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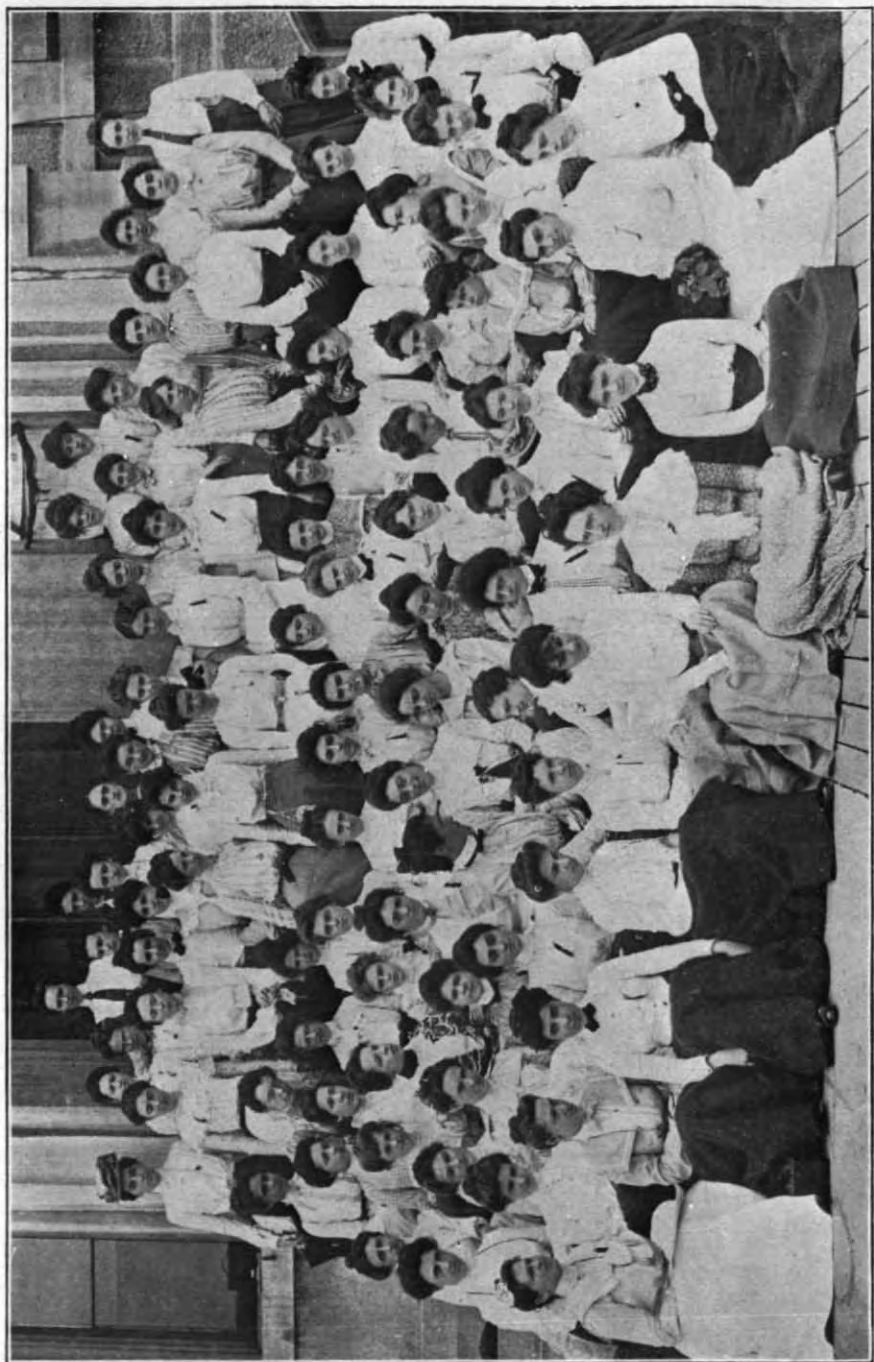
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## *The Business Side of Convention.*

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CONVENTIONS are among the necessities of life, for national organizations must have business-like means of transacting their affairs. But conventions, unlike many necessities, are not disagreeable; in fact they are extremely delightful occasions. Yet however delightful, they maintain their business purpose and mean hard work, as well as social pleasure for all concerned.

The seventeenth biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi was not at all lacking in business sessions and hard work, especially on the Fourth of July, which was celebrated by three very serious business meetings. How much has been accomplished will become evident as time passes. Although much was done, more was left undone, the plans of that enthusiastic body being far beyond the possibility of accomplishment in three days' time.

The customary reports were presented, but in the most brief and business-like manner possible. Chapter reports which hitherto have been read in full, were outlined, printed and passed among the delegates, thus saving much time and monotony. Possibly such reports were not in all cases satisfactory, but when each chapter shall be required to make its own abstract of fraternity life, the plan will be an ideal one. The treasurer's report shows a great reduction of convention expenses, which is certainly encouraging. This was accomplished in part by the use of exposition rates and consequently the exact time and place of next convention has been left to the decision of the Grand Council, that it may be most advantageously planned.

The chief work was the radical reformation of the constitution,



but this great undertaking was scarcely more than started. The work of remodelling so enthusiastically commenced by convention must be faithfully finished by the chapters. This will mean hard work for all and a great need of patience and carefulness. But it will not be a thankless task, although a wearisome one. Perhaps it is pleasanter to think of the ideals of our sisterhood than to toil over its dry constitution, but we want no weights or hindrances in our upward progress, and the more simple and perfect this business side of fraternity work becomes, the more perfect will become the culture side.

The use of gavel, ritual and song-book for the opening of business meetings was urged by the grand-president in her opening address, and certainly no chapter can be too careful in this respect.

Concerning rushing, that ordeal through which we have just been passing, the Syracuse convention strongly expressed its disapproval of the usual grabbing method. It is an injustice to the whole fraternity and to the girl herself. Rushing can not always be avoided, but undue excitement and rashness is thoroughly unnecessary.

The active measures taken for the improvement of our publication may seem a little hard, but will certainly be of great benefit if well carried out. The furnishing of a short paragraph or article by every chapter for every issue will cultivate ease in writing short, pungent contributions, and also give the editor a chance to choose her material.

The general spirit pervading the whole body of Pi Phi at Syracuse was noticeably enthusiastic and genial. Warm discussions took place, but even the most earnest debaters were free from all narrowness, were good-natured and considerate and ever more anxious for the welfare of all Pi Phi than for mere chapter or selfish interests. As a result some convictions were uprooted, a few points were sacrificed to something better, but the best interests of Pi Phi were always points of agreement. Every delegate was loyal not only to her own chapter, but also to the great national fraternity of which she is a part.

Every one present felt the convention to be a decided success;

whether it really was can only be determined by the results. If the mechanical side of fraternity work has been simplified and perfected, if desire for higher culture has been stimulated, if the feeling of national union has been strengthened, something has been gained. Success lies not only in what is done at convention, but it also depends upon what each delegate brings of inspiration and helpfulness to her own chapter, and upon the chapter itself and its receptive powers.

In one of the toasts at the banquet it was stated that the arrow will mount as high as the strength of the archer sends it. May it be true that this seventeenth biennial convention has so strengthened every Pi Beta Phi archer that she may aim higher than ever before.

—Michigan Alpha.

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*The Social Side of Convention.*

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THE originator of the expression, "Society consists of the bored and the bores," could not foresee the Pi Beta Phi convention at Syracuse, where there should be none but the pleased and the pleasers. The quick, energetic ways of the western delegates, the business-like culture of the "down easterners," and the animated cheerfulness of the girls from Dixie, united to form one harmonious whole, namely, a successful convention, in both its business and its social aspects. To those who were there it may be a pleasure to retrace with us the many incidents which made it a great social success, while to their less fortunate stay-at-home sisters there may be some joy in reading of what we did, if they care for things by proxy.

It is useless to speak of beginning at the beginning, for like a garland of flowers, there is no beginning nor ending to the pleasures of this convention, which shall always lend grace and beauty to the history of Pi Beta Phi. Let us choose, therefore, not a beginning, but simply a starting place, which, for those of us who



had Pi Phi traveling companions, was the station. As we were borne rapidly on towards Syracuse our enthusiasm waxed warmer as the mercury in the thermometer rose, while we talked of the possibilities of the convention. At our journey's end we were met by members of New York Alpha, who pinned our badges upon us, and took us on through the crowded beautiful streets up to "College Hill," where so many pleasures awaited us. In Winchell Hall we found every convenience and warmest welcome.

After supper we went in parties of four or five over to the chapter house, where we met still others of New York Alpha, and came to love them and their home alike. The daintiest souvenirs imaginable were given us, consisting of a booklet containing a picture and several songs of the University, and you may be sure that our memory books, as well as our memories, are the brighter for that evening.

Those who do not know New York Alpha must be told a secret of theirs. "Tell it not in Gath," but they have a charming habit of holding some of their members in reserve, so to speak, for on the following evening we met still others of them at a ball which they so graciously tendered their visiting friends. There in a beautifully lighted hall, adorned by an immense arrow of incandescent lights, the hours moved swiftly by. There we had the "pan-hellenic" pleasure of meeting representatives of the Syracuse Delta Gammas, Gamma Phi Betas, and Alpha Phis, whom we regaled with reports of their sister chapters in our own colleges. There also we met the chapter's patronesses, whom we found altogether worthy of the trust that New York Alpha has reposed in them. And what of the men? Suffice it to say that

"Syracuse men are very good men,  
And no other men are better."

But the next evening we had to bar them out, for we had a cookie-shine, which is for Pi Phis only. Very appropriately it fell on the Fourth, when with hearts full of patriotism, we ate and drank to the long life of Pi Beta Phi's great national institution. And when the goodies were all gone, and the cloths removed by those eager for a dance, the music began and ceased not

until the Virginia reel wound up the evening. But the high spirits of the girls, notably the Deltas, did not calm down until the Grand Council, both individually and collectively, had been borne around on the girls' shoulders, and then put to bed as best suited our friends of Delta province, but not the Grand Council.

And so the last great function came round, and with hearts which were like a "pendulum 'twixt a smile and a tear," we drove down to our banquet, where we were to laugh with many to whom we must soon say goodbye. But we succeeded in "chasing dull care away" when once we entered the banquet hall and saw reminders of Pi Beta Phi on every side,—in the flowers, the placards, the menus, and, best of all, in the faces of the one hundred and eleven Pi Phis who smiled back at us. Though we were hungry, we were aesthetic, too, for our higher appetites were sharpened and appeased by the clever speeches of our toastmistress and her able assistants. And when we had toasted you all, "past, present and to be," we hurried home to pack our trunks and hie us away to our homes, letting the memory of that banquet be as "a lamp unto our feet" in that early morning hour.

And again we are at the station, our starting place, and many things have not been told you,—the innumerable walks and talks together, the tempered joy of posing for our group picture, the cashing of our checks when some thirty of us bore down upon one lone cashier,—but perhaps it will be best to let you find out all these joys for yourselves when we gather together in nineteen hundred three at the eighteenth biennial convention of Pi Beta Phi.

KATHLEEN MOORE MALLORY, *Maryland Alpha.*

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### *New York Alpha's Views of Convention.*

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THE word "convention" carried with it but a vague meaning, especially to us younger members of Pi Beta Phi, until the time when the seventeenth biennial made us realize its true significance and revealed to us pleasures hitherto unknown.

It was with great delight that we girls who entered the university in the fall of ninety-nine used to gather around our delegate to Colorado and listen to her many stories about her trip to Boulder, and about the many good times she had with her sisters at convention. We were never tired of pointing to different pictures of the girls and asking about them, and if our grand officers were "full of fun." But we need no longer ask such questions; we ourselves have seen them and become acquainted with them. We now can see how foolish was the question, "Were they full of fun?" for we were at the "cookie-shine" at the gymnasium, and at Winchell Hall when the "southern delegation" was displaying to the best of its ability the good spirits of the grand officers and making passers-by think that the occupants of the hall were troubled with insomnia.

We feel now as if we could write about our university, our city, and our chapter life, and that all the chapters will understand us and can picture us in our home surroundings.

By individual conversations with the delegates and by the lively discussions at the business meetings we have learned much about the life and thoughts of our sister chapters, and a keener interest incites us to know them better. In fact it seems as if we were the ones who had been entertained, for instead of dim imaginings of convention, we have been brought to see vivid pictures.

How the word has changed for us in so short a time, and how much more it means now than ever before! May the radiance which surrounds for us the word "convention" never lose its brilliancy, but may its beams extend to each chapter and unite more closely the members of Pi Beta Phi.

GRACE HUNT, *New York Alpha.*

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### *The Fraternal Spirit.*

Strong tie that binds us close to thee,  
And makes us to each other true,—  
Spirit of our fraternity  
Symbolled in wine and silver blue.

To thee we turn in college days  
For high ideals so bravely sought,  
For sweet forbearance that delays  
The hasty word, the unkind thought.

And, lo! we find beneath thy sway  
The tender alchemy of love,  
Which slow refining, burns away  
The selfish aims that once could move.

No simplest deed we now can do  
Is done to self; but in thy name  
We live these years at college through,  
And for thy glory or thy shame.

We, who true comradeship would find,  
Together seek the pure and high.  
Thus in accord with heart and mind  
We honor thee, Pi Beta Phi.

IDA WRIGHT, *Pennsylvania Alpha.*

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*What Constitutes a Strong Chapter.*

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WITHOUT doubt every chapter of Pi Beta Phi remembers distinctly one year in her history which stands out above all others,—perhaps she is even now entering upon such a year,—when she felt that in the friendly contest of Greek with Greek she could, confident of victory, hold her own fearlessly by reason of her innate strength. Have we ever thought of just the reasons why our chapter was so strong that year of all others? Why it was that the people of the town where our chapter is located were proud to have their daughters invited to membership with us? What is the reason that the faculty endorsed us so heartily? Why did we attract only the best girls?

In every chapter's life there are two distinct elements which

must, however, be in perfect harmony. These are the active and alumnae members. While the active members of the chapter may seem to the superficial observer to be of greater importance, and while, of course, the immediate responsibility devolves upon them, yet the watchword of our nation, "United we stand, divided we fall," applies just as truly to the life of a fraternity. If the alumnae, and especially the resident alumnae, are lax and indifferent, how can we hope to impress upon the girl who has lived all her life in our college town, that Pi Beta Phi will mean a great deal to her not only in college but in her whole after life as well? If, on the other hand, our "grown-up" Pi Phis retain the enthusiasm and love for their fraternity which they had as undergraduates, they almost imperceptibly, yet unmistakably, exert such an influence upon the girls who are growing up among them that when these girls come to college they will feel it an honor and a privilege to unite their fortunes with ours. The alumnae can in this way do more, immeasurably more, for the active girls than they realize. As the perspective gives to a picture its character and beauty, as the objects in the foreground depend upon it for their proper relation and proportions, so should our alumnae form for their younger sisters a background against which they may stand forth strongly and effectively.

Our chapters will attract the best girls, *only if we are the best*, and that we may be able to draw that kind of girls toward us, as irresistibly as the north pole attracts the magnet, let us content ourselves with none who fail to come up to our standard of what a Pi Beta Phi should be. If a girl is not such that we would be proud of her at any time and in any place, no considerations of family prestige, of wealth, or of scholarship should induce us to invite her to membership. Let us keep our chapter such that any young man would be proud to have his sister one of us, such that no mother should have any fears in entrusting her daughter to our vows.

A strong chapter contains, first of all, *womanly* women, favorites with their fellow students, girls to whom the faculty may point with pride as representative students of the institution, and

especially girls broad enough never to let creep into their minds the false idea that they are a little above the great majority who cannot enjoy their fraternity privileges.

The members of a chapter should be absolutely congenial, should work together in perfect harmony. The worst discords may be produced upon an instrument of perfect tone if the keys are struck carelessly. In a large chapter, of course, this harmony may be difficult to preserve, but if there must be some little unpleasantness, for our fraternity's sake, let us never allow it to go beyond our precincts. Let us not take the world at large into our confidence, but settle our differences among ourselves. A strong chapter contains, as we know, girls who are unselfish enough to give up their own personal inclinations for what seems best to the greatest number.

A chapter is strong or weak not merely in regard to the relation in which it stands to its rival fraternities in the institution, but also in respect to the place it occupies in its own great national fraternity. Sometimes in the desire to strengthen our own especial chapter, we are too prone to neglect the matters by which we are known in our fraternity at large. Promptness in the dispatch of all chapter correspondence, painstaking in our contributions to our fraternity publication, the most careful attention to money matters,—all these things should be remembered, as well as those by which we are known in our own small circle.

When we have thus taken into consideration our relations to the outside world, to our alumnae, to our fraternity at large, we have explained why our chapter was at that time, or is now, so strong. There is no reason why any chapter of Pi Beta Phi should not be such a strong chapter. With an enthusiastic group of alumnae, and womanly, clear-headed, unselfish active members each chapter should this very year, though she aims high, yet not miss the mark.

FANNIE M. HURFF, *Illinois Delta.*



*Rushing.*

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AT THIS critical time, the beginning of college and the rushing season, perhaps a word of warning, at least of suggestion, is not out of place. All chapters must have practically the same experiences, and all acknowledge that every year we make mistakes which we regret and would not repeat. Certainly at no time should we keep so constantly in mind the precepts of Pi Beta Phi, which we repeat so impressively at initiations, which we talk about so lovingly to the new girls, and which we occasionally forget to put into practice.

Courtesy! How hard to remember it sometimes when we want a charming girl very badly and our rivals want her just as much. It is not always easy to be quite cordial and polite to the other "frats" when we think they are perhaps unfair or ungenerous; fraternity relations are apt to strain a little then. And just here is the test: to work as hard or harder than ever to get our girl, without showing the least temper or resentment,—not to relax in politeness to the other fraternity if it wins her, nor to her if she happens to prefer some one else to ourselves. Then we realize how much Pi Phi ideals mean to us, and the little disappointment may be good for us because it draws us still closer to the girls whom we do secure.

A fault with some of us in the rushing time is a tendency to exaggerated demonstrations of affection toward each other, in order (unconsciously, perhaps) to impress the new girls with the thought that the fraternity bond makes us all passionately attached to each other. Now we *do* love all the Pi Phi girls tenderly,—rare is the exception,—but at no other time do we show such signs of devotion, and observant girls will quickly detect any traces of insincerity, or of "falling-off" in our attitude toward our sisters after rushing season is over. It's the bright, cordial friendship and mutual helpfulness that makes the best impression and that "wears" best, not the sentimental "spooning" in which we too often indulge.

These suggestions are perhaps trite and unnecessary to many of our chapters, but it is well for us to remember in these next few weeks that the honor of Pi Beta Phi and her dear reputation are in our keeping.

*Indiana Gamma.*

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*A Plea for the Freshman.*

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WITH the coming of the beautiful autumn days with their falling leaves, glorious sunsets and memories of a happy summer, we find the "new girl" thrusting herself upon us in a most obtrusive manner. She is here, a very material bit of materialism, unconsciously demanding attention. She must be weighed in the balance and adjudged pure gold, or else found wanting. Then alas!

But why must we bother about her? There are enough of us; our chapter is strong; we have delightful times alone, so why should we trouble ourselves? Then the little freshman girl suddenly casts a spell over us and presto—we are captivated, carried beyond ourselves, ready to do or die!

The spiking begins. There are parties galore, picnics and trolley rides, luncheons, and what not. And the little freshman girl struggles bravely on. She toils not, neither does she spin. She wearily wonders what she came to college for anyway. Before her departure from home she vaguely imagined she was coming to work. But that fair vision of gleaning much knowledge in quiet hours of study has long since vanished. She does not have time you know, for there are her social functions to attend to. Ah, yes, that must be it—she came for society! Sorry confession, but it must be true. Just as the poor little maid is about to sink in the social swim she is inveigled into joining the ranks of one of the fraternities, and life once more becomes a reality, assuming its wonted regularity.

Oh, ye sophisticated, in these, the days of hard rushing, have mercy, I pray you, upon those treading along new and untried

A method for which "cruel" is not too strong a word is that of rushing a girl who has struck our fancy for a short time, and then, on finding that she has undesirable qualities, dropping her as suddenly as we picked her up. She is unconscious of any fault, and it must be very hard, indeed, for her to find her lately-devoted friends perceptibly cooling and finally ignoring her. It is always difficult to "put yourself in his place," but such an experience as this would embitter the college career of any girl who has sufficient spirit to feel emotion. Dear Pi Phi, better lose a desirable girl than deliberately wound an innocent and unoffending one who on acquaintance proves undesirable as a fraternity member. The remedy for this state of things is to treat all girls cordially, to decide carefully what ones we want, and secure them if possible, all the while avoiding this violent rushing that may in the end cause unhappiness and probable heartaches. "Anti-frat" professors and students have only too much ground for their assertion that fraternity life fosters selfishness.

And what about the girls who never are rushed,—the ones whom we never even consider for membership? Do they not wonder *why* they are not considered? When we look at chapters that we know and their various members, we can't help wondering what standard they use for measuring merit; and to an outsider it must often be a curious study. This is the only sad feature about fraternity membership,—we must recognize that there are many admirable girls, good students and of excellent character, who would never make good fraternity material. Yet they do not know this, and it must be a source of surprise and pain to them that they are never asked to join. To these girls we ought to be especially generous,—invite them to our parties whenever we can, share our friendships with them, avoiding all suspicion of patronizing, and make them all feel, as one recently said, "You Pi Phi girls are the nicest fraternity girls I ever knew." After we Pi Phi leave college, and from the broader view-point of the outside world see fraternity life, it will be such a satisfaction to feel that we were at least "nice" to our less fortunate class-mates, and that they felt that all fraternity girls were not necessarily narrow in their sympathies.

ways. Be kind to them; do not allow them to live in loneliness among you, but do not be so zealous in your attentions that life becomes burdensome to them. Remember the time when you too were a "new girl" and apply the golden rule accordingly.

E. F. McC., *Indiana Alpha*.

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## *What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.*

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One of the most natural evils resulting from living in a chapter house is the tendency to spoil freshmen. It seems impossible not to express approval when you are especially pleased with them, for you wish to make them feel comfortable and satisfied with their new surroundings. It is a great temptation to tell them all the nice things you hear said of them, when you think they are a little blue or homesick. This invariably has bad results, for the average freshman has not reached the age when her mind will be wholly proof against such things, and the effect is a conscious, self-satisfied individual.

Freshmen naturally look to the older girls for examples, and this places the latter in a responsible position, for all the upper-class advice in the world will have no effect if the upper-classmen do not follow their own teachings. Tendency to imitation is strong where young girls are thrown constantly and intimately with older, more experienced ones. While it is well to profit by the good in others, it is deplorable for a person to lose her own individuality or personality and assume characteristics of some one else.

Criticism is one of the hardest questions to deal with. If some one's actions are disapproved by the rest of the girls in the fraternity, it is unfair to the offender for them to discuss the matter secretly, and canvass all her little failings. This does not benefit either side. A critical, strained feeling is bound to arise toward the poor girl, who may not be conscious of having done anything wrong. She should be told of her fault in a kind, sis-

terly manner. Some one should go to her, not with the self-righteous air of one in whom mistakes are impossible, but as if she also is liable to err.

All these evils are more than balanced by the pleasant things of chapter life, however. The discipline of the life is good for the character. The girls have to give up much pettiness and adapt themselves to the dispositions of those about them. After a time this is not a hard thing to do, and how much better one does feel for the effort!

M. E. S., *California Beta.*

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We are not likely to consider what the new girl thinks of so much importance now that she is one of us as we did a few weeks ago. For this reason her path is sometimes harder *The New Girl*. than we realize. How soon we forget to make allowances for the effect the rushing season may have had on this new member of our band. This girl, on whom we have centered our attention, we expect to revolve quietly into the background, to be forbearing and lenient with our faults. We wish her to be a strong girl with ideas; at the same time we are shocked at what we term an unbecoming forwardness in expressing these ideas.

We forget that she has thought of fraternity life as illuminated only with rose-colored lights, and wonder that she does not take the clouds in better spirit when they come. We forget that we have seemed perfect to her,—for the rushing season, to use an American author's words, differently applied, "smooths our characters like a lawn where every roughness is smoothed away, every bramble eradicated, and where the eye is delighted by the smiling verdure of a velvet surface." But if we are to be consistent with our fraternity ideals, we must remember how much in fraternity life is new and strange to this girl, and help her to learn without heartaches and disappointments that we are, after all, only human. Above all, let us not forget that what we wish her to become, we ourselves must be.

A girl often feels that in giving up her opinions or will to others she is losing her own individuality. Many of us, old as well as new girls, have yet to learn that unselfishness by which we sacrifice all things on the altar of the fraternity's good. We must give up personal opinion, dislikes, pride, ambition,—all for the betterment of Pi Beta Phi. This unselfishness will in the end give us a stronger individuality than a determination to bend others to our will can ever do, and give us a power which will not only be recognized in the fraternity, but by those outside. Let us all, old as well as new, "Think on these things."

L. G., *Missouri Alpha.*

In its eagerness to get the best girls in college a fraternity often does not stop to consider that these girls might find some other fraternity more congenial. It chooses a girl and then makes use of all its arts to persuade her to join. Is it right for a fraternity to prevent her from seeing and knowing the girls of all the other fraternities, to place those girls in false lights, bringing out their bad points and concealing their good ones, and even—as some rival fraternities have been known to do—to tell her untruths about the national fraternity, as well as the local chapter, and limit her time for decision so that she can not choose fairly? Most fortunate is the girl who knows enough of fraternities before entering college so that she can refuse to be hurried into a fraternity, but hold to her right to choose for herself.

At this time of year a fraternity girl's thoughts are largely given to rushing. Where most of the women's fraternities are represented by a chapter, there is such competition that rushing is very wearing. Often most, if not all, of the fraternities are rushing the same girl, and this makes it difficult both for the girl and the fraternity. There are always lovely girls, a few at least in each chapter, to

*The Strain of Rushing.*



whom the new girl becomes attached, and when the time comes for a decision, it is often very hard for her to choose because she knows that this must mean her giving up some to retain others. She generally puts off the decision, thinking that it will become easier, but in every case I have observed it only grew harder, and the anxiety the fraternity feels and the nervous strain to the girl herself, who is torn by all sorts of conflicting emotions, has often wrought both up to a state almost hysterical. This evil has grown greater both in extent and in its bad effect on the girls every year. The question is: How may it be avoided? The only way I can think of is to pledge the girls before coming to college, if it is possible to bring them into contact with the fraternity girls. In that case there need be no strain or hard rushing. Can any one suggest some other remedy?

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“And are you a fraternity girl?” “O, yes, I belong to the Pi Beta Phi fraternity.” “What is that?” What is Pi Beta Phi?

*What  
“Belonging”  
Means.*

What do you mean when you say you *belong* to the Pi Beta Phi fraternity? It is nothing tangible, nothing we can see; but *is* you and I, and all other Pi Phis. It is to each other we belong when once we are Pi Phis. Let us then prove this by showing in each other the interest we feel in any of our possessions, and by giving to each other at all times any aid that may be in our power.

A. A.

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You have all, by this time, donned the wine and blue, and wear the golden arrow now, and are expecting great things of the new life into which you are entering. Will you be disappointed? That depends largely upon yourselves. You have all along been told that the college life of a fraternity girl is the ideal one, and that not to be a fraternity girl is to deprive one's college life of much of its enjoyment and pleasure. Consequently your anticipations are high,

*A Word to the  
Initiates.*

and you expect to realize the benefits of fraternity life immediately; you will doubtless be disappointed if they do not come to you as soon as you are initiated. At this time it would be wise to remember the old saying, "Rome was not built in a day," and also to know that the influence which the fraternity is to exert upon your college life is gradual, but persistent. Wait, wait! Do not expect it all at once. It will come in time, and so gently and quietly that you may not at first be conscious of it. Its coming is unostentatious and unheralded, and yet none the less powerful and helpful.

It is this subtle and intangible influence of fraternity life,—I can think of no word so expressive as "influence," hence its frequent repetition,—which makes it so difficult to explain to outsiders what her fraternity means to a college girl. You can not estimate the advantages of your fraternity life in dollars and cents; you can not measure it by inches and feet. The fraternity can not wholly change your disposition and temperament, but, with your consent, it *can* and *will* bring out the best that is in you. What Browning says about life in general is equally applicable to fraternity life: "I count life just a stuff to try the soul's strength on, educe the man."

G. S. J., *Ohio Beta.*

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At this critical season all fraternity girls are so full of enthusiasm for their own society, and of ambition for their year's work that they are sometimes likely to forget the courtesy and the harmonious relations which usually prevail among the members of different fraternities. It is a great pity that all institutions do not have a fixed date for "rushing" and "bidding," and so avoid the unseemly squabble over freshmen which is apt to result from the usual faulty system.

There is one phase of indecorum, however, from which we believe Pi Phi to be singularly free, and we would impress upon all chapters, new and old, the necessity of living up to our stand-

*Honesty in  
Rushing.*

ard in this regard. We refer to the too common habit of "running down" other fraternities in order to give a freshman a better opinion of one's own. A case has recently come to our notice in which the members of one fraternity deliberately lied to a desirable freshman who was hesitating between several. The girl naïvely disclosed the fact to one of the other societies, whose feelings on the subject can well be imagined. The affair was purely a matter of statistics, which was at once cleared up by referring to Baird's Manual, but the occurrence has given rise to many and various thoughts. It seems hard for some fraternities to adhere strictly to the truth, but is any girl, however desirable, worth the sacrifice of a fraternity's self-respect and honor? For our part, we have the traditions of thirty-four years to live up to, and a high standard of excellence which our founders have left us to maintain.

The really good chapter has no need to flaunt its own colors, and we are indeed glad that Pi Phi is so firmly grounded that we need not stoop to any such dishonest means to keep alive. If it ever becomes necessary that we fight against such weapons, let us, if need be, fall upon our own swords and die proudly and honorably, but never descend to unfair and under-handed rushing.

*Illinois Epsilon.*

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No matter how much we love all the girls of the chapter we oftentimes notice little discrepancies in character, manner, action, perhaps only dress, which we wish might be rectified. Now the observer of these things, instead of going straight to the offender and having a quiet talk with her, generally seeks a third girl and they two discuss the faults of number one, usually in no uncertain manner. Often these remarks, in a highly magnified form, get back to the subject of them, causing her any amount of heartache and hard feeling.

The members of the girl's own chapter are not the only ones

to notice and remark on these failings; there must also be taken into consideration the large proportion of non-fraternity girls who have eyes and ears sharpened perhaps by envy and jealousy. They, too, will notice and speak of the girl's actions, and as the fraternity is judged by the individuals who compose it, the criticism is sometimes hard on Pi Beta Phi.

Now as to the correction of this laxity, for such we must regard it. In a men's fraternity the members would hold a conference with the offender as object, and each man, from the oldest down, would voice his sentiments in a manner that would not be misunderstood, and the offense would probably not be repeated. This can not be done among girls, for woman, despite her much vaunted equality, has yet to reach the stage where she will bear criticism with equanimity and absence of hard feeling. Older members of the chapter will think that younger ones had no right to reprove their elders; younger members in their turn will feel as if their seniors should "first pluck the beam from their own eye."

It seems to me that the best way out of the difficulty is for the gentlest, best loved, and most tactful member to take the wayward one to one side and talk to her quietly and reasonably so that she may see the error of her ways. Personally the writer thinks it would be better to have frank expressions of opinion between members, but for reasons given above, it seems impracticable.

M. E. W., *Colorado Beta*.

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There are undoubtedly many evils in rushing, but there are likewise some benefits to be derived from it. Our girls, entering into it for the first time, felt unconsciously that they were being drawn closer together, that they were learning self-control and tact and the thousand and one little social graces so coveted by fraternity girls. The responsibility of supporting the national and chapter dignity of Pi Beta Phi gave a significance not without sweetness to the position of each girl. Fraternity ideals were brought out from

*Some Benefits of  
the Rushing  
Season.*

the realm of abstractions and put into every day service, and each member of our chapter felt that in meeting and overcoming the trials and temptations of the rushing season, she was experiencing a strengthening of true fraternity spirit. One of the sweetest tributes any chapter can receive and one which makes up for every annoyance of this trying time is found in the words with which one girl responded to Pi Beta Phi's invitation: "Others asked me because they said I was jolly; you ask me because you think I am good." If Pi Beta Phi girls can convey this impression to outside girls, rushing season can hold no evils for them; it will only crown them with richer fraternity life.

L. M. E., *Columbia Alpha.*

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In the beginning of the school year, during that first week, when rushing is at its height and fraternity girls are all more or less busy, when we Pi Phis have to meet opposition from our sister Greeks, it is necessary that we act quickly and wisely in our selection of pledges-to-be. Often times some of the girls to whom we extend an invitation are sisters or old friends of some of us, and are vouched for as being all that a fraternity girl should be; but besides these, every year, there are many girls virtually unknown, and concerning these we must make the most of our few days of grace.

Every one of us knows the perplexities met with in rushing season, but how often in the discussion of a rushee's merits and demerits do we hear something like this, "Oh, she's all right, I know; she comes from such a fine family;" or, "Her father is Judge So-and-so, of So-and-so;" or, "Her mother is one of the leading women in her town, president of the Woman's Club, and very prominent in society."

Dear Pi Phis, could any or all of these very excellent qualities make up for the possible lack of qualities that all Pi Phis should possess? Ought we not to judge every girl for herself, and no more for her family than we would for her clothes? We don't

mean to be snobs,—we are not snobs,—but often we are hasty and thoughtless. Rushing season is the time of times to have our senses sharp, and our intuition keen, so that we may do the fair thing by our fraternity.

A girl's distinguished relatives may bring her to our notice, and in case she became one of us, might be of much help to us, but a Pi Phi must be "made of Pi Phi stuff," and in our decision on any girl she should stand before us to be judged for herself, and herself alone.

MARY DUDLEY, *Kansas Alpha.*

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Just at this season when the thought of getting new girls into our chapters is so near to us, let us reflect for a moment upon our own characters. Let us try to find out not only *Concerning "Us"* what is congenial to us in the new girls, but also what in ourselves is worthy of being congenial to those whom we deem worthy to become members of Pi Beta Phi. Let us say with the German poet:

"Wouldst thou understand thy fellows,  
Of thine own heart take regard."

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Have you made your new member feel that she is as important a part of your chapter as the older girls? Put her at work and make her feel immediately that she is one of you. *Make Her at Home.* It is too bad that a girl should spend a year or two in the fraternity before she is really imbued with the true spirit and feels her own responsibility.

F. M. H., *Illinois Alpha.*

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In a recent publication of one of the well known men's fraternities there was an article criticising the lending of fraternity emblems. According to that article the pin should *Lending Pins.* be emblematic of all for which that fraternity stands and should be very dear to the owner's heart. All wearers of the arrow can fully appreciate this senti-



ment and no girl who is conscious of the love a man feels for his fraternity should encourage an indiscriminate following of this custom. The offer of so precious a gift means much and a girl should consider well before she consents to wear it. Does she wish to represent herself as a friend of the fraternity, having its interests at heart and honoring its principles, or does she mean to show herself particularly a friend of the owner? In the former case she risks her popularity with other fraternities and perhaps loses many friends by making herself known as exclusive; on the other hand she may always depend upon the friendship and favor of the fraternity whose emblem she wears. It would be a difficult matter to avoid this and honor only the owners of the pin. Naturally the fraternity would expect her support. However, should the girl have but one strong friend in the fraternity she should hesitate, realizing the meaning of the act which pledges her to him and his brothers. In some colleges the wearing of the pin denotes the engagement of the two immediately concerned and where this is the custom greater caution should be exercised. As we wish to honor our own so must we honor our friend's fraternity.

NORMA COURTS, *Iowa Alpha.*

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Perhaps the voice of warning is no more attractive to the ear of an enthusiastic fraternity girl than it is to an uninitiated barbarian. A warning of any sort has a note of pessimism in it that is not pleasant. And yet as loyal Greeks we must not close our ears to facts.

*The Scholarship Test.*

At the beginning of the school year when there are so many things to be thought of, when there are so many brilliant possibilities, so many "eligible" freshmen, is it not possible, nay even probable, that we lose sight of some of our highest ideals as fraternity girls? Is there not a tendency to emphasize the social phase of our principles? Are we as careful about the scholarship of our "rushees" as we are about their general social position and their personal attractiveness? Scholarship is one thing, and one

very important thing, for which Pi Beta Phi should stand the world over. With reference then to all our prospective sisters shall we not be especially careful this fall to bear constantly in mind that scholarship of a very high grade should characterize every girl admitted into our fraternity?

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## *Alumnae Department.*

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### *The Alumnae Convention at Syracuse.*

THE time set aside for the alumnae convention was Thursday afternoon, July fourth. The convention was called to order by the president of the Association, with Miss Louise Winfield of New York Alpha acting as secretary in the absence of Miss Anna Hazelton.

The first report to be read was that of the president, in which were set forth the aims and methods of the Association, its growth during the past two years and the suggestions for the future. Much of the growth has been due to the reduction made in the price of the Arrow to the alumnae. By this alone, the membership during the past year was four times as large as ever before, and at the close of the year it was plainly evident there were many more really enthusiastic alumnae than there were two years ago. The organization of clubs in many of the principal cities, and the several reunions held each year show this to be true. Two years ago there were seven clubs in existence, while now there are seventeen organized and several more are being planned for. An annual bulletin was issued telling of the year's work and progress. This and all other printed matter which would be of interest to the members and would help to keep them in touch with the active fraternity was circulated among them. When the circle membership was smaller it was possible to advocate personal correspondence in the shape of Round Robin letters, but during the past year that plan was abandoned. The alumnae

department of the Arrow received considerable attention, but it has not yet come up to the standard set for it.

The suggestions made by the retiring council were to petition the Grand Council and the active fraternity to add to the title of Grand Vice President that of Secretary for the Alumnae, and to her duties those of the president of the Alumnae Association. Also that the price of the Arrow to the alumnae should be made as small as its cost would permit.

The report closed with an expression of thanks to the Grand Council, to Miss Turner and to the circle secretaries for their assistance and counsel. On motion of Miss Turner this report was accepted by a rising vote.

The report of the secretary was then read by the president, and the treasurer's report by Miss Winfield followed, both of which were accepted in the usual manner.

It was then moved and carried that the convention endorse the action of the council and secretaries in petitioning the Grand Council for the union of the offices of Grand Vice President and president of the Alumnae Association; also for the continuation of the low rates for the Arrow.

Moved and carried that the alumnae petition the active convention to be allowed one delegate beside that of grand vice president, said delegate to be the alumnae editor of the Arrow, if possible for her to be present.

The nominating committee then reported that they recommended Miss Read to succeed herself for the ensuing two years, with power to appoint her own council. This report was unanimously adopted and the convention adjourned sine die.

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#### *A Thanksgiving Reunion in Kansas City.*

THE second annual reunion of Iota and Kappa circles of the Alumnae Association will take place at Kansas City, Missouri, on Thursday and Friday, November 28 and 29. All members of the fraternity, active and alumnae, are cordially invited to attend.

The Baltimore hotel has been chosen for Pi Beta Phi headquarters, and here an informal reception will be given to the Pi Phi guests on Thursday morning. That afternoon the famous Missouri-Kansas football game takes place, an event which many will doubtless enjoy seeing, and in the evening our fraternity will have a theater party at the Auditorium.

A business session will be held Friday morning at half past nine o'clock at the Baltimore, at which we will hear reports and letters from the representatives of the alumnae clubs and the chapters within Iota and Kappa circles.

The banquet will be held at the Baltimore hotel on Friday evening, November 29, at seven o'clock. Every effort is being made to make this reunion an unusually enjoyable one, and it is hoped that as many as possible will come.

For folders containing information in regard to hotel rates, banquet and theater tickets, and other expenses, directions and programs, send to Mrs. M. C. Reynolds, 1225 E. 8th St., Kansas City, Mo. (Iota Circle), or to Miss Maud Miller, 511 N. 9th St., St. Joseph, Mo. (Kappa Circle).

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### *Thanksgiving Reunion in Chicago.*

SINCE a large number of Pi Phis will probably attend the football games in Chicago on Thanksgiving day, arrangements have been made for all who can stay over Friday to meet at Field's waiting room on Wabash Avenue, first floor, at 12:30, to take luncheon together. All intending to come please send names to Lenore Negus, Wilmette, Ill., and write her for any further information.

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### *The Philadelphia Alumnae Club.*

THE fall meeting of the Philadelphia Alumnae Club was held at ten o'clock, October twelfth, in the Penn Mutual Life building, Chestnut St. Thirteen Pi Phis were present: From Penn-

sylvania Alpha, Miss Baily, president of the club, Misses Gilbert, Darlington, McCain, Rogers, Griest, Seaman, Walters and Johnson; from Pennsylvania Beta, Mrs. Bourn, Mrs. Wood, and Miss Wells; from Maryland Alpha, Miss Biehn. Several enrolled at the first meeting were absent, and it is hoped that the membership will reach at least twenty. The constitution was adopted and officers for the year elected. These are the same as those elected temporarily last May, except that Miss Ethel Griest, 2231 Wallace St., Philadelphia, was elected secretary instead of Miss Johnson, who will spend the winter abroad.

Pi Phis living in or near the city or expecting to visit Philadelphia are urged to communicate with Miss Griest.

After the dues, twenty-five cents a member per annum, had been collected, the club adjourned to meet the second Saturday in January, 1902.

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## *Personals.*

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### VERMONT ALPHA.

Nellie I. Button, '01, is instructor in English Literature and Elocution in West Pennsylvania Classical and Scientific Institute, Mt. Pleasant, Penn.

Nellie M. Hadley, '01, has entered the State Normal School at South Framingham, Mass.

Marianne Landon, '01, has a position as preceptress in Beeman Academy, New Haven, Vt.

Mildred A. Weld, '01, is substitute teacher in the public schools of Morristown, N. J.

Dorothy M. Graves, '01, is at her home in Vergennes, Vt.

Florence J. Walker, '01, has a position as assistant in Hennifer, N. H., high school.

Margaret J. Mathison, '03, is taking a course in Osteopathy in Kirksville, Mo.

Katherine Collins, '04, is unable to return to college on account of ill health and is at her home in Ferrisburg, Vt.

Helen L. Reed, '04, is not sufficiently recovered from a severe attack of typhoid fever to return to college, and is at her home in South Alabama, N. Y.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Cecil Franzoni, '01, is taking post graduate studies at Columbian University.

Clarissa Tufts, '01, is studying French at Columbian.

Eleanor Hance, '01, is teaching at Miss Eastman's school, Washington.

Sara P. Lynch, '01, is substituting at Central High School, Washington.

Evelyn Knight, '01, is teaching and studying music.

Florence E. Frisby, '01, has been visiting in St. Paul, Minn., and has not yet returned.

Rosalie Robinette, '00, is substituting in the Business High School in Washington.

Helen Lee, ex-'02, is studying medicine at the University of Michigan.

## PENNSYLVANIA.

Ethel Griest, '01, is studying at Pierce Business College in Philadelphia.

Deborah Ferrier, '01, of Moorestown, N. J., and Mabel Latimer of Wilmington, Del., are both at home this year.

Eva Wallen, '03, is at home at Penn's Manor, Pa.

Mabel Haines, '03, is at her home in Mickleton, N. J.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Bess H. Wells, '01, is at her home studying for the state teachers' examination.

Jennie Davis, '01, has returned to Bucknell and is teaching in the Institute while doing the work for a Master's degree.



Edith L. Phillips is teaching in the South Jersey Institute, Bridgeton, N. J.

Laura Allen has secured a position as teacher in the High School at Coudersport, Pa.

## OHIO ALPHA.

Elizabeth Carpenter of Carpenter, Ohio, and Dr. Hartinger of Middleport, were united in marriage October the tenth.

Minnie Roach of Athens is now teaching in the Philippines. She was enrolled in college last spring reviewing and preparing for her work this year.

Mrs. Maude Herrold Merwin has moved to Columbus, where her interest in Pi Beta Phi may be kept up through Ohio Beta.

Mrs. Mary Ullom Thomas of Marietta is the proud mother of a little son, Andrew Hollace, born September fourteenth.

Grace Gist of Athens and Dr. Claude Parker of Gallipolis were united in marriage October the sixteenth, the ceremony taking place in the Methodist church.

Nelle Fuller, who resides in Athens, has enrolled for work in the department of music, while Mabel Wickham, on her return, will spend a year in post graduate work.

Minnie F. Brown holds a position in the High School at Eaton, Ohio, as a teacher of German and English.

Lucile Evans, who has devoted the past year to the study of music in the university, was married early last June to Mr. Arthur H. Carpenter, Delta Tau Delta, and is now in Golden, Colorado, where her husband is engaged in mining interests.

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

Maude White, who was graduated in the philosophical course from Syracuse University last June, is at her home in Rome, N. Y. On account of illness she was unable to accept any position as teacher.

Sadie B. Williams, '01, is at her home in Clayton, N. Y.

Estella Foote, '01, is at present at her home in Newark, N. J.

Franc Huntington, ex-'04, is at her home in Honeoye Falls, N. Y.

Madge Bate, ex-'04, is studying music in Buffalo, N. Y., but was unable on account of illness to resume her full course in the university.

Lunette G. Havens, ex-'03, has left the university on account of illness. She expects to spend this year with relatives in Webster City, Iowa.

## MARYLAND ALPHA.

May Kellar, '98, received the Foreign Fellowship and is now pursuing her studies in the German universities.

Beall Martin, '98, has the chair of mathematics in Washington Seminary, Atlanta, Georgia.

Waunda Hartshorn, '98, is studying music and art in Italy.

Grace Reah, '99, has spent the summer traveling in Europe.

Estelle Martin, '00, is teaching in the Centenary Female Institute, Cleveland, Tennessee.

Sylvia Ware, '01, is pursuing musical studies in Baltimore.

Lucy Murray, '01, is teaching in the High School at Reisters-town, Maryland.

Nellie Biehn, '01, has a position in the High School at West Chester, Pennsylvania.

Loe M. Ware was married to Frank H. Cross at the Central M. E. church, Detroit, Mich., on Wednesday, August twenty-eighth. She is at home after September fifteenth at Seattle, Washington.

## ILLINOIS BETA.

Nellie Needham is at home this year in Racine, Wisconsin.

Nannie Mer Buck, '01, is teaching in the Galesburg public schools.

Lillian Harris, '01, was married at her home in Galesburg, September eleventh, to Mr. Rupert Kinsloe. They are living at Champaign, Illinois, where Mr. Kinsloe is in the law school.

Ruth Parke of Sycamore, Illinois, and Julia Lombard of East Orange, New Jersey, are both at home this year.

## ILLINOIS DELTA.

Katharine Hanna, who graduated from Knox Conservatory of Music in the class of '01, has accepted the position of instructor in music at Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill.

Frances Arnold, '95, has returned from a summer's tour in England and resumed her position as instructor in English in the Galesburg High School.

The engagement of Laura Sabrina Price, '97, now of Chicago, to Mr. Francis S. Moore, also of that city, is announced. The marriage will take place in the coming March.

Blanche Smith of Galesburg was married on the nineteenth of last September at her home, to Mr. Edgar J. Vreeland, also of this city. They will reside here.

Florence Nichols, ex-'99, and formerly of this city, was married at her home in Oneida, N. Y., during last July, to Mr. Hall of Freeport, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Hall are now living at Freeport, where the groom is a member of the firm Walton Nephews of that city.

Mildred Brown, '00, who graduated from Smith last spring, will take post graduate work at Chicago University this winter.

Louise Montgomery will study at home in Reynolds this year, but will return to take her degree with her class next spring.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

Abbie Williams, '01, who has been spending the summer in Freeport, Illinois, has returned to college for her Master's degree.

Grace Doland, '01, of the Cumnock School of Oratory, will take a graduate course this year.

Florence Reynolds, '01, who has been spending the summer in Salt Lake City, will return soon to her home in Chicago.

Elda Smith, '01, will spend the year in study for her Master's degree.

Mae and Alice Doland have left for Berlin, where they will spend a year in study.

Elfrieda Hochbaum, '99, who spent last year in studying in Germany, will this year be at Cornell University, where she holds a fellowship.

Edith Thompson, '00, is back in college this year studying for her Master's degree.

Lucile Fitch, Ph. B., Northwestern, '99, A. M., '01, is studying for her Doctor's degree at Chicago University.

## INDIANA ALPHA.

Sarah Ellis, '01, is teaching English in the Normal School at Silver City, New Mexico.

Mary Van Nuys is studying music at her home in Hopewell.

Mary Hall is assistant principal of the High School at Dunkirk, Indiana.

Alice Payne, Zoe Hall, Ethel McCollough and Eleanor La Grange are spending the winter at their homes in Franklin.

Jeannette Zeppenfeldt, the head of the Modern Language department of Franklin College, has gone to the University of Heidelberg for a year's study.

Ruth Mathews is spending the winter in California.

Julia Dugger is studying music at her home in Dana.

Lillian Weyl is filling the chair of Modern Languages in Franklin College during the absence of Prof. Zeppenfeldt in Germany.

May Carney, Bertha Fletcher, Ethel Miller, Sallie Covert and Lillian Payne have just returned from Europe, where they have spent a most delightful summer.

Bertha Fletcher has re-entered college after several years' teaching in Franklin and Indianapolis.

The Franklin Alumnae Club has organized a dramatic society. The officers for this year are: Ethelwyn Miller, president; Nelle Graves, vice president; Lillian Weyl, secretary; Florence Province, treasurer.

## INDIANA BETA.

Mabel Bonsell, '01, is teaching in the Anderson High School.

Anna Cravens, '01, is teaching at the Institute for the Blind in Indianapolis.

Sadie Leopold, '00, was married June the thirtieth to Mr. Wolf of Hammond, Indiana.

Nell Protsman, '00, is teaching at Alexandria.

Bertha Lingle, '01, is principal of the High School in Paoli.

Olive Traylor is teaching in Jasper.

Pearl Cooper was married June the twenty-fourth to Mr. Simpkins.

Nelle Russell is teaching music in the Muncie High School.

A little girl was born into the family of Mr. and Mrs. Myers of Brookville. Mrs. Myers was formerly Anna Scott.

Mabelle Bryce, '01, is at home in Indianapolis after a visit to Yellowstone Park.

Helen Shirk, '02, spent the summer abroad.

Mary Miller is teaching at her home in Montmorency.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

Esther Fay Shover, '00, is teaching in the High School at Kirkland, Indiana.

Mabel Hauk, '00, and Louise Van Dyke, ex-'02, are teaching in the Indianapolis schools.

Katherine Armstrong is taking special work in Barnard College, and Cora Hewitt is also in New York studying art.

On the evening of Thursday, the twenty-fifth of September, Ethel B. Roberts, one of our charter members, and of the class of '00, was married to Carl R. Loope, Delta Tau Delta, of the same class. The wedding was quiet but beautiful. Miss Roberts' attendants were Ethel Curryer, '97, and Jessie Scott, '03.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Katherine Cook was married June twenty-sixth to N. B. Sloan, Phi Delta Theta, principal of the Lansing High School.

Bertha Irene Myers, '98, was married to Clinton Kempton September twenty-sixth. They are at home in North Adams.

The marriage of Frances Randolph with Fred Miller, Alpha Tau Omega, occurred August ninth. Their home is in Keuka, N. Y., where Mr. Miller is professor of Greek.

Katherine Searle and Otto Suhr were married October fifteenth. Their home is Butte, Montana.

Lena Hardenburg was married during the summer to L. Fisher. They are at home in Tecumseh.

Mayme Fuller, '96, is now living in South Haven.

A son was born to Lulu Callow-Bray during the summer.

Vera Higbee-Whitney is the mother of a small son.

Lutie Myers, '00, is teaching in Belding.

Mary Soule teaches music in the High School of Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Luna French has entered the freshman class at Wellesley.

Lena Judd-Green, '94, is in Ann Arbor, where her husband is attending college.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

Evelyn Bryant, '00, is teaching in the High School at Northfield.

Marie Von Borries, '01, has accepted a position with Parke, Davis & Co., in Detroit.

Ruth Reddick, '01, is now visiting the Michigan Beta girls. She expects to spend her first semester at home, but intends to enter the literary department at the beginning of the second semester. She is a graduate from the department of pharmacy.

Margaret Cousin, '01, is substituting in the Detroit High School.

Helen Wattles, '01, has been substituting in Pontiac, but expects to spend the winter at her home near Troy, Mich.

Mildred Smith, '03, is teaching at Spring Wells, Mich.

Lenore Smith, '03, expects to travel in Mexico this winter.

Rebecca Downey, '03, is teaching at Pueblo, Colo.

Mabel Stanley Leonard has the chair of Oratory, Elocution and

Physical Culture in the Mary Connor Female College and Musical Institute at Paris, Texas.

Katharine Elizabeth Wylie, U. of M., '00, was married Sept. eleventh, to Mr. J. E. Ferris, at Saginaw. They will reside at 220 S. Broadway, St. Louis, Mo.

Elizabeth Wallace was married June the fifth to Charles D. Cogshall of Coldwater, Michigan, where they are to reside.

Fannie E. Sabin, A. B., '95, M. A., '96, returned home in July after a year spent abroad. She was one of Professor Kelsey's party who spent the year studying in Italy and Greece.

Katharine Rogers was married to Lewis D. Cutcheon September the tenth. They are to make their home in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Louise Bird, '98, was married September fifth to William Arthur Warren of Chicago. The bride's attendants were Eunice Welsh and Miriam Reid, '00, and Mabel Moore, ex-'99. Mr. and Mrs. Warren are at home at 1411 Windsor Ave., Chicago.

Ethel Rider, ex-'04, was married August twenty-fifth to Harry Little, Phi Kappa Psi, of Kentland, Indiana, where they will reside.

Maud Huntley, '99, is soon to be married to Albert Jenks. Their home will be in Washington, where Mr. Jenks is connected with the Bureau of Ethnology.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of May Church to Mr. August John. The wedding will take place at the home of the bride, Milwaukee, and their new home will be in that city.

The engagement is announced of Melvina Ellsworth, '01, and Frederick Pollard, Delta Tau Delta.

Lucretia French Hinckley, '99, and John McMillan of Milwaukee have announced their engagement. Mr. McMillan is a graduate of the law school of the University of Wisconsin in the class of 1901.

Jessica Davis, '00, who taught in the High School at Sturgeon



Bay, Wis., last year, is teaching this year in the Oconomowoc High School.

Rebie Fraser is teaching in the High School at Mondovi, Wis.

Mrs. Gertrude Clark Sober (Michigan Beta, '92) is principal of the High School at Ishpeming, Mich.

Anna Mashek, '98, has taken a position in the State Historical Library at Madison. She will live in the chapter house this year.

Georgia Hurlbut, '04, who left college last spring because of ill health, is now at her home, Oak Bluff, Racine, Wisconsin.

Laura Cosgrove, Special, '02, is living at the Pennoyer Sanitarium, Kenosha, Wisconsin.

Genevieve Smith leaves soon for Minneapolis, where she will continue her study of music.

Nell MacGregor, '95, lost her mother by a very sad accident this summer. She has resigned her position in the Mazomanie High School, and is now at home in Mondovi, Wisconsin.

Miriam Reid, '00, is now living in Madison, but will return with her parents to Washington early in December.

Livia Seiler, '00, died October fifth at her home in Alma after an illness of about three weeks with typhoid fever.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA.

Ethel Enyart is teaching in Stanbury, Missouri, her home.

Mary Iglehart is private secretary to Dr. Jesse, president of Missouri University.

Hettie Anthony is teaching in Maryville, Missouri, this winter.

Frederica Becker now holds the position of teaching fellow of Mathematics in the University.

Lulu Nichols is at home in Springfield, Missouri.

Lucile Lawson is spending the winter in Colorado.

Gertrude Bayless, Lillian Johnson and Ethel Hudson are at home this year.

#### LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Married—On Wednesday, the tenth day of July, 1901, Virginia King Logan, Louisiana Alpha, '95, and Robert Brockbank Eskrigge.

Céleste Eshleman, Special '02, is spending the winter in Baltimore at Miss Cénas's School.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Our grand president, Elizabeth Gamble, one of the alumnae of Colorado Alpha, spent part of the summer and fall in Boulder. It was a great pleasure to us to have her here during part of the rushing season. She had charge of our first initiation this fall.

Mrs. Stogsdale of Liberty, Mo., spent some months in Boulder this summer, to the great delight of all the Pi Phis.

Many of the Boulder Pi Phis had the pleasure this summer of meeting Elizabeth Culver, one of our charter members, who was visiting in Boulder.

Mrs. Rowe, who spent last winter in the east, is in Boulder again this year.

The alumnae who live in Boulder have organized this fall, with Rosetta Bell, '01, as president.

COLORADO BETA.

Ethel Antrim, '01, has accepted a position in the High School at Telluride, Colorado.

Isadore Van Gilder has entered the State University at Boulder and has been transferred to Colorado Alpha.

Bertha Brooks is teaching at La Salle, Colorado.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA.

A Logansport, Indiana, paper contains the following pleasant notice:

"Miss Anna Weaver, selected as instructor in the Logansport High School, has resigned to accept a Greek fellowship in Leland Stanford university. Miss Weaver is under thirty years old and a graduate of the local high school and the Stanford university. She spent two years in the Berlin universities and was remarkably proficient in Greek. She went to Stanford recently to assist in the compilation of a Greek grammar."

Anna Weaver was a member of California Alpha and graduated at Leland Stanford in 1897.

## *In Memoriam.*

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ELLEN DEMING POST, Louisiana Alpha.

At her summer home in Biloxi, Miss., the young life of Nellie Post was cut short after an illness of hardly more than a week. The news came as a great shock to our chapter, for few of us had heard, scattered as we were, of her illness, and none realized that serious results might come of it.

Hers was a nature so gentle and affectionate that she was loved by all, and as it is but two years since she graduated, there are still girls in the chapter who were associated with her as active members and recall the energy and interest with which she worked for Pi Beta Phi.

Though we are all grief-stricken at our loss and our hearts go out in sympathy to her family, we can only bow our heads in submission to a Power higher than any of this world, and say "Thy will be done."

—*Louisiana Alpha.*

NANCY EDITH PURDUM, Michigan Beta.

Sorrow has again filled the hearts of Michigan Beta.

Friday morning, August the twenty-third, Nancy Edith Purdum passed away at her home in Chillicothe, Ohio. Eight years ago she donned the wine and blue, and since that time had been closely associated with the active chapter, having taught in the Ann Arbor High School ever since her graduation from the University of Michigan in eighteen ninety-five.

A beautiful spirit has been called home. It is not for her we mourn, for she is happy and at rest,—it is rather for ourselves in our loneliness. What our loss is only those who knew her can appreciate.

Hers was a life of rare beauty. Though it covered but a few

years, yet we can not call it short. "Life is not measured by years, but deeds." She was the one to whom every girl in the chapter went when in difficulty or sorrow. Her busy life was never so full but that she was always willing to lay aside the many duties which constantly devolved upon her, to comfort and encourage others. How often has she set aside an anticipated pleasure that she might spend the evening with a sick friend or write a cheery letter to some lonely one. Such a friend was Nan.

What she was to her friends she was to those at home, a sharer in their every joy and sorrow. Nothing could be too trifling to take to Sister Nan. She always planned for her parents, sisters and brother first, for herself afterwards. Our hearts go out to them in their grief, and we extend to them Michigan Beta's sincerest sympathy. Their comfort, like ours, is in the assurance that the separation is only for a season. We have not said "good-bye," but simply "good-night."

—J. K. H., '96.

LIVIA ESTELLE SEILER, Wisconsin Alpha.

WHEREAS, God in His infinite wisdom has deemed it best to take to Himself our sister in Pi Beta Phi, Livia Seiler, be it therefore

*Resolved*, That in her death Wisconsin Alpha has lost one of its dearest and most loyal members and one who best embodied those ideals of womanhood for which our fraternity strives;

*Resolved*, That the chapter extend loving sympathy to her family in their great sorrow.

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent to her family, be entered on the minutes of the chapter, and be published in the Arrow.

IRENE DURLEY,

JOSEPHINE WELLS,

MIGNON WRIGHT,

IVA A. WELSH,

ELIZABETH CHURCH SMITH,

*For the Alumnae.*

*For the Chapter.*

Wisconsin Alpha is mourning the loss of one of her dearest sisters. Livia Estelle Seiler, one of the most gifted and accomplished of her number, on the threshold of the success which her unusual talents assured, has passed from our midst. But it is not accomplishments nor ability that causes such deep sorrow. Livia

was one of the world's noblest children. Few are endowed with such strength of character, purity of soul, cheerfulness and sweetness of disposition. Of her we can truly say that to know her was to love her.

Livia was the only daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Seiler of Alma, in which town she was born the 10th of April, 1878. At sixteen she graduated from high school with the greatest honors, and then attended the Conservatory of Music in Minneapolis for a year. She spent another year in preparation at a normal school before entering the university. Early in her freshman year she joined Pi Beta Phi and was always one of our most active members; among students and faculty she was a general favorite. She took an active part in college theatricals and was one of the winning cast in a dramatic contest. At the end of her senior year she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduating she taught German for a year in the grades and High School of Monroe. The board stated that she was the only teacher they had ever employed against whom there was never one word of blame but for whom there was only the highest praise. Early in September she was stricken with a severe form of typhoid fever and in spite of the best medical skill and loving care she passed away the fifth of October.

We can only give our sympathy to the sorrowing parents and brothers who have laid in the grave so much of the hope and joy of their lives. It almost seems that such a young and promising life has been too ruthlessly cut short, but we can believe, as some one has written:

"It is not growing like a tree  
 In bulk, doth make man better be,  
 Or standing like an oak three hundred year,  
 To fall a log at last, dry, bald and sear.  
 A lily of a day  
 Is fairer far in May;  
 Although it fall and die that night,  
 It was the plant and flower of light.  
 In small proportions we just beauties see  
 And in short measures, life may perfect be."

ALMA MOSER REINSCH, '00.

## Editorials.

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THE seventeenth biennial convention is a joy of the past and delegates and chapters should already begin to reap its fruits, if fruits there are to be. If the delegates were to be asked what to them seemed the chief benefit of the convention probably at least twenty-five of the thirty would reply that it was the gain in fraternity enthusiasm. This is both right and natural. In such an organization as ours the intangible results far outweigh the tangible, and if a convention accomplished nothing more than a quickening of fraternity loyalty it would still have been abundantly worth while.

Yet after all sentiment which does not lead one to *do* something is sheer waste of power, and an enthusiasm which spends itself in a "hurrah" is not worth the cost of a convention. Then, too, the tangible results, though secondary, are not to be overlooked. The delegate ought to go back to her chapter, not only with a strong wish to make it better, she ought also to have some pretty definite idea of how to go about it. If she has not, something has been wrong with either the convention or the delegate.

It is needless to say to anyone who was present at Syracuse last July that this was not then the case. Fraternity enthusiasm ran high, but it directed itself, for the most part, into channels thoroughly practical, and if the many suggestions brought out by the round table talks be carried out as conscientiously as the actual legislation, the convention of 1901 can not fail to be a memorable one in the fraternity's history. With the delegates' enthusiasm to inspire them and the official report to guide them, the chapters must feel a perceptible and immediate addition of strength from the Syracuse convention.

PERHAPS no work of the convention was more important than that relating to the alumnae. The growth of the Alumnae Association in the last two years has been something

phenomenal, and its officers naturally felt that it should be brought into more vital relation to the fraternity. To allow so-called alumnae chapters, having no college connection and no power to initiate, the same rights as active chapters in fraternity government, has long seemed absurd. None the less, the organized interest of its alumnae is of paramount importance to any fraternity, although it must be under a system elastic enough to include members scattered and isolated, even members of chapters long since dead.

The initiative was taken by the Alumnae Association itself, and the plan as finally adopted, was partly its recommendation and partly the suggestion of the active chapters. Henceforth the Grand Vice President is to be also the secretary for the alumnae. She is to preside over their organization and to have complete control of the organizing of alumnae. This converts an office which has been more or less of a sinecure, into one of the most important in the fraternity. It also insures a member of the grand council who has alumnae interests especially at heart, who knows the strength of their association, and can turn it to the fraternity's profit. Thus both sides are benefited.

The Alumnae Association is also to be allowed one delegate to convention, a sort of delegate at large, who is to have the same privileges as other delegates. There is also provision for correspondence between active chapters and the officers of the association. Under this plan there is no danger of alumnae domination, but alumnae interest is assured.

It is only fitting that Miss Fanny Read, who has been so largely instrumental in enlarging and perfecting the Alumnae Association, should be its first representative on the Grand Council. With her as our vice president we may feel sure that the development of the Association will be rapid, steady and permanent.

THE question of inter-fraternity societies has for some time been an important one among the men's fraternities, but it is only very recently that it has begun to assume any significance for college women. The inter-fraternity organization known as Omega Psi has already appeared in several of the larger univer-



sities, and shows signs of spreading until it reaches the national dimensions of Theta Nu Epsilon, the similar organization for men.

The purpose of such societies is said to be merely social and their justification is the argument that they tend to break down the exclusiveness of fraternities, and foster a truly Pan-Hellenic spirit. Such expectations, it seems, are hardly borne out by the facts. Instead of breaking down exclusiveness and encouraging Pan-Hellenism, the result seems to have been to weaken allegiance to the fraternity and to permit a new and purely social set of interests to crowd out the older and higher interests of the true college fraternity. So clearly is this recognized as an evil that several of the stronger men's fraternities have absolutely forbidden their members to become initiates into Theta Nu Epsilon.

As regards Omega Psi, one fraternity, Delta Gamma, has already found it advisable to legislate against it, and at the last convention decided by unanimous vote to prohibit membership in any such organization. It has not as yet seemed wise for Pi Beta Phi to take any such step, first, because she has not yet sufficient proof that those Pi Phis who are members of Omega Psi have fallen off in their fraternity loyalty, and, second, because absolutely to prohibit membership in a popular organization encourages *sub rosa* initiation, a result which is humiliating to the fraternity and far from creditable to the initiate.

We would, however, caution Pi Phis who are or are to be members of Omega Psi to remember that Pi Beta Phi justly claims their first consideration, and that if they were not first fraternity women they could not possibly be eligible to Omega Psi. We would further remind them that while Omega Psi will doubtless continue to flourish in spite of the prohibition of one fraternity, it would fall by the concerted action of all, and that if it should ever be proved, which it is not as yet, that membership in such an organization is for the disadvantage of all the fraternities, concerted action would probably follow and would perhaps show a truer Pan-Hellenism than that represented by Omega Psi.

HAS any chapter ever tried keeping a log? We all have our minutes, our records and our file of the fraternity magazine, some of us have chapter scrap-books and photograph albums, but none of these quite take the place of the informal journal of the chapter's doings and sayings. The editor once had the pleasure of hearing selected extracts from the log of one of the men's chapters, and was straightway convinced of its value as a chronicle of the intimate life of the chapter, a value in no way lessened by the fact that it was irresistibly funny. Suppose the brightest girls in the chapter be appointed a committee to take turns writing up the log, suppose it be illustrated by sketches and amateur photographs, it would be far and away the most popular book in the chapter library with active and alumnae alike. The Arrow would fade to nothingness beside it. Why doesn't somebody try it?

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## *Chapter Letters.*

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### ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The girls of Vermont Alpha send greeting to you all.

We feel like a little handful now when we gather in the Pharetra, for our chapter has lost nine members since last year. But the twelve who returned have all been busy with the usual round of teas and receptions. Our formal reception we held Friday evening, September twentieth, at which we entertained all the freshman women. President Brainerd's wife, who is a Pi Phi, was present and helped receive. Since then we have devoted ourselves to a few of the freshmen only, having resolved this year to take in but a few and those the very best. Last Monday morning four freshmen donned the wine and blue pledge ribbons, and the rushing is now practically finished. One of our pledglings is vice president of the freshman class, the only girl who holds an office in the class.

We were all very eager to see Miss Deuel and hear her report of the convention.

We have just received an invitation to the wedding of one of our former

members, Ethel Waterman, and also the announcement of the wedding of an alumna, Anna Nichols.

Vermont Alpha sends best wishes for success to every chapter.

LENA M. BIXBY.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Vermont Beta is glad to greet again her sister chapters and sends them best wishes for a happy and prosperous year.

It is now two weeks since college opened, and we have three pledges, Emma Bean and Margaret Lang from the freshman class, and Mary Colburn, a junior.

On Thursday evening, October third, we entertained the freshman girls in our new rooms. Our patronesses and one of our sisters who graduated last June were present with us.

We have enjoyed very interesting tales about the convention from our delegate, Grace Goodhue, who has made us feel closer to all Pi Phi chapters. If only we all might have been there!

The Young Women's Christian Association gave an informal reception to the freshman girls on Wednesday evening, September twenty-fifth, at the girls' dormitory. This little reception is an annual affair affording the first opportunity that the college girls, new and old, have of coming together. It was, as usual, most enjoyable.

A joint reception was given by the two associations on Friday evening, September twenty-seventh, to which the faculty and all the students were invited. This also proved to be enjoyable as well as helpful.

At the close of the college year our chapter held its annual banquet in the fraternity rooms. In spite of the feeling of sadness that would come with the thought of losing five seniors, we had the thoroughly good time that we always have at our spreads, having been made especially happy by the presence of two of our alumnae.

There are a few changes in our college professors this year. Professor Brown of Johns Hopkins is taking the place of Dr. Tupper who has gone to Europe. Dr. Briggs is teaching in Ohio, and his place is being filled by Professor Eaton.

The new gymnasium, of which we have been greatly in need, is now completed and gives great satisfaction as it is a fine, large structure, comparing favorably with our other university buildings. It stands east of the old "Mill," the design being to have the buildings form a quadrangle.

With best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis for a successful year.

DAISY RUSSELL.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

After our summer vacation there are few fraternity events of a social nature to relate to our other sisters. Commencement week, of course, passed off with its usual excitement and gaiety, and then we separated to go our several ways for a time. This past summer, however, was marked by the interesting week of Convention, about which nearly all our thoughts have centered for months. How unfortunate each of us felt who could not go, at that important time, to Syracuse, and how eagerly we listened to our representatives when they talked it over. We seem to have come into closer contact with our sisters all over the land, and to be strengthened and benefited by that association.

And now college has opened and the rushing season has begun. Our chapter entered a new year small in number but fired with all the enthusiasm of a multitude. All summer we have kept in touch with one another and our plans for the winter are numerous. We are so glad to have our room to begin with this year. Its furnishings are multiplying and many of the girls have made sofa cushions and pennants for it during vacation, so it is cosy and home-like in true fraternity fashion. We expect to have gay times in our chapter home this winter, and "cookie-shines" without number. Members of the alumnae will often join us as their enthusiasm keeps pace with ours. We are delighted to have one of their number at Columbian again, Georgie Sanderlin, who is back for a master's degree. Cecil Franzoni and Clarissa Tufts are also with us this year.

Columbia Alpha looks forward with much regret to the departure of Elise Bradford, who will be married in November and go to live in Brunswick, Maine. But we have every reason to be grateful for having had her with us during her presidency, a privilege which we alone enjoyed.

And now we wish to present to you three dear girls who are pledged to Pi Beta Phi, Helen Beale, Marion McCoy and Clara Wilson.

We earnestly hope that the prospects of all our sister chapters are bright and promising, and that each girl may realize more and more her obligations to the organization to which she belongs and work to increase its strength and influence. That none but the best and the truest may be identified with it—every girl true to herself and to Pi Beta Phi—is the heartfelt wish of Columbia Alpha.

CATHARINE V. McILHENNY.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

We can scarcely realize that all the pleasant summer holidays are gone, but we are delighted to be together again in our dear old college home.

The campus is beautiful in its autumn dress, and we go for long walks by the winding Crum and talk about our hopes for the coming year. They seem very bright just now for the freshman class contains many fine girls with whom we are gradually becoming acquainted and whom we some time hope to have as sisters.

On October fifth one of our alumnae entertained us at her home for the afternoon and evening. A jolly straw-ride was the entertainment for the afternoon, and in the evening occurred the initiation of Emma Hamilton, our baby, whom we are happy to introduce to our sisters.

Convention has been described by our delegate in the most glowing terms, which makes us all more enthusiastic and prouder than ever that we are Pi Phis.

With best wishes for all our sister chapters,

SARA E. TRACY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Bucknell opened its doors on September twentieth, a day late on account of President McKinley's funeral. The nation's tears failed to dampen the ardor of the eleven girls who compose our active chapter. We are very happy over the return of Rachel Eddelman, and introduce with entirely pardonable pride Blanche Bane and Mary Fowler, who were initiated last June. Mabel Allison has been transferred by us, very loath to lose her, to Maryland Alpha.

One of our alumnae members, Eliza Bell, was married August twenty-eighth to the Rev. J. R. Wood of Philadelphia. We all miss her so much, for being a teacher in the Institute she was near and dear, and took a lively interest in our well-being. It speaks well for the standing of Pi Beta Phi that Grace Slifer, another of our alumnae, has been called to fill the vacancy in the Institute faculty.

Jennie Davis, '01, has returned for a master's degree.

Our prospects for this year are bright. There are quite a number of desirable new girls, and fortune is smiling upon us. We are planning a reception to be given in the near future in honor of the new girls.

With best wishes for a successful and happy year, we'll say, *Au revoir*.

LILA LONG.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Alpha rejoices to greet again her sister chapters in Pi Beta Phi, and wishes for them all as bright an opening of the year as that with which fortune has favored her. Although we lose a number of faithful girls of whom we have had reason to be proud, our prospects for filling our little

circle are exceptionally bright. The standard of O. U. is steadily rising, and we are greatly encouraged by the high grade of lively and energetic students enrolled among our lists this fall. Moreover, we are none the less rejoiced at the keen interest taken in our welfare by both faculty and president. A proof of this was an extended reference of approval and encouragement in one of Dr. Ellis's addresses at chapel, in which he spoke of the elevating influence which the fraternities, properly conducted, and they alone, could exert over the student body as a whole.

Ohio Alpha enters the new college year with seven active and two pledged members, and welcomes back among these two very dear girls, not with us last year, Mary O'Bleness and Nelle Wilson. The latter has this year a position as assistant in the high school, but has at the same time taken up special work in the university.

We girls are determined to make this year before us a grand success as regards the interests of Pi Beta Phi, and we cherish and appreciate most highly the helpful influence of our many alumnae residing here, and their sisterly interest in our plans.

Our chapter reports with pride and unbounded pleasure the success of May Connor in the Commencement Oratorical Contest in taking the first honors, and, incidentally, the prize of twenty-five dollars. Pi Phi at O. U. holds her own along literary lines.

The good times of Ohio Alpha did not end with the old college year but sprang up in mid-summer in the form of a jolly old-time picnic, in which all kindred souls in the bond, however ancient their claim, made themselves seen and heard in ways familiar to Pi Phi. Here, too, we listened eagerly to the first report from the Convention, given informally and most entertainingly by our beloved delegate.

But along with these enjoyable things we are brought to regret very much the loss of one of our patronesses, Mrs. C. H. Welch, who removes this fall to Coffeyville, Kansas. However, we are unanimous in the choice of her successor, Mrs. Alston Ellis, the wife of our new president. Her interest in our girls at the Ladies' Hall and her willingness to accompany them at any time as a chaperone have endeared her to the hearts of all, and only the more because of the enjoyment she has in the company of the young people. Dr. Ellis himself has become in a way allied to our cause, for he is just now aiding us very materially in obtaining the gas for heating our hall.

And now last, but by no means least, nothing gives us greater cause for rejoicing than the hopes, so soon to be realized, of calling those whom we have watched and studied in these first weeks of the term, our dear sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Ohio Alpha could wish for every other chapter no brighter prospects than her own, but she sends most lovingly to them her best wishes for success and happiness as great.

BELLE BISHOP.

## OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We Ohio Beta girls have enjoyed a very pleasant summer and yet are very glad to be back in school once more. We are particularly fortunate in vacations in that, with one or two exceptions, our girls are all town girls, and for that reason we are enabled to be together very often. Two of our alumnae were with us this summer, Mary Baxter Porter, who, by the time this letter is written, will write her name Mary Porter Miseldine, and Mrs. Charles Burkett, whom we knew as Laura Weisman.

Nine of our girls attended the Convention this summer, and both they and we, the unfortunate stay-at-homes, have derived great benefit from their visit in the way of fresh enthusiasm, new ideas and a more firmly fixed determination to live up to the standard of Pi Beta Phi.

We tried a new experiment in our rushing this year, and are very well pleased with the results. Instead of exhausting our energy and wasting our time in constant rushing all summer long, we waited until a few weeks before school began, and then went at it with an enthusiasm that carried everything before it. It was running a risk, of course, but "nothing venture, nothing have." To be sure we could not afford to venture much, but we have been fully repaid for any hazard that we might have incurred. Our active chapter at the beginning of school was very small—only seven—but we have now, as a reward for our efforts, five pledges to introduce to our Beta Phi sisters, and before long shall probably have two or three more to usher into the mysteries of I. C. and introduce to the terrible Pi Phi goat.

Ohio Beta sends to her sister chapters best wishes for a happy and prosperous year under the wine and blue.

GERTRUDE LEE JACKSON.

## NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

The pleasure of entertaining so many of our sisters at convention so shortened our vacation that we can with difficulty realize that another fall term has begun, and once more we must conform to our schedules.

Although not as much joy and college spirit was manifest as is customary at the first chapel exercises on account of our national sorrow, yet later in the week the university receptions were attended with their usual enthusiasm.

October seventh was a day of celebration for all colleges, as our football team had just returned from Providence, R. I., where it had scored with Brown 20 to 0. It was an impressive sight to see all the students seated on the green in front of Crouse College, while members of the faculty and



prominent athletes addressed us. An occasional air played by our University Band and vigorous cheers from all added much life.

Since the opening of the fall term we Pi Phis have spent many pleasant hours entertaining the women of the incoming class with drives, dinners and parties. Tomorrow evening we expect to entertain informally at the home of Louise Andrews. Rushing is not ended, but at present we are pleased to introduce the following pledglings: Mabel Miller, Madge Colt, Mildred Taitt, Mabel Smith, and May Bull.

New York Alpha unites in the wish for a successful year for each chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

GRACE HUNT.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Massachusetts Alpha feels very glad that the rushing season is safely over and that she can settle down into quiet fraternity life again.

Two days before college opened we held an initiation at the home of Edith Swift in Newtonville, and as a result of this we gladly present two new sisters to you, Carrie Proran and Helen Meserve.

During the first week of college rushing parties were held in our fraternity room every day, and although this meant work for us, still we feel amply repaid for it all when we consider how successful we have been. We have the pleasure of seeing our pledge pin on eight girls, Maud Norris, Elizabeth Halligan, Georgia Alexander, Eunice Edwards, Edith and Alice Curtis, Louise Brown and Lorea Adams. Before long we hope to see them change the pledge pin for the arrow.

A local alumnae association has been formed this year and we thoroughly appreciated the efficient help which they gave us during the first trying days. They gave us a trolley party to Hingham one day, where we were entertained at the home of Eleanor Good. We always enjoy ourselves there and this time proved no exception to the rule.

We feel very proud of the fact that out of the six new cabinet officers of the Y. W. C. A. three belong to our chapter—Edith Swift, president; Elizabeth Halligan, vice president, and Helen Meserve, corresponding secretary.

One of the advantages our chapter finds in having its home in a large city is that we have a chance to meet some of our sisters from other chapters. Just now we consider ourselves particularly fortunate in having near us Lillie Hazelton of Columbia Alpha and Frances and Luna French of Michigan Alpha.

Massachusetts Alpha extends her warmest greetings to all the other chapters, and wishes them success in their rushing as well as a happy and prosperous year.

MARY C. GALBRAITH.

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

Mingled feelings of joy and sadness were experienced this year as we returned to college. The sadness of breaking off with pleasant summer associations, however, was more than counterbalanced by the joy at greeting our old college friends, especially those most dear within Pi Phi's circle, for the three months' separation had much increased the tension on the binding cord.

We feel with Longfellow that the "absence of some of our old friends, more than the impending night, darkens the landscape o'er." Besides our three graduates, four of our number did not return and we keenly feel the loss of these, although we do feel ourselves particularly fortunate in that two of last year's graduates are settled here in the city. Pennsylvania Beta, too, has sent us one of her number, Mabel Allison. We are glad to welcome her among us for she will help to strengthen the tie already existing between our two chapters.

Our delegate, Kathleen Mallory, has returned enthusiastic over convention, and we trust her reports will give new inspiration to our chapter and make us stronger in working for the fraternity.

At present, however, our thoughts and our time are concentrated upon the "rush." This phase of our fraternity life was opened with a chafing dish party at the home of one of our city alumnae, which was unanimously declared a great success.

College fun begins today with the Senior Tea, at which time the sophomores are granted the privilege of hazing the freshmen. They have a large number to practice their art upon this year, for 1905 entered one hundred and twenty-five strong, with an unusually large number of attractive girls. To the most winsome of these we are now devoting our time and attention, hoping to bring them to the realization that the sentiment expressed in these lines is true as regards us, "New found friends gain a hold upon the heart that the years and the mould cannot cover nor quench."

MIRIAM ALICE BELT.

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**BETA PROVINCE.**

## ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Beta starts this new school year with eight active members and three pledges. One girl, Ethel Chamberlain of Galesburg, has only just

been pledged, but we hope to introduce her as a dear new sister before very long.

The important offices of the senior class were both given to Pi Phi, and the president of the literary society was chosen from among our girls, so we feel that we are starting with more than our usual share of honors.

The first part of the school year has been very busy and there have been numerous entertainments. We gave a reception the twenty-first of September at the Soangetalia Club House near here. The rooms were decorated with wild sunflowers and Pi Phi flags. The guests were the ladies of the faculty, a few of the alumnae who had been especially intimate with the active chapter, and the new girl students in college. We are planning our first "cookie-shine" at the home of Mecca Varney, to bring the girls all together very informally. The pledges are especially eager for this.

The Phi Delta Theta boys gave us a very delightful dancing party October third in the gymnasium.

Lillian Harris, one of our girls of last year, was married in the Central Congregational church here to Rupert Kinsloe on September eleventh. It was a very beautiful wedding. After the ceremony a reception was held at the bride's home. They will be in Champaign this year, where Mr. Kinsloe is in the law school.

Illinois Beta hopes for all Pi Phi a very progressive, happy year.

BESS PHILBROOK.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

Illinois Delta has entered upon this year's work with unusual enthusiasm, even if we did have a chapter of twelve to start out with. Perhaps it was because our members who went to Convention last summer came home with glowing accounts and helpful suggestions; perhaps it was because a treaty with our rivals put off the day of judgment, or rather we should say pledging, until three weeks after the opening of school. Of course this meant that there was vigorous rushing on both sides, but now the great day is over and as a result we have two more sisters in our Pi Phi family—Katharine Bagby and Edith Lass—and we hope that another will have gained her parents' consent before you read this letter. If our new girls fulfill their present promise of becoming two of our most enthusiastic members, we shall surely put a long white mark opposite the day when we pledged them. Our alumnae have been most generous with their time and their homes, and have helped us very much in the rushing. We banqueted down town one evening. Pi Phi ribbons and carnations were everywhere, and we had some rousing toasts, among them one by Mrs. Grace Lass Sisson, whose younger sister is now doubly a sister. Mrs. Seacord and Mrs. Brown, two of our patronesses, entertained us delight-

fully a few days ago, and Mrs. Griswold, one of our alumnae, will entertain us and the active members of Beta Theta Pi in a few days.

We are already planning an initiation for our new pledges, and also for Della Hurff, who has been pledged to us for some time. When we have pinned the arrow upon these three girls we should be happy and satisfied with our chapter, for it will be large enough and, needless to say, of good quality.

Phi Delta Theta has moved into a new chapter house this fall—a home very nicely situated and nicely furnished. They are to give a house-party next Friday evening. The Betas are still the royal entertainers that they used to be, and a number of Pi Phis enjoyed themselves at their house a week ago. Phi Gamma Delta gave a dancing party in their hall last Friday evening, and some of our girls were so fortunate as to be there.

The enrollment in Knox is unusually large this year. She will graduate in the class of '02 a larger number than for several years past, and among them will be six Pi Phis who are already looking serious and beginning to give advice. We shudder to think where these six seniors will end if their sense of dignity keeps on growing until they graduate next spring.

With the wish that every chapter of Pi Phi may get just the right number of just the right kind of girls, and may enjoy them through a prosperous year, Illinois Delta closes.

FANNIE M. HURFF.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

At almost the close of an especially busy rushing season we are reminded that the time for the first letter of the college year is due for our Arrow.

We now have eleven active girls, and we expect to be able to tell in our next letter of an increase in our numbers. Thus far we have pledged Emma Doland, Carrene Cohn and Anna Hendryx, each of whom we feel certain every one will love and want to know better. We are very glad to welcome to our chapter Margaret Hutton-Abels, who has entered Northwestern as a senior this year from the University of Wisconsin. Abbie Williams, '01, whom we had expected to have with us while working for her master's degree this year, will not enter college until next semester.

In honor of our pledglings we are planning an informal dance to be held very soon at the home of Hedwig Mueller, who represented our chapter at the convention last summer. The large attic, decorated to suggest the season, will, we think, be an ideal place for the jolly good time in store for us.

By a letter from Miss Gamble we are told that we have something else very pleasant to look forward to, and that is a visit from our grand secretary, Miss Bartol. Those of us who did not attend the convention last

summer are especially glad to have this opportunity of meeting one so closely connected with the working of the fraternity.

We have just said good-bye to two of our alumnae, Mae and Alice Do-land, who are to spend this year in study in Berlin.

A year of success and happiness for all of our sister chapters is the sincere wish of Illinois Epsilon.

LENORE LATHAM NEGUS.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

In the midst of the hurry of rushing and pledging Indiana Alpha pauses a moment to extend greetings to all the sister chapters. The season this year has been an unusually busy one, and as a result of our arduous labor we have already four fine girls to introduce as pledges—Fay Marshall, Mary Magaw, Grace Carney and Cora Voyles. These we have gained by hard work and tempting baits in the way of informal entertainments, a few of which we will mention. Our first was a fudge party at the home of Ruth Sloan on September twenty-seventh. On October second we entertained at the home of Mrs. J. W. Ragsdale, one of our patronesses. These, with several other little affairs, have served "to help the cause along."

Unfortunately, we have been delayed in getting possession of our chapter house, but on last Friday our house was furnished and we celebrated the event by a "spread" and slumber party that night. We are very proud of our house. It is admirably arranged for entertaining, and through the kindness of our landlady in papering and painting and the generosity of our many friends we have a house which we are proud and glad to open to our friends.

On October tenth we shall give a "cookie-shine" for Mrs. Martha Noble Carter and Mrs. Inez Ulery McGuire, two of our charter members who are attending the Baptist State Convention held here in Franklin this week. On October eleventh our alumnae will give an "open house" in our new house in honor of Mrs. Noble and Mrs. McGuire. The following day we expect to give a "kitchen shower" for one of our girls, Eva LaGrange, who is to be married to Mr. Emery Hill, a member of the Franklin Chapter of Phi Delta Theta.

Indiana Alpha wishes to all success, and a pleasant and profitable year.

GRACE DRYBREAD.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

We girls of Indiana Beta have been very busy getting settled in our new chapter house. We have rented a very pretty house unfurnished and are furnishing it ourselves. In the beginning we felt that it was rather

a big undertaking but we are doing admirably. Nine girls of last year are back, and of course each of them contributed something for the house, besides the donations of alumnae girls. To have a chapter house is mighty nice but to know that the furniture in the house is all our own is still nicer. In a few years we expect to have quite a collection of Pi Beta Phi furniture.

Besides our household cares, we have been rushing freshmen. One evening Miss Guild gave a fudge party for the new girls and on two other evenings we gave informal dances. As a result we have seven new pledges: Mildred Chase of La porte, Grace Graybill of Ladoga, Flora Traylor of Jasper, Harriet Russel of Muncie, Mae Graves and Alice Albertson of Orleans, and Ada Richer of Peru. All of them are already showing a great interest in Pi Beta Phi, and are proving themselves loyal to the wine and silver blue.

Mabelle Bryce of Indiana Gamma and Anna Cravens of Madison are going to visit us in a few weeks. Ava Hamersley of Washington and Grace Griffith of Vevay were our guests during the spiking season.

Indiana University has a new dean of women, Miss MARY Dreed of Bryn Mawr.

Indiana Beta sends greetings to all sister chapters.

GRACE ALDRICH.

#### INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

After a long and happy vacation, the girls of Indiana Gamma turn to the new college year and all its experiences with joyful anticipation. Five girls, all enthusiastic for work and inspired by Jessie Scott's glowing accounts of the Syracuse Convention, take up the fraternity banner. Our college year opens late, not until October first, and the rushing season therefore begins later than in many of our chapters. Our faculty-fraternity contract has been changed to stand for three instead of six weeks, so that in a short time we shall have, we hope, a number of names to add to our chapter roll. Many new girls, all of an unusually high type, have entered college, and we know that Pi Beta Phi will be proud to greet the new sisters whom we shall introduce to her. Our prospects for a good chapter were never brighter than in this, our fifth year. We have unanimously decided to adopt new methods in our rushing, as we feel that in former years there have been too many undignified tactics; so now we are proceeding in a different and quieter, but not less earnest, way. The woods about Irvington, in their beautiful autumn colors, are ideal places for tramps and jolly little parties.

We begin to realize that we are no longer a "baby" chapter when we see how our alumnae list is growing, and the "old girls" are all loyal in their support. Ethel Robert's marriage happily does not take her away

from us. On the night of Saturday, the fifth, she opened her house to the girls for a cookie-shine, when twenty-two girls, of the past, present, and future chapter, sat down to "the cloth now spread on the carpet."

Butler lost one of her best-loved men last July in the death of Professor Edgar Abbott, who was accidentally drowned. To take his place comes Professor Percy Burnett from Chicago, a man of wide study and travel. Two of our faculty have come back from their vacation with brides, whom we are happy to welcome. The college club, the Athenaeum, has a brilliant program for the year, beginning in November with Professor Woodrow Wilson. So we settle down to work with a feeling that good things are coming to us. A "bon voyage" to all chapters starting on their 1902 journey.

LULU B. KELLAR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha again sends greetings to the chapters far and wide.

We have now eleven active girls and three pledges, one of whom, Leila Soule, has been wearing the wine and blue only a short time. She is a sister of Mary and Julia Soule, loyal Pi Phis.

During these bright October days our campus is a blaze of glory. Walks and talks are more inviting than study.

On account of the resignation of President Mosher, Professor Gurney is acting president. We have a new science teacher, Mr. Grove. Mr. Maynard of Chicago has charge of sociology and political economy; Mr. Edmunds of the vocal department.

There have been weddings and weddings. Katherine Cook's in the spring, Frances Randolph's in the summer, and since college has opened Bertha Meyers and Katherine Searle have joined the ever increasing host.

Anna Closson-Green entertained us in honor of Misses Myers and Searle at the beginning of the term. The brides were showered with tin ware of all kinds and descriptions. A mock wedding was one of the most amusing features of the evening, and this was followed by original poems on the subject, "Marriage." Needless to say they were true poetry and showed in what direction many thoughts were turned.

Miss Myers was married September twenty-sixth to Clinton Kempton. The chapter was present, and after the ceremony sang and gave the call.

Katherine Searle is to be married October fifteenth. That time will be long past when this letter is read, but as it has not yet come at the time of the writing it will be very difficult to say how it was done.

Carrie Dudley, one of our seniors, is assistant teacher in the North Adams high school, but takes work in college on Saturdays.

Early in the fall we enjoyed a visit from Lutie Myers, '00, who was here attending her cousin's wedding.



During the summer a Pi Phi thimble party and cookie-shine were given in honor of Mrs. Munson, a patroness, who left Hillsdale in the early autumn, and Frances Randolph who was married shortly after.

Carrie Dudley, our delegate at Syracuse, came back to us very enthusiastic over the Convention and Pi Beta Phi, generally and particularly. If it were only possible for all of us to attend the Convention!

Michigan Alpha wishes each chapter and each girl a pleasant year.

MAUDE B. CORBETT.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

We girls came back to college this fall full of enthusiasm and determination to make the freshmen realize what a fine thing a fraternity is, and particularly Pi Beta Phi.

The rushing was fast and furious, owing to the rivalry of fraternities here, but our efforts were successful as shown by our pledges, all of whom, with the exception of Rhea Tyler, donned the ribbons this year. They are, Pearl and Frances Cummings, Jessie Helsell, who, by the way, is a niece of one of our founders, Mrs. Dursler, Edith Hurst, Helen Spier and Rhea Tyler.

Several of our alumnae are back in college—Madge Sibley, Flora Siegel and Gertrude Edwards—and we have also welcomed two Pi Phis from other chapters, Helen Lee from Columbia Alpha and Genevieve White from Pennsylvania Beta.

A number of our "old girls" have visited us since college opened, and we hope for a houseful at initiation. The house is wonderfully elastic, and it is really astonishing how many girls we can accommodate at such times. We are now planning for initiation on October nineteenth, when we hope to present several more girls to Pi Phidom. Our Grand President, Miss Gamble, will be with us at that time, which makes us look forward with all the more pleasure to the great event of our year.

So far college festivities have been conspicuous by their absence, but October eighteenth brings the annual costume party given by the Women's League at the Gymnasium. This is for the freshman girls whom the League also entertained at a reception September twenty-eighth. The next event for the freshmen will be the Freshman Spread, which our girls will then attend as full-fledged Pi Phis.

KATHERINE TOWER.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The goal of originality we are all seeking to some extent. Some of us are weary of stating facts in the same archaic way, but how shall we say the same dear old items differently. We are as chapters generally rushing as in ancient times, we are all wishing to greet each other at the opening of a new year and we are all, or hope to be, standing on the eve of prosperity. And hence to be original, Iowa Alpha sends her greetings to all Pi Phi and wishes for them a prosperous year.

We are few in number but shall have two splendid girls to introduce to our sisters in our next letter. Our chief concern at present is the rousing of ourselves to a more fervent zeal for the better internal development of our chapter. Many of our sisters are probably doing likewise after the inspiration of our meeting together this summer.

Our rushing season this year has been noted for its sobriety. Paradoxical as this may seem, yet it is true that we never did less actual rushing and never had better prospects. Seven girls in regular collegiate work are pledged to us, all of whom with one exception are new-comers, and all of whom will be eligible before the close of the school year. We have also two pledgings in special departments whose work we hope will reach the collegiate standard for eligibility before long. We were disappointed in not being able to welcome back three of our old pledges, but we hope to have them with us during the winter term.

Again Iowa Alpha through the bond of the wine and blue greets you.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

## IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The hurry that accompanies the beginning of every new school year is beginning to calm down, and Iowa Beta pauses to send greetings to her Pi Phi sisters.

Our college is improved in many ways this year and the attendance is considerably larger than it ever has been in any previous fall term.

The evening we took in three of our pledged girls, we had two visitors, Blanche Van Scoy, '01, and Alta Smith, a Pi Phi from Iowa State University. We have two new pledged girls, Mabel Vale, '06, and Lula Hohanshelt, '05. There are now fifteen active members and seven pledges.

Mrs. C. F. Sigler gave a delightful breakfast September twenty-eighth to all of the old Pi Phi and the college girls in honor of our girls who are soon to be married, Wilma Holderman and Ora Talbot.

We are now busy planning for Hallowe'en, which we intend to celebrate in a suitable manner.

And once more we send our best wishes to all who wear the wine and blue.

NINA HOHANSHELT.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

The fall term has opened under auspicious skies for Iowa Zeta and we ask you all to extend a word of greeting to the five new members we have pledged and initiated in these first three weeks of school.

To those of you who have to wait for a pledge day, this may seem sudden, but thanks to the good offices of some of our alumnae, our new sisters came to us well recommended and so favorably minded to us that our six old girls, who met with renewed enthusiasm for Pi Phi interests, now find their numbers almost doubled. Our new girls are Mamie Johnson of Harlan, Ethel Dunning of Mt. Ayr, Grace Gabriel of Des Moines, May Belle Allstrand of Missouri Valley, and Mabel MacDill of Iowa City.

One of our girls of last year, Matie Maxwell, is teaching in the schools of Duluth, Minn., much to our dismay for we hoped to have her with us this year.

One of our alumnae of '99, Dorothy Wickersham of Marshalltown, will be with us this year taking post-graduate work in science.

The new college building has been opened this fall for use, although not yet formally dedicated, and we are enjoying its spacious and well lighted recitation rooms to the utmost. Most of the two lower floors and the basement are used for recitations and the third floor is used for the University library. On the first floor there is a nicely furnished waiting room for the women of the university which was opened to the public last Saturday by a reception to the feminine portion of the student world, given by the Dean of Women, assisted by the President and his wife. Various representatives of college societies helped the dean receive, among them the president of Pi Phi, while three others of our girls assisted by meeting the guests and showing them about.

The social events have been quite as numerous as the sharpness of the rushing season demanded. Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Nu and Beta Theta Pi have given informal parties. Our own chapter has given two tally-ho parties out to one of the summer hotels besides our usual number of spreads and chafing-dish lunches.

The football season has opened, the first game last Saturday with the Iowa Normal School resulted in Iowa's victory, her goal line uncrossed.

In closing we can only wish you all the same bright prospects that greet us and we wait with expectancy to hear of our other new sisters through the November Arrow.

FRANCES GARDNER.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

This fall the girls of Wisconsin Alpha have been enjoying the new house into which they moved last spring. Because it is much larger than the other it is pleasanter to live in and more convenient for entertaining. With our new home we have also a new chaperone, Mrs. Smith, the mother of two of our charter members, Elizabeth and Genevieve Smith. We are already very fond of her and hope that she is of us.

The rushing is over now, but for the last week or so we have been very busy. In order to become acquainted with the new girls and to give them a chance to know us, we have had a good many small parties. Some of these were at the house, where we amused ourselves in various ways and ended in chafing-dish refreshments. Other informal entertainments were a house picnic, an afternoon reception, to which we invited our mothers and patronesses, a progressive dinner party and last of all an informal dance at the house. This is the first time that we have ever had room enough for a dancing party in our own house, and you may be sure that we enjoyed the experience.

Our rushing has turned out almost better than we could have hoped, and we are now rejoicing over nine pledges. These, with Bertha Bramhall, transferred to us from Indiana Beta, bring our number up to twenty-two. We present to you with great pride our new girls, Cora Norsman, Janet St. John, Eugenie Shea, Vera Christiansen, Lillian Hartel, Beth Kennedy, Daphne Putnam, Elinor Russell and Lucretia Rudolph. The first six of these are freshmen, the others juniors. Cora Norsman has been pledged to us more than a year and Daphne Putnam has been wearing our colors since last spring.

The first weeks of our year together have been saddened by the illness and death of Livia Seiler of the class of 1900. Livia was everything that is womanly and lovable, and this first break in our chapter roll seems very hard to bear. Marie Hinckley and Alma Moser-Reinsch represented active members and alumnae at the funeral, which was held at her home in Alma October seventh.

Wisconsin Alpha is now settling down to work in good earnest. It is pretty hard at first, but we know that one cannot be a good Pi Phi without at least trying to be a good student, and that gives us courage to do our best.

With greetings to all the other chapters of Pi Beta Phi and best wishes for a successful year.

MIGNON WRIGHT.

## MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

Missouri Alpha has been very much elated this year over the prosperity both of our University and our chapter. All departments opened with a much larger enrollment than ever before, and as active university life means active fraternity life, we have been very busy girls. We have had a number of rushing parties, among the most pleasant a morning chocolate at our lodge, a driving party, an evening party at the lodge, and a reception and ball given by Mrs. Turner Gordon of Columbia.

We feel richly repaid for any anxieties or worries that come with the rushing season in having initiated, besides a pledge of last year, five new girls—girls so strongly fought for that it is with difficulty that the corresponding secretary restrains her enthusiasm on the subject in this letter.

Kansas Alpha sends us one of her band this year, Clarabel Denton. We are also delighted to have with us Mrs. Williams, formerly Elizabeth Houx, a Pi Phi at Leland Stanford. Mr. Williams is now instructor in civil engineering in our University.

Missouri Alpha is eagerly awaiting news from her sister chapters. With many good wishes for them all,

Laura Gentry.

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 DELTA PROVINCE.
 

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## LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

It is hard to realize that the summer holidays to which we looked forward for so long are really over, and that one more college year is before us.

From all accounts the Syracuse Convention must have been unusually delightful, and it makes us feel very sad that we all could not have been there. Louisiana Alpha hopes that some day Convention will be held further south, so that more of the chapter can attend.

Our girls were scattered this summer to all points of the compass, but have returned safely to take up their work once more. No, not all, for three chairs in the fraternity room circle are empty—three of our girls having left us to go along broader and more distant pathways. May Logan completed her full course and graduated last June; Elizabeth Smith will remain in Louisville this winter; and Céleste Eshleman will be at Miss Cénas's School in Baltimore. Although they will no longer be

actively connected with us, we feel that what they were once they always will be—true and loyal Pi Phis.

Louisiana Alpha has an active chapter of eleven, and by the next Arrow will be able to introduce six new members to the fraternity.

The chapter has very nice plans for the fraternity room this winter, and as each girl was asked last June to make some pretty piece of fancy work during the holidays, it will no doubt be very dainty and home-like.

Newcomb opened on time with a larger attendance than ever before. Many plans have been made for this year, and several new buildings are being thought of. The separate building for Newcomb pottery is being erected now, and altogether the future seems very bright for our college in the sunny south.

Newcomb's brother college, Tulane, has made great strides under its new president, Dr. Alderman. The new Tilton Memorial Library, the new refectory and the dormitory, all on Tulane campus, are almost completed, and will, with the original ones, make a magnificent group of stone buildings.

Louisiana Alpha hopes that all her sister chapters have had a pleasant summer, and that their prospects for the coming year are bright and promising.

LILY MEAD POST.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Kansas Alpha enters upon this new school year with unusually favorable prospects. Thirteen of our old girls and two of our pledged girls came back, and we have succeeded in adding to their ranks Kitty Plumb of Lang, Lesley Hill of Lawrence, Nell Taylor and Ida Dunham of Kansas City, Missouri, Ella Nye and Sarah Wilder of Hiawatha, Martha Manley of Junction City, and Helen Robinson of Emporia. All of these girls seem to have been made for Pi Phis. They are all endowed with an unusual amount of true fraternity spirit, and from the moment they donned the wine and blue ribbons they entered most heartily into all our plans. Even before initiation they could give that "whistle clear and sweet" better than the majority of the old girls.

Initiation was held for seven of the girls at the spacious country home of Aimee Rudiger, on the evening of September twenty-seventh. The alumnae and active girls went out in carriages and the ride by moonlight was delightful. The mock initiation was held in the basement and in the barns. A cookie-shine, as usual, followed the ceremony.

By the next issue of the Arrow Kansas Alpha will be in her own home. Our chapter house, a modern three-story building, is nearly com-

pleted and all of the out-of-town girls expect to live there. This is the first woman's chapter house in Lawrence. Kansas Alpha can not be too grateful to the Misses Sutliff who have made it possible for us to have our chapter home. It seems that the girls are more enthusiastic and better Pi Phis than ever before, and we look forward with so much pleasure to our life in the house, where we hope to experience more deeply all the joys of being Pi Phis.

Two of our girls, Olive Gundry and Clarabel Denton, have gone to the universities of California and Missouri, respectively, and we hope California Beta and Missouri Alpha will love them as we do. We have lost Mildred Chadsey to Chicago University. Although there is no chapter there, we know she will be loyal to Pi Beta Phi wherever she is.

With heartiest greetings to all Pi Phis,

MABEL McLAUGHLIN.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

Although the loss of eight of our last year's chapter is rather depressing, we came together this year with six active girls and four pledges—Kathryn Heacock, Blanche Meeker, Helen Dalson and Bess Burruss.

We have been "rushing" very hard and having been unusually successful have five more pledges, whom we would like to introduce to our sister Pi Phis: Grace Conerd, Winifred Howell, Edna Holland, Kathryn Whitmore and Willa Allen.

We were fortunate in having with us during rushing season Mrs. Ida Smith Griffith. We enjoyed her visit so much, and only regretted that she could not have stayed longer.

Several teas, luncheons and card parties were given for us at private houses and one large dancing party at the home of Darleen Woodward, one of our alumnae.

The absorbing interest at the University of Nebraska is the coming football game which we will play with Minnesota at Minneapolis next Saturday. A special train will be sent from Lincoln and several hundred from the U. of N. expect to attend.

Nebraska Beta sends best wishes to every Pi Phi for a happy and prosperous year.

LOIS BURRUSS.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Colorado Alpha sends greeting to all of you and wishes you a very pleasant school year.

We are enjoying one another very much after our three months of separation, and we have a fine chapter of girls this year. There will be four-



teen of us when our pledges are initiated. We have six new girls, one of whom, Isadore Van Gilder, comes to us from Colorado Beta. Three of our girls, Edith Allison, Edith Martin and Mabel Pughe, we have already initiated and we wish to introduce them to you. The initiation was held the first week of school, and Miss Gamble presided.

Our girls are at last going to be in a chapter house. By the fifteenth of this month we expect to be in our new home and we are looking forward to the time with great pleasure. We have a nice large house, directly opposite the campus, and we are going to furnish it ourselves. The house belongs to the mother of one of our old Pi Phi's, and we rent it of her.

As yet, outside of our rushing parties we have done very little entertaining, but we have planned a number of things after we get into our house.

Colorado Alpha has been fortunate in having a very pleasant visit from our Grand President, who was a member of our chapter. She was with us for several weeks at the opening of school. Mrs. Bertha Cope-Stogdale, one of our older girls, was here also and helped us through the rushing season.

We hope that you all have been as successful in your rushing as we have and have been as fortunate in securing fine, strong girls.

SARA LAMPMAN HERRON.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Once more all the girls of California Beta are together in the chapter house. We have the same little cottage as last year, and we are happy to say it is fast becoming too small for our chapter.

We have closed our rushing season by initiating four girls, Florence Rumley Fiske of Helena, Montana, Georgia Cummings of Fresno, Roberta Akers of Prescott, Arizona, and Margaret Smith of Ukiah, California. We also have several pledges. We are fortunate enough to have profited by Kansas Alpha's losing Olive Gundry, who has been transferred to our chapter. Mrs. Augusta Smallstig Van Kirk is still with us.

Last week we enjoyed a visit from Miss Edith Riffle of Kansas Alpha, and Mrs. Crook of Denver.

Our first birthday was celebrated by a dinner at the chapter house. We received remembrances from several of our friends, and many congratulations upon the success of our first year.

College has been very interesting, in a social way, this term. There have been many private parties, and the class dances are just beginning. Our girls are represented on all the different class committees. We have entertained very little this term, having given only a few small rushing teas and dances.

The Prytanean Society, a club of prominent college girls, gave a garden fête October fourth, the proceeds being for the endowment of a students' ward in the new Berkeley Hospital. All the girls' fraternities, clubs and societies presided over booths. We had the flower booth, one of the prettiest and most successful financially. The effect of the many gaily colored booths, brilliantly lighted, among the trees of Co-ed Canyon was very pretty.

California Beta is rejoicing over the election of Ida Smith-Griffith to the office of President of Delta Province, for we anticipate with much pleasure another visit from our initiator.

California Beta sends best wishes to all the chapters for a prosperous and happy year.

MAUDE ESTELLE SCHAEFFER.

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## *Exchanges.*

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The *Arrow* acknowledges the receipt of the following fraternity journals: The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the *Anchora*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Trident*, the *Eleusis of Chi Omega*, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Delta of Sigma Nu*, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, and the *Beta Theta Pi*.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* has a contribution presumably from an alumnae source on "The Fraternity Journal," from which we quote at some length. While all that is said is true when judged by the standard of absolute literary merit, we must remember that what to the alumna is trite or trivial, to the freshman is fresh, vivid and vital. Is it not wiser, too, to confine the fraternity journal strictly to the fields of fraternity interest and activity, however limited they be, than to let it enter the realm of the literary magazine in which, at best, it would cut a rather sorry figure?

The first thing that strikes one in looking over the Journal is its monotony. The same class of subjects is treated year after year, each article somewhat colored, to be sure, by the individuality of the writer, but yet without striking originality of treatment. How many girls really read

their Journals? Of course, most of them glance over the pages and read their own chapter letter—there is a certain fascination in seeing one's own doings in print—but few go any further than this. Such a state of affairs should not be, and yet, how can you expect anything else when most of the articles are uninteresting and obviously forced. "We must have a certain amount of material for the Journal, so put in as many words as possible," might be the rule according to which many of these articles are written. Such empty wordiness, such literary padding is good neither for the writer nor for the reader.

As for the chapter letters, some of them are well written, but in others the effort is almost pathetic. We can imagine the poor corresponding editor, sitting at her desk, biting the end of her pen and cudgelling her brains for something to say and for a striking way of saying it.

Extravagant praise of pledglings and bombastic expressions of love for Kappa Alpha Theta shed a glare of artificiality over these letters which, to say the least, does not tend to strengthen the loyalty of those who read them.

What is the object of a fraternity magazine? Is it merely that chapter number one should suggest to the others the best method of preparing for the examination, or that chapter number two should discuss the pros and cons of the fraternity girl's relation to other Greeks or those outside the pale of fraternity life? A certain amount of this sort of talk does us good, but such fields have been worked over until they are exhausted.

Our interests as a fraternity should not be limited by the narrow routine of chapter life. Why not write about other subjects than fraternity life? Now, I do not mean that we should turn the Journal into a *Century* or a *Scribner's*, or that its pages should be burdened with any long, drawn-out dissertations on weighty subjects. It is hard for me to say exactly what I do mean, but I have in mind the brilliant Breakfast Table Talks, or such airy, witty trifles as the *Apology for Idlers*, or that most exquisite of stories, *The Roman Road*. Far be it from me to suppose that we have among us a Holmes, a Stevenson, or a Kenneth Graham, but this much is certain, we have talent. The number of Thetas who wear the Phi Beta Kappa key is sufficient evidence of that. Surely some of this talent must run in literary lines.

Pi Beta Phi has for years held an annual fraternity examination, and naturally does not now feel that such an institution needs justification. Nevertheless it may be interesting to know how Delta Upsilon justifies it:

1. It puts him in possession of a certain modicum of information which every member of the fraternity ought to have. For every day purposes it is not necessary for him to have a thousand facts on the tip of his tongue,

but a limited number is necessary. A few dates, a few historical facts, a few names, some knowledge of fraternity organization and of the various chapters, and, finally, a number of general ideas—all this must be the equipment of every one who hopes to do his part in the fraternity without embarrassment.

2. Beyond this minimum of information there are many matters of merely occasional importance. It is not necessary that a member should burden his mind with all or many of these. But one thing is certain—he should know where to go to find out about them. It is true in the fraternity, as it is in the world at large, that usually the knowledge of *where*, more than the knowledge of *what*, is the mark of a competent man. A series of examinations would make the initiate familiar with all the sources of fraternity information and would teach him how to use them.

3. In his study for the examinations the new member could not fail to learn something of the magnitude of the Greek letter society system, something of its spirit, something of his relations to it and of the relations of the various orders to each other. He would begin to judge his fellow Greeks more upon their merits; to see in their true light the excellencies and the failings of his own and other fraternities. He would learn that no fraternity excels in all particulars, and that each has its own special claims to distinction. He would begin to appreciate how much each order has to learn from its rivals. He would be more charitable and less bigoted in his views of fraternities, and on that account would be a better Delta U., a better Greek, and a better man.

4. Finally, and chiefly, the examinations would impress upon him much of the spirit of Delta Upsilon. They would awaken his sympathy and arouse his enthusiasm. They would teach him that the fraternity is not a mere convenience for which he pays so much a month; that the chapter house is not a mere rallying point for purposes of pastime. He would learn that the fraternity is an institution in which he must invest time, thought and energy, as well as money, but with the assurance of a generous return. He would begin to realize that his chapter does not make the bounds of his fraternity life; that all Delta U's, as well as his immediate associates, are equally his brothers; that the fraternity is really, as has been said, a "larger chapter." He would begin to take an *intelligent pride* in his fraternity—the starting point of a useful career. And, if the plan were in general operation, it would produce ever-increasing uniformity and homogeneity throughout the fraternity, for the various chapters would tend more and more to conform to a common type.

We reprint from the *Beta Theta Pi* the text of an act passed last May by the legislature of Arkansas, to prohibit secret societies in the University of Arkansas. The law is really a curiosity

in its way and we cannot help wondering how long it will be before prohibitory acts are launched against the Masonic orders, the benevolent and protective organizations, or the G. A. R. It would be interesting to consider which is more un-American, the spirit of exclusiveness said to be fostered by the fraternities, or the spirit of coercion directed against them.

Be it enacted by the general assembly of the state of Arkansas:

Section 1. That the fraternities or Greek-letter societies known as "Sigma Alpha," "Epsilon," "Kappa Sigma," "Kappa Alpha," "Delphi Phi," "Chi Omega" and all other secret orders, chapters, fraternities and organizations of whatsoever name, or without a name of similar nature and purpose, are hereby prohibited in the University of Arkansas.

Section 2. That no student in the university who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities or organizations hereby prohibited shall be permitted to receive any class honors or distinctions conferred by the university, nor to compete or contend for any prize or medal offered by the university or by any association or individual, nor to hold any rank, position or office in any organization of cadets above the grade of second lieutenant, after the first day of September, 1901.

But any student who is a member of any of the orders, societies, chapters, fraternities or organizations aforesaid may, within one month after entering the university, or within one month after the beginning of any term, file with the president of the university a renunciation of his membership in the same, and an agreement in writing that he will not, during his attendance at the university, affiliate with the same, nor attend their meetings, nor in any wise contribute any dues or donations to them, and thereafter, so long as such agreement is complied with in good faith, such student shall not be subject to the restrictions created by this section.

Section 3. That after the passage of this act, no person who is a member of any of the said fraternities, societies, orders, chapters or organizations at the university composed in part of students, or who attends their meetings or participates in the proceedings, shall be employed by the board of trustees as professor, teacher or instructor in any class or department of the university, unless he shall first file with the secretary of the board of trustees a renunciation in writing of his membership in or allegiance to such fraternities, societies, orders, chapters or organizations, and a pledge verified by his affidavit that he will not attend the meetings of the same, affiliate with them, nor pay any dues or contributions to them during the term of his employment in the university.

A violation of such pledge shall constitute a forfeiture of his contract with the board of trustees, and be lawful cause for his immediate suspension.

But nothing in this section shall apply to any contract heretofore made by the board of trustees.

Section 4. Any contract made by the board of trustees in violation of the provisions of Section 3 of this act, or in any wise violated by the person with whom the same is made, shall be cancelled and annulled by any court of competent jurisdiction, upon the application of any resident of the state of Arkansas, and in all proceedings under this section, legal service of summons, and of all notices required by law, on the secretary of the board of trustees shall be lawful services on the board of trustees.

Section 5. That this act shall be in force from and after its passage.

One of the greatest services of alumnus to chapter is looking up and recommending new members. The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi sees another side of the question, however, and one that is well worth considering.

It has often occurred to me that one source of misunderstanding between the active chapter and the alumni could easily be avoided. Every loyal alumnus rushes preparatory students for his fraternity. This is a great work and deserves the encouragement and gratitude of the active men. In a large number of instances valuable men are secured who would otherwise be lost to the chapter. However, much harm is often done during this preliminary rushing. The young fledgling is told that he will be sure to make the fraternity—that he will be a big addition to the crowd, and that our fraternity is the only one worth considering.

It has been my experience, and I know that you all will agree with me, that the active chapter changes. In the course of a few years there may be a different set of men from those with whom we were associated. Conditions in the college may change, so that the same characteristics in men, it may be, are not as desirable as they were when we were active. Also, no one fraternity has a monopoly upon the real conception and purpose of a fraternity. The active men of each chapter determine how near the ideal shall be attained. All of which brings me to the point that I wish to make.

The active chapter chooses the freshmen that are to enter. They know better than the alumni whether the young man that we have recommended will fit in with the boys. They usually have a very keen appreciation of the needs of the chapter and are working to bring it to a certain standard. In theory the active chapter is supreme, so far as selecting men is concerned, while in reality they are often handicapped by the previous promises of some well meaning alumnus who has told his young charge that he will see that he gets a "bid" to join.

This is all wrong, fellow alumni, as I look at the situation. Our place

is to cultivate the men for Phi Kappa Psi, but not to promise or make any statements which will in any way prevent the chapter from exercising its free judgment on the man under consideration.

Besides injuring the chapter, we often hurt the freshman. In many instances he does not make the fraternity that he has been led to believe he can attain. He cannot comprehend the reason, and as a result is disappointed and embittered.

I believe that the entering freshman and the active chapter have a right to ask the alumni to exercise caution in their preliminary rushing.





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