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Is There a Place for Fraternity After College Life

THAT depends.

The life of a present day alumna is already dangerously full and few indeed are the women not caught in the grasp of the activities which reach out in every direction and touch the very sinews of our social organism. Civics, education, philanthropy, the church and the home,—all demand the cooperation of the college alumna if not her positive leadership.

And this is as it should be. We have claimed and been granted recognition of the mind feminine. We have urged the necessity and beneficial results of education for women, and now we must prove our claims by the outcome.

That the college woman is proving her right to these greater opportunities and her worthiness to enter upon the larger life opened by education, let the honor rolls of our American universities, the membership of the ancient and honorable Phi Beta Kappa, the record of woman's work in the universities abroad for the last two decades, and the high plane of home life today in a myriad American homes, bear witness.

And now to this busy life you bring the question—"Is there a place in it for fraternity?" and again we reply—"That depends."

There *is* a place and a large place that a college fraternity and a college fraternity alone *might* fill, but which to my mind no fraternity does fill at present, although that the consciousness of some is fast awakening to the situation is witnessed by the growing alumnae organizations with their various privileges ranging from that of cold advice to active cooperation and a vote in conventions.

The fraternity *might* fill the place of link between college life and this after-college activity which is often full of disheartening practicalities that tend to narrow the horizon, to bind one into ruts or by sheer force of physical inequality for the struggle, to drag one into the "slough of despond." The fraternity *might* prove the link between this after-college activity in which the alumnae must and ought to live, and the college life in which were developed and crystallized the ideals that have made her what she is: the link that would hold her close to all she meant to be and to do. Let each alumna answer for herself how often in her own life, such an inspiration has been needed.

The college itself does not furnish this tie, but rather, becomes inevitably, though still the Alma Mater, yet the preoccupied, indifferent mother at whose altar we may worship ever in memory, yet without that personal response essential to any heart service such as would make of it a living college relation.

You will remember an ARROW article of a year ago by Harriot Palmer of Indiana Alpha on "The Woman and the Fraternity," an article copied far and wide by the fraternity Exchanges.—

"The college woman is always a college woman. That something, which gives the keen pleasure to the young girl during the college days, follows her into more mature life. Her college fun, in which she may not care to indulge at this time, is looked back upon with a relish very near to the first enjoyment. She is full of college spirit, and she recognizes it in those whom she meets. If she is thrown into a community where it is not, she misses it, and something is gone out of her life. It is this which causes the more dignified alumna, or the worthy patroness to so keenly enjoy the initiation or the 'cookie-shine.' But stronger than college spirit is the college fraternity spirit. That means the living up to those possibilities of what intelligent broad minded women may be to each other either as fellow students pursuing the same line of investigation and gracing the same society, or as graduates, whether giving themselves to the so-called purely intellectual life, or to the home and social world of the average woman.

Again there is or should be a place in alumnae life for fraternity by virtue simply of the rare opportunity it offers for influence,—influence, first over the fraternity membership, and through it over the student body at large. Surely this is an

opportunity as yet neglected and unappreciated by fraternity alumnae.

Have they at heart the social relations of our young people, their standards of scholarship, physical development, growth in gracious personality or good in any direction, by no means whatsoever could the favored work be so effectually promoted, or a wider influence be exerted on the very field desired, than through the college fraternity, which at present, at least, most assuredly sets standards and makes precedents in every representative institution of the land.

Is it asked "Will the chapters welcome alumnae overtures or cooperation?" Alumnae experience has proven over and over again that by the very bonds in fraternity the tactful, sympathetic alumna will be met more than half way in any work proposed and will secure a respectful, sympathetic hearing on any occasion she chooses to assert herself.

Granted then there is a place the fraternity *might* fill, let me add that whether it be filled or not; whether this place be preempted or not, depends wholly upon the fraternity and what it offers that will make the relation worth while

All praise to our present alumnae workers for the success they have won through our alumnae movement, and to our faithful alumnae officers who have accomplished wonders with the means and opportunities at their command.

To be interested the alumna must be informed and kept informed. Ignorance of a subject never yet developed interest.

Nor is the ARROW sufficient. Its visits are far too rare and its range of topics too limited to foster a very lively working interest. The ARROW is a public magazine and much of our fraternity work must be too private for public discussion in its pages.

There must be other sources of information and in the writers opinion there should be a continuous stream of printed matter to both chapters and alumnae giving information and stirring to action.

More than that: alumnae should be invited to cooperation in the general fraternity work; be given responsibility in its welfare.

I take it Alumnae have entirely too many worthy affairs of their own to go about asking recognition and consideration at the hands of any organization.

Great has been our success. We are proud of Pi Beta Phi and we lay our tribute at the feet of her noble alumnae who have made her reputation the rich heritage we now enjoy, but because of all she is and has done, we covet her ability for all she may do, when both undergraduate and alumna shall join hands in sharing responsibility and privilege.

—E. H. T.

Silver Bay Conference

AT THE eastern summer conference of the Young Women's Christian Association held at Silver Bay on Lake George, N. Y. from June twenty-fourth to July fifth, Pi Beta Phi had the largest representation of any Greek-letter fraternity. Eleven wearers of the golden arrow might be seen among the crowd of college and preparatory school-girls, numbering about seven hundred who had gathered at that ideal spot for a conference meeting. Not all of us were able to get together at one time because some were so late in arriving, but eight of the number were entertained by Margaret Kyle, Pennsylvania Alpha, a national student secretary. The entertainment consisted of a "cookie-shine" and a good Pi Beta Phi chat. The getting acquainted was not at all difficult, you may be sure, for from the alumnae among the number down to the baby from New York Beta, a Pi Phi of but a few weeks the bond of sisterhood brought us into sympathy and friendship at once. Enough cannot be said in praise of the "spread." Miss Kyle proved that she had not forgotten college days and is as enthusiastic for our beloved fraternity as we who are in active chapters. The following are the names of the Pi Beta Phis who were at the conference:

Alice Durfee, Vermont Beta; Bertha Duncan, Vermont Alpha; Florence Duncan, Vermont Alpha; Bessie Bump, Vermont Alpha;

Jennie B. Allyn, Massachusetts Alpha; M. Lillian Horne, Massachusetts Alpha; Mary W. Murtha, New York Beta; Margaret Kyle, Pennsylvania Alpha; Mabel Kirk, Pennsylvania Gamma; Willa Wilson, Maryland Alpha; Evelyn Gates, Michigan Alpha; Jeanette Waye, Kansas Alpha.

A Pi Phi Heroine

Many Pi Beta Phis read in the *Woman's Home Companion* of last March the article on "Heroism in Every Day Life," but few perhaps realized that one of the heroines was a Pi Phi. Minnie Freeman, now Mrs. Penney, attended the Methodist Episcopal College of Nebraska and was initiated into Nebraska Alpha in 1885.—*Editor.*

To Miss Minnie Freeman, still another heroic eighteen-year-old district-school teacher, whose field of work lay at Miracreek, Valley county, Nebraska, was given not "the fate of those who fail" in the unselfish discharge of duty, but the happier yet no less heroic fate of those who, laying down life gladly, save it for themselves and their fellows, and the general sweetening and betterment of the whole world. And the life of every one of the thirteen pupils for whom she so bravely risked her own was saved.

The thick, shadowing darkness that presaged the immediate onslaught of the storm was her first warning. A momentary glance from the window satisfied the Nebraska-reared observer that awful weather was to follow. She lost no time in directing the children to make ready for their immediate home-going; but almost as she so directed them, the fierce blast blew in the doors and windows, and chilled them through.

Fortunately, some strong twine was at hand, and Miss Freeman, divining that the entire school-house might blow away at any moment, speedily bound all the children together, the smallest at the head of the little procession, the others close behind them, three abreast; the free end of the twine she tied about her own waist. Nor was the task completed a moment too soon for their safety. With no further warning than a severe hurricane signal, the frail building was suddenly wrenched and whirled from above

and about them, and they stood out in the terrible tempest and uproar, unprotected and alone.

With brave words and smiles, with cheery, encouraging predictions and gestures, the girlish teacher calmed and inspired her frightened companions. Then, taking in her arms the youngest—scarce more than an infant in size and years, but a heavy weight for a slender girl to carry, especially under such conditions—and bidding the other little ones keep firm hold of her body and garments, she set forth. And so, brave-hearted girl that she was, she led the little band of children to safety with an unerring intuition and judgment that seemed more than human.

The children, tortured almost beyond endurance, exhausted, hopeless, cried, hung back and lingered, prayed and begged to be left alone in the bitter tempest to die. The poor teacher, dauntless but sore troubled, strained every nerve to lead and drag them onward. Every now and again they all stumbled and sank in some huge and mighty snow-drift, and each time it was harder to induce the tired children to rise. But always she pressed onward, this brave and noble if quite unconscious girl heroine; always she pushed back the alluring temptation to rest just for a moment, the unformulated, unrecognized but insidious thought that she could sooner reach safety alone. And at last, just when hope seemed hopeless, just when she felt she could go no further, she dimly discerned before her the vague outlines of a building.

"Children! Children!" she cried out, joyously, new life in her veins and spirit, "look! There is a house just ahead, dears! Courage! Struggle just a little longer, *keep on struggling*, and we shall be safe!"

They had no breath nor strength to answer, poor babies, save by the tears that froze as they shed them; but they made all together one last, renewed, desperate effort, attained the door of the little farm-house, stumbled across its hospitable threshold, were seized upon and all but overwhelmed by the tender ministrations of loving, sympathetic hands. The agonies consequent upon long exposure to bitter cold were hard of endurance, inevitably, and left many of the little group long helpless and suf-

fering; but though all knew and experienced these excruciating pangs to the fullest, all ultimately recovered.

And the brave little teacher, falling into death-like unconsciousness, completely overworn and exhausted, in that hard-won farmhouse kitchen, for the second time went down to the gates of the Grim Destroyer in consequence of her heroic battle. But she rose again in due time and season, battle-scarred and weak from the unequal conflict, but a second time gloriously triumphant and victorious.

Report of the Third Inter-SorORITY Conference

THE Third Inter-SorORITY Conference was called by Delta Gamma at Chicago, Sept. 16 and 17, 1904. The opening session was held at the Columbus Safety Deposit Vaults on the afternoon of Sept 16, followed by an all-day session in the parlors of the Victoria Hotel. Nine Sororities were represented as follows:

Kappa Alpha Theta.....	Mrs. Laura H. Norton
Delta Gamma.....	Miss Grace Telling
Kappa Kappa Gamma.....	Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield
Gamma Phi Beta.....	Miss Lillian W. Thompson
Chi Omega.....	Miss Bessie Krape
Alpha Phi.....	Miss Minnie Ruth Terry
Pi Beta Phi.....	Miss Elizabeth Gamble
Alpha Xi Delta.....	Mrs. T. C. Kimble
Delta Delta Delta.....	Miss Amy H. Olgen

The question of rotation in the calling of conferences and the holding of office was first discussed. By consent, it was agreed that the conference, as a body, decide upon the following order of rotation:

1. Pi Beta Phi.
2. Kappa Alpha Theta
3. Kappa Kappa Gamma.
4. Delta Gamma.
5. Alpha Phi.

6. Gamma Phi Beta.
7. Alpha Chi Omega.
8. Delta Delta Delta.
9. Alpha Xi Delta.
10. Chi Omega.

It was further agreed that dating from the present conference the delegate from that Sorority calling the Conference should act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order should act as secretary with a view toward her occupying the chair at the next Conference. Therefore, Miss Telling of Delta Gamma, was made chairman. Inasmuch as the first and second Conferences were called by Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta respectively, and as Alpha Chi Omega was not represented at this Conference, Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta was made secretary. Acting upon a letter from Sigma Kappa, it was moved that Sigma Kappa be admitted to the Conference whenever she as a Sorority accepts all the rules already passed by the Conference. This motion was carried unanimously.

The Inter-Sorority Compact was first discussed. Of the four motions submitted to the Sororities by the Conference of 1903, motions 1 and 2 failed to pass, one by a small negative, the other by a tie vote. It was, therefore, unanimously voted to submit these motions again to the chapters of the Sororities through their Grand Councils. These motions are as follows:

1. Moved that a pledge day be adopted by the National Sororities in each college where two or more of them exist.
2. Moved that the pledge day in each college be fixed by the Pan-Hellenic Association existing there.

The second session of the Conference was given over to the consideration of the conflicts and difficulties arising over the Inter-Sorority Compact. It was found that the Pan-Hellenic Associations already formed were, for the most part, making marked progress beyond the regulations demanded by the Inter-Sorority Compact, in the making and enforcing of rules regulating rushing, pledging, etc., etc. Objections to Rules 1 and 2, now in force, were entertained from chapters at three institutions. Of these,

only one was considered of serious importance. After thorough discussion, three courses of action seemed open to the Conference, to enforce the rules strictly, to grant an exception, or to abandon the compact. A motion was finally made that inasmuch as the last Conference had accomplished by inter-sorority action what no one Sorority was willing or able to attempt alone, and inasmuch as inter-sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuse to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist in any particular college, to its previous ruling regarding the pledging of preparatory students. This motion was lost, 5 to 4. It was then moved that the University of Wisconsin chapters of all the Sororities represented in the Conference be permitted for two years to pledge senior students in high schools at their inter-scholastic meet, June 4. This motion was carried, 6 to 3. The Conference wishes to state, however, that this exception is granted to Wisconsin because of the peculiar conditions existing there, that this exception is only temporary, and that it expects the Pan-Hellenic Association there to make every possible effort in order that the exception may, after two years, no longer be necessary.

A consideration of the reports of the different Pan-Hellenic Associations revealed the fact that the purpose of such associations was not everywhere understood. It was, therefore, moved that inasmuch as there had been some misunderstanding as to the real purpose of the local Pan-Hellenic Associations, each Sorority be asked to instruct its chapters that the purpose of these Associations is not merely to promote good feeling and social intercourse but especially to discuss and act upon all matters of inter-sorority interest with a view to raising fraternity standards and ameliorating existing evils. This motion was carried unanimously.

It was moved that the Inter-Sorority Conference, through its secretary, request each local Pan-Hellenic Association to discuss thoroughly and to attempt the adoption of rules:

1. Providing for a pledge day not less than two weeks after

the opening of college whether such a compact is entered into by the National Sorority or not.

2. Tending to regulate and limit rushing, especially in the matter of extravagant expenditure and excess of social functions.

This motion was carried unanimously.

The last session of the Conference was devoted to a discussion of the social service work proposed by Kappa Kappa Gamma and was introduced by the following preamble and resolution:

Whereas, We recognize that there are conditions existing in the social life of our co-educational colleges that demand serious consideration, and,

Whereas, We feel that the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength, should be a recognized factor in the proper adjustment of such condition:

Resolved, That we, in the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma assembled, recommend that concerted action be taken by the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities, the object of which shall be to reach this adjustment.

Upon request, Mrs. Penfield, chairman of the Social Service Committee, read the report upon which the above recommendation was based.

After a most interesting discussion the Conference voted to adopt the three following motions:

1. That the Inter-Sorority Conference recommend the establishment of Women's Leagues in our co-educational colleges where the Women's National Greek Letter Sororities are located, —membership in which shall include all women students and the object of which shall be to cooperate with the faculties in improving the present social conditions and also to provide for such cooperation along other lines of social service recognized to be within the province of such organizations, the extent and specific direction of which shall be determined in every case by local conditions.

2. Moved that these Leagues be established under the direction of the Grand Presidents of the various sororities, it being left to these officers to decide where such organizations shall be estab-

lished and the form of each, the President of such sorority being responsible for the colleges in which her sorority was the first established.

3. Moved that a committee of three be now elected whose duty it shall be,

1st. To secure, if possible, the coöperation of the college men in this work.

2nd. To form a Bureau of Comparative Legislation, which shall include the legislation now in force in colleges where Women's Leagues, Women's Dormitories and Sorority Houses exist and to secure reports on the effectiveness of such legislation.

3rd. To investigate the advisability of asking that Deans of Women be appointed in all co-educational colleges.

This committee was elected as follows: Mrs. W. W. Penfield of Kappa Kappa Gamma, St. Owen Place, Wakefield, New York City; Miss Lillian W. Thompson of Gamma Phi Beta, 326 West 60th Place, Chicago, Ill.; Miss Grace E. Telling of Delta Gamma, 840 N. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

The committee was instructed to report on duties 1 and 2 to the Grand Presidents of the Sororities and on duty 3 to the next Inter-Sorority Conference.

It was thought by the Conference that such subjects as the specific work of Deans of Women, as well as the matter of assistance of the proper kind for these over-taxed executives, the necessity for dormitories, the management of fraternity houses, the provision for adequate chaperonage, the regulation of the private boarding and furnished room house standards, etc., must, with an infinite number of other matters, be left to our leaders to decide when local conditions are investigated and the coöperation of local faculty and student-body enlisted. The Conference was unanimous in its endorsement of the work and urges the hearty cooperation of every fraternity woman and asks for the cordial support of all interested. Letters were read from several Deans of Women who were unable to be at the Conference but who are deeply interested in the work.

The Conference was then declared adjourned.

In conclusion, the Conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the Inter-Sorority Compact which is binding upon all chapters of all the Sororities represented in the Compact.

1. There shall be a Pan-Hellenic Association in every institution where two or more national sororities exist; each association shall be represented by the chapter first established there; and shall consist of one alumna and one active member of each sorority. It shall be presided over in rotation by each chapter in the order of its establishment. Any chapter violating the Pan-Hellenic Agreements shall be reported to its Grand President by the Pan-Hellenic Association to which it belongs.

2. No student shall be asked to join a sorority before she has matriculated, matriculation being defined as the day of enrollment as a student in the university or college.

The next Conference will be called by Delta Delta Delta at Chicago in September, 1905. The great desire of this Conference is that the local Pan-Hellenic Associations may do much during the coming year to advance the work of the Inter-Sorority Conference.

AMY H. OLGEM, Delta Delta Delta,
Secretary of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

A problem appears nearly every year leaving us in greater difficulties at each reception. The question is this: What shall

A Common Problem

be done with a non-fraternity girl, who comes to us from another college where fraternities are firmly established and where possibly we have a chapter? For instance, consider a girl who, in high school, was a brilliant student, a favorite with teachers and pupils but quiet and reserved. She is pretty and dainty, an agreeable and interesting talker. She went to a large college where numerous fraternities made life rather strenuous. As the college is an old institution, children of the large body of alumni are sent there and become members of the fraternities to which their parents belonged. Then too, many friends are sent with recommendations to the various chapters, so that at the very outset it is unnecessary to seek recommendations for other freshmen. Thus many worthy and desirable girls are excluded from fraternity life. Of course more chapters could be established but the process is slow and difficult and consequently many girls left out in this way enter other colleges for various reasons. Such being the case of the example mentioned, what shall be done with her?

Suppose she enters our college and we like her well enough to take her, were she entering college for the first time. We write to her former college and receive an answer like this: "We know very little of Miss— except that she is a good student and is only one of many fine girls not in a fraternity."

Some say, "Take her into your chapter," but there are difficulties. She is a little older than most of the freshmen, perhaps a little embittered by her year's experience at the former college and distrustful of our friendly feeling for her. Then, she is a "left over" as some say, and we love our sorority too much to allow

anyone to think we fill our ranks with girls that other sororities reject.

What shall be done with this girl who has been overlooked accidentally? Shall we ask her to be one of us and trust to make her a loyal and admirable Pi Phi, or shall we pass her by and allow unkind things to be said of her because she has had no opportunity to enjoy fraternity life? Will the other chapters help with advice and their own experience?

To the freshman those days when she is being rushed are days of bewilderment and pleasure, for attentions are bestowed on her from all sides. But when she is pledged and the rushing subsides, the freshman awakes with a start to the real conditions to find that she is only a freshman, after all. Every one settles down to work, or at least tries to, and the fraternity girls turn their energies to their own work and old friends, so that often the freshman doubts the sincerity of the fraternity girl's first attentions.

Of course it is impossible to rush all the year with the same persistence as during the first two or three weeks. But just because a girl is "safe" and has given her word to us, let us not stop there. Absorbed in our own duties and pleasures, it is very easy to make this mistake. We are the old girls and at home in the college life, but the new girl, as the novelty wears off, feels herself more than ever a stranger and an outsider. Let us look to it that the new girl shall have no unpleasant after taste when rushing is over.

Pennsylvania Beta.

In our happiness in being all united and our excitement in getting new pledges during these fall days, we fraternity girls live in an inner atmosphere of enthusiasm often oblivious to the outside college world. We are all glad to see one another, proud of one another, and, of course extremely fond of one another and, consequently, apt to demonstrate these facts in caresses and endearing intima-

*Fraternity
Dignity*

cies. Now within the privacy of fraternity homes these most natural demonstrations are quite permissible. But the kissing and embracing habit like all others, grows with exercise, so that often quite thoughtlessly we indulge in these intimacies in places very different from our own parlors, our college cloak rooms or upon the campus. At these times we are blind to the numerous bystanders who are usually non-fraternity girls. But unfortunately they are by no means so blind towards us and I fear that at the worst, they are moved to ridicule and disgust at exhibitions which they may think given with the view of impressing them, or, at the best, to wonder to our disregard for true fraternity dignity. Let us learn to look at these matters from the standpoint of an outsider and reserve our demonstrations for the family circles.

Ohio Beta.

Our experience this year with a pledge day seven weeks after the opening of college has proved the wisdom of the suggestion

*The Length of
the Rushing
Season*

made in the last ARROW that the rushing contract should be for either a short or a very long time.

After the three weeks of strenuous rushing that we have had, we feel acquainted with several of the new girls, and are sure that we want them; and most of these girls have shown a decided preference for us. Yet we must wait four weeks before we pledge them. On the other hand there are one or two whom we are not so sure of. But we would rather ask them now, even at the risk of losing them, than to stand the nervous strain, and the rather considerable expense, for four weeks more.

From the standpoint of the freshman, the long rushing season is unpleasant. If she has decided upon the fraternity that she wants to join it is annoying to her to be continually receiving invitations from the others. If she has not decided, she becomes confused, and tired, and perhaps spoiled by being rushed by so many, and not being obliged, after a reasonable time, to make her choice.

So it seems to us that a rushing season of not more than three or four weeks is quite long enough.

Massachusetts Alpha.

It is usually said that the non-rushing pledge does away with the strain caused by competition between fraternities. This is true only in part. According to the pledge the *The Non-Rushing Pledge* fraternity girls should treat new girls just as naturally as they would the old non-fraternity girls but this is seldom carried out. For example you meet a group of freshmen in the hall. Upstairs are forty pages of history to be learned. Now if these girls were non-eligibles you would pass them with a nod and a word, but as it is, you stop to talk and maybe one of them will suggest a walk. Straightway the history is allowed to go unstudied, while you rejoice in the fact that you are doing some perfectly legitimate rushing. This is only one of the many incidents which happen every day in colleges which have the non-rushing pledge.

Where the fraternities have a long rushing season it is a question whether this strain is not greater than would be that of rushing for a few weeks. Your mind is forever wandering from the books in your lap to some plan by which you can make an impression on the freshman.

Then, too, the pledge breeds ill feeling between the girls of different fraternities. We are always suspicious and look at every action as through a magnifying glass, seeking to find the slightest deviation from the agreement. We go to a freshman's room on some important business and find a girl of another fraternity comfortably curled up on the couch. We wonder how *she* came there.

Would it not be an ideal state of affairs if we could find some way by which to abolish such thoughts and actions unworthy of a fraternity girl.

Pennsylvania Alpha.

In the last ARROW Iowa Beta asked her sister chapters for opinions on forming Pan-Hellenic associations in small colleges.

Here there are only two national fraternities, with a local, forming three distinct sets, and unfortunately we have nothing in common. The other national could not well afford a pledge day, while the local

A Pledge Day

is so very hasty that we are obliged to guard our girls carefully and pledge them as soon as we are ready for them. We feel that we are better able to keep this high standard of Pi Phis without a pledge day than with one under these conditions.

We would say to Iowa Beta that such an organization does not seem advisable in our particular college.

Columbia Alpha.

Should a girl be made a Pi Phi because she is an especial friend of one of our members? Often a girl proposes the name of some very dear friend of hers for whom we have no decided objections, but who does not appeal to us as a Pi Phi.

A Serious Question

We may feel that we owe a great deal to this sister and that we would like to do for her what she perhaps has often done for us.

But after all should we take in a girl who does not appeal to us in order not to have hard feelings on the part of an active girl?

What do some of the other chapters think?

Nebraska Beta.

There is always a temptation to speak of the failings of a rival fraternity when rushing a girl for your own. There is an inclination to emphasize your own good qualities by pointing out your rival's bad ones.

Honor in Rushing

Don't be narrow-minded! The girl will probably have plenty of opportunities to compare fraternities and she will see the good in yours. Showing an ungenerous spirit will make a poor impression and have a decidedly bad effect. It is only fair that you should help the girl to see the advantages of your fraternity, but to do so, it is not necessary to speak slightly of another. It is a successful and self-respecting chapter which feels, after rushing, that it has been "in action faithful and in honor clear."

We were much interested in Ohio Beta's suggestion that an issue of the ARROW be devoted to distinguished alumnae of Pi Phi. We all want to know who they are and what they are doing as it is so much easier to remember their names of we know something about them. And how proud we are when some one is mentioned with great respect by an outsider, if we can say, "She is a Pi Phi."

*By way of
Answer*

With Vermont Alpha we think it would be a good thing if the different chapters would exchange pennants. At one of the men's fraternity dances last year, the hall was decorated with the pennants of the different colleges where they had chapters. Then, too they are fine to have in the chapter room.

The question has recently been pondered here, "Who shall be consulted about the new girls who are taken in? Shall the patronesses of a chapter have an opportunity to give their opinion of a "rushee," especially if she be a town girl? Will our sister Pi Phis think this over and tell us their conclusions.

*The Advice of
the Patroness*

Colorado Alpha.

The Province Convention is a step in the right direction. But a convention of a province as large as Alpha province—which includes seven states—would amount to about the same thing as the National Convention, as far as attendance is concerned. Even though it were held in a central location, there could not be more than one or two representatives from each chapter. Why would not an annual conference of the active chapters of each state be better? It would then give each girl in the chapter a chance to know some of her Pi Phi sisters and in this way would benefit all of the Pi Phis instead of a few. What do you think of it?

*State Conference
vs. the Province
Convention*

Ohio Alpha.

When we are trying to decide just which girls we should take into our chapter each year, the question which we first consider is,

Another Side "Will they be congenial to us?" and usually it is the only thing which we think necessary to consider. But this is too one-sided. We should also ask ourselves this question, "Will we be congenial to them?" Then we will look into our own characters to see if we have those traits which we consider so necessary for membership in Pi Beta Phi, for truly has the German poet said:

"Wouldst thou understand thy fellows,
Of thine own heart take regard."

Maryland Alpha.

Some national fraternities offer scholarships to their girls. These are obtained upon competitive examinations and are offered to the girls of their respective fraternities only.

A Pi Phi Scholarship They may be for a particular college or may be left to the choice of the girl who obtains one of them. Why can not Pi Phi, with a little of the surplus money which she has in her treasury, make a similar offer to her girls who wish to go on with their education after leaving college? It would surely give to her girls higher aims and loftier ambitions in this line.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

Alumnae Department

Notice

The usual Thanksgiving luncheon will be held in Chicago, in Marshall Field & Co's tea room, on Friday, November twenty-fifth, at half past twelve. All Pi Phis who are in Chicago on that day are urged to be present. Meet in the waiting-room of the south tea room at twelve o'clock.

The Lombard Alumnae Club

The Pi Beta Phi alumnae of Lombard College recently effected an organization. Mrs. F. H. Fowler was elected president, Martha Arnold, secretary, and Hottense Cowan, treasurer. The object of the club is to assist the active chapter and carry on any philanthropic work they wish. At present in conjunction with the active chapter and Knox Pi Phis they are furnishing a room at the Galesburg hospital.

The Washington Alumnae Association

From the delights of summer days in Europe, or from the charm of intercourse with nature in our own country, the Pi Phi alumnae of Washington have returned to enter upon fraternity work with renewed enthusiasm. One of our members, however, is still across the "oceans of say," to use an Irish expression. Ruth McGowan has been traveling in Europe this summer after her year's study of art in Paris, but expects to sail for home on the fifth of November. Nan Kelton and Lola Evans also spent their vacation abroad.

On the fifth of October our Alumnae Association, assisted by the active chapter, gave a reception at the University building in

honor of the new girls entering college. This thoroughly successful evening proved a most enjoyable way of opening the season.

The annual election of officers gave us, for president, our former Grand President, Emma Harper Turner, and for vice-president, our Maryland Alpha sister, Edna Stone. Helen Beale was elected treasurer and Catherine McIlhenny secretary. Our registrar is Dr. Norris, 1109 14th street.

We plan to hold our meetings one evening a month, and we shall try to make these gatherings social, without being frivolous; restful, but not soporific; stimulating, but not fatiguing; and intellectual, yet not pedantic. "Progress is the law of life," and the Washington Alumnae association hopes this year to develop in a fuller and deeper way than heretofore.

Indianola Alumnae Club

On the evening of the fourteenth of September, in Indianola, Iowa, Miss Huldah Irene Sigler was married to Mr. Ralph Barker McCune. Mr. and Mrs. McCune will make their home at 1944 Arlington Ave., Des Moines, Iowa.

On September sixth, Mrs. Martha Dashiell Burberry entertained the Alumnae Club and active chapter at a kitchen shower for Miss Huldah Sigler. Mrs. Florence McFarland presented the gifts of the afternoon in a very pleasing manner. Naturally she must give some wholesome advice but her receipt for cooking a husband will surely prove the most valuable to the bride-elect. While the guests were still examining the kitchen ware, a colored bridal party entered the parlor. The unexpected arrival of this party caused far more merriment than most bridal parties. The gorgeous costumes and stately manners of these high-born darkees for a time deceived the girls, but ere long the names of some of the young and old girls were whispered around as the bride, the groom, the parson—until all were recognized. A dainty luncheon was served and, of course, due honor was given to the colored friends.

Mrs. Jessie Graham Osborne, of New York, while visiting in the city, met with the Alumnae Club. We heartily enjoyed having her with us and a very pleasant afternoon was spent discussing subjects so dear to the Pi Phi heart.

Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

Bertha Ranslow, '94, was married on September twenty-first to Mr. Roy Joceslyn. They are living in St. Albans, Vt.

Born, a son to Cora Brock-Daniels, '96.

Mary Pollard, '96, is teaching in Yorkville, Ill.

Nellie Button is teaching in Beechwood Seminary, Norfolk, Va.

Nellie Hadley, '01, was married on September seventh, to Mr. Fay Simmons, '02. They will live in East Jaffrey, N. H.

Born, July twenty-sixth, Beatrice, daughter of Anna Deuel Winch, '02.

Bertha Collins, '02, is teaching in Waterbury, Vt.

Florence Perley, '04, is teaching in Fairfax, Vt.

Josie Prentis, '04, is teaching in Springfield, Vt.

Jessie Prentis, '04, is teaching in Warrensburg, N. Y.

VERMONT BETA

Kate Russell, '99, was married to Dr. Walter White of Middlebury, September twenty-first.

Ada Hurlburt, '99, is teaching in Rowland Hall, Salt Lake City.

Cora Talbot, '03, is teaching English and History in St. Albans High School.

Carrie Preston, '04, visited her college friends in Burlington recently.

Lillian Bean, '04, is teaching Latin and Greek in Brandon High School.

Elizabeth Durfee, ex-'05, has left college for this year and is assistant cataloguer in the new Fletcher Library.

Claire Reynolds, ex-'07, has entered Simmons College in Boston.

COLUMBIA ALPHA

Anna Morris of Indiana Alpha is studying at Rust Hall, the Deaconess' Training School, in Washington.

Elsie Turner, '02, is teaching English and mathematics in the Central High School here.

Catharine V. McIlhenny, '04, is continuing her study of French and German in Washington.

Ruth McGowan has returned after a year devoted to the study of art in Paris studios.

Lola May Evans has returned from a summer spent in England.

Helen Beale is filling a position at the Library of Congress and is planning to take a course in German at the University.

Florence Frisby, '01, is enthusiastically carrying on settlement work in a boys' club in Georgetown.

Anna Kelton has returned from a summer spent in traveling abroad.

Lillian Pace is working for her master's degree in mathematics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Nora Stabler-Worth, Pennsylvania Alpha, '03, has returned to her home in Coatesville, Pennsylvania, after a visit to her parents in Washington.

Josephine Shallenberger, '02, is teaching mathematics in the Eastman School in Washington.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Lucretia G. Snyder, ex-'06, was married July 14, at her home in Dunmore, Pa., to Mr. Samuel J. Black, Phi Kappa Psi. They are now living in Upper Sandusky, Ohio.

Blanche Allyn Bane, '04, is studying at her home in Norristown, Pa., for her master's degree.

Mary E. Seaman, ex-'06, visited her chapter the first two weeks of the fall term.

Lila Long, '03, is teaching again in the Williamsport High School.

Iza Martin, '00, is spending the year in Germany.

Edna Ann Innes and Daisy Parsons, ex-'06, visited their fraternity sisters in October.

Jane Fowler, ex-'03, and Edith Phillips, '01, are teaching in Mt. Pleasant Institute, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.

Dr. Alice Lillibridge has been visiting Lewisburg friends this fall.

Belle Clark, ex-'05, is attending a kindergarten training school at Pittsburg, Pa.

Rachel Eddleman, '04, is teaching English and German at Red Oak, Ia.

Mary B. Harris, '94, directed the production of a Latin play "The Flight of Aeneas," given by the graduating girls of Dearborn Seminary in Mandel Hall, the University of Chicago's theatre. The play was the only Latin one given by a Chicago school, and for that reason was especially mentioned by the Chicago papers.

Helen Buoy, '02, who has been teaching in the Centre street school at Milton, has been seriously ill with diphtheria at her home in Milton, Pa.

Eliza J. Martin, '00, sailed for Rotterdam in August. She expects to spend the coming year studying at the University of Jena.

Born to Laura Allen-Konkle, '01, a son.

A daughter was born to Eliza Bell-Wood, '94, in June.

Pennsylvania Beta loses one of her staunchest friends in the departure of Eloise Mayham-Hulley for the south. Dr. Hulley has accepted the presidency of the John B. Stetson University at Deland, Florida, and enters upon his new duties this fall.

Born to Professor and Mrs. Heim at Lewisburg, Pa., September seventeenth, a daughter. Mrs. Heim was Elizabeth Eddleman of Indiana Alpha.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Ruth D. Barrett has accepted a position on the Hazleton High School as teacher of German and English.

Bessie Craighead and Lou Sheetz will teach in the Harrisburg High School.

Helen E. Schaeffer has returned to Bryn Mawr College to resume her studies.

OHIO ALPHA

Miss Wetmore of Michigan Beta was in Athens for a day this summer.

Born to Pansy Herrold-Morgan a daughter, Elizabeth, July twenty-fourth.

Married on September eighth, Nellie Fuller of Athens to Mr. Harry Bahrman of Pittsburg, Pa.

Married on September twenty-eighth, Mary Wood of Athens to Mr. Floyd Chase Crider of Huntington, W. Va.

Nell Wilson is teaching this year in Whatcome, Washington.

Belle Bishop has accepted the position of librarian at the Ohio University for this year.

OHIO BETA

Augusta Connolly and Allena Mitzenberg have left for Sac City and Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, respectively, where they intend to teach this winter.

Elizabeth Reinmund, an alumna of Illinois Delta, was married to George Macgregor Morris at the Church of The Good Shepherd, Columbus, on October sixth, nineteen hundred four. They will make their future home in Cincinnati.

A son was born to Anne Nichols-Dresback of the class of '02 on September tenth, nineteen hundred four.

Lieutenant and Mrs. Charles F. Leonard set sail from San Francisco for Manila on September twenty-ninth.

Isabelle Hamilton, ex-'04, who has been visiting Columbus friends this summer, has returned to her home in Los Angeles.

Helen Crane of Maryland Alpha visited Martha Jones for a few weeks this summer.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Mildred L. Taitt, '04, has secured a position in the Sidney High School.

Lina C. Jennings is teaching in the Freeport High School.

Grace Hunt has gone to Boston where she will be engaged as a private tutor.

Mollie Barker spent a few days at the chapter house during the rushing season. She teaches in the Frankfort High School.

Lunette G. Havens is teaching at Andes, N. Y.

Cora V. Scott is instructor of vocal music at Cazenovia Seminary.

NEW YORK BETA

E. Millicent Perkins, ex-'07, has entered Mt. Holyoke this fall.

Dora R. Nevins, '04, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa in June.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

At the October meeting of the Boston Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi the president, Anna A. Robinson, and vice-president, Ethel Pearl Bancroft, were reelected, and M. Ida Hodge and Winifred G. Hill, 19 Highgate St., Allston, Mass., were chosen secretary-treasurer and corresponding secretary, respectively. The meetings of the club are held on the second Saturday of each month at three P. M. at 15 Pinckney St., Boston. All Pi Phis are welcome.

Married: Edith Taylor to Mr. Charles A. Therrien, September fourteenth, nineteen hundred four.

Married: Minerva B. Ford to Mr. Preston Shirley, September seventeenth.

Married: Carrie E. Provan to Mr. Asa Clinton Crowell, August ninth.

Married: Clara E. Noyes to Mr. Claude H. Priddy, September first.

The engagement of Winifred G. Hill to Mr. Burton L. Maxfield, Franklin, N. H., is announced.

On September seventeenth Edith T. Swift sailed for Rome to resume her teaching in Crandon Institute

Clara B. Cooke is teaching French and English in Millbury High School, Millbury, Mass.

Evelyn A Howe is teaching in the English High School, Worcester, Mass.

ILLINOIS BETA

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holmes, July twenty-ninth. Mrs. Holmes was Alvia Myers.

Bess Philbrook and Ethelwyn Grier, who graduated last June, are teaching in Racine, Wis.

Mabel Jones, Mollie Randolph, and Ethel Fennessey are teaching in their home towns this year.

Married, May fifth, 1904, Mary Hart, ex-'03, to Mr. Mitchell Evans.

Mecca Varney, '02, has been winning great praise for herself from lectures she has given in Indiana.

Ethel Van Cise, ex-'03, is expecting to visit college friends during October.

Elsie Garlick is teaching in Joliet, Ill.

Mila Parke, ex-'02, is in Champaign, Ill., attending the University of Illinois.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Lucy Derickson, '04, is at Seattle for the winter.

Carrie Mason, '04, is teaching at Muskegon, Mich.

Elberta Smith, '03, visited Illinois Epsilon during rushing season.

Ella McNulty, ex-'04, was married in August to Mr. Fred Johnson. The wedding was a church affair. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson make their new home in Oak Park, Ill.

Mabel Ellis, ex-'06, is attending the Chicago Kindergarten College.

Josie Collyer, ex-'06, is studying art in Evanston.

Corinne Cohn finished a very successful season this summer as a reader at the various Chautauquas held in Ludington, Mich., and in Sycamore, Oak Park, and Stirling, Ill.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Kate I. James was married October fourth to Mr. William Lewis of Danville, Ill.

Erma Moore, '04, is librarian at Pekin, Ill.

Clare Sommer, '04, is attending the University of Chicago.

Leila White has returned to the University of Illinois.

INDIANA BETA

Ethel Boyd of Paoli, Pearl Huff of Warren, and Maude Johnson of Indianapolis visited us during rushing season.

Mindwell Crampton has been unanimously elected to membership in "Strut and Fret," the dramatic club of the University.

Hazel Squires, ex-'07, is with Wisconsin Alpha sisters this year.

Mary Miller, '06, was married June fifteenth to Mr. Clarke Westfall. They are now living in Wollcott, Ind.

Mabel Batman, '07, has been seriously ill at her home in Ladoga and will not be in college until the spring term.

Mrs. Cartwright of Colorado visited in Bloomington this fall. She was an Iowa Zeta girl and the first ARROW editor.

Hettie Neat has been elected to Goethe Gesellschaft, the honorary German society of the University.

Mabel Bryce, '00, was married September twenty-fourth at her home in Indianapolis to Dr. Roach, Phi Kappa Psi.

IOWA ALPHA

Grace Mehler, '02, and Edith Young, '04, are now members of one of the leading concert companies in Iowa.

Philo Gem Russell, '05, is assistant principal in the Eldon High School this year.

Nita Clegg and Ora Srader have received transfers to unite with Colorado Beta.

Julia Shankland, '04, has accepted a position in the Newton High School.

Ruth Work and Edna Stickney are in college at the University of Colorado.

Born to Mrs. and Mr. Rudolph Doenges, Evanston, Ill., a son. Mrs. Doenges was Lula Soland, '02.

Lottie B. Allen was married September twelfth at the home of her parents at Morning Sun to Miles Babb, Beta Theta Pi. They will make their future home in Aurora, Ill.

Beth McMullen, '07, spent the summer in Denver, Colo.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Genevieve Smith, ex-'98, is in Germany where she expects to remain through the winter.

Millie Askew, '04, is teaching in Ironwood, Michigan.

Clara Sawyer, '07, is in Spokane, Wash.

Ada Welch, '03, is teaching in the high school at Monroe, Wis.

Alma Moser-Reinsch and Daisy Moser have returned from their travels in Europe.

Miriam Reed, '00, is teaching in Two Rivers, Wis.

Iva Welch has taken up her work in the State Historical Library since her return from Europe.

Virginia Hayner-Saunders, '01, is in New Mexico.

Maud Huntley-Jenks, '98, has been at the Philippines Exposition in St. Louis, of which her husband was in charge.

Constance Haugen has returned from Minnesota.

Marian O'Neill, ex'07, expects to go to Milwaukee to study music.

Laverna Gillies, ex-'99, has recently returned from Europe.

IOWA BETA

Mrs. Florence Hatfield Stanley after spending the summer under the parental roof, went to her new home in Arkansas.

Katherine Miller of Lewis Institute, Chicago, spent the summer in Indianola.

Lena Hatfield has returned to Chicago to resume her study in medicine.

Mrs. Agnes Buxton Little, '94, of Berwyn, Ill., visited in Indianola this summer.

Miss Ethel Bartholomew of Chariton, Iowa, a Pi Phi at Ames,

visited in the city and met with both the Alumnae Club and active chapter.

Mrs. Marion Cooke Houser, '01, of Tyrondo, Ark., visited relatives and friend in Indianola.

Alma Wagner, '02, is teaching in Forsythe, Mont.

Elena Jeffery, '04, is teaching in College Springs, Iowa.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Adair Monroe-Taylor has moved to Cincinnati to live.

Celia Rainey has been very ill, but is now improving.

Erie Waters has returned from Europe where she spent the summer.

Edna Shriever-Bush has a baby boy.

Pauline Curren is visiting in Mississippi.

KANSAS ALPHA

Rea Wilson, '04, was married October twelfth to Mr. Alpha Brummage, Alpha Tau Omega.

Charlotte Cutter of St. Luke's Hospital, Dencer, is visiting Gertrude Boughton of Kansas Alpha.

Ida Dunham, '01, was married September sixth to Mr. Robert Harmon Brooks, Phi Delta Theta, of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mabel McLaughlin, '04, Elsie Evans, '03, Inez Plumb, Mary Kellogg, Mary Dudley, Frances Newby and Anna Lanter have all been guests of Kansas Alpha since the fall term opened.

Inez Plumb, '04, has entered the training school for nurses at St. Luke's Hospital, Denver.

Helen Sutliff has accepted a position in the library at Leland Stanford University.

Nell Morrison has returned from her summer abroad.

Kate Dinsmoor, '03, has entered the Library School at Albany, N. Y.

Mabel McLaughlin, Mabel Scott and Nadine Nowlin are teaching in the Hiawatha High School.

NEBRASKA BETA

Oda Closson, after several years of study in the East, is again with us, as instructor of voice in the University School of Music.

Mary McGahey is spending another winter at Columbia, N. Y.

Mrs. Charles Pearsall, nee Bessie Turner, is now traveling through Germany and Switzerland and will spend the winter in Rome.

Amy O. Robinson was married in June to Mr. Harry McKillup, Beta Theta Pi, at Trenton, Neb. They are now at home in Seward, Neb.

Bertha Quaintance has given up her position as registrar in the Iowa State University and is attending Johns Hopkins Training School for Nurses.

Quete Haskell, after four years of study abroad, is now instructor in languages at the University of Pennsylvania.

Blanche Meeker was married to Mr. A. B. Welton June eleventh, 1904, and is living at Greenwood, Neb.

The marriage of Kate Whitmore to Mr. Charles Webb took place October twelfth, at Valley. Their home will be at Havelock, Neb.

Winifred Howell is at her home in Centerville, Iowa.

Gladys Henry has returned to Johns Hopkins to continue her course in medicine and surgery.

Rachel Nicholson will spend the winter in Chicago, studyin.

Mamie Killian and Pauline Bush will remain at home this year.

After spending several years in California, Grace Andrews has returned home and is now instructor in the Fairbury High School.

Mabel Olive Miles was married June twenty-second to Mr. Marion R. Gray of St. Louis. They will spend the winter in California.

Charlotte Spalding has returned to Colorado Springs where she is attending Colorado College.

TEXAS ALPHA

Frances Waggener is expected home from Mare Island, Cal., Christmas.

Mildred Durst is studying music in San Antonio.

May Wynne, Flora Bartholomew and Kate Sockwell will visit the chapter house soon.

Miss Mary Dunham of Indiana Beta is assistant librarian in the University this year. We are delighted to have her with us.

Margaret Burroughs is at Sophie Newcomb College, New Orleans, studying art.

Vivian Brenizer-Caswell is in Austin again after a delightful summer spent on the Hudson.

COLORADO ALPHA

Sara Herron is teaching at Las Animas, Colo.

Rosetta Bell is on her way from Europe and is expected in Boulder shortly.

Ethel Thornburgh is teaching at Brush, and Estelle Holmes at Leadville, Colo.

Mary Fowler will visit at the Lodge for a few days on her way to the Pacific coast.

Lulu Wangelin has accepted a position as assistant editor of the Boulder Herald.

Maud Hunn has been visiting in Wyoming.

Fannie Andrews and Ethel Poley are taking an extended tour through the Eastern states.

Fanny Plummer-Morton visited her sister Pi Phis at Boulder early in October.

Florence Blunt is attending Denver University.

Marcia Murray, '04, is a graduate student at Bryn Mawr this year.

Mary Wallihan, '04, is teaching mathematics in the University.

On August thirty-first, Ethel Miller, ex-'06, was married to Mr. D. Shelton Swan, at her home in University Park. They are

now living in Longmont Colo., where Mr. Swan is teaching in the high school.

Annette Badgley, '04, is teaching in the high school at Golden, Colo.

In Memoriam

LEURA WILLIS

Leura Willis died at her home in Zable Grove, Ill., August twenty-sixth. The cause of her death was nervous prostration, due to over work.

Leura Willis, was initiated into Illinois Beta in 1900, and graduated in 1903. During the years she was in college she gave much of her time to the study of music, for which she possessed much talent. Hers was a beautiful character and she was loved by all who knew her. She was always ready to give her time and strength to the work of the chapter to which she was so loyal. Illinois Beta feels that she has lost one of her truest girls. She will be greatly missed by all her friends and especially in her home where she was a devoted sister and daughter.

GERTRUDE WRIGHT-BARBER.

Again Nebraska Beta mourns the very sad and sudden death of a noble young woman, called away in the very bloom and joyousness of her youth.

Gertrude Wright-Barber was born in Schuyler, Neb., November seventh, 1876—where her early childhood days were spent. She was a graduate of the Schuyler High School, and afterwards made a special study of music, both vocal and instrumental, in the Nebraska University School of Music. She was one of the charter members of Nebraska Beta, but was compelled to give up her work two years later on account of poor health. She then went to Boston in hopes a change of climate might be beneficial

to health, and returned home the following year much improved.

About a year ago she was married to Mr. Charles Barber, Phi Gamma Delta, of Oxford, Neb., and to them was born a daughter, Gertrude, now a month old. Her death, due to valvular disease of the heart, occurred August seventh, 1904, after an illness of scarcely half a day, and was a great surprise and shock to her many friends.

Gertrude's life was a most beautiful one—always happy and contented, with a smile for every one. As a friend she was one of those gentle, lovable, sympathetic girls, full of life and energy and always thinking of others first, herself last.

What this loss means to her husband, parents, friends and sisters of Nebraska Beta, only those who knew her can appreciate.

A. E. S.

MAUDE DEISHER.

On July twenty-ninth, 1904, occurred the death of a dear sister, Maude Deisher of Colorado Beta.

She had been confined to her bed for nearly a year by tubercular trouble.

Throughout her sickness, she was most cheerful, brave and kind, always interested in Pi Phi affairs and never missing an opportunity to extend a courtesy to some sister.

One of the happiest memories we have is, of a meeting held at her home just one week before her death.

JESSIE THOMPSON.

ELLEN BLAKELY-KETNER.

Kansas Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi has several times been called upon to mourn the death of one of its members, but never before except in the case of Lucinda Smith-Buchan, has Death seemed so dark a messenger or so wanton in his choice as when Ellen Blakely-Ketner was taken from us on June twenty-seventh. From 1895 to 1899 she was an active member of Kansas Alpha,

and it is safe to say that our chapter never had a more winsome, lovable, loyal and helpful member. The name "Nell Blakely" came to be a synonym for all things lovely and of good report.

In January of 1901 she was married to Mr. Edwin Ryland Ketner, whose sweetheart she had been since she was twelve years old. Their marriage was a peculiarly happy one, having devotion and congeniality as its foundations. On June twenty-fourth of this year a little daughter was born to them, but the event which had been so eagerly looked forward to was darkened by the seriousness of the young mother's condition. In three days she died, leaving the little daughter as a precious legacy.

The burial took place July second at Junction City, Kan., and was attended by many out-of-town relatives and friends. Dozens of touching incidents showing the great love she had inspired in the hearts of all her friends during her short life, might be related. The reverent eagerness with which old and young labored to beautify the church for her funeral service and line her grave with flowers, was in itself so beautiful and touching a tribute that it conveyed a lesson seldom taught even by those lives that are rounded out to three score and ten.

Among her papers was found the following extract, written on the eve of her twenty-first birthday. It is beautiful, especially because it was conscientiously lived up to in each hour of her life.

11 p. m., Apr. 5, 1895.

"In a little while the years of my girlhood will have been told, and as I pause a few minutes on the threshold of womanhood, thoughts of my past life and what I now am come to me. Yes; what am I? What would I be? I would question deep into my inmost self tonight. Ah, I would be a woman of purity and strength, dignity and unselfishness with power to love truly and live nobly.

"What am I? But a girl with unsatisfied longings and ambitions, and overwhelming faults. Surrounded with many loving friends and dear family relations, I receive much and give nothing. If only I could be more unselfish, more thoughtful, more persevering, more womanly, more dutiful, more loving!

"I wish to be more to my Mother, more to my sisters, more to

my brothers, more to my relatives, more to my friends, more to myself.

"When tomorrow's sun rises on the new day, may a new and better era in my life commence. God help me to be more reverent and humble, and never to forget Thee, but more and more to rely on Thy divine truths for light to guide my feet in the right path.

"May the coming year make me a woman in deed and truth."

A. A. H.

Editorials

AS IS natural at this season of the year, the thoughts of the fraternity girl turn, though far from lightly, to the subject of rushing. What kind of girl to ask, how to secure her, and what to do with her after she is secured, are all questions of annually recurring interest. For the last year or two these older aspects of the rushing problem have had to share the field with such newer questions as Pan-Hellenic treaties, fixed pledge days and written invitations. When we read the varied opinions on these subjects our first thought is that the efforts to simplify rushing have only succeeded in complicating it the more hopelessly.

Yet we must bear in mind the fact that Pan-Hellenism like arbitration and peace conferences is still in its experimental stage. Only by trying and amending and comparing notes and trying again, will each college work out the system best suited to its own peculiar conditions.

Much has already been accomplished. For one thing we are all agreed that the evils of the "hit or miss" rushing system are great enough to need serious consideration. Then, too, all the women's fraternities are united as national bodies in conscientiously seeking for the remedy. If it is to be found, it must be by the fraternities themselves. Women's deans from Wellesley

or Bryn Mawr cannot do it, for they necessarily approach the situation from the outside, and from an alien point of view.

Working as best we may, it is likely to be some time before the true solution of the rushing problem is found and even then it will probably be not one solution but several. Meanwhile we—meaning all the women's fraternities,—propose to keep on trying.

SEVERAL years ago the ARROW published a spirited protest against the word "sorority" as used to designate the woman's fraternity. The arguments were first that we preferred or ought to prefer to be known by a term which had arrived at the dignity of a place in the dictionary, and second that the word fraternity was a mere abstraction, naming a quality common to both sexes. The writer further objected to a distinction in name for organizations which were the same in nature.

If this article had any effect it was like that of the pruning knife, which only promotes a more luxuriant growth. So, after an unequal contest, the ARROW gives up. We shall have to recognize that fraternities,—we beg pardon, sororities—have evolved a jargon of their own, and that the word "sorority" is perhaps not the worst one in it. At least it is better than "frat." In fact it does credit to the widely diffused knowledge of Latin among the Greeks. We are wont to speak of our inherited wealth as our patrimony, but should one of these purists chance to inherit from her mother we shall expect to hear her refer to it, forsooth, as her matrimony!

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

The beginning of each new year is much like that of preceding ones, but this time it certainly seems as if the fates look with especial favor upon Vermont Alpha.

Most of the girls came back to college a day or two early to meet the hard work of rushing, and as a reward for our efforts, we have the pleasure of seeing seven freshmen wearing our pledge pins. Introductions are now in order, so we present to Pi Beta Phi our seven pledges, Edith Haext, June Roys, Mabel Boardman, Theresa Graves, Louise Chaffee, Theodora Crane, and Mary Kendall. The last two you have met before, for they were pledged last year.

We had our usual number of rushing parties during the first part of the term. These included spreads at Hammond Hall, a chafing dish party at the Pharetra, and a marshmallow toast at the home of one of our patronesses. On the evening of September twenty-seventh we entertained all the women of the freshman class, at the Pharetra.

Besides our three seniors of last year we miss two of the class of 1906, Myrtle Mosier and Alice Duncan having been unable to return on account of ill health. We expect them both back, however, later in the year.

One of our alumnae, Maude Smith, '03, is to be married at her home in Middlebury, October twelfth. Maude was one of our strongest girls while in college, and since her graduation has done a great deal for our chapter. We shall miss her when she goes to her new home in Rutland, Vt.

We have, this year, another strong link connecting us with Vermont Beta. Kate Russell-White, who now lives in Middlebury, already begins to seem like our own alumna, and we are very glad to have her with us.

With the consciousness of achieved success, and the bright outlook for a happy and prosperous year, we extend our heartiest greetings to our sister chapters.

BERTHA CHANDLER DUNCAN.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(CHARTERED 1898)

Eight of us Pi Phi girls of Vermont met this fall in our new fraternity rooms. Two of our number graduated in June, and two others left college. Claire Reynolds has entered Simmons College in Boston, and Elizabeth Durfee is assisting as cataloguer in the new library in Burlington. We had two pledges from last year, Helen Allen and Jessie Bates, whom we initiated into the joy of fraternity life, October twelfth. Thus we are ten in number at present, and will be eleven when Lucia Warren returns to college.

By the Pan-Hellenic conference of this college no rushing can be done until after three weeks, so it has been comparatively quiet so far this year. Our asking day is not until the last night before Christmas recess, so we shall not have pledges to introduce to you for some time. We hope and expect to have our share of girls from the freshman class.

The annual cane rush between sophomores and freshmen occurred last week, and the freshmen were victorious. The usual number of receptions have been given to the freshmen, and have been particularly enjoyable this year. The faculty of the University give a Hallowe'en party this year, and have asked each department of the college to decorate a booth. Consequently the agricultural students are grieving over the absence of the feminine element in that department.

Vermont Beta is beginning the year with bright prospects and wishes each chapter success in this new college year.

EMMA BEAN.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

It is good to be back in college again, even after the happy vacations all our girls have had, and better still when everything is in so flourishing a condition as we have found it this year. Our student body is larger than ever before and in it there is much fine fraternity material. But, strange to say, pledging is slower this year than for some time, as our rivals are less active than usual, so we have no new sisters to introduce to you. A few days will change all that, however, and of course they will be the loveliest girls in old Columbian.

We begin the new year with nine active girls. We had hoped to have more, but Ruth Young was taken ill with typhoid fever and is unable to return, and at the last moment two more of the girls found it would be impossible to come back.

We have had a busy time since college opened. Our informal rushing

parties have been numerous, the largest, our annual picnic for the freshman girls. It was given at the home of Ethel Rollins at Falls Church, Va., and if the new girls enjoyed the day as much as we did, it was certainly a success. Wednesday evening, October the fifth, came our one formal affair—a reception given by our alumnae to all the Pi Phis in Washington and their mothers, the new girls and their mothers, the faculty, and last but by no means least, our patronesses. Every one seemed to enjoy the evening to its fullest, and it has been a great help to us in many ways.

Just now we are very much interested in our new fraternity room. It is more conveniently arranged than the old one, is larger, and has the additional advantage of being in the same building, which has come to seem like home to us in the two years we have had our headquarters there. It will be a dear cozy place when we have it all arranged, and all the girls join in the hope that some day we may have the pleasure of entertaining there any of you who may be in Washington.

We are especially enthusiastic this year over our university paper, for Maud McPherson is on its staff as "co-ed" editor, and has the distinction of being the only girl connected with it. Following the university's change of name to George Washington, has come a corresponding change in the paper. It is now called the "University Hatchet," and the first number, which has just appeared, compares well with other college papers and is very bright and attractive.

It seems like a dream that Convention lies so far behind us as it does. But I am sure you who were there must feel as I do that the good it brought to each one of us is something which will be with us always, and that the memories of it will be among the dearest of our lives.

Hoping that to each of the sister chapters the coming year may be as happy as it promises to be for us, in the bond of Pi Beta Phi.

ADELE RIA TAYLOR

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1892)

Once more Pennsylvania Alpha finds itself united in college life. We miss several of the old faces, however, for two of our girls graduated and several others were unfortunate enough not to be able to return. During the first week of college we had seven of our alumnae back to see us and give us an encouraging start on this year's work. The freshman class is very large this year and presents much good material. Of course, as we have the non-rushing pledge, it is difficult to get well acquainted with the new students as soon as we should like, but I think we may say that the prospect for Pi Beta Phi is very bright. We are to have one rushing

entertainment between Thanksgiving and Christmas and of course we shall endeavor to make it surpass those given by the other fraternities as we did last year!

Wishing all sister chapters a prosperous year, I am,

ELIZABETH E. JOHNSON.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1895)

Both college and fraternity outlook seem bright for us at Bucknell this fall. Fourteen loyal Pi Phis are busy at work, and already the results begin to appear. We greatly miss our seniors and several others who did not return this year, but our June initiates are ready and willing, and have already proved their right to a place in Greekdom.

The local fraternity of last year has become a national—Delta Delta Delta—and so for the first time Pennsylvania Beta has a national rival.

October seventh was our annual reception to the freshmen and our patronesses. Many of our chapter alumnae were with us, besides two western sisters, Miss Nichols of California Beta and Miss Haskell of Nebraska Beta. The evening passed pleasantly, but as always the best came last, and after our guests had gone we Pi Phis drew close together while we talked of the past and the prospects for the future. We also gave an informal afternoon tea to some of the new girls, and this with a chestnut party have been our social events thus far this term.

We look forward with great eagerness and pleasure to the Christmas vacation, for then we hope to add to our chapter another dear girl, whom we are sure will be a most loyal Pi Beta Phi.

With best wishes from Pennsylvania Beta for a happy and prosperous winter.

FLORENCE LOUISE BACON.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1903)

Doubtless, all the chapters of Pi Beta Phi have already assembled, after a delightful vacation, with renewed spirit and courage, with the enthusiasm of the convention still burning in them, and with new ideas and ambitions for the work of the coming year. To you all we send our greetings.

On our return to Carlisle this fall we found that our town girls had remodeled our rooms to an almost unimaginable degree of beauty. They are repapered in our colors, the chapter room in wine, with carnations climbing from the moulding to the ceiling. Our alumnae and friends

apparently take real pleasure in contributing something, for we are continually receiving the very things we seem to need most.

Our college Administration Building we found to be progressing with wonderful rapidity, and it is hoped that it will be ready for use soon after the new year.

The freshman class of this year is as large as usual, although the class of girls is a little smaller than last year. The Law school, however, on account of the splendid record of the class of 1904—one hundred per cent passing the supreme court examinations—has enrolled more than double the class of last year.

We were sorry not to have Dorothy Hoover, '07, with us this year. Her health would not permit her return and we miss her very much. Margaret Barrett, also of the class of 1907, is attending Pratt Institute this year.

Pennsylvania Gamma has done her first rushing and her first pledging as Pi Phis. Thursday night, October sixth, we initiated Mabel Blair, '07, and Helen Kisner, '08, into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. The initiation was held at the home of one of our alumnae in a neighboring town. It was, perhaps, the most beautiful and most successful initiation we have held. After the initiation we enjoyed a delicious banquet, followed by fraternity and college songs. Our ride back to Carlisle on a midnight train was by no means the least of our fun.

Our hope is that you may pledge all the desirable girls and have a most successful year in every respect.

GERTRUDE HELLER.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

How good it does seem to be back in college once more, attending fraternity meetings, rushing, and sharing kindred joys. We feel especially glad on starting in this year, for, while we have lost four of our last year's girls, our two seniors will be in town, for this year at least, and we know they will make very active alumnae. Then besides, one of our girls who has been out for a year, has come back again into the chapter. May Scott, who was here last year, entered Ohio State University and has been transferred to Ohio Beta.

To begin at the beginning with last Commencement,—it was the hundredth anniversary of our college and a great many old students came back to help celebrate. Of course we were especially interested in the Pi Phis who were here at that time. One afternoon we had a baby show in our hall, and we were really surprised to discover how many babies our fraternity could boast of.

We enjoyed so much meeting Miss Wetmore of Michigan Beta this sum-

mer. She was here only for a day, but our acquaintanceship, though brief, was very pleasant.

Our social events so far this year have centered around the wedding of one of our last year's chapter—Mary Wood. One enjoyable evening was spent in hemming tea towels for the bride and ended with a parcel shower.

We have not had our initiation yet but by the time the *ARROW* appears, we expect to have some new wearers of the wine and blue. We are planning now for an informal chafing-dish party for a few of the new girls.

Ohio Alpha wishes you all the best of success in rushing and that this year may be as pleasant for you as it bids fair to be for us.

MARY TREUDLEY.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

After our restful summer vacation we are most happy to return once more to the bustle and gaiety of college life. And we are very glad to introduce to you our pledges: Margaret Wilson, Elizabeth Bancroft, Margaret Wilcox, and Grace Bradford,—already loyal and enthusiastic for Pi Phi. These pledges raise our chapter roll to seventeen. We are very fortunate in that we lost but three seniors last year, and as one of these, Gertrude Jackson, has received a fellowship in English, we expect to have her with us two years longer.

We passed a most delightful summer. Since almost all of us are town girls, we have been together during these months after a fashion impossible for some of our less fortunate chapters. Not only have we held numerous rushing affairs, such as card and theater and chafing-dish and thimble parties, but also, our alumnae have continued their winter practice of bi-monthly spreads, to which they have most kindly invited us. Thus our alumnae and active chapters have been more closely united during this summer than ever before, and fraternity spirit has grown proportionately. Continued summer rushing becomes somewhat of a strain, but this is quickly forgotten when efforts are crowned with such splendid success as has been ours this fall.

We hope to introduce our infants to the dread mysteries of I. C. upon the eighth of October, and intend to follow the ceremony proper with the finest banquet in our history. Ohio Beta has now quite a large alumnae circle and we are expecting an attendance of fifty enthusiastic Pi Phis.

As yet, the social life of our college is hardly started but we are looking forward to a most pleasant winter. May this year be one of the brightest and best in our annals.

KATHERINE BANCROFT.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

How we would like to have representatives from all our chapters come and see us this fall! It seems as if everything was just exactly as we would have it and things are running along very smoothly. We have been fortunate enough to secure our former matron, Mrs. Havens, for this year. She takes such an interest in all our work because her daughter is a Pi Phi, and you girls can't imagine how much we appreciate having her with us. Every room in our house is occupied, and we have in it two of the most obliging freshmen that this chapter has ever seen.

One of our girls who pledged last spring decided to go to Oberlin at the very last minute. We are sorry to lose Leila Merriam but we know that Oberlin has gained a fine woman.

Of course we are in the midst of rushing just now, and we have several very fine girls on our list whom we hope to introduce as sisters to you very soon. Rushing must necessarily go very slowly in Syracuse because all freshmen want to look around a good deal before deciding and we think that a very good plan because then a decision means everything. Our older girls help us a great deal with our parties, and especially our city girls. We have had several very successful teas and evening parties and have sifted our rushees pretty thoroughly. We think we have hit upon a very good scheme for one party. We have a regular "confidential chat" party around the grate fire and tell fortunes with melted lead and then have marshmallows and chestnuts. This seems to be just the thing a poor homesick freshman longs for and we have found that they invariably have a better time at these parties. We have had a dance here at the chapter house and that was also very successful. Of course you have all heard about the college rushes and receptions, and as long as they are very much alike throughout the country there is no use describing any of ours. We send our very best wishes to all sister chapters.

GRACE DELILA MCCOON.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1904)

New York Beta is very busy. College has just opened, and work has begun again for all of us. Seven of our active chapter graduated last year, and one nineteen-seven girl has left us and gone to Mt. Holyoke, so our chapter began its career with a very much reduced roll. However we have two new sophomores already pledged, and three of our alumnae have applied for and been admitted to active membership.

Although our pledge day does not come until December, we are busy "rushing"; for the freshman class at Barnard is unusually large this year, and contains a great many desirable girls.

We are very proud of our fraternity rooms, in which one of our girls lives. We have a five-room apartment in a building quite close to college, and only the girls who attend a city institution with no dormitories attached can appreciate the comfort it gives us. We hope soon to find an occupant for the remaining room in our apartment, but so far, our search for Pi Phis has been in vain.

MARY W. MURTHA.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

The year has opened with very bright prospects for Massachusetts Alpha. In the first place all but one of our girls have returned and in addition we have two graduate students with us. Then we have been very fortunate in securing a flat at 15 Pinckney street for our fraternity home. Three of the girls live there and it seems to us quite like the chapter houses that our western sisters tell us so much about.

This fall is the first time that Pan-Hellenic rule has ever held sway in Boston University. Pledge day does not come until November seventh and until then Pi Phi girls will probably lead a very strenuous life. The first Saturday we gave an all-day rushing party to Marblehead and the following week a trolley party to Echo Bridge, in Newton. We are planning to give two more large parties and those, with little "side issues" once in a while, will be all we shall attempt in the way of rushing.

Are two seniors are making up for their small number by their superior quality, for one has been elected secretary of the senior class and the other president of the Philomathean Society.

October fifth, at East Dedham, Elizabeth Gibb, ex-'07, was married to Mr. Roswell Phelps. The ceremony was held in the Methodist church at half after seven in the evening and was truly a Pi Phi wedding. After the ceremony a reception was held in the church parlors at which the active girls ushered. Although we are sorry to lose Beth from among us yet we wish her all joy and happiness in her married life.

In this first ARROW of the year Massachusetts Alpha sends greetings to all her sister chapters and wishes good fortune for them in the rushing season.

M. LILLIAN HORNE.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(CHARTERED 1896)

The sweetest joy of our fraternity life is the union of the many loyal and happy hearts after a long vacation. Although the girls have realized the highest pleasure and happiness in these few weeks spent at home with their families and friends, there is always, down deep in each heart, a spot reserved for every college sister who is far away. Only an occasional letter will tell you of her, for I know we think of each other oftener than we write. So it is a keen joy to us all to meet again in our "winter home" and to renew our hopes and ambitions.

The new rules under which we rushed last year were modified this year by Pan-Hellenic Association. The Easter pledge day was changed to Thanksgiving, as the long season proved too strenuous for both freshmen and fraternity girls. There was no rushing the first week of college. That week was advantageous in that everyone had the desired opportunity of looking the field over and of taking a good long breath before the race began. And now that we are fairly started, we are straining every effort toward a victorious end.

Last Friday evening we gave a progressive chafing-dish party, and are now planning for a tally-ho ride and a house party to be given in the near future.

College festivities have been more gay than usual this year. The most enjoyable affair was the Y. W. C. A. reception to the freshmen given a week after the opening. It is our best opportunity of becoming acquainted with the incoming students.

Maryland Alpha sends truest wishes for the success of all Pi Phis.

IRENE TULA FENTON.

 BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1872)

After a very happy vacation, the girls of Illinois Beta have come back ready for another year's work. We are wondering if any Pi Phis had happier vacations than ours. Nearly all of us have been to the fair in St. Louis and those who were there during Convention made the rest green with envy telling about the fine times they had. Two of us spent the summer in the east, another visited in Minneapolis, and another tried cowboy life on a Kansas ranch.

We have been together a month now and have found many changes in the college and the chapter. Two girls, who had intended to be with us this year, were obliged to change their plans, much to their disappointment and to ours. But we are hoping that they will return next fall and we will appreciate them more than ever when they are here again. We miss our seniors, too, but we are quickly making friends with the new girls. In spite of changes everything points to a prosperous year.

Although there were not many of us to rush this fall, we have been very successful. Following the example of the chapter for the last few years, soon after college opened we gave a reception to the new girls, our patronesses and alumnae. Ethel Chamberlain let us have her home and everyone voted the reception quite a success. After the reception we pledged four girls, Ray Dillow, Florence Dillow, Fanny Porter, and Lucille Richards. They are anxiously waiting to meet the goat and are greatly alarmed at the quantity of nails and tin cans which we tell them our goat consumes each day. Before this reaches you they will probably have received their formal introduction to him.

While we have not yet done much formal entertaining, we have had many good times among ourselves. One thing that we especially enjoy is the meeting we have once in two weeks with our pledges. We tried this last year when some of the girls could not be initiated until the middle of the year. As the meetings were such a success we have started them again. After the regular fraternity meeting the pledges join us and a short literary program on fraternity in general is given, after which we have a jolly time singing our Pi Phi songs, and sometimes a cookie-shine finishes the fun. In this way the pledges are brought into closer touch with the chapter girls and all of us are helped by it.

Illinois Beta sends best wishes for a happy and prosperous year to all Pi Phis.

DELIA CONGER.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1884)

The last few weeks have been very busy as well as happy ones for Illinois Delta, and the time has gone so quickly that we hardly realize it is time for the chapter letter. At the beginning of the college year only eleven active members returned, but together with our pledges we have been working hard for Pi Beta Phi.

Our social and literary duties made the first week a very hard one for us. We opened our rushing season with two receptions, given on the first two days of the college year. On Thursday we gave a cookie-shine, showing our new girls what good times the Pi Phis have. On Friday we gave

a reception and on the same day pledged four new girls. Saturday afternoon we enjoyed a trolley ride and supplemented it with a picnic supper at the home of our president, Mary Mars. During the evening three more girls were pledged as sisters, making seven in all.

The next two weeks of school were not so busy socially but they contained a number of good times. Not the least among them was an informal evening for active members and pledges, the pledges furnishing a very interesting literary program. In a few weeks we expect to initiate these same pledges into all the joys and mysteries of Pi Beta Phi.

Illinois Delta is looking forward to a very happy and prosperous year and wishes for her sister chapters the same.

CLARA LINDLEY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

Illinois Epsilon has just passed through the strenuous part of the rushing season. Here at Northwestern we are having our first experience with a pledge day, and we older ones who have been through the mad scramble of previous years feel that a two weeks' pledge day is infinitely better. Of course we had to be with our rushees a longer time than usual, but we have found that we have become very well acquainted with them and have learned to like them very much.

As a result of this splendid system we have pledged four very fine, enthusiastic girls. We have also had the good fortune of having two of our old pledges, Anna Thompson and Lili Hochbaum, enter college this fall; a fact which made us feel enthusiastic from the very beginning. All the women's fraternities here at Northwestern sent out written invitations, and it was very exciting on pledge day waiting for our answers to come in. Each sorority had a room at Willard Hall where it received the freshmen when they brought back their answers. Every time a new girl was pledged the jubilation was heard all over the hall.

Our alumnae have been especially good to us during the rushing season and have helped us royally, opening their homes to us whenever they could.

Nina Williams, our Spokane girl, who was forced to leave college last year on account of illness, has returned to Evanston this year and has entered the School of Oratory. Emma Doland, who was to have been a junior this year, will not be able to be with us on account of illness, but we all look forward to having her back with us very soon. Apropos of class affairs, one of our new pledges, Amy Onken, has been made class historian.

We hope that all the Pi Phis will be especially happy and successful this year.

MARIE HAMMOND.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1888)

We are glad of an opportunity to tell you of six new girls and of how Indiana Alpha has won them for Pi Phi. Before college opened we decided to entertain but a few times during the rushing season but to make these few affairs as nice as possible and to wait a week before giving any invitations. You know it is very hard for us to wait when our only rival is a local society, which sometimes gives its invitation, even, before the opening of college. But our plan has been very successful as you may know by the number of new names.

Our entertainments have consisted of an informal reception for all the new girls on opening day, Thursday, September twenty-ninth, a brown luncheon on Saturday afternoon and a spread on the next Wednesday evening.

We sent out written invitations on Wednesday afternoon and in the evening Tillie Weyl, Susie Ott, Julia Wilson, Leta Hall, Grace Loomis and Helen Weaver wore our beautiful colors. You may imagine what a delightful and exciting time we had at that spread. We hope to introduce one more charming girl in our next letter.

This afternoon we are to give an "at home" at our chapter house in honor of one of our alumnae, Mrs. C. M. Carter, and Mrs. Milton Shirk of Peru, Ind., who has been a very liberal contributor to our college.

We are hoping that by next week all of our rushing will be over and that we can have more time for study.

GRACE BRYAN.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1893)

Indiana has prospects of a most successful college year. The town is overflowing with new students, to say nothing of the old ones. Twelve of our girls came back, every one of us full of enthusiasm and ready to work. The "spike" was more strenuous than ever this fall. The new girls were overwhelmed with fudge parties, teas, and drives as well as more formal functions. We gave only one formal party, for we all agreed that freshmen really enjoy the little affairs more. Mrs. Adams entertained us delightfully at an afternoon reception the first week of the season in honor of Mrs. Theodore Cartwright of Colorado. Mrs. Cartwright was a Pi Phi in Iowa State University and was the first editor of the *ARROW*. She is certainly a charming woman and we were all glad to have her with us and proud to introduce her to our freshmen. We are also proud of our nine new girls, Julia Turley, Leona Combs, Anna Lois Gray, Florence Benson, Mary

Sample, May O'Byrne, Mary McDonald, Pearl Case, and Mabel Schaefer. We have initiated six of the girls and will initiate the other three in a few weeks.

The excitement of the rushing season is all over now. We have settled down to work trying to set a good example for the freshmen and keep up Pi Phi's reputation for scholarship.

Indiana Beta sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

GRACE GRAYBILL.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1897)

Seven active girls and one pledge of Indiana Gamma are again united and wish to send greetings to sisters far and near. Our vacation was a short but very happy one. Those of us who were able to attend the St. Louis Convention hope that the inspiration gained there may be of value to our chapter. If we could only give the girls, both old and new, a glimpse of that banquet hall with its hundred and fifty loyal Pi Phis!

This should be a banner year in Butler College. There are more students than usual, interest in athletics has increased and every department of the college is flourishing under our new president, Doctor Garrison. We have great hopes for a happy and prosperous year in both college and fraternity life.

These are busy days. We are in the midst of rushing season which closes October twenty-second. One rushing party is over. On the afternoon of October third, we took the girls on a tally-ho drive around the city and to one of the parks. At six o'clock we drove to Ethel Duncan's home, where our alumnae had a five-course progressive dinner prepared for us. Music and dancing furnished entertainment for the latter part of the evening. Our next affair will be a dance and the one following, a dinner.

We are glad to have a contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma, yet we are very anxious for pledge day to come so that we may know which girls belong to us.

We wish for each chapter the full measure of success and happiness which we are anticipating.

LULU B. KELLAR.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(CHARTERED 1895)

The time has passed so quickly since college opened that we can scarcely realize our month of trial is nearly over. It is a month of trial, mingled with a great deal of pleasure, for our rushing parties bring back to our

Pi Phi home a great many of the dear old girls. This year we enjoyed visits from Clare Sommer, Charlotte Nelson, Nell McMillan, Edna Daniels, and Stella Rogers. Several were back last week, when our patronesses entertained the new girls and Pi Phis at a very delightful dancing party. Besides a slumber party, a luncheon and a formal dinner, we have entertained in many little ways and have managed to keep the would-be Pi Phis pretty busy. We hope to reap a rich harvest this year, and when rushing season is over to introduce to you some very nice pledges.

We are very happy in our house this year and congratulate ourselves upon having at the head of our table, Leila White, one of our charter members. We are glad, too, that Nelle Wells of Illinois Delta is in college here this winter and we hope that she will soon think as much of Illinois Zeta as she does of her own chapter.

Two of our town girls are going to leave us this year, to make happy homes in other places, but we know that, even if they are far away, they will never forget us and the good times they have had here with us. Opal Stipes is to be married November third to Edward Pilcher of St. Louis, and in the same month, Edna Sheldon to Edward Trego of Hoopston, Ill.

This year we welcome to our university President James of Northwestern, and although we have not yet forgotten our sorrow in the loss of our old Prexie, we are glad to have such a man as President James in his place.

Illinois Zeta sends to all other chapters best wishes for a happy and successful year.

KATE BONNELL MANN.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1887)

A "happy new year" to all the Pi Phis! We hope the new term finds you all as happy and busy as it does Michigan Alpha.

The college has started with a boom, and more new students than have been enrolled for several years past. The life centers about East Hall, our new-old building with its large dining-hall and parlors and two floors full of girls. Last year was the first for a long time that there has been a women's dormitory, laboratories and the two fraternity rooms being the only use made of the otherwise empty building. Therefore we are especially delighted with the present arrangement.

In the remodeling of the hall this summer, the trustees were exceptionally good to the fraternities, for they have given us very pleasant rooms on the fourth floor. We are much better off than before because we have steam heat, and gas, and a separate hall and stairway. It is such fun

planning and settling, and our resident alumnae are so good. They have now formed a definite alumnae association and stand ready to help us in any way. Their first move is to furnish the carpet for our floor. We are going to be so pretty when we get settled. You must all come to visit us, won't you?

We have had an initiation, and such a pretty one, at the home of one of our girls. Our initiates are our four pledges, Vivian Lyon, Charlotte Shepard, Helen Vernor and Effie Patch, all Hillsdale girls. We are so proud of them all, and especially delighted to have Effie Patch active, because she has been a pledge so long and not been able to be in college. She, as well as the other three, has entered into the chapter life with great enthusiasm and will be a great help to us.

How nice it is to talk with our Convention delegate,—isn't it? And with others who have met Pi Phi from sister chapters during the summer.

Now I must tell you how nicely our Pan-Hellenic Association is getting along. The Association was formed last spring according to the regulations. Our relations with the Kappas, the only other sorority here, are very pleasant. We are continuing our contract with them much the same as it has been for the last two years, which, among other things, prohibits asking new girls until the third Tuesday in November.

With the best of good wishes to all our sisters for a most successful year and that we may individually and as a whole live up to our ideals as never before.

EVELYN D. GATES.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1869)

The sixtieth year of Iowa Wesleyan University has opened bright, with promise of enlarged opportunities, and Iowa Alpha is not only proud of the fact that she is the oldest chapter in existence, but also of her thirty-seventh year at Iowa Wesleyan.

We feel keenly the loss of our eight senior girls, but it was with joyful surprise that we welcomed several of the old girls whom we were not expecting to have with us this year. We also gave two to Colorado Beta and two are in college at Boulder.

However, we have four new pledges to introduce to you, Grace Elliot,

Elsie Benjamin, Ullena Ingersoll and Florence Brooks, four strong fraternity girls, of whom we are very proud.

At the opening of the school year the Pi Phis gave a reception for some of the new girls at the home of one of our town members. On October third Grace Hancher-Beck entertained the Pi Phis in honor of Ethel Lymer, Mary Brooks and Elizabeth McMullen, who were initiated into the secrets of the wine and blue.

We have had three typical "cookie-shines," one of which was given us by an alumna. We are very glad to have the support of our alumnae, who have lost none of their interest in Pi Beta Phi.

Although our chapter is small, it is strong and vigorous, and we look forward to this year as one of the brightest in the history of Iowa Alpha. Great success to all the Pi Phis.

STELLA GUTHRIE.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

A month of our college year has passed already and as every day has been so full, it seems almost impossible. Our college opens earlier than most,—this year on the seventh of September,—and back to Iowa Beta came fifteen of our sisters from pleasant vacations.

The first week was very pleasant in a social way, made so by a number of affairs given for our sister Huldah Sigler, who was married to Ralph McCune of Des Moines, the fourteenth of September. In another way it was sad for us, for we knew we were losing her from our chapter, while at the same time we knew the Des Moines Alumnae Club would rejoice to have her with them and that she would not lack for Pi Phi love and sympathy.

The wedding took place at eight in the evening, in the Methodist Episcopal church at Indianola, and at that hour eight of the girls, Bernice Halley, Marguerite Robinson, Marilla Hunter, Gertrude Hancox, Leone Peasely, Edna Lisle, Alice Story and Katharine Rehkopf, entered singing Lohengrin's wedding hymn. They were followed by the ushers, Messrs. Will Eikenbury, Cliff Beatty, and Lee and Russell McCune, then the maids, Letha Bonner, Celeste Robinson, Amanda Young and Ruth Baker; the maid of honor, Flora Sigler, sister of the bride, and Helen Sigler as ring bearer. The bride, escorted by her brother, who gave her away, was met at the altar by the groom and best man, Mr. Don Berry. The marriage lines were read by Dr. Shelton, president of Simpson College. The wedding was a most beautiful and solemn one. The girls of the bridal party were Pi Phis with only one exception.

We have one dear new sister, Jessie Schee, who has been our pledge

for two years, and to all the other chapters we are glad to introduce her as one who wears the arrow.

Our pledge day is November seventeenth, and we have a firm belief that on that day several of the best new Simpson girls will be wearers of the wine and silver blue.

Iowā Beta sends to all her sister chapters the sincerest wishes for a most prosperous and happy year.

RUTH E. BAKER.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1882)

Feeling that we know our sister Pi Phi better through Convention, Iowa Zeta joins more heartily than usual in wishing success to the "old girls" and congratulations to our prospective sisters.

Although we thoroughly enjoyed our small chapter of nine last year, we feel very proud that there are twelve girls back. Besides these, we have four new pledges who we were particularly fortunate in winning. They are Stella Smith, Margaret Hanson, Josephine Worster, and Beatrice Reynolds.

As usual the first two weeks of school were busy days. Perhaps we enjoyed most of all our "rushing" events, the trip to Cedar Rapids on the new Interurban from Iowa City, and afterwards a "spread" at the home of one of our old girls in Cedar Rapids.

Both in our chapter and in the University do we feel confident of a delightful and prosperous year. There has been a large increase in the attendance at Iowa this year. Several new buildings are in the process of erection, and the new Medical Quadrangle is completely finished, which adds greatly to the appearance of the University grounds.

SADIE GREGG HOLIDAY.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(CHARTERED 1894)

Our college life has begun again, with its joy of meeting old friends, of making new ones and its sorrow of missing the absent. There is not one of us who does not feel lost without our seniors of last year, Millie Askew and Ada Welch, both of whom are away teaching. We had grown to depend on them in so many ways that it is hard to reconcile ourselves to their absence.

This year we are very proud of our chapter, as seven seniors grace our roll call and six pledges are impatiently awaiting initiation. Our pledges are charming, each and every one of them, and are sure to bring into the chapter, along with their fresh enthusiasm and vigor, the various

elements of disposition which go toward making a strong branch of our Pi Beta Phi.

Anna Blackburn, Ruth Jennings, Marian Ingalls, Bessie Coleman, Marian Whidden and Edna Holmes are the girls who are soon to be one with us.

Besides these, Wisconsin Alpha is delighted to welcome to its number a sister from Indiana Beta, Hazel Squires, who is already one of our family in the lodge.

ROSE CHARLTON WELLMAN.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(CHARTERED 1898)

The rushing season is over, and we think we have got the flowers of the flock. We have seven new pledges: Jean McCune, Ethel Thomas, Norma Roth, Hortense Dungan, Natalie Birdsie, Clara Avery, and Mabel Turpin. They are all splendid girls, and a great addition to our chapter. Mabel Turpin received the greatest rush of the season, but after long consideration she decided to become a Pi Phi.

We have been very busy socially this fall. We gave several teas and morning functions, and also one small dance. Recently we gave two receptions for our pledges, and have received two evenings. The first night we entertained Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu; the second, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Beta and Kappa Alpha. The house was prettily decorated with smilax, roses, and golden rod, and the receptions were said to have been the most enjoyable of the season.

This year we have a new house. We do not own the house, but we do the furniture, which we bought this summer at St. Louis. There are eleven girls and our chaperon, Miss Organ, in the house. Miss Organ is a very delightful chaperon. She has a position in the State Historical Society, and is a Phi Beta Kappa.

Missouri Alpha wishes to extend best wishes for the year, and hopes that the other chapters are looking forward to this coming winter with as much pleasure as we are.

BETTY WILLIAMS.

DELTA PROVINCE

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(CHARTERED 1873)

School opened here on the seventh of September and for a week we were busily engaged in rushing. It is over now, however, and initiation is close upon us. We feel the loss of nine strong girls greatly, but there are fifteen of us back again doing our best and as a result of our labors we have five pledges: Mary Buckles, Lucretia Hart, Mary Hayden, Winifred Blackmar and Nina Fell.

We have with us again two of our "nineteen-two" girls, Marjorie Marshall and Alma Poehler, who have been traveling abroad the past two years.

Our rushing this year consisted of two informal affairs at the homes of two of our patronesses, a tallyho ride into the country and a more formal reception at the chapter house. We were favored with beautiful weather and each event proved delightful.

One of our chaperones, Miss Helen Sutliff, has gone to take a position in the library at Leland Stanford University, and one of our old girls, Kate Dinsmoor, has entered the Librarians' School at Albany, N. Y.

The University is very prosperous this year, with the largest enrollment in its history. There has been the usual sophomore-freshman scrap, but with an unusual result, for the first time in twelve years the sophomores were victorious and the freshman numerals do not appear in the prominent places as heretofore.

The hot weather has been very hard on football, but we have good material and expect a strong team.

We are trying the experiment of giving small hops in our chapter house during the term instead of the fall hop in a public hall, and we feel that they will be pleasanter and more satisfactory for all concerned.

We are looking forward to a good time at our Thanksgiving reunion in Kansas City, and we hope to make it a greater success than ever before.

Kansas Alpha sends best wishes to all the chapters for a happy and prosperous year.

LESLEY HILL.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1891)

Back at college once more, and such rushing has never been seen here before! There are now four fraternities at Newcomb, since a chapter of

Kappa Kappa Gamma was installed last May, and we all say "the more, the merrier," with all our hearts.

Our Inter-fraternity League decided upon November fifteenth for pledge day, so we have now reached a very exciting stage in the race, though we have no doubts as to what the final outcome will be.

Thirteen of our old girls are back again, with renewed enthusiasm and energy. Our new sisters can vouch for the latter, as we gave ample vent to it on the night that they first wore the golden arrow. We consider our chapter very much strengthened by the addition of Jessie Wing Tebo and Mary Ashley Townsend Stanton, and only wish it were possible to initiate the other three pledges. However, we hope to do so very soon.

And now for our class honors! We have freshman president, junior president, sophomore secretary, sophomore historian, and senior vice-president in our chapter, and are continually striving to keep Pi Phi at the head. In this way our frat life helps our class life, and our excellency in class reflects honor upon our dear Pi Phi.

Texas Alpha has loaned us Margaret Burroughs for the winter, and we are over-joyed to have her with us. She has already proven a great addition to the chapter.

We have greatly enjoyed hearing about Convention. It has been a great compensation to those of us who could not go, to listen to the glowing accounts given by our delegate, and those from our chapter who were fortunate enough to be able to be there. We all have determined not to miss the next one if it is possible to get there.

Wishing each and every chapter the greatest success for fall rushing, we leave you until the next ARROW.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(CHARTERED 1895)

Before proceeding to our fall rushing and new girls, let me say a word in regard to our Pan-Hellenic Congress.

In the spring at the very close of college, the Pan-Hellenic to which all of the seven women's fraternities belong, framed a contract which went into effect this fall. It is considered a great success in several ways.

Rushing season was defined as registration week and the two following weeks of college. During this time no men were to be present at any parties given either by the fraternity as a whole or by active or alumnae members. This enabled us to become better acquainted with new girls and give them our undivided attention.

Nevertheless these three weeks have been strenuous in spite of the benefits derived from the contract, for rushing has been extreme and ex-

pensive, and we hope in the near future to do away with a greater part of it.

But Nebraska Beta feels that she has been successful and wishes to introduce to you four new pledges. They are Georgie Irwin, Sarah Hutchins, Myrtle Lawt, and Nell Schwab, who already show their loyalty to the wine and blue.

We are anxiously looking forward to initiation, that we may transform our pledglings into real Pi Phis.

To return to our rushing parties and good times. Our program began with a Japanese tea party at the chapter house. Of course it was informal, and a dainty lunch was served beneath an umbrella and lanterns.

Then a delightful swimming party was given by Inis Everett, followed by a "lap lunch" at Beth Marshall's. It is indeed wonderful how the plunge affected our appetites.

Next in order Anne Stuart entertained active and alumnae girls in her home, where a five-course dinner was served in a most novel and artistic way. We sang our songs, and "last but not least" came the "stunts of the peerless Pi Phis." The following morning Mrs. Clara Eames served a charming breakfast of five courses to us Pi Phis and our patronesses. Forty people sat around small tables, in the center of which were groups of small potted ferns, and the souvenirs were painted place cards with carnations. Each girl was presented with a little fern.

One of the most enjoyable affairs was our automobile ride. The party consisted of twenty-five girls, and we visited all the places of interest about Lincoln and finally wound up at the chapter house, where we kept the girls that night for a house party. This ended our rushing parties, but sooner or later we must awake to the reality of work before us.

Only the thoughts of approaching initiation, cookie-shines and foot ball games keep our minds on more serious things for the present.

Several changes have been made in our chapter house since last year. Our library now wears the wine and blue, and each girl's room has undergone wonderful repairs. We are proud to have Mrs. Fell with us for another year and nine girls in the house.

At Thanksgiving time we are to have a big meeting and jollification of the entire Pan-Hellenic Association, but we shall write of that later.

We hope that our sister chapters have derived as great benefit from our Convention as Nebraska Beta has.

Wishing you much success and happiness.

KATE HEACOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(CHARTERED 1902)

In the midst of the confusion and flurry of getting back to work after a long vacation, Texas Alpha sends greetings to her sisters. Several different causes have combined to make this opening week surpass all former ones in excitement. In the first place, we have just fitted up a delightful chapter house. Our elder sisters in Pi Phi, who have had this pleasure before, can testify to the fact that the house alone would keep us busy the first week.

Then, too, the freshmen have needed almost constant attention. Since last May there have been two new fraternities installed in our varsity,—Kappa Alpha Theta and Chi Omega. Of course this complicates matters somewhat, but on the whole we were glad to see the girls get their charters.

Our prospects this year are encouraging, although we were disappointed in not having three of our girls back who had intended to come. Kate Sockwell, one of our strongest freshmen, was unable to return on account of her mother's illness. Rose Edmond has forsaken us to become a school ma'am, and May Wynne is at home this winter. We have an active chapter of twelve, and we are to be congratulated upon having with us Miss Mary Dunham of Indiana Beta, '98, our University librarian. She is with us in our house, and we feel that our mistakes will be fewer with an older head to check our impulsiveness.

Beyond entertaining our prospective freshmen, we have no social affairs to report. Our plan of rushing this year is to entertain small groups on different evenings, with the idea of making each particular freshman feel our great interest in her. As I said before, our expectations are great, and it is our dearest wish that our sisters may be as successful as we hope to be.

FAY KINCAID.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(CHARTERED 1884)

Colorado Alpha is very proud of the work she has accomplished thus early in the year, and first of all she wishes to introduce to you the results of it in the shape of nine pledges, namely,—Isabel McKenzie, Nomah Wangelin, Cleo Bell, Katherine McKinley, Aimee Herron, Marie Waltemeyer, Jessie Mosher, Louise Meyers, and Mildred McNutt.

As is always the case at the University of Colorado, rushing was the most strenuous the first week, before classes and work really began. We had our big annual reception on Tuesday of that week, and several informal parties followed.

Fourteen of our girls returned to college this year, and five transfers came to us, three from Denver University and two from Iowa Wesleyan. When our pledges are initiated our chapter, as you see, will be rather large, which brings up the much discussed question, "Can we afford to let good material go to other fraternities because of our already large number?"

Twelve of our girls were at Convention this summer, and we haven't yet grown tired of talking over and over the things that happened there and the Pi Phi we met, and again and again we look at the chapter pictures in the ARROW, and tell what we remember of the girls who were there. How much dearer such a meeting makes every Pi Phi to every other one.

October thirty-first is the twentieth anniversary of the founding of our chapter, and we are planning a big celebration in honor of it.

With the wish that one and all of you could come and help us celebrate, Colorado Alpha sends best greetings to all her sisters.

CLARA MORSE.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1885)

The crisp autumn days find us once more in our old haunts. The enrollment of new students in the University this year is larger than ever before, and in every way the prospects are better than they have been for some time.

Out of this new material we have secured what we consider the best girls, and have as pledges to introduce to you: Inez Byers, Leila Collom, Josephine Voght, Laura Beyer and Louise Neil.

In addition to the new girls we have Nita Clegg and Ora Schrader from Iowa Alpha.

We miss Luella Corbin, Helen Stidger and Bessie Bliss, who attend the State University this year.

Grace Deisher is in California for the winter, but we expect her back for the spring term.

Colorado Beta sends greetings and best wishes for a successful year to all other chapters.

JESSIE L. THOMPSON.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(CHARTERED 1900)

To our sisters, one and all, assembled for this new year of work and loyal friendship, greeting!

Let me first tell you how much we enjoyed and appreciated our delegate's report of convention, for she brought us not only the report of

business transacted, but new ideas and new standards of excellence as well.

Our house mother of last year, Mrs. Virginia Gundry, spent the month previous to the opening of college at the fraternity house, and thanks to her thought and artistic skill we thirteen returning girls (in this case not an unlucky number) found our chapter house newly decorated and partially refurnished,—all in "apple-pie" order and ready for the rushing season. Of our alumnae, May Boggs, Elizabeth Adams, Georgia Cummings, Olive Gundry-Poindexter and Daisy Ryone returned to Berkeley to give their best energies and enthusiasm to the general requirements of the rushing season.

May we here present with great pleasure, to our sister Pi Phis our three initiates—Ida May McCoy, Laura Bransford, and Frieda Watters.

Initiation occurred on the first day of October, with the active members of California Beta, her alumnae, the Misses Sutliff and Miles, who at present hold positions in the library at Stanford University, and Mrs. Derleth, wife of one of California's instructors, assembled. Following the initiation ceremonies a banquet was held in our long drawing room.

On the morning of October the fifteenth, the Ajax of Sophocles was presented in the Greek theatre, eight of our girls taking part. Miss Mabel Barrows, who came to California especially for the purpose of giving the play, was taken ill shortly before its production, but due to her previous untiring efforts, it was a great success and a sight rarely to be seen outside of Greece. Under a blue sky the white theatre shone brightly amidst its surrounding grove of tall eucalyptus trees that tower high above it, while two hundred and fifty youths and maids in Greek attire offered incense to the gods and portrayed the heroes of the Trojan war.

California Beta wishes success to all her sisters in the Christmas examinations now so near at hand.

CLARA LOUISE COOPER.

Exchanges

Since the publication of the July ARROW the following exchanges have been received and are hereby acknowledged:

For May—The *Angelos* of Kappa Delta, The *Kappa Alpha Theta* (catalogue number).

For June—The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, The *Alpha Xi Delta*

For July—The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, The *Alpha Phi Quarterly*.

For August—The *Elensis* of Chi Omega, The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, The *Delta* of Sigma Nu.

For September—The Alpha Tau Omega *Palm*, The Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

For October—The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, The Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The *Beta Theta Pi*.

Into the heat and excitement of the rushing season, the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* drops this bit of straightforward, manly common sense.

Generally speaking there are three things which are considered necessary to membership in a fraternity: Sociability, ability as a student or athlete, and good character. Different chapters will name these in a different order, demanding one or another of them in large proportion, depending upon their position and reputation in their several institutions, but the ideal fraternity man must be developed along these general lines. The first two, to a limited extent, can be ignored, because a chapter can train men in these lines, but the last—good character—can not. The man of bad habits, who isn't *square*, however brilliant in other lines—and we usually know his character beforehand—should be avoided. A chapter ceases to be harmonious, ceases to be a part of "a fraternity" just as soon as it undertakes to run a reformatory as a side issue. But the man, plain farmer tho' he be, who is dull, crude, unpolished, but underneath

rings true—he is the man that tact and fraternity courtesy can make into what is finest in our fraternity life.

A good many things influence this matter of "rushing" in our different chapters. The existence of a long or short or no pledge day; the possession of a chapter house; the dormitory system; the number of members available for rushing purposes—all these, and more, make each chapter adopt its own rushing campaign. No cut-and-dried rules can be laid down, but in some things, at least, good advice can be given. It is well, we think, to consider carefully such men as our chapter alumni recommend. To remember that the shortest way to pledging a good man is not necessarily a crowded rush meeting and a late supper, but to have at least one man in a chapter *friends* with him—ready to work or play with him as a friend should. Again, it is rather a poor thing to overdo this rushing matter; too much attention is apt to be suspicious, and a man quickly loses his respect for favors which do not ring true. Don't ask a man to join Delta Upsilon simply because another fraternity is rushing him; if he's the right sort he will wait and find out for himself the best. In looking for men who possess those qualities, in great degree, that your chapter stands for, don't miss the men who are quiet and unassuming, but who have those same qualities.

The marks of a fraternity man are often well hidden. A quiet devotion to study; the grit which will make a man willing to start his athletic career on the second scrub team—and stick to it; the frank honor which says, "I did it, sir," and takes the consequences; these are the marks which we must look for. Delta Upsilon needs good men. We want with us strong, loyal gentlemen, and we know they are there. We look to you, our chapters, to find them and get them.

In the mind of the average outsider, anything bearing a Greek name is a fraternity, be it preparatory, college, professional or connected with no educational institution, be it mere a good times club or a real fraternity. Even in the case of colleges few not on the ground realize that there is any difference between the long established fraternity of high standards and careful methods and the newest mushroom growth in the Greek field. It is no wonder then that for the sake of their own reputation the older fraternities, according to the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, are beginning to protest.

Certain institutions are overcrowded with fraternities, having so many that almost all students wear some sort of a Greek-letter badge. In several of the eastern colleges the percentage of "oudens," or non-fraternity men is very small. The deleterious effect of overcrowding is shown in

Virginia, where eastern fraternities and western fraternities have met on common ground, and where there are half a dozen or more fraternities indigenous to the soil. At Purdue the established fraternities are fighting to keep any more from organizing. The eight fraternities which have chapters at Kansas held a Pan-Hellenic meeting last spring and adopted resolutions protesting against the introduction of any other fraternities during the next few years. This action was taken on the ground that the institution was already well supplied with fraternities, and that the installation of new chapters would tend inevitably to lower the "high standard and type of men who belong to fraternities."

The subject of high school "fraternities" is one on which many people are beginning to feel strongly and with good reason. There seems little to be said in their favor. To the parents and teachers they are a nuisance and to the pupils of very questionable benefit. As for the college fraternity, its attitude toward the High School "fraternity" is well stated by the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*.

"Much is being said in educational circles at the present time concerning so-called high-school fraternities. These pseudo-fraternal organizations have sprung up very rapidly during the last five years, especially in schools and academies in large cities. In many instances the organizations are only local societies; in others, an attempt is being made to widen the field and establish chapters in different cities. We are disposed to think that enterprises of this sort can never be of benefit to the public schools or to the legitimate college fraternity. In the one instance they can only be an aggravation to the administration, with but little to accomplish during the brief and restricted relationship of the member with his chapter; and in the other, much of the uniqueness of the relationship of the freshman to his college society will be destroyed. In our opinion, from the viewpoint of the college fraternity man, the system is open to the same objections which we have urged against class societies, namely, that it opens the way for a division of the affections of the young collegian and takes away from him much of the opportunities for participation and enjoyment in matters which should be sacred to any college alumnus. In one or two instances it has come to our notice that certain college fraternities have utilized chapters of high school societies as pledging organizations. We are not disposed to countenance this movement, and we believe that it will be detrimental in the long run for any Sigma Chi chapter to adopt this plan of securing new members. The situation is one which is bound to receive a large amount of attention during the next year, and it would be well for all active and alumni mem-

bers to post themselves as far as possible on the various problems which the question presents."

Mrs. E. J. N. Penfield, chairman of the Social Service Committee of Kappa Kappa Gamma, made the following report to the recent convention of that fraternity, which is embodied in the report of the Third Inter-Sorority Conference and which we reprint herewith.

To the Grand Council and Members of the Seventeenth National Convention of Kappa Kappa Gamma:

In presenting the report of the committee on Social Service, it is but proper that some explanation of its origin be given. Last winter, while talking with the Directors of the American Institute of Social Service, I made the claim that the College Greek Letter Fraternity stood side by side with the instruction and influence of our great professors in the social service rendered to the college body and to the student individually, stating that it was one of the most effective agents for practical preparation for after life. This statement was based upon the work done in our own chapters, which not only makes for the highest scholarship but for the most broadening participation in all the by-products of college life, such as Christian Association work, class and college politics, athletics, editorial work, etc. To make my position clearer and also secure data for a Social Service afternoon, shortly to be given for our New York Alumni Association, I wrote to six representative College Presidents, telling them what service we, as a fraternity, sought to render; said that we were gratified with the internal results and asked how fully we succeeded from their view point. From one President no reply came. Five most courteous responses were received. The answers were, however, as a whole, disappointing and convinced me of two things:

1. That we are not doing all that we should.
2. That many professors believe our fraternities to be "good time" organizations and are not aware of the high aims we seek to foster. In some cases this may be the direct consequence of our own inefficiency as fraternities, but I am persuaded from further investigation, that this is not always so, but in many instances the fraternities meet with a prejudice which is unwilling to allow them to render their legitimate social service to the college. Our chief concern, however, is with the first deduction, that we, as fraternities, are not doing all that we should.

One President asked that I meet the Dean of Women and talk the subject over. As this Dean was soon to be in the East, an appointment was effected in New York. As the appointment of this Social Service Committee was the direct result of this conversation, it is of interest here.

As a Bryn Mawr woman, she knew little of the internal workings of a fraternity and co-education had been new to her when she assumed her duties as Dean of Women three years before. These facts are mentioned simply to indicate the fair and unprejudiced consideration of conditions as found. She criticised the results of both the fraternity and co-education. Being asked where, in her judgment, these two institutions failed, she said that co-education, as she had seen it, did not offer the opportunity to the girl student for participation in the by-products of college life, such as is found in the exclusively woman's college. Agreeing with me that these things are as important to the student as work in the class room, she felt this to be a serious loss. She is also greatly disturbed over the social results coming from the present unregulated conditions in the state institutions. (It is her opinion that the denominational colleges meet this problem more fully.) The majority of the students bring to the college village standards in all social matters and continue their observance of village customs in a body that should recognize and be regulated by usages more advanced. There being no restrictive rules in the state institutions, she has found it impossible to bring social matters to anything approaching a social standard. The fraternity houses make the problem even more difficult of solution in some cases. The matrons are not women to command admiration and lead socially, but, in most instances, women whom the girls engage and dismiss at their own pleasure. In many cases, the chaperone has little more influence and the proper relationship of chaperone to charge is inadequately understood. With rare exceptions, the Denominational Colleges are the only ones where there is coöperation between faculty and students in the management of these houses. There is no faculty regulation. They are independent. The non-fraternity woman finds accommodations which are even less safeguarded. She said that the Deans of Women must have aid and wanted to know to what extent they could look to the fraternities for it.

The first criticism made by this dean is one which should be considered by every college woman (and perhaps by the fraternities individually) but has no place for consideration in this report. The second, however, represents a growing sentiment all over the country and touches a vital problem that demands solution. Recognizing this fact and also cognizant that these developments have changed the subject of higher co-education from the problem which belongs mainly to the educator to that which strongly concerns the sociologist, our Grand President felt that we, as a fraternity, should investigate the conditions, seek to know our responsibility and interest other national fraternities. Acting upon this conviction, she asked me take charge of the work. Broadly speaking, the result of my investigation as chairman of this committee, is found in the following circular letter sent to all National Women's Greek Letter Societies.

(The detailed report on the situation has been given to the Grand Council in person, and is too lengthy to embody in this report.)

Heretofore representatives from the Women's National Greek Letter Fraternities have met together in friendly conferences to discuss questions of fraternity policy—to regulate, as far as it has been possible, the conditions of their legitimate, friendly rivalry. Much good has been the result of these meetings.

As a fraternity, we now feel that the time has come when we should unite along lines of broader social service. That college Greek Letter Fraternities render valuable social service to Colleges and Universities in which they are located, is well recognized. That this service could be made fuller and more complete both for the student body and the institution, by a union of all fraternities to this end, is apparent. The present great need for such union is found in the social conditions existing in our co-educational colleges. That these conditions, which are being criticised by the opponents and recognized by the friends of co-education, are not the result of the truest, best development of this system of education, but of spurious growth, we most firmly believe, and we further believe that they can be adjusted to the satisfaction of every rational mind.

We believe the finger of destiny is pointing to the College Greek Letter Fraternities, with their organized strength and natural leadership to do much toward this adjustment and prove conditions, which now seem unfortunate, to be remediable. If any one should share in the vindication of the wisdom and beauty of co-education as a system, should it not be the fraternity woman? To co-education, she owes the origin and nourishment of her beloved fraternity and all that her fraternity life has meant to her and to her sisters.

Several lines of definite action, looking toward this ultimate end, have been indicated by prominent educators, but, if the present broad policy of non-coercion now held by our best institutions is maintained, faculties are helpless without the coöperation of the student body. We would not change this plan under which the most self-reliant, useful men and women are developed, but we would have the fraternities mould public opinion to higher standards and assist faculties in their work for the ideal results. To this call of honor and college pride we also desire to ask the men's fraternities to respond and we feel that we should do so with confidence. They, too, should share in this work, for we, like the faculties, cannot be effective without their support.

Our proposition is that this matter be thoroughly discussed at the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago and we ask that when your delegate is sent to this conference, she may bring to us the best, most helpful thought of your fraternity for such a united work. We also ask that invitations to join us in this discussion be extended to Dr. Mary Breed,

Dean of Women, Indiana University, who is much interested in the work, and to all other Deans of Women to whom we may look for wise suggestions and substantial support.

We do not forget that conditions vary in our different institutions. In some, moderately satisfactory coöperation between faculty and students has been secured and in others, restrictive legislation is in force, but in many of the State Universities there are no social regulations and the social standards are more those of the village than those approved by the best society in the respective States.

We do not advocate the enforcement of the social customs of one section of our country upon another, nor the enactment of any general laws, but we ask that there be established in each institution where a Women's Greek Letter Fraternity exists, a definite and well recognized coöperation between faculty and student-body, the object of which shall be to maintain the highest possible standards in all social matters; this coöperation to be arranged in accordance with the individual conditions existing in the various institutions and communities.

In response to this circular letter most appreciative letters have been received from all the fraternities save one. The present situation is this: We, who have studied the conditions, recognize that there is just ground for criticism of our higher co-education, especially along social lines, but we do not believe these conditions, deplored by all mature men and women who have thought on the subject and grave as they are in some instances, are essential to the system. We do not believe the young women educated in a co-educational institution should be less womanly than those who come to the world prepared for their social position in a one-sex college. We do believe, however, that the social standards now recognized must inevitably produce this result if allowed to continue. We further feel that the young men and women in these institutions do not realize that their standards are not such as would pass muster in our recognized social centers and, that these young men and women do not appreciate the fact that they are making the history of co-education and that they, who owe everything to this system and who are staunch advocates of it, are bringing discredit upon it. It is therefore a problem of enlightenment rather than of coercion,—of atmosphere rather than of rules. Ibsen once said, "The capital fault of our education is our having laid stress on what we know rather than on what we are." To remedy such a condition is not an easy task, but it is possible. It is also difficult to determine the point where the responsibility of faculty begins and that of the student ends, as both are more or less both governed and governing. It is safe, however, to say that ideal results will never come where the entire responsibility is either assumed or disavowed by one party. We believe that every student should share in this service and

we are unable to understand why governing powers should not be practically sensitive to broaden responsibility than merely their intellectual service to the student, without encountering the end threatened by the lovers of license of effeminization and financial ruin. Our greatest interest is, however, in what the student and especially the fraternity student can do. By living up to the ideals established by their orders and by means of their organized strength, the College Greek Letter Fraternity can, by proper coöperation with faculties and with the non-fraternity men and women, not only disarm every criticism now so justly made against higher co-education, but can render a service to women and to the world of education such as it would be impossible to describe or even conceive. For this reason, we ask that this Convention indorse the resolution to be presented to the coming Inter-Sorority Conference in Chicago.

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