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COLORADO.

She lies in couchant majesty and grace, Queen of the matchless West, with brow sublime: Fronting Heaven's splendor with a mystic face Her lifted breast of snow unsoiled by time Her fair limbs moulded fame's far heights to climb.

Cloud-garments shimmer round her where enthroned She rests in regal ease and peerless charm Adorned with gems which monarch never owned, Sustained by means a million men to arm And boundless treasure, far from plunder's harm.

Pearly streams of crystal pour around Her virgin feet like jewelled lace-work rare; Her curling locks old nature has encrowned With royal diadem beyond compare, Bestowing power's sceptre — beauty's snare.

One hand is outstretched towards the sister states, A gesture full of welcome warm and free. The other, close as clasp of silent fates Holds in its secret palm a mystic key Symbol of shrines apart where prayeth she.

And in that inner temple of her realm Is hoarded priceless store of wealth untold; Wealth for the millions, toil and want o'erwhelm: Here's for the needy silver — yea, and gold, Vast vaults of earth's most precious gifts full rolled.

Ah Colorado! Queen of all the West! We glory in thy beauty and thy power; Thy sway upon America's proud crest Will swell anon to full and glorious flower, While nations recognize thy wondrous dower.

Through thee we nature love on nobler scale, Thou Cleopatra of Columbian States! 'Age cannot wither thee nor custom stale, But unlike Egypt's queen, thy open gates Admit no conquerer to thy estates.

- Jessie Wilson Manning, Chariton, Iowa

SYMPOSIUM.

FRATERNITY AS AN EDUCATOR.

The word fraternity has for each of us a meaning clearly defined and suited to our needs. To those who have left the college halls never to return as students, the word is doubly dear, for it brings to mind the "old familiar faces," that made "frat." meetings the most delightful "part of the course," if such a phrase is allowable in this connection.

As an Educator, the fraternity gives freely all that it has to those who find shelter in its fold.

It teaches diplomacy, practical and theoretical; this is best seen in the fall in a thriving university town! Who knows but what some of our greatest diplomats received their first lessons here?

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All that tends to give one culture in the highest sense of the term comes from the association of educated and refined people. Where can better types of these be found than in a university? Those best fitted to mould and round our own characters are gathered in the fraternity, where by the constant interchange of ideas each one feels stronger of his powers and capabilities.

The fraternity ought to be considered as a large family, giving help when needed and gentle criticisms where a change in some things would be of the greatest benefit.

To my mind criticisms of this kind often aid one in correcting faults which might be hard to bear if not given by those who had the deepest interest in our welfare. A little time ought to be set aside for this at each meeting, and it might fittingly be termed "minutes for mutual improvement."

To our fraternity the tenderest thoughts are given, in college and out of it, and all of us should try to gain the utmost good from its store-house of blessings.

MINNIE HOWE NEWBY.

DEAR SISTERS :— There are so many things in which the fraternity educates its members that it would be impossible to speak of them all, and hard to select any one as the most important.

One influence which I felt strongest of all when I first entered the Sorosis was the unselfishness that filled the hearts of all the members. In our college work almost everything is for self, and we are led to think continually of our own good. But the fraternity spirit invariably leads each one to seek, not his own, but his neighbor's good.

Thus the heart is educated in the beautiful lessons of unselfishness.

In what is strictly called educational work the value of the fraternity is unbounded. Here each mind is not forced through one and the same channel, regardless of ability or aptitude; but each one doing the work most pleasant and best adapted to him makes healthy and vigorous growth as natural as breathing.

If any one enters a fraternity for the benefit which fraternity work offers as an educator only, he will be helped. But he who receives into his soul its nobler lessons of friendship and love will not only be lifted himself above his former plane of life, but will help others "to higher levels also."

Long may the fraternity continue its noble work of education!

Iowa Gamma.

JENNIE THORNBURG.

It seems hard to tell in a $f \in v$ words wherein fraternity life is an educator, and any one who has seen the light of the Greek world and has lived in the bonds of the love and friendship found therein will realize the difficulty. We all admit that home life is an educator, a helper in every sense of the word. Ought not a close and constant intercourse with the sisters in Pi Phi, whom we also love, help us even as sisters in a home?

First of all comes to my mind one especial thing taught by our fraternity life, which is "unselfishness." And this is a lesson we can study and be taught, not only during our college life, but throughout all times; and a lesson which is never completed. Nowhere will we find a better educator

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in this branch of study than in our fraternity life, for the foundation-stone of our sisterhood is "Love," and love cannot be selfish.

Do you not find, dear Pi Phi, that every time you give your help, either by word or deed, to a sister in need of it that you are helped because you have lightened a sister's burden? And is not that a lesson in unselfishness? And have you not gained something? Is it not true that "Our fears, our hopes, our aims, are one — our comforts and our cares?" Every time Pi Phi will realize that she cannot live to herself alone, and if we learn even a small portion of the great lesson of unselfishness, can we not say truthfully that fraternity life has blessed us abundantly?

H. M. R.

Illinois Delta.

All fraternities are educators.

Webster defines fraternity thus :— "A body of men associated for their common interests, business, or pleasure ; a company ; a brotherhood ; a society ; a community of men of the same class, profession, occupation, or character." The term association pre-supposes gathering together for a purpose, and that purpose still further supposes a community of interest and mutuality of thought. That which would be of interest to one it naturally follows should be of interest to all ; and that which may become a matter of interest must of necessity be of such a nature as to call for thought and for study. One who thinks and studies does not stand still in the world, but makes progress, hence we may safely say that in no small degree are we indebted to fraternal relations for the present high standard of mental excellence to which we as a people have attained. If we meet together

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in our fraternal halls for no other purpose than that of discussing only such matters as pertain to the tenets of our own order, we have learned and done something. We have so epitomized the thoughts of individuals as to formulate a creed which may be either written or unwritten, and enriched life to that extent. We know, or may know, if we take the trouble to inform ourselves, to what extent we are indebted for our present efficiency in mechanical arts and appliances to the guilds of the middle and subsequent ages. Then each trade had its guild - an institution licensed by government and endowed with special authority - established for the mutual aid and protection of its members. These guilds, embracing, as they did, in their membership all worthy men practicing in a given vocation, became at once the instructors of each other and of posterity. Stored away in their archives are the records of their successes, and the secrets of which could only be imparted to those regularly initiated and who had demonstrated fitness for membership by work worthy of recognition. Those guilds so formed have, through the strength of their fraternal relations and community of interest, continued to exist more stable and enduring than even the governments which endowed them with power to organize. It is true that dissensions have arisen in guild halls, and inconsistencies and abuses have crept in more lately, still the value of the guild as an educational factor remains an indestructible quantity.

Again: Fraternity pre-supposes equality. In a constant attrition with baser stones the diamond may lose somewhat in weight but it loses nothing of its brilliancy; on the other hand, it leaves a lasting impress on the outlines of the lower orders with which it has come in contact. So in our fraternal relations while the equalizing process is going on. It is the

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diamond in the society that is making its impress on and casting its brilliant rays over the whole. It is the introduction of the fine gold into the alloy that raises its value, and the equalized quality of the fraternity is on a higher plane than that of the individual.

An invention is valueless so long as it remains locked up in the laboratory or work-shop of its inventor; but once given to the light, the world is made the richer. In our fraternity we may not withhold the giving of that which, while it does not impoverish us, enriches our brother. We cannot, without disobeying the spirit of the new commandment given unto us as our guide in life, "As ye would that others should do unto you, do ye even so unto them." While I believe in fraternity as an educator, I will not venture an opinion as to what course of study or line of work would be most profitable to our own members. But I believe the best of results will follow when our Grand Council once gets the matter in hand and maps out work to be done simultaneously "all along the line." When we are all working at the same time at the same thing will there not be a freer correspondence, one chapter with another, securing a fuller interchange of ideas and broader range of thought? In any exent such a course can not fail to intensify "community of interest," which is, after all, the foundation of all fraternal structures.

ALICE M. ROGERS.

Ottumwa, Iowa.

That the fraternity is an educator, is conceded by even its most bitter enemies. The difference of opinion is in regard to the kind of an education it gives to its members; but even here we do not differ widely, for all must acknowledge

that the kind of an education given must depend almost entirely on the character of the members.

The aim of a college fraternity should not be so much for intellectual training as for moral and social benefit. Its members, if they are earnest energetic students, as all fraternity members should be, have enough hard study to do in connection with their school work. The fraternity meeting should be a place for rest and recreation. A meeting looked forward to with pleasure, and one so full of interest that no member would willingly absent herself from a single meeting. A place where the members come together on equal ground, where help is given and received by all, where all are made to feel that the whole society is directly interested in the future welfare and success of each individual member.

A literary program requiring much time or work in preparation should seldom if ever be indulged in by a college fraternity. A course of reading may be taken up with good results. As the student has but little time to spend in miscellaneous reading, a good plan might be to let each member take some current topic in which she is especially interested and keep herself and Sorosis posted on that subject; in this way all would keep pace with the times with but little effort on the part of each one.

Fraternity aims are high and noble. Then let us make our fraternity meetings stepping-stones leading ever onward and upward, and their influence will be felt for good wherever they may be found.

FLORA JOHNSON.

Iowa Beta.

A true story is the most potent of arguments. May I therefore tell a little true story? It happened within college walls, at chapel exercises. An alumnus of the institution who had won for himself an honored place among the world's workers was speaking to the students, and he closed his forceful and eloquent remarks with these words : "Remember that the gigantic pillars of human fortune are hewed with the chisel, and not with the ax."

All were struck by the beauty and fitness of the metaphor. No, not all; a freshman girl, as she turned to pass to the class-room, took the fatal step downward from sublimity by murmuring in a voice that expressed a sort of comical, halfresigned despair, "I feel as though I were hewing away at botany with a hairpin."

Serious faces rippled into smiles, but I felt a sympathy for that girl. She was a fairly diligent and capable student. As to marks, she ranked among the best, but was she being educated? No; at least not in botany. It is thus in many cases, the college woman may spend an immense amount of energy and study over botany, and yet, to slightly paraphrase Wordsworth's words, "the little field flower by a river's brink a yellow primrose will be to her, and nothing more," unless, possibly, it attains in her thoughts to the dignity of *primula veris*. And she may pore over astronomy and be able to name each constellation and still permit her living brain to be buried beneath trifles. She may discuss with ease psychological and sociological problems, while all around her the poor and ignorant and those of narrowed lives never feel the touch of her existence.

And this is where and why the fraternity is a factor in education. A knowledge of human life and not of historical facts is that toward which we should strive. We must be ready to lend a hand and to recognize the women of pure womanliness, whether it be in college halls, in business office, or happy home. They may be found in all of these, and we shall know them if we but understand the seal which marks true womanhood, and it seems to me that the stamp on that seal is helpfulness.

The precepts of our fraternity teach us that there are common ties other than those of blood. They help us to aid and to yield, to give and to receive graciously. We are inspired to bring to our work, whatever it may be, if not a brilliant at least an active mind, and hands expert if possible, energetic and willing always, but let us never attempt to carve out our destiny with a hairpin.

Thus our fraternity may lead us into all real friendship toward each other, and through this beyond it to a fraternal good-fellowship as broad as the breadth of mortal need and deep as all human pain.

Minnesota Alpha, Minneapolis, Minn.

In considering the fraternity as an educator, it will first be necessary to inquire what education is? If it consist merely in storing up knowledge from text books, as many people think, then we cannot call the fraternity an educator. The most advanced thought concedes education to be something more than such a knowledge; something which is derived from home influence, from daily association with friends. The influence of the fraternity is very like that of the home. A number of true friends are united by fraternal ties. Those who are in sympathy_with one another; who are proud of one another's successes, and ready with help and consolation for the one in difficulty or sorrow — a rela-

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tionship almost equal to that in the home circle. We are educated largely by our associates; if these be of the best character, we shall surely rise toward their level. It is the object of the fraternity to secure as members young men or women of the highest moral and mental qualities. If such a membership is obtained, the companionship found within the chapter can but be rich in educational advantages.

The fraternity stimulates its members to higher efforts. The honors of one member are shared by the others. The student wishes to hold a high place in the regard of his fraternity. He strives towards that end and honors himself and his fraternity by the excellence of class work. Who can say the fraternity is not an aid in the work of education?

Colorado Alpha, Boulder, Col.

We are educated in order to better bear our part in the struggle of life.

An educated woman who does nothing to better the condition of others is without the crown which rightly belongs to every woman who by personal effort reaches the throne of intellectual advancement, from which she may look down upon her less fortunate sister, who from lack of enterprise, or more probably from lack of encouragement or opportunity, has failed to reach the goal.

An educated woman who lives wholly for herself, who does not meet and converse with others who are following the same trend as she, in time will lose the power which education gives of seeing clearly all problems which present themselves. Every one does not see a question in the same light, and it is only when we have thoroughly reviewed a subject, looking carefully on every side of it, that we can decide which is right and which is wrong.

Hence the plea for fraternity as an educator. It brings us in contact with others on the same plane of thought. It helps us widen our vision to meet with kindred spirits and hold communion with them.

It enables the stronger to assist the weaker, the nobler to encourage those who are more frivolously inclined. The bright of spirit will come like a ray of sunlight across the path of those who walk in gloom, and thus will bring us nearer what we wish to become — a perfect woman.

HELEN H. HARRISON.

Nebraska Alpha.

RUSH CAREFULLY.

A Sorosis is composed of chapters, and each chapter is made up of individuals. What the reputation and influence of the Sorosis is to be must be determined by the character of its members. This fact is too evident and too generally accepted to need discussion.

What a recent writer to the Phi Delta Theta *Scroll* says concerning fraternities is quite as applicable to a Sorosis. "If the word fraternity means anything at all, it means a united brotherhood; if it means anything at all, it means a band of closely-united friends rallying round a common altar; a mingling of kindred spirits, actuated by common sentiments, common aims, common aspirations; a union of man with man struggling towards a common goal. If it

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implies anything at all, it implies mental encouragement, kindly sympathy, a bond of friendship and fidelity."

Perhaps in the most important affairs of life the interests of all persons are the same, but in affairs of minor importance we find that interests will differ. Not only will they differ, but they will differ to such an extent that a society or an association which will benefit one class of persons will not benefit another class. To this fact is due the existence of different Soroses. With this fact in view a Sorosis should be very careful concerning invitations to membership. A woman in the wrong place will be an injury to the Sorosis, and the Sorosis will be a detriment rather that an aid to her. As one bad person can do more harm than any number of good persons can counteract, so an injudicious choice of a single member may cripple the efficiency of the whole chapter, and have a bad effect upon the whole Sorosis. It would be better for the Sorosis to lose a member who might be a benefit than by making a mistake to introduce an element of discord. In order that all due caution may be exercised, we must, as the writer before mentioned says, "beware of haste." This writer commends the plan of the Sorosis in not receiving new members for at least six weeks after the beginning of a new year. He says: "Six weeks spent in association, investigation, and good work will allow but few mistakes on the part of the fraternities, and the new student, learning what brotherhood to him is most congenial, what policy best promotes his ambitions, what society best fulfills his ideal, will naturally drift into that fraternity with which he can best affiliate." There is much truth in this, but if the time were six months instead of six weeks it would be more literally true.

In conclusion, let one thing be insisted upon: We should not seek numbers; we should not rush into our chapters a great number of new students simply that we may outnumber our rivals. Let each new woman go where her natural affiliations lead her. Do not seek to influence her more than to make sure that she understands the workings and aims of the Sorosis as also those of its rivals. Follow this plan and the result will be a sisterhood in the sense of the word.

CARRIE A. MATHEWS.

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YESTERDAY AND TO-DAY.

The sunshine, dancing full of glee, The sweet birds singing merrily, Springing nature seemed to be A world of sweet eternity

> To me, to me, On yesterday.

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My heart in joyous ecstacy, While mingling with other pleasures free, Rejoiced that Grief's dark mystery Could never come to me, to me; Life's sweetest pleasures seemed to be Enrolled on that long yesterday.

That time is past, the hard to-day With stern realities holds its sway : The sunshine, birds, and flowers so gay Are gone, and clouds of leaden gray Cover with darkness this sad to-day, So different far from yesterday.

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When this short life is passed away, And is clothed in immortality. May the life that lives forever and aye Forget this cold, dark, drear to-day, And be like bright, warm yesterday.

Feb. 14th, 1891, Washington, D. C.

THE RELATION OF PI BETI PHI TO THE INACTIVE MEMBER.

I use the word inactive, from the lack of a more appropriate term, to apply to all those sisters who have at some time been faithful, active members in chapter work, and who are still loyal to the wine and blue, but who, from remoteness to a chapter, are unable to take an active part in its workings, and can be present only in spirit and in sympathy.

There is a relation existing between the chapter and its work and the retired member of that chapter, and this relation is determined chiefly by the one who no longer answers "here" to roll call.

If a sister imagine that upon her graduation day she has discharged the last duty she owes to Pi Beta Phi and her sisters; that from that time onward her path is to be this way, the chapter's that; and that her relations to the chapter are a memory only, she has failed to understand the true meaning of friendship and fraternity. If to the chapter she gives nothing, she can expect naught in return.

On the other hand, there is the girl who feels that Pi Beta Phi is really her chapter home; that in a measure it takes the place of the fireside where the dear ones are gathered.

She realizes that through association and affiliation, through hopes and fears together shared, the members of the chapter have become indeed as true sisters. She will go out from her chapter home feeling a vacancy in her heart that new associations and new pleasures cannot fill, and to this sister the chapter will give much in return for her loyalty.

The vows we made were not for a day nor for a year, but for all time, and we are just as much Pi Phis to-day as we were when we were active members of a chapter.

Our work now is different, that is all. We served then an apprenticeship, now we have in life's great work to live the principles we have sworn to uphold and defend.

What the absent members of the household are to the waiting ones at home the absent sisters are to those in active chapter work. Their success is the chapter's success, their joys its joys, while their defeats and sorrows weigh upon it.

And as the influence and memories of home are to the absent the chapter is to the loyal inactive member. The brightest recollections of all the pleasant days of college life are centered around the chapter and its associations.

Those of us whom fortune has decreed shall assume the busy cares of life are not dead to Pi Phi, nor it to us. Home is where the heart is, and if we are ever loyal to the wine and the blue and the all for which they stand, when we return to the chapter we shall find those who have filled the seats which we vacated staunch, true sisters, who will be more than willing to take us by the hand and say "Welcome home, my sister."

ANNA E. Ross, '90.

Illinois Beta.

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COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Our girls are just regaining their normal condition after the terrible midseason examinations. One of our professors speaks of them as "necessary evils." Most heartily would we agree if he would prefix the little syllable "un" before the adjective, and then abolish altogether. What tortures! What headaches! Too often ending in heartaches; However, there is some comfort in having the sympathy of our sisters and in looking forward to the rejoicing time of calm after a troubled sea. Having poured out my heart over our trials, I can better tell you of the innovations that have been happy contrasts and relief to the burden of hard work.

Two sisters from different chapters have favored us with their presence this winter—Miss Preston, of Ann Arbor, and Miss Grosvenor, of Ohio University. Miss Preston spent an evening with us at Christmas time, and we were so pleased to hear all about the Michigan Beta.

Miss Grosvenor spent the season in Washington, and we were very sorry to have her leave for her Ohio home. Columbia Alpha would be glad to welcome oftener our Pi Phi sisters, for the personal friendship is so pleasant.

We call Miss Dill one of our own girls now, as her letter of transfer was received after the New Year.

A pleasure in store for us is the coming of Mrs. Chapman to the National Council of Women. We hope she will be able to spare a little time of her busy season for a quiet evening with us.

Two of our numbers, Misses Norris and Pettigrew, are about to graduate from the Medical Department of C. U., and we feel quite proud of them as they are the first of our

chapter to be honored in this way. We are not to lose them from our midst, however, but will have even more of their society in the future, as the amount of college work has been so great they have been obliged of late to forego our meetings.

Since our last meeting the work of our chapter has been somewhat retarded by reason of rain and examinations, but we hope to have matters readjusted before long.

Columbia Alpha.

OHIO ALPHA.

Holiday vacation is over and the students have all settled down to hard work. Sickness and the fact that some of our members are not with us this term has interfered somewhat with chapter work, but though not large in numbers we have lost nothing of enthusiasm. So far we have taken in no new members this term, preferring rather to watch and wait.

Corinne Super pleasantly entertained the chapter one evening recently, taffy, fun, and frolic being the order of the evening.

On the 7th inst. we met at the home of Bertha McRay, and were very pleasantly entertained.

The local oratorical contest of the O. U. took place on the evening of the 5th. All the fraternities in college were represented, Delta Tau Delta taking first place, Phi Delta Theta second place, and Pi Beta Phi third place. These three will represent the college at the state contest at Wooster.

Athens, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA.

The unusual interest attaching to the chapter letters in the December Arrow, together with the several chapter letters

which we have received, have greatly deepened, if possible, our interest in our Sorosis.

Our girls all agree that the chapter letters are the most interesting feature of the new constitution. We have enjoyed very much those we have received. They give us a warmer personal interest in the chapters which we could not have otherwise.

We take pleasure in introducing to the Sorosis our latest initiate, Alma Stout. She is a girl who we think will always ardently support the interests of Pi Beta Phi, and who will be a strong and ideal member.

One of the brightest features of the literary program which we have ever had was the presentation at our last meeting of the balcony scene from Romeo and Juliet. It differed from the real Shakesperian scene in that there were numerous Romeos and as many Juliets, and was a bright takeoff on the various "pre-dilictions" in the sisterhood. It was enacted by Jeannette Zeppenfeld and Dode Monroe.

Our college is the fortunate possessor of a "Dante Club," which was organized by Professor Moncrief, and meets every Saturday evening in the Freeman Library. The usual program is a study of three cantos of the evening by one of the club, with comments and discussions by the others. It is the intention of the club to get an understanding not only of the Divina Comedia itself, but also of the religious and political state of the times, and whatever else of interest that may be gathered from the poem. The club is organized upon the plan of the German "Seminar." At one of the meetings Professor Stevenson, recently from Germany, lectured to the club on its German prototype. Professor Stevenson is a Franklin College graduate, who has recently been made professor of history in Rutger's College.

The six of our sisters who are members of the club feel themselves greatly benefited by the work.

Dr. Jordan, of the State University, lectured here recently upon the Passion Play at Oler-Ammergan.

Indiana Alpha sends warmest greetings to her sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

Franklin, Ind., Feb. 9th, 1891.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

One whose hand is new to editorial work, but whose heart beats most warmly toward you all, gladly takes up her pen to do service for Michigan Alpha.

We are on the last half of our school year and in a prosperous condition. As a result of earnest work we have two new sisters to present, Lotta Coombs and Edith MacDougal, a sister of one of our faculty, and we hope ere our next letter to have taken others inside the mystic veil of Greek Life.

We have given no receptions as yet because there has been so much going on, but will undoubtedly do so in the spring term.

Delta Tau Delta will hold a banquet and reception here soon, at which we are to be represented; also, Alpha Tau Omega hold their state convention here in April. Two of our girls were the guests of sister Minnie Newby, of Chicago, in October. They report an excellent visit.

Michigan Alpha wishes to call the attention to our new jeweler, Auld, of Columbus, O. We have just received one of his pins and price list.

Best wishes to all.

Hillsdale College, Feb. 18th, 1891.

MICHIGAN BETA.

The first term has just ended, and as is natural, we all look back upon our work to see what has been accomplished, and what of the many things to be done will first need our attention. There is so much to see to and think of with College and Sorosis work.

As a chapter we feel very much encouraged. We have had two initiations since Christmas, at which we took in four new girls, and we now number ten members.

On the thirty-first of last month we gave a large reception —our first large party. One of our honorary members very kindly offered us her house, and all our ladies took so much interest in it and helped us in every way possible. The guests were members and ladies of the faculty, the Soroses, and other friends. We all enjoyed it, of course, and others have told us that it was a "success."

We are still working and planning, each individually and as a whole. Although living in the present, as all school girls do—are compelled to do—yet we do think and plan for the future. We have great schemes in mind, but we will wait till they are a little more matured before disclosing them. We only hope that all the chapters are as hopeful and as much encouraged as we are, and that the other half year may be as successful to one and all as the one just past.

We are greatly in favor of the Pan-Hellenic plan for the World's Fair, and hope that it can be carried out.

Our best wishes and hearty co-operation in whatever is best for the Sorosis is always with it.

Ann Arbor, Mich., Feb. 16th, 1891.

ILLINOIS BETA.

How time flies! Only a short year ago since we were preparing for our convention. It does not seem long, but

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when we think of work done and changes made, it seems many.months since last March. How we should love to have you all with us again this spring !

Since our last ARROW letter we have had one initiation, which joined Maggie Titus to our beloved Sorosis. We wish you might all know her and love her as we do. Our last meeting was a very pleasant one. After the adjournment we enjoyed a treat from Sister Rose Lescher, of California. She sent the Pi Phis of Lombard a quantity of English walnuts from her home trees. We appreciated them very much. Lura Grubb and Della Rogers made us some very odd little mementos from the nut shells, in the form of miniature turtles.

On the night of February 18th, Illinois Zeta, Phi Delta Theta, gave a delightful little party to the Beta girls. The occasion was their Alumni day. It is needless to say that we had a delightful evening. The Pi Phi colors appeared in connection with the Phi Delta Theta colors on the souvenirs.

We have not received many letters this term from our sister chapters. We wish we might have more, for we enjoy them so much. Please all remember us, and we will try to answer your letters.

With loving thoughts for all Pi Beta Phis. Lombard University, March, 1891.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Can it be possible that three months have passed since we last wrote our chapter letter to sisters in Pi Phi?

Three busy, happy, successful months they have been for Illinois Delta.

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In the first place, our chapter meetings have been of unusual interest and profit. The faculty have kindly given

us a room in the college for our chapter hall. We find it so pleasant and convenient for our meetings. Those of Pi Beta Phi who are the proud possessors of Pi Beta Phi halls know what interest we take in making it as attractive as an ideal Pi Phi hall should be.

Our college, once so bitterly opposed to all "secret organizations," now realizes the benefits obtained from fraternity life, and no longer oppose the societies that band together their members in closer fellowship and love.

We have done our best to carry out the Pan-Hellenic idea by tendering "A Greek Tea" to our sister Sorosis, Delta Delta Delta. We hope and trust they enjoyed it as much as we did. Is not the feeling of competition towards other Soroses too apt to merge into that of rivalry? Illinois Delta has taken up arms against this growing evil, and in our small way we are doing all we can; and we are looking forward to great results in that line from the coming Pan-Helenic convention in Boston.

A literary society, comprising almost all the young ladies of Knox, are to present "The Princess," dramatized, under the direction of our elocution teacher. Many of the leading parts have been assigned to Pi Beta Phis, who hope in this way to do honor to themselves and the chapter.

Illinois Delta is in a very prosperous and happy condition; and although we have had no initiations since we wrote last, our circle of nearly twenty active members makes indeed "a happy family." May all those wearing the "wine and blue" enjoy a like prosperity.

IOWA ALPHA.

It seems such a short time since we received the last number of the ARROW that we can scarcely realize another

article is due from the pen of Iowa Alpha's Corresponding Secretary. Yet the rapid flight of time has made but few changes in our Sorosis life, and all things continue tranquil and harmonious.

The opening of this term brought four more sisters within our mystic fold: Misses Kendig, Ramey, and Andrews, former students, who return to resume their studies, and Rose Andrews comes to us from Iowa Iota. Our list of members was increased on the evening of November twentieth, when the chapter, with a new and impressive initiatory ceremony, gave the wine and blue to Mable Milner. This was quite an event in the history of our chapter, for we felt that we had with us one of whom we might justly feel proud, and our only desire is that you might all meet her. She is thoroughly imbued with Pi Phi zeal, and is truly one of us.

The former rivalry and contention among the fraternities of the university has recently given way to class enthusiasm. Strife between the senior class and the remainder of the students has been carried to an almost alarming extent. The week just past has witnessed several very thrilling circumstances, but all ended with no decided victory for either side.

Prof. Merica, a member of Beta Theta Pi, has recently been elected to the chair of Latin. He comes to us highly recommended from the De Pauw University.

Iowa Alpha has had cause to rejoice over the success of one of her members, Lillian Kendig, a graduate of the conservatory of music, who has been chosen as assistant instructor in this art. It is the earnest wish of the chapter that she may be successful in her work and thus remain in our midst. The members of Iowa Alpha have laid aside all social aims this term and have thus far been devoting their time to regular college and literary society work. Our only deviation from the path of duty was the planning of a glorious sleigh ride; but alas, the fates decreed otherwise — the elements were against us, and the long-looked-and-prayed-for snow would not appear; thus our hopes were frustrated, and since the gods proved unpropitious in this, we have directed our attention elsewhere, and will in the near future have an afternoon excursion to New London, and will partake of the regulation cooky and pickles with Linnie Lyman. A general frolic is anticipated by all.

We send greetings and best wishes to all sister Pi Phis. Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Feb. 18th, 1891.

IOWA THETA.

Greetings to sister chapters from Iowa Theta. So far we have had an enjoyable season, and the usual social distractions which so commonly play havoc with the attendance has been offset by the mild weather, enabling the more delicate sisters to get out. The result is that the Pi Phi meetings have not only been pleasant, but profitable as well. The first work of the winter, "The Study of Current Events," did not amount to much. Whether the trouble was that the events were not current enough, or that the currents were not sufficiently eventful, I will not attempt to decide; but suffice it to say we dropped current events and propose letting them alone for the present. We substituted a review of American authors, selecting one for each evening, obtaining an interesting and instructive program. At the last meeting we held our semi-annual election, resulting in the reinstatement of our President, Vice President, Treasurer,

Corresponding Secretary, and one of the Censors. For the other officers we elected for Secretary, Sister Harriet Tisdale; for Censor, Sister Lou Inskeep.

A short letter must suffice this time from Iowa Theta, which is always in line in wishing all that is best for sister Pi Phis.

Ottumwa, Iowa, Feb. 18th, 1891.

IOWA IOTA.

The Pi Beta Phi of Iowa Iota are still active and energetic, although the unusual mild winter has been productive of spring fever.

We were very much pleased with the invitation from Kappa Kappa Gamma to the Pan-Hellenic convention to be held in Boston in April. Our quota of three delegates should be speedily filled.

Lillian Kendig, of Knoxville, a talented musician, is so recognized by our critical Dr. Rommel, who recently took her into the conservatory of music as his assistant.

Mrs. Alta Kauffman-Winters and little ones, of Wymore, Nebraska, made a short stay in this city not long since enroute to St. Louis. As one of our number not so very long ago, we would have been glad to have seen more of her.

We were pained to hear that Sister Elsie Burket, of Red Oak, who graduated from I. W. U. last June, has been an invalid since November, the result of a conflict with scarlet fever. We wish her most speedy recovery.

Santa brought handsome new pins to Cora Pannabaker and Lottie Howe. Cora's was set with diamonds. Mrs. Flora McCloud, who is here from York, Nebraska, wears an unusually handsome pin set with diamonds.

Anna Wallbank is now entitled to wear the Pi Phi pin

and Oliva Ambler the Pi Phi colors, which curiously enough completes a trio of sisters members of our order in each home.

Sons in the homes of Franc Pitcher-Leedham, of this city, and Lulu Ambler-Officer, in Denver, and a wee daughter with Ammie Andrews-Johnson, near this city, were welcomed with good cheer by our chapter.

It had not occurred to us before, but we have seven lucky number — Pi Phi's, all earnest acceptable teachers in the high school building of our city school.

This week we hold an informal lunch from five to eight o'clock, Friday, to meet Mrs. Flora McCloud, an earnest worker in the York, Nebraska, chapter, and a graduate from our circle a long time ago.

We were very much interested in several enjoyable letters from Sister Cora Dill, who left us last fall for mathematical studies at Columbian University, Washington, D. C. She is very much pleased with the young ladies of Columbia Alpha. She is greatly pleased with Prof. Gore, in whose home she boards; and is taking delight in the many interesting sights of the Capitol City, but we doubt if she finds any warmer friends than she will find right here to greet her when she returns.

Henrietta Wing is enjoying a pleasant visit with her cousin, Florence Thompson, of New York City, also one of our number, and at the same time is perfecting her marked talent for music.

A line from Laura B. Smith says she is enjoying her work as stenographer of an insurance company at Creston, Iowa.

We are glad to see our girls spread ambitious wings and fly, but must not forget to remind them that "home-keeping hearts are happiest."

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Feb. 17th, 1891.

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IOWA EPSILON.

Iowa Epsilon takes pleasure in introducing to Pi Beta Phi Sorosis Etta Spencer, who, on the evening of the 13th of February, became a member of Pi Beta Phi.

Mrs. Belva Lockwood will lecture in Bloomfield, March 18th, as per engagement by P. E. O. and Pi Beta Phi.

A short time since we pleasantly entertained a few friends at the home of Mrs. Geo. Sowers in honor of our sisters, Mrs. Libbie Miller-Travers, who now makes her home among us, Mrs. Nell Davis, of Moreland, Illinois, and Mrs. Lillian Faeth, of Goodland, Kansas. The evening passed quickly and pleasantly away in the enjoyment of games, refreshments, and a few well rendered selections of banjo music as furnished by one of our guests.

Iowa Epsilon sends best wishes to sister chapters. Bloomfield, Iowa, Feb. 20th, 1891.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA.

It is hard to believe that three months have gone since our last letter to the ARROW, but the evidence of our gorgeous Sarsaparilla calendar is incontrovertible, and we heed the warning voice of the business manager (her room is just across the hall), who bids us "Beware the Ides of March!"

Then to begin: We have done a great deal of hard work, this term. We have, beside work in class-room, our literary societies, seminaries, conversation club, with a hand in the management of the University paper, and the *Hawkeye* junior annual, which appears next month; some of us are teachers, some are busy with house and office work all day. But our toil has been brightened by our meetings and an occasional celebration of some sort.

We have initiated no new members since Christmas, but our number has been increased by the return of Cora Ross, who was studying in New York all last fall. She is an enthusiastic apostle of physical culture, has a large class of ladies and children, and, beside this, has charge of the girls in the University gymnasium.

Mrs. Harriet Williams-Myers, of Anita, who is here paying her mother a visit, is welcomed heartily by all our girls.

The fine skating on the Iowa river was eagerly enjoyed by resident Pi Phis during the holidays.

The departure of the old year was celebrated by a progressive Tiddle-de-Winks party at Bertha Horak's lovely Since this most charming and novel (we did not say home. intellectual) entertainment several skating parties have been indulged in. The last and largest occurred on the evening of January 24th. The ice was good, the moon full, the air positively balmy, and the company-twenty boys and girls, or more—in the best spirits imaginable. We met at Ella Ham's. The irrepressible camera-man took a flash-light picture of the crowd just as we were on the point of starting. After walking a mile to the new dam we put on our skates and the three solid hours of revelry that followed can hardly be described. Suffice it to say we returned. Our steps were not so elastic as when we started out; the tendency to shout and sing, almost irrepressible at first, had generally died out. To all but one life was a positive burden. At 11:30 P. M. we had a second picture. The general dejection expressed on every countenance is in striking contrast with the joyous expectancy in the first. We have been patiently waiting for the effects of our moonlight skate to wear off.

We have kept the even tenor of our way for weeks. At length the approach of Valentine's eve stimulated us to do

something new. We decided on a masque party. We invited the Pi Phi boys to come en masse and "en masque," with ten cents worth of "shine," to Beth Wilson's at 8 o'clock sharp. The girls, too, assembled here, and all unknown to each other this motley-looking crowd descended upon the Cochrane household, who were innocently enjoying a little Mother Goose party with two Pi Phis as guests. The surprise was complete and the fun was beyond description. Each threw himself into the business of concealing his own identity and discovering that of the others. The costumes were various and complete. The characters were drawn from history and romance, from ancient and modern times. The signal for unmasking precipitated a general outburst of astonishment. When this subsided we repaired to the dining-room, where a "spread," unsurpassed in variety and profusion, invited the hungry masqueraders. The memory of that sumptuous repast will not soon leave the minds of those who participated. Dancing, singing, and all manuer of amusements filled up the rest of the evening.

Warned of the approach of midnight, the invaders withdrew, voting the evening the pleasantest for many a month.

We announce with regret that ill-health has compelled Bertha Horak to leave the University before the term closes.

We are in possession of a box of handsome sample pins from Auld, our new jeweler. Quite a number of our girls expect to get new pins this spring. We are waiting for Newman's samples.

The invitation from Kappa Kappa Gamma to send delegates to the Boston convention in April was received enthusiastically by both our chapters. We hope to see our Sorosis ably represented, and have nominated

Miss Turner, Miss Newby, and an ARKOW representative. If the latter is not chosen, our next choice would be any other good representative *Western* girl. We believe that only by having such an one as our third delegate can our Sorosis be justly and fairly represented.

With greetings to all sisters in Pi Beta Phi, Zeta and Kappa say "Good night!"

Iowa City, Feb. 22, 1891.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

We shall indeed be glad to receive our ARROWS this month, for it is delightful to hear from so many friends at one time. It cheers and inspires us in the midst of our hard University work, which is the pleasure and pain of a college education, to know that so many are interested in our welfare.

On January 1st, at the home of Fannie Rutherford, we had a very interesting and beautiful ceremony, interesting for two reasons, because of the ritual itself and of the sister initiated, Mabel Drought. May she find much pleasure and profit in her connection with Pi Beta Phi.

We are glad there are so many resident members here, and wish we could get a complete list of those in both Minneapolis and St. Paul.

We were favored recently with a most excellent address by President Elliot, of Harvard University, on "Improvements in College Education." Judging from the audience, President Elliot's popularity is not limited to Harvard.

Minneapolis, Minn.

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COLORADO ALPHA.

Colorado Alpha begins the new year with renewed vigor. We have had quite a struggling existence this winter, having but one member in school, but we now feel encouraged, as we introduce to you two new sisters, Florence Wilder and Nan Earhart (sister of our sister, Mrs. Charles Wells). The initiation took place February 14th, at Mrs. Snell's new home. During the evening we were surprised and delighted to have Lizzie Holbrook walk in upon us.

We are very much pleased with our new initiation ceremony.

We have had the pleasure of meeting a sister from the Hastings Chapter, Miss Horlocker, who came in response to the sad summons of the death of her father.

Our college is continually improving, and slowly increasing in number. The campus and vicinity have been added to the city, and we shall look for great improvements in that direction this fall.

With warmest greetings to all sister chapters. Boulder, Col.

COLORADO BETA.

The University has been happy to receive this term a number of students from eastern colleges.

The new university building is rapidly nearing completion.

We are looking forward to a proposed reception with perhaps more pleasure than usual, as we expect to have some with us who have been absent from our circle for some time.

We notice that Beta Theta Pis are increasing in number, and we are proud of the fact that one of them is to be valedictorian of the class of '91.

A pleasant event will take place next month, which we will tell you of in our next letter.

Denver, Col.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Through a misunderstanding as to the date of the publication of the ARROW, Kansas Alpha failed to have a letter in the last number.

We begin the new term with twelve members in the University. Two of these, Miss Brewster and Miss Grubb, have entered our ranks since the last issue of the ARROW. They are among the most promising members of the Freshman class, and add greatly to the working force of our chapter. Our two faculty members, Miss Oliver and Miss Crotty, and the assistant Librarian, Miss Sutliff, still retain an active interest in the fraternity, and are very efficient helpers.

We are quite elated just now over the election of our two seniors, Miss Pugh and Miss Scott, to the alumni fraternity, Phi Beta Kappa. Only four members of the present senior class were chosen, and the two ladies were Pi Beta Phis.

The only thing of general fraternity interest that has happened here this winter was the withdrawal of the charter of Sigma Chi.

The present term promises to be an especially eventful one. In our lecture course we expect to have George Kennan, Henry George, James Whitcomb Riley, and several other men of note.

On March 3d President Elliot, of Harvard, will visit the University.

In June we celebrate the quarter-centennial anniversary of the University.

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President Angell and Chauncy Depew probably will deliver the commencement addresses.

Lawrence, Kas., Feb. 20th, 1891.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

Our chapter has waked up in earnest after so many months of enforced inactivity. All the old members are deeply interested again, and several new girls have been initiated within the past few months, girls whom we have been coveting so long, and who have proved themselves such bright, energetic workers.

We were very busy several weeks before the holidays preparing for a fancy-work "Bazar" which we held the 19th and 20th of December. It took much earnest work and highly valued time; but as it was for the benefit of our library, the growth of which depends solely on our untiring efforts, not a murmur was heard. Our sales amounted to \$140, and with the net proceeds we procured quite a number of new books.

Miss Mattie Andrews, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, made quite an extended visit with relatives here this winter, and proved herself a loyal Pi Phi by the helpful interest she took in our chapter. She may be sure of a warm welcome should she ever return to York.

On January 30th the P. E. Os. gave a Kensington tea in our honor at one of their homes. Dainty refreshments were served and the whole affair was very enjoyable.

The eight new Pi Phi pins purchased during the holidays are sure proofs of the interest felt among our chapter members. They are all prettily set with different stones, the most beautiful one having both guard and pin set with diamonds, a Christmas gift to Mrs. Flora McCloud from her husband. One set with garnets was sent by our chapter as a wedding present to our former chapter correspondent, Mrs. Blanche Burns-English, now residing in Santa Cruz, Cal.

One of our members visiting in Hastings last fall called upon three girls who were members of the chapter formerly in existence there. She thinks with a little well directed effort their chapter might be revived, as they still seem interested, and the college is in a very flourishing condition.

We send greetings and best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis. York, Nebraska, February, 1891.

ALUMNÆ LETTER.

DEAR SISTERS: We saw a wish expressed in the ARROW to hear from some of the girls out of school, so we thought to try our rusty pen and tell you of those at Knoxville, Iowa: Lillian Kendig and Mertie Ramey, of Iowa Alpha; Gertrude McClure, of Iowa Gamma, and "Alice," of Iowa Beta.

Laura Brown, of Iowa Iota, is teaching her second year in our high school.

Adda Baldwin, of Iowa Beta, wrote in the recorder's office the last two years, but is at home in Dallas, Iowa, now.

Sisters Lillian and Mertie returned to Mt. Pleasant at the beginning of the winter term. Lillian is teaching in the conservatory and Mertie is in college. We who are left feel quite lonely. Separated by distance from our chapters, we are bound more closely by "the golden chain of friendship." We met quite often and talked over the "good old days" when we were active members, and longed to be with the sisters again. There is quite a large P. E. O. chapter here, but we feel very sure they do not enjoy their "bums" any more than we do our "spreads."

We had our last "spread" at Sister Lillian's home, Friday evening, December 12th. The only shadow on the pleasure of the evening was the absence of Gertrude's smiling face (kept at home by the serious illness of a beloved brother who has since died in a far Western town of that dread disease, consumption), for hospitality and the art of entertaining no one understands better than Lillian and her lovely mother. After the "festal floor" was spread we sat in true Pi Phi style, all cares vanishing like the pickles and cakes. We were just voting our "spreads" the "jolliest evenings" we have, and wishing our absent sisters could come in, when we heard unknown footsteps. It proved to be mother, playing a joke on us, which we all enjoyed. We at last realized that there is even a limit to a Pi Phi's appetite, and returned to the parlors "to sing the songs and tell the tales that we had heard before." Not until the late hours came could we bring ourselves to say good-by. We knew not when we could spend another such an evening. We separated realizing more fully how closely the bonds of Pi Phi hold us as friends and sisters.

The ARROW comes as a most welcome visitor to our homes. We would be glad to hear more from the "old girls" through it.

The girls join me in love to all Pi Phis.

ALICE E. SCOLES. Knoxville, Iowa.

PERSONALS.

OHIO ALPHA.

Bertha Brown has been confined to the house for several days by illness.

Grace Grosvenor has been spending the winter in Washington.

Corinne Super spent a portion of her vacation visiting friends at Indianapolis.

Carrie Sowers spent her vacation at home in Cleveland.

Fannie Brown has been elected local editor of the *College Current*, to fill the place left vacant by Miss McRay.

Ada Sayre has withdrawn from college and returned to her home, owing to the serious illness of her father.

Bertha McRay is not in college this term, being detained at home by the illness of her mother, but we are pleased to have her with us in our chapter meetings.

Dora Hoffman, who has been visiting friends at Cleveland, has returned, and to the delight of her friends is very much improved in health.

Lizzie Foster, who is teaching at Hanging Rock this year, spent her vacation in Athens. Her Pi Beta Phi friends are glad to learn that she is meeting with success in her chosen occupation.

Frankie Norton spent a part of her vacation getting out a term's work on Ethics.

The local oratorical contest will take place February 6th. Pi Beta Phi is to be represented by Carrie Mathews.

At the semi-annual election, held recently, the following officers were chosen: President, Fannie Brown; Recording Secretary, Corinne Super; Corresponding Secretary, Carrie A. Mathews; Treasurer, Ada Sayre.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Sister May Copeland has been making an extended visit in Chicago and Ottawa, Ill.

Sister Carrie Charles is spending the winter in Tennessee.

PERSONALS.

We regret the absence of Florence Chase, who has accepted a position as Assistant Librarian in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Sister Mame Kerr is teaching in the public schools of Grand Rapids.

Sister Retta Kempton is meeting with signal success in her elocutionary readings.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Ella M. Grubb, '87, is assistant principal of the Camp Point, Ill., high school. Anna Ross, '90, is teaching in the same place.

Mrs. Margaret Russell-Greer is located at Johnson, Neb. We hear from her quite often.

Lilian Wiswell, '90, has been very ill of diphtheria at her home at Cameron, Ill. We are glad to tell of her improvement.

Mrs. Rose Wiswell-Lescher lives in Carpenteria, Cal.

Mrs. Emma Livingston-Wing, '85, lives in Galesburg.

Mrs. Ella Suiter-Pittard visits her mother in Galesburg often. Her home is in Alexis.

Lizzie Wigle, '90, is very busy with her duties as elocution teacher at Abingdon Normal.

Carrie Rice, '89, is so far recovered from her illness as to resume ministerial duties. She has charge of a church at Chicago Lawn.

Ada Quaintance is teaching in Cable, Ill.

Lizzie Durston, '90, read a very fine paper before the Young People's Society for Christian Endeavor at the Universalist church in Dubuque, Iowa, during the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Rachel Watkins Delgren, '86, has gone to Minneapolis.

Mrs. Annie Yoemans-Crissey lives at Avon, Ill. Lizzie Bliss and Elice Crissey live in the same town.

Iza Parker is in Riverside, Cal., where she is obliged to live on account of her ill-health. She is some better this winter.

Mildred Woods lives at No. 712 Layne street, Topeka, Kas. We miss her willing hands in our chapter work.

Kit Nellis and Anna Stow are spending the winter at their homes in Girard, Penn.

Nellie Bunn is teaching school at Atlanta, Ill.

Mary Hoyle is teaching in a conservatory of music in Chicago.

Jennie Grubb, '91, who was called home on account of her brother's illness, has returned to school. We hope to keep her with us till June, when she will be graduated.

IOWA THETA.

Grand Secretary Mrs. Sude Weaver-Evans is now "at home" in Ottumwa, and we appreciate the accession very highly.

Sister Lizzie Flagler paid her home and us a happy visit at Coal Palace time.

Sister Marguerite Walker has just returned from Chicago, where she has been perfecting her music this winter.

Sisters Alice and Helen Edgerly are spending a pleasant and profitable winter at Mrs. Loring's school, Chicago.

IOWA BETA.

Anna McLaughlin, '90, has charge of a large music class at Avoca, Iowa.

Mrs. Ethel Law-Turney, of South Bend, Wash., spent three weeks with friends here in January.

Bessie Guyer, '78, is employed in the pension office in Des Moines. Mrs. W. C. Martin, '75, of Chariton, is visiting her mother.

Leota Kennedy, '88; is teaching in Ogden, Utah.

Flo. Johnson, '90, is principal of the schools at Liberty Centre.

Gertie Dunlap, '89, and Flora, '90, are continuing their musical studies in Chicago.

Hattie Byneer is teaching in the Government school at Santa Fe, N. M.

IOWA EPSILON.

June Brewster is spending six months in the Des Moines Commercial College, studying typewriting and stenography.

Elva Plank now occupies the position of bookkeeper in her brother's drug store at Geneva, Neb.

Mrs. Lillian Faeth and little daughter are making an extended visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Plank, of this city. Mr. and Mrs. Faeth now reside in St. Joseph, Mo.

PERSONALS.

Martha Greenleaf spent a few days in Ottumwa, Iowa, the guest of Mrs. H. C. Evans.

Hattie Trimble, of Keokuk, Iowa, is visiting relatives in Bloomfield.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Mrs. J. S. Greene and son have gone to Minneapolis to visit her parents. She will return in a month and make her home in Denver.

Elizabeth Culver is spending the winter in Savannah, Ga., and is greatly improved in health.

Lizzie Holbrook has returned from Dubois, Ill. She will spend the spring and summer here.

COLORADO BETA.

Carrie Armstrong will make us a short visit soon.

We are glad to welcome Jennie Hitchcock home from the east.

Bordeaux Fletcher is attending school in Louisville, Ky.

Alice and Bertha Wilkins will return to school next year.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

Mrs. Flora McCloud has been spending the winter in Mount Pleasant, Iowa.

Lulu Blackburn is teaching in an Indian school in Dakota.

Anna Harrison has gone to California for her health, which we are sorry to say is quite poor. She expects to remain there some time.

Gusta Reader is visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Mary Greer-Bell and husband have gone as missionaries to India.

MARRIAGES.

MURDOCH — BOBSON.—At Galesburg, Ill., October 9th, 1890, Jessie Murdoch to John Louis Bobson. At home in Omaha, Neb.

IOWA EPSILON.

MILLER — TRAVERS.—At Kirksville, Mo., December 25th, 1890, Libbie K. Miller to Frank Travers, of Bloomfield, Iowa.

CREE — FRYTHALL.—In Hand county, South Dakota, December 17th, 1890, Mollie Cree to Thomas Frythall.

EDITORIALS.

Every chapter has been heard from this quarter. It does indeed seem good to find everybody at home and ready to answer present, and with words of good cheer for Pi Beta Phi. The editor takes this means of heartily thanking the membership for promptness and generosity in furnishing material for the Symposium, and we are sure it affords pleasure to ARROW readers to find in our pages contributions from alumnæ. It seems like listening to the sound of voices long since wandered away from the hearthstone. Let us have more and more. Hunt up the alumnæ of your respective chapters, tell them what is going on, and ask them to write to us. See that they see THE ARROW and induce them to subscribe for it. Let every member make an individual effort in this direction. Don't think as you read this, "Why, yes, I believe I will see what I can do; how nice it will be to hear from all these people," and then not go farther, but do it, please.

The editor of Phi Gamma Delta *Quarterly* has arranged to supply the membership at reduced rates with some four exchanges. An excellent plan it would be for every fraternity to make such an arrangement for the education of fraternity people in fraternity affairs.

Congratulations to Theta Delta Chi on its prospects for a club house in New York. The *Shield* says: "We must have a club house, or, better called, a Theta Delta home in New York." Shall it be dedicated with a convention of fraternity editors, or will it be finished in time for that? Excuse us, but we were only asking for information. How pleasant it would be. The Pan-Hellenic convention to be held in Boston in April, as per invitation of Kappa Kappa Gamma, promises to be the precurser of much united and progressive effort among women's fraternities. It will be a gathering together of the best representative college women, a class from whom the world has a right to expect much in the line of emancipators from the mistakes, the impurities, and the vices of the age. Such-women are equipped as no other class for systematic, determined effort in the work of wholesome reforms in the homes and lives of the people.

The greatest and most effective factor in social reform is intelligent, educated wifehood and motherhood. The aggressive public frontier work is being done by a few. The lasting substance of woman's worth is evolved from the daily life around the respective firesides.

"In each of the older fraternities the alumni now constitute a much larger body than the undergraduates, and in a normal state of things this alumni membership is increasing more rapidly than the active membership. To-day Beta Theta Pi has six alumni for every undergraduate. The time is not far distant when our alumni will outnumber the undergraduates ten to one. This fact gives to fraternities their grandest opportunity. Strengthen the bonds which hold the alumni to their chapters and to the general fraternity, and the fraternities of to-day will steadily grow from greater to greater. The path of fraternity endeavor lies in this direction. The opportunities for work here are many and great, and the results which wait upon honest and persistent efforts in this line are certain, rich, and beneficent."

Thus says Beta Theta Pi. So should we all say, feel, and work toward the realization of this idea. Think of the

future as alumnæ when we are passing through the rushing season at the beginning of each year. Get material that will wear through life and go to make up the representative element of the most intellectual and refined and at the same time human and active life of the future.

"The meetings of the Hopkins Travelers' club have been very interesting since the opening of the session, nearly all of the members having stories to relate of investigation and adventure during the summer months. At a recent meeting Dr. William B. Clark gave an account of his work with the Howard Summer School of Geology at Martha's Vineyard, which is so famous among geologists for the remarkable coloration of its rocks. The Rev. Mr. Slocum, formerly of Baltimore, but now the president of Colorado College, gave an interesting account of the system of irrigation in southeastern New Mexico, by which the Pecus river has been diverted by canals and reservoirs to irrigate three or four hundred thousand acres of very productive land. Several other talks have been arranged for future meetings of the club, including one on the island of Samoa by Lieutenant Davenport, of the Nipsic."

The question continually arises why do educational people allow so many opportunities for mutual improvement or pleasure to pass unimproved? When college days are passed, as they are all too quickly, organize clubs for conversation upon living questions. Let your plan be to read something for a basis, an act of Shakespeare, perhaps, then from this develop questions of interest. Do not hesitate because you are busy. If you were not busy you would doubtless be indifferent. Only busy people have time for anything. Only busy people can be depended upon.

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A comparatively new feature of pan-Hellenism is the organization of clubs in the large cities, called pan-hellenic clubs, composed of resident members of all college fraterniities. Of them Beta Theta Pi says:

"The usefulness of such college-graduate organizations cannot be overestimated, and certainly membership in one of them is not only exceedingly pleasant, but profitable otherwise, for the constant sharpening of wits by contact with other educated men is invaluable."

This is well said. The organized effort of educated people must be fruitful, and satisfactorily so in many ways. Collegiate alumnæ should see to it that their opportunities in this line are not overlooked and neglected, so largely does the intellectual and social welfare of the country depend upon them.

Beta Theta Pi suggests a compilation of college fraternity terms. It just occurs to us what sort of a morsel would it seem to the man not college-bred, and who prides himself on his capacity for usefulness without ever having belonged to a college class. Our imagination even fails us in an attempt to appreciate his dazedness when he cons the list with their peculiar significations as understood by the college fraternity world. Think of it: "Spike," "barbarian," "rushing reason," "bid," "pledged," etc., etc. Think as you go, and note the expression of his features.

The catalogue of Psi Upsilon for 1879 seems to have been a piece of reckless extravagance that came near causing serious trouble. Think of a tax of \$11.56 upon each under-graduate for catalogue purposes. The cost entire being \$7,000.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Doubtless many of the chapters have wondered why the ew charters are so long in making their appearance. isten: When the old ones were returned the information ontained in them was most meager, and a new call had to e made for further facts.

Little by little the news was gathered and arranged until hey are nearly ready for the signatures.

In the lists of charter members some were preceded by Mrs.," and of course this necessitated an inquiry as to whether the lady was married when the chapter was founded.

In some instances five notifications were sent, and long lelays in answering soon turned days into months, with the esult of entirely suspending the work for the time.

If any of the chapters seeing this communication feel hat they have been a trifle remiss, they will kindly send heir list of charter members (maiden names) and date of the chapter's founding to the Grand Vice-President?

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EXCHANGES.

We exceedingly regret the small amount of space for exchanges in this issue.

Beta Theta Pi for December, in reviewing recent fraternity catalogues, says: "The primary function of a catalogue of the members of any organization is to give the list of their names and addresses in some classified order. This

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was all that was sought to be accomplished by the early college and fraternity catalogues, but there has been added to this simple and important purpose feature after feature and detail after detail until at the present time the recent catalogues of the more prominent fraternities combine under one cover a history of the fraternity, a history of the institutions at which its chapters are or have been located, a moderately full biography of each member, elaborate statistical tables, residence directories, and photographs of the college buildings and the like, until the book containing them is unsatisfactory to read, too bulky to handle, and, in a majority of cases, too costly to possess."

The remedy suggested in this article is certainly a good one, namely: to publish once in four years simply a catalogue, and once in twelve years, perhaps, publish a book containing biographical data concerning members.

The matter of increased expense should be more carefully guarded. There is danger that many instances will occur when financial inability will bar the best of fraternity material.

The vim that characterizes the editorial work in Theta Delta Chi *Shield* is refreshing. Mr. Holmes in gathering material seems able to give to it all a sort of wholesome savor of life, human life. His biographical sketches indicate brotherhood rather than clannishness. His work as a fraternity editor indicates fondness for his own, but not an unfair, ungenerous estimate of rivals. Theta Delta Chi should feel proud of such a man as Alexander L. Holley, whose memorial services in New York *The Shield* for December so fully reports.

Kappa Alpha Theta for November sounds from beginning to end as though everything in it were said by and in the

actual presence of a goodly number of congenial young women. It is bright, pleasant, and readable, and in this number quotes the following suggestive clipping from *Harper's Weekly*:

"Amherst," says a writer in Harper's Weekly, "has worked out another problem in American education; it has made use of the Greek-letter societies as a basis for the establishment of students' homes. A considerable majority of the students join one or the other of the several Greekletter societies, each of which has its club-house, where a large part of its members have their rooms, and where the student has nearly all the comforts of his own home. Members of different classes here associate on equal terms, and men find their way to each other's hearts and souls under this form of social life as they could in no other way. The intellectual and social life thus stimulated is of the greatest value, and when joined to the manly spirit developed by the college senate, it gives Amherst a rare advantage in the cultivation of the best life of its members. These society houses occupy the best building positions in Amherst; they are houses of fine architecture; here the students have parlors where receptions may be given to the students from Mt. Holyoke or Smith College, and the social interchange thus brought about between Amherst and these neighboring institutions is one of the pleasantest incidents connected with the life of an Amherst student. It is reported that one of these Greek-letter societies has established a college fellowship open to general competition."

Beta Theta Pi for December contains the following clipping from the Boston *Journal*:

"The report of a movement towards the erection of a monument to the originator of the higher education of

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women in this country is an interesting evidence of the value now placed upon the college for women, and of a change in public opinion since the first opportunities for higher education were opened. When Matthew Vassar built the first college which aimed to give women instruction equal to that given to men in the old established institutions, there was a general scepticism not unmixed with positive disap-The most adverse criticism was directed against the proval. scheme. Within twenty-five years the demand of women for higher education has produced not only one college, but Wellesley, Smith, Bryn Mawr, the well-known Annex at Harvard, and the later Annex to Columbia, Barnard college. The co-educational institutions are other indications of the growth of the movement of the last quarter of the century. One of the most serious questions before the Association of Collegiate Alumnæ is the advisability of admitting to membership the graduates of all the numerous colleges applying Instead of seeking for colleges to enlarge for admission. the association, it is necessary to exclude those whose standard is not satisfactory. At the meeting of the Boston branch on Saturday, the subject for discussion is 'The Admission of Colleges,' showing the importance of the growth in numbers of women's colleges and the earnest desire among graduates to encourage a high standard rather than a large number of these institutions. The time may come when the plan of a national university described by ex-President Andrew D. White, of Cornell, will be as applicable to the higher education of women as it is now especially to men. There is no indication that woman's admission to college has lowered the desire for maintaining a high standard of collegiate training. Inferior colleges exist for women as for men, but they are discouraged by women in associate bodies

as well as by individuals. This ambitious tendency among women is one of the interesting features of their educational development, and is especially noticeable at present."

"The social instinct of man's nature unites mankind in every age of the world, and in every grade of society. No man can put himself beyond the pale of this impulse. He may resist it, but he cannot escape it. * * * Among secret societies I believe it may be said that the college fraternity stands in some senses, at least, uniquely alone. They touch the life of the individual during the formative, and, therefore, susceptible period of his life, and shape his destiny for good to an incalculable degree. They exercise an influence over the individual manifoldly greater than if they took hold of him as most organizations do, at a later period in life."—*Prof. Wiley in Phi Gamma Delta Quarterly*.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES.

"A new fraternity has entered the university this fall, viz.: Alpha Phi, thus increasing the number here represented to fourteen, five of which are sororities.

"Phi Gamma Delta entered the university just at the right time, for a new era is opening before us. Within the last two years three new buildings have been erected upon the campus; a law building, costing \$60,000; Science or Pillsbury Hall, costing \$160,000, and a building for chemistry and physics, costing about \$100,000. It is also expected that a medical building will be erected during the coming year, and there is some talk of a new library building, which is sorely needed at present.

"The number of students at the university, which has no preparatory department, number about 1,100 this year."— Chapter Letter from University of Minnesota.

A goodly company of us have made ourselves at home in this prosperous western university in the past year.

Thirty thousand dollars are now on hand for the establishment of a chair of history in the University of North Carolina.

At the forty-fourth annual convention of Theta Delta Chi, recently held in New York, Clay W. Holmes, the editor of the *Shield*, was elected President of the Grand Lodge. If he manipulates a fraternity as he does a journal, all parties are to be congratulated.

Beta chapter of Phi Gamma Delta has been revived — December 22d, 1890, the date. The original Beta having died out in 1885.

The board of trustees of Illinois Wesleyan University prohibits preparatory students from joining fraternities. A good move for both parties.

Kappa Alpha Theta has recently entered the University of California.

Wabash College has recently been made the recipient of \$50,000. A bequest of Mr. Daniel Fayerweather.

"The fame of Boston University as a representative of co-education is so extended that the author of a German operetta, now running at the Friederich-Wilhelm-stadtischen theatre in Berlin, bills six of his lady characters as '*Studentinnen der Universitat*, *Boston*.'"

"President Andrews, of Brown, is planning the introduction of the university extension movement in Rhode Island. The experiment will be first tried in Pawtucket, where two courses will begin in January in astronomy and botany. If successful, other subjects — scientific, literary, and philosophical — will be taken up, and the plan set in operation in other places. Examinations will be given at the end of each course, and after nine subjects have been mastered a diploma will be given indicating membership in the Rhode Island university extension. The fees are to be \$3 for each course. Women as well as men will be admitted, and a number of applications have been already received. While this work is not an off-shoot of the work at Brown, the men who will give most of the lectures will probably be Brown professors."— *Beta Theta Pi*.

The money for the buildings for the University of Cincinnati has been raised, and if the interpretation of the will of the founder, Mr. Charles McMicker, is made favorable the institution will be moved to Burnet Woods, a tract of forty-three acres.

A friend of Syracuse, a lady, has given \$10,000 for the establishment of seven scholarships of \$120 a year each three in the College of Fine Arts, and four in the College of Liberal Arts. This gift will be a great incentive and encouragement to needy but promising students, and will do much for the cause of art in Central New York.

Cornell has active chapters representing twenty-three fraternities.

The Betas of Boston University have recently equipped a chapter house of sixteen rooms.

Michigan State University has more than twenty-four hundred students.

Henry W. Sage has lately given Cornell University \$200,000 for the department of philosophy. Colgate seems to be thriving since her re-christening, in spite of many expressed fears to the contrary. She is still without a president, as Dr. Hulbert did not accept the invitation proffered him. Two new chairs have been established, modern language and Christian theology.— Chapter Letter in Beta Theta Pi.

The Greeks of Texas University have taken steps "to organize a pan-Hellenic council," in which all of the fraternities, with one exception, have united. Six active chartered fraternities have chapters in that university, and a permanent organization of this kind is expected soon.

Beta Theta Pi both lifts and is lifted. Pi Beta Kappa last June initiated one of Beta's '90 men.

The University of North Carolina has two hundred students, about half of whom are Greeks.

"We all know how that Delta Kappa Epsilon life started; how with the development of the American university there came a question how to reconcile our student freedom with student culture, and how, year after year, the faculties tried to solve that in many ways; they have become historic as historic failures; and how, when they all got through, they woke up one morning to find that the boys had gone and done it themselves; that they had made out of Greek-letter fraternities a characteristic and American student culture.

"When we speak of what the future holds in store, it matters not whether we speak of the future of the Delta Kappa Epsilon or of the future of the world's culture. It is one and the same thing. It is a matter of very grave moment, then, what the ideal is that our brotherhood has cherished and which it is to hand down.

"What has been the ideal of culture held by our fraternity in the past — and what is it now? What, therefore, is it to be in the future? It has been suggested here to-night by one of the speakers. It lies at the very root of all the Greek-letter societies. It is at once the justification of their existence and the reason of their growth. It is this — that it has associated culture with good fellowship. It has infused liberal studies with sympathy. It has multiplied and intensified the delight of the individual in the things of the spirit by teaching him to pursue them with his fellows. Kindred minds and kindred hearts act and react each upon the other. And this has been pre-eminently true of our brotherhood.

"We are to love culture for its own sake; yes, but better than that, we are to love it because its delights are shared with our friends and brothers. The next step easily follows. We are to love it most of all for the service it can render to our kind." — Convention Toasts in D. K. E. Quarterly.

Beta Theta Pi has a calendar this year, and regrets not having done so before.

The trustees of the University of North Carolina have decided, at the request of the faculty, to prohibit members of the university from entering into any athletic contests taking place elsewhere in the state. The students have requested the faculty to reconsider. The faculty is now in favor of the encouragement of athletics, and the trustees will next be called upon to fall in line.

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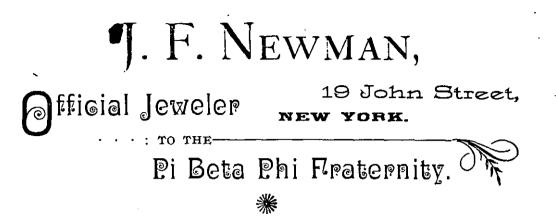
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All the men's fraternity at Wisconsin University occupy chapter houses. Kappa Alpha Theta, the latest comer among the ladies' fraternities, has rented a good house, and is already an important factor in college circles.— Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.

The musical demand of *Beta Theta Pi* is so great that a second edition of the song-book is ordered.



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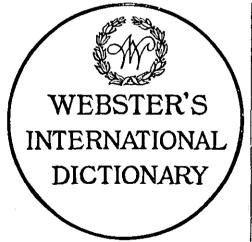
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