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WOMEN'S CLUBS.

Twenty-seven years ago a little group of earnest, congenial and progressive college girls, at Monmouth, Illinois, feeling a desire for mutual help and sympathy, and a wish to form a band of union between themselves and other college women, having the same tastes and aims, conceived the idea of organizing a fraternity, from which grew our cherished Pi Beta Phi, the pioneer women's fraternity. How much they had to contend with and overcome, none can fitly tell, now, when the prejudices against women working out their own salvation in any and all lines, has been so nearly done away with as to seem almost inconceivable to us, who come after to reap the harvests of their sowing. Shortly after this, in the following spring, when our fraternity was still a delicate infant, not yet venturing out in the light of day, its cradle of liberty carefully guarded from even the college authorities, eight women, residents of New York city, feeling the same desire for mutual help and encouragement, and foreseeing the good to come to women in general through their efforts, incorporated the first of the Women's Clubs, the Sorosis, "with a view of bringing together women engaged in literary, artistic and scientific pursuits, rendering them helpful to each other and actively benevolent in the world." The success of this club and the impetus it gave to other groups of women with cravings for a larger life, broader culture, wider sympathies, and the influence upon all American women has been beyond the most sanguine hopes of its founders. Hester M. Poole, in the *Arena* (Aug. '92) says, that prior to the founding of Sorosis and its fortnightly meetings at Del-

monico's, a woman even in daylight, unattended by a gentleman, could not procure a meal at a first class restaurant in New York, nor, in a majority of cases, a bed in a first class hotel. That it is otherwise now, that a woman may travel from one end of this continent to the other and be treated with the respect she receives in her own home, that the chivalry of American men rises to aid and protect any woman in need, more spontaneously and unquestionably than in any other land on the globe, attests our national progress; and Women's Clubs have been one of the strongest influences for good in this direction.

With the widespread educational advantages offered to women, has come the natural unrest and impatience of restraint, that is inseparable from consciousness of power. Now woman is realizing more and more the superficiality of her education, and is supplementing imperfect training with thorough and systematic study. Every field of work has been thrown open to her, who is fitted for it, and taunts, jeers and ridicule at women's expense are done away with, or only serve to show the low associations of those making them. Able women now find generous encouragement and sympathy from men and women alike. Is it George William Curtis who says that the "status of women is the infallible index to progress?" Judged by this standard, America takes the lead in the world. She has not the wealth of historical monuments, the beautiful palaces and the treasures of art of some of the older nations; she cannot illumine the landscape with the gay uniforms of the greatest of armies as can Germany, nor "Rule the Waves" with Britannia, but the light from the myriad of happy homes all over the land, with equality, tolerance, and reverence for their corner stones, makes a halo about her head surpassing all the glitter of kings.

It is impossible to enumerate the many Women's Clubs doing work all over the United States. In March, 1889, Sorosis attained her majority and extended an invitation to all the local clubs of whose existence she could learn, ninety-three in number, to send delegates to her birthday party with a view to forming a National Federation. More than half of these clubs responded by sending dele-

gates. A committee was appointed to call a convention in the following year, the interval to be spent in correspondence with various organizations. In April, of the following year, delegates from sixty-three clubs met and formally organized the National Federation of Women's Clubs, with Mrs. Charles Emerson Brown as president. The first biennial convention was appointed to be held in Chicago in 1892. At this meeting it was found that over triple the original number of organizations was represented, and it now extended to nearly every state in the Union. Since this time state federations tributary to the national one have been formed in Maine, Massachusetts, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, Minnesota, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Connecticut and New York. The New York State Federation was formed last November, Sorosis again invoking the council and entertaining the guests. Four hundred women were present, and of this number one hundred and twenty were delegates of the sixty clubs represented. Mrs. J. C. Croly (Jennie June), the founder and first president of Sorosis, was elected president. In her address to the delegates she aptly voices the sentiment of the times when she says "She who stands alone today, be she woman or organization of woman, is missing her place in the great accordant note of the century." Truly the watchword of social progress is organization. It needs only a short review to appreciate how perfectly this continent is organized for women's work. Temperance unions and suffrage unions are working systematically in every state and town; King's Daughters with Mrs. Botome as its able head numbers over two hundred thousand girls and women working faithfully under the silver cross and. "In His Name"; There are Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; The Woman's National Relief Society with headquarters in Utah, which has four hundred branches and a total membership of twenty-five thousand—as its name signifies it is philanthropic, it owns a hundred thousand dollars worth of real estate, large investments and ready money, which is used to relieve the sick and needy, provide food, clothing and shelter for the destitute, hospitals for the sick, safe employment for worthy women and education for

impoverished orphans;—then there is the National Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement Association with headquarters also in Utah—a well organized body of workers, which in 1891 numbered three hundred branches and had a membership of eight thousand. Its aim is "to cultivate every gift and grace of true womanhood, and to this end every effort is made to stimulate thought, study, individuality and progress"; These are but a few of the national organizations of a philanthropic nature formed by women. They are working together everywhere in college settlements, social science clubs and in a multitude of other societies. Women are everywhere alert and active, aroused to the call for every effort to help bring about a better condition of affairs, intellectually, morally and politically, that our land may be a purer and a safer place for those that come after.

Every city has its Women's Clubs, the most cultured and influential women of the community are its members and admission to them is eagerly sought. Notable among these is the New England Woman's Club of Boston, with Mrs. Julia Ward Howe as its president. It was founded in 1868 and is celebrated for its intellectual vigor; among its pleasantest features is the class work in Political Economy, Sociology, Science, Literature, etc., which gives an intellectual bias to the social intercourse. The receptions, luncheons and teas are renowned for the brilliancy of the conversations, the number of its distinguished guests and for the good taste, quiet dignity and unostentatious refinement of its members. These, at least, are not the cold, haughty, exclusive Boston women we hear so much about, whose blood has become so blue, that it seems no longer to warm the heart and prompt it to generous impulses; but rather the New England woman we like to think typical, who is intelligent, progressive, inventive, executive, of a moral nature, strongly developed, with a New England conscience joined to a warm heart and broad sympathies. There have many clubs and institutions grown out of the New England Woman's Club, conspicuous among which is the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union. This union, with quarters in Boylston St., offers class instruction to women at a

nominal fee in modern languages, history, science, art, domestic economy, etc., it embraces a Woman's Rest-Tour Association which furnishes information whereby foreign vacation trips are made available to teachers, housekeepers and other self-supporting women; it recommends cheap and comfortable steamers, lines of railway, hotels, and mentions objects of interest and routes preferable. The Union has a Bureau of Information where applications are made for teachers, governesses, companions, nurses, bookkeepers—all women engaged in industrial pursuits above ordinary domestic services; it supports a woman's exchange, has pleasant lunch, reception and reading rooms, where one may meet a friend, look over the leading periodicals, rest from the tiresome exertions of shopping or spend a quiet hour from business. Its plans and aids for women are many and practical, and other cities have not been slow to emulate their good work.

The New Century Club, of Philadelphia, grew out of the intercourse of the ladies working for the centennial. Soon after the close of the exposition, the ladies met together to perpetuate their association in the New Century Club. It has over five hundred members working in the various branches, literary, philanthropic, educational, etc. It provides lectures from distinguished people, classes for thorough study and aids to culture in all directions. Its monthly Club Teas and Parlor Discourses give a pleasant home atmosphere to its beautiful abode, a stately structure in the heart of the city, designed by a woman architect. There the members have attained to the purposes set forth in their charter—"to create an organized center of thought and action among women, for the protection and the promotion of science, literature and art, and to furnish a quiet and central place of meeting in Philadelphia for the comfort and convenience of its members."

The Chicago Women's Club, founded in 1876, now numbers over six hundred members. It is subdivided into six departments, namely: Reform, Home, Education, Art and Literature, Philanthropy, and Philosophy and Science. Under Reform much has been, and is being done to alleviate suffering, to prevent and

diminish crime. There are standing committees to secure reform in the management of county charitable institutions; reform in the laws affecting women and children; to secure the appointment of women physicians in all public institutions where women and children are cared for; committees in charge of jail schools, and through their agency a home has been built for boys, to separate the waifs from the criminal classes, and to prevent them from growing up into vicious men through criminal associations. There are committees on municipal order and parliamentary law. In the Home Department they study and discuss current events and current history in domestic, sociological and political lines, and take up some particular branch of literary study. Under the head of Philosophy and Science are classes of Sociology, open to all members of the club. Each of the six departments has a committee for school children's aid and a representative on the Woman's Protective Agency. The latter institution is one of the most practical mediums of reform, and no review of woman's work would be complete without mention of it. Miss Antoinette Van Housen Wakeman, of the *Chicago Post* says:

"The Chicago Protective Agency for Women and Children is composed of women of culture and wealth, who give freely their means, time and influence to secure justice to all women without reference to their moral character, precisely as time out of mind justice has been meted out to men. They shrink from nothing, and, whenever a woman is in need of such help as can be given by those who stand on high firm ground, they are ready to help, wisely and effectively, and there is not a judge or justice in Chicago who does not defer to and respect their judgment."

Minneapolis in its Women's Clubs has shown itself fully abreast of the foremost in the march of progress. In 1892, sixty-seven clubs in the city united to form a local council. Many of the clubs therein contained are of national reputation, among which we note in the literature department Chi of Kappa Kappa Gamma. The third annual council was held in November last. A monthly magazine is published in which appear the leading articles that have been delivered at the councils, earnest and thoughtful editorials and mis-

cellaneous articles of interest to the members of the organizations.

These are a few of the many hundreds of women's clubs in the United States. The local clubs are incorporated into state federations, which in turn form a National Council of Women. Of this council there are over seven hundred thousand women, members of its organizations. It seeks to advance the cause of women in every possible direction. The lines of its work are religious, philanthropic, educational, professional, social reform, moral reform and government reform. Its councils are triennial with annual meetings for business. The next triennial council will be held in Washington, D. C., from February 17th to March 2d, 1895. Its lines of general work are:

- (1) Equal Pay for Equal work; to secure a law requiring our National government to make no distinction of sex in the payment of its employees.
- (2) Divorce Reform; to secure the appointment of women upon all State commissions (now consisting of men alone) working to change existing Divorce and Marriage Laws.
- (3) Dress; to promote the discussion of woman's dress and arouse public sentiment favoring greater attention being paid to health, freedom and beauty in the dress of women.
- (4) Patriotic Teaching; to introduce this into the public schools of the land, and to favor the exercises of the day beginning with a salute to the flag.

“The council idea, which has already taken firm root in France, Belgium, Germany, Canada and the United States is the ‘climax in the organization of the moral forces of society by women,’ and stands for the broadest mutual respect and sympathy and for the peace which ‘makes for righteousness.’” Of this council Mrs. May Wright Sewell is president, and was most influential in its organization; she was the first corresponding secretary. Miss Frances Willard was former president, and Miss Susan B. Anthony was vice-president.

The Woman's Club is conservative, working under no religious sect, but embracing all. There the Presbyterians meet the Unit-

rians on the common ground of good fellowship, the Catholic and Jewess work together with the Methodist for the good of humanity, and individual culture is broadened and character developed and uplifted by mutual appreciation and forbearance. It holds no tenets regarding suffrage or temperance, though many of its members are devoted adherents of both. From time immemorial the world's education has been mostly for boys; only within the last quarter of a century, the magic doors of the college have turned upon their hinges to admit woman. But she is still handicapped by the lack of everyday experience, enjoyed by her brothers; theirs is a life of constant attrition with their equals or superiors—hers, in the home, one of isolation or worse, the constant association with inferiors and dependents, and while the life of the one grows broader and deeper, that of the other becomes crippled by petty details and experiences. The club life offers to woman a field for the development of her faculties, which would otherwise remain dormant; it teaches her the lesson of consideration for the opinions of others, to subordinate her will to that of the majority, which she has not learned at home where she rules supreme; it teaches her to make impartial judgments and to give true and unprejudiced criticism of the work of others; it teaches and gives practice in parliamentary discipline, which never comes amiss, and is sure to be required of a woman sometime in her life; it directs her reading into useful channels and systematizes it; it procures for her library the best books on the lines studied; it fills the gaps in her education and strengthens the weak places; it opens post-graduate study to the woman who does not wish to lay aside her scholarly pursuits with her cap and gown just as she begins to appreciate their value and have some leisure to enjoy the study; it teaches her to think logically and to express herself concisely without trembling at the sound of her own voice; it enforces the thought that it is neither unwomanly nor immodest to think for herself and express herself clearly without self-consciousness—this comes only with practice and often only through the medium of a woman's club. There is something repugnant to most women in defending themselves, presenting credentials

and asking rights of men, claiming suffrage and demanding admittance into colleges; these things have been done by earnest and noble women and in a most self-sacrificing spirit, and for it we can only reverence and honor them. Club women are accomplishing the same end, in a different way by working from within, developing the latent powers of its members, training them into scholarly and efficient women, and building up on perhaps a slender foundation, a broad, true culture, so that now they are being invited to positions of trust and offered the rights so long withheld.

“These were the rough ways of the world till now,
Henceforth thou hast a helper, he, who knows
The woman's cause is man's—”

It has been argued against clubs for woman, that they tend to turn her attention from her proper sphere—to make her neglect her home and children and give her masculine tastes and manners—if this be true, women's clubs are not an agency for good. But unless to increase her intellectual faculties, to broaden her sympathies, to quicken her conscience tends to make a woman less thoughtful for those dearest to her, less capable of and willing to be a helpmate to her husband and a guiding spirit to her children, it is untrue. If masculine tastes and manners mean more unswerving truth, greater courage, more self-respect, and with the power of self-renunciation the recognition of duty to self, let us be masculine! If femininity means pettiness and pettishness, sentimentality, vacuity and dependence, let us pray to be delivered from it!

It seems almost absurd to us that even now, almost at the beginning of the twentieth century we should hear thoughtful, educated men, make the remark one made to me recently, that all intellectual development was at the expense of development of the heart, and that he hoped to be delivered from an intellectual wife. This is not an unusual attitude for German men, and I think, for most foreigners in their own countries. Investigation proves the falsity of the too commonly held theory that any education is good enough for girls who marry, that a college education is thrown away upon a

woman unless she uses it in a remunerative profession. A mother needs the best possible training of intellect and heart:

"If she be small, slight-nurtured, miserable,
How shall men grow?"

Statistics show that one-third of all the babies born into the world die before they are five years old, and nine-tenths of the children of college bred women survive infancy. Mrs. Frances Fisher Ward, a Vassar graduate and experienced mother says, that "A woman scientifically educated can in three hours be taught more about the care of an infant than another intellectually untrained can learn from personal experience in a life time."

Trust a woman to protect her home; it is her "whole existence" just as much as it ever was, though superficiality and ignorance have become things to be ashamed of and remedied as soon as possible. The "new woman" of America is the intellectually trained woman, the scientific mother, the artistic home-maker, morally upright and self-respecting, and demanding the same high standard of morality and purity for others that she requires for herself—

"Happy he
With such a mother! Faith in womankind
Beats with his blood, and trust in all things high
Comes easy to him."

Each woman needs to develop every faculty of intellect, heart and soul to its utmost power. She must have wisdom, patience, self-sacrifice if she would expect it of others, and "Wherever a true woman comes, home is always around her. The stars only may be over her head; the glow-worm in the night-cold grass may be the only fire at her foot, but home is yet wherever she is; and for a noble woman it stretches far around her, better than ceiled with cedar, or painted with vermilion, shedding its quiet light far for those who were homeless."

Elizabeth Kennicott Culver, Colorado Alpha.

THE CLUBMAN'S LAMENT.

Oh, these altruistic days,
When charity's a craze;
And the cultured college girl a-slumming goes.
To see her is to love her,
In her gowns which are de rigueur,
In her dainty blushing sweetness like the rose.

She descends upon the pauper
With her high-bred air of hauteur,
For, to elevate his ideals she has come.
She murmurs of heredity,
Environment, affinity!
And the vagueness of her language strikes him dumb.

She says he might 'evolve',
If he only would resolve
Tobacco and all spirits to forego,
His system is anaemic!
His cooking, unhygienic!
And his blood, quite full of microbes, don't you know.

Oh, would *I* were a pauper.
And from Minerva's daughter
Such glances of sweet sympathy could gain.
But alas! I'm clean, respectable;
My surroundings are delectable;
My riches and devotion, all in vain.

Leila R. Peabody, in "The Great Divide."

Alumnae Department.

A FRATERNITY NOTE-BOOK.

My fraternity note-book has helped me so much in my fraternity work, that I feel it a veritable institution of itself in fraternity methods, and wish to say just a word about it to the other girls.

It was begun on the day of my initiation, with the names, home addresses, date of initiation and class of all the members of the chapter. This bare list has grown with the years into a concise history of each girl for I have always kept track of each member of my chapter. The occupation and whereabouts of each is put down each year, and thus I am enabled to communicate with each at any time.

Since, I have been in the habit of jotting down in this same note-book the name and address of any Pi Phi of whom I hear or read—all the corresponding secretaries, all the officers, etc. In this way I have the beginning of a Pi Phi catalogue. I never let a name escape me, thus I have a wide knowledge of the members of the fraternity at large. Now when I wish to call upon some one for fraternity work, I consult my list, select a name, write to the person, and find out if she can be of service to me.

When I go on a journey, I consult my note-book and find if there are any Pi Phis along my route or at my destination upon whom I can call. I never let an opportunity of meeting a Pi Phi go by, I have had many a sweet half hour conversing with our fraternity girls, who, a moment before, were strangers.

This list of names is by no means all that my note-book contains, and perhaps if the editor does not use her big shears too much on this, I will tell you more about it another time.

I urge upon all of you most emphatically to use every means toward having a broad knowledge of our fraternity, and a personal acquaintance beyond the members of your own chapter.

E. I. C.

ALUMNAE PERSONALS.—MICHIGAN ALPHA.

May Austin Kelley, '92, at home, Blanchester, Ohio.

Lena Judd, '93, is assistant in High School, Dowagiac, Mich.

Minnie Zell is acting as her father's clerk and giving elocution recitals.

Retta M Kempton is at her home in North Adams. She has so far recovered from her severe illness that she visits Hillsdale occasionally.

Fannie and Louise Randolph, '92 and '94, are both at Parker College, Minn. Fannie is instructor of Mathematics and Louise of Music.

Mary Wood Perry has been visiting in Hillsdale for the past few months.

Catherine Smith is at the Oberlin (Ohio) Conservatory of Music.

Adah Browne is pursuing a course in Music at Albion (Mich) College.

Katherine Searle is assisting in Kindergarten work at her home, Topeka, Kas.

Minta Morgan, '93, is teaching music at her former home, Pt. Townsend, Washington.

Lotta Coombs has entered the Detroit School of Music.

Florence P. Chase resigned her position as Cataloguer in the Public Library in Grand Rapids and accepted a like position in St. Louis, Mo.

'GREE, BAIRNIES, 'GREE.

(Published by request).

'Gree, bairnies, 'gree.

Ye'll no be aye together,
 The day will come ye'll wish ye'd a'
 Been kinder to ilk ither,
 For when ye're sundered far and wide—
 Ay, ye think it canna be—
 Ye'll tent yer mither's tellin' ye.
 bairnies, 'gree.

'Gree, bairnies, 'gree,
 Kind words are aye the best,
 An' the thought that ye ha' spoken them
 Will never break your rest.
 But bitter, angry words, my bairns,
 Ance spoken aye maun be
 To haunt the heart like evil things,
 'Gree, bairnies, 'gree.

'Gree, bairnies, 'gree,
 My mithter said lang syne
 When six o' us played roond her knee
 As ye do noo at mine;
 But this day in a' braid Scotland
 There's na ane left but me.
 Be kind while ye're togither, bairns,
 'Gree, bairnies, 'gree. E. L. D.

From the *National Tribune*.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

Now that the inter-fraternity exchange is in effect, and we see the journals of the other women's fraternities, we feel much better acquainted with what is going on in the fraternity world, and more qualified to express opinions.

A Social Ideal. We have noticed with growing interest, just a little mixed with alarm, that some of the fraternity magazines are devoting much space to subjects outside of fraternity, such as college settlements, the new charity, etc. We believe in these subjects, but we do not believe that all our interests should be crowded into one organization. Let our fraternities represent college friendships and an ideal social circle, and let our charity and our socialistic studies be outside.

But this is not what we wanted to talk about. We meant it only as an introduction to the idea that college fraternities have not yet outlived their usefulness in their proper field. There is much to do in the college life immediately around them without going further to find new work. We have been thinking so much lately of the social life in colleges, and what goes by the name of society in cities. In spite of the good-natured ridicule of some of our older sisters, who say that all young girls have cyclopean ideas of reforming the world and that by-and-by we shall be glad to have as many good times as we can, without questioning too closely their ethical points, we maintain that the average social entertainment, be it party, or reception or afternoon tea, is rather an indignified and paltry affair. The chief interest seems to be in what one gets to eat, and in the novel and gorgeous effects to be secured in serving this refreshment. Then there is always music which so seriously interferes with conversation and social intercourse, which it is the avowed purpose of the gathering to promote, that one is obliged to shout one's inquiries after one's neighbor's health, into his ear, or roar out one's opinions of the weather like a Greek tragic actor, and to bellow like Philoctetes if one wishes to make a remark on the political situation in Europe. After the party, if one analyzes the entertainment he finds that all the senses were pleased, but was there any real, intelligent enjoyment?

College social life is merely the same thing writ small. Fraternities try to out-do one another in giving sumptuous parties, and elaborate banquets.

Now if any reform is to come it must certainly come from educated people who are capable of more intelligent enjoyment and where could we look for a more fittingly reasonable, high-grade social life, than to our colleges?

We think a fraternity chapter of high social-standing might do much toward creating a social life on a higher plane than what is known as society. It need not be at all on the blue-stocking order. We are pleading not so much for intellectual society, as for *intelligent* society. We would suggest quiet gathering of friends for the

mutual enjoyment of each other's society, without the usual attending parade and show.

We wish that in all the colleges in the land, our fraternity might stand for that higher, more intelligent social life.

Looking into the possibilities of life for "a Pi Phi girl" as shown in that short letter in the October ARROW from one of our Alumnae members, I read an added lesson from our **Another Lesson** from **Our Creed.** Has it occurred to us that therein lies all the instruction necessary to the most perfect character-building? Do we realise that our character is growing under our own fashioning hand? That we are our own architects?

Pre-eminent in that structure must be truth. This is not only the foundation upon which to build a perfect womanhood, but it must permeate every muscle and sinew, every vein and nerve. Absolute truth is that perfect fitness of things which constitutes the fundamental law of the universe. Exact conformity to our relations, physical, social and spiritual, and to have all our powers attuned to perfect harmony, is the ideal.

What is truth? we ask, and slip away with jesting Pilate without waiting for the answer; but to solve it is the main business of life. Let us remember that perfect sincerity is required of us, perfect knowledge is not.

Loveliness is the robe and crown of a holy character. Things of good report,—an unstained reputation is the fragrance of a beautiful life. *Truth, nobility, justice and purity*, make up the substance of a character we all may build. Loveliness is the outward adornment, a good report is its savor.

Character is summed up in the strong term virtue. Its adornment and fragrance are expressed by the term praise.

Living up to our creed, we shall
 "Fear not to build our eyrie in the heights
 Where golden splendors lay;
 And God will make divinely Real
 The highest forms of our Ideal".

Of Interest to all Women.

MRS. HUMPHRY WARD.

Here is a vivid picture of Mrs. Humphry Ward, the great English author, who has been called the only successor of George Eliot. Of the creator of Robert Elsmere and David Grieve the Boston Transcript says: Mrs. Humphry Ward is a woman of medium height, slender in frame, plain in appearance, yet, withal, marked by a certain character. Some call it stateliness, some call it affability. Her hair is dark and wavy, parted in the middle and brushed back from her forehead. Her eyes are brown; their chief characteristic is a searching expression. Her nose is aquiline and slightly pinched. Her dress is as severe as her appearance. Her manners are of an older school and her movements are so quiet that when the writer first met her at a country rectory he felt convinced that she must be the wife of one of the deans.

Mrs. Ward's home is in Russell square. It is an old-fashioned literary house, with large rooms, ornamented by massive mirrors in elaborate gilded frames, heavy cornices and heavy curtains, that make the room dark and give one the sense of being in a close atmosphere. This picture is given in no unkindly spirit, for this is but one of the old-fashioned houses occupied by London authors. Mrs. Ward is an affable hostess and ready in all directions to make every guest happy by confronting each of them with some other congenial spirit.

She is extremely kind in nature and this trait is reflected in her face, which always wears a smile. Indeed, the pleasantness of her expression is so constant that it strikes one almost painfully after being a long time in her society. The sweetness of her smile becomes too sweet and subjects itself unconsciously to criticism. There are two noticeable features in her temperament that are closely allied to this expression of countenance. She is, in the first place, of a most forgiving disposition, and also of an inquiring frame of mind, which last quality often makes her appear inquisitive, and for appearing inquisitive she becomes apologetically soft in manner.

On October 18 the young women of Berkeley College, California, appeared in rainy-day uniform, consisting of blouses, short skirts and leather leggings. Although the institution is a co-educational one, the young women were not annoyed by rude comments or criticisms. A little curiosity was the only unusual attention they received.

Mrs. T. W. Palmer has subscribed \$10,000, Mrs. C. A. Kellogg \$3,000 and Mrs. H. H. Crapo-Smith, Mrs. S. L. Smith, Mrs. Helen P. Jenkins with other Detroit women have given enough to make a total of \$14,000 toward \$30,000, which it is proposed to raise for the endowment of a woman professorship in the University of Michigan.

Miss Frances E. Willard is the third woman to have the right to write doctor of law after her name. Maria Mitchell, the astronomer, and Amelia B. Edwards, the Egyptologist, were the others.

London University has just granted the degree of Bachelor of Arts to 250 candidates, eighty-one being women, the largest number it has ever conferred in one year. The university gives degrees on examination, but provides no instruction.

Miss Sterling has a model farm at Aylesford, Nova Scotia, to which she brings destitute children from Scotland and educates them to trades. She has a grist-mill, saw-mill, and various workshops on the place, and generally has about 100 little waifs in training for useful lives.

Miss Hills, the Director of Physical Culture at Wellesley College, is always on the lookout for sports which can consistently be indulged in by young women, and her latest idea is to introduce lacrosse in the college. She has invited the manager of the Harvard lacrosse team to consult with her as to the advisability of making this move. She thinks there is no reason why young women of athletic inclination should not play the game.

THE CHICAGO UNIVERSITY.

The regular quarterly statement made by President Harper at the ninth convocation of the university was unusually interesting

from two points of view—the one, financial; the other, athletic. The financial statement was one over which there will be much congratulation among the friends of the university. The generous donor whose munificence made the university possible and who has more than once added to his original contribution has again opened his purse. Mr. Rockefeller now donates \$175,000 to be applied to the general running expenses of the scholastic year beginning July, 1895, and this gift, coupled with many others, provides the university with \$600,000 for the expenditures of the coming year. Mr. Rockefeller's donation shows that he has a lively interest in the progress of the university as well as in its endowment. That interest is shared by many others in Chicago. Rarely indeed has a new university started upon its career with stronger, more generous, or enthusiastic friends. Several thousand dollars have been contributed towards the women's building, and this sum has been raised by women, who have given a guaranty that they will raise all that is needed for this purpose. Two ladies, Mrs. Snell and Mrs. G. S. Adams, have provided beautiful furnishings for two of the halls, including furniture, rugs, pianos, decorations, etc. Another lady, Mrs. Caroline E. Haskell, has added \$20,000 to a previous donation of a similar sum for the special object of founding a second lectureship on the relations of Christianity and other religions, coupled with the condition that the leadership shall bear the name of Henry Barrows, who has been so intimately identified with this work during the World's Fair period and since. Still another lady, Mrs. H. A. White, has enriched the library with 1,500 volumes from the library of her late husband. Mr. Martin A. Ryerson, who has been a frequent and generous donor, has added lavishly to the displays in the Walker Museum, and has given besides \$10,000 for the purchase of apparatus for the physical laboratory bearing his name.

Encouraged by such generous gifts as these the trustees will enter upon the new year of university life with fresh courage. They cannot but feel that they will be indorsed and assisted by many helping hands in Chicago, and that if they administer their trust providently and wisely, the influence of the Chicago University will be

still more widely extended and it will make itself a power in the direction of higher education.

The second point of interest in President Harper's address concerns the much-mooted question of athletics. Little exception can be taken to the President's general statement. He says:

Woe betide the day when our college men, with temptations of every kind besetting them, become so slothful, so demoralized, so diseased as to lose their interest in athletics. In the University of Chicago athletic work is directly and exclusively under the control of the university authorities. It will so remain. The university has encouraged athletic sports; it will continue to encourage them. We believe that this is an important part of college and university life.

No one will question this statement. Athletics should form a part of the university curriculum. No one will dispute that fact. No one has argued that athletics should be dropped. No one has raised a hue and cry against athletic activity, as he asserts. But with his assertion that "the question of a life or of a score of lives is nothing compared with that of moral purity, human self-restraint, in the interests of which, among college men, outdoor athletic sports contribute more than all other agencies combined," The Tribune does take issue. Does Dr. Harper mean to assert that the moral purity and human self-restraint of his students are compensated for or can only be secured by killing off a few of them every season? The issue that has been made is not with athletics, but with brutality and ruffianism, gambling and slugging, which are not necessary in athletics. If these cannot be suppressed then it is time to suppress football and substitute some other game which does not need these accessories. The university team has recently been to California. The only games which it lost were those in which brutality was practiced by the other side. It is creditable to the university team that its members behaved like gentlemen and not like brutes, and it is creditable to Dr. Harper when he says that he will never consent to have athletics prostituted by gamblers and pugilists and that "we shall see to it that no man upon a university team shall ever have a second opportunity to disgrace either himself or the university. At home and with the teams of other institutions we shall

endeavor to cultivate a spirit that shall be in the truest sense elevating." That is right, and if all other universities adopted the same policy it would never be necessary to sacrifice life in order to retain moral purity and human self-restraint.—*Chicago Tribune*.

THE WOMEN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL.

The National Council of Women of the United States will be held next month at Washington. It will probably be the largest assembly of women in the world's history. Every organized society of women in the United States will be represented.

Among other things they will discuss the question of equal pay for equal work, both in private and public, and in government departments; of divorce reform, with special reference to the appointment of women on commissions for the purpose of revising marriage and divorce laws; of dress reform, to secure fashions for women which shall promote health, freedom of movement and beauty; of patriotic teaching in the public schools, to arouse the sentiments of love of country in the minds of the young; of equal educational advantages for men and women, equal opportunities of industrial training, equality in the church, and an equal standard of purity for men and women.

At the annual meeting of the Detroit branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, the discussion was "The Desirability of a Prison for Women Only in the State of Michigan."

A NEW PEOPLE'S CHURCH.

On December 19th was dedicated in Kalamazoo, Mich., a new People's church, of which a brilliant and earnest woman is pastor. The *Chicago Record* describes the work and belief of the church as follows:

Persons interested in the liberal religious movements of the time regard with satisfaction the dedication to-day in Kalamazoo, Mich., of the new People's church, famed as being the truest representative of a liberal "institutional" or seven-day church in the United States. The services which are unique in kind, will occupy

several days. The organ, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Blount, of Washington, D. C., as a memorial to their deceased daughter Helen, will be dedicated with a recital and concert one evening. A characteristic feature will be the "fellowship supper," at which all the workmen who have helped to build the church, with their wives, will be the guests of honor. The Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, pastor of All Soul's church, Chicago, will deliver the dedication sermon. Speaking of the new church he said:

"The institutional church, undenominational and non-sectarian, is a movement springing out of the scientific spirit of the day on the one hand and the humanitarian spirit on the other. This spirit found its best expression in the congress of religions held in Dr. Hirsch's church last spring, and that, in turn, was the child of the parliament of religions. It looks toward a union of the liberal forces on a practical rather than a theological basis.

"There are very few 'institutional' churches in this country, and of these the new church in Kalamazoo is the only one known to me that is non-sectarian and without any creedal requirements for membership. My new church will be another that is absolutely free from any denominational test. There are a number of evangelical churches having 'institutional' features, but most of them require subscription to some creed as a ground of membership. Dr. Scudder's tabernacle in Jersey City and Plymouth church in Indianapolis are instances of successful institutional churches of this class. 'The church of this world' is what I like to call the seven-day church, because its object is to make life livable for people in this world, believing that to be the best preparation for the next. The time is coming when there will be a church that will represent the world, as the cathedral did in the middle ages."

Some of the many activities of the People's church work will be carried on daily. A free kindergarten, a woman's gymnasium, educational classes and social clubs will all find shelter and support within its walls.

The church edifice presents many unique features. The basement is devoted to dining-rooms, kitchens, club-rooms, bath-rooms and a library. On the next floor is the auditorium, with a seating capacity of about 500, which may be considerably increased by throwing back the large glass doors which open into the parlors. There is a large open fire place in the auditorium and several in the

parlors and the dining-rooms, and the whole aspect of the interior is domestic rather than ecclesiastical.

The pastor of the church and the founder of the society is the Rev. Caroline S. Bartlett, for several years a prominent figure in the Unitarian denomination, a thorough scholar and a woman of distinct individuality. She was for three years a successful newspaper worker in a western state, and with only a brief period for preparatory study, went from the editor's office to a pulpit in Sioux Falls. Coming to the Unitarian church in Kalamazoo when it was in a feeble condition, she infused into it new life and energy. When the new church was about to be erected, Miss Bartlett laid before the people her plans for a broader form of church organization.

Chapter Letters.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Since the appearance of our last chapter letter, summer has come and gone and with it many gratifying changes have been effected.

Among the improvements may be noted: An enlarged gymnasium, recitation rooms for French and German and English Literature, a new Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. room and the introduction of steam-heat and electricity into the Chapel and Painter Hall. Prof. Henckels, of Harvard University, has been elected to the Chair of Modern Languages. Prof. Janes, of the Latin department, has been elected to a broader field, but returned at Christmas to claim, as his bride, one of Middlebury's fairest daughters. The vacancy caused by his resignation is filled by Prof. Sanford, recently returned from extended European study. President Brainerd is still abroad and in his absence his position is filled by Prof. Eaton of the Greek Department.

Arrangements have been made for a course of lectures and so far they have been very instructive and entertaining. The first was given by Prof. Eaton on "Delphi," the second was an illustrated

lecture on the Yellowstone National Park, by President Coons, of the Agricultural College, Hartford, Conn.

On the fourth floor of the Chapel building a large study and reception room has been fitted up for the use of the young ladies of the College, which they have named "The Phrontisterion." Here at the beginning of the term they received the students and professors with their wives. A little later the Corporation gave a reception in Painter Hall, and the library and reference room looked very pretty draped with the college colors and decorated with chrysanthemums.

With her sister colleges, Middlebury has not been found wanting in athletic sport. Our foot ball-team is very strong and disregarding minor victories the one won on the home field over the University of Vermont was, indeed, a triumph.

Adah Hulbert, '97, whom we expected would return to College this fall was prevented by ill health and is spending the winter in Philadelphia. Bertha Ranslaw, '94, is studying French in Hartford, Conn., and teaching in the Glastonbury High School. Laura Clark, '94, has charge of a private school at Bridgeport, Vt., and her visits to us here have been quite frequent.

The freshman class numbers thirty-two and we are proud to introduce to you the Pi Phis of '98:—Florence Cragin Allen, of Brattleboro, Fannie Marva Suttan, of Shelburne and Luella Cushing Whitney, of Ashburnham, Mass. We call ourselves "The Mystic Nine," and as we shall lose no girls in '95 our hopes and ambitions for Pi Beta Phi are strong. Our initiation was held Nov. 2nd in our "Chapter Home" and one of the initiates innocently remarked the next day that she felt as though she was being married. We did not have an elaborate banquet as last year but we served ice cream and cake and chocolate with whipped cream in dainty cups.

To all wearers of "The Arrow,"
 And the bow of "Wine and Blue,"
 We would send a sister greeting.
 May your joys be never few.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Columbia Alpha have reason to remember with pleasure their Thanksgiving holiday. On the 30th of November our chapter gave a delightful afternoon reception at the home of Elenor Wilson, entertaining the faculty and their wives, the college alumnae and the Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi. The reception was given in honor of the girls who have entered college this year and although we had seen and met them all before at the University, yet we found this occasion an admirable opportunity for the ripening of a closer acquaintance. The affair was a great success and to everyone present was most enjoyable.

Before this number of the Arrow is issued our chapter will have been increased by six members. The girls who are pledged are: Misses Kilton, Bradford, Bowman, McGowan and Norris of the Freshman Class and Miss Chapin of the Sophomore Class. The initiation is to take place on January 5th at the home of Miss Maguire and will be followed by an informal reception to the Alumnae Club. The girls who are to become our companions bear the mark of true Pi Phis and we wish we might be going to present them to the whole fraternity as well as to our Washington sisters.

At a recent meeting of the Columbian Women—an organization composed of all women who are, or who at any time have been, students in any department of the Columbian University, together with the wives of the Faculty—there were elected the officers for the year, among whom were two Pi Phis—Miss Maguire, first vice-president, and Miss Pettigrew, treasurer. Miss Pettigrew is a graduate of the Medical School. The Columbian Women have for their object the founding of scholarships for women, in the University. They have already founded one which is known as the Lucy Stone Scholarship. Mr. Blackwell, the husband of Lucy Stone has presented the organization with a large portrait of his wife. This picture hangs in the Women's Room at the University Building.

A dramatic club, styled "The Players," made its debut on the Washington stage last week in the sprightly opera of "Dorothy." The presentation met with deserved success, and our boys nobly up-

held the honor of Columbian. The Club is similar to the Mask and Wig Club of the University of Pennsylvania and the Paint and Powder Club of Johns Hopkins; and it promises to become a rival of the older organizations. It will shortly start on a Southern tour.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Alpha sends greetings to her sisters and hopes that they have been so fortunate as to bring many lovely new girls among us.

Though as yet we have not increased the size of our chapter very much, our one initiate, Edna Richards, is indeed a fine girl and will be a great addition to our circle. As at the time for her initiation she was ill and was obliged to go home for a few weeks, we locked the doors of the College nursery and had a quiet initiation there. Our pledge day this year was the tenth of November, and we think that the longer time made the rushing by all the fraternities less objectionable.

The twelfth of October was the second anniversary of the founding of our chapter, and we had a memorable celebration. Our ex-Grand President, Emma Harper Turner, and all but one of our alumnae members were with us. You may imagine that there was no lack of talking about fraternity. Being so far from most of the other chapters we have met very few Pi Phis and are always delighted to welcome them; but those of you who know Miss Turner must know what an especial delight it is to have a visit from her. She gave us so much encouragement and such valuable suggestions and she talked so beautifully to us that her visit was an inspiration as well as a great pleasure.

We are still anxious for the fraternity to be non-secret, and we sincerely hope that all the chapters will consider the question gravely so that we can discuss it at the next convention.

Before this letter is printed we shall have had our annual "Shakespeare Evening," in which some of the seniors give scenes from various plays of Shakespeare. Our three '95's are among those who will take part. We have also had, as the first of our course of

lectures this year, the reading of "As You Like It," by Horace Howard Furness. We all thought he read excellently and enjoyed his comments particularly. Later in the school year we expect to hear Hudson Shaw and Hjalmer Hjorth Boyeson.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Since the opening of College this year, we have had four added to our number, Mary Ullom and Lucy Weethee initiated; Lucie Murdock and Mable Towsley pledged. They are all typical Pi Beta Phi girls—loyal and true to our ideal of womanhood.

October 31st was the wedding day of one of our girls, Elizabeth Foster. She married Shepherd Humphrey, O. U. class of '92, a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. The wedding was a quiet one and the ceremony simple but impressive.

Minnie Roach, who is this year studying elocution in Boston, writes that she is having a pleasant time. She has met several Pi Phi girls and of course they feel quite at home together.

Thanksgiving evening we gave a supper at Hotel Berry in honor of our guest, Ruth Houseman, Ohio Beta, Columbus, Ohio. We enjoyed her short visit with us very much and hope to become still better acquainted with Ohio Beta.

Elizabeth Carpenter is not in College this winter, but we expect to have her again with us in the Spring. She has made us several short visits, and in her honor we had a "spread" in our new hall.

The faculty has been so kind to us in allowing us to occupy a much more commodious room than had been ours before this year. Our hall is decorated with the "wine and blue." We also have a beautiful picture of our beloved sister, Corinne Super Stine.

We are just beginning a study of Hawthorne; we expect to read his best works for the purpose of a more critical study of them.

The Christmas holidays are almost upon us. Some of us, at least, are looking forward to the time when we may close our books, for a little while, and go home.

Soon we shall say farewell to our old friend "'94" and welcome the stranger "'95." May the new year bring much of joy and gladness to all Pi Phis.

OHIO BETA.—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Another term gone, and Ohio Beta has not finished it without profit. We have found out what it is to rush. At first, some of us were of the opinion that all we had to do was to sit with folded hands, and in some way that which we sought would be given us. Our ignorance did not last long. We found that work was a requisite here as well as under other circumstances. To begin, we gave a reception to the new girls one Saturday afternoon, and had but a fair share of them in attendance, Kappa Kappa Gamma holding a reception the same day.

Following this reception we had a rushing party, at which we busied ourselves hunting peanuts. Our prize, a sandalwood paper-cutter, was given to Miss May Smith, who is now a loyal member of Pi Phi.

On Hallowe'en we had another party, at which we entertained some of the young gentlemen of the college, and the girls whom we were anxious to pledge.

As a reward, three young ladies, Miss Margaret Sutherland, '98, Miss Blanche Mickey, '98, and Miss May Smith, '97, consented to ride the goat. That respected animal acted in a very pleasing manner, as he had been at work not long before at the initiation of Miss Blanche Moss, '98, who was pledged last spring.

But do not think that we have been doing nothing but rush. Until this year there has been but one young ladies' literary society in college. Recently another was formed, called Philomatheon. Browning, the older society, now feels that she has to work in order to keep up her position, and consequently each member must put forth her best effort.

A College Chorus has been started to inspire and give us more college spirit. This Chorus, composed of all the college students, meets on Monday evening of each week for practice in singing college songs. Original songs have been asked for, especially adapted to O. S. U. Two or three persons have already responded to this request, one of the responses being for a special occasion, the annual

Thanksgiving football game between Kenyon College and O. S. U. O. S. U. won, of course, and then we sang our song.

We have had two very pleasant visits this term from Ohio Alpha girls. The first was from our vice-president, Miss Grosvenor. She was passing through the city on her way home, so we did not have a chance to entertain her. But short as that visit was we were very favorably impressed with our new vice-president, and hope you may all have the pleasure of meeting her some day. Our other visitor was Miss Amy Herrold. Her short visit was enjoyed as much as Miss Grosvenor's.

Thanksgiving one of our girls, Miss Ruth Houseman, went to Athens to spend the vacation. Since she came home she has hardly ceased talking about the good time she had, and of the many lovely girls she met.

A chapter of Delta Tau Delta was established here about a month ago, consisting of eight or ten charter members. We received their announcement cards and hope they will have as good success as we are having.

Miss Blanche Mickey entertains Dec. 19, with a "Cooky Shine," to which we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure.

INDIANA ALPHA.—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Oct. 20 we initiated Addie Wyrick, Ella Dean and Carrie Daughters, and again Nov. 3, Mabel Kerlin. We find in these girls enthusiastic workers and loyal upholders of right and truth. We now number thirteen active members.

We are very fortunate in having several members of other days with us; though not active they very frequently give us their presence and helpful advice.

Our method of preparing our literary programs we consider very productive of good results. Taken in alphabetical order each member is expected to prepare a program in her turn. Some very entertaining and instructive ones have been given.

Our songs are receiving their share of attention.

Our Pi Phi Octette gave a very pleasing song, "The Fair Maiden," a Greek love song, at the Periclesian Musicale, Friday night, Dec. 7, and as an encore rendered our "Pi Phi Goat," which was quite taking. We are proud of our musical sisters and feel that we are justly so.

On Hallowe'en we entertained our gentlemen friends to a "Guess where, Go there" party, at the home of our sister, Alva Gorly. A very pleasant evening it was.

Our college president, Dr. Stott, will soon return from his travels in Europe. He will receive a hearty welcome on his return.

Our new professor, Mr. Coblenz, assistant in the English department, was married on Thanksgiving to Miss Ida Jean London, a Kappa Kappa Gamma, of Indiana University. Mr. Coblenz belongs to Sigma Chi.

During the Y. M. C. A. convention held here in October, Miss Margaret Waite, of Indiana Beta, was entertained by some of our girls. She came as a Y. M. C. A. delegate from Bloomington.

Miss Nellie Turner, of Indianapolis, Indiana, a Pi Phi, visited here the first of December. She is a sister of Miss Emma Turner.

Miss Helen Stanton, a Pi Phi of other days, is visiting friends here. Her home is in Madison, Indiana.

Miss Lillie Weyl, who graduated last year, has been teaching the last three months.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Beta is glad of the opportunity to send loving greetings to her Pi Phi sisters, and to express her regret that she did not get her letter in for the October ARROW.

Indiana University started this year with a larger enrollment than it has ever had before. Kirkwood Hall, our new building, is to be dedicated the twenty-fifth of January. Although there will be many recitation rooms in it, we shall be in great need of more room, and hope that the Legislature will soon see fit to make a generous appropriation for a new chapel. It is thought that the new

Legislature will remove the University to Indianapolis. Many of us are ardently hoping that this will be done.

This has been such a pleasant fall for us. Many familiar faces were missing that first night, when our little band gathered together to exchange greetings, and discuss fall plans. Only eight answered to the first roll call, but before long our number was doubled. We are happy to introduce to you our new sisters: Fay Jackson, May Johnson, Stella Fox, Helen Wolcott, Maud Orr, Mary, Kate and Anna Stewart.

We had intended to have a chapter house this year, but our plans did not materialize. We rented some pleasant parlors, which we call "our home." Here, early in the term, we gave a reception to our gentlemen friends, and later, Hallow'een was celebrated by a traditional "merrie make." Mrs. Baillot, one of our patronesses, graciously entertained us and our gentlemen friends at her home, the last Saturday of the term.

We have held our meetings weekly, and have had such pleasant times together, although, we must confess, we have not done very much literary work. We have laid our plans for the winter term, however, and are anticipating much profit and pleasure from our work.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Before THE ARROW reaches its readers, Michigan Alpha will be occupying its new chapter hall. Last year we enjoyed our rooms so much that now it seems like one of the indispensables. We hope before June to have them so homelike and attractive that all Pi Phis who come for Commencement will thoroughly enjoy them.

Our chapter roll numbers eighteen, consequently we have some new girls to introduce. Early in the fall we initiated Clara Hughes, '97, Hillsdale, and Edith Mae Wagstaff, '97, Pulteney, New York. Later, we added Addie Melton and Sadie Van Ostrand, both Freshmen, from Mason, Michigan, Blanche Spencer, '96, Jeva and Veva Higbee, '96, all of Hillsdale. The last two are twins, and so near alike that our own girls are often puzzled to tell "which from

tother." We have also pledged Lulu Callow, Bessie Wood and Fanny French, all bright girls.

We are anxious to introduce our patronesses, Mrs. E. A. Helmick, wife of Lieutenant Helmick, of the Military Department, and Mrs. W. H. Munson, wife of Professor of Chemistry and Biology. Both are women of high standing, and add much to the dignity of our chapter. We enjoy them greatly, and would advise all chapters, who have not done so, to secure patronesses.

We were very sorry Mae Lansing could not return to College this year, but she still retains her Pi Phi spirit, and from her home in Lincoln, Nebraska, often sends us words of cheer and advice.

On her return from her Eastern trip, Florence Chase spent a few days with us. We enjoyed her visit exceedingly.

Lena Judd, '93, also visited us Thanksgiving.

Elizabeth Robinson, President of Y. W. C. A., was obliged to return home on account of sickness, but is with us again. Genevieve Spencer, one of our pledged girls, is also recovering from illness and will be back in college next term.

Near the beginning of the school year, we entertained the new girls, some of the old ones and wives of members of the faculty at Etha Smith's. We furnished games and dainty refreshments. Every one seemed to have a good time, and we feel sure the new girls went away feeling that Pi Beta Phi had a place in its heart for each of them.

We have been entertained a number of times this term. Mrs. Mosher, our President's wife, invited us to an American picture party, Mrs. Helmick to a candy pull, and Miss Deering, our lady principal, invited us, with the Kappa Kappa Gamma's to her room. A pleasant feature of the evening was a mock initiation into a new fraternity called Kappi Pi, the colors of which were light and dark blue and wine. For the time being we felt like one large fraternity instead of rivals. Kappa has a strong chapter and we enjoy its girls very much.

Among the men's fraternities Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega and Phi Delta Theta, each have flourishing chapters.

One of the Pi Beta Phi girls from Michigan Beta sent us a box to be opened at a fraternity meeting. Our anxiety can well be imagined while it was being untied. The contents proved to be a delicious cake, ornamented with wine and blue ribbons. Ever since that night we have been singing the praises of Miss Elmer, and Michigan Beta.

The College glee club, which appeared for the first time last Commencement is rapidly gaining popularity. Besides the young men, one of our girls, Etha Smith, travels with them. With her sweet soprano voice she carries the air and they accompany her. A great treat is expected when they appear on our Lecture Course this winter.

Hillsdale still keeps up its enthusiasm over athletics. Although our foot-ball team has not gained as many victories as last year, yet they are considered a strong team.

The Military Department under Lieut. Helmick is much larger than last year. Artillery, rifles and other paraphernalia have arrived and the back campus looks quite war-like.

An effort is being made to establish a skating park on the campus, and before many weeks, it is hoped, by overflowing the athletic grounds, a fine park will be made.

The Ladies' Literary Union, one of the literary societies, gave a "Merchant's Carnival" last month. It was a success in every respect, and quite a sum was added to their treasury. In a short time the Germania Society will present an entertainment. Pi Beta Phi is well represented in each of these societies.

Trusting that so far this year success has attended all Pi Phis, and with especial greeting to Wisconsin Alpha we will say good-bye.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Initiation is over and, for most of us, has become only a pleasant memory. Perhaps, however, there are some from whose minds the impression of certain harrowing rites has not yet faded, who may feel a certain sympathy with that famous and ill-starred ghost in the play of Hamlet and, like him, "could a tale unfold" and in the telling cause "each particular hair to stand on end."

But, after all, I think we may say that the occasion was a pleasant one and especially so by the presence of two of our former active members, Miss Fannie Stearns and Miss Faith Gilbert. The latter will be with us again next semester, not, however, as a visitor, but as an active worker.

Now that our chapter has increased its membership by five, and since it has a permanent home, which is proving a very delightful feature of fraternity life, surely we may feel that Michigan Beta has started on its year's work under very favorable auspices.

Just what the work, in all its details, is to be, has not been definitely decided upon. More attention, however, will be given to literary work than in former years. There is, I think, a growing feeling of dissatisfaction with the merely social aims of Fraternities. Surely in a body so thoroughly organized as is Pi Beta Phi, reaching as it does college women in all parts of the country, some earnest work might be done—something effectual which would be of more value to the world than the simple furtherance of our pleasure while in the University. The tendency of the times is certainly in the direction of practical work along sociological lines and as we listened, a short time ago, to a pleasant talk from Miss Jane Addams, we felt, I am sure, that one college woman at least has responded very nobly to it.

It may be that the work suggested by the Literary Bureau, which is largely a discussion of sociological problems, may be the best preparation for active work in the field. At any rate it is the first step and as such has been enthusiastically received by Michigan Beta.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Examinations are drawing near, with their usual accompanying feelings of fear for the future and remorse for the past. Our seniors have given up for a time their favorite Basket Ball and the Sophs have deserted the cricket field in order to contemplate with clear vision the impending evil.

I am happy to say that in our new fad of games nothing has happened to mar our enjoyment. As no one has been disabled yet,

our sisters can imagine us again at our favorite pastimes, playing with the same rush and spirit that always characterize a new amusement.

Our college has had other additions besides the introduction of amusements. A kiln has been put in and many of the Newcomb girls are devoting their time to china painting. A chapel and an art gallery are in course of erection. But best of all is the Josephine Louise House, which is the source of great delight. The Newcomb has never had a dormitory until this year, so this one is much appreciated.

In October we initiated three new members, Charlotte Payne, Lydia Finley and Clara Matthews, three girls with Pi Beta Phi interest at heart and great earnestness of purpose. Two of our girls graduated last year, but we still have the pleasure of their guidance and sympathy.

Louisiana Alpha sends greetings to all her sisters and wishes them much fun and luck during the coming year, as a sort of departure from the usual "joy and happiness."

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha sends greetings, and wishes all the chapters a happy and prosperous New Year.

The end of the term is almost here, and by the time this reaches you, all the girls will be enjoying their vacation to which they have been looking forward for some time. And we all appreciate the holidays all the more for having passed through a week's siege of examinations.

Two of our girls have left us, which makes us few in numbers; but we expect to be stronger next term. We were very sorry, indeed, to lose Mable Milner, our only Senior; we hope she will soon be restored to health, and be able to be with us in the Spring term. Maud Schular, Conservatory Junior, returned home near the middle of the term. We expect her with us after the holidays. Dora Laughlin is coming back next term, and we are looking forward to a prospective initiation.

Our chapter held its first reception early in the term, at the home of Fannette Okell. We received the new girls of the University; it was the greatest social event of the term. The girls began gathering at 7 o'clock, and soon we numbered nearly sixty. As the girls entered the parlors, each was presented with a pencil and Pi Phi catalogue. All through the parlors on mantels and stands, were found emblems of different books, placed on Pi Phi mats of wine and blue paper. The one who succeeded in guessing the largest number of books, was presented with a bouquet of beautiful carnations, tied with Pi Phi ribbons. After which refreshments were served by the girls at small tables. This was followed by music, and before we were aware of it, the time came for us to disband.

Our University opened with bright prospects this year. There is a large increase of students. Two members of the faculty are Pi Phis, Miss Kate Corkhill assistant in Academical Department and Miss Fannette Okell, instructor in Painting and Art.

We had one great addition to our museum this year, the bones of a mastodon found near a spring east of Mt. Pleasant, the whole mastodon has been found except one tooth. It will be invaluable to the museum.

Dec. 6th we had a lecture by Dr. James Hadley. His subject was "The Sunny Side of Life." The lecture must be heard to be appreciated. His pleasant way of putting things, his originality, and keen sense of humor attract and break down the barrier which some times exists between speaker and audience. He instructs but is never tedious.

Miss Anna Lawson, set sail for Meerut, India, Nov. 15th as a missionary.

Mrs. Laura Peterson Spurgeon returned home, from Crede, Colorado, to spend the winter with her parents and friends.

We received a letter recently from Mrs. Mattie Andrews Guy, who is a missionary in Tokyo, Japan.

Miss Alice How, of Ottuma, Iowa, is spending a few days with us.

IOWA BETA.—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

As the fall term of Simpson College nears its close, Iowa Beta looks back upon the work it has accomplished in sixteen short weeks and feels that the term has been a successful one. We have worked hard and earnestly and have added to our ranks six initiated and four pledged members. We introduce to Pi Beta Phi, Jennie Riggs, Nettie Erickson, Lena Hatfield, the only young lady in the senior class, Clara McGee, Flora Sigler and Hattie Smith, a senior in music. We have provided well for the future by pledging Blanche Van Scoy, Edith Riggs, Myrtle Reed and Florence Hatfield, all of whom entered to complete the college course.

Our meetings have been full of interest and well attended. Last spring six of our members graduated—May Paul, Edith Corkhill, Ethel Gilbert and Agnes Buxton, in the college course, and Elsie Busselle and Blanch Rose, in music. However, two of them are active this year and we now have twelve active members.

Our social life has not been neglected, twice we have indulged in the jolly spread and once in a sticky taffy pulling but, best of all, we gave a large party Hallowe'en at the home of Inez Henderson, a pledged member. Twenty-four invitations were sent out to "ye bolde lads to doe honour to ye Fayries, Pixies, Hobgobblins, and other lyke Mischievous Spirits." Huge Jacko'lanterns furnished light in the parlors and dressing rooms, and candles lit the dining room. Red haws, autumn leaves and wine and blue ribbons were liberally used in decoration. Our guests were met at the door by a brownie and directed to the dressing rooms by fairies. The regular Hallowe'en games, hunting chestnuts, consulting the fates, etc., were indulged in; dainty refreshments were served and after a representation of Clementine, we left just as the lights went out at twelve.

Miss Laughlin of Iowa Alpha was present at one of our initiations and spreads in September.

Mrs. Jessie Graham Osborn, of Red Oak, while visiting in our little city in October, spent an evening with her old chapter.

Mrs. Eva Meek Robertson, of New Mexico, while visiting her

parents in this city, pulled taffy with us at the home of Mrs. Anna McLaughlin Buxton. How much we enjoyed these visits of our married girls.

August 16th Miss Edith Corkhill was married to Mr. Warren W. Barker, but happily their home is in Indianola and Edith attends our meetings occasionally and we have met at her cosy home.

Miss Marie Bradford, one of our alumnae members, is principal of the music department of New Orleans University. She is enjoying the novelty of a winter spent among magnolias and roses; she does not forget us but has written two delightful letters, describing the life and scenes in a southern city.

The evening of November 14th Grand Chapter Iowa Sigma of Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave a Pan Hellenic Reception to all active Greeks at Simpson. An interesting program consisting of music, speeches and papers on fraternity subjects was given. We appreciate the kindness of S. A. E. in giving annual pan hellenic organizations.

We gladly welcome our baby chapter, Wisconsin Alpha.

May success attend the efforts of Pi Beta Phi in the coming year.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

We who were five are now eight and as a result of our persuasive powers, Abbie Bailey Landmaid, '97, Agnes Young Woodward, '96, and Louise Jane Morris, '98, have partaken of the time-honored I. C. cat.

By the way, speaking of I. C., called to mind a queer little joke on I. C. A Pi Beta Phi was present at a recent convention in a neighboring college and stopped at the home of a professor. Several weeks after his return she received the following clipping from the college paper: "Girls are a study. One of our Y. M. C. A. delegates puzzled one of the professors at whose home she was being entertained. She wore a pin on which were the letters "I. C." Modesty or politeness prevented him from asking the significance. The professor thought and thought. Finally an idea struck him.

During the civil war mules no longer fit for service were labeled "I. C.", which meant "Inspected and Condemned." So don't puzzle your brains when you meet a state university student labeled "I. C." The professor has solved it for you."

We were right glad also to have met at this convention the daughter of Mrs. F. B. Libbey nee Fanny Whitmack, one of the founders of I. C. Her home is at Red Wing, Minn.

An initiate of last year, besides belonging to our fraternity, has joined a tiny frat of two—husband and wife. Miss Margaret P. Wentworth and Dr. W. P. Lee were initiated into the same fraternity Nov. 20, '94, at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Wentworth.

A fraternity brother wrote the following appropriate lines on the event :

I.

A lad, a Grecian maiden met
 Upon the lawn
 At break of dawn
 While yet the grass with dew was wet.

II.

A drop of dew shone on her lips,
 With kindly light,
 Her eyes invite
 The youth the shining nectar sips.

III.

He did not see the gleaming dart,
 Nor yet could know
 She held a bow.
 Until the arrow pierced his heart.

IV.

A huntress fair and bold was she,
 She hung his heart
 Upon her dart
 And homeward brought her new Pi Phi.

We must not forget to say how kindly Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the other sororities, and how a mischievous senior procured an invitation and sent it to a boy—a "barb." In due season the "barb" appeared on the scene and after frantic explanations and expostulations retreated in a wiser, but unhappier, state of mind.

Minneapolis and Madison are so near together, Minnesota Alpha is to be personally congratulated on the occasion of a chapter at Madison.

But there has been much wailing and gnashing of teeth in the U. of M. We let our football team go to Madison, they returned, but alas; in so subdued a state.

The chapters will confer a favor on us if they will inform us if any of their members are in the Twin Cities.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We hope Pi Beta Phi will have reason to be as proud of Wisconsin Alpha as we feel honored to wear the arrow. Already many greetings have reached us, not only from Pi Beta Phis, but from chapters of other fraternities. We wish to thank you all for your congratulations and kind words of help and encouragement.

We were unusually fortunate in our beginning, as there were already two members here who started our chapter. One of them was Mrs. Gertrude Clark Sober, formerly of Michigan Beta and the other, Miss Elizabeth Smith, from Colorado Alpha. So our struggle for existence was not so hard as it would otherwise have been.

Our initiation took place at Mrs. Sober's, Nov. 1, with a banquet following. Our charter members are:

Elizabeth Smith, '96.

Nellie MacGregor, '95.

Pauline Houghton, '97.

Genevieve Smith, '98.

Elizabeth MacGregor, '97.

Anna Marshek, '98.

Amelia Houghton, '98.

Agnes Perry, '98.

Bessie Steenberg, '95.

Besides our regular members we have two who are pledged. Our girls are all—but we must stop lest we seem boastful, although we realize that we would be excused by Arrow readers, our interests being the same.

As soon as we were fairly started, we had to turn our attention to examinations. We succeeded, however, in entertaining some of our friends at a "Cooky Shine," which was given at the home of Mrs. Sober.

Our most exciting university event was the football game with Minnesota. The end was especially interesting to us, as it meant that the championship of the West should be ours! The Minnesota Pi Phis, no doubt, feel as glad for us as we feel sorry for them.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Colorado Alpha wishes all Pi Phis a Happy New Year and hopes that the following year may prove as successful for all, as this one has been for her. We have been very busy for the past few weeks with our reception and dance of last Friday evening, but everything passed so pleasantly and successfully that we feel well repaid for our labor. As there were six hundred invited guests, the University was the only desirable building for the entertainment of them and two whole floors were used.

With a liberal contribution of handsome rugs, portieres, pillows, bric-a-brac, etc., from many of the elegant homes in Boulder, and a lavish display of plants and cut flowers, the whole building was transformed into a veritable bower of beauty. We were happy to present the patronesses of Colorado Alpha for the first time, and while we were rather slow about adopting this new and characteristic feature of our fraternity, we are now delighted with it, for we have just the four ladies we want and take pleasure in mentioning Mesdames S. A. Davis, Fred Lockwood S. A. Giffin and Miss Mary Gamble, as the four chosen ones.

A number of beautiful floral pieces were received from special friends, especially noticeable that from the Delta Tau Delta Chapter here, but it occurs to me that all are not, perhaps, as interested in this party as the writer, so I must think of other things to mention.

The caps and gowns—a la Oxford—have been donned by the senior class for the first time in the history of the Colorado University, and as an introductory ceremony the seniors took a holiday and marched through the town “The observed of all observers.” Three of the class are Pi Phi—Daisy Davis, Myrtle Liemer and Florence Wilder.

The football season closed most gloriously for our team, as the championship now rests with us, not only of the inter-collegiate games but of the state as well. The honors were not only earned but well deserved, and Harry Gamble, the present worthy captain, has the admiration of every body for the inimitable way he has managed the team.

The matter of pledging preparatory students is still agitating the minds of our members but we shall not pledge unless we find our policy a losing one. If it were not that I abhor apologies, I should certainly gratify my inclination to add one just here, for this hastily written letter, but remember, “The mercy you to others show” etc., and I shall close without disgracing myself and chapter further.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY.

Already the Holiday Spirit has placed his powerful influence over the minds of busy students, and thoughts of vacation *will* persist in forcing themselves between the lines and paragraphs of text books.

The past school months have been successful ones for Kansas Alpha. Two initiations in the earlier part of the year, introduced into our circle six fine girls. At the first initiation, held at the delightful home of Bertha Poehler, our chapter roll was increased by Ida Smith, Elizabeth Warren, Henrietta Miles, Anna Shiver and Sarah Hyde.

Miss Ethel Allen, class of '82, was with us to welcome her new sisters.

Edith Snow, our Chancellor's daughter, who was unable to be present on this occasion, was initiated a few weeks later. After the ceremony, an informal hop was given in honor of the new members.

Our patronesses have been very kind to us. On three delightful occasions the homes of Mesdames Weaver, Emery and Brooks, were thrown open to the members of our chapter.

On December 15th, an extremely unique "cooky shine" was held at the home of Lena Beard. The conventional "tacky party" was indulged in, in an intensified form. Our dignified and literary member, Miss Anna Shire, surpassed our sisters in the ultra-æsthetic elaboration of her attire. Crowned with the "classic bay," in the form of a bouquet of very pretty paper flowers, which our hostess presented to the owner of the most ideal costume, Miss Shire retired, "covered with glory."

Henrietta Ayres does not aspire to this height of æstheticism, but in her quiet manner, she too has carried off the laurels. In the near future a "pronouncing contest" is to take place between the four classes of the University. Henrietta, by her adaptness in pronouncing, won the honor of representing the Sophomore Class.

The new Library Building, with its modern advantages, its many new books, its improved system of electric lights, is a splendid acquisition to the University.

Kansas students are all proud of their "Alma Mater," and Pi Beta Pi always endeavors to do her credit.

If Xmas and New Years greetings come too late, Kansas Alpha repeats the words of the immortal Shakespere:

"Take from my mouth the wish of happy years."

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

At last, THE ARROW came to the little chapter in the far West and every word has been read with loving interest.

One evening in October, the seven members of California Alpha donned their Greek robes, and threw wide the portals of Pi

Beta Bi, while four dear girls entered the mystic gateway. Our new initiates are Alice Cruigin, '96, Louise Ainsburg, '96, Elizabeth Houx, '98, and Dorothy L'Hote, '98.

Scarcely was the rushing at an end when football began to occupy our minds. We are very enthusiastic over football here at Stanford, and the oval is the favorite rendezvous during the practice games. Our greatest triumph was the victory over Berkeley, on Thanksgiving Day, when two ties were played off and Stanford won with a score of 6-0.

It is convenient for the majority of our girls to spend the holidays here, and Roble is not the dreariest place in the world in which to burn the Yule log during the merry Christmas tide. The halls are hung with holly and mistletoe, and there are dances and festive gatherings of all kinds. Dignified Pi Phi masquerade in private theatricals, and the "cooky shine" affords not a small part of the holiday mirth. Revelry, gaiety and mystery pervade the Hall. When it rains nothing is pleasanter than to bask in the cheerful glow of the stem radiator and read Trilby or the Bachelor Maid. This pastime never becomes monotonous. The rainy day is always followed by a day of sunshine for our Alma Mater is in a land of eternal summer.

Miss Anna Lena Servis is at her home in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Miss Harriet Nichols is teaching in San Diego, California.

Miss Mattie Nordine Hartshorn is studying at the Boston Conservatory of Music.

Miss Alice Matthews is teaching at Memphis Tennessee.

Editorial.

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As women, whether we unimportant ones like it or not, we have succeeded in getting the eyes of the world upon us. There is not an organization of women, no matter how humble, that does not find itself the object of peculiar interest, simply because it is an organization of women. This conspicuousness brings new responsibilities, and makes our duties still more imperative. Any lack of executive or financial ability, any petty quarreling or position-seeking is quickly seen and criticised.

In our fraternity work, lack of business methods, carelessness in correspondence make us ridiculous and call down upon us the charge of incompetency.

Let us be businesslike, prompt, and systematic. Then, as far as actual work goes, it will make no difference whether we are men or women.

The work of a large organization, especially when its component parts are widely scattered, must be largely carried on by writing.

Neglect of Correspondence from a Social Standpoint. Even a superficial observer can readily see how failure on the part of a single individual to reply promptly to correspondence will seriously interfere with the performance of any plan which requires promptness in its execution. The editor knows positively of several plans of undoubted benefit to our fraternity, which were frustrated by just this negligence on the part of chapters and individuals in answering correspondence.

There is another side to this negligence which, we should think, would occasion the keenest mortification to any girl guilty of it. This is the unpardonable breach of etiquette, and of the law of thoughtfulness for others, which underlies all politeness, in remaining serenely oblivious to courteous and friendly notes. What girl who thus tramples upon the simplest law of social intercourse, can lay claim to any social standing?

What must the editor, or the Grand President, or the Chairman of the Literary Bureau think of the breeding of a girl who pays no attention to the most courteous, and cordial letters? What

can any one of them think, except that she is a very underbred person?

It is a mystery how girls who are scrupulously polite to individuals justify themselves in such gross impoliteness to the fraternity. We suppose it is one of those profound ethical problems, like that of the willingness of the man who would not steal a pin from his neighbor, to cheat the government or a railroad company. If the members of our fraternity would but look at this matter of neglect of correspondence from a social standpoint and realize the stamp of underbreeding which it puts upon them, a reform would certainly be inaugurated.

We call particular attention to our Exchange Department of this issue, as there are several articles quoted there, which we want every one to read. The article on Extension, taken from an editorial in *The Key* is, in our judgment, a wise and sensible presentation of the matter. We should like to get the opinion of our fraternity on the subject, and we call for short discussions from the chapters, for the April issue.

The article on "The City Chapter" is very opportune as an answer to Columbia Alpha's question, "How to make Chapter Life Successful in a City Chapter?"

Exchanges.

The exchange department of the Kappa Alpha Journal is more extensive than in most fraternity organs. A rather amusing bit of criticism on the publications of the women's fraternities is here quoted. Our readers who are familiar with the magazines mentioned may judge whether the sallies are based on truth or whether they are simply funny.

The reviewer should carefully prepare his toilet before starting his work, for it looks like going to a ball when he encounters first

Anchora, *Kappa Alpha Theta*, *The Trident*, *THE ARROW*, and *The Key*, all in evening dress. Of the five perhaps *Anchora* is more strongly handled. If an attempt were made to compare these five papers to the characters one would meet at the ball, *Anchora* would surely be compared to a woman of a healthy mind, who has traveled a good deal and seen something of the world, and has returned home just a little tired with the mockeries of life. She has seen it in all stages, knows what is good, bad, and indifferent, and is weary that the good does not predominate. She has an idea that the game is not worth the candle.

Kappa Alpha Theta has not traveled much, but she is "up" on all the news of the day and everything that pertains to "our set." She is a prettily gowned young lady with whom you have a lot of conventional light talk, and after a few whirls in "the mazy" you take her to a seat, talk of the nice music, lovely ices, and the latest gossip, and are supplanted by another conventional young man who has the same experience.

The Trident is the debutante, anxious to do just the correct thing, and for fear that she may forget some important matter, such as how to receive a salutation, or to part with the guests, she has a few rules on paper tucked away in some convenient twist of her ribbons, for reference in time of doubt.

[*THE ARROW* is the woman one meets at the ball and after leaving puzzles over her. She is such a combination that you hardly know where to place her. The general idea received, however, is that she is just such a girl as will readily receive and cultivate advanced notions, and while she is not yet a pronounced dress reformer or woman suffragist, still she has a pair of bloomers at home which she daily tries on in order to become accustomed to them by the day when women will "strike for freedom." *THE ARROW* will readily be recognized as on the border line between the "meek, submissive, mild," and the selfassertive liberator of her sex. If she were a man it would be said that she was "on the fence," and if one were speaking of a political platform her utterances would be called "a straddle." But *THE ARROW* is well managed. In its news department are accounts of the doings of the strongest women of the age—those who have become doctors, lawyers, educators, etc., all put in such a manner as to incite similar efforts on the part of the members of Pi Beta Phi; while the editorial columns are as free from any such inti-

mation as should be the pages of the Greek Press. An excellent photo-engraving of Bessie Evans Peery, M. D., is presented for a frontispiece, and under the head of "Some Women We Want to Know," appears a short complimentary biographical sketch of Miss Peery, always referred to as "Dr. Peery."

Mr. W. D. Howell's utterances in regard to the political equality of men and women, wherein he refers to the woman suffrage as "one of the great possibilities of the future" are quoted entire under the head "Of Interest to All Women," and the *Century's* summary of the new woman suffrage movement is also quoted. It doesn't take a weather vane to tell which way the wind blows.

EXTENSION.

Sigma, and others of the western chapters, desires the establishment of new chapters in the West, for the reasons given by Sigma in the Parthenon. The editor would like to add a few words to the discussion, premising that her words represent her individual opinion and are not in any sense an "official utterance."

Is the fraternity justified in putting in new chapters merely for the sake of giving neighbors to those already established, provided there are no more colleges of high grade for the fraternity to enter? We should say not.

Sigma speaks of colleges "which, though small are growing, and have good prospects for the future." In the past, Kappa 'Kappa Gamma has not refused to enter such colleges.

The fraternity position in this matter was well stated two years ago, in an article by the alumnae editor in *The Key* for October, '92. We refer our readers to this article; but in case they may not have it at hand, we will quote a few sentences: "We certainly do well to maintain chapters in the institutions of the highest rank, not because of their rank, but because in such institutions there is to be found fit material for a college fraternity. But it may be that in institutions of less ambition such material is also to be found. And indeed such is the case. I will venture to say that the fraternity spirit is fostered with equal zeal and often under more favorable conditions than is the case with some of the larger institutions. Of course the general rule for sensible extension is 'the best women of the best colleges;' and a large fraternity does well to consider seriously all applications for charters. But holders of charters in colleges where Assyrian may not be in the curriculum, and where the gymnasium may not be

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fitted with Turkish baths, ought to feel that their charters are safe as long as the colleges in which they are placed are in a prosperous condition and the members of the chapter are in every way, socially, intellectually and morally, fit to be members of our order . . . Women first, colleges second."

Kappa Kappa Gamma has formerly taken the view of small colleges expressed by Mr. Bryce in the "American Commonwealth" from which also we desire to quote (although it may be familiar to our readers) in order to set before them a particularly friendly judgment of such institutions. Mr. Bryce begins by speaking of the feeling that in America these colleges are too numerous. "In America itself educational reformers . . . complain of the multiplication of degree-giving bodies, and consequent lowering of the worth of a degree. They point to the dissipation over more than thirty colleges, as in Ohio, of the funds and teaching power which might have produced one first-class university. One strong institution in a State does more, they argue, to raise the standard of teaching and learning, and to civilize the region which it serves, than can be done by twenty weaker ones. The European observer, while he admits this, conceives that his American friends may not duly realize the services which these small colleges perform in the rural districts of the country. They get hold of a multitude of poor men, who might never resort to a distant place of education. They set learning in a visible form, plain indeed, and humble, but dignified even in her humility, before the eyes of a rustic people, in whom the love of knowledge, naturally strong, might never break from the bud into the flower but for the hand of some zealous gardener. They give the chance of rising in some intellectual walk of life to many a strong and earnest nature who might otherwise have remained an artisan or store-keeper, and perhaps failed in those avocations. They light up in many a country town what is at first only a farthing rushlight, but which, when the town swells to a city or when endowments flow in, or when some able teacher is placed in charge, becomes a lamp of growing flame, which may finally throw its rays over the whole State in which it stands. In some of these smaller Western colleges one finds to-day men of great ability and great attainments, one finds students who are receiving an education quite as thorough, though not always as wide, as the best universities can give. *I do not at all deny that the time for more concentration has come, and that restric-*

tions on the power of granting degrees would be useful. But one who recalls the history of the West during the last fifty years, and bears in mind the tremendous rush of ability and energy toward a purely material development which has marked its people, will feel this uncontrolled freedom of teaching, this multiplication of small institutions, have done for the country a work which a few State-regulated universities might have failed to do."

The italicized sentence gives one reason why we do not believe in putting new chapters into small western colleges, and though it may sound harsh to say that a charter should be withdrawn simply because of the size of the college, yet if the number of students constantly diminishes until there are not enough women in the institution to maintain a chapter with proper care in selection of members—that is, if the chapter must invite not always the best sort of girls but the best they can find among the few that come—then there is no real harshness to the chapter in removing its charter, nor any cause of reproach to the fraternity. The college has not fulfilled its early promise of success, the chapter and the fraternity must submit to the disappointment. The small colleges have done a good work, but their time of usefulness is passing.

"The time for more concentration has come." These educational reformers of whom Mr. Bryce speaks are doing their best to influence such people to make their gifts to the great universities rather than to small colleges. Harder and harder is the struggle of the small colleges to compete with the attractions of their great rivals, smaller is the likelihood of first-rate fraternity material being found in the former. State universities have good prospects, but for many of the small institutions the chances are that instead of proving a light that burns more and more brightly, their flame will flicker and die. Mr. Bryce himself, a few pages before the eloquent paragraphs quoted above, remarks that many of the small colleges, with which the west and south are covered, are for most intents and purposes, schools, and would do better to renounce the privilege of granting degrees, and be content to do school work according to school methods.

Another reason for conservatism is the difficulty of maintaining a very large fraternity in a thoroughly well organized condition.—*The Key.*

THE CITY CHAPTER.

Beta Epsilon has set forth in the Parthenon the difficulties of fraternity life in the city college. That there are difficulties cannot be denied. But we think Beta Epsilon has looked too hard at these dragons of trains and electrics and high rents, not hard enough at the possibility of taming them, and in putting so high a value upon the joys of the chapter under the dormitory system, or in a college in a small town, she has forgotten some disadvantages of two continual association, the faults of its virtues.

We heard once of a teacher in a college for women, exceedingly beautiful in its surroundings, and giving every opportunity for the sort of life that Beta Epsilon has imagined, only that its secret societies, like those in most women's colleges are local, not national. This teacher was accustomed to flee from the college on every recreation day, to seek the society of friends to whom that college and its affairs were not momentous above every other concern. She said that to spend all her days with the same people, whose interests ran in the same track, made life more intense and more narrow than she could bear. It was a case of "the Browns being browned to death," as Dr. Holmes said.

There is only one city chapter with whose life we are intimately acquainted; therefore we can offer only that chapter's experience as a counterpoise to Beta Epsilon's, and a possible encouragement. Other chapters no doubt have met the same obstacles, and may be able to give more help.

Boston University has much the same conditions as those at Barnard. The college provides no dormitories. Many of the students live at home in the suburbs, and must reckon with trains and electric cars. Recitations last from 9 A. M. until 4 P. M. for some classes, and have been known to reach later into the afternoon. Still Phi has not found University life too greatly hampered. The chapter hold no meetings in the evening, or on Saturdays. The usual time has been three in the afternoon, with variations to suit the varying hours of classes, but usually the meeting closes not later than six. The members' respective families are willing to expect them home a little late on the day of chapter meeting, and no harm has yet befallen anyone from crossing the city unescorted after sunset. The chapter meets weekly, in a rented room near the college. The meeting has all the greater charm for being the one occa-

sion when the chapter gathers itself together as a chapter, and for being the object of so much planning in order that the members can all be present. Of course if one should try while in college to keep up with all the social life that is going on among one's old friends, there might be difficulty in leaving any time free for chapter meeting. But the girl at the city college, who must attend recitations scattered through the whole day, could excuse herself from engagements that interfered with the afternoon meeting. It is partly a question of what one prefers to give up. The chapter members are presumably people who have found one another especially congenial, and who are interested in the fraternity as well as in the chapter. The new friendships and the interest in the wider circle ought to be strong enough to accomplish a chapter meeting naturally, without any feeling that great sacrifices have been made in the process.

The question of room-rent is of course a serious one for the city chapter, unless the members are richer than most young women at college. Sometimes it is solved by holding the meetings at the houses of the members; but when most of them live at some distance from college, this plan is impracticable. The women's fraternities at Boston University occupy rented rooms. A furnished room can be obtained for about \$5.00 a week, and upward. We do not know just how rents compare in Boston and New York, except that the New York rates are rather higher. But a chapter room is a necessity for the city chapter; and necessities can usually be provided. Restriction of expense in other directions may have to be the method of provision. The alumnae should help, if the burden is too heavy for the active chapter. Beta Epsilon, to be sure, has not yet a long alumnae list, but her ten were in college so recently that they cannot have forgotten chapter needs.

Chapter meetings are the strength of chapter life. But when we remember our own college experiences, the Kappa good times that come up in fancy were outside the chapter meeting as well. Even in the city college, even if the friends must separate at evening to suburban dwelling-places, and must consult watches oftener than is restful to the imagination,—Phi's girls managed to enjoy a good deal of one another's society. Their leisure moments were likely to be spent together. We think of long confidential talks in the chapel, on some afternoon when recitations came mercifully far apart; of gay half hours at the lunch-table, away up towards the

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roof of 12 Somerset street; of spring days when the four walls seemed too close, and we escaped for a walk over the Common with some sister in the bonds. In the quaint West End, where the hills slope down steeply toward the river glittering in the west, and house roofs stand in fanciful lines against the sky, like a picture of a foreign town—hardly a street but has a picturesque beauty more deeply fastened in our hearts for the thought of Kappas who looked at that beauty with us. Even the Athenæum, staid, solemnly-quiet, where serious gentlemen in spectacles are forever consulting learned works—the Athnæum is a library, certainly, but it is also the place where in our freshman days, a junior Kappa once invited us to spend an hour reading with her. We didn't read; we talked about friendship. And some of the things she said are as easy to remember as if it were all not a good while ago, as easy to remember as what she said to us last week.—*The Key*.

“In the last issue the editors, driven to desperation by the fact that some chapter correspondents would write on both sides of the paper, announced that the *Journal* had secured a supply of one-sided paper which would be supplied on demand. Now this was intended for a joke, but some of the correspondents accepted the proposition in good faith, and have written for a portion of such paper. One anxious brother appealed to the K. C. that some step be taken to have this paper sent. For the benefit of these brothers we say here that really there is no such thing known here as one-sided paper. Diligent search has demonstrated that it is not to be found here. Authorities on paper are unanimous that it must have two sides. If any can be hereafter discovered, it will be promptly forwarded to the anxious correspondents.

This little joke was intended to emphasize the necessity of refraining from writing on both sides of the paper. If there is one sin that an editor and a printer never forgive, it is this bi-sided copy that sometimes finds its way to the office. In all well regulated establishments, this thing alone sends the contribution to the waste basket. A correspondent may not have a period on a page, may begin every word with a capital, may violate every rule of syntax, and yet the editor and the printer sometimes bring the offending manuscript into shape. On the contrary, if written on both sides the editor and printer either discard the manuscript or their religion. One thing

the editor of a fraternity magazine never ceases to wonder at, and that is this: Why will the chapter correspondent ever write on both sides of the paper? The editorial pages may advise against it, they may declare against it, issue after issue, and just when it is thought to have been suppressed a letter will arrive transgressing this primal law.

Although no one-sided paper can be found, yet it is sincerely hoped that from this on enough of some sort can be found to justify the scribe in confining himself to one side only."

Will the chapters please consider the above as the outpouring of the bitterness of the editor's own soul on the subject of writing on both sides of the paper.

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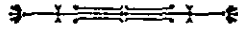
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