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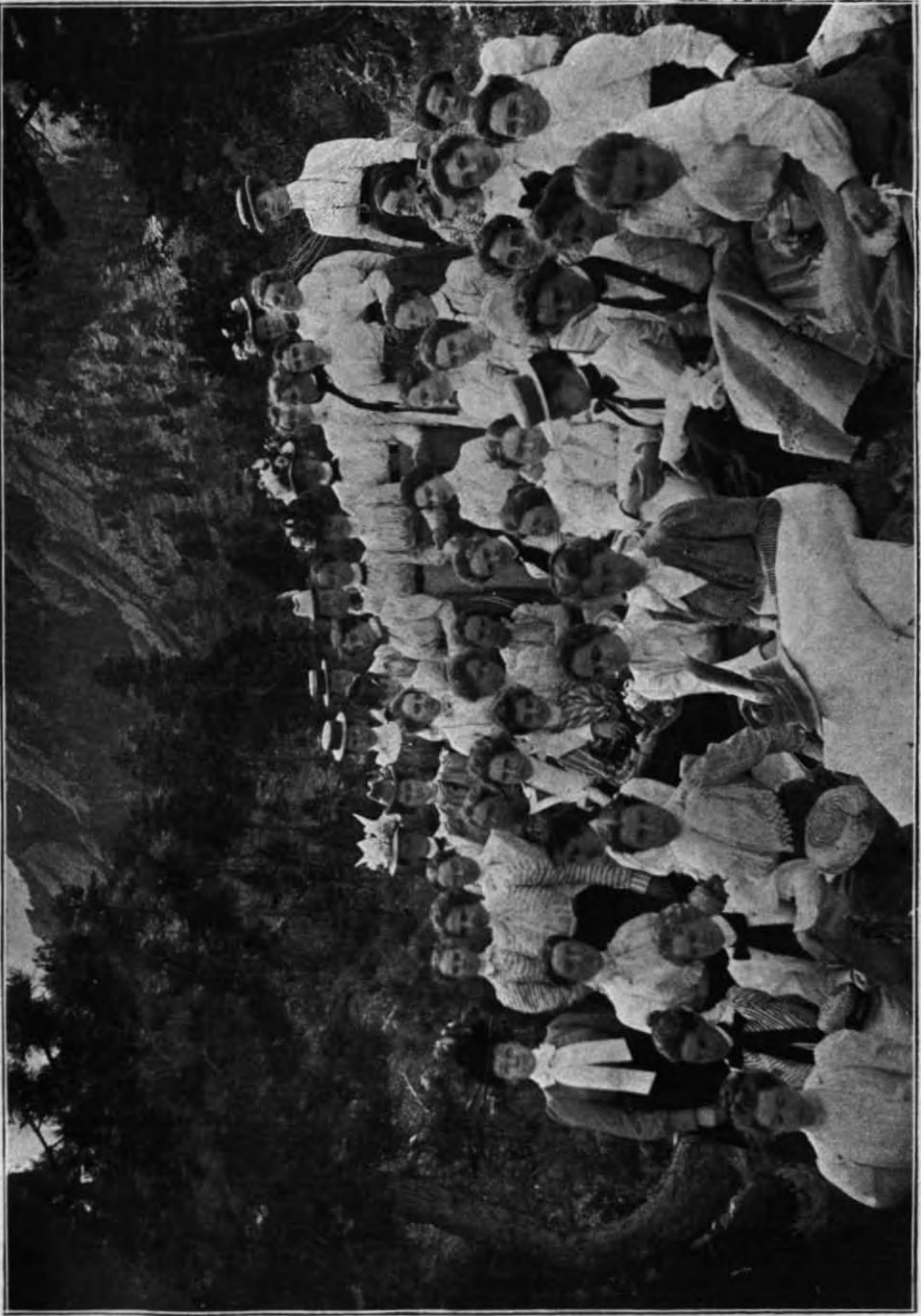
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## THE WINE AND THE SILVER BLUE.

1.

Long, long years ago, ere the world was yet done,  
In fact, you might say, she was scarcely begun,  
    With never a color to see,  
Dame Nature employed an artistic young man,  
Who to color her flowers and grasses began,  
Under her supervision and by her own plan:  
    A rigorous mistress was she.

2.

Well, he soon finished up all the grasses and trees;  
And then came the flowers by twos and by threes,  
    As the Dame led them up in a row.  
That carnations came last by mischance did befall,  
And the artist all troubled and weary did call,  
"Please, ma'am, here's the sweetest, the last of them all,  
    And what to paint her, I don't know."

3.

The wise old Dame pondered, "Now, sweetness, 'tis clear,  
Should go with true friendship, be strong and sincere,  
    And generous warmth should combine."  
"There's only one color means that, ma'am," he said,  
And turning, he knowingly nodded his head,  
Picked out the best pot of the richest dark red,  
    And baptized the carnation with wine.

4.

And now they had nothing to do but the sky,  
"And the paint's about gone," said the man with a sigh,  
    "So what *am* I going to do?"  
"You've plenty of blue," quoth the Dame, "My man, why!  
That's just what we want for this glorious sky,  
So clear, true and pure, so transparent and high!"  
    So they painted it silvery blue.

—R. A. R., COLUMBIA ALPHA.



## THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THE CONVENTION.

**I**T is perhaps our delightful entertainment and our many pleasant new-found friends to which our minds first revert when we recall the meeting in Boulder. But this does not mean that the business and work of the convention is not quite as vivid to us, since no one who attended the business sessions could help bringing away with her much of their spirit of interest and enthusiasm.

The meetings were held each day in the auditorium on the grounds, alternating with the receptions, mountain trips and other things so generously provided for our entertainment. They occupied the smaller part of the time and it is somewhat remarkable that so much in the way of business was accomplished, but they were conducted with so much system and dispatch, both on the part of officers and delegates, that no time was allowed to be wasted. There was shown in them, too, a singular oneness of thought and purpose, and a marked feeling of harmony which greatly aided in the transaction of business. All questions, however, which were introduced, were freely and openly discussed and showed a very general interest in the work of the fraternity and added much to the inspiration of the convention.

One of the most encouraging parts of the business was the report of the grand treasurer, which showed a balance in the treasury, after all the bills of the convention were paid, of over fourteen hundred dollars. One of the most interesting actions of the convention was that of providing for a traveling delegate, who is to visit all chapters during the interim of conventions, this delegate to be the Grand President whenever possible, otherwise some other member of the Grand Council.

As a whole, the enthusiasm and the inspiration for fraternity work with which the delegates and visitors returned to their various chapter homes was surely due quite as much to the business of the convention as to its social features.

—G. O. E.



## THE SOCIAL SIDE OF CONVENTION.

**N**OT to cast a shadow on all former Conventions, nor to discourage others to come, but simply to tell the truth, we assert that the Pi Beta Phi National Convention held in Boulder, Col., August twenty-ninth to September second, was ideally ideal. In the first place, the situation was ideal. Over-shadowed by the mighty Rockies on the west, with a panoramic view of the plains toward the east as far as the eye can reach, Boulder is indeed worthy of such praises as Bayard Taylor bestowed upon her when he said, even after extensive traveling in Europe, "Truly, my eyes have never rested on a more beautiful spot." It certainly would be difficult to find one. Amid such enchanting pictures, with the exhilarating air of Colorado, what wonder that we were inspired to activity and enjoyed life to the utmost!

About a mile out from Boulder are the Chautauqua grounds, which, during Convention week, were literally owned by Pi Phis. A man within the ramparts was a novelty indeed. And once in, he would soon discover his mistake and quietly steal away. We were alone in our glory! The little cottages on the hillside soon seemed very homelike, and the buildings being close together and all forming a sort of settlement in themselves, ample opportunity was afforded for social intercourse, which opportunity, it is needless to say, was improved by all.

The other ideal feature was the hostesses. The careful planning necessary for the entertainment of a National Convention and the execution of these plans were most admirably carried out by Colorado Alpha. Every detail which would add to the comfort and pleasure of the guests was provided. We could want nothing.

We arrived at this beautiful center about nine o'clock Tuesday evening, having been piloted out from Denver on a special car by the Colorado Beta girls. Enthusiastic greetings of "Ring, Ching, Ching!" met our ears at the station. If there had been

any restraint before, this yell would have put all at ease. Ring, Ching, Ching! has the same wholesome ring in Colorado air as in Illinois, Massachusetts or Louisiana.

After reaching the grounds and being registered, we found a delicious supper awaiting us in Chautauqua Hall. It took no effort on the part of the eighty delegates and visitors to do this feature justice. After supper an informal reception was held in the Hall. A few musical numbers contributed by Colorado Alpha were much enjoyed.

On Wednesday afternoon a delightful reception was given the Convention party by the Delta Gamma chapter at the residence of Mrs. D. L. Wise. We extend thanks to Delta Gamma for their kind hospitality and congratulate Colorado Alpha upon having such charming rivals.

Wednesday evening, Rosetta Bell had the distinguished honor of being initiated by the Grand Council. The initiation, which was held in Chautauqua Hall, was a truly model one and a great inspiration. After the initiation the doors were thrown open into the Dining Hall and revealed the most tempting cookie-shine ever prepared. Covers for seventy-five! Why, the two ends could barely see each other with the naked eye. And the eatables! The things we didn't have to eat, the songs we didn't sing, the stories we didn't tell, the experiences we didn't interchange at this exhilarating feast,—well, they are not worth the mentioning. And afterwards, there was dancing, talk, and all the kinds of fun that go with cookie-shines. Long live the cookie-shine, our own national institution!

One of the most memorable events of the week was Thursday's entertainment when, under the direction of Mrs. Farnsworth, our Grand Guide, a chartered train on the Colorado and Northwestern Railway conveyed the Convention party up, over and around the mountains from Boulder to Ward. This route is appropriately called the "Switzerland Trail of America." To one unaccustomed to such a ride, as were the majority of the party, it was a thrilling experience. No language can describe the grandeur and beauty of this trail. We see silver streams

gliding through the valleys below us, we see dense pine forests around us; we look up the mountain side hundreds of feet and see the track upon which we find ourselves a few moments later. We see far in the distance the range of mountains capped with snow. The enthusiastic Ohs and Ahs and utter speechlessness on the part of some gave abundant evidence to our hostesses that they had accorded us an experience, the pleasant memories of which would last a lifetime.

On Friday afternoon a reception was given by the patronesses, Mrs. S. S. Downer, Mrs. H. O. Dodge and Mrs. W. H. Allison, at the home of the last. The decorations were elaborate and beautiful, the entertainment delightful, the hostesses charming. Congratulations again, Colorado Alpha!

The crowning event of the week was the banquet held Friday evening in Chautauqua Hall. The one long table was beautifully decorated with ferns and carnations, and at each plate were menu cards and favors. After the banquet, which was delicious in every detail, Mrs. Charlotte Farnsworth acted as toastmistress while the following toasts were responded to:

- Greeting, Charlotte Farnsworth, Colorado Alpha.  
 "Again we meet, 'mid festive cheer,  
 With those who hold Pi Phi most dear."
- The Spirit of Good Fellowship, Cassie Souther, Massachusetts Alpha.  
 "That love for one, from which there doth not spring  
 Wide love for all, is but a worthless thing."
- Active Chapter Alumnae, Amelia D. Alpiner, Illinois Zeta.  
 "And here's a rouse to all kind hearts, wherever they be found,  
 For it is the throb of kindred hearts doth make the world go  
 round."
- Goats, Rosalie Nixon, Louisiana Alpha.  
 "They are neither fish, flesh, nor yet red herring."
- Influence of Chapter House, Eunice W. Welsh, Wisconsin Alpha.  
 "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell  
 together in unity."
- Pledging, Legitimate and Illegitimate, M. Estelle Martin, Maryland  
 Alpha.  
 "A sudden thought strikes me, let us swear an eternal friend-  
 ship."
- Dreams, Grace Lass-Sisson, Illinois Delta.  
 "If there were dreams to sell, what would you buy?"
- Impromptu Toasts:  
 "Much study is a weariness of flesh."

Miriam Prindle, Florence Porter Robinson, Ida G. Smith and Maud Miller then gave impromptu toasts, which ended the banquet and the Convention proper. Yet long lingered the guests, "talking it over" and expressing their regret that it was all ended. Indeed, some defied Fate, determined that it should not end yet. That accounts for the enchanting serenades some received that night, or rather, the next morning. What mattered it, if they did have but one hour's sleep? Boulder Conventions come but once in a lifetime.

Saturday morning we bade farewell to our "Beautiful Boulder" to spend the day in Denver with Colorado Beta. Here, too, the same cordial welcome and genuine hospitality awaited us. In the afternoon a reception was given by Theta Chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, which proved most delightful.

In the evening two large trolley cars, brilliantly lighted with incandescent lights in wine and blue, conveyed the party through the streets of Denver. A string orchestra added to the pleasure of the ride. At the halfway point delicious refreshments were served. It was a late hour when good-nights were said at this our last festivity together. The next morning each took up her solitary journey again and the Pi Beta Phi Convention of '99 became a matter of history, and more than that, of everlasting memory to those identified with it.

—Lora Townsend, Illinois Beta.

### A CHARTER MEMBER'S LETTER.

THE following letter from one of our charter members was read at Convention, and that all Pi Phis may share in its cordial greeting it is here reprinted:

Monmouth, Ill., August 28, 1899.

Dear Pi Phis:—

Were it not for your dignity and beauty, we should consider it more appropriate to address you as "Dear Kids." We adjust our spectacles, look at our gray hairs, consider our aches

and pains, wondering what joyful words of greeting you will expect. Rest assured your founders' hearts do not beat feebly or memory fail when we think of the good times we had in caring for the I. C. infant,—we never nicknamed it "Frat." When we read in the Arrow of the work of Pi Beta Phi, we grow proud and wonder if the world does know of its greatness.

In all earnestness permit me to congratulate you upon your vigorous growth of thirty-two years—it speaks of love and work. When in Madison we were pleased to see the true I. C. spirit still living in the Greeks. There was only one discordant note,—no dancing girl was numbered among your founders. We sometimes laugh when we note how you honor Founders' Day.

May you plan wisely and have a happy and profitable Convention.

It would have given us pleasure to have been with you, but we could not forget the "hot reception" at Madison, two years ago.

May you each choose to keep your feet in the path of righteousness. Divide my love, so that each delegate may take a bundle home to her chapter.

—Emma Brownlee Kilgore.

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### ECHOES OF CONVENTION.

**I**F YOU had been at the station in Chicago to see that special car of Pi Phis start for Denver you would have said, of course, that it was an exceptionally good looking set of girls. If you had been on the car yourself you would have added that it was also a jolly company, for there would have been no time to be dull where two score or more girls were chatting and laughing and singing from morning till night. You certainly would have been quite right in your opinion. A Denver daily tells us that one old backwoodsman, seeing these girls arrive at the station in no wise wilted by the scorching Sahara of Nebraska, sagely remarked: "Them girls is corn-fed, all right." At that particular time, however, it was a hungry party of Pi Phis that the special train carried up among the mountains to Boul-

der, and one which did ample justice to the welcome dinner awaiting them on the Chautauqua grounds.

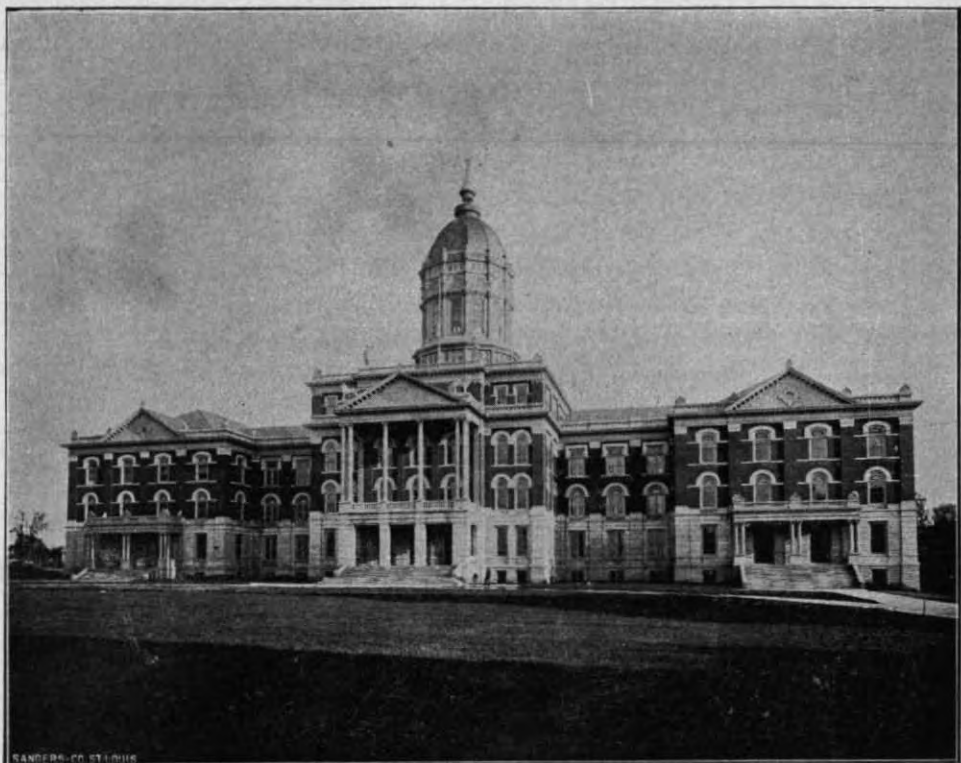
The grounds are situated on a gentle rise overlooking the city of Boulder and lying at the foot of mountains towering in the background. Only two years ago, they tell us, there was here a veritable ranch. Now the hill is dotted with cottages. A pretty sight it was in the morning to see the girls come down by twos and threes to the dining hall. And then after breakfast you should have seen with what a business-like air these damsels assembled in the auditorium for the work of the day. Whether or no it was the effect of the mountain air I cannot say, but at any rate, they transacted an astonishing amount of business in a very little while and so had plenty of time for play.

One day we went to Ward where a gold mine has recently been opened. This is justly considered one of the prettiest trips in Colorado. Imagine yourself riding on a narrow track, in many places cut into the side of the mountain, one minute on the verge of a cliff overhanging some valley of seemingly immeasurable depths, or, at a turn of the train, looking upon lofty mountains clothed with pines and cottonwoods, and beyond, another range of higher peaks of green, and still farther away, beyond them all, some faint blue summit capped with snow.

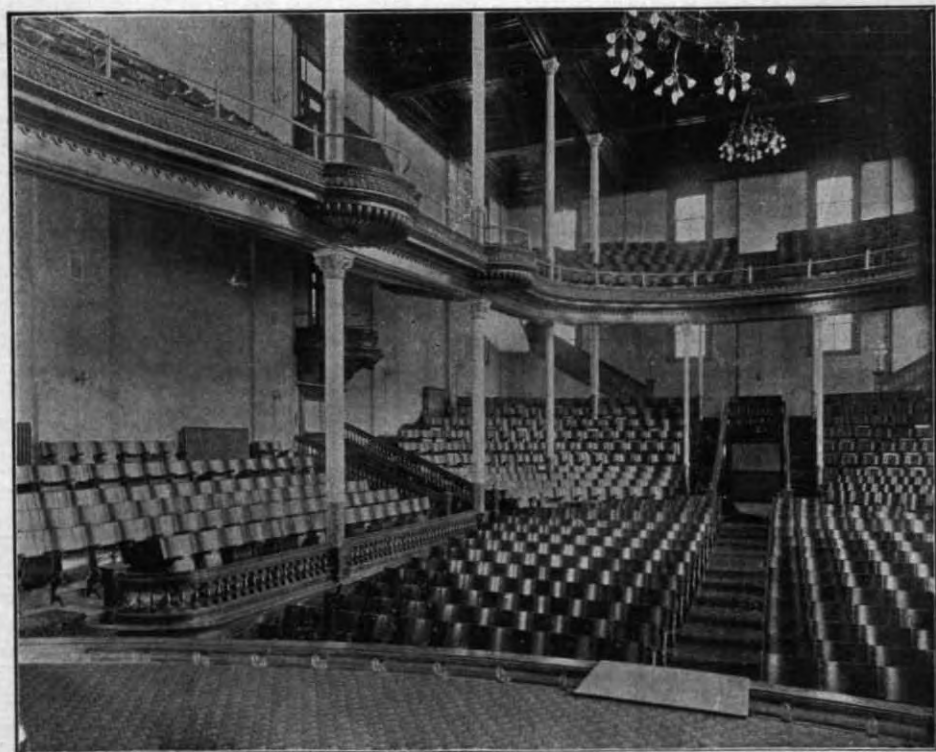
Not the least interesting of the day's events was our trip into the mine. Think of going three-quarters of a mile into a narrow tunnel with only the faint glimmer of a candle to show whether you are picking your way along the rails of the car track or cheerfully wading through a pool of muddy water. We rode out from the mine in the cars used for carrying ore, singing Pi Phi songs and giving Pi Phi yells until we were hoarse. The miners seemed to enjoy it all and I am sure the one poor horse that was pulling the half dozen or so cars full of girls felt that it wasn't an everyday treat.

The last day of Convention we spent in Denver. The last





ACADEMIC BUILDING.



AUDITORIUM.



night the Denver girls entertained us with a trolley ride. There were two cars which were literally covered with colored globes representing the wine and the blue. If you had seen the merry crowd and heard the music you would never have dreamed that these same girls in a few weeks would be dignified college women.

Everything must have its end, conventions and all. If we have not brought back to our chapters the feeling that we are bound together by deeper ties of sympathy than before, then we have not truly entered into the spirit and purpose of convention.

—C. L. S.

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### THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

**T**HE University of the State of Missouri was located at Columbia on June twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, to secure which the citizens of Columbia contributed the sum of one hundred seventeen thousand nine hundred dollars.

At the present time we receive bi-annually from the State of Missouri considerable appropriations, the last being one hundred sixty-five thousand dollars.

We also receive annually from the federal government by check about forty thousand dollars in aid of education in the agricultural and engineering departments. Our endowment amounts to a million and a quarter dollars, being larger than that of any western university, with the exception of the University of California, and we have fifty thousand acres of unsold lands.

When first erected, our University had only an Academic department, but from this nucleus it gradually expanded until now it embraces in addition a Normal department, which was established in eighteen hundred and sixty-seven; a College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, established in eighteen hundred and seventy; a School of Mines and Metallurgy, which in eighteen hundred and seventy-one was located at Rolla, Missouri; a De-

partment of Law, established in eighteen hundred and seventy-two; of Medicine, in eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and a Department of Military Science and Tactics, established in eighteen hundred and ninety.

We also have a Graduate Department, Missouri being one of the very few western universities that belong to the Federation of Graduate Clubs.

On January ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, the main building was totally destroyed by fire. Prior to that time the most of the different departments were included in one building. The present University, which was built the year following the fire, is erected around a quadrangle, the main building being at one end. On the right side are the Biological building and Museum, the Chemical Laboratory building and the Law building, while on the left are the School of Mechanic Arts, the Engineering building and the Agricultural College, the Medical School and the Observatory being at the other end.

Besides the buildings just mentioned we have four club houses, Agricultural Farm building, Experiment Station, Power House, President's house and green houses.

The auditorium in the Academic Hall will seat fifteen hundred. Our buildings, grounds and equipments are worth more than a million dollars. Our campus is large and attractive, being second only to Colorado, of the western states. One of its chief attractions is the five classic columns that are all that is left standing of the old University.

There is no preparatory course to the University. It is supported by ninety-nine approved schools, and a hundred more are clamoring for admission. Tuition is free, except in the last two years of Medicine and in Law. A library fee of five dollars and a small laboratory fee are required, however.

The enrollment this year will be between twelve and thirteen hundred students, and we have about sixty-five instructors.

We have one large library and some thirty department libraries. These have about thirty thousand bound volumes and thirty thousand pamphlets.

We are well supplied with laboratories, drawing rooms and shops.

All departments of the University, except that of Military Science and Tactics, are open to women, and a suite of six rooms, beautifully furnished and strictly private, are reserved for the enjoyment of the girl students. These are presided over by a matron, whose exclusive duty it is to attend to the wants of the girls.

Such is the home of the "baby chapter" of Pi Beta Phi. The chapter has a good start and is increasing in numbers and strength rapidly, and its members are working hard to make it one of the best of the whole fraternity.

—G. E. W., Missouri Alpha.

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### What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

One of the most pleasant of the memories of last summer is of one afternoon during the Young Women's Conference at Northfield, when several Pi Phis who were assembled gathered together at the recreation hour to talk over fraternity matters and compare notes on various experiences in chapter life. At this little meeting several chapters were represented: Massachusetts Alpha, Pennsylvania Alpha, Pennsylvania Beta, Vermont Alpha and Vermont Beta. There was much talk of the convention and of what was to be done there, and all wished they might go to visit the chapters in the far west. The song-book was brought forth, and favorite songs were discussed and sung with much enthusiasm.

So the time was spent in chat upon fraternity topics, and all felt very strongly that at just such times as this, when girls from different chapters are brought face to face, the deep and far-reaching influence of our fraternity is felt, and we who do so meet realize how strong is the mystic bond which unites all Pi Phis through this wide land. —E. L. C., Vermont Beta.

Since a fraternity house is becoming an absolute essential to successful fraternity life in institutions where the dormitory system is not in vogue, it seems important for us to consider the ways and means of acquiring houses which shall be owned,—not rented.

**A National  
Loan Fund.**

This might be done by the establishment of a national loan fund such as is found in several of the men's fraternities, but on a smaller scale. In this way, chapters could purchase houses on the monthly payment plan, the fraternity advancing the money for the first deposit, which is considerably larger than the rest. The fraternity, freed from the necessity of meeting this payment, could devote this money to the purchase of furniture. The rent which a fraternity pays for a furnished house would more than suffice for the monthly payments, leaving the surplus for furniture.

Lacking such a fund, there is an insurmountable obstacle to the purchase of a house on the monthly payment plan. This is the fact that there seems to be no way of keeping up the payments on a house during the summer months. If the national fraternity would assume this responsibility, the chapter could easily manage for itself the rest of the year.

To those chapters to which a "frat house" is but a meaningless expression this will doubtless seem an impracticable scheme, but we trust that it will appeal to those ambitious Pi Phi who long to see the day when Baird's report will read: "Pi Beta Phi—29 chapters. Twenty-nine chapter houses owned by their respective chapters." Michigan Beta.

How many girls have you in your fraternity chapter who always have a kind word, never get out of patience, and never advance their opinions when they are contrary to someone else's unless there is a cause for doing so?

**Concerning  
Tact.**

During the long vacation when we girls are separated from each other, whom of your chapter girls do you think of most tenderly? It is not the one who has the best executive ability,

not the one who adds most to the social or literary side of the fraternity life, necessarily, but the one who knows just what to say and do when there is a homesick feeling or when you are in a melancholy mood over a failure in class or some other disappointment—the one who always greets you with kind words.

Now, our girls with the executive brains, our literary and our social girls can each one cultivate all those pleasing little words and acts,—I do not wish to call them flatteries, for they need not be such.

There is no harm in giving a girl a little wholesome praise now and then. Our college course is not so full of flattering circumstances as to make us spoiled children. No fear of turning our fraternity into a "mutual admiration society,"—we are altogether too apt to be jealous and envious of each other's charms.

We cannot be too careful of what we say and how we say it. No girl likes to own that she is sensitive, but we are all so to a greater or less degree. If criticise you must, do it in the gentlest manner and use tact.

We all have new girls with us now. They will look up to us as their examples, and it will not take them long to acquire our ways. Let us then be careful and show them how truly great and strong is our bond of friendship.

—Nellie I. Button, Vermont Alpha.

Last July I attended the International Christian Endeavor convention at Detroit. Royal welcomes, eloquent addresses from men and women of national and international reputation, pleasant side trips;—the memories of all these are still fresh in my mind. But there was nothing better to remember or more productive of thought than the opening address of President Clark on the subject of "Going and Growing." These are some of the thoughts

that come to my mind on this theme as it applies to us fraternity girls:

First, in order to be growing we must be going—no development without activity. Going is a well known word to the college girl—especially the Pi Phi girl—at the opening of the school year. It means going to recitations, to receptions, going to meet trains to welcome the new girls, going to call on them, and a thousand and one other “goings.” All of which if done in the right spirit and tempered with good judgment and right principle, means growing in the right directions—for to grow right we must go right.

Again, if we would grow in kindly feeling toward others and always be ready to do the little deeds of kindness that make the world better and brighter, we must be alert and ever watchful for opportunities.

“The ill-timed word we might have kept,—  
 Who knows how sharp it pierced and stung;  
 The word we had not sense to say,—  
 Who knows how grandly it had rung?”

It is by keeping back the “ill-timed word” and having the sense to say the grand word that we may develop the true politeness and womanly culture for which our fraternity stands.

Thus we may grow in numbers and in character and in influence and all along the lines of usefulness and helpfulness. So, too, we may continue to go and grow long after the doors of our loved college halls have closed upon us, and we have said farewell to active membership in our chapter.

Someone has said: “As long as a man’s bones grow he is young in body; as long as his mind grows he is young in mind.” So we may always be young in mind and heart. For when we shall have passed over to the Great Beyond, we shall still be growing in grace and in the knowledge of the truth.

—D. E. L., Iowa Alpha.

Often when we are busy and life seems to be drifting along easily, there comes to us a tendency to take all things for granted and not spend very much time in thinking about our beloved creed. We walk along trying to carry ourselves properly and above reproach. We do

**The Wine and  
Blue.**

what we believe to be our duty as fraternity girls, but often little things are said which are not meant at the time but which cause a great deal of sorrow. Then it is when trouble begins to brew and things do not go smoothly, we come to the full realization of our short-comings and how far we are from our destined mark. Instantly, our minds revert to the solemn promises we have taken, the obligations they place upon us, and the high standard we are trying to reach, and then reflect—"If I only could keep back the unkind thought and control the selfish feeling which comes unbidden." Then our colors rise up before our eyes like a reproach and we take them to our hearts again and inwardly renew the vows so dear to us. It is our own wine and blue, our common bond, which enables us to wipe out every stain which by chance finds an easy entrance. It is the wine and blue which causes our higher nature to respond readily and thereby bids us forgive and forget and start anew. Now, I do not wish anyone to misjudge us and think we are in the habit of wrangling, because I don't think there is a chapter anywhere which progresses any better than ours. But tell me this: Where is there a group of girls who could get along together without there ever being a trace of trouble? I do not think such an organization exists. Take it into your home—the dearest place on earth—is there never a misunderstanding? I think this question would require the answer in the affirmative. But does it lessen the love which we have for each other? No. It enables us to understand one another better and thus be able to guard against its too frequent occurrence. Such is the fraternity—home life in a broader field. And thus experience teaches us to come gradually to that time when we can overlook one another's faults, and grant the grace which we give willingly in our own sacred shrine. When that time comes, our fraternity will have reached the highest degree of perfection possible.

OHIO BETA.



## Alumnae Department.

### THE ALUMNAE CONVENTION AT BOULDER.

After a beautiful morning among the mountains near Boulder, and a dainty lunch served in the midst of the everlasting hills, it was a little hard to come back to lower earth and listen to prosaic reports, elect officers, and discuss ways and means. But the faithful alumnae remembered that this was their chief mission in Boulder, so tore themselves away from the glories of nature to range themselves on the wooden seats of the Chautauqua Assembly Hall and "tend strictly to business" as good Pi Phi should.

The retiring president called the convention to order, and read her report for her two years of office, in which she set forth the aims and methods of the Alumnae Association, the obstacles to full success, the results accomplished, and suggestions for future work. The chief difficulty, which, alas, is not confined to the Alumnae Association if we may judge from the complaints in the active fraternity, is lack of promptness in correspondence. As to the work accomplished since the Madison convention, three Alumnae clubs have been organized: at Chicago, Ill., Lincoln, Neb., and Lawrence, Kas.; several printed bulletins have been issued, telling of the progress of the work; the magazines of the other sororities have been circulated among the members by means of the Round Robin system; and correspondence has been promoted among the members of the circles. The suggestions, based on the experience of the retiring Council were, to discontinue the circulation of other sorority magazines as the interest in them did not seem sufficient to pay for the trouble, to systematize the circle work, and to devote special attention and energy to the organization of Alumnae clubs and to the Alumnae Department of the Ar-

row. The report closed with a warm expression of thanks to the former president, Miss Turner, and to the treasurer, Mrs. Lamson, for their kind assistance and counsel.

After her own report, the president read the report of the treasurer, and both were accepted by convention with the usual formalities. During the deliberation of the committees, the time was occupied by informal discussion of ways and means for further development of the Alumnae Association. The Committee on Resolutions reported that it was the sense of the convention that Miss Turner be requested to write a fitting biographical tribute to Dr. Sarah M. Sterrett, recently deceased, and that the same be published in the Arrow. This report was unanimously adopted.

The following officers for the ensuing two years were then elected:

President—Fanny K. Read, Richland, Mich.

Vice President—(Mrs.) Leila Lane-Smith, 96 Spangler Ave., Cleveland, O.

Secretary—Anna S. Hazelton, 1215 9th St., Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—The Business Manager of Arrow.

Marshal—(Mrs.) Kate King-Bostwick, Chardon, O.

And the convention adjourned.

—M. E. P., A. A.

#### MARRIED.

The following announcement has been received, and Pi Beta Phi will wish their former Grand Secretary all happiness in her new life:

Mrs. Florence Adele Chase announces the marriage of her daughter, Florence Putnam, to Mr. Philip Hunter Cass, Wednesday, October the fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, Washington, D. C. At home after November the fifteenth, Coffeyville, Kansas.

## A DISTINGUISHED WOMAN GRADUATE.

The most distinguished graduate in the college of liberal arts, Northwestern university, for 1899, was Miss Elfrieda Hochbaum. Miss Hochbaum not only stood the highest in her class in general average, but she received the unusual honor of receiving both the bachelor's and master's degrees. Miss Hochbaum is of German descent and her master's thesis, entitled "The direct influence of the American revolution on German literature," has attracted wide attention. Concerning her thesis the *Illinois Staats-Zeitung* of Chicago, says: "The subject has been touched upon in various histories of German literature, but it was never before depicted or discussed in so thorough a manner. All German-Americans have a right to be proud that it is from their midst that this highly gifted and tremendously industrious young lady has come who has created so great a work. \* \* Just at the present time, when so many unpleasant feelings against Germany are being cherished in America, it is a most important literary service to have demonstrated from such sources the fact that the German people and their poets took so warm an interest in the founding of the American republic, and with what moral indignation they were fired again at the sale of German soldiers to England. But, intrinsically, the study prepared by Miss Hochbaum possesses a high literary and historical value; it is one of the most important modern contributions to the history of German literature and comparative literature."—*Northwestern Christian Advocate*.

## PERSONALS.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

Jessie Ruth Campbell, '99, is teaching English and German in the high school at Liverpool, New York.

Bertha Bennett sailed for France October fourteenth, where she is to spend a year in study and travel.

Zona L. Dunn, '99, is teaching Latin in Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

Grace Bullard of La Crosse, Wisconsin, was married September twelfth to Dr. Griswold of Galesburg, where they will make their home.

Loretta Hood and Wilbur Young were united in marriage October eleventh. Their future home will be in Austin, Texas.

Mabel Aylesworth, '97, is attending Knox Conservatory of Music.

Mildred Brown, '00, and Lucia Dewey, '01, are attending Smith College this year.

President and Mrs. McKinley and niece and cabinet were entertained during their recent visit to Galesburg at the home of Clark E. Carr, father of one of our alumnae.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

Maude E. Van Sickle, '95, is assistant in the high school at Whiting, Ind.

Ada May Griggs, '96, has been elected superintendent of schools in Mt. Carroll, Ill., where she has been principal of the high school for the past two years.

Grace I. Van Sickle, '98, is teaching in the high school at Little Falls, Minn.

Lucille Fitch, '99, Phi Beta Kappa, is doing graduate work for her master's degree at Chicago University.

Elfrieda Hochbaum, '99, M. A., Phi Beta Kappa, has charge of the German department in the Aurora, Ill., high school.

May B. Kelly, ex-'99, is teaching in the Evanston public schools.

Alice Newkirk, ex-'02, spent the summer in Europe.

Laura O'Brien, ex-'00, is studying in the University of Chicago.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, of Iowa Gamma, gave a talk in Evanston on Equal Suffrage, October sixth, and was entertained by Mrs. Maud Hicks-Lamson of Evanston, a member of her chapter.

## ILLINOIS ZETA.

Nellie Besore, '96, was married in June of this year to Mr. William Sears and is living in Waterloo, Iowa.

Vivian Monier was married in August to Mr. D. C. Morrissey and is keeping house in Champaign.

Elma Warwick, '98-'99, has taken the position of librarian at the new DeKalb County normal school at DeKalb, Illinois, and Edna Fairchild, '99, is to assist her this winter as cataloguer.

Adelaide M. Chase, '98, has a position as assistant in the New Hampshire state library at Concord.

Edith Yeomans and Elizabeth Dale are teaching in the public schools in their home at Danville, Illinois, and Georgia Dale is doing kindergarten work in the same place.

Edith Chester has gone to Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, to study art this winter, and Lou Herdman is doing similar work at the Chicago art institute.

Marietta Busey, '94-'95, graduated from Vassar College last June and is taking graduate work in French at the University this year.

Amelia D. Alpiner sailed for Europe September the twentieth to remain a year or more.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

Marcia Miller was married October fourth to Mr. Edward Mendenhall, Phi Delta Theta. They are at home in Greensburg, Indiana, where Mr. Mendenhall is principal of the high school.

Harriett Jeffrey was married in September to Professor Paul Covert of the Indianapolis Industrial and Training School.

Olive Moore was married in August to Professor Allan of the Indianapolis Industrial and Training School. They are now living in Indianapolis.

Lillie Weyl, who for several years taught at Tipton, Indiana, is now teaching in the Hopewell, Indiana, schools.

Ethel Miller is teaching Latin in the Greensburg high school.

Marguerite Bullene will enter the Chicago Training School for Nurses in November.

Harriet Ayres will spend the winter in British Columbia.

May Gardner is doing post graduate work in French at Kansas University.

Henrietta Warren of '96 was married to Mr. Howard Shaw Tuesday, September twelfth, at Kansas City. Mrs. Shaw expects to spend the winter in New York studying music.

Mrs. M. W. Stelring is doing post graduate work in history.

#### COLORADO ALPHA.

Bertha E. Cope, Colorado Alpha, was married to Mr. Robert Stogdale, Phi Gamma Delta, at her home in Boulder, October eighteenth. Much to the regret of her friends, their home is to be in Liberty, Missouri.

#### COLORADO BETA.

Louise Foucar is taking advanced work in microscopic biology in the University of Arizona.

Edith Ingersoll is teaching Latin and English in Northfield, Mass.

Nan McFarland is teaching in the East Denver High School.

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### Editorials.

THE sixteenth biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi has come and gone, the first flush of girlish enthusiasm has faded, and sober second thought sits down to ask "cui bono?" Has this, far and away the most expensive gathering our fraternity has had, brought results commensurate with its cost in dollars and cents? If adequate positive and permanent gain has come to our order, then any expense, provided it can be afforded, is well incurred; but if we are no stronger, no better organized, no more united than before, not any number of delightful teas or spreads or mountain trips justify the expenditure of fra-

## INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Edith Bramhall, '95, who held the fellowship in European History at the University of Pennsylvania, and received her doctor's degree from that institution in 1898, is teaching history in the Indianapolis high school.

Mary Dunham, '98, has gone to Yale to take a higher course in Latin.

Vara Morgan, '99, is teaching in the Fort Wayne schools.

Maud Martin, '99, teaches this year in the Monroeville high school.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

Mrs. Demarcus C. Brown (Jessie L. Christian, '97) and husband, Professor Brown, spent two months in London and Paris this summer studying Greek art.

Miss Ethel Curryer, '97, is expected home the first of November from a three months' tour through Germany and France.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moorehead have moved from Indianapolis to Irvington.

Emily Helming, '99, is teaching in Miss Parker's school at Atchison, Kansas.

Lena M. Randall, ex-1901, is studying in the Library School at Syracuse, where she is among the Pi Phi of New York Alpha.

June thirtieth, Carrie Snoddy, ex-'99, was married to Rev. Luther Williams of Coatsville, Ind.

Pearle Elwell, ex-1901, and Mr. W. A. Banta were married at Crawfordsville, Indiana, September fourteenth. Mr. and Mrs. Banta are now living in Crawfordsville.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

Lucy Van Hoesen, after spending the summer in Lawrence, has returned to Chicago to finish her course in kindergarten work at Armour Institute.



ternity money, since so far as the fraternity is concerned our time has been wasted.

Of course the results of last summer's convention cannot all be measured yet because they are not yet. So the question, Has it paid? could not be fully answered before our next convention, if it could then.

Still some immediate benefits have accrued for which Pi Beta Phi may well congratulate herself. The first is our new Grand Council, which is so unusually capable and enthusiastic as to practically insure the wise governing of the fraternity during the next two years. True, we could never charge our former councils with either indifference or inefficiency, but when the timber is almost entirely new (there being but one re-election), it is a satisfaction to feel that time will but confirm the wisdom of our choice.

Then, what is very near the hearts of some of us, we are to have our traveling delegate. This is a very decided innovation, a costly one, considering our twenty-nine scattered chapters, but one which it is hoped will more than pay for itself in increased unity and solidarity of our organization.

Convention witnessed the completion of our much-needed fraternity history and its immediate publication was provided for.

Arrangement was made for reprinting the Arrow from its first number, so that hereafter, instead of having but one perfect file in existence, each chapter must, and each individual may, own the complete set.

A competent committee has been appointed which shall revise, or more properly re-arrange our Constitution, dividing what is essentially constitutional from what is merely statutory, and so obviating that biennial tinkering and amending which absorbs so much convention time otherwise more profitably spent. This committee, we are glad to learn, has already set about its work with praiseworthy promptness.

A less tangible, but no less real result of the Boulder convention was the realization of our national unity which was mani-

fested by the absolute harmony between so many territorially separated interests; a harmony not only of aim but of method. In the details there was difference of opinion enough to provoke lively discussion, in the essentials there was entire oneness.

A convention is expected to arouse enthusiasm, but the Boulder convention not only aroused it but directed it into channels of activity. There seemed everywhere present a spirit of resolve, a settled determination to make Pi Beta Phi like our worthy George, "first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of its countrymen." So that even now it is not too early to assert that our convention was not only ideally delightful but that it *paid*.

A NUMBER of girls, when their chapters have been called upon to contribute to the Arrow, have written to ask what sort of articles are suitable or desired for publication. To these and to certain others who perhaps might better have inquired before their contributions were sent, we would like to mention one kind of article which is *not* desired.

That is the sort of softly, sweetly, vaguely ethical affair, which begins with an allusion to the ideals or the motto or the colors of Pi Beta Phi, and wanders sentimentally through a maze of adjectives and inverted clauses to the inevitable conclusion that we should all be sweet and loving and unselfish and polite and womanly and everything else that is "real nice," because we enjoy the glorious privilege of being Pi Phis. Of course we ought to be all these things, whether we are Pi Phis or not, provided we are Christians and ladies. The vows we take as members of Pi Beta Phi are a help, only inasmuch as any public profession is a help, in keeping us up to the standard our consciences have set.

Probably most of us are too busy trying to live up to our ideals, to spend much time in talking about them either at chapter meetings or in our daily intercourse. There are two occasions, however, when we are moved to speech. One is when we are lifted, perhaps, by a convention or an initiation to the heights

of fraternity enthusiasm. The other is when we sit down to grind out an assigned article for the Arrow. The first is wholly genuine; as for the second,—well, we have our suspicions. It is so easy to cover a respectable number of pages with pleasing generalities about the ennobling influence of the wine and blue, or the sweet significance of the carnation.

Please do not think that the Arrow undervalues our ideals and the symbols which stand to us for them, or that it is unethical in its tendencies. We cannot get too much *practical* ethics in the Arrow or in the fraternity. But houses are built of separate bricks and characters of separate acts of effort. Fraternity life offers plenty of chances for such acts and it is these, and not of the unsubstantial structure of the architect's imagination, that Pi Beta Phi wants to hear about through the pages of the Arrow.

If anybody will send us an article on "The prevention and cure of fraternity quarrels," it will be received with enthusiasm. If somebody knows a way to keep girls from saying hateful things about their rivals, such a contribution would probably be copied the length and breadth of the fraternity press. If we can have a few good articles on "The ethics of rushing," or "How our ideals are involved in prompt payment of dues," or "The fraternal relation as a training for the business and social relations," the Arrow will welcome them with open arms and pages. But let us have done with publishing aimless prattle and mawkish sentimentality.

PI BETA PHI may congratulate herself on the fact that the Arrow at last has a cover designed by one of her own members. The new cover was submitted to convention by Illinois Epsilon, and is the work of Miriam Prindle, '95, to whom the thanks of the fraternity are due. This design was selected from no less than nine which have been submitted since the last convention, all of which were pretty and appropriate. While some of these had to be rejected because the mechanical work was not of the sort from which plates could be made, enough remained

to make a choice very difficult. All which goes to prove that Pi Phis can usually accomplish what they set out to do, and makes us all glad that we persisted in our determination not to change the cover until we could have one which came from within the fraternity itself.

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## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA PROVINCE,

#### VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

After the restful, happy vacation days Vermont Alpha comes back to work full of enthusiasm and with bright hopes for a successful year. We start in with fourteen girls, all the undergraduate members having returned. Of course we miss our two ninety-nine girls, but we feel that the alumnae circle of our own chapter and the Pi Phi world at large has been made the richer by the addition of these two loyal wearers of the golden arrow. They are both teaching this year, Augusta Kelley in Chelsea, Mass., and Annis Sturgis in Centerville, Mass.

Although widely scattered during the summer we have all kept in touch with one another by means of frequent round-robin letters. These were always greeted with as warm a welcome as the first red-breast of spring.

One of our sisters, Mary Towle, '97, is in Macon, Georgia, this year and writes of meeting a Hillsdale Pi Phi there. Another, Fanny Sutton, '98, is in Mankato, Minnesota.

We are rejoicing now in our new chapter home. The block in which we have been domiciled has recently been enlarged, and we consider ourselves very fortunate in having rooms made to order. We have prettily furnished reception and dining-rooms with convenient kitchen and dressing room. The view from the wind ws of Otter creek with its willow-covered banks and the mountains in the distance is truly a beautiful one.

A Glee Club is being organized among the college women here and several Pi Phis are very much interested in it.

Vermont Alpha has been, as have all the other chapters doubtless, very busy these first few weeks in getting acquainted with the new girls. Our time has been taken up with the usual receptions, chafing-dish-spreads and parties in the "Pharetra," and numerous rides and walks.

We have already had the pleasant task of putting bows of

wine and blue on some of the freshmen, and hope to introduce to you in the next Arrow letter at least five and possibly more of them, as loving and loyal Pi Beta Phis.

EDITH FLORENCE BARRETT.

VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

October finds us once more hard at work within the walls of dear old U. V. M., and although a feeling of sadness creeps over us as we miss from the college buildings those of our number who graduated last year, yet it is accompanied with a thrill of joy because we can once more greet many who are dear to us among the number that remains. We have also found great pleasure in greeting the new students, and becoming acquainted with those who are to be our companions during the remainder of our college course.

We pledged one girl, a sister of one of our graduates, at the close of the college year, and have pledged one since college opened, so we have two thus early in the year, and hope to add to that number before long.

We were quite proud to have two of our girls numbered among the Phi Beta Kappas last year, one of whom also received honors in German.

At the close of the year our chapter had its first annual banquet, and it will certainly be long remembered by us all, not only for the pleasant associations always connected with such a gathering, but also because it marked the close of our first year of fraternity life. Next week we expect to give a reception to the freshman girls, and are now anxiously working to make that a success.

The Young Women's Christian Association gave an informal reception to the freshman girls Friday evening, September twenty-ninth, at "Grass Mount," the girls' dormitory, and as nearly all the girls of the University attended, it was a very enjoyable occasion. But the crowning event will be the joint reception, given by the two associations, which is to occur on Wednesday evening, October eleventh, and to which the faculty and all the students are invited.

There is little change in our college professors and courses of study for the following year, but owing to the endowment by Hon. John H. Converse, '61, a new course in commerce and economics will be founded next year, which will be greatly appreciated by those wishing to enter the world of commerce.

Vermont Beta sends regards to all Pi Phis, and wishes them a happy and prosperous college year.

IVAH WINIFRED GALE.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The "round up" after vacation brings us together in the college halls with conflicting emotions. Our eyes can but turn with a shadow of regret to the dear days of freedom just gone, but a smile gleams in them too when we grasp the hands of classmates and with them look into the coming months where we see the fire of college enthusiasms already beginning to burn with a right hearty glow.

At Columbian the collegiate year of 1899-1900 has had a promising opening. The distraction of "Dewey Week," coming as it did just at the beginning of the session, delayed the usual routine of organization. Our hearts and hands went out to the great admiral, and with them, our minds. For some days we thought more of "parades" and "presentations" than of "schedules" and "class-meetings" and the many things that usually claim the time and interest of the students for the first few weeks. The waving of flags and the glitter of gold lace were in our eyes, and the clashing of sabres and the roll of drums in our ears.

The excitement is over now. We hear but the echo of "three times three" and see but the glamor of *Decey* weather which makes our October so entrancing and adds a glint of red and gold to grace the beauty of our city.

We find ourselves in working trim and the college on a footing which promises much for the future. Almost all of our old students are back and many new ones have come to swell the ranks.

We note several changes in the personnel of our faculty. Dr. Lodge of the department of Political Science has resigned to accept the presidency of a college in North Carolina. Dr. Swisher of the chair of History has taken his classes. We lose Prof. Downing of the department of Latin. Ill health takes him to the higher altitudes of Colorado. He was a general favorite with the students in his classes and it was with much regret that they said "good-by." But he finds a worthy successor in Prof. Carroll of Johns Hopkins, an able man who possesses that key to success, a knowledge of the way to his pupils' hearts.

Before the days arrive when we shall feel that we must bend our entire energies upon our studies and seek distinction along the highways of Arts and Science, several new interests will claim our attention and we shall also be busied in building up old ones. Especially are we interested in two which last year proved of great profit to the social and recreative side of our college life — the Lunch Club and the Glee Club. Present indications promise much for the continued and increasing success of both.

But these things — the greeting of old friends, the meeting

of new; the sorrow for the lost, the joy in the found; the anxiety over schedules, the relief at difficulties adjusted — important though they are to us, all fall away and give place to the one abiding interest above all others when we whisper the magic words, "Pi Beta Phi!" The prospects of our chapter were never brighter nor was its fraternity spirit ever stronger. Though our number is small our hopes for the future are great. Sadness fills our hearts when we see our three empty chairs. Graduation robbed us of Etheldred Norris and we feel the loss of her keenly. Cecilia Franzoni and Lillian Sherman are prevented by ill health from being with us. We hope to have Cecilia after Thanksgiving.

But Helen Lee we have again and we are rejoicing in three pledgelings — Eleanor Hance and Florence Frisby of the Junior Class and Elsie Turner of the Sophomore. The hours of our social meetings go gaily by as we practice songs for our coming initiation, notably "Goblinato Spookioso."

We wonder if all the chapters are hearing such lovely things of Colorado Alpha and the grand Convention as Elsie Parkinson is telling us. We get delightful descriptions of delightful times and many nourishing morsels of Pi Phi wisdom.

The chapter is in receipt of cards announcing the marriage in this city on October fourth of Florence Putnam Chase to Mr. Philip Hunter Cass of Coffeyville, Kansas. The only social gathering of Pi Phis thus far has been an informal reception tendered by Miss Turner on September thirtieth to say good-by to Miss Chase.

I cannot close this letter without some mention of our gratification and pride in the election of our own Elise Bradford as Grand President. It is an honor she well merits. We shine in a reflected flame and I am afraid our heads are just a wee bit larger. We are glad to share her with all Pi Phis and believe you will learn to love her as we do.

We send heartiest good wishes for the success of our sister chapters. If we have brought back with us some of the freshness and vigor of the mountains and the sea to be directed toward the work of our fraternity, then may we all join in a "Ring, ching, ching!" for the great things we will do in the coming year.

MARY LUCRETIA HOBGOOD.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Another summer has come and gone and it is once more the pleasure of Pennsylvania Alpha to greet her sisters in Pi Beta Phi. As the trees on the campus and the neighboring hills take on their last glorious hues, warning us that the balmy fall days will soon be over, we fill every possible moment with strolls



around the college, laying up stores of fresh air for the cold winter days to come.

And on long walks over the fields or through the woods, as we retrace our steps of last year, thoughts of the past and the present are constantly before us.

Although we can be sure of nothing until after pledge-day, Pennsylvania Alpha has never entered upon a year's work with better and brighter prospects.

We are nine in the active chapter and are all so glad to welcome into our midst Edith McCain from Bucknell, who will be a great addition to our chapter.

Last week the girls were honored with an invitation to the wedding of one of our alumnae, Mary Hutchinson of the class of '99, and we all wish that we might go.

There are so many very attractive girls in the freshman class that it was a difficult matter to select a few to rush.

This year the rushing is not at all violent, except in one case, and we feel that this season is almost an ideal one, as we are simply naturally growing more and more fond of the girls, and we hope that many strong friendships will have been made before pledge-day comes.

If it could always be thus, one of the strongest objections to fraternities would be removed.

We are all agreed that we never felt so strongly the beauty and helpfulness of sweet concord and true friendship, and we hope this year more than ever before to make our own the ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

MARY COOPER JOHNSON.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta sends hearty greetings to her sister chapters. After a pleasant summer we have all come back glad to take up our school and fraternity life again. But we miss the "dear old seniors" who were such help and inspiration to us. One of our two girls, who were on the commencement program, Bertha Watkins, took the commencement oration prize, a beautiful gold watch, and also a scholarship prize of fifty dollars. She was the first woman to take the oration prize, and we were all overjoyed at her success. In the class play, too, our girls made us very proud of them. And now they are gone to "help the world" by what they have acquired in the college and in the fraternity. In their places we have new seniors, eight of them, and we are already regretting that we must lose *them* all too soon. But there is a large number of new girls in college this year, about thirty in the freshmen class alone, and we hope

to have more than a few babies to introduce to you at the end of this year.

At the beginning of the term we gave a reception to all the new girls, and to the Theta Delta Psi (the local woman's fraternity).

The report of the convention has interested us very much. Our delegate, Genevieve White, was able to give us an illustrated account, for she had her camera with her at Boulder. So we have seen the "likenesses" of some of our sisters, and we want to meet them now more than ever before.

The new dormitory for men is progressing rapidly, and when it is finished we hope to have next a college girls' building. A chapter house seems out of the question for Pennsylvania Beta for many years to come, so the next best thing would be a room, all our own, in a college girls' building.

We bring four girls to make their first bows to the other chapters, Edna Bacon, Helen Buoy, Carrie Halfpenny, and Edith McCain, all members of the class of 1902. We initiated them during commencement week, and they enjoyed the symposium with us on the following Monday night. Edith McCain, we are sorry to say, is not back here this year. She is studying music in Philadelphia. We send best wishes for a successful year for all our sister chapters.

LAURA ALLEN.

#### OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio university opened its halls to old and new students September twelfth, a date which meant to the nine girls of Ohio Alpha a most happy reunion. We regret that four of our not "unlucky thirteen" of last year do not return this fall. Two of our members belonged to the senior class. Lucille Lovell is teaching music at Lathrop, Ohio, and Minnie Brown is teaching in the high school at Glouster, Ohio.

We were particularly fortunate during the summer months in having a number of the girls at Athens, a circumstance of which we took advantage, by having frequent cookie-shines and picnics.

As is often the lament of Ohio Alpha's letters, we have no rival chapters, hence our "rushings," in the true sense of the word are things thought of more than realized.

Not thus do we speak of our initiations. At 9:30 P. M., October second, we began our first initiation of this year and at midnight we were ready to introduce to the wearers of the wine and blue, our new initiates, Nan Nease, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia, whom we pledged last year, Mabel Wickham of Glen Ullin, North Dakota, and Minnie Dean of Athens, Ohio.

We have enjoyed and have been greatly benefited by the reports of our delegate of the convention and Pi Phi girls, which

reports do so much toward making the bond between the chapters stronger.

Our chapter is glad that we have with us this year, Grace Reah, who was formerly a member of Ohio Alpha and was graduated from the woman's college at Baltimore last spring. She is teaching Latin and German in the university.

Ohio Alpha is anticipating a happy and prosperous year and sends hearty greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

MABEL ZOE WILSON.

#### OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

As our new corresponding secretary has not yet been installed it is again my pleasant duty to write to the Arrow.

School opened the fourteenth with a larger registration than ever before.

Although we have but seven girls back in school, we look forward to a happy and prosperous year.

Our initiation, which will take place the fourteenth, will add three more girls loyal to the wine and blue to our band, Ada Nichols, Edith Cline, and Fanny Mitzenburg. We anticipate a fine initiation and expect a good many of our alumnae to be with us. An event which will be of interest to all Arrow readers is the marriage of Rita Sutherland, '98, and Mr. Benjamin Flynn, '98, which will take place at high noon, November second. We think too many of our Pi Phi maids are becoming matrons, but alas! even Pi Phis can not resist the attacks of Cupid; still it is rather hard to lose so many of our girls.

A number of novel initiations have occurred in the past three weeks and "we have been winding up the watches of our wits" to see if we can't have something different. If it is a success we will tell you about it in the next Arrow.

Our delegate came back very enthusiastic over the convention and we enjoy so much hearing of the good times the girls had while there.

Ohio Beta wishes a prosperous and happy year to all Pi Phi sisters.

EDNA HATTON.

#### NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

New York Alpha began the college year with the brightest of prospects. Her active chapter numbered twenty, ten of whom are in the chapter house. We have a new chaperon, Mrs. Baker, who sympathizes with us in every mood. However we have lost three girls besides those who were graduated, Maude Kaufman, Grace Van Wie and Olive Reese, all of whom we greatly miss as active members of Pi Beta Phi.

Lillia Olcott, ex'00, has re-entered college in the painting

course and Lena Marie Randall of Indiana Gamma has entered the library course.

With these changes, New York Alpha began her rushing as usual with parties, drives, dinners and teas, and as a result has eight pledgelings, Eva Hill, Ruth Hawks, Eva Magee, Alice Warner, Lunette Harens, Mabel Kenyon, Spray Maybee and Ella Rogerson.

Our initiation will be held October thirteenth, and the following night we shall hold our banquet at one of the large hotels of the city. There will be at least forty Pi Beta Phis present and so we are sure of a good time.

We have been so busy with the fierce rushing against five fraternities, that we have hardly had time to think about the convention and the dear sisters all over the United States, but the convention picture has a place of honor in our music room.

We expect to hear Frances Madden's report very soon and doubtless that will make us look forward to two years from now when New York Alpha will entertain the convention.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis for a happy year.

L. GRACE HUFF.

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

Truly the reward of parting is the pleasure of meeting again. All of our undergraduates, except Josephine Wiley, '01, and Pauline de Iesi, '02, have experienced this joy this fall, and they further wish to extend greetings to all sister-chapters whom we can see only "in spirit." However we have come to know many Pi Phis from hearing our convention delegate, Estelle Martin, speak of them. We have postponed the pleasure of hearing her full report until our new girls are initiated. We speak with confidence of having new co-listeners, for the rushing season is on us in full force, and our girls, with true Pi Phi spirit, are striving to be especially nice to those at whom they think the little archer has aimed his darts. Many opportunities for thus judging have been given us in the shape of the Y. W. C. A. reception, and the Senior Tea, not to mention numerous carriage and sight-seeing excursions.

In our rushing we are being greatly aided by four of our alumnae, all of whom when we give them a chance, are seeking to show their parents what true home-girls Pi Phis can be. We miss Grace Reah and Helen Mower, both of '99. Helen Mower will remain at home this winter, but Grace Reah is assistant-professor of Latin and German in the University of Ohio.

Beall Martin, '98, is teaching mathematics and English in Old Fort Seminary, Fort Defiance, Virginia.

Wanda Hartshorn, also of '98, is pursuing her studies in Germany.

And we "little ones" are still studying away in the Woman's College, including in our studies not only text-books, but also new girls, in the hope that we may learn to know many whom all Pi Phis would be proud to see wear the arrow.

To apply an old saying: "Wishing for others the success that we would have others wish for us this year, the girls of Maryland Alpha bid you all a fond 'Adieu.'"

KATHLEEN M. MALLORY.

## BETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Another summer has been added to history and another season of effort is upon us. Our school has opened under better circumstances than usual. Our attendance has increased. A general air of good feeling and of earnest effort is predominant among us all. But what seems to be attracting the most notice and causing the most enthusiasm among us at present is our splendid foot-ball team. It is the best we have ever had, and victory alone has been inscribed on its banner so far.

On Saturday evening at the home of Lora A. Townsend, '99, occurred the initiation of Mary Warner and Nannie Mer Buck into Pi Beta Phi, and Illinois Beta is two loyal girls the richer. After the initiation we banquetted with the Phi Delta Theta boys.

During the latter part of October we are to have a "cookie-shine" and pledge Frances Ross and Emma Flynn. They are both lovely girls. Emma Flynn comes from a family of Pi Phis, being the third sister to join our ranks. Frances Ross is considered one of the brightest girls in the university and is a womanly girl.

During the early part of October a street fair is held in Galesburg. This year the queen of carnival chose six maids of honor, three of whom were old Lombard Pi Phis, Miss Cowan, Miss Mackay, and Miss Townsend. The Lombard carriage was quite a feature of the parade, it was a Japanese jinrikisha. It is needless to say that Pi Beta Phi was represented there as she is everywhere.

We have had a great deal of fun and excitement in getting acquainted with and forming estimates of the new girls. We have been very busy, too, getting started in our work and our social gatherings have not been very many so far, but Pi Beta Phi grows dearer and means more to us every day.

Our delegate, Lora Townsend, has given us delightful talks

about the convention and has made us all wish we could have been there too.

Illinois Beta wishes the very best of success to all Pi Phis.  
NANNIE MER BUCK.

## ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Illinois Delta is glad to send her greetings once more to the Arrow. We have all passed a delightful vacation but were all glad to welcome the twelfth of September, when we should be together once more and begin our work in college.

Our chapter was small this fall, having only seven members, but we were not discouraged and worked faithfully, so of course accomplished what we were striving for, and as a result introduce our three pledges to you, Genevieve Huntington, Lucy Collinson and Anna McKay, of whom we are very proud, and we hope in a few days to see two other girls put on the wine and blue.

When college opened this fall a treaty was formed between Tri Delta and Pi Phi to the effect that no rushing must be done or no fraternity talked of until October sixth, and when the time expired and we proudly pinned our colors on the new girls we felt as though, even if we hadn't rushed a bit, we had accomplished a great deal.

We have been hearing all about the convention and how delightful it was. How we should have all loved to be there! We sincerely hope that some future day we may.

Rosalie Nixon, of Louisiana Alpha, spent a few days with Mrs. Sisson on her way from convention, and we all were so glad to meet her.

The Galesburg street fair was held last week and Pi Beta Phi was represented in the flower parade by a three-seated trap, decorated in white roses. As there were so few of us, it was lots of work, but when the trap was finished we felt fully repaid.

Mary Gleason, one of our last year's girls, is visiting us, and it seems so good to have her back. She isn't very well this fall and she expects to start for New Mexico soon, but we all shall be glad to welcome her into our ranks again next fall.

Our college work has demanded so much of our time that the only social gatherings we have had have been spreads, but we hope to give an informal dancing party soon.

With best wishes for the success of every chapter this year, Illinois Delta closes her first letter.

CHARLOTTE AYRES.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The opening of the college year at Northwestern brings several changes in the faculty as well as the usual ones in the student body.

A chair of Bibliology has been created for Dr. A. W. Patten, an alumnus of Northwestern, who will in future preside at all chapel services; and the chair of Geology welcomes Dr. U. S. Grant of Minnesota; while the new Dean of Women, Miss Anna M. Bowen, likewise owns Northwestern as her alma mater, having been graduated in '94.

The universal change naturally makes itself felt in the chapter life as well, counting loss rather than gain, but the Devoted Ten, with the loyalty and enthusiasm of veterans, set themselves to man the breach, and success is assured. In this work our Swarthmore sister, Amy Young, has been an invaluable help and inspiration to us, while our alumnae have shown themselves active in all but name. We are in the usual whirl of new classes, new books, new professors, and most important of all, new girls, with all the harrowing cares and anxieties which attend them. Thanks to our lively efforts, however, we have reaped a goodly harvest of "Freshies," whom we shall introduce to you in due season.

May this be the issue of the rushing season through all Pi Phidom.

On the ninth of October, Chicago Day, the proud city celebrated the laying of the corner stone of her Federal Building. All her taste and skill had been summoned in order that she might fittingly celebrate the event and do honor to her distinguished guests. The decorations and illuminations were unexcelled, to say nothing of the crowds! The educational part of the parade was made up of students from Chicago, Lake Forest, Armour Institute, and Northwestern, of whom six hundred wore the purple. A feminine suggestion that the girls should appear in tally-hos was met with true masculine scorn.

Illinois Epsilon wishes all her sister chapters a happy and prosperous year.

ABBIE FLORENCE WILLIAMS.

## ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Zeta is very glad to greet again all Pi Phis and sends them its best wishes for a truly prosperous year.

The school year is barely three weeks old, but after a busy and most successful "rushing" season the girls of our chapter have settled down to enjoy heartily another few months of university life.

There is a large increase in the number of students this



year, particularly among the girls, and Pi Phi has been exceedingly fortunate in securing her share of the eligible ones. We started out with an active membership of nine; since then we have pledged eight fine girls, four of whom have already had the delightful privilege of knowing the secrets of Pi Beta Phi. They are Emmaline Carter of Waukegan, Ill., Mrs. Hodge, of Riverton, Ky., Mary Henderson and Alta Stansbury, both of Cedar Rapids, Ia., all of whom we are very proud to introduce to our sister chapters.

The Boulder girls have certainly proved themselves to be most charming hostesses. The report of the delightful convention, which we had anticipated so long, made us feel much better acquainted with the fraternity at large and more interested in the individual chapters. We do hope that the time will come when these pleasant gatherings will be annual.

NELL McWILLIAMS.

#### INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Another busy college year has begun and Indiana Alpha is just now striving to recover from the rush of the spiking season; and a most successful spiking season it has been.

We feel we have been truly fortunate in securing every one of the girls we have invited into Pi Beta Phi, and now, as pledges, we proudly present to you Myrtle Long, Lilian Payne and Julia Duggar.

We began the year with eleven active girls, truly active, for the summer just passed has only served to increase our enthusiasm, as we have had regular meetings. These were interspersed by frequent informal social affairs — house-parties, pillow-parties, and quiet little receptions. All these pleasant things were possible to Indiana Alpha, since in our town we have about forty resident Pi Phis.

But what most increased our enthusiasm for and pride in our fraternity was the excellent, much enjoyed report of Eleanor La Grange, our convention delegate. Truly of many things for which we girls should be grateful, being Indiana Alpha of Pi Beta Phi is by no means the least.

During these first two weeks of college we have entertained several times. The evening before college opened, we, in company with a few of the new girls had a regular Pi Phi cookie-shine at the rooms of one of the girls. 'Twas given in honor of Laura Lukens, one of our graduates of last year, who was visiting here during the college opening.

On September twenty-third, we entertained at our hall in the afternoon, in honor of the new college girls; these girls, some of the alumnae and our patronesses were the ones entertained. In the evening of the same day we entertained the fraternity men in

honor of the new men students. Both were very pleasant affairs.

The second week we gave a house-party. About five in the afternoon we, accompanied by our supporters and several chaperones, left town in a hay wagon, bearing with us some of the new girls. We drove ten miles into the country to "Bingo Farm," and there encamped for the night. We returned the evening of the next day, having enjoyed everything to the utmost—the sleepless night, the tick-tack, the strolls through the woods, the meals.

The day our first girl put on the arrow, we all dined at the hotel. Another very pleasant Pi Phi gathering was the "fudge party," recently given by Eleanor La Grange. A nutting party is being talked of but the day is not yet set.

We have the pleasure and benefit this year of Florence Province's frequent presence and suggestions. She was a member of Indiana Beta, and was graduated from Indiana University last year. She recently presented the hall with a beautiful new pillow.

To Pi Beta Phi belongs the honor this year of having both the editor-in-chief and alumni editor of the college annual, the associate and local editors of the Kodak, and the president of the Periclesian Literary society, among its members.

With the greatest enthusiasm and brightest of hopes we look forward to the coming year.

MARY GRISWOLD HALL.

INDIANA BETA — INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Indiana Beta all returned after their vacation with renewed enthusiasm and many plans for work and pleasure both.

Fourteen active, loyal members returned at the beginning of the fall term; five of whom are members of the senior class and accordingly very dignified, four are juniors, three sophs and two little freshies.

The number of desirable girls in the freshman class seems smaller than usual, so we do not expect to enlarge our chapter roll as we did last year. Moreover, we are anxious to get only the very best for our own.

The four sororities, Theta, Kappa, Delta Gamma and Pi Phi have entered into a contract not to ask any girl entering upon her first term of college, to join their society until four weeks after the opening of college, so we have as yet no new sisters to introduce.

Early in the year we decided to rent a whole house for a chapter home instead of parlors and a few sleeping rooms as was formerly done. We now have two parlors with hardwood floors, a library, large hall, dining room and kitchen, four

double bed rooms and two single ones. We have eight girls in the chapter house and a lovely woman for chaperon.

Last Wednesday evening we gave an informal for the new girls and next Saturday we expect to give an open meeting to friends and members of the faculty.

With best wishes for a successful year.

LAURA G. BRADLEY.

INDIANA GAMMA — BUTLER COLLEGE.

The enthusiasm that Jessie Lockhart brought from the convention and the pleasant rest during vacation, have given Indiana Gamma much strength and courage. We are now in the second week of our college year and have bright prospects before us.

Through the continuous efforts of our university president, Mr. Jenkins, the members of the faculty and students of the college, there has been a great increase in the various departments. For students interested in art and music, special departments have been opened this fall under the instruction of Miss Taylor and Mr. Forseyth. Last week the University Brief, a weekly edited by the various departments, made its first appearance.

All these changes have given new life and enthusiasm to our college work and is not without its effects on fraternity affairs. So far we have five pledges, all girls who, we are certain, will make true enthusiastic Pi Phis,—Cora Hewitt, Katherine Armstrong, Louise Van Dyke, Ethel Patterson, and Augusta Smallstig. There are also some spikes out whom we hope to initiate before the next edition of the Arrow.

Indiana Gamma feels in closer touch with all the Pi Phi chapters than ever before, and wishes them all success and pleasure with their work during this college year.

ESTHER FAY SHOVER.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha is very glad to greet all of her sister chapters after the long vacation. We trust that it has been a pleasant one for all of you, and for those who were so very fortunate as to attend the Boulder convention we know that a part of it at least was pleasant beyond anything that we who were not present can conceive of. Our delegate has something new and delightful to tell us about at every chapter meeting and these convention "echoes" make us feel *almost* as though we had all been there in person.

We are very proud to introduce to you five new wearers of the arrow, Katherine Cook, Mabel Walrath, Mabel Nash, Maude

Corbett and Mayte Collins, also our new pledgeling, Florence Kepple, ideal Pi Phis every one.

A long chapter roll has made it possible for us to be very conservative this fall, so very little "rushing" has been done. We entertained informally in our chapter room, the second Saturday evening of the term, in honor of all of the new girls. The long room in which the "cookie-shine" was spread was decorated in green maple boughs and fantastic jack o'lanterns. It is hardly necessary to tell you that everybody had a jolly time for what equals a "cookie-shine" to banish formality and "the blues."

We have a "real" Pi Phi baby to introduce to you — Zelda Marguerite, the little daughter of Mrs. Munson, one of our patronesses. Long life to "This first fair damsel wee, who soon shall claim her birthright in old Pi Beta Phi."

An unusually large number of new students has come to Hillsdale this fall and there are many indications of a most prosperous year.

It was quite refreshing to us upon our return to find the campus, which had been undergoing a process of reconstruction for the past year, green once more and gay with numerous flower beds.

Michigan Alpha sends wishes for a prosperous year to Pi Beta Phis everywhere.

LUTIE MYERS.

#### MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Michigan Beta's corresponding secretary is devoutly thankful for one thing, and that is that the fall issue of the Arrow has been postponed from October to November. A reason for further gratitude would be an even longer postponement, because the tenth of October comes before we are through rushing and the majority of our freshmen have to wait three whole months before they see their names in print. Think how tantalizing this is for them! It is now one week since college opened and we have two pledges, Clara Foster and Katherine Tower, both of Detroit, besides our pledge from last year, Edith Scheurman of Saginaw. We are fortunate in having a sufficient number of girls to fill our chapter house at the very beginning of the school year. In this way, our fears as to matters financial are removed, and we are free to devote all our energies to rushing. All the time that could be spared from this exciting work has been devoted to discussion of convention. The poor delegate looks worn and weary, but was observed to brighten visibly when she stepped on a tack and a heartless freshman mentioned lockjaw as a possible consequence.

By the time the next Arrow is published we expect to have four more freshmen upon whom we have a fast hold at present

GRACE ROBERTSON.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

In spite of the fact that college has been open almost a month we are not, as yet, able to give a very full report of the fall work.

Within our chapter we have elected officers, and are in good working condition, and meanwhile have been getting acquainted with our new girls. We've "hitched our wagon to a star" and already are experiencing a foretaste of "good times a comin'."

Before proceeding with the news of this term, however, we have two items left over from last commencement, which occurred too late to send in an account of for the July Arrow. The one was the marriage of one of our Pi Phi girls, Leonore Lee, to Rev. Charles Pace, Phi Delta Theta, on the morning of the sixteenth of June, at the country home of the bride's grandparents. Iowa Alpha of Phi Delta Theta and Iowa Alpha of Pi Beta Phi were there "en masse," and of course we had a jolly time, though a little touch of sadness kept knocking at the heart of every Pi Phi girl at the thought of losing "for aye" from our midst the girl whom we loved so well. Once in a while one of our staunch Pi Phi boys claims a very dear reward for his services, and well, —we are perfectly helpless in such a case, for you all know how useless it would be to offer objections.

The other occurrence was the initiation of Laura B. Kirby into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. To those who were privileged to attend convention she will need no introduction as we had our Pi Phi baby with us.

This is such delightful weather for rushing that it is very hard to bury one's thoughts in books. This year the fraternities have maintained a better spirit toward one another than usual, and though very much awake, there hasn't been such a mad rush for new members. And it's so much better that way, for ought not the idea to prevail that the honor to the girl is at least as great as that conferred on the fraternity when she joins our ranks?

We have three new girls ready to be initiated this week whom we are very glad to be able to present to you — Marie Jay, Bertha Augspurger, and Katherine Wilson.

We entertained all of the "barb" girls last Monday evening and had an especially good time, since several of our old girls were with us to help sing Pi Phi songs.

Two more items and that will be all. Invitations were received last week to two more Pi Phi weddings — the one that

of Martha F. Robinson to Doctor William Parrot, of Greenfield, Ohio, and that of Blanche M. Pain to Charles C. Dutton, of St. Joseph, Missouri.

With sincere wishes for a successful year to you all,

MAMIE BRENHOLTS.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

It does not seem possible that so many things have happened since our last chapter letter was written. The summer vacation seemed so short, and the long looked for convention was over almost before we knew it. But its memories will be very vivid for a long while to come. Never was convention report more enthusiastically received, and never were girls more interested in the welfare and advancement of Pi Beta Phi. Iowa Beta's delegate gained a broader view of the work than she had ever had before, and has tried to give to her chapter just a very little bit of the enthusiasm she contracted, and tell them a little about the grand good time she had. The convention was surely a perfect success in every sense of the word.

Iowa Beta began work this fall with more members and a better prospect than she had even hoped for. Eight of our old girls are back in the college, besides three of our alumnae, two of whom are members of the faculty. Nettie M. Erickson is associate professor of English, and Edith Riggs instructor in art. One of our sisters, Flora Sigler, who has been a member of Iowa Beta for some time, is in Rockford college this year. She has written several times of Miss Bartol, our Grand Secretary, and of the pleasant little "Pi Phi meetings" they have had together.

The prospects for our college this year are most flattering. Our new president, Charles E. Shelton, is as wide-awake and energetic a man as could be found. All the departments are more prosperous than ever, and the attendance is larger than it has been for a number of years.

Iowa Beta has had the usual amount of excitement and worry in the matter of rushing new girls, but her efforts have been crowned already with three prizes which more than recompense her trials and disappointments. We are more than proud, in fact very exultant, over our three new sisters, Marian Cooke, Bernice Halley and Ethel Varney.

We are planning now for our annual party to be given on hallowe'en. This year Iowa Beta celebrates her twenty-fifth birthday on that day, and we are expecting that evening to be one of the happiest and jolliest we have ever spent.

Iowa Beta sends her greetings to all chapters and best wishes for a pleasant and successful college year.

DAISY A. DENT.



## IOWA ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Another summer season is numbered with the pages of the past, and again Iowa Zeta, united, triumphant, has crossed the threshold of a welcome new year!

We returned in September to our University, a band of anxious, ardent, loyal girls, only six in number, but most fortunate in possessing as "sorores in urbe" two of the girls who were graduated last June. To them and to our faithful alumnae we render most grateful appreciation of their kindly, generous efforts.

This is a banner year for Iowa Zeta. Lofty have been her aspirations; most brilliant her successes, for she has brought into the mysterious realm of Pi Phidom and bound with the wine and the blue the stars of 1903. Seven, that lucky number, tells the measure of her victory. And now she wishes to introduce to her sister chapters Jessie Pontius and Clara Erickson, who have taken the initial vows and been sealed with the "golden arrow." In the next publication of the Arrow, you will learn of the other pledgelings, of whom we are so proud.

This year, too, is one of bright prospects for our University. Much spirit and interest are manifested by the entire student body, which is increased in number over preceding years. September twenty-ninth marked the inauguration of our new president, George E. MacLean, who comes to us from the University of Nebraska. By his manly virtues and democratic principles he has already won the hearts of all the students. He and his charming little wife are most cordially welcomed to this intellectual center of Iowa.

Iowa Zeta sends best wishes to all and hopes her sister chapters may have as bright prospects as she enjoys.

DOROTHY WARD SCHULTZ.

## MISSOURI ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

In the very midst of the rushing season Missouri Alpha pauses to write her first letter to the Arrow.

We are such a baby chapter that we are still a little bashful and feel somewhat timid about appearing before our older sisters, but when the full ardor of rushing is upon us, and we are using every effort to capture the heart and the pledge of some especially desirable "rushee," we forget our youth and inexperience and storm the citadel of her heart with a vigor and impetuosity that has never failed to win us the much desired prize.

And we are all so full of enthusiasm and of loyalty to Pi Beta Phi, and are striving to do all we can to grow and make our



chapter second to none in strength and ambition. We have had so far this year four initiates whom we would like to introduce to you — Virginia Dyer of Lawrence, Kansas; Laura White and Florence Lay of Warsaw, Missouri, all freshmen in the B. L. Course, and Gratia Evelyn Woodside of Salem, Missouri, of the Senior Law Class. This makes us now eight active members.

We also have three pledges, two of whom, Anna Gray Newell of Carthage, Missouri, and Lillian Johnson of Columbia, will be initiated on the tenth of this month.

Of our charter members, Maud Miller graduated last June and now has the chair of Latin and Greek in Highlands University, Highlands, Kansas, and Tilly Lohr did not come back this year.

We regret to say that we lost one of our most active members last week, when our corresponding secretary, Maude Rippey, went to Chattanooga, Tenn.

Miss Erickson of Simpson College, Iowa Beta, was with us last summer and took work in our summer school. Most of our girls were with her and were so glad to meet her and have her with us.

We have all been so very much interested in the lively reports given to us of the convention by our delegate, Sue Stone. How we wish we could *all* have been with you.

We understand that we are to have new fraternity here. The Phi Gamma Deltas will receive their charter sometime this month and will have eighteen charter members.

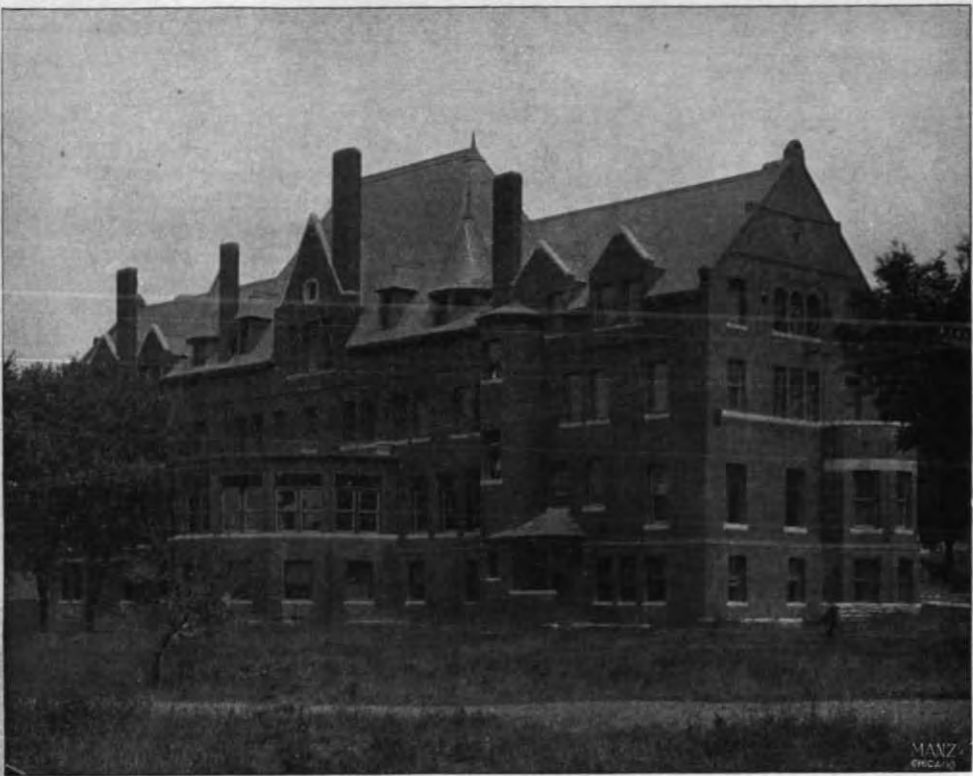
One of the most enjoyable features of our chapter so far has been the initiations. Our first experience in the fascinating period of rushing, the beautiful and impressive ceremony of initiation and then the most delightful of cookie-shines afterward, will always be bright spots in the memory of our chapter.

And now Missouri Alpha says good-bye and sends with it her best wishes to every wearer of the wine and the blue, trusting to know you better in time, and well believing that to know you is to love you.

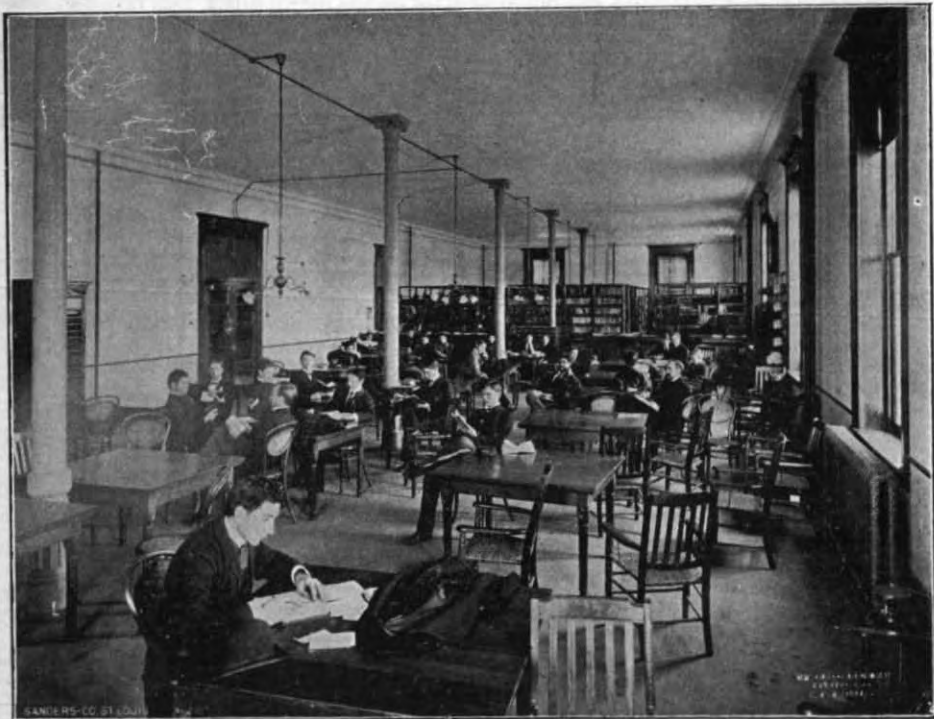
GRATIA EVELYN WOODSIDE.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

The last of September found nine girls back from their long summer vacation ready for the annual "rush." Although Wisconsin Greeks had tried to make some agreement last spring towards remedying the evils of rushing, nothing was decided upon and it was all much the same as usual, not so many trap rides, perhaps, but the wretched weather may have helped in this as much as any indefinite rules. Our pledge pin, I. C., has jokingly been called the Illinois Central, and seven maidens are now riding on that delightful road to Pi Phidom. They are seven



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sisters whom we are proud to welcome to our large and happy family and whom we wish you all might know: Myra Cox, Laura Cosgrave, Jessie MacGreger, Mell Ellsworth, Cordelia Newton, Mae Telford and Josephine Wells will be wearing the arrow when we introduce them at our party next Friday night.

We live in our same brown cottage on North Henry street and love this second home more than ever, although we miss our four seniors of last year so very much. All the sororities have houses this year, the first time in years.

We have not yet had a regular report of convention, only scraps of information given during lulls between the rush of drives, teas, receptions, etc., but it has been enough to fire us with renewed zeal for Pi Beta Phi and has made us realize more than ever that we are the greatest and best in the fraternity world. If Boulder were only nearer Madison more of us might have enjoyed it all in person as well as in spirit.

Self-government among the women of the university has begun its third year very successfully at Wisconsin. An informal reception in the girls' gymnasium showed that it is certainly accomplishing one of its purposes, that of bringing fraternity and non-fraternity girls into closer relationship. Even the greatest doubter is now convinced that self-government is both practical and desirable in a co-educational institution.

U. W. has felt the lack of chapel or some other regular gathering of students for years, but now we can no longer make this complaint. A meeting is held every Friday in library hall at twelve o'clock which all freshmen and sophomores must attend and which the rest of the student body may or may not at their own will and pleasure. The first two meetings have been crowded but as the newness of it all wears away our enthusiasm may also die out. It is President Adams's intention to have as many noted people as possible address the meetings and to arouse the musical qualities which we apparently lack.

If people in the east did not know of our existence last spring they surely had an important fact added to their knowledge after the boat race at Poughkeepsie. In spite of that "berry crate" we consider ourselves great victors and heroes, and when our eleven goes to Yale next Saturday we expect to show them also that we are in existence if nothing more.

Florence P. Robinson, editor of the Arrow, Nell MacGregor, '96, Etta Huenkemier, ex-'99, and Margaret Hutton have visited us in our Pi Phi home since the university opened. We wish that all the girls could get back oftener.

Jessie Davis has been chosen historian and Alma Moser vice-president of the senior class.

Wisconsin Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis and Pi Phi pledgelings.

ALMA M. MOSER.

## DELTA PROVINCE.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA — NEWCOMB COLLEGE — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Is it possible that the long summer vacation is over? Yes, it must be so, for college has opened, and once more we settle down to hard, uninterrupted study, with only the coming vacation as a mirage before us, but which, notwithstanding, serves somewhat as a stimulus.

Yes, convention is over, and although our delegate has not yet returned from Colorado, we can imagine the good times and delightful experiences all the delegates must have had.

Newcomb has indeed much to be thankful for this coming session, for notwithstanding the fever in New Orleans, college has opened on time, and the Freshman class is much larger than ever before.

But in the death of Colonel William Preston Johnston, soldier, statesman and educator, the first president of Tulane University, not only does Tulane, but the whole south deeply feel its loss.

Louisiana Alpha has not as yet very definite plans for the coming year, but with an active chapter of eight or nine, several of our old girls who may come back, and one or two pledges in view, we feel confident of a successful year. The interest in our chapter room has not in the least abated. Again each active member promised to make something pretty "for the room" during the summer vacation, and the usual, but not unwelcome rain of sofa cushions has descended upon Louisiana Alpha. In one corner of our room we have had made a large couch, upholstered in wine, which, when banked with bright new cushions, will be a very pretty addition.

Louisiana Alpha congratulates herself upon the election of one of her alumnae, Clara Matthews, as president of Delta Province.

And now bidding all the twenty-nine chapters of our grand old fraternity Godspeed, Louisiana Alpha closes.

ELLEN D. POST.

## KANSAS ALPHA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

The University of Kansas, the home of Kansas Alpha, has entered upon its thirty-fourth year with a greater number of students, a larger board of instructors, and better equipment than ever before. One hundred and fifty-three more students are enrolled than at the same time last year, and it is believed the total attendance will exceed twelve hundred. In the school of Arts, new and advanced courses have been added in the

departments of Philosophy, Chemistry, German and English, and a school of Medicine has been opened. The greatest improvement is the new chemistry building which is now being erected. Ten new positions have been created in the faculty since last year, and some of the professors who have been appointed to fill these positions are: Ida Hyde, Ph. D. (Heidelberg, Germany), Geo. L. Lincoln, A. M. (Harvard University), Hamilton P. Cady, A. B. (Cornell University), and Ralph W. Cone, A. M. (Harvard University). One of the important public events of the school year is the annual address at the opening of the fall term. This year Governor Stanley was the speaker of the day. He chose as his subject, "The Progress of Christian Civilization," and delivered an interesting and scholarly address.

Kansas Alpha of Pi Beta Phi, not less than K. U., has a bright prospect for the coming year. In the active chapter are twenty members and we have two pledgelings. I suppose the rushing season here was the same as at all colleges, a whirl of dinners, dances, and receptions. Two of our patronesses, Mrs. Green and Mrs. Emery, entertained for us, one with a hop and the other with a reception, and several of our alumnae gave us the use of their homes for rushing parties. We succeeded in pledging Kate Dinsmoor and Mary Copley of Lawrence, Cecil Leland of El Dorado, Edith Riffle of San Francisco, Laura Morse of Hutchinson, and Mary Dudley and Elsie Evans of Leavenworth. Initiation was held September thirtieth at the home of Mrs. Sinclair. After the initiation proper, some of the girls gave a very clever original farce on college life. About fifty sat down to the "cookie-shine" and we tasted then for the first time a real true Pi Phi cake, made after the receipt brought from Boulder.

MARY J. SPENCER.

#### NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The state university has opened in the midst of the excitement attending the street fair which is now in progress. In addition to the excitement of rushing, each fraternity has been busy making flowers for its part in the flower parade, a feature of the fair, which has been made prominent since the festival was announced. Our flowers are scarlet—the colors to be those of the university, scarlet and cream.

We have entertained, giving a dinner for our friends and spending an evening informally at Anne Stuart's, but the most unique affair of our fun so far has been the swimming party which we enjoyed in the sanitarium plunge, with friends and alumnae.

Between times we talk convention and plan for the year's work which is opening before us with such promise. Conven-

tion has given us fresh enthusiasm, as it must to all Pi Beta Phis.

We are very happy to introduce to you Kathryn McPheely and Lois Burruss, our pledges, and as dear girls as ever donned the wine and blue.

We are delighted that the new Y. W. C. A. secretary, Miss Margaret Kyle, is a Pi Beta Phi, coming to us from Swarthmore College. We know that we have a delightful new sister in Miss Kyle.

The resident alumnae, with Miss Kyle, have formed an alumnae club and are having the most delightful meetings. They try to make us envious, but we do not believe that they have any better times than we do.

The university life proper has been uneventful aside from the excitement of the rushing. The sophomore hop has been announced; Katherine Thomas is one of the committee.

A letter from Denver tells that the Boulder girls have the benefit of pledge day. Best wishes for the victory of Pi Beta Phi.

GRACE REYNOLDS.

#### COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Convention has come and gone. We can hardly believe that the event looked forward to with such great expectancy and anxiety for two years was really over in so short a time. But it was a never-to-be-forgotten pleasure to meet and entertain representatives from all our chapters, and the entire chapter will want to attend all conventions hereafter.

The convention picture was quite good, and no doubt all will feel repaid for the hard climb up Chautauqua Glen that warm noon when they see the background of shrubbery and mountains.

The friends of the University were much exercised during the summer over the fact that it might not be able to open on account of financial difficulties; so it is very gratifying now to find that through the splendid and unceasing efforts of President Baker, and the kindness and liberality of the people of Colorado, and of Boulder especially, it has opened with a larger enrollment and prospects for a more successful year than ever before. The chapel is so crowded that it has been found necessary to add a balcony.

This year Colorado Alpha has a pledge contract with the Delta Gamma chapter, by which no invitations are to be sent before October twenty-sixth. Consequently we are not going through the terrible ordeal of rushing, and what a relief it is!

While a number of our active girls did not return, still we have an active chapter of twelve, and hope for success when the pledge day arrives.

Anna Ramsay, Ethel Wright, Julia McKinley, Maud Elden



and Lulu Pinger are all teaching in different parts of the state, and three others of last year's chapter did not return. So we are fortunate in having some of our girls who have been out of school for some time, re-enter.

We have chapter rooms again this year, and very nice it seems to have a cosy little home all our own, where we can go at any time.

Colorado Alpha's sincere wish is that all our chapters may have a very successful year in every sense of the word, and that we may entertain all Pi Phis who come west, even if we cannot have them all together.

MINA KILGORE.

COLORADA BETA — DENVER UNIVERSITY.

The summer vacation has not been idly passed by Colorado Beta girls. One afternoon of each week we who were in the city, spent together, while that busy bird, Round Robin, brought us news from the absent ones. Then came convention, which many of us were so fortunate as to be able to attend, and the inspiration gained therefrom gives us renewed zest in striving for the ideals of Pi Phi.

Soon afterwards the University opened and the attendance is larger than before. As yet there has been no one appointed to fill the vacancy made by the resignation of Chancellor McDowell.

We are the happy possessors of a chapter lodge not far from the college Hall. It is a vine-covered cottage of two rooms with a large lawn and two tennis courts adjoining.

Here we entertained some of the new girls at luncheon; and on Saturday afternoon, October seventh, we gave a tennis party to the Omega Upsilon Phi of the Medical School. The idea of tennis was carried out in the souvenirs and refreshments. It was voted a success by all. Frances Savage of Illinois Delta, and Rosalie Nixon of Louisiana Alpha, remained in Denver after convention visiting with Mrs. Arthur M. Edwards, one of our alumnae. We are always so glad to meet Pi Phis from other chapters.

We came back six strong and our newest initiate is Maude Deisher, '03. We have several pledges whom we shall introduce to their sisters in our next letter.

Wishing the best success in the undertakings of the year, "Here's to our loved Fraternity."

ETHEL ANTRIM.



### Exchanges.

In an assemblage of editors of fraternity magazines, probably the question most discussed would be, "what to do with delinquent corresponding secretaries and writers of non-forthcoming promised articles."

Has the editor of the Kappa Alpha Journal succeeded in solving this problem, more difficult than the ratio of Pi to infinity? If so, the following extract from the above mentioned journal should be read, copied and framed, and given a place of honor above the desk of every worried and harrassed editor:

It is not without a feeling of pride, mingled with self-gratulation, that we point to the long list of chapter letters published in this issue. For the first time since the founding of the JOURNAL is the Order treated to the rare spectacle of a full quota of letters from the active chapters collected in a single issue. And we marvel less at that than that the issue which contains all of these letters should appear on time. It is a September JOURNAL actually issued in September. Thus the consummation we have so long devoutly wished is at last realized—not only has the JOURNAL for once appeared on time, but we find in it a chapter letter from every active chapter. Surely this is just cause for jubilant congratulation. But we take scarcely less credit to ourselves for the result attained than we do for devising the means which conduced to that result. We refer to the amendment which was secured to section 67 of the Constitution, making the *entire chapter* responsible for the failure of its secretary to furnish the editor a letter. This amendment has accomplished at the very start that which all of the cumbrous and complicated machinery set forth in Bro. Ammen's article on "The Chapter Letter" has hitherto failed to accomplish. The penalty imposed is a very just and equitable one. It differs from most penalties laid for such delinquency by other fraternities in that it names no fixed amount in which the erring chapter shall be mulcted, but adjusts the burden for this particular "sin of omission" in every case to the size of the chapter. The price of the JOURNAL being 25 cents per copy, the fine imposed will vary according to the number of members in each chapter. Thus, if there are twenty members and a JOURNAL has to be purchased for each one of them, the practical effect of the rule is to inflict a fine of \$5.00. Some fraternities impose a fine of a fixed amount—like \$5.00 for example—but the difficulty they meet is in enforcing it. Here we have a hard-and-fast rule prescribed by

the Convention which is susceptible of practical enforcement. There is no escape from it if it is literally and strictly observed. All chapters which fail to forward their bi-monthly letters at the proper time must pay extra for their copies of the JOURNAL. If they choose to do without the JOURNAL (which is not likely), nobody is any the loser, for the editor will have just so many more copies to dispose of to subscribers and others. Under this rule every incentive to comply with the law is on the side of the offender, and when the required letters are not forthcoming we may trust to the irrepressible craving for JOURNALS to discharge the fine. We believe the present issue of the JOURNAL is a practical illustration of how beneficently the rule will work.

Apropos of the general question of rushing, and lest there should still be some who labor under the delusion that it is a good thing, we quote the following remarks from the Kappa Alpha Journal for September. Although written for the immediate perusal of those who are made of sterner stuff, it seems to us to be equally applicable to our side of the question and might well serve as a homily on "Things to be Avoided in Fraternity Rushing."

As a general thing it does not pay to "rush" men at the opening of the session. This must not be taken as an invariable rule, but it is true that there is no use in being in a hurry. Let the new-comers, who appear eligible, first show that they hanker after you and your society before you give them reason to suspect that the fraternity is pining for them. This thing of "hugging and kissing" and making a great ado over every strange student that comes along is abominable. A judicious distribution of attentions is proper and commendable, but indiscriminate courting, toadying and caressing is a thing to be abhorred. It not only lowers those who indulge in it but it does no good. Nobody likes to be "Hobsonized." For another thing, never in the least compromise the dignity of your Frat., and never suffer it to be dishonored in the eyes of prospective candidates for membership. Don't descend to an unworthy level merely in order to carry a point. If there should come a time when a rupture is likely to occur between acquaintances owing to hostility to one's fraternity on slight or trivial grounds, always preserve your own self-poise and self-respect, remembering that you carry in your hands the good name of a whole brotherhood, many of whom (in your own chapter especially) are bound to you by the most intimate ties of friendship. Any man who in this relation refuses to accord to you all due respect, is unworthy of your friendship or regard. Be cautious about approaching a man on fraternity affairs. The majority of freshmen are already consumed with curiosity—you don't have to excite it. In your over-zeal, don't allow

the thought of admission into our secret mysteries and "goodly fellowship of noble knights" to become commonplace, "by-the-way" or a matter of course. Keep on good terms with other fraternity men, but do not "chum" with them or in any way betray an indifference to your own chosen Frat. By such disloyal actions we prove untrue to our vows and bring discredit on those whose good name we should guard watchfully and jealously. Do not let your ardor cool, but preserve an equable temper and a uniform and constant zeal and devotion to your fraternity. Rally around the "crimson and gold" in hours of peril, when the clouds gather thick and fast and threaten you and yours with disaster. Be punctual and regular at Frat. meetings. Be prompt in paying up your monthly dues. Be sociable with your fellow K. A.'s and entertain for them always a just respect.

Another thing about getting new men, to guard against, is trying too many at once. Don't let your greed spoil it all. Remember such homely maxims as these—"Too many cooks spoil the broth"; "Don't have too many irons in the fire at once," and "A bird in hand is worth two in the bush." All old hands at this delicate business of "spiking" can understand how much we should have gained had we borne these rules constantly in mind, and how much we have lost by failing to heed them. Finally, we say, don't rush; never compromise your own position or that of your fraternity; wait and win; one is better than none; in union there is strength, but don't try to "hog it all" and "get left." Above all things strive for the best men and take no other, but "make haste slowly" and look out for the Freshmen. The last year's students will look out for themselves.

In the same line of thought is a clipping from the Kappa Kappa Gamma "Key" for October:

Of course there are two sides to this question as to all others; there is the affirmative and the negative. The affirmative declares among other things, that rushing is necessary in order that a student may become acquainted with and influenced by fraternity girls: that the new student enters college with extravagant ideas of the social life there, and will consequently be disappointed if she fails to receive some such attention, and will unhesitatingly join that fraternity which gives most promise of making her college life interesting for her. This is her gauge of a fraternity;—from which will she derive most fun?

For my part there is a strong argument against rushing. For the girl who is so selfish as to expect that the fraternity girls will do nothing else in their college career than to run at her beck and call, and to strew her path with flowers, is too selfish to appreciate the underlying and more potent influence of fraternity life. She cannot forget self long enough to sympathize with and encourage her sisters, but on the contrary is always besetting them with her trifling vexations and

places her own personal benefit above the benefit of the whole fraternity.

It is sad and yet it is only too true that some girls of this class are brought into our fraternity every year by this mad and hazardous system of rushing. Our girls think they know the character of the girl in whom they are interested, but we learn too late that they did not.

Then there is still another phase of this question. If ever during her college year a student ought to devote herself to her studies it is the first month. She comes from her various summer dissipations with her mind in a perfect maze and confusion and cannot accomplish her lessons satisfactorily. Now if she wants to conquer her work and be a credit to her fraternity she must settle down to hard work for a month at least until she finds her lessons easier. This she cannot do during rushing season as everybody knows, so her work is neglected.

But times are changing as do also the ideas of fraternity girls, and with these changes we notice that the idea of non-rushing is becoming more general. Hail then to the day when Kappa girls show themselves so independent and so strong minded that they can calmly go about their business and with a simple dignity ask those whom they know will be a credit to the fraternity, without demeaning themselves by rushing!

The Delta Upsilon Quarterly for October is noticeable as being almost entirely a musical number and contains upwards of thirty songs. Apart from the additional interest of such a number, it is an easy and thorough method of ensuring a wide distribution of songs not contained in the fraternity song book.

As a possible answer to the often discussed question of keeping up alumni interest and as an expression of a novel idea we have clipped "A Graduate Inquiry" from the Shield of Theta Delta Chi:

Will some undergraduate reader of THE SHIELD give reasons in the next number of our magazine why undergraduates should continue to be permitted to exercise the control they now possess over the management of our Fraternity? Wouldn't it be more dignified and wouldn't more effective results follow if the graduates had more reason to take an interest in the guidance of our affairs? We are fifty years old. Certainly a man forty-two years of age knows twice as much as a man of but twenty-one. If he knows not only twice as much but, generally speaking, twenty times as much, as to what should be the proper management of an organization like our own should such men not be placed in the position of governing our affairs?

In other words, would it not be well, while necessarily an undergraduate association theoretically, to make ourselves practically an association of graduates? Why not have a new governing body created composed of seven graduates, and make that body among other things, the judge of the propriety of granting new charters? In this way the Grand Lodge, that overburdened organization, might be relieved from much labor and responsibility.

Yours in Chi,

Forty-Two.

It will be remembered that the April "Arrow" contained an article from the April "Beta Theta Pi," giving in full the particulars of the Kappa Kappa Gamma litigation. As the judgment of the court has since been given, we quote from the Shield of Theta Delta Chi the final decision and opinion of Mr. Justice Russell in the case which has attracted so much attention in the fraternity world:

The parties having stipulated that the allegations of the complaint in action No. 1 be considered in issue the same as though an answer had been served denying all the allegations thereof, and that both actions be tried as though duly consolidated into one, and all the issues of fact coming on to be tried by the court at a special term held in the court-house at Canton by the undersigned, without a jury, and having been tried on the 3d of March, 1899:

Now, after hearing Mr. Ledyard P. Hale for the plaintiffs, and Mr. Elmer A. Denton for the defendant, Mary J. Hull, and after due deliberation, I decide that there is no fraternity law or rule of the Kappa Kappa Gamma fraternity imposing the withdrawal of a charter as a penalty for any act or omission on the part of a chapter; that the defendants are without judicial power; that their powers can be exercised only in the interim between the biennial conventions of the fraternity; that no adequate notice was given to the Beta Beta chapter, and no notice was given to any of the charter members of the chapter; that no hearing was awarded to the plaintiffs, Lucia E. Heaton and Catherine S. Stallman, and the other persons who appeared as volunteers for the chapter; that evidence was heard against the chapter in their absence; that a majority of the defendants were disqualified by prejudice and bias from acting judicially; that the acts and proceedings of the defendants were null and void; and that the court has jurisdiction of the subject-matter of the action.

I accordingly direct judgment for the plaintiffs against the defendant, Mary J. Hull, for the relief demanded in the complaint, with costs, which are hereby awarded to the plaintiffs against said defendant, to be taxed.

And the plaintiffs may apply from time to time to the court on the footing of the judgment for any further order or direction to which they may be entitled.

LESLIE W. RUSSELL, J. S. C.

### NOTICES.

For the remainder of this school year Miss Iva A. Welsh will act as editor and business manager of the Arrow. Address all communications to her at 406 North Henry street, Madison, Wisconsin.

Chapter correspondents will please remember to write on but one side of the paper, to head chapter letters with name of chapter and college, as in this issue, and to have the letters countersigned by the chapter president, as evidence that the chapter authorizes the contents of the letter. Failure to comply with these conditions will hereafter be treated as an offense punishable by fines, as in cases of tardiness or omission of chapter letter.

Alumnæ will please take notice that hereafter the business manager of the Arrow is to act as treasurer of the Alumnæ Association, and all dues are therefore payable to her.

Contributions to the January Arrow are expected from Maryland, Alpha, Illinois Epsilon, Wisconsin Alpha, Iowa Zeta and Nebraska Beta. These are to be sent to reach the editor not later than the tenth of the month preceding date of publication. As it is proposed to make the next Arrow an alumnæ number, the contributions of the active chapters may be somewhat brief, suitable for the department "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks."

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