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WHAT TROUBLES TROUBLE MOST IN FRATER-NITY LIFE.

The difficulties experienced by all fraternities in interesting alumnæ to the extent of activity makes us pause to consider how much the fraternity has to do with the college men and women after the completion of four years of study. Can it be possible that the spirit of brotherhood engendered and fostered during college work has left no impression? cannot believe it. The organization of alumni associations broad enough to gather in the alumni of all fraternities in one body proves beyond doubt that some at least of our graduated members retain a loyal spark of old-time faith. The Association of Collegiate Alumnæ is gathering in fraternity collegewomen to do the work of education, which can best be done by this class; but why do these capable, humanity-loving women not extend a hand to help into this path of usefulness their capable younger sisters, who constitute the membership of their own active chapters? They do say that the way to reach the alumnæ is through the fraternity journal. through the fraternity journal? we would ask. By sending them sample copies and asking for their subscription? Either this cannot be true, or we cannot recognize the symptoms of alumuæ having been reached.

Does the trouble arise from the fact that fraternities are not training schools for good living in a social and intellectual sense? If this be true, then the reason of alumni indifference is both apparent and sufficient. This we say most emphatically is *not* true, except when cranky, doless members destroy the fraternal feeling, and instead produce a wearying atmosphere which is only fit for the propagation of indifference, just one remove from death itself. We believe this last is the cause of about ninety-nine per cent of fraternity trouble and consequent weakness.

In fraternity life the very object of the organization is defeated when the membership cannot pull together toward the one great end. Make the fraternity more than at present; make it to reach out in its work, to join hands with the other busy hands. In the first place, do not have cranky members. If you do, keep them busy at anything except their specialty. College life is too short, too important to have any of it absorbed and wasted by standing guard over somebody's abnormal feelings that are worn like a chip on the shoulder.

Would it not be well for all who believe that they fail to get what they need from the fraternity to ask themselves how much they give? We dare say that an honest investigation will show an investment of nothing, or nearly that; and the returns, great or small, are impoverishing some good, faithful members, who are giving of the best of themselves for the general upbuilding of the sisterhood. Let us look about us and see what we can do, not what we can get.

SOMEBODY'S SUNSHINE.

BY ALVARO F. GIBBENS, A. M.

Bright dawn comes over the mountains,
Like moonlight o'er the sea,
And tints the dewy meadows,
And dances in each tree.
I almost hear its whispers,
Its sweet and soft refrain,
As if it wooed some darling
With almost seraph strain.
To be some true-heart's sunshine
Is mission good and true;
You are somebody's sunshine;
I wish that I were, too.

The world is full of shadows,
They do not come alone;
There's sun-ray's where they follow,
And make their presence known.
To chase the clouds of sorrow,
From even one human heart,

Is worth the time of mortal,
And all his choicest art.

To be some true-heart's sunshine
Is mission grand and true;

If I'm somebody's sunshine,
Then whose sunlight are you?

— Shield of Theta Delta Chi.

ONE ASPECT OF SELF-CULTURE.

"If it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; if it be of man, it will come to naught."—Gamaliel.

Is culture to be considered a means or an end in the attainment of my welfare? In what sphere shall I seek my destiny? How shall I best promote the dignity of the life entrusted to my keeping? And how shall I move in harmony with the plan of my Creator, concerning the life of which I am a part?

We meet sometimes with a phase of intellect, self-crowned, that owes its crowd of worshippers to its utter rejection of the unseen world of spiritual influences. It has a vocabulary of its own wherein goodness is synonymous with stupidity, prudence stands for disinterested virtue, and a coarse interpretation of material facts answers in place of the fuller knowledge and fuller sympathy of the vision assisted by faith.

Fortunately for us, however, there are names immortal among poets and teachers, prophets and priests, from whom we learn to know the measure of a man. The sphere of his activities is not above the most humble of human relations; he calls all men his brethren, and sees the constant revivifying presence of the Eternal, making valid every transient phase of life. It is beyond the need of demonstration that I am but a part of some great whole, and am only complete in myself as I recognize my duties and relations in the life which surrounds me. Where I find myself, there must my destiny be wrought out. The very word itself indicates that a higher, immutable power holds us fast. It is childish to fight against existing law. It is rational to believe that harmony is the law of the universe. Lack of concord as far as I am concerned is the re-

sult of disobedience, or irreverence, or pride. I am too apt to think "the time is out of joint," when it is I and my conflicting aims which need setting right.

We sometimes say of a man of undeniable talent but crippled in its use, that he is born too early or too late. We say he has missed his opportunity; some adverse wind has carried him beyond the open port, and he is the sport of the waves. Ought we not rather to seek the key to his failure in this, that he has fallen short of his fit and proper relation to men in his generation, and has perhaps used the mere outsides of the world and its phenomena with no understanding of the value in eternity of the experience of each life or of the experience of the race?

Life is a gift, and, to say the least, I put myself in an unbecoming attitude before my Maker if I refuse to unfold and develop the possibilities of my soul in the conditions fixed by His purpose.

The spirit, taught of Christ, must enjoy a sense of participation in the Divine life, when, with lowliness of mind, reverence, and obedience, it seeks its own peculiar stimule to growth, and recognizes the culture suited to its personality. Just as every plant selects from air and soil the various elements proper to its species, so is human nature fostered in its diversity by separateness of culture. But the same illustration suggests that while there is separateness of culture for the individual, there must be identity of culture for the entire race of man.

Do we know any destiny more worthy of an immortal soul than that, "being rooted and grounded in love," we may be able to "comprehend the breadth and length, and depth, and height—the fullness of God?" This is the mystery of life, unexplainable to the intellect, inappreciable through the senses, but it is the sum of all truth and duty, and comprehends the attainment of my welfare. To it, as an end, every human device must be subordinated, and we are so constituted that there is no real health of body, mind, or soul which does not recognize this primal law of soul-relation to God.

I say no health of body, mind, or soul without it, because the just relationship of the three parts of our nature requires the subordination of the lower to the higher. Let a man emphasize physical development to the neglect of his intellectual and moral faculties, and he will lack the very qualities which are the glory of manhood. The thrill of gladness that comes with perfect physical health is natural and right. The joy in life, in ease of motion, in strength and dexterity should be encouraged in every boy and girl, and they should be a feature of every education. Not as ends in themselves, however, but with appreciation of the true interdependence of all our faculties, and as ordinances "which all are to perish in the using."

Whatever is accomplished in us in the nature of attainment is only valuable as it enables us to accomplish something higher. We tear down our scaffoldings when the house is built. We pay no further heed to the formal analysis of a language when the riches of its literature are at our command, "forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before." Meditation and action make the two halves of experience. What we gain as principles must be spent as facts. What we apprehend as truth must be converted into character.

Abstract theories of culture which look to the infinite development of the human faculties must yield results finally to something that each individual can *live out*. In all theories of culture there is danger of fixing the attention on the ideal nature of man and withdrawing it from the realization in conduct of the purposes of the soul.

Christianity has been generally interpreted as not recognizing the element of *culture* as having any bearing on religious life. But a deeper significance has been discovered in the the teachings of the gospels that immeasurably extends the sphere of its influence. Formerly philosophers appropriated the substance of Christianity to supplement their theories of the unity of reason, just as the larger truth appropriates the narrower whose tendency is in general the same. But to-day the most catholic thinkers recognize in the religion taught by Jesus "The faith that triumphs over the doctrines of the world."— *Tolstoi*.

Dogmatists may interpret it by the narrow reasoning of a

hardened system. Professed disciples may dishonor it in their lives. But none the less it is the only system which offers a satisfactory enunciation of the true meaning of life, connected with doctrines for the safe ordering of life.

SUSANNE FENIMORE TYNDALE.

Iowa Kappa, Boston, Mass., September 15th, 1891.

THE COLLEGIATE ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATION.

[Address Delivered at Kansas S. U., June, 1891, by Mrs. A. G. Blackwelder.]

The quarter-centennial we celebrate to-day marks another era in educational progress, for it is about twenty-five years since women have been graduating in any number from colleges and universities. During that time they have felt that the eyes of the world were upon them, regarding them as an experiment, probably a useless one, and possibly dangerous to the health of coming generations.

Of all arguments against a long and systematic course of study for girls, the danger of physical injury has always held first place. Never in the history of the race has there existed such solicitude for the health of woman as was suddenly developed when she proposed to go to college with her brother. Toil she might in kitchen or in field, in factory or in mine, but never before was the heart of man so touched with tenderness and fear lest she might be overworked.

When Girton College, in England, was built a few years since, a pleasant apartment was thoughtfully provided for the delicate women who were to break down under the strain of constant brain work. The room has never served the purpose for which it was designed.

We college women have a bond of union more tangible than the mere community of interests that always seems to bind together alumni, whether spelled with an i or a α . The alumni spelled with an i are fond of gathering in banqueting

halls, where they honor their Alma Mater with feasting and witty speeches. The alumnæ spelled with a diphthong feel that they owe something more to the world and society, a debt only redeemable by earnest, organized efforts toward bettering present conditions. With this aim in view a few college women in 1882 formed an "Association of Collegiate Alumnæ."

Its membership now numbers twelve hundred, and extends from Maine to California. The assertion that women are unable physically to study as hard or as steadily as men had been made with such persistent frequency that the association at once set to work to find some data upon which to base either acknowledgment or denial.

By a careful comparison of statistics, gathered from twelve institutions, it was found that "female graduates do not show, as a result of college studies and duties, any difference in general health from the average health of an equal number of women without regard to occupation."

More recent investigations prove that among graduates there is a gain of 22 per cent upon the health of the average woman. In truth, the pertinacity with which really earnest students of the female persuasion keep their health and strength, when, according to the soundest theories of physical science they should sink into untimely graves, must be aggravating to the opponents of a liberal education for women. It is everywhere acknowledged that regular employment is conducive to health of body and of mind, and it is in such institutions as this, amid the systematic occupations of student life, that we are finding our salvation from the weariness of aimless lives. You remember the women described by Dr. Johnson in Rasselas "who thought they were in love, but in truth were only idle."

Members of our association profoundly realize that most of the dangers threatening our nation are found in the ignorance of the lower classes. In one of the worst districts of New York City a few of our college girls have established themselves for practical work among the poor. This is no common charity, but a perpetual object lesson. A home, refined, beautiful, clean, and well ordered in every detail has been made in a neighborhood supposed to be the most densely populated spot on the globe, where sanitary conditions are so lacking, as we heard one mother say, "the people do not live in their homes; they die there."

Our brave young alumnæ have made themselves companions and friends of these unfortunates, and actual results are following their efforts, more than they dared expect, and more than I have time to describe. "It is definite," says Miss Scudder in her report, "to give baths every day to thirty women; it is definite to teach sewing to forty little girls; to shelter a woman turned into the streets at night."

A similar settlement in Chicago is doing noble work among the foreign population, and showing, too, that refined, educated women may live serenely, even happily, amid the unpleasant surroundings. Other women might do these things, but in fact college women are doing them. Is it not a worthy use for their liberal trainings, and may not the university rejoice that at last higher education is bearing practical fruit?

There are other phases of sociological work in which educated women are showing intelligent interest. They are developing in their homes an atmosphere where the purest in literature, the most beautiful in art, may flourish; they are finding a use for their university training in bringing about intelligent reforms in diet and clothing and sanitation, increasing the comfort and lessening the waste of human life.

I have noticed that married alumnæ do not board, but have homes. Here we are reminded of another bugbear so long held up before society—the distaste with which the "sweet girl graduate" was to view marriage and family responsibilities. The difficulty of compiling our alumni catalogues, owing to the rapidity with which the feminine names changed, shows that theory to be untenable. After an intimate acquaintance for several years with the married alumnæ of different colleges, I am convinced that they are the noblest wives, the wisest mothers, the most accomplished house-keepers.

The university sends out young men with the faith that they will maintain the highest standard of citizenship; she has a right to expect that the learning and mental discipline acquired by her women may result in carrying out feasible reforms in their peculiar province of house-keeping. Thus, for the first

time in history, the university may wield a direct influence on the home. But can a college fit girls for the highest usefulness as long as it almost wholly deprives them for four years of the companionship, the guidance of experienced and cultivated women, to whom they can go for advice and sympathy? A thoughtful writer said recently: "An institution is not really co-educational until it is co-educating — until men and women together form the teaching force."

I can imagine a lovely, scholarly woman in charge of one of the departments of this university, who would win the hearts of the girls by her womanly graciousness; whose character it would be their ambition to copy. Her eyes would be quick to note any physical change; her intuition would never fail to discover when a girl was in mental distress.

How much sound judgment can you expect from a young girl of sixteen who leaves the care of a watchful mother and comes here to live among strangers? It is no wonder that she often fails to resist the various temptations which win her from her studies. Her higher education should mean something more than book-learning; it should mean the education of her higher nature, so that knowledge might lead to wisdom, and mental discipline to the formation of perfect character.

In the east members of our association are taking a hand in the administration of their colleges. Are there no alumnæ in this state who are able or willing to co-operate with their brothers for the best interests of their *Alma Mater*?

Or is there among high officials less faith in women than existed twenty-five years ago, when the doors of this university were thrown wide open to her?

We, the first generation of college women, have come into a world vexed with social wrongs, with bewildering political theories. What part are we to take?

Elizabeth Stuart-Phelps writes to college girls:

"Pealing the clock of Time Has struck the woman's hour, We hear it on our knees."

While the question of woman suffrage is never discussed in our alumnæ meetings, yet as a body of educated women we already, reluctantly perhaps, see the hand-writing on the wall, a prophecy of new responsibilities sooner or later to be shared

by us.

Women are proving their efficiency in educational and philanthropic work, but if they are to take their places as makers and upholders of a great nation, they must have every opportunity for development. But there is no higher mission for the women who go out from your halls than to set the fashion of noble, simple lives; to consecrate the wisdom gathered here to the work of social regeneration.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

With feelings something akin to those of the slumbering princess on awakening from her century's sleep, Columbia Alpha rubs her eyes after a restless rest of three months, and bowing her deepest curt'sy, greets you in Good Morning, the morning of another fraternity year.

And in our greetings you will detect a new voice, and catch the flutter of new colors. Permit us to introduce our latest initiate, Edna A. Clarke, of New Hampshire, who makes the tenth Pi Beta Phi with which the chapter will commence the

vear.

The growth of a fraternity chapter in Washington is more than the matter of a few days only, and Columbia Alpha takes intense satisfaction in knowing there is a growth at all and all the time, both in numbers and in the knowledge and

spirit of fraternity work generally.

Since Columbian became a co-educational institution, two years ago, the girls have taken the opportunity of celebrating the fact of their admission by entertainments given at the close of the college year. The first year the girl students numbered thirteen, and they have since been known as the "Original Thirteen." This last year we were known as the "Original Thirteen—Plus."

The girls have also proven the fact that the boys cannot take all the medals, and possibly it may be much to their

discomfiture.

At last commencement Dr. Augusta M. Pettigrew was given honorable mention, which was more the honor since but two women graduated in the medical class. Cora E. Dill won the medal for excellence in mathematics.

The summer just passed meant much to scientific Washington. The American Association for the Advancement of Science met in Columbian's halls during August. The register of visitors and members showed an attendance of near nine hundred, including many men of note from our own and foreign countries. The papers read were excellent, and the subjects intricate enough to please the veriest book-worm in all that body of book-loving people. One lecture was arranged with particular reference to the public; the subject, "Plant Culture," and the lecturer Dr. McFarland, of Edinburgh. The National Museum was thrown open for a public reception after the lecture.

Two of our professors will wear beaming countenances this fall—the dignity of authorship. "Geodesy," by Professor Gore, Professor of Mathematics, forms the fourth volume of the Riverside Science Series, and is a history of Geodetic work in Europe and this country. "A Study in Corneille" is the name of Professor Lodge's book; and, as the author says, "it is thought, however, that to know Corneille in English may be better than not to know him at all."

The next installment of our chapter history will record one of those bright spots that make fraternity experience inexpressably dear to every member. Miss Preston, of Ann Arbor, and Miss Culver, of Colorado, visited us the first days of September, and gave us limitless opportunity to quiz them concerning methods, means, and girls; and how we did enjoy the chatting at luncheon, and party and pleasure rides. Really, we do not feel so far away from those Rocky mountain girls now a bit of them has come to us; and our ideas of the Ann Arbor chapter are even larger than ever, because of knowing better its members, whom we like to think of as girls who can do things.

Colorado Alpha has planned much thorough fraternity work for the coming year, and has high hopes of making the word fraternity doubly dear to every member of its circle.

Washington, D. C.

OHIO ALPHA.

Once more the time has come when students cease their nomadic life of summer, and settle down to another year's college work.

This year the Ohio University has opened with a great increase in the number of students in attendance. The loss caused by the departure of the large class of '91 is more than made up for by those who for the first time have drawn the curtain and entered the college world.

Commencement week was of unusual interest to the Pi Phis, as four of us took part in the exercises. Annette Kline as essayist, Jeanette Barker as debater, and Carrie Mathews as orator, represented the Adelphia Literary Society in the annual contest, and by their efforts rushed the old Athenian and Philomathean societies to a close contest, and gave the new Adelphia society second place. The fourth Pi Phi who took part in the exercises is your correspondent, who ended her college days with the class of '91, and gave to Ohio Alpha her first graduate.

There is a good deal of excellent sorosis material in college this term, and as our representation there is small on account of sickness and other causes, we will soon introduce to our sisters some new Pi Phis. Most of our girls are resident members, and though not in college they are able to attend the meetings. Nearly all of the Pi Phi girls spent their vacations out of town, and for that reason the meetings were not kept up; but after the long rest the girls have returned with fresh enthusiasm. They find in the evening meetings an enchanting rest from the troubles and cares of the day. There they find nothing but harmony, and are free to confide their disappointments to soothing and sympathetic votaries. Ohio Alpha sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.

Athens, Ohio, September 20th, 1891.

INDIANA ALPHA.

College has opened with better prospects than ever before, and a larger number of students are in attendance.

The \$50,000 endowment upon which the Rockefeller offer of \$10,000 was conditioned is being rapidly made up.

A new philosophical course has been added which will confer the degree of Ph. B.

The master's degree will now be conferred after one year's resident study in a course prescribed by the faculty, or after three years of non-resident study in the same course.

The weekly holiday will be Monday instead of Saturday, as heretofore. All the colleges in the state have now done away with blue Monday by making it a holiday.

The opening of this college year finds many changes in the chapter. Three of the girls, Emma Ellis, Sophia Tanner, and Pearl Polk, have married during the summer, and several of the old girls have not returned.

Harriet Palmer, of the class of '89, will go to Marion, Indiana, as assistant principal of the high school.

Nell Turner has gone to San Francisco, California, to spend the winter with her sister and to study music.

Ona Payne, who was compelled to leave college last year on account of illness, will graduate with the class of '92.

Mabel Abbott, who was in college in '90, has entered college again this year.

We all look forward to a most pleasant and profitable year, and wish for our sister chapters a like success and prosperity. Franklin, Ind., September 13th, 1891.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Michigan Alpha, though small in numbers this fall, is full of ideas for the benefit of the chapter and fraternity at large.

We endorse most heartily the recommendations adopted by the Pan-Hellenic convention at Boston. They supply a longfelt want, and should receive the attention of the individual chapters as well as the fraternity as a whole.

An idea we would advance is for each chapter to keep an Arrow file. We are trying to procure all back numbers. This would be impossible for each chapter. Still each province might own one, leaving it in the care of the province president for reference.

We think the exchange of journals throughout the chapters would be helpful, for we are usually so ignorant of the strength and work of the various fraternities. Do any of the chapters keep what might be termed a "Chapter Album?" That is one of the things we are trying to accomplish this year. It certainly will be a pleasure for those who come after us to see the faces of those whose names will be so familiar.

To-night, instead of the regular meeting, we had an informal session and invited the girls from Ladies' Hall to eat taffy and fruit with us, thus helping to dispel a few lonesome hours for the new girls. One of the pleasant features of the evening was a serenade from the Phi Delta Theta's, to which we only responded with hearty applause, owing to the lateness of the hour. Pi Phis are always wide-awake, and take great pleasure in making life joyous for those around them.

Hillsdale College, Hillsdale, September 19th, 1891.

ILLINOIS BETA.

We gladly greet all of our Pi Phi sisters after our vacation, which seemed so short. We were reluctant to leave our homes, but we are glad to meet our old sisters and friends, and to welcome the new ones to their work with us.

This fall finds our ranks thinner than for some time past, but all of the members are so enthusiastic that we can hope for the best results.

We had hoped that sister Grace Harsh might be with us, but loving duty keeps her with her brother, who has been very sick. He is now slowly improving, and we trust that she can return before long.

Some of our girls anticipated a lovely time at the camp this summer. They had chosen grounds near Hamilton, Illinois, the home of sister Jennie Grubb. August 17th, however, ushered in a season of rainy weather, and they did not see their plans accomplished. It was a great disappointment to them all.

We are glad to have Sister Maude Claycomb with us, if only for a short time: She is in the city pursuing her art studies.

Beta's summer letter brought words of cheer from many of her members. It was a welcome visitor to us all. Death has entered our circle and called home our sister, Izah T. Parker, the daughter of our esteemed professor, Isaac A. Parker. She had sought refuge in California from that dread disease, consumption, but at last yielded to its sway. Although we did not know her, yet the influence of her pure and upright life has been among us.

The home of sister Glenn Taylor has been made desolate by the death of her father. May Pi Phi love and sympathy help her in her sorrow.

Three of our members rejoice in the possession of new pins. We like our new jeweler very much.

Illinois Beta sends love and best wishes for a most prosperous year to her sister chapters.

Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., September 14th, 1891.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Illinois Delta sends greetings to all the chapters of Pi Beta Phi, hoping they have had a delightful vacation and are ready once more to take up their working and work with all the old-time zeal.

After three months, Knox College once more opens her doors, welcoming alike both old students and new. Never have the prospects for a new year seemed so encouraging.

Just now elaborate preparations are being made for the dedication of our new alumni hall, which is to be our chapel, together with the gentlemen's two literary society halls.

On account of the large increase in the number of students who have returned this year, we have been obliged to give up our pleasant hall in the college, which the faculty so kindly granted us last year, that it may be used as a recitation-room. At present we hold our meetings in one of our sister's rooms in the seminary, which reminds us of the old times, when we were just as happy, perhaps, though not quite so fortunate as to possess a hall.

The largest class ever leaving Knox graduated last commencement, taking with them three Pi Beta Phi girls—one, our president, Francis Vinyard; another, the contributor of many of our Arrow letters, May Phimister; and another,

Mabel Corbin, whom we will greatly miss this year at our regular meetings and at coming initiations. She held the office well known to all our Pi Beta Phi sisters, that of censor.

If we had space we would tell you of the grand meetings we had last spring, and we hope they will not be the last. They were of a literary character, though from the great sincerity with which everything was given we all felt that it was the work of the heart rather than the head. Our idea was suggested by articles in the Symposium, and we have wondered if the other chapters have received as much good from it as we have.

As yet we have had no initiations, but we have one member pledged whom we hope to introduce to you in our next letter, and the indications now are that she will not be the only one.

It takes a Pi Beta Phi girl to keep a secret, and sometimes even her own sisters are not "in it." Since our last letter Amy Sturtevant suddenly announced to us her coming marriage with Dr. Hobart, of Chicago. It was a delightful surprise to us all, you may be sure. The wedding took place in June, after which Dr. and Mrs. Hobart spent three months traveling in Europe. Mrs. Hobart is now spending a week in Galesburg before she goes to take charge of her new home in Chicago.

During commencement week a more jubilant set of girls would have been hard to find than the Pi Betas. In the first place, four out of the eight girls who received appointments on the declamation contest were Pi Beta Phis — May Phimister, Margaret Tait, Elizabeth Boggs, and Grace Lass. And better still, both prizes, the first of \$20.00 and the second of \$10.00, in books, were taken by the fraternity girls. Grace Lass received first prize, and Elizabeth Boggs second. We all know what happens when "Greek meets Greek," but this was a forcible illustration of what we all strive to obtain as a result when Greek meets "barb."

September 19th, Addie Raymond will give a large afternoon reception in honor of Mrs. Amy Sturtevant-Hobart. Four of Addie's sisters in Pi Beta Phi will assist her in the reception of guests.

We feel quite proud to announce to all Pi Beta Phis what honor Violet Phelps is bringing not only to her sisters in the Delta Chapter, but to all Pi Beta Phis. This week she joins one of the leading concert companies, who have a two week's engagement in Chicago, and will then start on a tour of the United States, visiting all the larger cities. Our Violet has great talent in violin, and in elocution she has been a favorite wherever she has spoken. We hope that many of our girls will have a chance to see and hear her. We are sure that Violet has a brilliant future to look forward to.

With love to all.

Knox College, September 18th, 1891.

IOWA THETA.

Once again, after the pleasant summer interval, Iowa Theta sends greetings through the familiar medium to all sister Pi Phis. Almost before we had realized its beginning, our vacation has slipped away from us, and already we have begun to regard as a thing of the past the long-expected resting weeks. Our summer meetings have been interesting and profitable, in spite of the absence of many of our members.

Since our last words to you we have had the pleasure of using our beautiful initiation service, and have heartily welcomed six new sisters. Permit us to introduce to you Sisters Harriet Holt, Lina Metz, Carita Hedrick, Lizzie Burns, Nola Hawkins, and Hattie Nosler.

Two weeks ago we met and held our usual semi-annual election of officers, and planned a little for our winter's work. For the past month we have been very busy. Ottumwa's Coal Palace is again open, and the Pi Phis have their old booth. Last year it was a cupid's bower, all dainty coloring and sweet suggestions. This year our cupid's bower is transformed into a gorgeous Japanese booth, which is pronounced a general success.

Last Monday evening we had a gay spread in honor of Sister Lizzie Flagler, who is visiting her home, the Coal Palace, and us for a few weeks.

We have sustained a great loss in the person of Hattie Parrett, who has decided not to return to Ottumwa this winter, but to remain at her home for a year's rest. Miss Parrett has been a faithful and much valued worker for Theta Chapter, and we will hardly know how to manage without her.

Later, when our programme for the winter is decided upon, we will let you know what we are doing.

In the meantime we have only good wishes for all Pi Phis, and hope to hear of good work being done wherever they may have a habitation.

Ottumwa, Iowa, September 21st, 1891.

IOWA IOTA.

It has been some time since Iowa Iota has sounded its trumpet in your columns. In the meantime much of interest has occurred.

We have sent many away, losing five in only the last fortnight. Mrs. S. T. McFarland, wife of the president of the university, who resigned from his position as president to enter again into pastoral duties, goes with him to Jacksonville, Illinois, their new field of labor. Lillian and Ollie Saunders accompany their parents to Wichita, Kansas, and will enter school there. Lena Bereman removes to Aurora, Illinois, and Lillie Elliott to Chicago.

Cora Dill, one of our members in whose progress we are greatly interested, and who spent last year in the study of mathematics at Columbian University, Washington, D. C., gained honorable mention and the prize of a gold medal at the final examination in June. We are proud of her.

A June wedding, occurring too late for The Arrow, was that of our sister Flora Housel to Dr. W. C. McDowell. The ceremony was solemnized in the First Presbyterian church, which our girls decorated most lavishly. The groom being an honored Beta, the two societies were represented in the ushers and bride's attendants. A long festoon of ribbons of wine and blue and pink and blue set apart the seats reserved for the two societies and the relatives. Altogether it was a very pretty wedding. A reception was afterwards held at the residence of the groom's parents. Dr. and Mrs. McDowell are now making their home in Springfield, Missouri, and should

any Pi Phi stray that way a warm welcome is assured them from Mrs. McDowell, whom we will oftener think of as Flo Housel.

We are glad to welcome back sister Anna Wallbank, who, with part of the family, spent the summer in England visiting relatives.

Minnie Newby, of Chicago, is about to return after a short visit of two weeks with her grandmother.

Nellie Wallbank is this year one of the esteemed teachers in the Cedar Falls State Normal school.

Mrs. Rena Reynolds-Howard, of Seattle, Washington, is visiting at home, her first visit since leaving us a bride two years ago. She is receiving a most hearty welcome.

Mattie Stearns is at home, after spending the summer in Chicago taking special elocution lessons of Walter Lyman. Mattie graduated in elocution at the conservatory of our Iowa Wesleyan University last June, but still was not satisfied, so worked all summer.

Laura Crane is trying her hand at wielding the rod in the schools of Ainsworth, Iowa. We all miss "Lollie."

We have had twelve initiates since I last wrote you. I hope to send you a complete list of their names by my next letter.

Lottie Howe left us this fall for a position in the schools of Greystone, Colorado. May success attend her.

College is opening with more students than for any fall term for many years.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, September 17th 1891.

IOWA EPSILON.

Once more we take up the pen after a long and very pleasant vacation. Yet we are not just as we were when the summer began; many of our girls having cast their lots in other places, some to remain, while others will return to us at the close of a year's work.

Commencement week passed pleasantly, as usual. We had one graduate, Miss May Allender, of whom we were justly proud.

So many of our girls being absent during the summer, we have held only a few meetings, which were very informal.

We met for business again in September, and, after electing our officers for the next term, arranged what we hope will be an interesting programme, to be given at the home of Miss Etta Spencer at our next meeting.

We send greetings to all Pi Phis, and wish for each sister chapter success in all things during the coming year.

Bloomfield, Iowa, September 29th, 1891.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA.

The prospects of Pi Beta Phi in the S. U. I. are more flattering than for years, due to the fact that we were well acquainted with several freshmen girls before hand, and so were not obliged to delay issuing invitations. And again, Zeta is reinforced by the return of Nellie Peery, '90, to the Law School, and Julia Rogers, '92, and Jessie Speer, '93, to the collegiate department. Zeta also rejoices in the presence of Mary Ely, who is spending the fall at home; Kappa, in the return of May Booth, who graduated at Smith last June, and is at home for a while.

The second Friday evening of the term saw the initiation of Zu Kastomlatsky and Hattie Speer, which was celebrated at the home of Ella and Annie Ham. Very pretty and impressive was the ceremony, and very jolly the spread which followed it.

The second and crowning event occurred last Friday evening (October 2d), when Ida Hadlock and Jessie Remley were ushered in with the additional pomp and ceremony of a mock initiation. Mrs. Emma Hadlock, Dr. Elizabeth Hess, and Mrs. Hattie Williams-Myers graced the occasion by their presence and hearty participation.

A few days before we enjoyed a pleasant, but very brief, visit from Bessie Peery, M. D., en route for Chicago, where she is now practicing in the new Homecepathic hospital.

Three of our girls were married during the summer: Cora Ross to Mr. Charles Clarke, of Langdon, North Dakota; Eva Elliott to Mr. Albert Mahler, of Grafton, North Dakota; and Mrs. Hattie Robinson to Mr. C. H. Dayton, of Salt Lake City. All were enthusiastic Pi Phis during their university course, and leave a big gap in our circle.

On Sunday morning, October 4th, a fire broke out in the Delta Tau Delta halls, and before it could be extinguished the floors of the billiard-room and library were badly burned, and some draperies and other furniture almost ruined. As the rooms were not heated yet, the orgin of the fire is probably traceable to the inconspicuous, but industrious, cigar-stump. Pi Beta Phi extends friendly condolence and admonition, and is glad to hear that the loss is not great.

Our two graduates of last June are very well situated, and write us that they are well and happy. Carolyn Kimball teaches in the Newton high school. Zoe Williams is Professor of Modern Languages in Oskaloosa college.

With the utmost sadness we record the sudden death of Jessie Johnston's mother, which called her home on October 4th. Nothing can lighten the burden of such a grief, but our sympathies and thoughts are all with Jessie in this hour of trial.

Iowa Zeta aud Kappa; Iowa City, October 6th; 1891.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

After three months of rest and quiet, the University of Minnesota is entering upon its many activities with renewed vigor. This fall will see the foundation laid for the new building for the College of Medicine and Dentistry. The university also commences this year, in connection with the agricultural school, the novel introduction of a dairy school. Truly the university is a place where all the arts are held by a common bond.

The college paper, which formerly appeared monthly, now comes weekly. It seems improved by the change, and we are glad to have so bright a paper come so often.

Minnesota Alpha gave a reception to new students on Monday, September 14th, at the home of Miss Esther Friedlander, from 3 o'clock to 5 in the afternoon. Light refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

Minneapolis, Minn., September 19th, 1891.

KANSAS ALPHA.

September finds us once more at our books, and we are much gratified to find that most of our girls are back again.

Grace Brewster will spend the year traveling, part of the time in Japan and the remainder in Europe. She will return next fall to complete her course at the university.

Edith Grubb and Clara Wheeler are visiting in the east, but expect to be in school again next term.

Nannie Pugh, one of our graduates of last year, will attend the Harvard annex this year.

Of course we have done no rushing as yet, owing to the existence of the inter-fraternity pledge, the time of which has been changed to two months instead of three. We like this much better in all respects.

Last Saturday we held a jolly reunion and spread at Cinda Smith's, which is on a quiet street, and we could make as much noise as we pleased. Twenty-six girls were present.

We shall follow the same line of work in our meetings as we did last year — a review of the most important magazines, with an occasional lecture.

We intend, according to Miss Turner's suggestion, to keep our alumnæ informed of what the fraternity is doing, and as we have so many shall probably make one letter do for several. We had Miss Turner's letter copied, so that we might have it for future reference.

We were much pleased with the result of the Pan-hellenic convention, and with the prominent place held by Pi Beta Phi. Lawrence, Kas., September 21st, 1891.

NEBRASKA ALPHA.

Warm weather has not abated in the least the vigor of our chapter, and although many of our number have been away during the heated term, the remaining ones report meetings more full of interest than ever before. Never has our interest in our dear sorosis been stronger than at the present time.

We are already agitating the question of another fair or bazaar to be given just before Christmas, to help with the purchase of new books for our library. We were so successful last year, clearing over a hundred dollars, that we will enter into this enterprise with the courage that only success and experience can give.

We are also talking of moving the library into a suite of rooms and fitting them up for club rooms, arranging them cosily and in just the fashion to delight a society of girls. Already the girls are talking of the long winter evenings, when we can meet there together and have some good book to discuss. while part of the girls pop corn or make candy, etc.

We hope to have the names of some new initiates to communicate in our next letter.

Mrs. Blanche Burns-English's present place of residence is Oakland, California.

This week we expect visits from old Pi Phis, Anna Reavis-Gist and Jennie McCaw-Macy. They were old-timers. Mrs. Gist's initiation was the occasion for our first spread. We think we will have to give them even a better one, by way of recalling ourselves to their memory.

Mrs. Gist graduated at the Illinois Female College, at Jacksonville, in the classical course and in music. She came to our college to take the position of instructor of instrumental music, and became an I. C. at that time. Her home is in Falls City, Nebraska.

Mrs. Macy was one of our early initiates. She left us to attend the Chicago Conservatory, where she took up the study of vocal music. She taught voice culture in Bartley University for a short time. She married Charles T. Macy, one of our old students, and now resides in Denver. We are glad to again be able to give them a sister's greeting, and hope to make them understand that a loyal I. C. is a full fledged Pi Phi.

Mrs. L. J. Vance-Phillips has removed from Grand Island to Kearney, Nebraska. She has not ceased since her marriage and introduction to home cares to strive after the higher culture. At the last meeting of the Western Association of Arts, at Omaha, she was awarded the gold medal for china painting.

Lou Blackburn, who enjoys the distinction of being our shortest member, is teaching the "big Injun" idea how to shoot at the Indian school at Genoa. It makes us smile to think of it. Minnie Freeman has changed her illustrious name for a "Penny," and now resides at Lexington, Nebraska, where her husband is a prosperous merchant.

Mary Greer is sojourning for a year at Oxford, England, while her husband pursues his studies there preparing for his life-work as a missionary to India.

Mabel Sheldon, one of our brightest girls, is lying low with consumption.

Anna Harrison returned from California improved in health. She will leave for the south in October.

York, Neb.

IOWA GAMMA.

On returning from our short vacation four weeks ago, we found here a new home — I say new home, because there have been so many improvements made. Among them is Morrill Hall, containing chapel, library, museum, zoological rooms, and gymnasium, which adds greatly to the appearance of the campus, as well as to the comfort and benefit of the students. A new motor line has recently been finished, thus making closer connection with the restaurant and with the meeting-place of the Betas.

Our chapter numbers eleven loyal members, who are all hoping for a prosperous term.

So far this term we have had no picnics or banquets, but at the close of last term we had a magnificent banquet given us, as usual, by the Delta Tau Deltas. There were a great many of our old girls with us at that time, and it was a source of encouragement to us; an incentive to do better work — the thoughts that they are as deeply interested as ever in Pi Beta Phi.

Ames, Iowa.

PERSONALS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Retta Kempton is assistant in elocution and gymnasium at the college this year.

Josephine Graham, '91, is at Berlin, Germany, for ten month's study in music and German.

Kittle Closson has returned to make a specialty of elocution.

Julia Walter is teaching the grammar grade of the Middlebury, Indiana, city schools.

Carrie Osgood, '89, is instructor of music in the Hillsdale city schools. We are glad to have her with us again.

Edith MacDougal teaches in the Cambria schools.

·Louella Treat spent several weeks at Bay View, Michigan, this summer attending the Y. W. C. A. Bible Training school.

Nellie Squire has again returned to California. We are glad to learn her health is much improved.

Josephine Graham, '91, and Adah Browne, '91, visited Kate King, '92, during vacation.

Maynie Randell, '90, has gone to her new home in Denver. Colorado Beta will find in her an enthusiastic Pi Phi. Her street address can be obtained from B. F. Randell, 10 Jacobson's block.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Nellie Bunn spent a few days this summer with Anna Ross at Camp Point.

Lillian Wiswell, '90, has again taken up her position as school mistress.

Jennie Grubb, '91, has been called to teach in Peaster College, Peaster. Texas.

Alvia Myers spent the summer with her sister at Barry.

Mae Bradford visited a month with Kit Nellis and Anna Stow at Girard, Pennsylvania. She was present at the wedding ceremony of Kit Nellis.

Anna Ross, '90, and Ella Grubb, '87, are again teaching in the Camp Point school.

Lizzie Wigle, '90, studied during the summer term at Columbia School of Oratory, Chicago. She will again take her position as teacher of elocution at Abingdon Normal.

Lizzie Durston, '90, has charge of the primary department of the New Windsor school.

Grace Harsh writes that her brother's health is slowly improving. We hope that she may soon return to her work.

Della Rogers, '91, spent the summer at her home near Galesburg. Ada Quaintance visited relatives in Creston, Iowa, this summer.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Cora Thompson, '93, will teach music at her home in Bradford, Illinois, this year.

Emily Brooks, '89, will spend the winter in the south.

Mary Griswold, '89, soon leaves for the east, where she will study for the degree of M. D.

Blanche Smith is preparing to spend the next six months with her parents at their winter home in Florida.

Mabel Corbin, '91, has accepted the position of assistant principal in the Savannah public schools.

IOWA THETA.

Adine Edgerly has taken an extensive eastern trip this summer, and we do not expect her back before October.

Lizzie Flagler is with us for a few weeks.

Hattie Parrett will not be in Ottumwa this year.

The home of Mrs. Emma Merrill has been brightened by the arrival of a little daughter.

IOWA EPSILON.

Mrs. Lillian Plank-Faeth and daughter Elva, of St. Joseph, Missouri, visited parents and friends during July, on her way to Manitou, Colorado, and other western points.

The home of our sister, Mrs. L. L. Pitman, has been brightened by the arrival of a son.

Elva Plank has returned from a month's visit at St. Joseph and Kirksville, Missouri.

Angie McGowen spent two months in Kansas this summer.

June Brewster has accepted a position as short-hand reporter and stenographer at Pueblo, Colorado.

Olive Saunders is taking the kindergarten course at Highland Park . college, Des Moines.

Grand Secretary Mrs. Sude Weaver-Evans brought her little daughter Alice to visit the sisters in July.

Etta Spencer has returned from the summer in Kansas, and entered school here for the year.

Martha Greenleaf visited in Rock Rapids and Des Moines this summer.

Ruby Foote has accepted a position in the city schools of Centerville.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Effie Scott took the place of her brother this summer as editor of the Ioba Register.

Gertrude Crotty visited during the summer in Kentucky and Illinois.

Lyle Hynes is making her Pi Phi sisters a visit on her way home to California from Canada.

Josephine Berry is back again after a year's absence.

May Stephens will be in St. Louis this winter.

MARRIAGES.

IOWA ZETA.

ELLIOTT — MAHLER.— At Iowa City, Iowa, September 2d, 1891, Eva M. Elliott to Albert G. Mahler.

At home at Grafton, North Dakota.

IOWA KAPPA.

ROBINSON — DAYTON.— At Iowa City, Iowa, June 24th, 1891, Mrs. Harriet C. Robinson to Charles H. Dayton.

At home at Salt Lake City, Utah.

ROSS—CLARKE.— At Iowa City, Iowa, June 16th, 1891, Cora Ross to Charles W. Clarke.

At home at Langdon, North Dakota.

INDIANA ALPHA.

POLK — DUNGAN. — At Greenwood, Indiana, June 15th, 1891, Pearl Polk to Samuel O. Dungan.

At home at Detroit, Michigan.

TANNER — DUE. — At Greensburg, Indiana, July 22d, 1891, Sophia C. Tanner to James Virgil Due.

At home at Providence, Indiana.

ELLIS — MONROE. — At Franklin, Indiana, August 26th, 1891, Mary Emma Ellis to Paul Monroe.

At home at Martinsville, Indiana.

ILLINOIS BETA.

NELLIS—RODGERS.—At Girard, Pennsylvania, July 22d, 1891, Katherine Mae Nellis to C. Frederick Rodgers.

IN MEMORIAM.

ILLINOIS BETA.

DIED.—On September 11th, 1891, at Banning, California, Izah T. Parker.

WHEREAS, God, in His infinite love and wisdom, has called our beloved sister in Pi Beta Phi, Izah T. Parker, to a life of higher privileges and nobler opportunities; therefore be it

Resolved. That by her death our sorosis has lost a loyal and loving member, and that we extend to her sorrowing father and brother our deepest sympathy.

ILLINOIS BETA, PI BETA PHI.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Grace Harsh, of Illinois Beta, Creston, Iowa, has been appointed Province President of Beta Province, vice Miss Wigle, resigned.

Milla Crotty, of Kansas Alpha, Lawrence, Kas., has been appointed Province President of Delta Province, vice Mrs. Ballantyne, resigned.

LITERARY BURDAU CIRCULAR.

In order to test the practicability of our Literary Bureau, and to prepare us for intelligent discussion and legislation concerning the matter at the next convention, it has seemed advisable to prepare a schedule of work for this year.

All communications relative to the Literary Bureau work should be addressed to Lillie A. Haselton, 1215 Ninth street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The subject topics will bear on woman's work. It is believed our fraternity as such needs to be more thoroughly identified with all progressive work for women.

The use of these programmes is at the discretion of the chapters; however, it is believed to be desirable that the entire active membership be thinking along the same lines at the same time.

The first programme to be sent the chapters is a paper prepared by the Grand President (designed for final use in the hand-book). It is of special interest to the fraternity with the convention so near at hand. A thorough discussion of the paper in chapter meeting, supplemented by individual reading, is requested by the Grand President.

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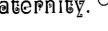
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