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IDA GREELY SMITH.



AMELIA DARLING ALPINER.

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THERE IS A COLLEGE IN OUR TOWN.

AIR: There is a Tavern in the Town.

There is a college in our town,
And there we Pi Phis sit us down,
And snap our thumbs 'mid laughter free
At all the other Greeks we see.

CHORUS:

Fare thee well, for we must leave thee.
Do not let the parting grieve thee,
And remember that the best of friends must part,
Adieu, adieu, kind Greeks, adieu, adieu, adieu,
We can no longer stay with you, stay with you,
We've hitched a star to our whizzing Pi Phi wain,
And you will see us ne'er again.

Roams far and wide our trusty goat,
With scornful eye and lusty throat,
He drinks the milk and eats the hay,
Your other goats must keep away.

Chorus.

Ye Greeks who love to stretch your wings,
And rise from transitory things,
Why don't you make one honest try
To catch a glimpse of old Pi Phi?

Chorus.

MARY BARTOL, Penn. Beta.

NEW GRAND OFFICERS.

AMELIA DARLING ALPNER, *Grand Secretary.*

WHEN the marriage of Ethel Beecher Allen necessitated her resignation as grand secretary of Pi Beta Phi, Amelia Darling Alpner of Illinois Zeta was appointed to fill out the term of office. Miss Alpner is a Chicago girl by birth and lived in that city until her tenth year, when her family removed to Kankakee, Illinois, which has ever since been her home. She was graduated from the Kankakee High School in 1892 and was salutatorian of her class. The next year was occupied with newspaper work, and in the fall of 1893, she entered the University of Illinois.

When Illinois Zeta of Pi Beta Phi was organized in October, 1895, she became one of its charter members and for the first year was its corresponding secretary. After completing the four years' course in three years, Miss Alpner was graduated in 1896 and was poet of her class. Throughout her college course she was identified with Illini, the college paper, and also took an active part in the Dramatic Club, the French and English Clubs and the Women's Literary Society.

After leaving college Miss Alpner returned to Kankakee and busied herself with literary and with club work.

In 1896 she compiled a quotation calendar for the benefit of the local Emergency Hospital, and with the results established a children's ward. In 1897 a second calendar was published and the proceeds helped supply the Kankakee Public Library.

Miss Alpner has always done literary and newspaper work. Throughout her high school course she was a reporter for the local papers, and later has done special correspondence work for the Chicago Record and other papers. She has also been a contributor to the American Jewess, Current Literature, The Journal of Education and the Child Study Monthly. In the December issue of the last named appeared an article on Children's Literature from her facile pen.

Upon the close of her college work Miss Alpiner organized a class of young women to study "Development of the English Novel," which was very successful. It had to be given up the next year, however, when her present position in the Kankakee public schools was accepted.

Besides her teaching and writing, she finds time for much social and club activity. She is at present a member of the Gables Social Club, the Querists' Literary Club and of the lately organized Woman's Club of Kankakee.

Miss Alpiner expects to give up teaching at the close of the present school year, and after convention will go abroad for travel and study, after which she expects to devote herself wholly to literary work.

IDA SMITH, Grand Treasurer.

IDA GREELY SMITH, our new grand treasurer, is one of a family of five sisters, all but the youngest of whom are claimed by Pi Beta Phi through Kansas Alpha.

She was born on a farm near Leavenworth, Kansas, on the 25th of June, 1875. This was her home until 1890, with the exception of one year, when she lived in Dallas, Texas. In October of '90 she removed with the family to Kansas City, Kansas, where they remained until the spring of '91, when they moved to Lawrence.

Miss Smith received her education in the private and public schools of Leavenworth, the high schools of Kansas City, Missouri, and the Lawrence high school.

In September, '91, she entered the freshman year of the state university of Kansas. Ill health during the year '93-'94 necessitated the discontinuance of her work in large measure for that and the succeeding year. Resuming her studies, she completed the course with honors in the year '97, receiving the A. B. degree.

In September of the following year she was offered and accepted a position as instructor of French and German in the high school of Paola, Kansas.

Miss Smith was pledged to the fraternity shortly after entering the university, but her initiation was deferred until the fall of '94. She has always taken an enthusiastic interest in the affairs of the fraternity, both local and general, filling the offices of president and secretary of the local chapter in the last part of her university course. The resignation of her sister Lucinda from the office of grand treasurer, necessitated by her marriage to Captain Buchan of the 20th Kansas, now attached to the army in the Philippines, resulted in her appointment to fill the vacancy.

The Smith home has always been a Pi Phi rendezvous, and many have been the jolly cookey-shines, teas and hops held under its hospitable roof. Ida herself with her unusual beauty and quiet and unassuming manners has done much toward gaining new members for the chapter. Her clever pen has helped to write several very successful farces for times when the girls were together, nor are things of a lighter vein outside of her capabilities.

Last month the promising new *alumnæ* club of Lawrence elected her for its secretary, and we hope that her influence will be felt in the fraternity for many years to come.

M. S. C.

ANOTHER CONSIDERATION.

IN these days the "club habit" has spread among the women of this sunny land until she who does not belong or has never belonged to a club, is more of an anomaly than the author whose tales grew out of his head, as the conundrum puts it. It may almost be said that in this stage of the world's development, women are born to clubs as the sparks fly upward, and opinions may vary as to the truthfulness of completing the quotation to the effect that her days are full of trouble. That is a matter of taste, since any one thoroughly infected by the club bacillus counts all else as dross, and the world well lost if the interests of the club be advanced.

But, trifling aside, the club movement, club life and club aims

and work have become so very large a factor in the life of womankind, that it well becomes women to reflect upon what are the probable demands to be made upon them. The world has changed very much since the days whose memory the Colonial Dames and the Daughters of the Revolution revive so vividly. Then a woman was expected to be versed in active household achievements. Her sewing was like lace stitches, the results of her cookery were luscious, dust was banished from her house and her children were sturdy little Berserkers, who nevertheless addressed her as "Honoured Madam" when their absence from home called for a letter to her.

Nowadays a woman must be able to secure these same results, not by the use of her own hands, but higher power of directing others. She herself must be the high priestess of system. She must have her household running as by clock work, as silently and with as little friction. She must always be clad in appropriate garments, and alas, the day of the one black silk dress is long since gone never to return. She must know not only how to lay and spread the hospitable board, but must herself be the equal of any, and the leader of all the wits that surround it. But the greatest demands of the present age of clubs are made upon the mother. These reach from the day nurseries and the Fresh Air Fund that call upon her widened and impersonal sympathies, through the Kindergarten movement, public and private, general and particular, until one comes to the most comprehensive and absorbing of all, the Congress of Mothers, a national affair.

But this is only a type. The club idea in only a somewhat more explicable form, pervades every interest of a woman's life. Study classes, culture clubs, cooking schools, travel circles, thimble clubs, until it almost seems we are in danger of reversing our national motto and making many club members out of one ambitious woman. In view of that she takes one further desperate step, and tries to combine the many clubs into one federation. With all these varied interests calling to the young woman and reaching forth clutching hands for her, is it not well for her to in some way prepare herself for the proper and suc-

cessful fronting of these demands she will so soon be called upon to meet? The advantage of the club is transformed into a disadvantage, if the woman be unable to influence her environment and, drawn into a club with which she is not in harmony, she cannot exert the slightest influence, but is domineered over by the demands she does not know how to avoid nor how to meet.

College life in itself is the finest preparation a woman can have for the changed life of the present day, a life where system has pre-eminence, and a certain, almost mechanical accuracy and invariability is demanded. For this the college curriculum prepares one as well as can be done, with its regular hours, its training in the large classes so that the individual has her information ready at hand, and, early acquaintance with that most valuable of all knowledge, an understanding of the difference between knowledge and half-knowledge. She learns the value of time, and on the other hand, learns the dangers of haste. She has herself intellectually well in hand, and has that admirable mingling of mental self poise and modesty that distinguishes the college bred woman. There is, however, another branch of learning, necessary to the well-rounded modern woman. Please observe that I do not say the "new woman." I am rather a believer in the permanence of character and hold that woman is still the same adaptable creature, not changing at all *au fond*, but harmonizing with the most varied surroundings. These changing circumstances accent different notes and develop different phases of her versatile nature. And the one of which the present day has need, is the knowledge of character, the understanding of other human beings and the intelligence and appreciation of what are the motives that rule others and how those motives can be awakened. This knowledge, it seems to me, can by a college woman be best acquired in the fraternity life, where in charming intimacy are developed the ruling motives of many diverse characters. And yet do not think I urge joining a fraternity, or rather *the* fraternity as a means to the acquiring of that result, for by making that an aim, the very essence of the fraternity would be destroyed. But the faithful Pi Phi who has learned this lesson among the others

that come to one from Pi Phi life and associations, can truly say, as did the faithful friend in the beautiful poem,

"This, too, I owe to thee, Jaffar."

Ethel B. Hamilton.

THE SECRET BALLOT.

EVERY chapter and it may perhaps be said, every individual in our fraternity has her own idea of the most important principle of our organization, excluding of course our fraternity ideals which we all concede is the very foundation of our being. Apart from this, however, and alluding only to the mechanism, so to speak, of the organization many of us will agree that on the strict conscientious observance of our constitutional provision for balloting rests our hope of happiness.

It is unfortunate that in many cases the voting on a name instead of being done secretly degenerates into an open canvass. No girl has any right to question another girl in the chapter as to the way she means to vote;—it is the indisputable right of every member to cast her vote as her own opinion dictates. There are chapters whose pride it is to say that they have never had a name blackballed,—but what is the method that prevails in these chapters. A girl's name is proposed and an excited discussion takes place in which every girl announces her determination to vote favorably. Then they all solemnly write their little votes and all the mummery of a secret (?) ballot is gone through with. But suppose some conservative minded member does not join in this discussion,—she is fairly assaulted with questions as to how she means to vote on the proposed name till in desperation she says "Really, girls, I'm not at all favorably impressed with her." Thereupon the whole chapter assumes an injured air toward the rebellious one, and some one resignedly remarks "of course we don't want her blackballed, and if you're going to do that we had better drop her name for the present, for it won't do any good to vote." In such a chapter, if any member should assert her individuality by casting a

negative vote without previous announcement of her intention, every other member would take it as a personal affront.

I venture the assertion that in not less than one-half of our chapters is the balloting more than a mere farcical form, utterly opposed to the manifest intent of the constitution.

The abuse of the secret ballot may and does have very far-reaching results. Any girl has a natural antipathy to blackballing a name, and will not consider doing it unless she feels very strongly in the matter. But where the usages of a chapter compel her to publicly announce her intention, she will often, rather than place herself in such an exceedingly uncomfortable position, vote for a girl who is utterly uncongenial and distasteful to her and whose membership in the chapter will eventually alienate her interest.

Discord in a chapter is to be avoided above all things, and to keep it from creeping in it is necessary to enforce a consistent secret ballot. The trading of one name against another is only one of the evils that inevitably arise from open balloting. It is only natural and proper that different types of girls should be represented in every well regulated chapter, and it is only natural too that each of these types should be attracted by girls of their own kind. Unless the strictest care is exercised the result will be an inclination or perhaps a proposition to "trade," "if you'll vote for my girl, I'll vote for yours," and there you have the whole chapter drawn up in faction in absolute contrariety to the constitution which is seemingly quite forgotten in the crisis. There is nothing which, if persisted in, will so quickly bring discord and factions into a chapter as the practice of trading votes and this would be manifestly impossible if the constitution were strictly observed,—in the spirit as well as the letter—in regard to the balloting question.

Gertrude Hill, Kansas Alpha.

ELISE BRADFORD.

READERS of the Arrow are more or less familiar with the name of Elise Bradford, who for some time past has filled the position of Arrow correspondent for Columbia Alpha. She will also be remembered as the delegate from this chapter to the convention at Madison, where she acted as chairman of the committee on Miscellaneous Work. But the members of her home chapter are not content that she should be no more than a vaguely-remembered name to the many Pi Phis who have never come into personal contact with her.

The first question in mind on reading a personal sketch is: "What has she done?"—a perfectly legitimate query, but by no means an all-important one. We might have chosen from the ranks of our Alumnae, those who have won greater fame, or accomplished more in the eyes of the world, but among them all there is none more respected, more honored, or better loved than Elise Bradford. There is plenty of time yet for her to do great things; but it is for what she has been to us, for what she would be to you, that we want you to know her.

Elise is a descendant of sturdy old Governor Bradford, and it is possible that not a few of the fundamental traits of her character may be attributed to this fact of her Colonial ancestry. Her father, Captain Royal B. Bradford of the United States navy, held a responsible position as chief of the Bureau of Supplies, at Washington, during the Spanish-American war. He has just returned from Paris, where his services as an expert on the subject of coaling stations were required by the Peace Commission. Mrs. Bradford is a sweet and gracious woman, thoroughly in sympathy with Pi Beta Phi, and Columbia Alpha is honored in having her as one of its patronesses. It goes without saying, that the Bradford home is charming; a home of refinement and culture—and with a touch of individuality shown in the numerous trophies Captain Bradford has gathered from his longer cruises.

Elise was born at the United States Torpedo Station, New-

port, R. I., on the fifth of July, 1876. She remained in Newport until November, 1887, when her father removed his family to Washington, which has been their home ever since. After completing her preparatory studies in this city she entered the College Department of Columbian University. Her initiation into Pi Beta Phi took place on the fifth of January, 1895. In the chapter she held the office of President twice, that of Corresponding Secretary three times, and that of Treasurer, once. She graduated from Columbian College with the class of "ninety-eight," receiving the degree of Bachelor of Arts. On Class Day she filled the difficult and delicate position of Class Prophetess, with characteristic tact and ready humor.

Did we dare, we might whisper to you our picture of her—tall and physically well developed, a bright, expressive face, dark hair that grows very gracefully from the low brow—large gray eyes. There is a stately grace of bearing, a standard worth of expression, frank wholesomeness of body and soul—all that makes a girl at whom one wants to look twice, and beside whom the merely pretty girl sinks into insignificance.

As a "daughter of the navy," and, too, as one that is extremely popular socially, Elise is always doing something delightful and original—something that every other girl does not do. Now it is taking part in a hop at Annapolis, or now at a ship launching; but whatever the time, place or occasion, our Elise may be depended upon as a leading spirit. She is one of the most entertaining talkers imaginable, an admirable listener, and an inimitable story-teller.

In character Elise Bradford is strong, sweet, symmetrical. She is her own; a sincere soul, such a one as even "having nothing, yet hath all." Her executive ability is marked; and she was always a leader among the women of the college, whether in fraternity circles or not. Always kind and sympathetic, never willing to give pain to others, she is, at the same time, capable of great firmness where a question of right and wrong is involved.

She is a tower of strength to our chapter at Columbian. In

an emergency or perplexity of any kind, we fly to her, always sure to find just the advice and help we need.

Surely Elise is one of the girls that make Pi Beta Phi what it is. Our fraternity could well exist without a poet, or a musician, or an artist, or indeed, without a genius of any kind, but without the sweet personalities, the sincere souls, the generous natures that are always blessing those around them, the idea of any sort of a fraternity is absurd.

THE FRATERNITY GIRL AS THE INDIVIDUAL.

WE hear so much about a fraternity girl's loyalty to her chapter and about her as the fraternity girl yet comparatively little is said about the girl as the individual;—about her loyalty to herself.

One of the objections most frequently raised against fraternities is that the member as a rule sinks her personality into that of the fraternity and is no longer the independent individual. If fraternity people would only bear this in mind much criticism would certainly be avoided. As a matter of fact this criticism must apply to the influence of the local chapter rather than to that of the fraternity as a whole.

Of course, no true fraternity girl will ever be guilty of disloyalty to her fraternity, but on the other hand, she should never be guilty of disloyalty to herself. Far above the laws of Greekdom is the moral law to which we owe our first obligation. This law requires of us our own self-respect and self-culture and a true sympathy with our fellow creatures.

It is a fact to be lamented that many persons sacrifice their convictions to the opinions of the majority, while it is certainly commendable to acknowledge one's self in the wrong if such is the case, it is radically wrong to accept false notions because they may happen to be held by the greater number or perhaps by only the leading spirits.

Again, it is too often true that chapter rivalry may develop

into such bitterness that a girl's individual nature may lose much of its natural sweetness. When this occurs, a girl thereby not only loses a great deal of her truest, best womanhood but the very ideals for which the fraternity is supposed to stand are thus lowered. Then, too, by this intenserivalry, if the girl is too much bound up in her fraternity, her view is so very narrow that she becomes too prejudiced to recognize the good and attractive characteristics of her opponents. She refuses to put herself in a position to sympathize with them and thus loses the opportunity for cultivating acquaintances that might prove beneficial as well as pleasant to her. Often, too, valued friendships are broken in this way. Girls who were warm friends join rival chapters, and surrendering their own personality to the organization to which they belong, their interests become antagonistic and soon the friendship is a thing of the past.

It is true of many chapters that some influential member so colors the views of all the rest that it may be said with certainty: "She's a member of such-and-such-a-fraternity. You can tell it by her talk and manner." It is all well to be distinguished from the "common herd," but the discrimination should not be made on any such ground as this. Of course, this criticism applies to the local chapter not to the real fraternity basis. But as the girl's most intense fraternity life is lived while she is in connection with the active chapter, it is extremely important that she should avoid this danger.

Shall it not then be the duty of each fraternity girl to stand for herself, for all that is purest and best within her? Shall she not rise above all petty rivalries and jealousies, not lowering her methods to those of that far-off time when the clan system prevailed and the hand of every clan was raised against its neighbors? Shall she not be larger than any organization, taking for her horizon the universe? If she sincerely and earnestly strives after this then she can at last in the fullest appreciation of the word be loyal to her fraternity and to all about her for if she is first of all true to herself, "it shall follow as the night the day" she cannot then be false to any one.

May Carney, Indiana Alpha.

OUR NEW CHAPTER.

THE twenty-eighth chapter has been added to our roll and we most cordially welcome our thirteen new sisters; all of whom we are proud to call by that name, to give the grip and receive into the sacred bonds of our sisterhood.

Just when the Burlington girls first began to work upon their project of establishing a chapter of Pi Beta Phi is hard to determine, but we know it was talked over among them with the utmost enthusiasm during the greater part of the last college year. The idea originated with Ada Hurlburt, who was initiated by Vermont Alpha; and it is to her untiring effort and firm perseverance that Vermont Beta owes its establishment. At first, there were only a few girls who cared to venture upon the new scheme, but the zeal of the few soon spread; and last spring found twelve willing workers holding their secret meetings. The girls hoped to have some decisive answer from the grand council before college closed for the summer, but this was not to be. They were to receive first an initiation of patience; and so the uncertainty dragged on. When fall came and Kappa Alpha Theta and Delta Delta Delta were pledging the new girls, our girls in their position of doubt had little to offer; but nevertheless added two to their list of members.

The week before Thanksgiving brought a letter from Mrs. Sisson stating that Massachusetts Alpha and Vermont Alpha would send delegates on the following week, and that upon them would rest the burden of decision in the matter. The delegates, Miss Sturgis and Miss Luther, reported everything favorable, so the work went on. Those of you who were charter members know how affairs progressed when you were about to be initiated—everyway but smoothly, and so it must have fared with Vermont Beta; stores closed on Thanksgiving day, menus all printed wrong and so down the list of mishaps. They didn't seem to mind, however, they had an end in view and they meant to reach it.

Vermont Alpha, with the exception of two members, arrived

in Burlington Thanksgiving night in the midst of a hard New England blizzard. The ceremony was performed at the beautiful home of one of the initiates, and a more touching scene or a more beautiful effect I never saw arranged by even the artist's hand. Misses Hurlburt, Sturgis, and Luther arranged for and conducted the ceremony, after which a dainty banquet was served. The elements were raging but those thirteen girls thought not of the storm without but of the joy within; and all was peace.

The mystic rites, a thing so new,
 Have marked a tender heart;
 Have made to spring in a soul a wish
 To play a greater part,
 And start upon a different life,
 A life we all so love;
 To enter on a newer way
 That leads far, far above.

Sara Vincent Mann, Vermont Alpha.

VERMONT BETA.

Installed November the twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

CHAPTER ROLL.

Seniors:—Eliza Mabelle Farman, West Lebanon, N. H.; Mary Isabelle Gregory, 56 Elmwood Ave., Burlington, Vt.; Ada Almira Hurlburt, 15 Weston St., Burlington, Vt.; Kate Russell, Hickock Place, Burlington, Vt.

Junior:—Edith Louise Carpenter, Webster, Mass.

Sophomores:—May Conro, South Hero, Vt.; Ivah Winifred Gale, Newport, Vt.; Kathryn K. Gebhart, Shelburne, Vt.; Inez Adelaide Grout, Derby Centre, Vt.; Mary Adelle Grout, Derby Centre, Vt.; Charlotte Francis Hale, 150 N. Union St., Burlington, Vt.; Susie Pearl Whiteman, Burlington, Vt.

Freshmen:—Grace Anna Goodhue, 123 Maple St., Burlington, Vt.; Ethel Marilla Stevens, Williston, Vt.

A QUESTION OF DUTY.

WE members of Pi Beta Phi have many things to be proud of; and I do not think that many of us are lacking in regard for our beloved fraternity. We are the oldest women's fraternity in existence and we now have also the greatest number of active chapters.

But these are only facts which may be known to all the world; but we Pi Beta Phis find the ideals of our fraternity and the striving to attain these ideals the best and noblest part of its life. When we pause a minute to think how high we are aiming our little arrows it seems as if we never should be able to reach such a lofty mark.

Outsiders are very prone to speak of the bad effects of fraternities; and I am afraid that these same bad effects are often very conspicuous. We have seen many instances in which the joining of a fraternity has entirely changed a girl's character for the better, and yet I am afraid that sometimes there has been a change for the worse. A Greek's treatment of the non-fraternity people with whom she is thrown in contact shows very clearly what she is. No girl is surely worthy to wear the emblems of Pi Beta Phi who makes any distinction in her treatment of her fraternity and non-fraternity class-mates and friends;—our beliefs are directly opposed to such behavior.

Our friendships with the girls of our chapter should teach us the universal sisterhood of women; they should help us to understand the lives of others better, and thus to be more companionable to all around us. The chapter and therefore the general fraternity is necessarily judged abroad by the actions of its members; and who judges us more frequently than the non-fraternity girl? Let it be always our aim then to set an example in all that is kind, lovable, and helpful; and let us show each other by our treatment of outsiders that we at least are trying to live up to our beloved creed.

At every initiation it strikes me anew what solemn obligations we take upon ourselves when becoming members of Pi Beta

Phi,—obligations not only to the members of our own chapter but to the fraternity at large. We are bound by our pledges to do the best that we can both in the class room and out of it, for we must remember that with us our fraternity stands or falls. How proud we all feel when a Pi Phi attains special honor in the world at large!

The friendships of Pi Beta Phi should be doubly sweet on account of the strong ties that bind us, and our little arrows are the outward symbols of our love for one another. Each time that any one is initiated into Pi Beta Phi another link is added to our chain that is fast encircling the globe; and when meeting girls of other chapters we realize more than ever how strong this chain is and how enduring; since no Pi Beta Phi is a stranger to another even though they have never seen each other's faces before.

The Pi Beta Phi must ever be true and honest; she must strive to show throughout her daily life the noble end toward which she is aiming, ever remembering that

"Kind hearts are more than coronets
And simple faith than Norman blood."

R. S., Ohio Beta.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

There are two little pronouns in the English language whose ability to skip about in a fraternity house often presents some wonderful gymnastic feats. Mine doesn't mean **Mine and Thine.** thine does it, even if it is used by a very dear brother or sister? There are certain inalienable rights, are there not, even if we are joined by the closest bonds of friendship and sisterhood?

When we pledge ourselves to give our very best to our beloved fraternity, that best surely cannot mean a necktie whose special shade may be so very becoming to Anne, a parasol whose brightness may not affect the landscape after all, or a collar whose additional eighth of an inch increases one's swellness in-

versely as the cube of the area of a cross section. Our best surely means something more than this, and if we would only apply our zeal and eager efforts in some other way we might astonish ourselves.

Please don't think that this Pi Phi is wasting valuable space in the Arrow just to make a display of her selfishness. She is only pleading for a little more thoughtfulness. It is only thoughtlessness after all, is it not, that makes us forget to invest in stamps for our Sunday correspondence, or blue books for an eight o'clock quiz, or causes that hopeful and optimistic condition which will not let us think in fair weather of the rainy morrow with its attendant rubbers and umbrella? Nobody minds borrowing or lending a pencil, stamp, hat pin, hair pin or the dozen and one other little things that we are always using and always losing, but you know each time we borrow one of these little things it makes it just so much easier to borrow the same little thing next time, and then pretty soon we will be borrowing something bigger, and so the wretched work goes on until we barely stop short of the most cherished and sacred things. Again to come back to little things, it is the constant dropping that will wear away the hardest stone, and it was only a straw that broke the camel's back, and we must confess that the patience of few is more adamant than these. Of course when I speak of borrowing and lending I don't mean begging or giving, but in what category can we place some of the requests and behests that bring us to a realizing sense of our iniquities. How can we return sugar or chocolate or crackers when we are through using them, and how can we say "thank you" gracefully for a generally becoming hat that has finally been bequeathed to the fraternity by a long suffering sister?

We aren't a communistic settlement even if we have so many things in common. It is our hearts, our hopes, our fears, and not our pins and pens, that we hold in common. I am not at all theoretical and I know that we must give tangible aid, that our faith must have works but do let it be the right kind of works.

Alma Moser, Wisconsin Alpha.

Why cannot Pi Beta Phi have a flag? Many of the boys' fraternities have them, and surely we do not want to be behind them in this or any other respect. Perhaps we

A Pi Phi Flag. have not so many occasions for waving a flag.

We don't take part in inter-fraternity ball games and boat races, and we don't send off members to the war to become battle-scarred heroes, but there are plenty of times when we feel triumphant enough to wave flags, and between whiles they would make charming decorations for our chapter rooms.

Why wouldn't it be a good plan for each chapter to make up its collective mind to what seems a good design? Then some member could write out a description of it or make a water color drawing, or best of all make a little silk flag as a working model and send it to the next convention, then the delegates could vote on the different designs submitted, and we should have another of those little improvements which keeps Pi Beta Phi up with the times.

R. P.

For the benefit of girls who attend colleges conducted on the same plan as our Michigan University, I should like to say a few words about our chapter house and its success.

The House. Since this university provides no dormitories for its students we find a substitute in the

fraternity house.

In previous years we have rented only a part of a private house, where we had our sleeping rooms and our parlors, but we boarded outside. At our boarding-place we had a table by ourselves and in a room apart from the other boarders. But even under such circumstances there were many disadvantages. There is little privacy in a boarding-house, and the temptation to talk over fraternity matters at table is very great, as meal time is the one occasion when all the girls are together. Consequently we all felt the need of a change.

This year has brought about the desired change. We now have rented the whole house, and are enjoying the luxury of taking our meals at our own table. We were fortunate in being able to persuade the mother of one of the girls to act as our

chaperon, and she also consented to take charge of the table, thus relieving us of much responsibility. We pay her a stipulated amount a week and reserve a few dollars to defray our own expenses, such as dining-room furniture, dishes, etc. To say that we are all delighted with the new arrangement but feebly expresses our feelings. For the first time we feel that we have a real home in Ann Arbor. Among the many advantages of this we find that the strain of rushing is greatly lessened, for an invitation to dinner involves little trouble and makes a most favorable impression upon the guest. We Pi Phis of Ann Arbor are so enthusiastic over our new venture that we should like to see our sisters in Pi Beta Phi enjoying like advantages.

N. M. B., Michigan Beta.

In looking for new members, congeniality is one of the first characteristics to be thought of, and the Pi Beta Phi ideal should always be kept in mind. What we should seek

Congeniality
Among Fraternity
Members.

to find in the character of the person in question is truth, nobility, justice, and purity. The true meaning of fraternity is friendship, and members should be those with whom we can have the deepest and truest friendships. In every chapter little uncongenial traits will often show themselves in some of its members, but the others should try to be patient and overlook these faults, realizing that it is the strong side that can best afford to give up, to bear the burden that is not rightfully theirs but is forced upon them by the weakness of a sister from whom they have a right to expect strength. We must remember that none of us are perfect, and so clouds will sometimes rise on the fraternity sky.

Alumnae Department.

PERSONALS.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Nell Hawkins, '94, of Ottawa, was married October fifth to Mr. John Leavelle, of St. Joseph, Mo.

Miss Lucy Van Hoesen is studying kindergartening in Chicago.

Miss Ann Shire is teaching in the Leavenworth public schools.

Lucinda Smith Buchan is spending the winter in Manila with her husband, Captain Frederick Buchan.

Berdina Crandell has returned to her home in Topeka after spending two years in Florence, Italy, studying vocal music.

MARYLAND ALPHA.

Leo M. Ware is spending the winter in Paris, where she is studying art.

Jennie B. Smith, ex-'99, is studying medicine in the Woman's Medical College of New York City.

May Kellar, '98, is taking post-graduate work in German.

Blanche Keisinger, '98, is studying English and History at Cornell.

Beall Martin, '98, is at Chicago University taking post-graduate work in Mathematics

Waunda Hartshorn, '98, is in Germany at the University of Berlin.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Mrs. Etta Squire Seeley is spending the winter in Hillsdale, but in the spring will join her husband in Salem, Oregon.

Louise Randolph, '94, is teaching music in Macon College, Georgia.

Grace Higbee Marks has recently moved to Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Josephine Graham, '89, was married December eighth at her home in Hudson, to Mr. Amos Hollinger.

The marriage of Addie Mae Melton, '96, to Louis Kyle Politte, was solemnized at Mason, Michigan, September twentieth. Mr. and Mrs. Politte are living in Los Angeles, California.

Miss Mayme C. Fuller is spending the winter at her home in North Adams. She has given some readings and will fill other dates throughout the winter.

Editorial.

THE prizes offered by Dr. Bessie Peery at the last convention for the best article and the best chapter letter respectively, have called forth much enthusiasm and a number of excellent articles, and as the Arrow has been the gainer thereby, it owes Dr. Peery a debt of gratitude many times the value of the prizes. The judges have not reached a verdict without some difficulty, and especially in the case of the chapter letter has the task of deciding among so many been a difficult one. Though style, construction, and grace and dignity of presentation have all been taken into consideration and in neither case has the decision been unanimous.

The prize for the best article has been awarded to the essay in the April Arrow entitled, "The Fraternity as a Supplement to College Life," and signed C. L. S. Cassie L. Souther of Massachusetts Alpha will therefore become possessor of the Pi Beta Phi pin; while honorable mention is accorded to Edna Harriet Richards of Pennsylvania Alpha for the toast "Democracy," and to Martha Kimball of Colorado Beta for her article on "The Chapter Letter."

To Michigan Beta is awarded the prizes of a Pi Beta Phi stick pin for the best chapter letter, being that contained in the January Arrow, and written by Edna Bevans. The letters of

Vermont Alpha and Massachusetts Alpha, both in the issue for October, 1897, are considered worthy of special praise.

The Arrow congratulates the prize winners on their success, and itself on having such a generous enthusiastic ally as Dr. Peery.

TO VERMONT BETA the Arrow extends heartiest good wishes and hopes for a future brim full of fraternity happiness and success. It is now some time since we have had a new chapter, and Indiana Gamma, hitherto our baby, has already cut its eye teeth and is about out of leading strings, so that all Pi Phi chapters, like good elder sisters, are ready to rejoice that there is a real little new baby in the family.

Vermont Alpha, in particular, must welcome the new chapter with especial delight. Nearly all her members were present at its founding, and one of them was largely responsible for its existence; but more than that, the sense of neighborliness, of intercollegiate good fellowship engendered by having another chapter within hailing distance, is worth a dozen sermons on the national character of our organization.

That she may enjoy a development not precocious but steady and healthy, and that she may grow in every way a credit to Pi Beta Phi and what it stands for, is our New Year's wish to Vermont Beta. What can we wish for more or better?

IT IS pleasant to be able to announce that the new song book is at last an accomplished fact, so far at least as its editorial work is concerned. The book contains eighty songs old and new, and is in every way a credit to the editor and to Pi Beta Phi.

It only remains now for the fraternity to do its part in support of this long-wished for, and subscribe for it heartily and promptly. Every chapter should order from ten to twenty copies, according to the average size of the chapter, and every member should purchase at least one copy for her private and special use; to take home with her, keep among her fraternity treasures, and get out to sing from whenever two or three Pi

Phis are gathered together. The price is not high, and it would seem that after clamoring for a new song book for the past five years, the least that we can do is to support it generously when it is made ready for us.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

In the midst of reviews bordering upon examinations Vermont Alpha calls a halt to pen her chapter letter for the next Arrow. The term had been filled with events of fraternity interest. Among the series of rushing parties following our receptions to the girls of the entering class, might be mentioned our straw ride and Hallowe'en party, both, as being especially successful. The last and really the most enjoyable on the list was a drive of about ten miles to the pretty home of one of our alumnæ, where we were entertained in a way which caused the germ of Pi Phi loyalty to start in its growth and take a long stride towards its final perfection.

On the morning of December third, Edith Florence Barrett and Anna Keese Deuel added their names to the chapter roll of Vermont Alpha. We followed the same plan this year as last in having a sunrise initiation.

The advisability of such an arrangement was long a question of debate but since its advantages have been made manifest we wonder why we hesitated to make the trial. Our initiation was followed in the evening by a banquet in the Pharetra and we were fortunate in having with us several of the former members of our chapter.

On the evening of Thanksgiving day Vermont Alpha, together with Miss Luther, the delegate from Boston University, performed the pleasing task of initiating thirteen girls at the University of Vermont into the secrets of Pi Beta Phi. After the rather lengthy but impressive ceremony we all gathered around the banquet table. There, with those sisters of ours who were just entering the mystic bonds, we discussed enthusiastically this new relationship which we assured them would grow in time to have a deeper meaning. For what Pi Phi of the first year's growth can appreciate the value of the fraternity?

Vermont Alpha has oftentimes longed to meet her sisters from another chapter and know the fraternity as many of the West-

ern chapters know it: something larger and more comprehensive than merely the Arrows, and the chapter letters. In Vermont Beta she has her wish gratified and she ushers each and every one of her new sisters into Pi Phi life with a gratifying sense of the unity of purpose that is to grow up among us.

Ring ching ching for Vermont Beta!

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Thus far our chapter life has been cozy rather than exciting, this year. We have done our rushing in a rather subjective way; that is, by watching, without seeming to watch, the new girls, by learning what of loveableness and worth there is in them, by getting acquainted with them in a quiet way. We rather pity those of our sister chapters who cannot do this, though we fully realize how closely we must watch ourselves lest we become over-critical and ultra-conservative. Before this letter appears, several new sisters will probably be wearing the golden Arrow for Columbia Alpha.

One especially delightful feature of our fraternity life is a Luncheon Club, which we enjoy the more from the fact that our little luncheon period is the only time during the whole day when we can all be together. Here we are at our best; our jokes are the happiest, our laughter the merriest; life seems one perpetual, glorified cooky-shine. We find these luncheons a charming and natural means of getting acquainted with new girls, as well as of showing non-fraternity girls how much we like them, how kindly we feel toward them. Our invitations always seem to be highly appreciated. Then, best of all, our dear alumnae girls always know where to find us at lunch time, and they make a practice of dropping in semi-occasionally to drink a cup of our chocolate and discuss with us the latest topics of college and fraternity interest.

A certain Saturday in November brought a very great pleasure to Columbia Alpha. Two of our sisters from Maryland Alpha, May Kellar and Elsie Ganoe, with their friend Miss Kathleen Mallory, spent the day with us. We are so fortunate in our charming neighbor-chapter at Baltimore. It seems nearer and dearer than ever with our own Lucy Murray, now a member of Maryland Alpha, as a connecting link.

We are anticipating some extremely jolly times during the holidays.

May there be to each one of you a Christmas overflowing with true Pi Phi mirth, a New Year as happy and prosperous as all Pi Phis deserve.

ELSIE E. PARKINSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

I suppose you are rejoicing, as we are, over the end of rushing season and the initiation of charming "nineteen-twos." The pledge-day among the three women's fraternities at Swarthmore came on the twelfth of November and on the fifteenth we initiated Deborah G. Thomas and Ethel Griest. The initiation was held in the evening at the home of one of our alumnae in the village, and a very impressive one it was. We all felt, as we so often have before, the inspiration of the beautiful ceremony and great respect for the women who formed it. Before the Arrow is published we hope to have another sister, Pansy Jackson, who owing to ill health could not be initiated before.

The letters in the last Arrow telling of the good times in chapter rooms have made Pennsylvania Alpha quite envious. At Swarthmore it seems almost impossible to have such a room and we have to be contented with holding our meetings and having our good times in the largest study occupied by our girls, and here we gather on Wednesday evenings and at other times to get help and rest after our studies.

We are fortunate this year in having three or four of our alumnae near enough to visit very often. We have also become acquainted with several Pi Phis who are studying in Philadelphia and hope soon to entertain them at the College. If the other chapters of Pi Beta Phi will let us know when any of their members are in Philadelphia we shall be so glad to get acquainted with them and give them a chance of knowing their sisters of Pennsylvania Alpha.

LUCY BANCROFT.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

"Another Arrow letter to write!" This is the sigh of the poor corresponding secretary who has just finished reading the November Arrow.

We have had an unusually quiet term. Our girls have all been busy with college work. Since the coming of cold weather we have held our meetings at the homes of the members; for the trustees provided our new hall with no means for raising the temperature above that of the outside world.

A committee was appointed to see about gas, for we thought that would be the cheapest and pleasantest way of heating. After consultations here and there it was found that no gas would be put in the building where our rooms are situated. Dismay for the committee! Prolonged discussions in the chapter! Oil stove next proposed! None in town large enough! More consultations! More discussions! Coal stove donated at length by one

of the alumnae. Chapter delighted; committee enthusiastic; stove moved, pipe bought, everything supposed to be satisfactorily arranged. So, on Thursday last, the fire was started for the first time and we all anticipated a pleasant meeting once more in our own hall. But alas! Smoke! SMOKE!! SMOKE!!! It was too much for even Pi Phi fortitude. And now the poor committee are dreading an attack upon the chimney to see why it fails as an escape for the fumes which brought tears to the eyes of every Pi Phi, and made their wraps and gowns smell as if recently come from some region other than mundane.

We have taken in no new members this term, but expect in our next letter to be able to tell of the initiation we are planning to have during the holiday vacation.

We have so many alumnae in and near Athens that some of them are contemplating the formation of an alumnae chapter. We all hope that the plan will be put into execution.

Mame O'Bleness has the heartfelt sympathy of all the chapter in the sad death of her brother Ralph from an injury received during a practice game on the foot-ball field.

This letter will appear too late for Christmas greetings, but the members of Ohio Alpha extend to their sister chapters sincere wishes for a happy and prosperous new year.

VIRGINIA M. HOUSTON.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

Ohio Beta sends her kindest wishes to all for a happy and prosperous New Year.

Another rushing season has passed by, and we are richer by five new girls, of whom we are very proud. Our initiation was held October the nineteenth, and Clara Schille, Augusta Conolley, Faye Jackson, Carrie Holloway and Gertrude Rittenhouse have tasted I. C.

It was a great pleasure to have Mrs. Grace Highbee Marks of Michigan Alpha with us at our initiation, and later on to have a spread and our mock initiation at her home.

Owing to the fact that there are seventeen fraternities and sororities at our college, there are many social functions to make college life pleasant.

With the exception of a dinner, very dainty in all of its appointments, at Allena Mitzenberg's home during the rushing season, we have not entertained. Immediately after the holidays we are planning to give a formal party at the Normandie, and on Founders' Day a reception to all fraternities and sororities in college.

During the national convention of Psi Delta Theta fraternity held in this city, a number of our girls had the pleasure of meeting men from the colleges in which we have chapters.

A reception and banquet was tendered to the young ladies of Ohio State University by the local alumni, which proved a very enjoyable affair, and it was indeed pleasant to hear of the doings of our sisters from all parts of the country.

An event looked forward to with much anticipation in University circles is the annual concert by the Glee Club to be given December the sixteenth in our chapel. This always proves a fine musical treat, as well as a social affair.

The addition of our new members increases our number to thirteen, and cements more firmly the bond of love for the wine and blue.

EDNA HATTON.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Our last days of work before we leave to enjoy our holiday vacation are quickly gliding by, and all are eagerly anticipating the long-wished-for rest. The vacation extends from December twenty-second to January third. This year New York Alpha has adopted the custom of setting aside the first Friday of every month after our fraternity meeting to be at home to our patronesses. We enjoy these occasions very much and think that the patronesses will feel more like a part of our fraternity when they have had a better opportunity to really know us. Their exceeding kindness to us in the past makes us doubly anxious to show our appreciation in every way. Another diversion after our fraternity meeting consists of little entertainments arranged by the girls. Each class has agreed to furnish the program for one afternoon, and the freshmen appeared first—presenting a farce in a delightful way. The sophomores have charge of the next program.

The athletic interest of the college is at present directed toward the several basket-ball organizations. The women as well as the men have a 'varsity and class teams. A number of interesting games were played last year with outside teams, and negotiations are now pending with several prominent colleges for games after Christmas. One of our girls, Wealthy B. Housinger, last year's corresponding secretary, is vice-president of the woman's basket-ball organization and captain of the 'varsity team.

We have already given one large party when we entertained the men of the Freshman class early in November. Invitations are now out for the evening of December 19, when we will be at home to a number of our college friends. In addition to these may be mentioned informal gatherings of the girls, especially a cooky-shine given soon after initiation to introduce our Freshmen to this mystery of the Pi Phi life.

Michigan Beta's suggestion that the various chapters exchange flash-light pictures is an excellent one. It certainly

would bring our national fraternity nearer to us if we could know at least the faces of the girls who wear the arrow in other colleges.

New York Alpha wishes most heartily that the coming year may be a happy and prosperous one for all Pi Beta Phis.

FRANCES E. MADDEN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to the Arrow Massachusetts Alpha has increased the number of her members from nine to seventeen. Our eight initiates were Clara B. Noyes and Susan F. Burbank of the Senior class, Josephine Pickering of the Junior class, Eleanor Good of the Sophomore class and Edith Swift, Elizabeth Coates, Daisy Whitcomb and Minnie Ford of the Freshman class. It is needless to say that by this time they are all enthusiastic and loyal Pi Beta Phis. This year our initiation and banquets were conducted on a new plan and we were very much pleased at the result of our experiment. Instead of holding the initiation ceremony and the banquet on the same day as formerly we initiated on Friday afternoon at the home of Grace Smith in Everett and held our banquet on the following day at Hotel Victoria in town. We were so fortunate as to have several of our last year's seniors present both at the initiation and at the banquet. You may be sure that we had a grand good time listening to the afterdinner speeches, talking over Pi Beta Phi affairs and singing Pi Phi songs. The toasts were responded to as follows: Toast mistress, Florence N. Flagg; "Our Alumnae," Helen Eldridge; "The Goat," Florence Thomas; "Our Sister Chapters," Grace Smith; "Our Friends the Enemy," May McFall; "The Golden Arrow," Cassie Souther.

One of our Middlebury sisters, Suella Whitney, has been spending a few days in town and we have had the pleasure of meeting her several times. The friends whom she has been visiting, also students at Boston University, entertained us very delightfully at their home last Friday evening. Then on Saturday afternoon we had the pleasure of meeting her again at the rooms of our two girls who live in town and were treated to an informal Welsh rarebit and cocoa.

We have been very much disappointed in losing the services of our newly elected corresponding secretary, Edith Taylor, who has been obliged to leave school on account of illness. We are all hoping that she will come back again next term, even if she is unable to resume the duty of writing our chapter letters. Susan F. Burbank has been chosen to fill her place.

We are all hard at work now preparing for our term examinations and hope by the time this letter appears in the Arrow we shall all be safely past that milestone in our college career.

SUSAN F. BURBANK.

MARYLAND ALPHA — WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

Since writing its last letter to the Arrow, Maryland Alpha has entered upon a new college year with its manifold pleasures and duties, and is now looking forward from among its books and essays to the two week's respite of Christmas. Rushing time has been long gone but it was as busy as usual and we still have the memory of parties and teas and drives galore, which ended in a little play in which we could give vent to our dramatic proclivities.

As a result we have four new wearers of the wine and blue to introduce to you, of whom it is needless to say we are very proud. They are Josephine Wiley, 1901; Maud Soper, Pauline de Jesi and Florence Denny, all of 1902, and we have, besides, two pledges. Our number is thus thirteen, so we dare to defy all superstition, for thirteen has shown itself to be a lucky number for us. To Columbia Alpha we owe a great debt for giving us Lucy Murray, 1902, who came to cast her lot with ours this autumn, and whom we soon learned to love as our very own.

One pleasant episode of the past month was a day that a few of our girls spent in Washington, where our Columbian friends entertained them most delightfully at lunch, and, as we say, gave them a royal good time.

Just now we are rejoicing in the possession of a new fraternity room, a luxury, — shall we not say a necessity, — that we have not enjoyed for several months. Our faculty has decided to take no more official notice of fraternities, and has withdrawn the rooms which it formerly supplied to them, so that they have all had to find rooms elsewhere.

Our list of fraternities has been increased by one more, Delta Delta Delta, which established a chapter here a few weeks ago.

Besides our four Seniors of '98 we have this year lost two more girls, Elizabeth Rogers and Irene Kapalee, who, we believe, are now engaged in studying domestic economy.

We would like to say "Merry Christmas" but it would be too late ere this reaches you. So we content ourselves by wishing a most happy New Year to all Pi Beta Phis.

EDNA STONE.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The winter term began November twenty-ninth and we are glad to welcome with it a few new students to join us in our work and pleasures. The winter term is the best of the year, both for study and society. There have been two more college dances in the gymnasium, and December tenth the seniors gave a reception and dance to the faculty and underclassmen.

We have three girls in the Senior class who have already received several honors and whom we shall be very sorry to lose next June. We shall probably be able to keep our active ranks full, however, as we always seem fortunate in that respect.

We have lately initiated two new girls into Pi-Phi-dom and now proudly present to you Nellie C. Turner, who was pledged last year, and Ruth Munger, one of this year's new students. The initiation was held at Fannie Gingrich's home, and afterwards, chaperoned by Mrs. Emma Livingston Wing, we took our new-fledged Pi Phis to the hotel for oysters. Charlotte Allspaugh is our only pledged member now, but we are glad to own her, even as a half-sister.

December fourteenth there is to be a students' recital under the direction of Professor Lillibridge and of Mrs. Helen Carleton Marsh, whom we are proud to claim. Our musical department is especially strong this year and fine work is being done. The pupils in the department of Elocution also are receiving excellent instruction this year from Miss Maude Miner, of the Anna Morgan School in Chicago, who is with us for the first time.

Maryland Alpha has reason to be proud that one of her girls could be of service in helping the soldiers of the Cuban War. We extend congratulations to her and best wishes to all.

FLORENCE P. KING.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

The first term of this year is almost at an end, and Illinois Delta looks back upon it as one that has had its share both of successes and of failures.

We started this fall with only four girls, but we now number ten, having initiated four girls, Louise Montgomery, Grace Ballard, Agnes Bushnell, and Winifred Aylesbury, and having pledged two members. We lost five Seniors last spring, and seven of our girls did not return, making our number last fall very small, but we have worked hard and have won everything we have fought for.

Our college life has been especially pleasant this year. Many

fraternity parties have been given, and Pi Phi expects to entertain at an informal dancing party before the end of the fall term.

Illinois Delta sends to each and every Pi Phi "best wishes for a Happy New Year."

MARY E. GLEASON.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Northwestern is glad to greet you all again through the pages of our well-loved Arrow. How glad we are of its coming, and how quickly we turn to the chapter letters, the ties that draw us into touch and sympathy with one another.

We are still reminded of the war, though we have no Red Cross member, for several uniforms are seen upon the campus.

The faculty, already having us snugly fenced in, has shown some concern about our health, and adopted an ingenious method of giving us exercise, and at the same time, of beautifying the campus. We are requested to go around by the sidewalks, and gentle reminders, in the shape of wire posts, are planted across the once pleasant paths.

A new honor has come to Professor Hatfield in his selection as one of the commissioners regarding the erection of the Goethe Memorial at Strasburg. Of the one hundred commissioners, but three are from America.

Our chapter is in a flourishing condition. Beginning the year with twelve members, we have initiated three delightful girls, Alice Newkirk, May Doland, and Hedwig Mueller, whom we are proud to introduce to our other sisters, and we expect soon to have a like pleasure in regard to our three pledglings. Our initiation service was singularly impressive and beautiful, and was followed by a delightful banquet.

We have been quite gay this fall, giving several enjoyable parties. We had perhaps the most pleasure from the hay-ride that did not come off, repeated attempts resulting in a candy-pull, Dolly Varden party, and so on and on. However, now that the cold weather has come, we still hope to realize it in a sleighing party.

Amy Young, our dearly-loved Swarthmore sister, gave Illinois Epsilon an ideal last month at her home in Oak Park. We are all preparation for the Pi Phi dancing party to be given at the Boat Club on January sixth, when we will entertain the other fraternities.

We enjoyed a flying visit from Mrs. Sober in October, and only regretted that her time was too brief for the chapter to entertain her as it wished.

Hoping you all had a very Merry Christmas.

ABBEY FLORENCE WILLIAMS.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Alpha is happy to be able to introduce to you a new sister, Berenice Childers. We initiated her at the home of Eleanor La Grange and the ceremony was the most beautiful one we have ever had. We had the room most appropriately arranged and there was nothing to detract from the solemnity of the occasion. After the initiation we gave a characteristic "cook-y-shine" at which we entertained our patronesses and alumnae.

We have entertained but once this term and that was not a large affair, but we have been told it was most successful. Each girl invited a young man to our hall and there we gave a spread, serving a very elaborate menu. This of course pleased our guests and we have been greatly complimented upon it.

Instead of entertaining we have refurnished our hall, reserving the entertainments until next term. So far as possible we have used our own colors in the furnishings and we are quite well pleased with the effect. The walls are papered in wine color, and the ceiling in light blue with a delicate figure, while a moulding in these colors divides the two. This sets off our other furnishings to advantage we think.

All of our meetings have been very spirited this year. Each time we have rendered a short literary program and this has made our meetings beneficial as well as pleasant to attend. Such a warm feeling of comradeship has existed among the girls that more and more, we feel the strength of the ties of Pi Beta Phi.

We expect to initiate Mabel Mathews this term and hope to have Alice Cope with us again. This will swell our active chapter to nineteen members.

Indiana Alpha wishes all Pi Phi sisters a most happy and successful New Year.

MAY CARNEY.

INDIANA BETA — INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Since last we wrote our chapter letter, Indiana Beta has been enjoying life and her full share of prosperity. In view of the fact that eight of our girls were graduated last spring, we felt that this would be a critical year for us. But doubtless that feeling of concern and anxiety strengthened the twelve who started out this fall, for our success in the spiking season just past was beyond our most sanguine hopes. With the other two girls' fraternities we entered into a contract this fall to ask no new girl before four o'clock on the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. This made our rushing season quite long, yet it gave us ample

time to know girls before we invited them to sisterhood. That Tuesday, we assure you, was an exciting time. Yet as a result, we carried off captive, Olive Traylor, Netta Nixon, Alice Howe, Pearl Cooper, Mary Miller, Eva East, Flora Silver, and Elinor Harmon. Previous to that we had initiated Bertha Lingle, Dora Delay and Harriett Burns, who had been in college before this year. Since then, we have pledged Lizzie Karsell.

And so, by exactly doubling our active roll, and with girls who we feel are a decided addition to our chapter and to the fraternity as a whole, can you blame us for feeling that Fortuna has favored us? Then when we initiated eight of our new girls, we all voted it the best initiation we had ever seen. After a mock initiation which lasted about two hours, the after ceremony was especially impressive and beautiful. Not only did it bind to us, add to you too, eight new sisters, but it renewed in our hearts the ideals and aspirations of our loved Pi Phi.

Then we closed that memorable evening with a good, old-fashioned spread, the first course of which was a "cooky shine."

Today we observe our usual day "at home," and this evening we will receive the men in honor of our new members.

We have just welcomed to our college a chapter of Delta Gamma and we heartily congratulate not only the charter members on becoming Delta Gammas, but also Delta Gamma on receiving such worthy sisters.

MABLE C. FERTICH.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Michigan Alpha sends greetings to you all, and especially to those of you who are the "new girls." May you over some one else enjoy all the anxieties and rejoicings which others have experienced over you.

We believe that Pennsylvania Beta and Wisconsin Alpha will agree with us that thirteen is no longer the "unlucky" number, as by the last Arrow we see that their active members as well as our own number thirteen. However, we shall probably increase this number before long, as we expect some of our pledges will soon pass through the "terrible ordeal."

Among the social events in our college this fall has been the party given by Alpha Tau Omega to the Kappa Kappa Gammas and Pi Beta Phis. The A T O's are the only Greeks here who have a chapter house, and the pleasant way in which they entertain show that they appreciate their home. Then the event of the season passed off with its usual success. This was the Delta Tau Delta annual Thanksgiving banquet, given this year at one of the hotels in the city. The Delta Taus have reason to be proud of the fact that they have four men among the faculty,

and at the banquet the intellectuality and humor of these were well displayed.

The Students' Lecture Course opened with a lecture by our popular alumnus, Will Carleton. Before he left the city a reception was given him at the home of our president, G. F. Mosher, and his loyalty to the college and its interests was everywhere apparent.

We are very glad to have with us Mrs. Etta Squires Seeley, ex-'93. She is to make Hillsdale her home for at least a few months, and although she has so recently come, we feel that her Pi Phi interest has in no way decreased while she has been absent from college.

It makes some of us feel somewhat long-faced when we think how soon we shall have to be called Alumnae, but we are glad to believe the "old girls" when they tell us that all of the good times do not come in the four years of college life.

Again Michigan Alpha sends best wishes to you all for success in all your undertakings.

LORA A. MARSH.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

How swiftly college days pass! We girls feel that we have hardly begun our work for the year, and yet it is Christmas. The past few weeks have been very pleasant ones for us. First came our initiation, bringing into the charmed circle of the arrow four girls — Anna Carpenter, of West Saginaw; Dorothy Sass, of Chicago; Edith Clark, of Detroit; and Evelyn Bryant, of Mt. Clemens. Our little scholarship girl could not join this semester, but we hope to have her meet Sir William Goat in the spring.

Last Saturday we gave a reception for the faculty ladies and college girls. The house looked very pretty with its decoration of palms and holly — in the dining-room the carnation held undisputed sway.

College gaiety really begins with the new year — there has been, as yet, but one large party in the gymnasium. However, there have been numerous celebrations in honor of the victors in the Chicago-Michigan game. An immense bon-fire was kindled on the campus, and in its fitful light the long haired heroes of the gridiron stood forth, and related to admiring crowds the doughty deeds whereby Michigan became champion of the west.

The girls here are brought into relationship through the Woman's League — an organization including all the girls in college. The members are divided into groups of ten — these groups, each under the patronage of a faculty lady, meet at stated intervals, for informal good times. Then the league, as a whole, holds receptions and little dances in the Woman's

Gymnasium. In this way, Dr. Mosher, Dean of the Women, hopes to destroy any feeling of antagonism which may have existed between the fraternity girls and those outside.

GRACE ROBERTSON.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Wesleyan has an almost entirely new faculty this year, composed of young men of push and believing in hard work. Under such an administration we feel great hopes for the future of our college.

As our chapter contains seven busy seniors, we have found time to entertain only informally, our first attempt being a cooky-shine, given for all "Barbs." The New Year is approaching and the time to "count our blessings," review our mistakes, and begin again.

Judging from the happy faces of the Iowa Alpha girls, one is inclined to believe that the fates have indeed been kind to them.

First of all we have loved, have wooed, and have won the girl of our choice. Permit us to introduce to our sister chapters, Martha I. Ware, who is taking graduate work here.

We have also five pledged girls, of whom we feel justly proud.

Strangely enough in the last chapter letter, our corresponding secretary neglected to state that she, too, would be greatly missed from our circle, having graduated with the class of '98. With full hearts, then, did we welcome, both Katherine Lundgren and our sister from Iowa Zeta, Dorothy Schultz, during the Thanksgiving holidays.

On the evening of the twenty-sixth, at the home of Mae Hills, we gave a cooky-shine in their honor.

On the following Thursday one of our alumnæ of '96 gave a six o'clock dinner to the Pi Phi girls. The dining-room was beautifully decorated with smilax and chrysanthemums, and those who were present have never ceased to talk of the good things enjoyed.

We are delighted to have with us this year Blanche Swan and Olive Gass, both of '96, who are proving a source of inspiration and help to us in our work.

Iowa Alpha sends to her sister chapters, greetings, and wishes for each one who wears the wine and blue, the brightest and best of New Years.

MAMIE BRENHOLTS.

WISCONSIN ALPHA -- UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

We who went together through the rushing campaign this fall, "for dear Pi Beta Phi," grew nearer to one another; but now that quizzes and theses have sobered and quieted our minds, we find ourselves growing even nearer and dearer at our social meetings in our own home. Marie Hinkley, Adeline Brown, Jean Clark and Grace Cox are of our circle now, and have proved worthy of the superlatives applied to them in the ardor of rushing days.

Almost the entire chapter attended the military hop at the Armory, December the tenth. It was the first of the year and a grand success.

Those who are lovers of out-door sports find fun and danger to their heart's content on skates or in ice-boats on our lakes.

We celebrated the founding of our chapter by a Hallowe'en party at Heart's Ease Cottage on Lake Mendota. The traditions of Hallowe'en were observed, and a one-legged fiddler of the old school furnished the music.

Mrs. Olson gave us a most charming afternoon at her home recently, assisted most delightfully by Prof. Olson, who sang to us in Norwegian and German.

The women of the university are brought into closer relationship than in former years through the parties given by the Self-Government Association, and through the vesper services held at Ladies' Hall on Sundays. Such signs of union and goodwill are welcomed by the Pi Phis.

MARGARET MEICKLEJON HUTTON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA -- NEWCOMB COLLEGE OF TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Although, on account of the quarantine, Louisiana Alpha did not get together until the very last of October, she has seldom or never had brighter prospects. We opened with ten very enthusiastic active members, and now have two pledges, Louise Rainey and Mary Butler, who are to be initiated on the fifteenth of December. We want this initiation to be unusually pretty and mysterious, so have had a fraternity sewing-bee, resulting in a great deal of fun and a set of new initiation gowns. They are pale blue empire dresses, with wide dark red sashes, the skirts being trimmed in wine-colored skulls, bones and arrows. The place of the initiation is to be kept absolutely secret, and afterwards one of our Freshmen is to entertain us at supper.

Rivaling our interest in the preparation for the reception of

our new sisters, is our wish to re-furnish our chapter room. Our colors are never lost sight of, and in our room, as in our gowns, wine and blue are very much "en évidence."

There is one day of especial interest in our college life between now and the Christmas holidays, this is Memorial Day. Our most generous founder named H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College for her only daughter, and made the request that two days in the year be observed as holidays, one commemorating her daughter's birth, the other her death. The sixteenth of December is the second of these. The singing-class has been rehearsing for some weeks for the beautiful service which is always held in our picturesque little chapel.

Last week Louisiana Alpha was delighted by a letter from Mrs. Sisson, saying that she may visit New Orleans this winter. This is indeed pleasant news for us isolated Pi Phis of the far south, who, having no neighboring sister chapters, and no rivals in our own college, never see any Greek-letter girls except one another.

We feel that we cannot send better wishes to our sister chapters than that their future may be as promising as that of Louisiana Alpha.

ELLEN DEMING POST.

KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

After an unusually gay rushing season, which included card parties, dancing parties, receptions and dinners, we have had two initiations. The first was in October at the home of Gertrude Hill, just outside of town, where Frederica Devereux Bullene of Lawrence, Minnie L. Leach of Leavenworth, Nettie Manley of Junction City, Loren Leslie of Hutchinson, Mary Spencer and Florence Hawk of Lawrence were introduced to the goat. The first three girls were pledged last year. About forty Pi Phis active and alumnæ were present, all eager to initiate the girls, and while most of us were arranging the mysteries of initiation a few of the "old girls" hid the initiates and it was only after a long search that we found them and proceeded to "get even." After the usual spread a very funny farce entitled, "Marrying the Poetess," was cleverly presented. And we all returned home singing Pi Phi songs and feeling very proud of our six new Pi Beta Phis.

In November we initiated Harriet Robinson, and although we did away with the mock initiation our fun and jollity did not suffer in the least, for after the cooky-shine several of the girls gave an impromptu minstrel show which kept us all laughing the rest of the evening. Our good time was greatly increased by having with us Miss Oda Closson of Nebraska Beta, who spent several days in Lawrence visiting Pi Phi friends and was

also here for the hop given in honor of our new girls the night before the initiation. We were also glad to meet a Pi Phi from another chapter and hope that she may visit us again before long. Meeting and becoming acquainted with girls from other chapters serves to unite us very closely.

Kansas University seems to be unusually interested in athletic sports this year. We are especially proud of our foot ball eleven which met defeat only once, and the team of '98 will live in the memories of the students as the best that Kansas ever had. Just now a great deal of interest is being taken in a basket ball league that has been formed among the classes. The faculty team has challenged the winning team of the inter-class series. But the most amusing as well as one of the most interesting games of the season was a foot ball game between the fraternities of Phi Kappa Psi and the Beta Theta Pi, in which the Betas were victorious with a score of 6 to 0.

Of the girls who did not return this year Maude Beatrice Maxwell, of Keokuk, Iowa, is spending the winter studying at the Chicago Art School. Charlotte Cutter is at her home in Vinland, and Harriet Ayres will leave in a short time for British Columbia, where she expects to spend three or four months visiting friends.

The custom of having convocation meetings four or five times a year in order to become better acquainted with the faculty and with each other, has been introduced and will doubtless become a permanent feature in the university.

WINSLOW HUTCHINSON.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The first semester is drawing to a close and Colorado Alpha has sixteen active members, one baby Pi Phi, Mina Clark, whom, I am sure, you will all be glad to know. We expect to have at least eighteen girls the second semester — this gives us a very large chapter.

October the twenty-ninth Delta Gamma gave a very enjoyable party. A Masquerade dance, at which the Pi Phis were invited. There were all kinds of costumes, some ridiculous and some very pretty. Cider, apples and doughnuts were served throughout the evening and every one had a very delightful time.

We girls are very much interested now in the new hospital which has been completed this fall and was dedicated a few weeks ago. We have given a bed for the Woman's Ward and now hope to be able to do something for the people who occupy it.

Of course the whole University of Colorado is still rejoicing over winning from the Denver Athletic Club the beautiful loving cup. Our foot-ball team has had such bad luck this

year that it was a time for general rejoicing when the score for the Thanksgiving game turned out to be 23 to 5 in our favor. A dance was given to the foot-ball team December the ninth and then the cup was displayed with great pride by the captain and team.

After some thought it was decided not to have a chapter room this year; our alumnae are the kindest women in the world and offer their homes for meetings at all times and so we hold our gatherings with them and with the girls of our active chapter who live in Boulder. As Thursday seems to be the only day on which all the girls are free to attend Pi Phi meetings and as then many have classes until four o'clock and this leaves little time, we have decided to have business meetings three times a month on Thursday, and the first Saturday in each month to spend the whole afternoon together, having a social time. We take our sewing and then end the afternoon with a good old-fashioned cooky-shine, which every Pi Phi enjoys so well. We have held one of these social meetings at which we initiated Mina Clark. We had a royal good time and all were delighted when, as the cooky-shine commenced, our baby announced that it was her eighteenth birthday, it seemed to all of us, such a pleasant coincidence that she was initiated on her birthday.

We are now hoping to give a large party to the whole University and a few outside friends. We hope to give this party the first of the second semester. Many plans are now being made for it.

With most cordial greetings to all sister chapters.

FANNY TOWNE PLUMMER.

COLORADO BETA — DENVER UNIVERSITY.

We are delighted with the plan proposed by Michigan Beta to exchange chapter kodak pictures, and we are anxiously looking forward to the "flash lights" taken in those new parlors.

Illinois Epsilon suggested in her letter to us last year that the chapters exchange prints of our "year book" pictures, but with many of us the "Annuals" come out too late for some of our letters, and we are desirous of having all of you see the four new girls we have taken in this year. Mabel Shryork and Margaret Corn were initiated on the fifteenth of October, but a terrible storm prevented our other initiates, Carrie Kramer and Mary Tralor, from appearing, so we received them into our mysteries on the twenty-fifth of the same month.

We have just pledged Ora Rowe, who has recently entered the university, and are now preparing for her initiation.

Early in this fall Beta Theta Pi gave the two young ladies'

chapters a jolly straw ride, and recently Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained us at a delightful reception at the "Brown."

Colorado Beta in her turn received the "Betas" at a literary cake walk at the home of Carrie Kramer. Each person came masked representing some notable character of fiction. Three of our alumnae served as judges, and to the couple best representing their characters was awarded the cake. A small favor was given to the one guessing correctly the greatest number of characters represented.

We have lately received a short visit from Louise Foucar, who is now on her way to a lower altitude.

We note in the Arrow that Jessie Ludlow, of Indiana Gamma, is making her home in Denver. We have not been able to find her address, and would be so glad to receive it.

LIDA BURKHARD.

Exchanges.

We clip this plea from the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* as voicing the sentiments of many an editor of a fraternity magazine:

With this issue the *Quarterly* begins another year of her history. It is with pleasure, and yet with a feeling of diffidence, that the editor again takes up his work; pleasure because of the manifested desire on the part of the fraternity that he should continue in a labor that has been a sincere source of pleasure to him; diffidence because of the difficulty he experiences in convincing all of our fraternity brethren of the importance of maintaining the present grade of excellence attained by the *Quarterly*. In plain words, the *Quarterly* cannot live on air or congratulations, and the alumni of the fraternity must support the magazine heartily and promptly, or the magazine must change its character. We believe it is not lack of appreciation, but pure thoughtlessness on the part of many. The alumni will recognize the fact that the editor of the *Quarterly* is performing a labor of love in editing the magazine. If the magazine was paying him a living salary, he would ask no odds of any man; but under existing circumstances he cannot give his whole time to the work of securing new subscribers and advertisements, and the brethren at large must help in this matter. If each subscriber would make it his personal business to get one new subscriber to the *Quarterly* this present year, we would have no trouble in presenting to the fraternity at large a satisfactory magazine. So long as we are crippled by financial limitations, however, we must do the best we can, and the editor now gives fair warning that unless the brethren in the

fraternity will back the magazine more heartily than they have in the last few months, the Executive Council will have to get some one else to carry on the burden of the magazine for another year.

The brethren will understand that this is not a threat, but a plain statement of necessary facts. Your editor will resign, rather than be obliged to publish a magazine which would be a discredit to the fraternity, but unless there is a more general and hearty response on the part of our alumni, it will be necessary either to do this or to publish a magazine much different in character from that which we are now giving to the public.

We earnestly trust that this word to the wise will be sufficient. It only means a little work and a little thoughtfulness on the part of each one, but that little thought is vital to the success of our *Quarterly*.

The discussion of the Greek Club in the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi brings to mind the tendency toward a broader fraternity spirit. The editor of the Phi Kappa Psi *Shield* seems to approve and we quote it as rather combining the views of both Shields:

The veteran editor of the Theta Delta Chi *Shield*, presents in his last number "A Club Idea." In brief he suggests the possibility of organizing a Greek club which could take over the property of the New York University Club, which is to be left by that organization for a more expensive club house. He thinks that committees of different alumni associations of Greek-letter fraternities could be appointed and combine in the management of an institution which would not only serve as a Greek Mecca for visitors in the city, but could be easily made available for the banquets of alumni associations, meetings of committees, etc., during the year.

The idea has the elements of a broad conception of the relations between Greek-letter men who have passed the college stage, and appeals strongly to those who hope and work for a more general fraternity *esprit de corps*. It has been suggested that two difficulties were fatal to the plan: First, that the necessary degree of Pan-Hellenism has not been reached as yet, and secondly, that the plan would necessarily appeal to the younger graduates who have club aspirations, and that so soon as they are able they will choose to ally themselves with clubs on a basis which pertains to the particular professions in which they are seeking to rise, rather than to assume the obligations of an essentially social organization. In spite of such objections the idea is worth thinking about and planning to work out on a large or small scale, according to the conditions which exist in different cities throughout the country.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta contains an article on the Spirit of the Greek. Surely if fraternities are not what they should be it is not the fault of their ideals. We quote the following:

It has been said that the defect of our education, of our religion, of our social, of our political life, is, that it does not hold man sacred. How shall man be held sacred unless it first be learned that man is sacred? There is a great deal more good in us than ever comes out. There are a great many beautiful flowers of affection and wit, of sentiment, of hope, of ambition, of admiration, of human encouragement, of sympathy, which are doomed to perish without hands to gather them.

It is one of the purposes, one of the fundamental objects of our Fraternity, to bring out all these things which lie hidden and dormant; in short, to make friendship a wholesome contagion, to recognize and stimulate merit, to render the man gentle and courteous, genuinely polite from the heart; to keep down the base in him, to inspire him with courtliness, "the desire of fame, the love of truth, and all that makes a man."

We hear so often the question: "What do you do at your fraternity meetings?" We hope this may be suggestive from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi:

First of all, a Chapter paper, edited by one or two of the brothers, open for contributions from every brother, on Fraternity or College topics, grievances, grinds, or in the shape of literary experiment in prose and poetry. Active men can be required to contribute, in rotation, on the principle of division of labor, with good results. Contributions from Alumni can be secured. If there is a Chapter artist give him a chance at the cover and illustrations. Read at stated intervals and keep in the Chapter archives.

Music, vocal and instrumental, Chapter and Fraternity song practice.

Readings, "Shakespearean," if you choose, but from the Constitution and By-laws of the Fraternity, often.

Extemporaneous speeches, three-minute, one-minute, etc., from every brother, on "the good of the Chapter."

Require newly initiated members to prepare a speech and deliver it on "What appeals to them in Phi Kappa Psi," or a similar topic.

Arrange a declamation test for the Freshmen.

Debates, both double and single, on Fraternity extension, for instance.

Five-minute summary of current events.

Occasional essays and orations.

Examinations of initiates on the Constitution of the Fraternity.

An old-fashioned mock-trial.

Production of an original Chapter play.

The present editor of *Kappa Alpha* states rather fully his ideas and aims of a fraternity journal. It would seem that he somewhat underestimates the value of the Exchange department, for surely, we can often learn a great deal from our Greek contemporaries. We quite agree with his estimate of the other departments:

Before the advent of the Greek press proper the scattered chapters had no other means of intercourse with one another than that of the interchange of chapter letters. Hence it has come about that the chapter letter, which in point of time was the first form of fraternity journalism, is still retained as a prominent feature of all fraternity magazines and is by most, if not all, of the present day editors regarded as the most important department that is printed. To the writer it seems that there can be but little controversy about this, in spite of the fact that we seldom see an ideal chapter letter with all of its latent possibilities fully developed. Next after the chapter letter comes the Personal department, which is the especial medium of communication between the chapter and its ex-members, and which furnishes the delicate and insidious hooks of steel with which our absent alumni are to be kept bound to us. That this department ranks next in importance after the Chapter Letters we think will pass without question.

The article on The Fraternity Endowment Fund in the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* is full of valuable suggestions. Article XVIII of the constitution gives their plan in a nutshell:

ARTICLE XVIII.

SECTION 1. There shall be a permanent fund designated as the "Endowment Fund." All money coming into the possession of the Fraternity and not otherwise appropriated shall be carried into the Endowment Fund at the end of each college year.

SEC. 2. The Endowment Fund shall be used and employed only as follows:

First: In loans to chapters on good security to assist them in the acquisition of chapter houses and otherwise. The money on such loans, when repaid, to be returned to said fund.

Secondly: The income (but no part of the principal) may be used, in case of extreme need, to defray the legitimate expenses of the Fraternity.

The Grand Council, as a body corporate, shall be trustees to collect, hold and disburse all moneys coming into the Endowment Fund. They shall collect, hold or disburse the same, subject to the provisions of the Constitution, Statutes and Ritual of the Fraternity.

The following general description of the various fraternity badges is taken from an article in the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta. A number of the men's fraternities do not come into colleges where we have chapters, so it is interesting to know somewhat more of those fraternities which are otherwise mere names to us.

Classified according to shapes, the badges of the general fraternities and sororities are as follows, the fraternities having the same shape being mentioned in order of seniority:

Monogram— $\Sigma\Phi$, $X\Psi$, $Z\Psi$, $\Phi K\Psi$, $X\Phi$, ΔY (monogram not adopted until 1858), $A\Phi$, $\Gamma\Phi B$. Shield— $B\Theta\Pi$ (eight sides curved inward), $\Theta\Delta X$, $\Phi K\Psi$, $\Delta T\Delta$ (four sides curved inward), Southern KA , $M\Pi\Lambda$ (five sides). Shield and sword— $\Phi\Delta\Theta$. Lozenge— ΨY , ΔKE , $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, ΣAE . Lozenge surmounting shield— ΠKA . Cross— $\Delta\Phi$ (Maltese), $\Delta\Psi$ (St. Anthony), $\Phi K\Sigma$ (Maltese), ΣX (St. George), $A T\Omega$ (Maltese). Star and crescent— $K\Sigma$, $A\Delta\Phi$ (not adopted until 1875), $\Delta\Delta\Delta$ (three stars). Key— $KA\Theta$. Watch-key—Northern KA . Anchor— $\Delta\Gamma$. Kite $KA\Theta$. Arrow— $\Pi B\Phi$. Labarum— $A X P$. Book, lances and scroll— $\Phi\Phi\Phi$. Star with inverted points— ΣN .

A list of the various shapes of badges was published in the *Beta Theta Pi* about two years ago. From the latest edition of 'American College Fraternities' are obtained the following details regarding the emblems on fraternity badges, the fraternities or sororities having the same emblem being mentioned in order of seniority:

Stars— $\Delta\Phi$, $B\Theta\Pi$, ΔKE , $\Theta\Delta X$, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $\Phi K\Sigma$, $\Phi K\Psi$, ΣX , $\Delta T\Delta$, $A T\Omega$, $K\Sigma$, $KA\Theta$. Crescent— $\Delta T\Delta$, $A T\Omega$. Eye— $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, $\Phi K\Psi$, $\Delta T\Delta$, $M\Pi\Lambda$. Clasped hands— $\Delta\Phi$, ΨY , ΣX , $A T\Omega$. Hand— $\Phi\Phi\Phi$. Skull and bones— $X\Psi$, $\Delta\Psi$, $\Phi K\Sigma$, $M\Pi\Lambda$. Scroll— ΔKE , $\Phi\Delta\Theta$, ΣX . Scroll and quill— $\Delta\Phi$. Crossed keys— ΣX , $K\Sigma$. Crossed arrows— $\Theta\Delta X$. Crossed swords— $K\Sigma$, ΣN . Daggers— $X\Psi$. Shield— $\Delta\Psi$, $\Delta\Gamma$. Fasces— $Z\Psi$. Antique lamp— $\Delta\Phi$, $\Phi K\Psi$. Circle— $Z\Psi$. Quadrated circle— $X\Psi$. Sun—Northern KA . Signs of the zodiac—Northern KA . Cross—Southern KA . Anchor— $\Phi\Phi\Phi$. Hebrew letters—Northern KA , $\Delta\Psi$. Roman letters— $\Gamma\Phi B$. Greek numerals for years of establishment— $B\Theta\Pi$, $\Phi\Gamma\Delta$, $KA\Theta$, $KK\Gamma$. Other Greek letters— ΣAE , ΠKA ,

ΣN, ΔΓ. Minerva and lion—ΣAE. Eagle's head—ΣX. Coiled serpent—ΣN. Wreath—BΘΠ. Diamond (gem)—BΘΠ.

All of the fraternities, except MΠA and all the sororities have colors, some one, some two and some three.

The first regulation flag of any fraternity was that of ΘΔX, adopted in 1871.

It seems that AΔΦ, ATΩ, ΔTΔ, ΣAE, ΠKA, ΦΣK, MΠA, AXP, ΦΦΦ, ΨΥ, ΣX, ZΨ, ΔΦ, ΔΨ, ΣΦ, KΣ, ΣN, ΔΥ, Northern KA and the sororities have not yet adopted flags.

The first fraternity to adopt a flower was BΘΠ in 1889. The only other men's fraternities which have adopted flowers are ΦΔΘ, ΦΓΔ, ΔTΔ, ΘΔX, ΣAE, ATΩ, ΠKA, ΣX, ΣN, KΣ, ZΨ and Southern KA. All the sororities have flowers. The white carnation has been selected by ZΨ, but ΦΔΘ was first to choose this flower in 1891.

The faculty of Bucknell University seems to have taken the law into its own hands so far as the fraternity question is concerned. The following rules are explicit to say the least. We can but wonder what were the conditions which led to their adoption, whether the student body is in sympathy with them and how they are working.

1. After April 1st, 1898, no student of Bucknell College shall become a member of any college fraternity, Greek-letter society, or other organization of like character during the first year of his connection with the college as a student, nor shall any student become a member of such organization until he shall have completed the work of the freshman year, or, if a special student, until he shall have completed the equivalent of one year's work; and the president of the university will give to any student entitled thereto a statement that he has been a member of the college for the term of one year, and has completed the work required to make him eligible to membership according to the terms of this act, and no student shall be received into any fraternity except he has such statement duly signed and sealed.

2. No student shall become connected with any organization above specified as a "pledged" member, nor into any other relation, except as a regular member in accordance with the terms specified in article first of this enactment.

3. No person shall be received into Bucknell College as a freshman or

special student who has become an active or pledged member of any fraternity after the posting of this act; nor shall any fraternity receive into membership, active or otherwise, any student of any preparatory school after the posting of this act.

4. No member of Bucknell College shall become a member of any class secret fraternity, nor shall any class secret fraternity be maintained in Bucknell College.

5. Any student who violates above enactment, or any part thereof, shall upon proof cease to be a member of the college; and any fraternity which shall become a party to any such violation shall be publicly placed under interdict and shall be forbidden to receive any student into membership, and all students shall be forbidden to become members of such fraternity for as many years as the faculty may specify.

6. All the terms and provisions of this act shall apply to all students of the college, irrespective of sex, and to all fraternities, whether local or general.

Passed Friday, March 11, 1898.

NOTICES.

We regret the letters of Illinois Zeta, Nebraska Beta and Iowa Beta were received too late for publication. Let this impress upon corresponding secretaries the necessity of promptness.

Contributions to the April Arrow will be expected from the following Chapters: Pennsylvania Alpha, Ohio Alpha, Illinois Zeta, Michigan Alpha, Iowa Zeta, Louisiana Alpha and Colorado Beta. Unless these Chapters are requested to treat some special subject, will they please consider further notice unnecessary and send articles with the Chapter letters by the tenth of the month preceding date of publication.

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