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The Work of a Pi Phi.

THOSE of I. C. days will remember Mrs. Gaynor as Jessie L. Smith, the leader of the university choir in Iowa City. They will remember, too, her work outside of college as a teacher of music and director of a piano quartette.

Mrs. Gaynor's professional career, however, commenced some twelve years since when she settled in St. Joseph, Missouri. Here she organized the first musical club, which now has forty members, and composed her first work, "An Album of Songs," consisting of "Night Hath a Thousand Eyes," "If I Were a Bee," "And I," "Lullaby," "Cradle Song," and "Sleep Song."

Like most young writers Mrs. Gaynor had a trying experience in submitting her first composition to a publisher. Accompanied by a prominent business man she went to the office of Summy the Chicago publisher, to sing a few of her songs. Summy hesitated and asked if she could sell one hundred copies at one dollar each. Visions of friends martyred in her cause rose before the young composer's eyes, when her business friend came to the rescue. "All that Mrs. Gaynor doesn't sell the ——— Piano Company will take."

Said Summy: "A woman of such staunch friends must have merit."

After the book had been published a few months he wrote, "Never mind your one hundred copies; your book is a success."

Thus encouraged in her first attempt Mrs. Gaynor went to Chicago for a year of study. During this time she wrote the "Album of Rose Songs," so named for her little daughter Rose.

Continued success led to her remaining permanently in Chicago. It was here she met Mrs. Alice D. Riley, who now writes the words to Mrs. Gaynor's music.

Their first work together was the child song "Jerushy." This was soon followed by a book of "Kindergarten Songs," which are now used in Chicago and other schools of the west. The demand for this style of composition was such that Mrs. Gaynor has been literally thrown into the field of children's songs. The "Play-time Songs" were next published, the most popular of which are "Gingerbread Man," "Jap Doll" and "Slumber Boat."

In 1900 "The House that Jack Built" appeared. This is a charming little opera by Mrs. Gaynor, with a definite plot worked out from Mother Goose melodies by Mrs. Riley. "Mother Goose" is the central figure, and with her son "Jack" lives in "The House that Jack Built." Mother Goose intends giving a party in honor of Jack's birthday. While Jack goes off to deliver the invitations she starts "To Market" for the necessary refreshments. The "Blackbirds" discover meanwhile that they have not been invited to the party, and, led on by the "Knave of Hearts," steal the keys of the house in which the "Humpty Dumpties" (eggs) are locked.

In due time the guests make their appearance. They are "Bo-peep," "Crooked Man," "Jack Spratt," "Little Miss Muffet," "Boy Blue" and other familiar personages. Later "King Cole" with the "Queen of Hearts" and their train are ushered in to the music of the pompous "King Cole March." Mother Goose bemoans the loss of her eggs and the guests, fearing the Queen of Hearts cannot make her tarts without the Humpty Dumpties, set to work to capture the thieves. The "Blackbirds" are sentenced to be "baked in a pie" and the Knave of Hearts is banished. The guests then enter joyfully into the spirit of the merry-making.

Such in brief outline is Mrs. Gaynor's operetta, but one must see for himself the clumsy Humpty Dumpties rolling hither and thither, the stiff-tailed Blackbirds stalking about, and the lordly King Cole in all his majesty to appreciate fully the various musical touches.

During the winter of 1900 the operetta had a run of eight performances with such success that it is now in the hands of a professional manager.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gaynor carried on her regular work of teaching and lecturing in Chicago, being associated successively with Mrs. Starrett's School for Girls, Mrs. Regina Watson's Piano School, the Chicago Conservatory of Music in connection with Leopold Godowsky, the Vocal Department of the Training School of Chicago, and the Free Kindergarten Association.

As a teacher Mrs. Gaynor has a method of her own. "Music," she says, "should be a means of expression. Since children demand expression of all the emotions they must learn to formulate their musical thoughts as well as those of speech. Therefore, a child must learn to sing as he learns to talk. Moreover, he must be able not only to read the musical thoughts of others but to write his own, just as he learns to write his mother tongue. My pupils compose exercises to practice just as they construct grammatical sentences to parse. Thus they learn not only to perceive their own defects but, by comparison, to appreciate the true worth of the masters."

To express it theoretically: "The material of which music is made is the diatonic scale which expresses exact tone relationship. To discern exactly the relationship of one tone to another is to have an educated musical ear. To develop the hearing ear into absolute accuracy of discernment is the first duty of every teacher of music."

CATHERINE SOUTHER, *Massachusetts Alpha.*

The Cookie Shine.

THIS characteristic feature of the fraternity had its origin in the Kansas Alpha chapter, back in the days when Chancellor Frazier was the Robin Good Fellow of each and every student of the state University. "Cookie-shine" was his own individual name for any kind of an informal social company brought together

by accident or design. Whether the term has a more orthodox etymological ancestry than the unique inventive inspiration of its worthy patron or not, the present writer is unable to say; but, be that as it may, the term itself and the occasion for which it stands has become so inseparable a part of the social side of our fraternity that even though it may not be able to point back with pride to a grandfather of eminent classic or Saxon lineage it will always be held in unquestioned and loving regard by all of us.

On one occasion, back in the seventies, when the Kansas Alpha girls gathered at the home of one of their members for an evening's enjoyment, the good chancellor chanced to be present. And when, according to their wont, the girls began to lay their "spread" of good things known only to college girls, the chancellor, according to his wont, dubbed the feast a "cookie-shine." The word so pleased the girls that they immediately adopted it for their own, and from that time on it became in Kansas Alpha sacred to the use of the Pi Phi girls. So strong has the fraternity's right to it become that a year or so ago, when another fraternity at Kansas university applied it to a social gathering of its own, the Pi Phis offered so hearty a protest that their exclusive claim to the term has since been unquestioned.

From Kansas the name spread gradually to the other chapters, until at the Boston convention in '95 there were but few chapters unacquainted with the name and the "spread" to which it is given. And the memorable Boston cookie-shine revealed its mysteries to those still uninitiated.

Though in general the cookie-shine is the same, whether partaken of in California or Massachusetts, there are many local differences. Perhaps it would be best to show our first consideration to age, and describe a cookie-shine as it is at the place of its birth. We will describe first the most formal variety of the shine. Let us say that Kansas Alpha has won a most signal victory in her rush line, wherefore the initiation ceremonies must be made an event of the year in the Pi Phi ranks. The whole chapter, with as many of the alumnae as possible, are to gather on the appointed evening at a certain Pi Phi home. The entire evening, with its initiation ceremony, the supper and the following program,

whether composed of music, dancing, card games or other diversions incident to the tastes and abilities of those present, is spoken of as the cookie-shine. But at a formal cookie-shine it is the supper itself which has perhaps received the greatest amount of attention from the greatest number of hands. The menu has been carefully selected by a committee especially appointed for the purpose, and each Pi Phi to be present has agreed to furnish certain specified articles. As a result of all this preparation, when the initiate has taken her last promise and is led to the dining room by her new sisters, she sees spread upon a long tablecloth on the floor everything from hot biscuits, veal loaf and chicken, through a long line of scattered chips, olives, pickles, nuts, fruits and cookies, to the more conventionally served ice and coffee.

But after the new sister has been in the chapter for a time, she is sure to learn that all cookie-shines are not the result of so elaborate and painstaking a culinary skill. It may happen that on some Thursday one of the girls will suggest a "cookie-shine for tomorrow night." There is only time to pass the word around the chapter, and to secure a meeting place. Accordingly everyone is to select her own donation for the supper, with the single injunction that nothing must be brought which will call for napkins or plates, knives, forks or spoons for the serving of it. Everybody comes bearing a brown paper parcel or a small basket, which is hurried out into the kitchen with its fellows. Until about ten the jolly crowd amuse one another with the college news of the week, or possibly with some new device of entertainment that may occur to one of their number. Supper on this occasion is sure to be a source of considerable amusement. At informal cookie-shines the traditional cookie is often not represented at all. Sandwiches and potato chips are often in the large majority and a single half dozen oranges, with a lone half dozen bananas, may be seen trying to do duty for the fruit contingent in a straggling line from one end of the cloth to the other. But this makes the merriment all the greater when the contest to secure the oranges or bananas begins. Many are the cookie-shines that have been ungraced by a single slice of cake; and (let it be spoken in a whisper) even in a

co-ed institution there has been recorded a cookie-shine at which there was neither olive nor pickle!

But however meagre the variety of the supper may be, the matter of quantity is seldom one to necessitate a drain on the larder of the hostess, so that the most informal "shine" may be as memorable as its more pretentious counterpart. And what does an elaborate variety count for, after all? For the most varied menu can cause no more insistent post-sleep demonstration and blood-curdling dreams than can a sample of seven different kinds of sandwiches eaten with a relish of assorted pickles.

In fine weather the cookie-shine supper is often spread on the grass, and very picturesque it is, too, to see the girls, gay with summer ruffles and ribbons curled in the fitful breezes, gathered in groups against a background of green around the white cloth.

Very often some special feature of entertainment will be prepared for the cookie-shine. These are usually conceived and executed by a few of the girls without the knowledge of the others, so that there is always a greater or less air of expectancy about the assembled company, which imagines some new treat in store for itself each time. Farces, either wholly original or adapted to the chapter's use, are a very popular feature of the programs. Impersonations of ridiculous characters, another. In the presentation of these features much skill is often manifested that before was unknown or underestimated so that these chance occasions not seldom prove to be of more than a transitory interest.

LUCINDA SMITH BUCHAN.

Social Responsibility of a Fraternity.

ONE of the most serious questions which confronts the fraternity is as to what social duties it may undertake without going too far out of its sphere as a college society.

Since the opening of the university in the fall there seems to have been quite a fever among the girls' fraternities at Wiscon-

sin for holding large receptions. The invitations are quite general, including students, faculty and often townspeople. This has led to no little discussion as to the advisability and propriety of our undertaking these rather extensive social responsibilities.

A great many persons, while complimenting the girls highly upon the success of their receptions and the evident good will in giving them, argue that the fraternity girls are taking upon themselves duties which in their position as college students do not belong to them. The fact that a number of young girls who are in the university, manifestly for the object of obtaining a college education, can assume the responsibility of a large reception which few women of much social experience would care to undertake, seems to some an absurdity.

At first sight these arguments seem strong, yet I believe that a misunderstanding arises from the fact that these persons do not realize that what to one woman of great ability might be an arduous task, to twenty-five girls full of impulse and energy may seem actual play.

With two or three loyal alumnae to take charge of things the giving of a reception, elaborate though it may be, is not a burden to the girls. Perhaps it is the fact that we are college girls that accounts for our not feeling the responsibility of such an undertaking. We prepare for a reception with as little worry and as much delight as we would prepare for a "cookie-shine," and surely no one can object to a college "cookie-shine."

As to the expense, we again find that the burden when divided among so many is not great, and with a comparatively small tax on every member a delightful reception may be given.

In bringing all classes in the college together, these receptions are of inconceivable benefit, and it is not so much the means as the end which interests the girls as a whole. We do not give the receptions with a view to paying off our social obligations, but in order to become acquainted with as many as possible of our fellow students and the faculty and to let them know us.

To us these social evenings have been a pleasure and not a burden. If the responsibility was great we were blissfully unconscious of it all. The fraternity is to a great extent a social organ-

ization, and any social duties which it may assume without making them a burden to the girls, must be entirely within the sphere of the organization. And after all what is a college education? First of all, to be sure it is a "book" education. Yet is that all? We all know too well the college "grind;" that self-centered individual, a bore to the world as a whole. He is surely getting an education; he assumes no social responsibilities—and is altogether disagreeable.

As college girls, as fraternity girls, we offer our plea. Let us have our social life, together with our intellectual life, and we can make the world and ourselves happier and better.

Wisconsin Alpha.

Fraternity Privacy.

THE fraternity, as an organization, has always had to fight against the stigma attached to it through its designation, a "secret society." The idea is implanted in the minds of many that there must necessarily be something in such organizations that cannot bear the light. We smile at such an absurdity.

The mention of the word "fraternity" brings to us other thoughts—of friendship, of sympathy and of happy hours spent together. In our minds the secrets of the fraternity occupy a subordinate place. These secrets, although less important than the higher bonds, are an integral part of our organization, and should be jealously guarded.

It is this bond of secrecy which unites the girls of the east to their sisters along the Pacific.

Surely there is little need of warning against making known these deeper secrets, which we have solemnly vowed never to divulge. It is against the unintentional, thoughtless repetition of matters belonging to our chapter life that we must guard most carefully.

We consider it dishonorable to tell the confidences of a friend.

The secrets of our chapter are **not ours** to tell. They belong to every girl in the chapter. By repeating them without the consent of the chapter we wrong each member of it.

Besides this, we lose dignity and respect in the estimation of those to whom we tell such things. Is the girl whom we are rushing likely to choose for her nearest and most confidential friends girls whom she finds to be disloyal to each other and their chapter?

Those outside the fraternity too frequently have just cause for their scornful remarks, because we do not refrain from gossiping about our hopes and fears, our achievements or failures. We have a feeling of compassion for a girl who is so lacking in good taste as to talk unguardedly of family affairs. Let us see that the family life of our chapter is held sacred; that it is kept free from the criticism of outsiders, and that there is maintained that dignity and sympathetic helpfulness of the chapter which alone justify its existence.

S. M. B., *Pennsylvania Beta.*

Our Attitude Toward Other Fraternities.

IN our zeal for the welfare of our fraternity, particularly for our own chapter, we are apt to become narrow-minded and forget the regard which we should have for every college society. We forget that every fraternity has its ideals which it strives to live up to; we forget that every fraternity has its trials and disappointments; we forget that it is wrong to judge a chapter by any one of its members, and most of all we forget that a fraternity's spirit and ideals cannot always be judged by our chapter. Have we the right to criticise a fraternity as a whole when we have only one chapter in mind? In our fraternity have we not chapters that are weaker than others? How mercilessly we pass judgment on others, never stopping to consider what they may think of us.

If some particularly desirable freshman on whom we had counted as making one of our sisters, prefers our rivals to ourselves, let us not be too hasty in accusing the other fraternity of unfair methods, or (in whispers be it said) the girl of having poor taste. Let us remember that the girl is quite as attractive to others as she is to us, and that others may be more attractive to her than we are. This is not our fault, or the girl's, nor is it the fault of the rival fraternity.

Rushing is at best dangerous work, and those who pass through the ordeal with perfect integrity and honor are indeed to be esteemed and congratulated. We know that Pi Phi has always maintained the highest principles in this respect, but because we are strong is it fair to find fault with others because they fail to come up to our standard? Perhaps we may fail to come up to theirs.

However that may be, let us at least show respectful consideration for the principles of others. A fraternity's standing in a college must depend largely upon its relations with the other Greek letter societies. Our attitude toward them should be one of cordiality and liberality. We should be quick to see and appreciate their good points, and slow to denounce their weak ones. While we, of course, have our own ideas and methods, our pride need suffer no humiliation if we occasionally profit by the examples of others. This is not a new thought, nor is it intended as such. Let it merely serve as a gentle reminder, "Lest we forget."

C. C., *Illinois Epsilon.*

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

In all the large universities which admit women it is not unusual for a girl to enter several years after she is virtually supposed to have "finished school." This is usually for the purpose of taking a special course in some branch of which she is particularly fond, or in which she has found herself deficient, or because her outside duties do not allow her time for a regular course.

*The Standard
of Age.*

Are such students desirable as members of one's fraternity? This is a question which is much discussed in our chapter because a separate art department brings within the college walls women in every way qualified to be Pi Beta Phi, but whose few years' seniority over the other members of the chapter seem to put a certain barrier between them and us.

Those opposed to the initiation of such students say: "Being older than we they cannot be interested in the things which interest us. We shall never be thrown with them except at meetings. We shall never have opportunities of forming with them the close friendships which are essential to the unity of a chapter."

This is one side of the question, but the other side reasons in a way equally convincing: "Expansion and not stagnation is absolutely necessary to the well-being of a chapter. It is better to have representatives of your fraternity in every department of your university than to confine it simply to those who would be thrown intimately together in the class-room, even if they did not wear the same pin. If a girl is qualified in every respect—character, possible congeniality, family,—to be a Pi Beta Phi, are we to let a few years more or less in her age debar her from membership in our sisterhood? It is not only of your own chapter that you must think, but consider how much credit this girl would do you out in the great world, and do not become prejudiced against her for so paltry a reason?"

Of course the individuality of the girl in question is often an important factor in determining whether she is "to be or not to be," but leaving out this consideration, Louisiana Alpha would like to hear the opinions of her sister chapters in this matter.

P. M. C., *Louisiana Alpha.*

Scholarship, all will concede, is a very fine accomplishment when honestly possessed, but Pi Beta Phi can hardly lay this down as a requirement for admission. If so who is to be the judge of that scholarship? Grades are more or less subject to the personal opinion of the faculty and are too often but the record of a fine memory and a submissive disposition. On the other hand, women who strive after scholarship are apt to overlook things more important to fraternity life, and thus their society is not agreeable.

The Scholarship Test.

Modern education pays more attention to the cultivation of the judgment than to scholarship, and this education is more often obtained in association with other students, in reading and in the observation of nature than in the class room. Pi Beta Phi ought to stand for education in its broadest sense. That education means good and reliable judgment and consistent moral action; means a knowledge of human nature and mental activity, enabling the individual to guide others, to be useful and contented, to further the cause of good citizenship, to become a good neighbor and a good home-maker. This is the true education, and is quite as often attained by the very ordinary girl as by her who gives special promise of scholarship.

These, then, should make up the great strong center of the fraternity, while among the especially apt on the one hand and the especially dull on the other, the careful work of selection should go on.

Congeniality, honor, sense,—these are the attributes that cause one really to care for a girl; that make us proud to see her don the wine and blue, and that make for the greatest ultimate success of Pi Beta Phi.

LUCY WEETHIE BRYSON, *Ohio Alpha.*

In thinking over the various chapter letters filled with the accounts of social and intellectual pursuits and ambitions which we

so greatly enjoy reading among ourselves, I have often wondered whether there is as much as there

should be of that personal touch, that sympathy

with the heart side of our girls in our fraternity world! In the great whirl of life, the looking after the surface element,

we all too frequently forget the nearer side. We have among us the girl who cares little for social activity. How often we

think of her as odd and eccentric. She, perhaps, has a little world all within herself to conquer, and she recognizes that the

development of her talents and her faculties must be from within. We who are strengthened and helped from sources without, from

the mingling with the great stream of life, must not forget our other sister. She has something for us,—a great, deep nature,

a heart full of intense feeling. She is yearning to be understood, to touch and to draw us into the ideal realm into which she has,

perhaps, happily been born; or through the help of the Great Mysterious Power created for herself. Let us seek her out, throw

the sunshine of our brighter natures about her deeper nature, and together walk hand in hand toward the beautiful realm of ideal

womanhood.

L. E. B., *Iowa Alpha.*

Would it not be well to have as part of our initiation rites the examination of each candidate in fraternity matters, so that our

girls may have a broad knowledge of the Greek world of which they are to form a part? The

examinations should include questions pertaining to the fraternity world in general and our fraternity in

particular. There should also be consideration given to its relation to the other fraternities, its own individual rules and

itself as the best and greatest of fraternities.

Illinois Beta.

One essential to the proper development and "smooth-running" of a fraternity chapter, is unity among the members. Nothing is more detrimental to the life and advancement of a chapter than the existence within it of "cliques."

*Unity Among
the Members.*

Naturally, every girl has one friend, closer and nearer to her than the rest, and naturally this one has a disposition and tastes congenial to her own. Even in a fraternity it is impossible to think and feel exactly the same towards all the members. But there should not be a division line so strongly drawn around each separate group that it is impossible for others to enter it. Every girl should feel perfectly free to approach every other girl without a feeling of hesitancy or doubt as to how she will be received.

In all general matters of fraternity interest individual preferences should be put aside and all should become, for the time, just members of the fraternity, with a common, unified spirit of interest in the welfare of the fraternity as a whole and of every girl as a separate individual.

MAUDE E. SCHAEFFER, *California Beta.*

All girls will agree that in living in a fraternity chapter house new responsibilities are laid upon them—responsibilities which cannot be shifted to others. Each girl should feel that she alone is maintaining the reputation of the house and that on this account she must be more careful about her conduct.

*To the Girl in
the Chapter
House.*

It is very easy for a number of girls together to entertain callers to a late hour without any thought as to the impropriety of doing so, a propriety which, nevertheless exists. Another danger to be guarded against is receiving a great number of young men on Sunday afternoons. Although the girls themselves may consider this very harmless, outsiders will look on with disapproval, and outsiders are prone to criticise dispassionately and

severely. If the girls were to give the matter serious thought they would no doubt see that it isn't quite the right thing to keep "open house" on Sunday.

Another thing to be careful about is the standard of scholarship maintained in a chapter house. The pleasure of spending the evenings together in the parlors chatting and singing college and fraternity songs, often tempts the girls to neglect their studies. These are temptations that have to be resisted, if chapter house life is to be the ideal life for the fraternity girl, as we all hope.

A committee representing the active members of the fraternities, alumni and faculty of the Syracuse university is contemplating a fixed pledge day for all the fraternities of that place.

How About a Pledge Day?

Has such a pledge day been satisfactory in any college where it has been tried? If so, for what time of the year was this day appointed?

New York Alpha.

It is often said, in fact nearly everyone agrees, that the rushing season is a time of great and intense strain. The thought that all our actions are watched, all our words are weighed, that a single unconscious slip may lose for the chapter a highly desirable girl, cannot but be appalling. And then the social whirl into which one is plunged at the beginning of the college year is surely injurious, both to the rushed and the rusher, when, as is so often the case, it excludes the possibility of hard study. Think, too, of the new girl, the desirable girl. Rushing frantically from one social function to another, small wonder if she grows confused and unhappy. How can she judge between rival fraternities when both have shown her only their social side, their best clothes, their society manners? Is it fair to the freshman to expect her to do so?

There is another side which she is entitled to see before making her choice—the everyday side. How do the Pi Phis con-

duct themselves in the class-room? What is their scholarship? How are they regarded by the non-fraternity students? These things must surely influence the new girl. But they cannot be seen in a week or two of mad rushing.

There is, too, another consideration. Can the fraternity distinguish with unerring judgment between the desirable and undesirable girls? May it not sometimes make a mistake? Can it tell in a few weeks just what girls have the Pi Phi spirit?

It is these considerations that last spring led Colorado Beta to propose and obtain at Denver University an inter-fraternity agreement whereby no girl may be invited to fraternity membership until she has been a college student for three months. These three months have been by no means free from care and anxiety and we do not see how they can be made so. The time has not yet come when the actual results may be seen. But we feel that for all concerned the first three months of the college year have been smoother, happier, and, we hope, more fruitful.

A. B., *Colorado Beta.*

To many a chapter comes a time in its history when all feel that the roll of its members is long enough, that a larger chapter would be a source of weakness rather than strength. When a chapter becomes very large there is often difficulty in its management, in many cases there are numerous small factions formed and the condition of perfect harmony, never quite attainable, becomes very remote.

But there are often several good girls, good fraternity material, that we feel would wear the golden arrow if an opportunity offered. The question always comes, "Can we afford to lose them to one of our rivals or shall we take them in?" We hate to give them up, but isn't it better for the chapter to lose one or two good girls than to allow its members to become a hindrance to the growth of fraternity spirit. After all the strength of a chapter does not lie in numbers but in the individual girls and in their

feeling of responsibility for the chapter life and vigor. And isn't this feeling hindered rather than helped by numbers?

Illinois Zeta.

It seems to me that the more jealously we guard our secrets, and the more we screen our fraternity affairs from the public, just so much more sacred does our fraternity become to us, and so much greater is the respect we receive from "outsiders," while the bond between us grows stronger. In this connection I was very glad to hear that the last convention had decided to forbid our giving away our fraternity monogram, excepting on stationery, to anyone not initiated. It is very wise to prevent any heedless or careless person from giving away our emblems, so that it might seem as if we were too free with them and did not regard them as sacred.

*Fraternity
Privacy.*

We should also be careful what we write for the "Arrow." While it is essentially for the girls of our own fraternity to read, yet every other fraternity girl may see it if she wishes, and it is certainly not secret. Several times I have seen things in the "Arrow" which did not add especially to the articles in which they were written, and were therefore really not necessary to express the writer's thoughts; while on account of their allusions to secret things or quotations from what the public is not supposed to know, I thought they might much better be left out.

Then I think a girl certainly ought not to tell of any little friction that may occur in the fraternity. Such things happen when some one is tired or a little out of sorts in the best regulated chapter, and among girls of the sweetest dispositions. They are understood and forgiven by those around them who love them, but strangers if told of such things very often do not understand and judge much more harshly.

It is in better taste, anyway, not to say too much of one's fraternity. As becomes an old and well-known institution, we should use more conservatism in talking of it, and more discretion in what we say of it.

E. W. T., Michigan Beta.

Are you fulfilling the duty which you owe to your chapter censors? When they are trying to prepare some entertainment in order that you may pass a pleasant evening and
Your Duty. ask you to take some part, do you sit back and say, "I'm so busy!" or, "Oh, I can't do that; ask somebody else?" Your poor censor's duties are not so easy after all.

At our last convention it was voted that each chapter should contribute an article to every issue of the Arrow for the department "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks." When your corresponding secretary asked you to write this article did you put on a pained expression and make excuses? Think of that long list of duties which your corresponding secretary has to attend to and see if you don't think it is *your* duty to help her when she asks you. "But," you say, "I couldn't write anything which would be accepted." Have you tried? Your duty is done when you have tried your very best, even if your article is not accepted. You may surprise yourself.

You can never realize, girls, how much Pi Beta Phi means to you until your sense of duty has led you to work, and work hard, for its good and its advancement.

Vermont Beta.

Many a time and oft have views of Pi Phidom, as set forth by various freshmen, appeared in the Arrow, but never have I seen any mention of a senior's view. Shall all we
A Senior's View. senior Pi Phis allow the undergraduates to think that we have no views or else that we are too busy or too indifferent to express them? Never!

Of course we are very busy, but I venture to say that not a freshman, not a sophomore, not a junior spends more time and thought upon the home chapter and the organization at large than these same busy seniors.

Standing at the end of her four years' life in the chapter, surely the senior, of all fraternity girls, can best realize how dear that life is. Don't you know how really sorry one is to finish a

piece of work which has been on hand for a long time? Then think how a girl must feel when she knows that in a few short months she must step aside from her active duties in the chapter and become simply an alumna.

Every chapter meeting leaves one less to be attended, every annual festivity is the last, every initiation may be the last, and in March is the last examination!

To be sure, a senior is exempt from the many little duties that a freshman must perform, but I think most of us would be perfectly willing to do them again if only we might be freshmen once more.

Truly a senior's backward look is as full of longing as a freshman's look forward would be. "Be to her virtues ever kind, and to her faults a little blind."

Michigan Alpha.

When we are among strangers what a comfort the little golden arrow is! Pi Phi and its standard is so well known that one of its members is always received with welcome wherever she goes. The pin tells a stranger in a much shorter time than our actions just what sort of persons we are.

Among Strangers.

When we are placed in the midst of strangers and do not know whom to trust or to choose for friends, it is such a pleasure to see the arrow unexpectedly displayed, for at once all doubt vanishes and it is like meeting an old friend. No question ever arises about the advisability of trusting such a person. The arrow is the best possible proof of similar tastes and that there will be many subjects of common interest between the two. Such an encounter is sure to make a more enthusiastic Pi Phi of one; it impresses upon you all that Pi Phi means, not your little corner of the world alone, but that wherever you go Pi Phi will make its influence on your life felt.

Nebraska Beta.

Alumnae Department.

The Chicago Reunion.

PI BETA PHIS in and around Chicago held an informal reunion and luncheon at Marshall Field's restaurant Friday noon, November 29. Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin were represented. The following is a list of those present:

From Chicago—Mabel Holbrook, Helen Heath, Laura O'Brien, Nellie O'Brien, Mildred Chadsey, Hedwig Mueller, Mary Lewis, Susan Lewis, Edith I. Prindle Miriam Prindle, Mary B. Harris, Mrs. G. M. Ricketts, Mrs. Margaret Hutton Abels and Mrs. C. Barrett.

From Evanston—Abbie F. Williams, Edith Thompson, Sadie Thompson, Corinne Cohn and Elberta Smith.

From Galesburg—Mary B. Crawford, Louise Seacord, Alice Candee Gale and Jessie B. Van Clute.

From Oak Park—Amy M. Young and Mrs. George W. Hayden.

From Clyde, Ill.—Maybelle E. Moore.

From Wilmette, Ill.—Lenore L. Negus.

From Lake Forest—Grace Robertson and Frances J. Cummings.

From Creston, Iowa—Marie E. Groves and Mrs. J. B. Sullivan.

From Ann Arbor, Mich.—Pearl Cummings and Eleanor Towar.

From Madison, Wis.—Iva A. Welsh.

The Detroit Circle.

The Detroit Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi was organized in the fall of 1901, with twelve members, and, as officers, a president, a secretary, and a treasurer were elected. Meetings are

held from eight to ten the last Friday night of each month. A short business session occupies the first half of every meeting and the remainder of the time is spent in a social way. Thus far, the meetings have been very successful, and promise much for Pi Beta Phis living in Detroit. The Secretary's address is 815 East Fort St., Detroit, Mich.

Indiana Alpha Alumnae

One evening not long ago the alumnae Pi Phis of Franklin, as a dramatic club, gave their first play, *The Princess Aline*. They had as guests their mothers and the active chapter of Pi Phis. The entertainment was in honor of Lucile Carr, our bride-to-be, and at the close of the performance the girls gave her a chafing dish set, "a cooking stove for two," as the "Princess" who made the presentation speech called it.

November twenty-sixth was a red letter day with us, for on that day we had two weddings in our number. In the morning Laura Lukens was married at her home in Roan, Indiana, to Claude Y. Andrews, a graduate of Franklin college and of the law department of Ann Arbor. Mr. and Mrs. Andrews will live in Peru, Ind.

The second wedding took place in the evening at the Baptist church of Franklin. Lucile Carr was married to Mr. Henry Clay Miller, pastor of the Baptist church at Elkhorn, Mich. The decorations of white and green were arranged by the Franklin Pi Phis. A chorus of twelve voices sang the bridal chorus of *Lohengrin*, while the wedding party took their places. Then followed the beautiful Episcopal service with the benediction sung by the chorus as an impressive ending to the service. We should not neglect to add that they were well introduced to their fellow travelers on the train bound for Chicago by a crowd of friends who accompanied them as far as the next town and bade them "God speed" amid showers of rice.

Personals.

NEW YORK ALPHA.

Estella Foote, '01, was married to William Harvie, '00, a member of the Phi Kappa Psi, at her home in Newark, October fourteenth.

Isabelle Moore, '02, has left the university for this year on account of illness.

Olive Reeve, ex-'00, was married to Rev. R. Alfred Waite, '01 of S. U., member of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, October the sixteenth.

Louise Winfield, '96, is spending this year in Jordan, N. Y., where she is the preceptress of the high school of that place.

Clara MacDonald, ex-'00, is studying in the Oswego normal school.

Charlotte Nearing, ex-'02, and Guy Chaffee were married October twenty-ninth. The ceremony took place in the First M. E. church of Syracuse.

Bertha Bennett, '99, is in the Library School at Albany, N. Y.

OHIO BETA.

Blanche Butler, '01, is teaching in the high school at Wellsville, Ohio.

Mary Baxter Porter, '97, was married to Mr. Ernest E. Misdine, of Tryon, N. C., October thirtieth.

Ruth U. Houseman, '97, was married on October twenty-fourth to Mr. Ralph Belknap of Painesville, Ohio.

Margaret Arnold, '04, visited in Columbus in the early part of December.

Dallas Lisle, '99, is spending the winter in Columbus.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Nellie Tompkins, '93, was recently elected one of the vice presidents of the State Federation of Woman's clubs.

Lora Townsend, '99, is teaching elocution in the Galesburg high school.

Mabel Flinn of La Grange, Ill., has been visiting in Galesburg.

Nellie Needham is in school again, and is an active member of Illinois Beta.

Alice C. Dunston, '92, of Cary's Point, Ill., is visiting in Galesburg.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

On the evening of the twenty-sixth of November Laura E. Busey, one of our charter members, was married to Mr. William Fulton, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. and Mrs. Fulton will make their home in Sycamore, Illinois.

Mrs. Harriet Hodge, '01, is now head librarian of the University of Cincinnati library. Minnie Bridgeman, of the same class, is with her as assistant.

Emeline Carter, '01, has accepted the position of head librarian of the Champaign public library.

Lena Stocking is studying kindergarten work in Chicago.

Opal Stipes is taking advanced work in music in Chicago this winter.

Grace O. Edwards has resigned her position as head cataloguer of the University of Illinois library to spend a year in Europe.

Nell McWilliams, '00, is teaching in the Champaign public school.

Elma Warrick was married to Mr. George Wilmarth, Kappa Sigma, December the sixth, at her home in Denver, Colorado.

IOWA ALPHA.

Iowa Alpha Alumnae Club was organized this fall with Blanch Swan, '97, as president.

Emily Young, '99, was married October seventeenth to Guy

Ramsey, M. D. They are at home to their many friends at North Liberty, Iowa.

We were pleased to have Misses Law, '99, of Chariton, Ward, '99, of Malvern, and Lundgren, '98, of Burlington, Ia., with us recently. May Hills, '99, entertained in their honor.

Olivia Ambler, province president, is spending the winter at Loveland, Colorado.

Sarah Ambler has been elected librarian of Iowa Wesleyan university.

Anna Lawson, '81, has resumed her work in India, after spending a year in America.

IOWA BETA.

Alice Hancox, '00, is teaching in the Milo High School.

Ethel Law Turney of South Bend, Washington, died in Portland, November twenty-ninth. She was greatly beloved by all who knew her.

Wilma Haldeman and Guy Morrison were married October second.

Flora Sigler is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California.

Ora Talbot was married to Harry Hartman, October ninth. Mr. Hartman was a Delta Tau Delta at S. U. I.

Daisy Dent is teaching in the Chariton High School.

Maude Anderson of Fort Collins, Colorado, has been visiting old friends during the month of November.

Mrs. Agnes Letle, '94, of Berwyn, Illinois, has been visiting here.

Clara McGee of Perry, Iowa, visited the Pi Phis last month.

IOWA ZETA.

Jessie C. Pontius, ex-'03, is teaching in the city schools of Council Bluffs.

Ethel Bond, '01, is teaching in Sioux City.

Alice Howard, '01, is spending the year at her home in Marshalltown.

Dorothy Wickersham, '99, is taking post graduate work in the university this year, in the sciences.

Bertha Remley, '00, is teaching in Anamosa.

Edith Shepard, ex-'03, is attending school at Mt. Holyoke.

Anna Ham, of Iowa City, died at her home after a long illness. She was connected with Iowa Zeta in its earlier years.

LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Married—On November, the nineteenth, 1901, in Trinity church, New Orleans, Virginia Schriever and Charles Payne Fenner, Delta Tau Delta.

Anna Lovell, 1900, came down to New Orleans from her home in Crowley, Louisiana, and paid the chapter a short visit.

Mabel Logan, '01, is to be an active member of the chapter this year, much to the delight of the girls.

Nannie Grant, '97, is taking the course in pottery this winter.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Edith Thacher, Special '97-'98, of Germantown, Penn., sailed in September for Germany, where she will spend the winter with her brother.

Grace Brewster, '96, is at home in Iola after an absence of a year spent in France and Germany.

Mrs. Eoline Cockins Tenney is spending the winter in Los Angeles, California, with her mother.

Mrs. Bertha Poehler Blane has recently made a visit to Lawrence relatives.

Maude Maxwell, Fine Arts, '97-'98, spent several days with Gertrude Boughton recently.

Mrs. Laura Poehler Mans announced the birth of a daughter, October twenty-third.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Josephine March to Professor Frank Marvin was a pleasant surprise to their friends. The wedding will take place during the Christmas holidays.

Charles Scott Franklin is the four months' old son of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Franklin. Mrs. Franklin was formerly Effie June Scott.

Married—On Saturday, the first day of June, 1901, Ruth Ellen Plumb, Special '93-'95, and Schuyler Colfax Brewster, Phi Kappa Psi.

Married—Wednesday, the twenty-eighth of August, 1901, Ida Greeley Smith, '97, and William Alexander Griffith.

Charlotte Cutler has gone to Denver to take a course in nursing in St. Luke's Hospital.

Madge Bullene is now head nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, Denver.

Gertrude Hill, '00, is a reporter on the Colorado Springs Telegraph.

Eleanor T'Miller, '01, is teaching in Hiawatha.

Minnie Leach, '01, is teaching in Cripple Creek, Colorado, this year.

Mrs. Nelle Blakely Ketner is now living in Albuquerque, N. M., where Mr. Ketner is in business.

Mrs. Martha Snow Brown, '98, and her small African son, returned to the States late in August. After a visit to Mrs. Case in Milwaukee, Mrs. Brown came to Lawrence to spend the winter with her mother. She expects to return to Salisbury, S. Africa, in the spring.

Married—August first, Florence Emma Parrott, '95, to Marshall A. Barber. Mr. and Mrs. Barber are at home at 1201 Tennessee street.

Winslow Hutchinson, '00, Radcliff, A. M., '01, has returned to Kansas, and is teaching in the schools of Oskaloosa.

Aimee Rüdiger, Special '98, entered the School of Fine Arts this fall.

May Gardner, '97, and Berdena Crandell, Special, '96, are spending the winter in Italy with a party of eight, in Mrs. Crandell's care. In the spring they expect to go to Paris, where Miss Gardner and Miss Crandell plan to spend most of the year.

Elizabeth Warren, A. B., '97, and A. M., '00, is teaching in Tulare, California.

Ann Shire, '97, is in the Leavenworth High School.

Mrs. Sheffield Ingalls of Atchison, nee Lucy Van Hoesen, is entertaining a small son, who arrived November.

Miss Elizabeth Ayres, Special, of Canon City, Colorado, has gone to Trail, B. C., to visit her sister Harriet, '97, now Mrs. Jules de Labarthe.

Miss Mary Copley has returned from a four months visit in Pittsburg, Penn., and will enter college the second term.

Miss Harriette Miles, Special '95, U. of Ill., '01, has returned with her family to their country home on Leonard Avenue.

NEBRASKA BETA.

Anna Stuart, '99, is studying in Chicago under Fanny Bloomfield Zeisler.

Grace Andrews, '01, is teaching Latin and History in the Auburn, Nebraska, High School.

Quete Haskell, '99, will remain abroad for another year.

Bessie Turner is teaching vocal music in Bethany College, Kansas.

Florence McGahey is teaching mathematics in the Plattsmouth, Nebraska, High School.

COLORADO BETA.

Gertrude Beggs has the chair of Latin in Denver University. She has just returned from two years' study at Yale.

Blanche McCoy, '04, goes to Pittsburg and thence to Boston, where she hopes to be able to enter the University and complete her course.

Editorials.

WHILE a number of our chapters are well established in houses, and while certain others, owing to college restrictions or the dormitory system, are permanently cut off from this most enjoyable feature of fraternity life, there are a few who ought to be experiencing the blessings of homes of their own, but who are deterred either by ignorance of the advantages of a chapter house or by lack of courage from undertaking its responsibilities.

All such chapters we would urge most heartily to go ahead and try it. It is hard, of course, and of course, too, the care of a house brings additional responsibilities, but it is more, far more than worth while, and after all, the only really hard part is the beginning. To find a suitable house and a suitable chaperon is often difficult, but it is fortunately seldom impossible. The furnishing of a chapter house is, however, a far more serious problem, especially when a chapter starts out with no capital and small prospects, as most chapters do.

To the chapter beginning to think of furnishing a house, the first piece of advice is: *Do not be afraid of debt.* Do not, that is, if your chapter is otherwise strong and flourishing. To be sure it is not pleasant to borrow money, and theoretically the horror of debt is a most proper sentiment; practically, too, in most cases. Nevertheless, from the depths of a very wholesome experience it can be asserted that there is no stimulus like a debt to bring out every bit of a chapter's energy and nerve it to "a long pull, and a strong pull and a pull all together." The editor knows at least one fraternity chapter that never found out its own strength until it was confronted with a furniture debt which must be paid, and which honor demanded should be paid promptly.

Please do not think it is advocated that a chapter plunge into reckless extravagance or contract an obligation which there is no prospect of paying. The chapter about to go to housekeeping

ought certainly to have at the outset a part of its furniture donated, or else the means of getting it. It ought not to borrow indiscriminately or buy its furniture on the too seductive instalment plan. It is probably feasible in every case to obtain small loans from alumnae or friends and relatives who would charge no interest or a very low rate. The mere fact that they thus lend to us is an incentive to every effort to repay the loan so that their confidence and loyalty may not be disappointed.

A chapter house ought somehow to pay for itself and just a little more. This is difficult to accomplish, but with careful managing it can be done, unless too expensive a house has been taken. Here must come another word of caution. Do not begin too ambitiously or despise the day of small things or small houses. Your house is for a home, for your own comfort and the internal development of your chapter; it is not for the purpose of out-shining every other fraternity in college. By all means have it as pretty, as cosy, even as luxurious as you can afford, but do not undertake what you will not be able to pay for in the not distant future. The big house may come with the older chapter and longer alumnae roll, meanwhile why deny yourselves the pleasures of the little one.

Think over the house matter carefully, you chapters who have none, and when you have decided that it would be pleasant to have your own home, take the advice that Punch *ought* to have given to the young man about to marry: "Do!"

THE inspection of the chapters is going on with a good deal of vigor, and up to the Christmas holidays about one-third of the chapters have been visited this year. Possibly this plan of inspection is of too recent introduction to allow its merits to be pronounced upon as yet, and perhaps it is not fully proved that such visits are of great benefit to the chapter visited. From the point of view of the Grand Council, however, not a doubt remains. There is nothing that conduces more to the wise administration of fraternity affairs than an intimate and detailed knowledge of the chapters that make it up, and of the conditions under which each of them is working. To get this knowledge, no amount of

correspondence is so valuable as a personal visit to the chapter itself. Whether or not the chapters receive any direct benefit or inspiration from the visit system, indirectly they are going to be helped by having a Council far more intelligent, more interested and more sympathetic.

THE "fraternity girl" has been thinking to such good purpose this month and along so many lines, that when the time came to make up the department it was really difficult to make a selection among her many thoughts. For the first and only time in her experience the editor has known the blissful feeling of a fly in a sugar bowl, who in the midst of so much, does not know what to choose first.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

The great event of all the year has passed and Vermont Alpha is happy over the addition of five new sisters. At four o'clock in the morning of November twenty-third we dragged alarmed freshmen from their slumbers out into a dismal snowstorm and after much ado we gave them up to the mercy of the Pi Phi goat in the chapter rooms. And now we would introduce to you our babies—Bessie Mabel Bump, Elizabeth Deuel, Bertha Chandler Duncan, Florence Elizabeth Giddings and Lillie May Neff. We gave our banquet at the Pharetra Saturday evening, and a very jolly time we had, too. At our initiation and banquet we were honored by the presence of four alumnae and two Vermont Beta sisters, with President Brainerd's wife at the banquet.

Two of our seniors had the pleasure of attending the initiation and banquet of Vermont Beta on November twenty-first.

One of our patronesses has given us two spreads at her home this term. The first was a spinster party at which each girl dressed after the fashion of the proverbial "old maid," and presenting the picture of her lover, told

why she had rejected him. The second spread was a poverty party on Thanksgiving evening.

Middlebury is very proud this year over the erection of a beautiful new Science Hall which graces our campus, the gift of Ezra Warner, '67. The new building, which cost over eighty thousand dollars, was dedicated November fifteenth, and we have now a new interest in science.

We have had an unusually successful football team this season, having won seven out of nine games.

Miss Deuel gave her report of Convention at our last meeting and you may be sure that we were all greatly interested and enjoyed it very much.

We have decided that we are not together enough in a social way and so we will forego our literary programs for a while and give the time up to a good time amongst ourselves.

LENA M. BIXBY.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

Since our last letter to the Arrow Vermont Beta has increased her number to sixteen. The initiation which took place on Thursday evening, November the twenty-first, at our rooms, was followed by a banquet at the Van-Ness house. The initiates were Mary Colburn, '03, and Alice Durfee, Elizabeth Durfee, Emma Bean, Margaret Lang and Amy Metcalf, '05. We had the pleasure of having two of our sisters from Vermont Alpha with us, and on Friday of the same week two of our girls attended their initiation.

On Tuesday evening, November the twelfth, a hop was given in the new gymnasium for the benefit of the football team. This was the first dance that has been given in that building and was thoroughly enjoyable.

A military hop also was given at the gymnasium Friday evening, December sixth.

The college men are working hard at present preparing for the annual "Kakewalk" which will take place at the Armory a short time before the Christmas recess. The proceeds are to go for base ball.

President and Mrs. Buckham have kindly invited the students to their home Sunday evenings for the purpose of singing hymns. This custom will be greatly appreciated by all, to many of whom the custom recalls the Sunday evening "sing" of their homes.

Christmas vacation is near at hand and many who live out of town are looking forward to going to their homes for the holidays.

Our chapter sends kindest wishes to all for a happy and prosperous new year.

DAISY RUSSELL.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

While her sister chapters heave a sigh of relief that rushing season is past and the treasures secured, Pennsylvania Alpha sits in enforced idleness, waiting impatiently for the approach of the fifteenth of May.

We have been requested by the "powers that be" not to have any social functions for the purpose of rushing until later in the year. We are forced to comply with this request or run the risk of losing our chapter here entirely.

The unfortunate freshmen are not even to know of the existence of Pi Beta Phi until spring if the faculty can prevent it, and although it is comfortable to sit back and watch for "eligibles," it is not so comfortable to think of what is in store for us later in the year. In spite of all this we are very prosperous and glad in the thought that next week we are to initiate Margaretta Lamb, whose two sisters have been Pi Phis for several years, and so rejoice with us.

We have neither entertained nor been entertained as much as usual this fall on account of the new rule in regard to rushing, but in the spring festivities will begin. They so far having been uneventful, Pennsylvania Alpha has little to tell, but prosperity and peace dwell in our midst.

SARAH E. TRACY.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

A happy New Year to you all!

Columbia Alpha has passed through the trying time of rushing and has once more settled down to the usual routine of college life. We are more than satisfied with our rushing as we have five new members of whom we are very proud; so we take up our several duties now with confidence and a glad heart. We take pleasure in introducing to you through the pages of the Arrow, Helen Beale, Marion McCoy, Clara Wilson, Nellie Burt, and Ruth Wellman, who were initiated on the second of November. Three of them you already knew as pledglings.

Thanksgiving was full of meaning to Columbia Alpha this year, for every effort had been crowned with success and the outlook was very hopeful. The alumnae have been very kind to us; their interest was evinced at the initiation, when more than half of their number were present. It is very encouraging to an active chapter to be in touch with its alumnae and to feel sure of their hearty support.

On the twenty-third of November Columbia Alpha entertained her patronesses in their chapter room. It was an afternoon of especial enjoyment for the Pi Phis, as these gracious women showed such interest and enthusiasm for the girls in their college and fraternity life.

Columbian University has a remarkably full attendance this year,—in fact, an increase over last year of thirty per cent; while the University roll shows a total of fourteen hundred students. Both faculty and students are much pleased with this sign of prosperity, especially as the standard of the university is steadily rising. The first of November was marked by the first issue of the new magazine entitled "The University." It is edited and managed by members of the student body and is full of items of interest to all departments. The members of the faculty give much encouragement to this effort on the part of the students, and willingly contribute articles of note. There are departments in the magazine for news from the various classes and the fraternities. It is published monthly, and bids fair to be a great success.

The Columbian women are full of enthusiasm this year and are working zealously for their Alma Mater. They have undertaken the replenishing and refitting of the college library, and have cards out now for a series of euchre parties to assist in furnishing the necessary funds.

And now before saying adieu, Columbia Alpha wishes to express her enjoyment of the November Arrow. It seemed unusually full of interest and good suggestions. We are glad to see such a spirit of improvement and desire of more breadth of view in the fraternity. Let us continue to improve; a spirit of unrest is wholesome when it incites us to greater and higher effort.

CATHARINE V. McILHENNY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

In accordance with the motto, "Be not too prompt," which our Arrow editor once suggested as appropriate for the inscription on the fourth shaft of our future monument to chapter correspondents, Pennsylvania Beta's correspondent has waited and waited—for what? For something to happen. But nothing has happened. Living in the Seminary, we must live as "Seminary girls," and are restricted in many ways. We have not even the blessed privilege of one little room to ourselves.

On Hallowe'en, a gay party, invited by the Dramatic club, assembled in the gymnasium, where all the Hallowe'en charms and tricks ever heard of were tried. Everyone came in costume, and wonderful would the scene have been to the eyes of any but a school-girl. The Dramatic club will give its first play this year on Friday evening of this week. Our girls are well represented in the club.

In November we gave a cookie-shine. Those who did not know the meaning of the term no longer wonder why we all beam when a "cookie-shine" is suggested.

We had planned a straw-ride for November twenty-third, but a driz-

zling rain prevented it. Nothing daunted, we gathered together ourselves, our four "rushes" and five of our especial friends, went over to Iza Martin's house, and "made our own sunshine" all afternoon. No Pi Phi needs to be told the recipe. An excellent supper down town ended a delightful day.

Pennsylvania Beta is more than pleased to have a very fine picture of the Swarthmore chapter, the gift of Miss Darlington and Miss Johnson. If we are too far away to see them in person, we can at least look at their likenesses and feel nearer.

The new Physical Laboratory is nearly completed and will probably be ready for occupation in January. The courses in Law and Medicine have been considerably broadened.

Bucknell has reason to be proud of her football team this year. It is the strongest team she has ever had, which fact is shown by the way it held down the score when playing against the strong teams of the large colleges.

May the New Year mean to every Pi Beta Phi a new and quickened interest in the world's work, and an increased joy and happiness in this interest.

LILA LONG.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

We must take the time and space to introduce to you all our nine new sisters. Mabel Rorick, Bayard Ullom, Frieda Coultrap, Pansy Herrold, Pearl Cable, Mazie Earheart, and Florence Clayton find each day new and unexpected pleasures in the world of the Greeks, while Mary Wood and Nan Gabbert, our graduated pledglings, now satisfy to the full a curiosity so long and persistently curbed.

But now we are going to tell you a little about our old university and why we love it so. We appreciate and reverence it for what it makes of us individually, but we *love* it best for the cosy and comfortable home it gives to this branch of the big family of dear old Pi Phi. That Ohio University is rising steadily in the estimation and regard of her sister institutions they take no pains to conceal. She has virtually taken a "new lease of life" and from present appearances intends to leave untried no avenues open for her success along any line. We shall dwell but briefly on our financial condition. Our principal revenue is, of course, derived from the state, the provisions of the law including with us the Miami University at Oxford. Of the fifty-five thousand dollars apportioned, our institution receives about thirty-two thousand dollars. We have also, as has, too, the University mentioned, a tax on the township of four per cent., the rate being always the same as that levied by the state at large. These

sums, together with the township rental yielding us some thirty-five hundred dollars, constitute the regular sources of financial aid outside of the institution itself, and in regard to the internal fees and requirements we do our part nobly.

Our college is the pride of our town, and now more than ever, so how could we do anything but prosper. Several changes, due to resignations, were made in the faculty last year, the chair of Modern Languages being filled by Dr. Tausch, a foreigner whose years of travel and practical knowledge of his work have made him an invaluable instructor. The departments of Music and Art have expanded wonderfully, the progress in the former necessitating the employing of two new instructors in vocal music and the violin. But we are the most delighted of all to tell you of our new president under whose faithful and untiring administration we are taking such encouraging strides toward the keeping of our little town the worthy and learned namesake of its ancient classic parent o'er the sea. Dr. Ellis commands in his slightest wish the respect of even the most careless and unthinking student (for we, too, have a few such), and the hearty co-operation of its student body as a whole. He is in sympathy with every helpful and proper phase of college life, and supports most heartily the work of the fraternities and of athletics. Here O. U. has reason to be most proud of her record for nineteen hundred and one. Our football team has met with but one defeat during the entire season, and that an honorable defeat. The dates with Marietta College were looked forward to as our great games, and so they proved. Never since '97 has college spirit run so high or helped so much in winning laurels for Alma Mater. The game at home went of course in our favor, and even at this our visitors were much chagrined; but when on Thanksgiving a tie of eleven to eleven in our favor caused her banners to wave wildly, such a scene of rejoicing ensued as can never be described. Such a record as this may well be a pride to any college, and we cannot as yet appreciate fully the boom it will give our institution. Yes, indeed, our football boys have done the college good!

We have felt much honored by the convention of the Ohio and Michigan province of Phi Delta Theta, held in Athens during the Thanksgiving season. About twenty-five delegates were present, and all college circles were much interested in the plans of the entertaining chapter, and in the success of each social function. On Friday night the halls were thrown open to a brilliant company who spent the evening in dancing, and on Saturday afternoon Ohio Alpha continued the festivities of the night before, and the acquaintances then made, in a reception to the Phi Deltas, their guests and alumni, at the spacious home of Dr. and Mrs. Ellis. All pronounced the affair delightfully informal and a grand success.

Ohio Alpha is much pleased to announce to you the organization of the

Alpha Alpha Alpha girls, at present a local, but by no means an insignificant rival to our time-honored chapter of Pi Beta Phi. We are delighted at the success of the new organization and accepted with pleasant anticipations the invitation extended to us and to the men's fraternities on November the twenty-second. The occasion was most enjoyable and the sincerest good wishes and congratulations were tendered. We hope that before long the Alphas will secure a national charter toward which we believe they are striving, and in this they will have the heartiest approval and encouragement of the entire university.

The girls of Ohio Alpha join in wishing you all the very happiest New Year.

BELLE BISHOP.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

In the words of one of our favorite songs,

"We hail from O. S. U.,

And our college she's a beauty.

We're loyal students, too,

And attentive to our duty."

The latter statement, to be sure, is very general and could apply to any college; but the first is one which the wearers of the Scarlet and Gray feel can be made only of the Ohio State University. To give an adequate description of it in this short letter would be practically impossible, for it must be seen to be appreciated.

The most striking feature, to a newcomer, of course, is the campus. No college in Ohio can boast of one as beautiful as ours, and without doubt there are but few in the United States with which it does not compare favorably. In the autumn and spring it is at its prettiest, and, sad to confess, it is far more attractive to most of us than are the recitation rooms and the professors. We feel sorry for the former and we try to sympathize with the latter in their attempts to render themselves fascinating. But, for fear you may think that our college life consists mainly of a heavy course in "campus work," let me say something about the University proper. It was first opened to students in September, 1873, as an Agricultural College, and from that it has grown and developed into its present condition. It now consists of six colleges, Agriculture and Domestic Science, Arts, Philosophy and Science, Engineering, Law, Pharmacy, and Veterinary Medicine. All of the departments are well equipped and are constantly improving. The Engineering department is probably the farthest advanced of any, and is ranked among the best schools in the country. The College of Law is rapidly coming to the front, and when the new Law building, which is now in process of erection, is completed, it will doubtless make still greater advances.

In athletics we have, until this year, led the state. Our football team has for the past two years held the championship and would undoubtedly have still retained it had it not been for the fatal accident to John Se-grist, one of the strongest players. This disaster led to the withdrawal of several of the other members, and consequently the team was greatly crippled. Yet, in spite of that, we were able to hold Michigan down to the lowest score they have made this year, and we are very proud of it, too.

The fraternities are well represented at O. S. U. The woman's fraternities which have chapters here are Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta, Delta, Delta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and last, but not least, our own. We have the largest chapter in school, and, of course, the best. That goes without saying.

We rushed fast and furiously and secured nine pledges, whom we duly and thoroughly initiated on the twelfth of October. Our new members are Kenyon Hayden, Anna Lane, Clare Postle, Katherine Potter, Isabel Hamilton, Marian and Anne Nichols, Hannah Leonard, and Ernestine Ball, all of whom we are delighted to introduce to Pi Beta Phi. We are very proud of them and think we have been very fortunate. We have had such a pleasant time this year that we can scarcely realize that the Christmas vacation, and its attendant examinations, is near at hand. It seems almost impossible to believe that one-third of our school-year is almost gone, but alas! it is true; and more's the pity.

Ohio Beta sends you her best wishes for a happy New Year.

GERTRUDE LEE JACKSON.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Syracuse University, though perhaps called "small" by some, is making rapid progress toward being one of the great universities of America.

It would be impossible to enumerate all the advances it has made in every department, but with a hasty glance we may note some of the most important. The Hall of Applied Science is just being completed. It is the gift of Lyman C. Smith of Syracuse, and the building adds greatly to the appearance of the campus. Winchell Hall, the first dormitory of the University, situated opposite the Hall of Languages, has for two years afforded a delightful home to many women students.

Every department of the University is being enlarged. Many professors and instructors have been added to the faculty within the last year. A course in Pedagogy has been introduced by which the University may grant first class teachers' certificates, formerly granted only by State normal schools. The History, French, English, and German departments all have clubs which give the students a greater opportunity for de-

velopment along those lines than could otherwise be afforded. Each of these departments expects to give an entertainment in the city sometime during this college year. The proceeds are to be spent in the improvement of the department. The Historical department, by giving plays the two preceding years, has furnished a room and purchased many books for the use of students in that department.

The foot and base-ball teams have competed successfully with the largest universities of this state and adjoining states. The organization of a navy has added greatly to the athletics.

The University Band, which was formed in the fall of 1900, has afforded much pleasure to the students and has won a place among the institutions of the colleges.

At present Syracuse University is composed of five colleges—Liberal Arts, Fine Arts, College of Applied Science, College of Law, and the College of Medicine. The first three, together with the Steele Hall of Science, the Library, Gymnasium, and Observatory, are situated on the campus, but the last two are located farther down in the city. These buildings are crowded with its faculty and about eighteen hundred students.

With these facts in our mind, it is not difficult to predict for the future, not only wealth and magnificent buildings, but that the University will send forth men and women who will give their thoughts to the world and help in the uplifting of all mankind.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The conditions at Boston University have never been so favorable as now; the entering class is large, and seems to take hold of the work in such a way as to bring honor to the College. We have a large number of efficient professors all working to bring the University to its proper place in the college world. One of these in particular, Professor E. Charlton Black, who holds the chair of the English department, is working very earnestly to aid the College in purchasing old English books as our library is deficient in that respect. To accomplish that end he arranged a series of lectures and recitals. His wife, who is a very talented reader, furnished the entertainment for two of the afternoons, and he himself lectured on the other two. We have not yet heard the returns, but they cannot fail to be satisfactory for the hall was crowded each afternoon.

Every student feels proud to be enrolled as a member of Boston University, and all are striving to represent her worthily in the world of educated men and women.

In closing, Massachusetts Alpha sends greeting to her sister chapters, and hopes that they are as happy in their college homes as she is in Boston University.

MARY C. GALBRAITH.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

The attractive girls of 1904 were mentioned in our last letter but with the feeling of intense desire together with an undercurrent of doubt and anxiety. The latter has now vanished and the former has been satisfied, so we are now only too glad to tell you of the way in which fortune has smiled upon us in allotting eight of the freshmen to us for our very own, each one readily and happily deciding that "this is the frat for me."

Mary Ames and Marion Boyer, of Williamsport, Pa.; Pauline Barrett, of Knightstown, Ind.; Lillian Beck, of Holton, Kansas, and Maybelle Snell, of Huntington, W. Va., have already been "bound by the one strong tie," but Ina France, of Johnstown, N. Y.; Jennie Harrell, of Pleasant Hill, Ala., and Mary Moore, of Selma, Ala., have yet to be "grandly, gloriously frightened by frats," college rules preventing their initiation this year.

Since our rush for girls is over the faculty has been giving us one mad rush with "quizzes" and "exams." Surely such rushing does not have any magnetic force to turn us in their favor.

There is nothing new to tell you about our college, only that the attendance this year is larger than usual and many who applied could not be accommodated in the halls. Our spare time is filled with receptions, club meetings and lectures, and many of the girls are busy practicing for the basket ball contest.

A pleasant addition to the social life of the college this fall has been the Gamma Phi Beta convention. A most delightful reception was held in the college halls where we had the opportunity of meeting all the delegates. It was a great pleasure to come into touch with so many from the various colleges. That week gave us a faint idea of what the social side of our own conventions must have been like. The other six fraternities represented here entertained the Gamma Phi Betas and their guests with a musicale.

No doubt all other Pi Phis are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the Christmas holidays as each one of us is. Maryland Alpha desires to send her very best wishes, that the vacation may bring all happiness to each one in our wide circle.

MIRIAM ALICE BELT.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

The first term of the college year has just drawn to a close and a very busy, happy time it has been for Illinois Beta.

The college has been steadily progressing for the past few years and

this year seems to have made even a greater advance. Improvements and enlargements have been made in almost every department. The department of Sociology is greatly improved under the direction of Professor Kimble from the University of Chicago.

Two assistants in Music have been engaged and the department of Dramatic Art is having new quarters arranged which will allow a broader scope of work.

Ladies' Hall has always accommodated the majority of the girls and this year new rooms had to be finished off and the hall has been improved in every respect.

The enrollment of students this year is exceptionally large. This is, of course, a great advantage to the fraternities, both because it furnishes new material and many of the old members have returned. This year has been quite remarkable in the latter respect as very few fraternity members, except the graduates, did not return and all of the fraternities began the year with large chapters.

Athletics have received greater attention and a good deal of enthusiasm has been aroused among the students.

The literary societies seem almost to have received a new lease of life. They are more popular and are doing better work than they have for years.

Even more than the usual amount of attention has been paid to social life. The parties, both fraternity and college affairs, have been more numerous, better attended and more enjoyed. The faculty gave a reception to the students in the gymnasium on the evening of December third, which was probably the most formal college event of the year.

Pi Beta Phi has entertained several times. On November first the chapter gave a Hallowe'en dancing party in the gymnasium, with Mrs. Frank L. Conger and Mrs. Fay A. Bullock, two of our "old girls," as chaperones. The decorations were the wine and blue and Japanese lanterns.

On the evening of December seventh Ethel Chamberlain of Galesburg was initiated into Pi Beta Phi. The initiation was at the home of Mrs. Conger and we enjoyed having several of our alumnae members with us for the "cookie-shine" and initiation.

We are anticipating a visit from the Grand Vice President with a great deal of pleasure.

Wishing all Pi Phis a very happy holiday vacation, Illinois Beta closes.

BESS PHILBROOK.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

We have spent a very pleasant few weeks here at Knox since our last letter to the Arrow, though they have been busy ones. It is a common

failing among us, if "failing" you may call it, that we try to do, each of us, more than two girls should, but that one thing of having so many different things to occupy our attention, lends as great a charm to our college days as anything else. Don't you think so?

Knox has always been a college that one might be proud to call her "Alma Mater," but this year she has fairly outdone herself, not only in the realm of letters, but also in producing some very fine specimens of that valiant god whom we all worship now, the football man. Knox has defeated every college of her own class whom she has met on the gridiron, held the "Maroons" down to six points, scored against mighty Wisconsin, and in fact distinguished herself generally. Now, my superior university sisters, don't you think old Knox has something to be proud of? Oh! yes! I mentioned "letters," too, did I not? Our representative carried off the victors' laurels in the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest last fall, and will represent Illinois at the Inter-state at St. Paul next spring. You will probably hear something of him later.

Knox has recently made some additions to her faculty. You know Syracuse University stole our Professor Thwing last summer, but Professor Longden is filling the chair of Physics left vacant by him very well indeed. Professor Tower and Professor Sprague came to us this fall from afar, the former to lead us through the mazes of Philosophy, "from whose bourne no traveler returns," and the latter to teach us how to live right in the great social and political world. Then, too, not only the Knox men, but also Knox women, rejoice this year in a regular instructor in athletics. Under Miss Rider's efficient direction, we are developing brawn as well as brain. "The enrollment at Knox this year is unusually large," to quote from that interesting and truthful publication, the college catalogue, "and the prospects were never better." Doubtless you may read the same words in the catalogue of your own institution if you will but take the trouble to turn to them. With this insufficient word of praise for old Knox, let us all drink her health. "May she live long und brosber."

We are very happy over another acquisition for Pi Phi. Katharine Savage has given us her heart and hand, for better or for worse,—the former we are certain. Isn't it delightful that we consider each new Pi Phi the "best ever" and are happier over each new sister than the one before her? I suppose that you Pi Phis, wherever you be, all have the same experience. We are glad also to welcome back into our number one of our former members, Annie Gaddis, who has recently returned to take up her studies.

Several of the members of Illinois Delta attended the Pi Phi luncheon in Chicago at Marshall Field's on the day after Thanksgiving. They reported a most enjoyable time and made their less fortunate sisters—well,

not envious exactly, you know, for a loyal Pi Phi never envies a sister's good fortune, but a little wistful with their tales of charming sisters from other chapters.

We girls of Illinois are talking of having a state convention sometime this year, and though it may not materialize, still it's pleasant to dream about it.

Illinois Delta is looking forward with pleasure to a visit from our Grand Vice-President, Miss Read. It is quite an event to have a "really truly" grand officer visit us, and we are anticipating a very pleasant time with her.

With our choicest greetings and the earnest hope that the coming year may be for each chapter and each member of Pi Beta Phi the best she has ever known, Illinois Delta closes.

FANNIE M. HURFF.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Our initiation, held shortly after sending our last letter, has given us two new sisters, Stella Rogers and Corinne Cohn. At that time we very much enjoyed a visit from Miss Bartol, our Grand Secretary. The banquet which followed the ceremony was concluded with toasts. Corinne happily surprised us with a parody on a verse from Lowell's "Present Crisis." She told us it was composed while she was eating her soup, and this was her version:

Once to every girl in college
Comes the moment to decide,
In the strife 'twixt barb and frater,
For the good or evil side.

Some strong cause, a great sorority,
Offering each the bloom or blight,
Puts the goat upon the left hand,
And the arrow on the right.

We are glad to say for Northwestern that her record in football is better than for several years past. Besides several new buildings on Chicago property she has built Chapin Hall, a new dormitory for women, and promises several new buildings on the campus before the end of the year; while to her corps of instructors she has added five or six professors.

Through the energy of Miss Kitchell, 'or, of Smith, and the coöperation of many of the leading girls of the college, the Y. W. C. A. is now in a very thriving condition. Their annual calendar for this year is unusually artistic, and we like to think it is because a Pi Phi, Miriam Prindle, designed two of the six sketches which it contains.

Since the first of December a chapter of the national sorority of Chi Omega has been established here. There has also very recently been organized an order called the "Knights of the Marble Heart," to which all senior men who are not engaged to be married may belong. There are several rules, so it is rumored, to which the "fair sex" may enter objections.

Lucy Derickson is on the committee for the sophomore play, which will take place next month, and Ella McNulty has been chosen one of its caste.

In October we gave an informal dance in Chicago, at the home of one of our juniors, Hedwig Mueller.

On Friday following Thanksgiving thirty-three active and alumnae Pi Phi from Wisconsin Alpha, Iowa Zeta, Michigan Beta and Illinois Delta and Epsilon, lunched at Marshall Field's. We so much enjoyed becoming acquainted with girls of other chapters that we shall build hopes on similarly meeting again.

On the twentieth of November, Alice Newkirk, an alumna living in Chicago, was married to Mr. Milne of Canton, S. Dakota, where they will make their home.

We have asked "Santa" to bring a Christmas tree for our fraternity rooms and have asked our alumnae to come and "enjoy" it with us.

With the best of wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year to all our sisters in Pi Beta Phi, Illinois Epsilon says, "Auf-Wiederssehen."

LENORE LATHAM NEGUS.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Illinois Zeta has just finished the rushing season here and we wish to introduce to all the Arrow readers our four new pledges: Frances Fursman, Edna Daniels and Helen and Bess Atkinson. We are very proud of our future Pi Phi and hope soon to initiate them and have them as full fledged sisters.

Our university is in the most prosperous year of its history, for last year the legislature was very generous to us, giving us one of the largest appropriations ever given to a state university. We have several very handsome new buildings in process of construction and improvements of all kinds are going on as a result of this generosity. The enrollment of students was larger this fall than ever before and in every way we are proving our right to be considered one of the great western schools.

The number of girls here is not large compared to the number of men. There are about three hundred girls in the university, about fifty of this number being fraternity girls. One of our greatest needs here is a women's hall where non-fraternity girls can room and board. The girls not in the houses have a great deal of difficulty in getting pleasant board.

ing places. We hope to get an appropriation for this building very soon. I think if we could have this the number of girls would increase much more rapidly.

The state library school is here and many girls are brought here by it. Each year some Pi Phis from other chapters come here for that course and we find them a great addition to our chapter. The only drawback to the Library school from a fraternity standpoint is the fact that so many girls come for just the two years' course and so have a very short life in the chapter.

Illinois Zeta sends greeting to each and every Pi Phi.

SARAH BELL WALLER.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

How quickly the time has passed since the last chapter letter was written! Now we are looking back over the term wondering how we have spent our time and what we have accomplished.

After the strain of spiking season was over Indiana Alpha settled down to real college work, but nevertheless we did not forget that "all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," so we lightened our tasks by pleasures dear to the fraternity girl's heart.

We have had two initiations. The first was on October sixteenth, when Fay Marshall, Grace Carney, Edith Daughters and Cora Voyles were initiated, and the other on November ninth, when our last spike, Nell Kemp, was introduced into Pi Phidom. Each initiation was followed by an elaborate "spread" to which our alumnae and patronesses were invited.

On October twenty-sixth a theatre party of ten Pi Phis of Franklin went to Indianapolis to see Joseph Jefferson in Rip Van Winkle. While we were in the city we were most delightfully entertained at a chafing-dish supper by Fay Shover, an alumna of Indiana Gamma. We met many of the members, both new and old, of Indiana Gamma.

On Hallowe'en we gave a party at the home of Bertha Fletcher, a mile from town, to which about a hundred and fifty guests were invited. Although the weather was unpropitious the crowd finally arrived safely, and once there, the gloom without was forgotten in brightness within. Games and fortune-telling whiled away the time until the "wee sma' hours." We specially remember this party because two more girls, Gertrude and Bessie George, donned the wine and blue at that time.

An "open house" was given on the evening of November second by the alumnae and active girls for the girls attending the Y. W. C. A. convention, then being held in Franklin.

On November fourteenth our Alumnae Club gave a play, "The Princess Aline," which the active girls attended attired in unique costumes.

One of our girls, Myrtle Long of Fort Wayne, who was in college two

years ago, came to act as bridesmaid at the wedding of Lucile Carr to Mr. Henry Clay Miller of Elkhorn, Michigan. On the evening of her arrival the girls gave a fudge party for her.

Julia Dugger, who was in college last year, came on December fifth. On the next evening we girls gave a little party at the Chapter House for her and Myrtle Long.

One Saturday night Mrs. C. M. Hendricks entertained the alumnae and active girls. The guests of honor were Miss Long and Miss Dugger.

Our patroness, Mrs. J. W. Ragsdale, was one of the chaperones of a house party of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity at Bloomington, Ind., given at Thanksgiving time.

A report of the condition of our college has been required and we are glad to be able to say that Franklin College has progressed rapidly in the last year. The average attendance is about twenty-five more than last year. Since the seventy-five thousand dollar endowment fund has been raised plans have been made for buildings for the gymnasium and library.

Our general library contains thirteen thousand volumes and each year adds about five hundred new volumes. All the departments have special libraries, the largest of which is the Freeman Library of History and Political Science, containing about five hundred volumes. The department of Chemistry has added a laboratory fitted with all the modern improvements, for the advanced chemistry classes.

In connection with the regular work of the gymnasium there has been provided a series of fifteen illustrated lectures by eminent physicians of the state.

An attempt is being made to raise twenty thousand dollars to endow the Greek chair. About one-fourth of the amount has been secured.

The curriculum has been revised and now requires three years' preparatory work instead of two. The work in college proper is much harder. But soon we'll put aside all thought of work and prepare to make the most of our vacation.

Indiana Alpha wishes all a happy New Year.

GRACE DRYBREAD.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

It is again time to write a chapter letter and this time I have a great many interesting things to tell. In the first place lots of things happened during the Thanksgiving vacation. The vacation was only from Wednesday until Monday, but every minute was taken for the girls who did not go home. Those who stayed in Bloomington came to the chapter house and we had a little house party. We have a very dear matron and she told us we might board in the house if we would do our own cooking.

We readily agreed to her proposition and found it great fun. We cooked in alphabetical order,—the A's first, B's next, and so on.

On Thanksgiving day De Pauw and Indiana played foot ball. It was an ideal day for the game, and the score added greatly to the beauty of it for us, being twenty-four to nothing in Indiana's favor. Although De Pauw lost the game, they went away with a better feeling for Indiana students than they have had for several years, and it is believed that the two colleges will now be friends again.

Saturday evening Pi Phi gave a dance. It was the largest affair we have attempted this term and was a great success.

I was about to forget the student play. The students who have dramatic abilities have organized a club known as "Strut and Fret." They give one or two plays a term, and their play for this term was given Wednesday, November twenty-seventh. They played "Secretary Pro Tem." It is said to be one of the best plays ever given by the students.

One more thing and I am through. Most of the girls have doubtless heard that Indiana University women are going to have a woman's building, as soon as we can get the money raised. This is one of our many schemes for raising the necessary money,—to give a fair for three days before the end of this term. We will have all sorts of things to sell,—pillows, fraternity pennants, college pictures, etc. Lunch will be served and each evening a short play will be given by the students and some members of the faculty.

GRACE SERENA ALDRICH.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Indiana Gamma wishes, first of all, to express her admiration for the new volume of the "Arrow." It is dainty and artistic in appearance, and its inside is more than readable. We have poured over the pages of the November number until we know it almost "by heart," and have received fresh inspiration in the knowledge of what other Pi Phis are doing all over the country. We have seven new girls of whom, needless to say, we are very fond and proud. They are Pearl Leedy and Laura Parker, of Irvington; Maria Leonard, Alice Goode, and Gertrude Cronbach, of Indianapolis; Elsie Hodges, of Worthington, and Edith Abbott, of Chicago. Our first initiation was the most beautiful and impressive that we have ever had. It brought anew to our minds just what we stand for as a fraternity. It was an anxious time, that rushing season, but with what a feeling of triumph do we look upon the results of our labors! Several of the new girls are fine musicians, and we are planning another musicale.

In addition to several cookie-shines and small parties, at which we entertained our men friends, the active girls received on November twenty-

fifth, in honor of the new girls, the Indianapolis alumnae, the patronesses and the "chapter mothers." It was a delightful afternoon. On the ninth of December, our loyal girls faced a driving snow storm to hold our first literary meeting at the home of Jessie C. Brown. The afternoon was spent with Kipling and Barrie.

We are sorry to give up Jessamine Armstrong, who returns to Kokomo to teach in the public schools. This is the dark side of the picture; in the midst of our rejoicings over the new girls, we have to see the old ones depart. We are now waiting, in joyful anticipation, the annual reunion of Indiana Pi Phis.

With most cordial greetings to all wearers of the arrow wherever they are.

LULU B. KELLAR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

This term has gone all too quickly and many of us find our senior year slipping away more rapidly than we wish. The term has been a very enjoyable one, hard study having been mingled with many pleasures.

There have been few large parties, but several small ones which were much enjoyed by those who were fortunate enough to be present.

Probably the most important and interesting event occurred the evening of the twenty-seventh of November, when Bertha Baker and Leila Soule were initiated into Pi Beta Phi. The ceremony was unusually impressive and very pretty. After this most important part we went to the home of our patroness, Mrs. Meyer, where a dainty luncheon was served. After the luncheon, toasts prepared and impromptu, afforded much amusement, the new Pi Phis acquitting themselves finely.

In October the annual ghost dance took place. The boys dressed as spooks, with painted faces and dreadful appearance gathered on the campus, where the girls, excited by the yells and whoops, soon joined them, attired in sheets. A march through the town was made; then the members of the faculty were visited, the campfire was lighted, and speeches were demanded. After a last dance on the campus, the spirits quietly withdrew to the place from whence they came, and order was once more restored.

The most important facts about Hillsdale College were told in the last letter,—the resignation of President Mosher and the coming of the new members of the faculty among us. The attendance is larger this year than it was last; the freshman class is strong and very valiant.

Five hundred books of fiction, the gift of Hon. W. E. Ambler, a trustee of the college, have been recently added to the library.

We are looking forward to a pleasant winter and to many delightful Saturday evenings in our fraternity rooms.

MAUDE B. CORIETT.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

There have been quite a number of improvements on the campus within the last three years,—a new law building, an addition to the library, several improvements in University hall, and this fall the medical department is rejoicing that a new building is being erected for its use. The dental department will then occupy the present medical building, and the homeopaths will have the dental building in addition to the one they now have.

The Women's League, a club consisting of almost all the university girls, organized for social purposes, entertained the Michigan Federation of Women's Clubs this fall. A reception was given them by the Women's League, and a concert by the faculty of the University School of Music.

The freshman spread, a dancing party for the freshman girls, given by the sophomores, in which the juniors and seniors act as escorts for the freshmen, occurred Saturday, the seventh of December. It was a very pretty sight, as there were about five hundred girls present, all in evening dress. As usual they formed the letters U. of M. in the grand march.

The Comedy Club usually gives only one play every year, which is quite an event in college life, but this year there will be two at least. The first one, "The Masked Ball," is to be given on the fourteenth of December.

It is always a pleasure to meet girls from other chapters, and the few Michigan Beta girls in Chicago for Thanksgiving vacation were very glad to have the opportunity given by the luncheon at Marshall Field's on Friday of that week.

On October nineteenth we initiated, besides the girls that we introduced to Pi Phi in the last number of the "Arrow," two more that had not then been pledged. They are Maude Brown from Denver, and Sarah Edwards from Adrian, the latter a sister of one of our old girls, Gertrude Edwards, who is back with us again this year.

We had several visitors at the chapter house at the time of the Chicago-Michigan foot ball game, and three of these we pledged. Donna Marshal, a sister of one of our girls, and Alice Coleman, a friend of hers, are seniors in the high school in Marshal, Michigan, where they live, and we hope to have them with us next year. Helen Heath, also a sister of one of our girls, is a junior in one of the Chicago high schools, so we must wait two years for her.

We are looking forward eagerly to the approaching holidays, and wish all Pi Phis a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

ELEANOR WORTHINGTON TOWAR.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Again we are nearing examinations, Christmas and holidays. Our hours are fairly filled with thoughts of "finals" and home, the horrors and the joys most wonderfully commingled. However, Iowa Alpha's happiness knows no bounds. She is the possessor of two new sisters whom she proudly introduces to all Pi Phis: Grace Adele Hancher and her cousin, Julia Shankland.

Our initiation took place November, the eighteenth, at the home of Mary Brenholts, one of our alumnae. The ceremony was one of the most beautiful and impressive we have ever had. After congratulations and Pi Phi songs, we were joined by our pledges, twelve in number, and a happy crowd we repaired to one of the cafés in town, where we were served with a delightful little banquet. The table was beautifully decorated in our Pi Phi flower, ferns and wine and blue candles. Several toasts were given, some of which were especially bright. May Hills, one of our alumnae, of whom eight were present, represented the Alumnae Club, by welcoming most sweetly our initiates into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. Our two new girls responded with overflowing hearts, conveying to us all their happy spirit and filling each pledge heart with a longing for the hour of her initiation. We started for home in a great omnibus, making the night air ring with songs and calls. Not one thing marred the beautiful sympathy and harmony of the evening. Some of us were wearing, many had worn, and others were gladly looking forward to the wearing of the wine and silver blue in active membership.

Early in December Iowa Alpha and her pledges were delightfully surprised to receive invitations from Mrs. Hancher, asking us to spend an evening with her daughter Grace. Very attractive was her home made beautiful by carnations, chrysanthemums and ferns, and our hostess was most charmingly entertaining. With Pi Phi songs and an interesting contest the evening fairly flew. Cards on which were written part of a well-known verse or stanza, tied with wine and blue ribbon, were given each guest by which we had a happy time seeking our partners. All soon found themselves in little groups being served to the daintiest of refreshments. Then with one last song ringing on our lips and in our hearts we bid our hostess good-bye, having spent one of the happiest of evenings.

We have cause to be glad for another reason: Our university is growing and is opening up to us larger and greater opportunities than ever before. The number of students has nearly doubled. Elizabeth Hershey Hall, the women's dormitory, is crowded to overflowing and many have had to be turned away. Our new president, Dr. J. W. Hancher, has

come very near to the hearts of many of us, touching our lives in a very material way, inspiring us with his hopefulness to a deeper and larger life.

We are anticipating with much pleasure a visit from our Grand Vice President, Miss Read. It will be a great source of help and inspiration to have her among us for a few days. We were greatly pleased to meet Miss Ethel Van Cise from Illinois Beta during Thanksgiving week. We feel a little nearer to our Lombard sisters for having met one of their number.

A "Happy New Year" to all in Pi Beta Phi.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

The excitement caused by the many victories of the foot ball season is over with, and all is being made ready to close the work of the fall term.

Our Hallowe'en party was a great success. The first part of the evening was devoted to guessing the shades, who were having their conclaves at the home of one of our old girls, Estella Hartman. Having unmasked, the remainder of the evening was spent as enjoyably as the beginning had been.

Since the Arrow last came, we have initiated one more of our pledged girls, Gertrude Hancox. At her expense we had a great deal of amusement in the mock initiation stairs, after which we had the usual impressive initiation.

The lady members of our faculty and the matron are trying an experiment by which they hope to get better acquainted, and once a month they expect to hold a progressive party. The first one held was a great success in every respect.

The literary society to which most of our girls belong, lately entertained one of the men's societies. It was spoken of as the "Last day at the deestric school." All were dressed as children, and after the program children's games were played as enthusiastically as if it were in a country school.

With best wishes to all the Pi Phis.

NINA HOHANSHELT.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

We are nearing the mid-winter vacation and the accompanying "exams," and find a busy, rather quiet fall term behind us. We Pi Phi sisters have enjoyed each other in our meetings in a very quiet way, holding our regular business meeting every other Saturday afternoon and on the alternate week indulging in a "spread" on Thursday nights.

We have put the pledge pin on a new prospective sister since our last

letter and will soon introduce Edna Boerner of Iowa City to you as one of us.

Beta Theta Pi entertained their fraternity friends on November eighth with a formal party at the Armory, the only affair of its kind this term. We have had a nice visit from Clara Erickson of Stone City and expect to see more of our absent sisters here next term.

On Hallowe'en night the "frat" had a taffy pull at the home of one of our alumnae and learned their fates in many a mystic way. On Thanksgiving those who were left in town were entertained for dinner by one of the town girls, and escaped all the dangers of home-sickness that might be suggested by boarding house fare.

The freshman banquet, so doubly interesting to both sophs and freshies, is being planned for the first of January and Pi Beta Phi claims the only girl on the banquet committee.

This will reach the eyes of all of you when well launched in 1902, so we will all hope for your best success and say "Happy New Year."

FRANCES GARDNER.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since the writing of the November Arrow letter the great event for us of Wisconsin Alpha has been the reception which we gave Saturday, December the seventh, at the chapter house. We issued about six hundred invitations. For the hours between three and six in the afternoon we invited all the townswomen whom we knew. Between eight and eleven in the evening we asked all the faculty under whom any of us have studied, all the fraternity people and all our non-fraternity friends.

From all accounts we think that the reception was a great success, for every one has given us such gratifying and apparently genuine compliments about it. A great many people have said that they had never before supposed that it was possible to have a good time at a reception, but that since ours they have changed their minds. So we feel greatly repaid for giving it.

Miss Mary Bartol, the Grand Secretary of Pi Beta Phi, visited Wisconsin Alpha from December sixth to the eighth. We were all very much attracted by her and enjoyed having her with us exceedingly. She has promised to come to our banquet in June, so we are anticipating seeing her again with much pleasure.

Tuesday, December the tenth, we initiated Annie Corning Wright. We were so busy that we did not give her even a taste of the mock initiation. She says, however, that we might as well have done so as far as she was concerned, for she suffered all the pangs of anticipation.

The only other unusual thing that has happened to us was the fire in the basement of the house sometime during the first part of December.

The fire department came to our rescue twice in one afternoon. There was not much damage done, however, and what was done was covered by insurance.

Now that the Christmas vacation is almost upon us we are beginning to think of rest and home. They seem all the more to be desired in the face of the numerous quizzes which we must all undergo before we can leave Madison. Of course we are all looking forward to the vacation and thinking how glad we shall be to see our families and our home friends. Yet we know that we shall be just as glad to come back and take up the life that means so much to us and which we love so well.

Wisconsin Alpha sends holiday greetings to her sister chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

MIGNON WRIGHT.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

It is a great pleasure to us to tell of the recent victory of our foot ball team over that of Kansas in Kansas City on Thanksgiving day. It is the first time for five years that the Tiger has come back triumphant and there is all the more rejoicing because our victory was unexpected. There is nothing like success to inspire class and college spirit. The evening before the exodus to Kansas City the "rooters" met in the auditorium to practice the yells and songs, and the next day took up to town fifteen hundred students who seized every opportunity to show their "college spirit." Many fraternity banquets were held during the holidays and their pleasure was made greater by the general good feeling over Missouri's victory.

The Kappa and Iota circles of Pi Beta Phi held a reunion with the Baltimore Hotel as headquarters and gave a banquet there Friday night. The toasts and responses by various active and alumnae members did away with any possible stiffness. A cookie-shine and a business meeting were the two other events of the stay in Kansas City. Miss Fanny K. Read, the Grand Vice President, attended the reunion and after spending a short time with Kansas Alpha, visited our chapter. We enjoyed her stay with us, and only regretted that the weather did its best to spoil all plans for her pleasure.

The legislature has lately voted us \$500,000 and the outlook is very bright. By next fall we hope to see the girls' dormitory finished, for we believe that it would be a great attraction. The Parker Memorial Hospital has been opened and many improvements have been made in the agricultural department. Our enrollment is larger and our corps of instructors better than ever before. The standard of the university is being raised, and the requirements for entrance and graduation are much more stringent. The class of girls attending shows a decidedly marked advancement and we hope for a greater improvement still next year.

I hope that all other chapters and colleges can report a like feeling of satisfaction and hopefulness. There is so much encouragement in the thought that you are going ahead and have taken some definite step in advance.

Missouri Alpha has best wishes for her sister chapters.

MAUDE A. NEAL.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

During the past year our college has made great strides in every direction. Although there have been no new chairs established, the grade has been appreciably raised, and new branches have been introduced into the upper classes. Since Mrs. Newcomb's magnificent bequest, Newcomb is probably the largest endowed woman's college in the United States. Her Art School is forging right ahead, and the pottery department has spread the name and fame of our southern college to many lands.

The attendance in all the departments is very much larger than ever before, and the number of out-of-town girls was so great that another dormitory, "The Gables," had to be opened to accommodate them. The "Josephine Louise House" is filled to its utmost capacity.

With the prosperous conditions of the college, the fraternity chapter has necessarily improved. Louisiana Alpha has an active chapter roll of seventeen and three pledges,—a roll larger than it has ever had before.

Let me introduce to you our six new girls, of each and every one of whom the fraternity may well be proud. They are: Rosalie Russ, '02; Bemis Sharp, '05; Katherine Dillard, '05; Flora Murphy, '05; Mary L. Matthews, '05; Ethel Miller, Special.

Not long ago Newcomb branched out in a direction heretofore neglected. With the arrival of Miss Bridges, the representative of the Y. W. C. A., a new field was opened to the Newcomb girls, and resulted in the establishment of a fine association here, which is affiliated with the great movement in the other universities. Erie Waters, one of our girls, is at the head of the branch, and several of our members are interested in it.

Our convention delegate, May Logan, has just returned from her summer trip, and while away many otherwise long hours telling us of the delightful times she had while in Syracuse.

Louisiana Alpha wishes all her Pi Phi sisters a merry Christmas and a very happy New Year.

LILY MEAD POST.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter to the Arrow Kansas Alpha has moved into her new home. For a house warming we gave a reception to all the Greeks, members of the faculty, university and town friends. Our house is very well arranged for receiving, and when decorated with palms and chrysanthemums made a very pretty sight. We received from two to five in the afternoon and from eight to eleven in the evening, and were assisted by our patronesses and some of our alumnæ.

Friday evening, November twenty-ninth, the second annual banquet of Kappa and Iota circles was held at the Baltimore hotel in Kansas City. Thirty-one girls, representing Nebraska Beta, Kansas Alpha, Missouri Alpha, Michigan Alpha, Michigan Beta, Illinois Delta and Illinois Zeta, met together, toasted Pi Beta Phi, and sang her dear old songs. Kansas Alpha sent seven active girls and they all brought back most glowing reports of the reunion. Miss Fanny K. Read presided as toastmistress and the girls were all delighted with the opportunity of meeting her. Maud Miller of Missouri Alpha and Anne Stewart, Nebraska Beta, together with Miss Read, visited us the next week for a few days. While they were with us we had an initiation and introduced Madeline Nowlin, Margaret Hammond and Helen Robinson to the mysteries of Pi Phidom.

Our brother Greeks have a new addition in Alpha Tau Omega, which has just entered Kansas University.

The enrollment in our university is larger this year than it has ever been. A new museum is being erected which promises to be very handsome. We regret that next year we lose Professor E. D. Adams, teacher of Modern European History. He has resigned in order to accept a chair in Leland Stanford University.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis.

MABEL McLAUGHLIN.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The University of Nebraska, home of Nebraska Beta, has entered upon its thirty-first year with a larger corps of instructors, a greater number of students and better equipment in every way than ever before. In the School of Science we have added a new department, that of mining and mineralogy.

Our greatest advancement has been in athletics. Nebraska's foot ball team has won many laurels and will be recognized in the future as one of the leading teams of the West.

Pi Beta Phi, as well as U. of N., is having one of the most successful of years. October the twenty-third, we initiated the seven girls whom we

introduced to you in our last letter. Since initiation we have pledged two new girls,—Myrle McWaid of Atlantic, Iowa, and Alleyne Archibald of Lincoln.

We were fortunate in having with us last week five of our alumnae, and a "cookie-shine" was given for them at the home of Darleen Woodward.

Everything is quiet now in university circles as it is so near the holidays, and the students are already preparing to go home for vacation.

Our patronesses, Mrs. Raymond, Mrs. Kimball and Mrs. Morrill, have issued invitations to a card party to be given for us the evening of December tenth at the home of Mrs. Raymond. Our patron, Mr. A. J. Sawyer, will also entertain the girls the fourteenth of December.

Love and greeting to all Pi Phi sisters.

LOIS BURRUSS.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The girls of Colorado Alpha are now quite at home in their new chapter house, having been in it a little over a month. We are enjoying it so much and we hope never to be without a home again. There are ten girls in the house, the other five girls of the active chapter being town girls. The rooms in the house are very nicely arranged for entertaining, but we have been here such a short time that we have done very little entertaining as yet. We gave an informal reception to our patronesses a short time ago and we have sent out invitations for a reception to the faculty ladies in honor of Mrs. Baker, our president's wife, who has just returned from abroad.

We have initiated Claire Husted, Floye Lewis and Zoa Bruns since our last letter was written, and all three of the new girls are in the house with us.

Our university has grown rapidly in the past year and there has been a large increase in the number of students, both in the professional schools and in the college. There have also been several additions made to our faculty and some changes. Dr. Nichols has the chair formerly occupied by Dr. McLane, now president of the State University of Idaho. Dr. Libbey fills the position made vacant by the death of Dr. Kennedy last spring. We have just received the news of the death of Major Fulton, dean of the Engineering School, and the university will feel the loss greatly.

A fine new athletic field has been added to our campus, and most of the foot ball games we have played have been played here this year. We have not yet lost a game on it and we hold the college championship this year. The plans for a new library building are now nearly complete,—this will make eleven buildings on the campus and will complete the "Quad."

We are all eagerly looking forward to our holiday vacation, as every girl in the house expects to spend Christmas in her own home.

Colorado Alpha hopes that you may all have a very happy New Year.

SARA LAMPMAN HERRON.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

The girls of Colorado Beta have read the Arrow with longing and delight and perused its many chapter letters which report so many desired acquisitions to their numbers and the close of the rushing season.

We, on the contrary, can report no pledges as yet, for at the close of last year we concluded a three months' rushing agreement with our rival fraternity; therefore, we are still in the struggle and flushed with the anticipation of great victory. Although we have no pledges we have, in Maude Walker, one new member to introduce, a member of whom we are most proud. Our contract limits us to one rushing party in the name of the fraternity a term, and our one was an immense success. The first of the term was marked by our evening with Beta Theta Pi, and later we were royally entertained by them. The evening of December seventh was spent with Sigma Alpha Epsilon at the home of Professor Ling, and time flew as time is wont to do on such occasions. We girls of Colorado Beta are looking forward to the nicest thing we could have in our future,—a lodge. It is going to be small and quaint and cosy, with a big "fire place" to toast our toes and bring us a warmth of many happy memories. We are going to have a narrow, dark place for the terror inspiring goat and a big bright place in which to celebrate our feast of feasts—the "cookie-shine." In our rushing we aim for home girls, as we believe they are the nicest in a college of this kind.

The university has been under a cloud of debt since the opening term, and at one time was almost on the brink of foreclosure, but thanks to the efforts of our chancellor and the aid of friends, the crisis is safely passed and we begin the winter term with larger membership and greater prosperity than ever before. We are especially fortunate in having Gertrude Beggs, one of our own Pi Phi alumnae, occupying the chair of Latin.

Dearth of exciting events, social or otherwise, compels the close of this letter with merriest Christmas greetings to all our Pi Phi sisters far and near. May the New Year be a happy and prosperous one for all.

MARGUERITE DYER.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The latter part of the term just closed has been very interesting, due greatly to the kindness and generosity of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, the benefactress of the college girls. While the Grau Opera Company was in San

Francisco she arranged for a series of three enjoyable concerts at Hearst gymnasium for the college students and faculty. The first was a "Parsifal" recital by Walter Damrosch, the second a concert by Mme. Schumann-Heinck and David Bispam, and the third by Miss Suzanne Adams and Signor Scotti.

Plans are under way for a beautiful new home for Mrs. Hearst, to be built near President Wheeler's new residence. The ground will also soon be broken for the mining building, the first of the buildings to be erected after the plans of Benard. This is to be another of Mrs. Hearst's gifts to the university.

At the present rate of increase in the number of incoming students each year the new buildings will soon become a necessity, for the present accommodations are not sufficient.

The Hearst gymnasium for girls has been completed and is fully equipped with all the modern apparatus for physical exercise.

Under President Wheeler the university has advanced rapidly in many lines. A university meeting is held in Harmon gymnasium every two weeks, at which well known men, resident in, or visiting the state, address the students. These meetings afford invaluable opportunities for bringing the student body into touch with men whose power and influence are felt throughout the country.

A broadening tendency seemed to come into the spirit of the university with President Wheeler, and genuine college enthusiasm in the athletic, as well as the intellectual field, is encouraged and fostered by him. Real college spirit was shown November ninth, when the mass of students supported the foot ball eleven in a pouring rain, encouraging them to a victory wholly unexpected and against heavy odds, in the annual game with Leland Stanford University.

Altogether the term just closed has been most interesting and progressive. The junior farce, written and presented by members of the junior class, was the best for years, and all the college class dances were unusually successful.

There has been a constant round of fraternity parties, stopped only by the coming of the mid-year "ex-es."

We gave a very successful tea at the chapter house, and a dancing party at "Town and Gown Hall" last month. Otherwise we have done no formal entertaining since rushing season.

California Beta sends to all chapters of Pi Beta Phi best wishes for a pleasant vacation and a happy opening for the New Year.

MAUDE ESTELLE SCHAEFFER.

Exchanges.

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

What the *Beta Theta Pi* notices as being true of the men's fraternities is no less true of the women's. It is very pleasant to feel that a certain recognition is given a college woman, not because she belongs to this fraternity or does not belong to that, but because she is a fraternity woman, and so her possession of certain qualities is taken for granted, no matter what pin she wears.

There is less inquiry of late years concerning the relative standing of the fraternities than there used to be. Probably this is due to a real growth in strength among them all, so that few of the fraternity now feel that the organization of his choice is either superior or inferior to any other. Indeed, most fraternity men are now quite indifferent to the opinion of their fellow Greeks concerning their fraternity. The fraternities are gradually approaching a level in this respect. A few superior organizations are forging ahead faster than others, but after all there is not so much difference. The relative position of two fraternities, one five years old and the other twenty years old, is noticeable. When one is twenty-five and the other forty it doesn't make so much difference. Young active chapters of aggressive societies successfully rival old conservative chapters of less pushing orders, the vicissitudes of life change the standing of chapters at the same college and ten years often makes a vast difference. It is fast becoming axiomatic that the average fraternity man is a gentleman.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma has these significant words regarding college friendships:

It is a grave mistake to regard friendship as a mere amusement. An acquaintance which is sought for the pleasure of the moment counts for nothing in a boy's character, or in the future life of a man. The friend-

ships that really count are those which are wrought out through sympathy in hard work for a common purpose. Whatever enlists men in loyalty to a cause outside of themselves enables them to come to a closer knowledge of one another, and to serve one another in ways undreamed of by a mere pleasure-seeker. Whether it be in study or in athletics, in social organizations or in religious activity, this spirit of self-devotion is essential for him who would realize the value of this side of college life. In default of such a spirit, it becomes a mere dissipation, as bad as that of the man who seeks a short cut to technical skill or to intellectual culture.

Apropos of this is the *Trident's* succinct definition of the aims of the fraternity:

There are, it seems, three things for which the modern college fraternity must stand. I. Adherence to certain principles. II. Intellectual growth. III. Good fellowship. These divisions more or less overlap one another. The foundation on which is to be built the whole structure of fraternity life is the first of these divisions—each girl lives up to these principles as best she can. She realizes their beauty and tries to mold her life by them.

The *Trident* has the following good advice on expansion which even a fraternity already so "expanded" as Pi Beta Phi will not do ill to ponder:

It is an indisputable fact that conservatism is a saving grace in the policy of all organizations, but a fact, nevertheless, to be accepted and applied to fraternity affairs, with a nice appreciation of the difference between the rational conservatism, which opposes abnormal growth, and the perverseness which opposes all growth. There is no more sanity in rejecting all applications for charters than there is in granting all, and there is the same lack of foresight. It may be well, as some one suggests, to allow time for the assimilation of chapters recently acquired, before admitting others; but, is it not equally important to be providing something more to be assimilated, when the present process shall be completed? It is more poetic than practical, to rest on one's laurels.

A fraternity without rivals, might afford to limit its growth to a certain number of chapters within a stipulated time; but, with the present catch-as-catch-can system, golden opportunity must be the only gauge for expansion. Because a half-dozen charters have been granted within a certain time, is no reason for withholding a seventh; nor does the fact that none have been granted within the same time, justify the granting of one.

When the opportunity presents itself, of placing a good chapter in a good institution, that is the time to do it; and there need be little fear as to its proper assimilation.

This extract from the inaugural address of the newly chosen president of Phi Gamma Delta is all the better worth quoting when we realize that it is fifty years since he became a member of that fraternity:

It seems to me, dear brethren, that there is far more in the principles, the spirit, the atmosphere, of this fraternity, than appears to a superficial observer. The charm of it lies not in its secrecy, which is rather prudential than essential, but in those substantial principles, around which a thin veil of mystery is thrown not so much to conceal as to conserve them,—principles which ought to be revealed in all their beauty in the lives of those who are vowed to practise them.

Chi Omega has recently entered Northwestern University, and is welcomed as a pleasant rival by the other women's fraternities.

The following announcement was received some time since:

"The Arch Chapter of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity announces the installation of the Gamma Gamma Chapter at Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire, Monday, October seventh, nineteen hundred and one."

The new editor of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* is Miss Edith Cockins of Columbus, Ohio. The magazine is now published in that place and comes out in very dainty new outside and inside attire.

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