with that mock ceremony, held possibly "far from the madding crowd" in the woods by moonlight. It is at these mock initiations that the troubles and anxieties of college life are wholly thrown aside, while the real, fun-loving spirit is given full rein.

It is not always true that the solemnity of the initiation is destroyed by the mock ceremony. In one instance, an initiate was moved to tears by an initiation which had been preceded by the mock ceremony, because, as she said, "It was so solemn." And all of us, though we may not have given the same outward demonstration, doubtless experienced the same emotions. Who could fail to be impressed by such a ceremony as our initiation rites?

Let us then have the mock initiation and all the fun we can, provided it does not interfere with the full development of our character and the advancement of our fraternity. "At some time it may please us to remember these things."

—*Mary Belle Harris, Pennsylvania Beta.*

WOMANHOOD.

O womanhood, so pure and sweet,
 For thee each Pi Phi strives,
 Let us the secret, at thy feet,
 Learn of true, noble lives.

O tell us more of thine own self;
 How may we like thee grow?
 Canst thou not send us sprite or elf,
 Our pathway plain to show?

Must tears our eyes forever fill,
 Our sympathy to show?
 And must our bosoms ever thrill
 With pain for others' woe?

Ah no! sweet girls, be girlish still;
 Be joyous, bright and gay;
 And let the gladness of good will
 Enliven all the day.

Be ready e'er to sympathize
 With those whose hearts are sad,
 But also hear, with glowing eyes,
 The tales of those who're glad.

Be true to every noble thought,
 True to yourselves e'en more,
 And make your presence ever sought
 For its charming, helpful power.

Be sure your influence is strong
 In woman's tenderness,
 That those with whom you live, may long,
 True greatness to possess.

Let woman's instinct hold full sway,
 In every girlish heart,
 And you will gain more every day
 Of woman's noblest art.

—Kate Goddard, Pennsylvania Beta.

OUR NEW CHAPTER.

To our newly found friends and sisters, we, "the babies," send greetings,—in fact so newly found that some of you may not be aware that you have sisters at Syracuse.

We were initiated but two short weeks ago, and these weeks have been by no means idle ones.

We started with nine, which is a goodly number, as we think, and expect that soon we will enroll a few more whom we have under consideration. We shall always endeavor in the selection of our girls to live up to the high standard of Pi Beta Phi.

Although there are four other woman's fraternities here, yet owing to the large number of students we will have ample scope for a good choice.

Late in October we organized under the name of the Philokalean Club, ostensibly for literary and social purposes, but in reality to obtain a chapter of Pi Beta Phi. From that time until February we were alternately hopeful and discouraged. But according to the saying, "patient waiting suffereth no loss," we were successful in the end.

Miss Grace Grosvenor introduced us into the inner circle and remained long enough to see us through our first fraternity meeting. As soon as the fact was known that a chapter of Pi Beta Phi had been established at Syracuse, we were most cordially welcomed and congratulated by members of the other fraternities. We have already been entertained by most of them and expect soon to return the attention.

The faculty, several of whom have aided us, have expressed themselves as pleased by our success.

We are especially fortunate in the choice of our patronesses. We have two of the deans' wives, Mrs. Vernon, wife of the dean of the college of fine arts, and Mrs. Brooks, wife of the dean of the law school, also Mrs. W. P. Coddington, wife of the professor of philosophy.

Besides these we have three very lovely ladies who are more closely related to the social affairs of the city, but have ex

pressed themselves as very anxious to assist us in every possible way.

New York Alpha desires to express her kindest wishes for the prosperity of all her sisters, and may she in many ways show her deep love and affection for them.

—*Leora E. Sherwood, New York Alpha.*

“THE WORLD BEAUTIFUL.”

There has lately appeared from the house of Roberts Brothers a little book of essays which, it would seem, might almost have been written by a Pi Phi to Pi Phis, so unconsciously does it embody our aspirations as fraternity women. This modest little volume, which the author, Lilian Whiting, has named “The World Beautiful” is dedicated to the ever fragrant memory of Phillips Brooks, and it is easy for any one who has known him to fancy, without discredit to Miss Whiting, that no small part of their inspiration is the result of personal contact with his rich humanity.

The little essays, some twenty-four in number, are grouped about five central thoughts, The World Beautiful, Friendship, Our Social Salvation, Lotus Eating, and That Which is to Come. Perhaps to speak of them as essays is to give them too impersonal a name. They are rather womanly talks to that which is most womanly in us, full of sentiment without being sentimental, and if a thought too didactic, never preachy or priggish.

The “*leit-motif*” of all, if I read aright, is the office of Christianity, or at least its grand fundamental truths in the social life, I may almost say the society life of the world we move in. This is no less the mission than the theme of the book. Plenty have preached of duty toward the poor, the degraded, the sorrowing; those whom we can approach on the ground of our common humanity. This writer reminds us of our obligation to those who are literally our neighbors,

who have not alone their humanity but their daily interests and daily intercourse in common with us, who ask of us, not pity, not charity, but the inspiration of our cheery neighborliness and high and happy living.

This is the gospel of being rather than doing, and is but the college settlement idea brought to those around us rather than carried to the degraded.

The two chapters which specially appeal to us as fraternity women are those called friendship and our social salvation.

"No other possession of life holds such preponderating value as one's friends. All beside these are a part of the scenery of the external and temporal world; but friendships are of the eternal and the divine." Friends are in their truest sense discovered, are recognized, not made. Friendship worth the name is not a matter of reason or choice, but of magnetism and temperament. It can bear almost anything of friction or annoyance, and yet spring up again uninjured. Friends, like pictures, must be placed in a certain light, at a certain focal distance, if we wish to see them at their best.

These are some of the lessons of the essay; do we need them? Do we, Pi Beta Phi, choose our friends from a glad recognition that they are congenial, or for some lower motive of expediency? Do we choose always to see them at their best and give them, too, of our best? If we do, we are living close to our fraternity ideal; even more, to the broader life ideal for which our fraternity stands.

One vital fact which most of us recognize but few have courage to put in words, the writer makes clear and forceful when she says: "The lack of fine perception that results in want of consideration for others, in forgetfulness and carelessness in little things; that imposes on the time, strength or resources of other people is a defect more inimical to friendship than is many a graver fault in morals. It implies lack of good breeding, lack of refinement, lack of a thousand essentials of daily intercourse." And again: "An impression that jars on one's taste will undo in an instant all the influence

or impression made by sterling virtues through a term of years."

I suppose the truth is, and I am glad it has been said, that it is easier to condone a human frailty than anything so easily remedied as a breach of good manners.

From the part on "Our Social Salvation," I take the following: "The truth is that any one can be exclusive. It requires, to be sure, a petty brain and a cold and narrow heart, and a lack of imagination, and a very distorted and exaggerated opinion of one's self; still, all these qualities can be cultivated, if this is the true social ideal to be held before humanity." This, too, is pithy and pertinent. "Surely it is better to go into the highway and the byway, and love men and serve them, and contribute an endeavor, be it much or little, to make the world a better place, than it is to wrap ourselves in the mantle of a fondly fancied superiority and reject all contact with the great and common daily currents of life."

Of the other parts of the book, the little talks on The Potency of Charm, Success as a Fine Art, and The Woman of the World, strike me as particularly good, but the whole book is well worth reading, and reading more than once.

—*Florence P. Robinson, Wisconsin Alpha.*

Chapter Letters.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

In one of the fraternity exchanges of not long ago, the idea was advanced that chapter letters dealt too much with the concrete and not enough with the abstract, but since deeds are the index of the mind, it seems to Vermont Alpha that a description of her doings will give as accurate an impression of her inner life and workings as would an abstract treatise, dealing strictly with her thoughts and feelings.

Another term has gone, and the Green Mountain Pi Phis find their number increased by the addition of five freshmen girls—Jessie Ruth Campbell, Middlebury, Vt.; Augusta Maria Kelley, Centreville, Mass.; Anna Nichols, Randolph, Vt.; Annis Miller Sturgis, Centreville, Mass.; Ethel Louise Waterman, Brattleboro, Vt. Poor freshmen! Such restless nights as they passed before they were initiated into the mysteries of *II. B. Φ.*—nights spent in restlessly tossing to and fro with visions of darkness and terror before them. But on the night of November 15th, in the presence of Vermont Alpha, Bertha Ranslow, '94, and Ada Hurlburt, Ex., '97, they found their anxiety to have been needless, and since that time they have been most loyal Pi Phis. Men sometimes delight in saying that a woman cannot keep a secret, but such ideas should forever be banished since on the next morning the surprise of every one was complete when the five new arrows appeared in chapel. Our delight was especially great since the initiation of all the other fraternities had been disclosed at least a day beforehand.

Vermont Alpha has been very pleasantly entertained at a five o'clock tea by Mrs. Sutton, and also by Mrs. Stewart, one of our patronesses. At the latter we were invited to meet our adopted Pi Phi sisters, as we call them, Miss Sutton and

Miss Norton, who so charmingly entertained several of our girls at their home in Vergennes on October 5th. The delightful drive that day to Lake Champlain, and the time spent on its banks, which again and again echoed with "Ring, Ching, Ching," will long be remembered by those who participated.

Besides several informal spreads and cooky-shines, we have had two strictly college receptions. On the evening of October 18th, the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A.'s gave a reception to all the students in one of the college buildings. Soon after our Thanksgiving recess the Delta Upsilon fraternity pleasantly entertained the faculty and wives, the college young ladies, and representatives from the two other men's fraternities. An enjoyable evening was spent in bright conversation and merry songs.

—*Harriet Dupré Gerold.*

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Columbia Alpha sends to all her sisters greeting and best wishes for '96.

Columbian prospects have never been brighter than they are this year. Besides an increased endowment, the addition of several professors to the faculty, and the establishment of chairs of fine arts and history, we now have at our head the Rev. B. L. Whitman, D. D., formerly president of Colby University, a man who has captured the hearts of all the students, and who seems to infuse new life and vigor into all departments of the University. The inaugural ceremonies took place November 15th in Convention Hall before an audience of between five and six thousand. The principal features were the addresses of Dr. Strong, president of Rochester, and Dr. Patton, president of Princeton; Dr. Whitman's magnificent inaugural address, delivered in that wonderfully rich, resonant voice, which you can never forget if you have once heard it; and the irrepressible enthusiasm of the students. You all know how college men can yell, but it is doubtful if you can form even a faint conception of the noise the Columbian men, nearly a thousand strong, succeeded in producing.

But to return to Pi Phi. We have so far only two new girls to introduce—Florence L. Bingham, '97, and Mary S. Hinman, '98, who rode the refractory animal on November 22nd at the home of Miss McGowen. We hope to increase our number still more before long.

One day in October some of the uninitiated Columbianites were astonished to see a group of girls huddled together on what used to be grass before the football practice reduced it to dust. And the reason for this gathering was that Miss McGowan had brought her kodak to take a snap-shot at the Pi Phis. The pictures turned out very well, and we prize them highly.

At Christmas we tried to show the spirit of the season by providing a Christmas dinner for a poor family, with a sick mother, a crippled father and seven children. We sent them a big turkey and all the regulation articles of Christmas diet, all of which were most welcome.

Miss Brewer visited us at one of our meetings and talked to us about the work of the Alumnæ Chapter, which among other things has adopted a plan of establishing a sort of work agency. She asked us to let the members know if any of us needed some one to sew or cook or anything of the sort, and they will find and send to us a competent and deserving person who is in need of work.

We are sorry to say that we have lost two very fine girls; Miss Pace, our delegate to the convention last summer, who was called to her home in Richmond on account of the severe illness of her mother, and Miss Bowman, who was obliged to leave college because of trouble with her eyes. The latter still attends our meetings.

The intermediate examinations will soon be upon us, and of course we are digging hard just now, but when they are over we hope to have some more fraternity good times.

—*Mary S. Hinman.*

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Alpha wishes her sister chapters a very happy and prosperous New Year. Since our last letter was written we have initiated five new girls, S. Edna Pownall, '98, Lydia Rakeshaw, '98, Mary Witson, '98, Lillian J. McDowell, '99, and Georgiana Walter, '99. We have had a very pleasant fall, and, in spite of a great deal of work, have opportunity for many jolly good times. One Wednesday afternoon we had a call from Miss Bessie Steenberg of Wisconsin Alpha who is studying at Bryn Mawr and we also had a very pleasant time with her at the Haverford-Swarthmore football game.

The eighteenth of December is our annual Shakespeare evening and two of our girls will take part. If rumors are correct the entertainment is to be unusually fine.

We have been having very good skating on Crum Creek and almost all the students have been enjoying it. A golf course has just been laid out and we are anticipating a great deal of pleasure from playing golf.

When college opened we felt rather disheartened to think that there were but six of us to begin our work and were very glad to have our numbers increased to eleven, especially as our new girls are loyal Pi Phis. With the new year to us as to every one come new hopes and aspirations. May we live up to those of 1896 more nearly than we did to those of 1895, making our chapter a strong one, and more nearly than ever before an ideal chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

—*Sarah Bancroft.*

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Five new members join in our greetings: Alice J. Lillibridge, '99, who joined us September 26, 1895; Mary E. Wilson, '98, and Grace Slifer, '98, who were initiated October 11, 1895; Clarissa Fowler, '99, whom we invested with an arrow, November 5, 1895; and Laura Allen, '99, our infant, who donned the wine and blue February 7, 1896.

There are more college girls at Bucknell this year than ever

before, and they seem to be infected with a spirit of progress and organization. It has been, too, progress attended by a minimum degree of friction: and it is not claiming too much to say that this harmonious organization is due to the harmony in our chapter. Many of the enterprises engaged in this year originated with our girls while most of them owe their success to the fact that the wearers of the arrow are working energetically and unanimously.

To show in what estimation their mates hold the Pi Beta Phis: the president of the College Girls' Association is a Pi Phi; May Wolfe, '96, captain of the basket ball team, and three others of the team are our girls; the leader and five members of the glee club of twelve voices are Pi Phis; the president of Zeta, our literary society, both last term and this, was a member of *II. B. Φ.*, while now the vice-president and several other officers, also, add to our chapter's list of attainments. The Mirror Association asked the college girls to edit the holiday number of the *Mirror*: Mary Harris, '94, was elected editor-in-chief, with Kate Goddard, '97, Rosa Hartley, '97, and Alice Lillibridge, '99, on the staff, the business department being in the hands of Mary Wolfe, '96, and Mary Wilson, '98. Kate Goddard is also on the board of L' Agenda, the Junior Annual. Rosa Hartley and Alice Lillibridge are on the regular staff of the *Mirror*,—this being the first year the college women have been represented on the board.

So we have been working, you see: but we have had fun, too; and our time of relaxation has been the merrier because it was a change.

Mrs. Larison, the principal of the institute, gave a delightful reception to the Greek letter fraternities in honor of Pi Beta Phi the evening of October 4th. Our patronesses, Mesdames McClure, Hulley and Leiser, were prominent guests and it was our regret that Mrs. Hopper, of Philadelphia, could not be there also.

We took possession of our new room in January, and had the pleasure of entertaining our patronesses and friends there

the evening of February 15th. . It is a large room in the Miller mansion in town. We adopted the plan of furnishing it with Christmas gifts from the members and alumnæ and were quite surprised at the successful result. Cookie-shines have an added charm when we partake of them in our own room, around our own fire-side.

We were glad to welcome Illinois Zeta to the ranks of Pi Beta Phi and hope she may find fraternity life as satisfactory as does Pennsylvania Beta.

—*Mary Belle Harris.*

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Before the ARROW has reached its readers we will be fairly launched on a new year. We hope that every chapter will close the old year with as much satisfaction as Ohio Alpha, for, if that be the case, there is no reason why ninety-six may not be entered upon with the highest hopes and aspirations.

In early October we initiated Florence Hedges and Maude Herrold, and pledged Katherine Crawford. The initiation took place at the home of one of the girls at four o'clock in the morning.

Our girls this year seem more congenial, if possible, than ever before, and we have such pleasant social times together. Our hall has been the rendezvous of the industrious girls, who do needle work, for two or three weeks,—helping Santa Claus with his work. One of the girls read or told stories while the others worked. One evening we had a picnic supper to refresh us after our labors.

We celebrated Hallow E'en by having a chafing-dish stew, —“and thereby hangs a tale”—which we will not tell lest our more dignified sisters lose respect for us.

When Katherine Crawford came from home after Thanksgiving, she brought with her an immense baked turkey. The other things necessary to make a turkey dinner complete were brought to the hall, and we had a genuine Thanksgiving din-

ner with spread table, and the service was the best in the land.

It may seem by this account of feasting that we are spending all our substance in "riotous living" but not so. We are growing more literary every day of our lives, and are improving in another direction—where the most of us need it badly. Mrs. Lilian Cole Bethel, the parliamentarian, gave a series of lectures here, and we availed ourselves of the excellent opportunity afforded us. The lectures were not only helpful, but also decidedly interesting.

—*Lucia Manuelle Murdock.*

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

The college year, now half gone, has been a most glorious one for the Ohio State University. Our enthusiastic president, Dr. Canfield, who has been termed by a western professor, "a sawed-off Hercules," has brought about many beneficial reforms, and seems to have transmitted to both the faculty and the student body a portion of his own zealous spirit and his seemingly indefatigable energy. There has been more genuine college spirit shown in athletics and in oratory than ever before. The enthusiasm in music is not wanting, as is shown by the fact that there are now two excellent Mandolin and Guitar clubs, and a Glee club, all of which united in giving a most successful concert some weeks since.

O. S. U. students, over three hundred strong, attended the State Oratorical Contest at Delaware, February 21st. Our representative, Mr. Herbert, acquitted himself nobly. But fifty college girls, songs, yells, and Bope's Big Brass Band in addition to our excellent representative, were of no avail. We succeeded in gaining but fourth place. But the "most unkindest cut of all" was inflicted when Ohio Wesleyan University, our sworn enemy, was awarded first place. If it had only been any other college. All we can say is, "Just wait until next year."

During all this time Ohio Beta has not been idle. On the evening of November 16th we held our initiation at the home of Margaret Sutherland. Three victims, Helen Green, Dallas Lisle, and Marie Zellar were subjected to the wiles and caprices of the unruly goat. After the initiation, which was planned according to the Model Initiation, we enjoyed an elegant spread. The table was daintily appointed, with decorations of ribbons and carnations; the favors were cards hand-painted in carnations, and with an appropriate quotation on each. Our new patroness, Mrs. R. D. Bohannon, was present at the banquet.

Our social functions have been but few. May Smith entertained us at a charming tea early in the season. Two or three cookie-shines have been indulged in. Cards are now out for a dancing party to be given at the home of Dallas Lisle February 28th. The guest list includes about sixty. The college annual, *The Makir*, about which there has been so much discussion, is to be published by all the fraternities and literary societies. This calls to mind the suggestion in the last *ARROW* concerning the exchange of Annuals. It would certainly be an excellent plan. Nothing gives a better insight into the true college life than the Annual, although it does sometimes hurt to be depicted at the greatest disadvantage, and "to see ourselves as others see us."

The wives of the members of the faculty have organized a club known as the Woman's Faculty Club. Its purpose is two-fold: for research in lines of work of interest to them, and for drawing the student body closer to the "powers that rule." Two delightful receptions have been given.

Dr. Frederick C. Clark, of the department in history, has organized a class for instruction among the young ladies, in Physical Culture and Calisthenics.

At the beginning of the winter term the whole college was saddened by the death of one of its most lovely girls. Gwendolen Ingram, Kappa Kappa Gamma, died after a very short

illness. Our sincere sympathy is extended to them in the loss of one whose true worth we appreciated, and whose lovely character we so much admired. —*Ruth Houseman.*

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Pi Beta Phi is no longer the only girls' Greek letter society in Franklin; on January thirty-first Alpha Gamma Alpha, a local sorority, had its beginning. Great excitement prevailed among the fraternities for they were not expecting such an innovation, but all extended to the new society a very hearty welcome—in which Pi Beta Phi joined cordially. We shall enjoy friendly rivalry with the new comer for we think opposition will strengthen us as it will force us to be more energetic in our work for Pi Beta Phi. On the following Saturday evening Phi Delta Theta entertained in honor of the new sorority. All the fraternities were invited.

Wednesday, February fifth, Pi Beta Phi gave an informal reception in the Periclesian Hall. The rooms were decorated with carnations and roses and refreshments were served in our Pi Phi Hall. Music was one of the main features of the evening and every one seemed to enjoy themselves very much indeed. Never before have our girls seemed so lovely, we are bound together with the silken cords of love and all our sisters are interested in each others' welfare. We have an active roll of twelve members, who are always ready to do all in their power for the good of their fraternity and we have no fear for the future.

Since the opening of the college we have initiated six girls into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi:—Laura M. Lukens, Alice Cope, Bertha Miller, Bertha Martinson, and Minnie Weye. We are proud to introduce to you our new sisters.

On the evening of January twenty-second the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity entertained their friends at their chapter house. Most of our girls were present and spent a very pleasant evening.

Miss Zeppenfeld, one of our alumnae, has presented us with

most of THE ARROW numbers since 1888. We are greatly pleased with this present as it adds greatly to our literary table.

The glee club of Indiana University gives a concert in Franklin on the twenty-second of February and we are expecting a treat. As we are always glad to meet the students of other colleges, we are anticipating a pleasant time also at the reception to be given for the glee club by Phi Delta Theta.

—*Adda M. Wyrick.*

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA.

Indiana Beta sends greetings and good wishes to all, especially to the new sisters of Illinois Zeta who have recently entered the bonds of the wine and blue.

We must hasten to tell you of our new girls, of whom we are very proud. We have initiated, Helen Fraylor, Lethia and Mable Fertich, Ida Stultz, Katherine Hines, and Laura Huffman. This makes our active membership eighteen. We are even now beginning to look forward to commencement, for all our alumnæ members have promised to visit us then and we expect to have a happy reunion. We have not a large alumnæ roll, but they are loyal girls and write us such encouraging letters.

Kate D. Stewart, of Greensburg, spent a week with us in November. We hope she may be able to return to college next term.

In October, we gave an afternoon reception to the college girls and wives of members of the faculty at the pleasant home of Maude Martin. Mrs. Baillot and Mrs. Simmons, our patronesses, helped us receive.

A Woman's League, modelled after the one at the University of Michigan, has recently been organized. Its object is to cultivate a close relationship among the women of the university and to promote loyalty to Indiana University. We hope much from this organization and feel that it fills a long felt want in our college life.

—*Stella R. Fox.*

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Vacation which has been pleasantly anticipated by many of the Michigan Alpha girls has at last reached us and many have now gone to their homes to enjoy the pleasures which the Christmas season brings.

Michigan Alpha has passed a very pleasant but quiet time this fall. Our number was not as small as we expected and the first meeting found twelve jolly girls together again enthusiastic for the advancement of Pi Beta Phi.

Early in the fall we initiated Miss Lena Hardenburg, a charming girl and much admired by all. The enjoyable feature of it was the model initiation which was introduced at the convention. The cookie-shine which was entirely new to our girls followed, over which the girls went into ecstasy. A few weeks later Miss Hardenburg was called home on account of the illness of her mother, but we hope to have her in our circle again.

Mr. Chas. French, our popular druggist, whose daughter Fannie is one of our pledges, entertained all the fraternities at his ice cream parlors one evening in October. It was a very enjoyable occasion and for the time fraternity strife had entirely vanished.

We are earnestly trying to keep up our literary work and make it a success this year. One of our alumnae gave us the "Literary Digest." We enjoy this very much and find it restful as well as helpful reading.

An informal reception was given by us to many of the new college girls at the home of our patroness, Mrs. Helmick. The parlors were tastefully decorated with the wine and blue, and dainty refreshments were served.

November 23d the Delta Tau Deltas gave a delightful dinner at the home of Mrs. Wood to many of their lady friends. Pi Beta Phi was well represented and a very enjoyable time was spent.

A guess where? Go there! party was the mysterious an-

nouncement we sent out for Hallowe'en to a number of the young men of the college. Having found us after a few hours search, we sojourned to the home of Miss Florence Alvord, where the evening was spent in fortune telling, bobbing apples and various other Hallowe'en games.

Michigan Alpha wishes her sister chapters a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. —*Grace L. Higbee.*

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The annual initiation of Michigan Beta occurred on the evening of December 14th. The ceremony was followed by a banquet, and toasts were responded to by Jessie Smith, Lelia Coolidge, Harriet Beard, and Fannie Sabin. The chapter roll now numbers seventeen active members.

The chapter is fortunate this year in having as active members two Pi Beta Phis from other colleges—Mary Bartol from Pennsylvania Beta, who is doing graduate work in the university, and Julia Soule from Michigan Alpha.

Two of the '95 girls are back this year—Edith Purdum and Fannie Sabin. The former is teaching in the Ann Arbor High School. Annie Thompson and Miriam Dunbar, also graduates of last year, are teaching in Michigan, Annie Thompson at Kalamazoo, and Miriam Dunbar at Pontiac.

The question as to the propriety of having a chapter pledge pin is being discussed at present. Could not arrangements be made by which the chapter might possess inexpensive pledge pins? These might be of simple design—perhaps only the Pi Beta Phi monogram.

More attention than usual is being paid this year to the keeping of records and to all matters relating to the chapter history. The action of the last convention as regards THE ARROW file is felt to be an important step in this direction. Surely, if our fraternity is to mean anything to us, if we are working to make it more significant to those who come after us, nothing can be more important than the keeping of the proper records of its activity in systematic and business-like form.

An important step has recently been taken by the Women's League of Ann Arbor—an association made up of all university girls, and to which any women of the town who are interested in the work may belong—in joining the Michigan Federation of Women's clubs. While the league is made up alike of fraternity and non-fraternity women, this movement toward co-operation cannot but be of benefit to the various Greek letter societies. If our chapters are to save themselves from the reproach of narrowness, so often laid to their charge, some vital connection with other associations is necessary. And the broader and better organized the movements are with which the fraternity chapter connects itself, the broader must its own life be. Thus, not only Pi Beta Phi but, as well, the other women's fraternities of Ann Arbor must feel a deep interest in the recent step of the league.

—*Fannie Sabin.*

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE.

A Happy New Year to you all. Now that the holidays are drawing near and books are being closed, we have time to look beyond our school duties and think of other things. That feeling of friendship for the whole world, that comes at Christmas time has taken possession of our chapter and our greeting of "A Happy New Year" comes from our very hearts. There are not many of us, only seven, two of whom, Laura Wise Higbee and Elizabeth Woods, are our only new members. Ours is the only fraternity at the Newcomb, so our number is small from choice.

This fall on our return to college we found two new buildings ready for use. One an art building of striking architecture and the other a picturesque little chapel in which are two of Tiffany's prettiest windows. Edith Watkins, a graduate of Newcomb, class of '95, was married in the new chapel December the fourth. This was the first wedding in our college chapel.

On November the twelfth, Bertha Krumbhaar, *II. B. Φ.*,

was married to Edward Hellwege. Three of our girls Noël Forsyth, Virginia Logan and Edna Hellwege were bridesmaids.

As for our college literary work for this year, we are reading "English history in Shakespeare's plays." A very interesting work on the anachronisms in Shakespeare's plays, by Mr. Beverly Warner. We have been too busy this year to do much chapter letter writing, but we hope in the "Happy New Year" to write to each chapter and to receive a letter from each in return.

—*Anna B. Grant.*

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Lombard university is now rejoicing over the advent of her new president, Dr. Nash of Brooklyn, N. Y. We have had good and noble presidents before, but none in whom we placed more hope and confidence than we do in Dr. Nash. We hope great things for Lombard in the future.

The morning of Dr. Nash's arrival, the chapter exercises were of the nature of an ovation. Later in the week, the college tendered a reception to the president and his family in the chapel. The formal inauguration took place Jan. 29th. Dr. Canfield and Dr. Cantwell of Chicago, Dr. Shutter of Minneapolis, and Senator Harsh of Iowa, were among the speakers. In the evening Dr. Nash delivered his inaugural address which was followed by a banquet. Dr. Nash is a Phi Delta Theta and we have pledged his eldest daughter, Ruth, and expect to initiate her soon. We are very proud of her, and rejoice to think that there are four more daughters who will be in college as soon as they are old enough.

The corner stone of the new dormitory for girls was laid last fall and the building will be completed this spring. A woman's building to be used for music, elocution and art is soon to be begun, and next year a gymnasium will be built.

During the winter we have had a number of parties, cookie-shines, etc. On one occasion we entertained our patronesses, the women of the faculty and our alumnæ at a musicale at the

home of Della Myers, one of our seniors. The souvenirs were programs painted in water color by two of our own girls. A few weeks later we were given a cookie-shine at the same home.

One evening the Pi Phi girls accompanied by Mrs. Hadley, matron of the hall, called on our Phi Delta Theta brothers at their chapter house. We took refreshments with us.

A few weeks ago, Pi Beta Phi and Phi Delta Theta gave a reception to the students and faculty at the chapter house.

We wish all the girls could take a peep at us some evening in our cosy chapter rooms. We would not know how to manage without a place we can call our very own, and that is sacred to Pi Phi.

Miss Mabel Dow, class of '95, has been appointed to fill the position of teacher of elocution made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. E. S. Gunnell. The college and Pi Beta Phi, of which Mrs. Gunnell was a member, have lost a sincere friend and helper, but we are glad another one of our girls has been thus honored. We have had one initiation this year, Oct. 11th, we gave first and second degrees to Ednah Dow, Edith Crissey and Louise Wagner, and we have pledged Transylvania McKinney.

—*Nina Harris, Cor. Sec.*

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

New Year's greetings to all Pi Phis and all their friends.

A new year opens before us all and what wonderful opportunities present themselves and how much we can accomplish if we will only keep alert and embrace them as they come. There are many ways in which each chapter of Pi Beta Phi can widen its work and Illinois Delta intends to do all it can both for its own members and the fraternity as a national organization. Each member must feel the responsibility imposed upon her of making her fraternity the best in every possible way. During the coming year let each one

“Look up and not down
Look forward and not backward
Look out and not in
And lend a hand.”

and our work cannot help but be successful. The past term has been a most pleasant one for us all notwithstanding the hard work that has been done.

On Nov. 22d we introduced our patronesses, Mrs. George Lawrence, Mrs. Clark Carr and Mrs. Dr. Cushing, to our friends by giving a large party at the beautiful home of our sister, Julia Carr. We feel very proud in obtaining such charming women as our patronesses. The party was a success in every way and all went home wishing we could entertain more frequently than we do.

The other fraternities of Knox have entertained their friends at various times during the term. On Nov. 8th, Delta Delta Delta was at home to all fraternity people of the college. Beta Theta Pi, Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta have each given several informal parties to their lady friends in their respective halls.

At one of our recent meetings, our Grand President, Miss Grace Lass gave us a short talk on our fraternity work and what it means to each one. We wish that all our sisters could have heard the good advice that was given us and we feel certain that better work would be done by each loyal Pi Phi during the coming year.

May the New Year bring rich blessings to all Pi Phis.

—*Mary D. Walker.*

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Epsilon has five new Pi Phis to introduce to the fraternity, Avis Stratton, May Kelly and Maud Brooks, freshmen, and Louise and Mary Logeman, sophomores. This has been a very pleasant and profitable season, very lively socially, partly owing to the organization of a girls' sophomore society, *Omega Psi* (corresponding to the Theta Neu Epsilon among the men's frats), which announced itself with a danc-

ing party, the first of a series. A new chapter of Tri Delta also appeared here this fall, so that now Northwestern has chapters of all the national sororities.

Two of our girls, Louise and Mary Logeman, lost their mother suddenly on Christmas Eve, just a month after they were initiated. We are sure that they have the hearty sympathy of all Pi Phis in their sudden bereavement.

Northwestern has lost one of her most popular and progressive professors, Dr. Conklin, assistant professor of biology, who was called to the head of that department in the University of Pennsylvania, taking his new position January first.

One of the peculiar features of Northwestern is the fact that most of the professional schools are in Chicago, only the college of liberal arts, the conservatory of music, and the theological schools being in Evanston. The only times when all the departments meet together are Commencement Day and University Day, the last Friday of October, when the city departments come out to Evanston, and with the Evanston students march around the town, listen to an address in the First church, and attend a banquet or reception in the evening. Last October there were over twenty-two hundred students in the procession, and being all in cap and gown made a very imposing spectacle.

—*Miriam Elisabeth Prindle.*

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Though but three months old Illinois Zeta has become so thoroughly imbued with fraternity enthusiasm that the members seem "to the manor born." Fraternity life among the university girls here has given an impetus to social life and the rivalry between Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi is just sufficient to make matters interesting.

The night of our initiation was suited to the occasion and a happier crowd than the one which went to the home of Mrs. Swigert, an old Pi Phi living a mile from the university, can-

not be imagined. Nor were the girls less happy after riding the goat.

That night we shall never forget—that night when, for the first time, we learned what loyal friendship meant—what it was to feel that in this wide world, there were those who though strangers in reality were friends at heart. And we owe all this to our Grand President, who was with us.

There were nine charter members; since that time one, Miss Lindsay, has been obliged to give up university work, but will be back next year. We have initiated two members, Edith Chester and Edith Clark, and have two girls pledged—Alice Higgins and Elizabeth Dale. Our life as a fraternity has been most joyful, and our patronesses, who number six, are as interested as our own mothers could be. Their homes are open to us at any time and we have not felt the need of rooms, though we hope to have some another year.

On the afternoon of January 25th, we gave a reception to three hundred people, including the faculty, the other fraternities and representative town people. In the evening a "German" was participated in by our patronesses and their husbands, the fraternity girls and their man friends. It is needless to say that both were very successful.

We all look forward to a meeting with other chapters and send hearty greetings.

—*Amelia Darling Alpeiner.*

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

It has been so long since the last chapter letter was written to THE ARROW that we hardly know where to begin to tell of the many things in our school and chapter life which might be of interest to the readers of THE ARROW.

I. W. U. is in a most prosperous condition this year, the faculty having five new members, all of them excellent in their several chairs. The new dormitory is expected to be ready for occupancy by the beginning of the next school year.

Our chapter gave a reception the first of the term in Phi Delta Theta hall, which was kindly given to us for the occasion. About one hundred and twenty guests were present, representing both faculty and students. After refreshments, toasts were given by Chas. P. Franz, Phi Delta Theta, Miss Mary Snider, a patroness, and Miss Elizabeth Sawyers, a member of our own chapter.

We were very glad to have with us on this occasion our resident alumnæ, Mrs. Belle R. Leith, Mrs. Mary H. McCoid, Miss Ella Penn, Miss Mary T. Snider and Miss Sarah Ambler, and think we are very fortunate in having for patronesses five Pi Phis, all alumnæ of Iowa Alpha.

We miss very much one of our last term members, Maud Schuler, who found it necessary to return to her home in Chariton just before the close of the term. We hope to have her with us again next year, however, when she will complete her musical studies.

We think the suggestion in the editorial of the last ARROW as to the chapters of the provinces keeping in touch with each other, an excellent one, and hope next vacation will find every province profiting by the good advice.

Iowa Alpha consists this term of ten enthusiastic girls, all earnest Pi Phis.

We hope this year will see Pi Phis more prosperous than ever before.

Our chapter gave a cookie-shine February 18th, at the home of Miss Hula Baxter; about thirty-five girls besides our own were present, making a jolly crowd of almost fifty.

—*Olivia Ambler.*

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Iowa Beta is well and happy, and extends greetings to her sister chapters in Pi Beta Phi.

Our girls are busy with the many cares and pleasures to which an active and thorough school life gives rise. However, they always find time for the lively and refreshing Pi Phi meetings which we so much enjoy.

And now shall I give you some startling news? We are the proud possessor of a new Pi Phi *brother!* Ah! do not judge and condemn us all in the next breath, for we have not initiated a gentleman into our circle. By no means. We have only kindly allowed (!) one of our girls to be married. Miss Sara Eikenberry, of Chariton, was married to Mr. Carl Sigler of Indianola. A large party from Indianola attended the wedding which was elegant in every sense of the word. Mr. Sigler has brought his young and lovely bride to Indianola as her future home, and we gladly welcome her among us.

In a social line, we have not been extremely active, yet very successful. In the course of our frequent "jollifications" and "cookie-shines" we gave an affair to the Delta Tau Delta boys, rightly explained by a combination of these two terms. The boys are those of Simpson's best, and it is saying the least to state that we enjoyed their company.

When the time approached for our chapter's birthday, of course all our energies were centered upon one object: its celebration. We accordingly invited some man friends by means of "blotting paper invitations"—and they read them with the aid of a mirror. On the appointed evening, the scene in the tastily decorated parlors of Miss Effie Busselle suggested that the Pi Phis and their friends were assembled for the sole purpose of enjoyment. As it was the twenty-first birthday of the Iowa Beta chapter goat, we selected this time for his introduction into society, and accordingly presented him to our friends. The refreshments were served in the shape of a "brown supper." Altogether, we felt satisfied with the results of our endeavors and the praises from the boys fully repaid us for our trouble.

A province convention of the Delta Delta Delta fraternity was held here a short time ago. Chapters at Lincoln, Galesburg, Evanston, and a few other places, were represented. The convention reception, to which we were kindly invited, was very fine indeed. Our rival sisters, the Tri Deltas treated us with much kindness and hospitality, and we appreciate

the honor of meeting their delegates who were very interesting and entertaining.

Our latest social event was a reception given only last Friday evening. It was in honor of the Deuteron chapter of Delta Delta Delta, and we also invited their alumnæ, and the college faculty. Our alumnæ, some twenty in number, assisted us, and no pains were spared to make it the crowning event of the season. Several of our old girls from neighboring cities were present. The verdict of one of the leading Tri Delta members was that the "Pi Phi fairly outdid themselves in making things beautiful, and in entertaining." The rooms were tastefully decorated with wine and blue, palms and carnations. Continuous music greeted the ear, which, with the gentle hum of pleasant voices produced that sensation of general enjoyment that is so frequently absent from the usually stiff reception.

Our college is progressing nicely. The enrollment this term is greater than it has been for years, which is certainly promising as to Simpson's future. Five new members have been added to our faculty this year, and Prof. Tilton has returned after a year's absence spent in study. Mrs. Corkhill came to us a loyal Pi Phi from Mt. Pleasant, and although having known her but a short time, we love her dearly. Her ideas are new, her conversation entertaining, and her company altogether enjoyable.

The addition to the faculty of most importance to *us* was that of Prof. Sedgwick, instructor of mechanics. A new mechanical hall has been erected on our campus, a mechanical course provided, and thus a glowing prospect opened to him who aspires to be a mechanician. But how does a mechanical hall full of young men learning the mysteries of mechanics concern the Pi Phi? It does not. Why should it? But, this same Prof. Sedgwick has a lovely little daughter May, and *that* DID concern us. It concerned the Tri Deltas too, but we were victorious, and May is now a pledged Pi Phi and as loyal to the wine and blue as any one. Misses Lulu

Heckel and Roxie Stewart are our latest initiates, and we gladly introduce them to you, for we are exceedingly proud of them.

With love and best wishes for each and every member of Pi Beta Phi, Iowa Beta will close. —*Myrtle Reid.*

IOWA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

October. 16th was a gala day for the girls of the different fraternities of the university as it marked the time when we were at liberty to make pledges among the new girls. As a result we introduce to you two more members, Mabel Foster and Emma Eaton.

This has been an unusually busy term for all of us and beyond several informal spreads for our initiates and visiting alumnae we have not departed from the routine of chapter life.

Once every month the members of Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity give an "At Home" and the Pi Phis with many other friends have been delightfully entertained by them.

Christmas night we shall lose one of our graduates of '95, Jessie Remley, who leaves us for a home of her own in Des Moines.

Inspired by the last convention as brought to us by our delegate the twelve members are striving more earnestly than ever to develop in the fraternity those refining influences of union and fellowship by which we are best able to represent Pi Beta Phi.

May there come to every Pi Phi all the good the New Year brings is Iowa Zeta's greeting to her sister chapters.

—*Mary V. Henry.*

MINNESOTA ALPHA—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year! We hope all the chapters are enjoying fraternity life as much as we are. We have four new sisters this year—Mattie Brearley, Winnifred Snow, Agnes Robinson and Harriet Scofield, who all expect to take the four years course.

We were saddened at the first of the year by the death of Mildred Rosger at her home in Atchison, Kansas.

We have given several "At Home's," entertaining a number of freshman girls.

We expected to entertain some of the Madison Pi Beta Phi's at the time of the Minnesota-Madison game and were disappointed when we found they could not come; but we had a very jolly time at the cookie-shine we had prepared for them.

Our university is in a very prosperous condition. The new library building is very beautiful and the students thoroughly enjoy it. Several other buildings will soon be completed. One of the most pleasant events of the year was the Melba concert given under the auspices of the University Choral Union through the efforts of Fraulein Schön René the instructor.

We are glad to have Thyrza McClure from the Michigan Beta chapter in the city again this year. We now have nine active members in the chapter.

—*Edith A. Robbins.*

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Prosperity has been with us since our last letter, and the future of Wisconsin Alpha looks very bright. We are pleased to introduce to our sister chapters our new initiates, worthy wearers of the wine and blue: Louise Bird, '98, and Lucretia Hinckley, Etta Huenkemier, Jennie Evans, Lavinia Oakes, and Alma Moser, all of '99. This semester we initiate Florence Craig, a sister of Jessie C. Craig, editor-in-chief of THE ARROW. This will make our number seventeen.

We intersperse our weekly literary and business meetings with a monthly social meeting, which keeps our girls in close touch and sympathy.

This year we rent part of a furnished house and nine of the girls are together. Though we do not call it a fraternity house, yet it is a home for us all, and I trust a step towards a house for next year.

We held our banquet November 2d, at the home of Mrs. Barnes, and were pleased to have with us Nellie McGregor, '95, and Pauline Houghton, ex '97.

Mabel Bartlett, Minnesota Alpha, is at present making her home in Madison.

The social life in the university circles has been very enjoyable. There has been a succession of fraternity parties, receptions and class parties followed by the one great social event of the year, the junior promenade. Then comes a season of comparative rest until Easter time, when the ideal spring season begins with its boating and steamer parties, for Madison's chief charm is her lakes, offering pleasant recreation after hard work.

Wisconsin Alpha sends congratulations to Illinois Zeta and we feel an especial interest in the establishment of this chapter, for six of our girls come from Illinois.

With heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters and best wishes for their success, Wisconsin Alpha ends her letter.

—*Genevieve Smith.*

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Colorado Alpha has been unusually quiet since the rushing season has passed; but while football was the all-absorbing interest of every one, and all social events were postponed till that season should end, we were planning to give a party which we had expected to have before the holidays. That being impossible, January tenth has finally been decided upon as the date, and now every effort will be put forth to make it a grand success. Whether it proves to be one or not you will hear in the next letter.

Saturday evening, December seventh, Prof. and Mrs. Dunham gave a party in honor of the football team. Their beautiful new home is perfectly arranged for entertaining. The dining room was decorated in silver and gold while over the table the football of 1895 was suspended.

President Baker visited the University of Nebraska a few

weeks ago, to attend the dedication of the new library building of that institution.

On November thirtieth Mrs. Baker gave a reception to which all the young ladies of the university were invited. She was assisted in entertaining by both Delta Gammas and Pi Phis.

We find it a great help to have a chapter room, and expect to begin entertaining our friends there very soon.

Miss Sims, Kappa Alpha Theta, recently spent several days at the university in the interests of the Y. W. C. A.

—*Mabel Martin.*

COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

The harvest is over and past. Like everybody else, we Denver Pi Phis have been busy sowing the seed and we only hope the other harvests have been as fine as ours. As a result of our labors three more rude barbarians have been converted into noble, intelligent Greeks: Miss Nellie Bliss of Greeley, Miss Lida Burkhard of Trinidad, and Miss Viola Collins of Chicago. On *the* night there was a dreadful snow-storm which the poor maidens thought was made-to-order for the occasion. The goat behaved very badly. He kicked—and the unfortunate riders went into the snow.

Our chapter meetings are delightful. Indeed, their fame has gone forth, so that frequently other Greeks drop in upon us—two Betas came the other day and ate up ever so much of our ginger-bread—and the chancellor himself, with his wife, has come to see the Pi Phis. We continue meeting at the Park, as several homes are at our disposal.

Considerable improvement has been made in our campus. During the session of the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Church in Denver, Chaplain McCabe gave his famous lecture on "The Bright Side of Life in Libby Prison," for the benefit of the university. By this fourteen hundred dollars was cleared, and Chaplain and Mrs. McCabe made a gift of one thousand dollars. The campus

fund is now complete. So when the Pi Phis come out west to see us—and we wish every one could come—you will find our inner grace adorned with outward beauty.

We were pained to learn of Miss Mildred Rosger's death. We felt an unusual interest in her, for we all met her when she was in Denver last winter and were strongly attracted to her.

Recently the state convention of the Colorado Y. W. C. A. was held at the University of Denver. Miss Simms, Kappa Alpha Theta, the national secretary, was present. There were representatives from three other college associations, and a goodly number of arrows was seen.

On Hallowe'en the Beta Theta Pi boys entertained royally the Alpha Iotas, a local sorority, and the Pi Phis. Among other delicacies they had the "Beta dorg." But some of us discovered that the "dorg" was a little pig, roasted and skinned.

The Denver Chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertains their province convention during the holiday vacation.

Colorado Beta wishes for every Pi Phi a happy New Year, in its highest sense. For our good chancellor tells us that true blessing consists not in the satisfying of our own wishes, but in the measure of usefulness and happiness we can give to others.

—*Patty N. Kimball.*

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Since our last letter we have been so fortunate as to pledge Miss Birdina Crandell and Miss Edith Thacher, of Topeka, Miss Ellen Blakely, of Junction City, and Miss Harriet Sinclair, of Lawrence, who was pledged once before to one of our other chapters. This makes a total of nine new girls and the first term is not yet over. Naturally the other fraternities are at great disadvantage on account of our good fortune. We celebrated our victory by giving a hop for the new girls in a pretty new hall which had not been opened to the students before.

We have so large a number of alumnæ members, and it is so hard to see them often that the active chapter gave a very informal thimble party at the Nicholsons' pleasant new home, in order that the new girls might become better acquainted with the older members and with the patronesses. If they enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did, we shall all hope to come together in this way more frequently.

We have had two or three jolly cookie-shines, and one of them was made a great deal more enjoyable by the beautiful singing of Miss Henrietta Warren, a Pi Phi of last year, who was visiting her sister Elizabeth.

The football season has closed with but one defeat for the Kansas university team, and the winning of the pennant in the Western Inter-collegiate League, including Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas.

Our arctic explorer and hunter, Professor L. L. Dyche, has returned from the Peary relief expedition with a magnificent collection of animals for the museum, and is talking seriously of undertaking a search for the north pole next year.

In November the new physics building, in its appointments one of the most complete in the country, was dedicated. Prof. Michelson of Chicago University gave the principal address.

We are very glad to welcome the new chapter at the University of Illinois, and extend to all members of Pi Beta Phi our most cordial wishes for a prosperous new year.

—*Mary M. Snow.*

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

We cannot, I fear, send you our beautiful, warm, sunshiny days and bright skies, but we send our kindest thoughts and wishes that the next year may be full of prosperity.

The suspense is not yet gone from our university—the suit is not settled, but our hopes are of the brightest for many years to come.

We are proud to introduce to you through THE ARROW,

our new Pi Phis, Miss Winnifred Harper, '96, and Miss Agusta Hunt, '99. We all feel closely bound together in Pi Phi work.

The morning after the initiation the university was much amused to see a cunning little white goat feeding on the lawn in front of the chapter house.

A new departure in Stanford life is the now-being-talked-of Pan Hellenic organization among the women at the University. We feel sure of its success in bringing us all a little closer together and in making our fraternity life more complete. We owe its beginnings to Kappa Kappa Gamma.

We have not been quiet in a social way. Our monthly Saturday evenings have proved quite a success—for they are largely attended, both by professors and students. We try to vary the decorations, refreshments and entertainment from time to time.

Our chapter was delightfully entertained at the Phi Kappa Psi lodge a few weeks ago. We ourselves are planning to give a dance in our chapter house this month.

We enjoyed a visit from Dr. Peery—a Pi Phi from Iowa university. She was a great help and inspiration to us in many ways in our fraternity life.

Miss Ruby Adeline Ordway is with us now—one of our old girls. Truly we never really lose Pi Phis from our midst.

Best wishes for Pi Beta Phi.

—*Helen N. Williams.*

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The failure of our ARROW to come at the customary time has made us feel a greater interest, if such were possible, in it. It is our one means of acquaintanceship. Scattered as we are we only know our girls through its pages.

The question of having magazine files of the different fraternities placed in our library is being agitated among fraternity people here. This plan seems to us very desirable but we desire that our magazine shall take a front rank.

We think chapter letters should indicate as far as possible

the real life of chapter and institution; that we ought to know more of each others' homes, that is, our literary homes,—the institution where our chapters are supported.

Why can't we have a page of locals? In that we could put the personals of general interest and thus need not burden our chapter letters, nor need we leave out altogether those little things of more or less interest concerning our Pi Phi girls.

Then too, why can't each chapter be required to furnish a certain number of articles to the editor each year. Thus there would be furnished to the editor material for our organ and the best only should appear on its pages.

With us this has been a very busy year. We have entertained and been entertained quite a number of times. On February 7th, we gave an open literary meeting to which we invited our mothers and friends. This proved a very pleasant afternoon and seemed to be very much enjoyed by our guests.

Charter day, February 15th, was celebrated with unusual interest this year. One of the features of the day was the formal inauguration of Chancellor MacLean. Another event which will make this Charter Day especially remembered is the establishment of a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in our university. It is worthy of note that out of the six members chosen two are girls and both are members of fraternities, one a Kappa Kappa Gamma, the other a Delta Delta Delta.

We have begun a series of meetings in our chapter from which we expect much pleasure and profit. We do not expect to do heavy literary work yet we have planned the work so that it cannot fail to interest, and having, as we do, the very hearty co-operation of our patronesses we feel confident of success.

We have also to tell you of the coming of Kappa Alpha Theta among us. Though the girls were pledged early in November the chapter did not appear as duly initiated until within a few days since.

We wish you to know Annie Stewart, Quete Haskell, and Amy Robinson, our new Pi Phis, and though we can only formally introduce them to you now we hope that sometime you may possibly meet them in person and assure you of their loyalty to Pi Beta Phi. We have also pledged Waneta Bunting.

At our last initiation we for the first time wore our Greek robes and we take a great deal of pride in them.

—*Ada M. Quaintance.*

Alumnae Personals.

ILLINOIS BETA.—Miss Mabel Dow, '95, has been appointed instructor in elocution at Lombard university.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.—Miss Bessie Steenberg, '95, is doing post-graduate work in history, Latin and German at Bryn Mawr.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.—Miss Nellie B. MacGregor, '95, is teaching mathematics, Latin and German in the high school at Mazomanie, Wisconsin.

COLORADO BETA.—On August 19th Miss Mattie Loescher was married to Mr. Burt Crook of Denver. Mr. and Mrs. Crook are now making their home at Denver, Colorado.

COLORADO BETA.—Miss Sadie Bristol was married to Mr. William C. Manis of Brooklyn, on September 18th. Immediately after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Manis sailed for Berlin where the former has been studying during the past year.

Editorial.

SINCE ITS arrival at its new home THE ARROW has seemed to droop a little. It may be that it was prematurely transplanted and has not yet adapted itself to the soil. The climate of Wisconsin is, however, a bracing one, and we hope that by the time of the next issue we shall have a lusty thriving plant. In the meantime it will need the most careful attention from all, and the husbandmen of Wisconsin Alpha while promising to do their best for it, invite the criticism of those who are interested in the welfare of THE ARROW as to its treatment, and will gladly consider such tonics as may be advised by those anxious for its healthy growth.

ALTHOUGH NEW YORK has long held a position of pre-eminence socially and politically among its sister states, viewed in a fraternity light it has been of little interest to a Pi Beta Phi. But it comes to us now claiming, in the name of New York Alpha, its rightful share of our attention. It is with great pleasure that we welcome most heartily to our number our eastern sisters of the empire state. We offer them our best and sincerest wishes that they may be prosperous and happy in their fraternity life, and that they may realize for themselves the ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

NOW THAT we are relieved from the dread possibility of finding our audience limited to the occupants of the wastepaper basket we are about to inflict upon the chapters a sermon. What shall our text be? the time-honored fable of the bundle of faggots will answer the purpose. Come then, let us reason together and see how we can apply the maxim "in union there is strength," to our fraternity.

Many of the chapters seem to be entirely absorbed in their

own narrow life taking scarcely any interest in the fraternity as a whole and doing practically nothing for national interests or to keep themselves in touch with national fraternity affairs. Are they not then forgetting the end and aim of fraternity, that broadening and ennobling of character toward which fraternity is the golden means? Culture, mental and moral, should be acquired in the fraternity, and culture means a broader view of life. If our fraternity is to aid us to realize this larger and nobler life we must keep in touch with the fraternity nationally. We must be alive to all progress in fraternity life and by careful thought and study do all in our power to promote the interests of our fraternity until it is above criticism. The same ideal must appeal to each and all of us so that meeting a Pi Beta Phi anywhere, while she preserves her own individuality, we shall know that her aims and ideals are the same as our own. Many of the chapters seem to think that when they have paid in their dues to the grand treasury their duty to the national fraternity is ended. They might almost as well belong to a local organization. In every large organization there must necessarily be many imperfections and however unwilling we may be to admit it even to ourselves there *is* room for improvement in our fraternity. Let us then strive to keep abreast with the times progressing as the world progresses and supplying our needs as they grow with our enlarging life. The best means for keeping in touch with all the chapters and acquiring knowledge as to fraternity thought and feeling is, it seems to us, through the pages of our fraternity magazine. We are convinced that a deeper interest in fraternity affairs would be engendered among the chapters if their members would give more time and thought to the fraternity in THE ARROW. Do not be afraid to express your opinions upon subjects of fraternity interest. They may not be orthodox, to be sure, but that is no crime in this age of heterodoxy, and you may be aided in arriving at the proper state of mind by your more orthodox sisters. If you have an idea you think good let us have it through THE ARROW. It

may or may not be good but it will arouse discussion and it is through fair discussion that we arrive at correct decisions. Now we do not wish to seem to find fault with our chapters; indeed we have every reason for believing that they are less delinquent in this matter of interest in the fraternity as a national organization than the chapters of other fraternities; but we do wish to urge upon those few chapters who remain bound up in themselves the importance of the fraternity as a national organization. Let us then strive for unity until we become as a mighty oak tree, the chapters like the branches spreading out in all directions and lending symmetry and harmony to the trunk, while deriving their aims and purposes from the same root.

We would commend to those chapters who have not already adopted it the habit of having their letters type-written before sending them to THE ARROW. The *fin de siecle* maiden certainly is not noted for her caligraphy and it is almost impossible to read some of the letters; the most difficult matter however is the deciphering of names given in the letters. One can usually judge what a word should be from the context but in many cases there is absolutely no clue to the name given. This plan is of course purely optional with the chapters and may not be feasible for some of the corresponding secretaries but to those who possibly can we would urge that they adopt it.

WE WOULD advise all the members of Pi Beta Phi to be directing their surplus mental energy into the channels of music and poetry, as we have been informed that a prize will be offered for the best Pi Beta Phi song. The chapters will receive further notice in regard to the competition as soon as the arrangements are completed.

Exchanges.

From a very good paper on "Fraternity Loyalty," in the February number of *Kappa Alpha Theta* we quote the following:

"Yet, if criticism never went beyond the person who gave and the person who received the kindly advice, all might still be what it should be, even if the element of personal friendship were not present. Unfortunately, limits of that sort can not easily be set. It is so easy, in speaking to a third person, to say, almost without thinking, that we wish So-and-so would not do this or that, and soon it is a fourth or a fifth person who has become our confidant, and then, perhaps So-and-so has changed her identity, and the feeling of sisterhood is not quite so sweet and pleasant as it was before the first careless word was uttered. It is all meant well, we know we are actuated by the best of motives in what we say, our liking for the person with whom we are finding fault is real, perhaps the fault is so small that it would not strike us as a fault in any except a fraternity sister in whom we expect a somewhat nearer approach to perfection than in one in whom we have no interest, and yet, out of the spirit of petty criticism which is growing up in us, unknown to ourselves, sometimes springs a feeling of discontent which, in time, is to spoil for us who indulge in it much of the pleasant intercourse of fraternity life. It is very hard to discuss the failings of a friend and still keep the same friendly feeling towards her. The way in which to love a person "in spite of her fault" is surely not by dwelling upon these faults either with oneself or to others, but rather by looking beyond these faults and remembering instead the many good qualities while we forget the one to which we object."

IT IS just possible that the members of Pi Beta Phi may profit by the good advice contained in the following paragraph taken from an editorial in the November *Beta Theta Pi*:

"But that is not what we started out to say. What we meant to refer to was the lamentable ignorance on the part of all of

us of the words of our songs. At the last convention banquet, for instance, the singing was good, the phrasing accurate, and the volume of sound inspiring, but after the first stanza every one was singing "la, la, la," or "tum, tum, ti," instead of the words. This is a fault peculiar to Americans, we believe, and it extends to our national hymns, to our disgrace be it said. We have heard German and Swiss students sing in chorus by the hour, apparently without missing a word. The sentiment of a song is seldom all contained in the first verse. Let us all try to reform, and learn thoroughly the many beautiful songs which the devotion of our brothers has inspired."

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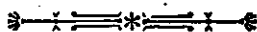
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