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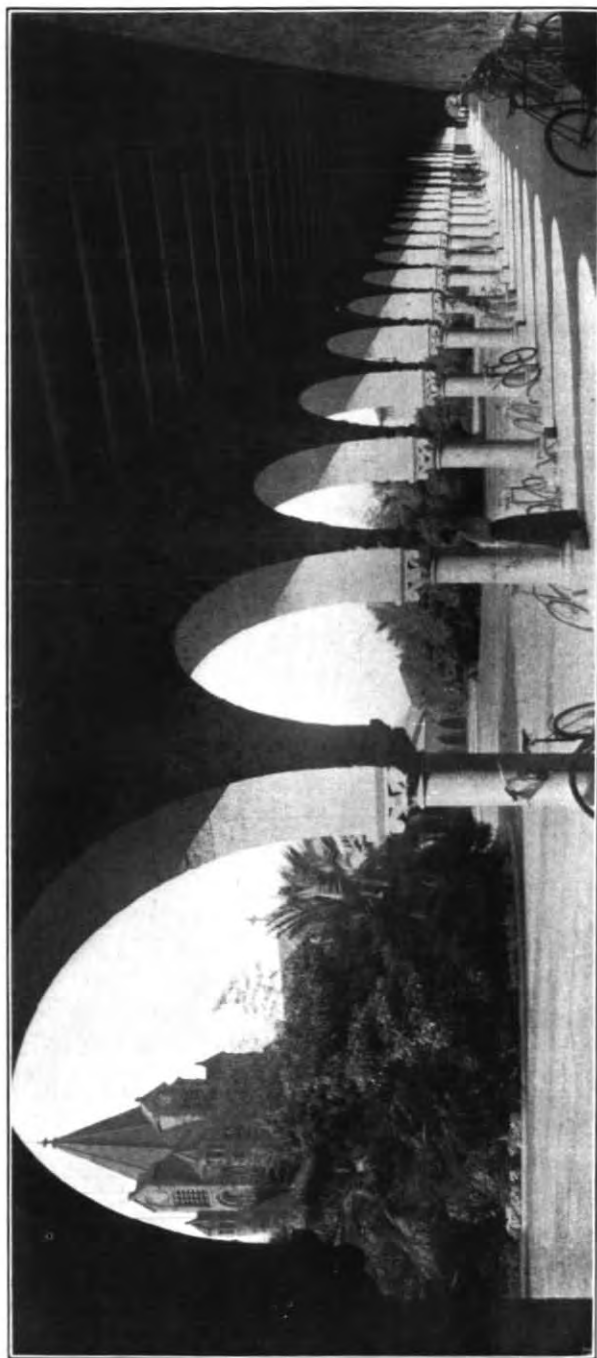
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## *The Installation of California Alpha*

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On the evening of February eleventh, California Alpha of Pi Beta Phi was reestablished at Stanford University. The chapter had first been established in 1893 but the charter was relinquished in 1898.

The initiation was conducted by Miss Helen B. Sutliff, past grand president, assisted by Miss Harriette Miles and Mrs. Effie June Scott-Franklin of Kansas Alpha, Mrs. Frances Rand-Smith of the former chapter of California Alpha, Mrs. Augusta Smallstig-Van Kirk of Indiana Gamma, the whole active chapter of California Beta and a number of its alumnae.

The initiation ceremonies, which were held in the chapter house were followed by a banquet at the University Inn, with covers laid for thirty-five. Here a jolly hour was spent in toast making and singing college and fraternity songs.

The girls are fortunate in having for patronesses Mrs. Effie Franklin, Kansas Alpha, Mrs. Frances Smith, California Alpha, Mrs. Rowe, Colorado Alpha, Mrs. Clyde A. Duniway, Mrs. E. D. Adams, Mrs. Thomas Hayes and Mrs. George Gale.

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## *Stanford University*

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The Leland Stanford Junior University was founded in 1885 by Senator Stanford and his wife in memory of their son, who died in March, 1884. The cornerstone was laid May fourteenth, 1887, and the University was opened to students October first, 1891. After the death of Senator Stanford in 1893 and until 1896

the estate was tied up in litigation, which was finally settled in favor of Mrs. Stanford. Since then the construction of buildings as provided in the original plans of Senator Stanford have been carried forward as rapidly as possible, the so-called "Stone age" of the quadrangle having been passed in 1904, when the last keystone of the last arch was put in place.

The principal feature of the architecture is the inner quadrangle, an open court 586 feet long by 246 feet wide, surrounded by a continuous arcade of twelve buildings. The general effect is of the old Spanish Moorish style. The buildings are constructed of buff sandstone, rough-hewn, and with the low red-tiled roofs are very picturesque in their setting of green trees and green rolling hills.

The inner quadrangle is surrounded by an outer row of buildings, which includes the memorial arch, the present library, the assembly hall, the history, geology, natural sciences and engineering buildings, and various others.

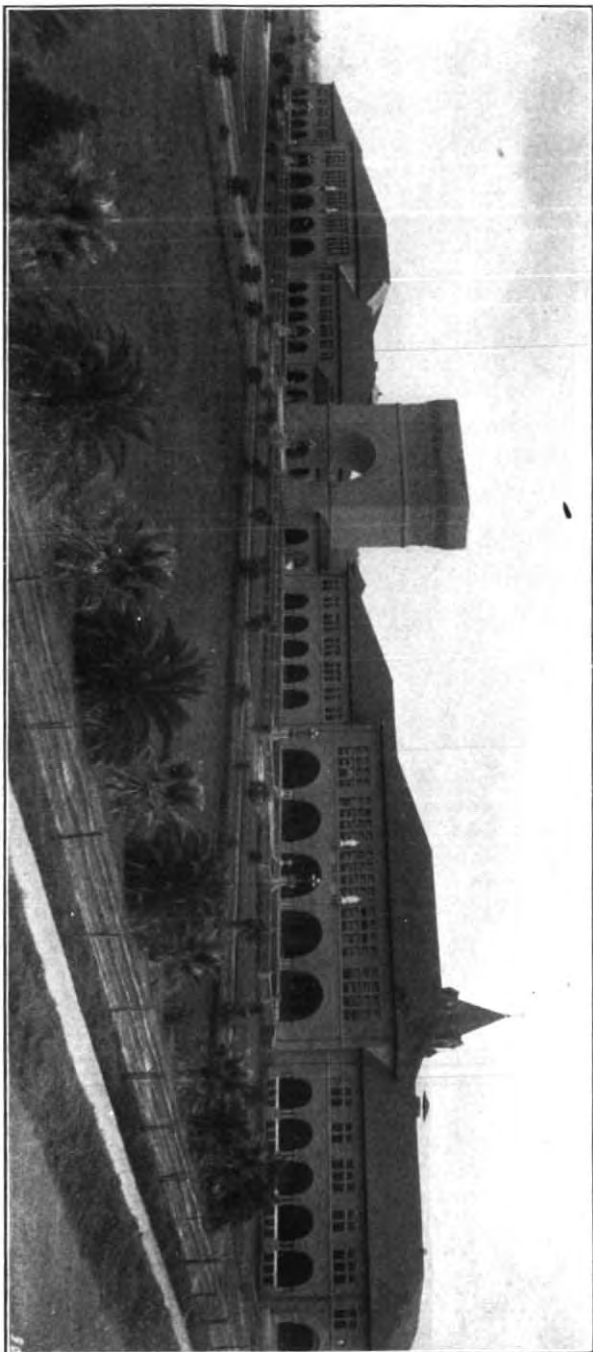
The fine museum building will contain, when the addition now being built is completed, about fifty large rooms, and the many collections of curios are perhaps the most varied and valuable in California. A large gymnasium is being erected at a cost of half a million dollars and is designed to be as complete as architectural science can make it. A second library building is soon to be constructed at a probable expense of a million dollars, and in it is to be stored the most comprehensive library in the west.

The Memorial church was built at a cost of over half a million dollars and its series of art-glass windows, its carven work and sculpture, its mosaics and paintings, and its great pipe organ are worthy of this notable structure which has been pronounced by competent critics to be the masterpiece of architecture of this age. The Memorial Arch is the largest in the world save one—the Arc de Triomphe in Paris.

The wealth and magnificence of the buildings but poorly express the love, the devotion and sacrifice that Senator and Mrs. Stanford have put into the consummation of their great ideal.

—*California Alpha.*





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*Barnard College*

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Columbia University is situated on Morningside Heights, far above the busy section of Manhattan, and in one of the most beautiful and picturesque parts of all New York. It is the ideal place for a college, in a great city, yet far away from the noise and crowded streets, and overlooking Riverside Drive, and the broad Hudson. The University grounds, with the exception of the athletic fields, which lie to the south, stretch from One-hundred and Sixteenth Street to One-hundred and Twenty-first Street and from Amsterdam Avenue to Claremont, two long blocks. Barnard College is on the land nearest the river, and from its windows may be seen the shores of New Jersey to the north and south, the great bend in the river to the north, and, toward evening, the lights of the city, far below.

Barnard has proved, by its rapid development, that there was great need for a woman's college in New York, and the history of its few years shows how it has fitted itself ever more and more for the best service. The right college in the right place, it will in the future become even more of a factor in the college world than it is today, for every year marks many improvements, an increase of students, better facilities and better organized college life.

In 1889 seven students, meeting in a couple of private houses on Madison Avenue, attending lectures in the big front bedrooms, formed the nucleus of Barnard College. Thus, in a humble way the work began, with an enrollment of seven; in 1904 the enrollment was four hundred eighty-five. In 1893, the first class to graduate, boasted eight A. B.'s; this last year there were eighty. Thus the college is growing, with each year adding more names to its roll.

It was in 1897 that Barnard moved to its present home on Broadway and 119th street, where it occupies three halls, Brinckerhoff, Milbank and Fiske. These are built adjoining, and form three sides of a hollow square, with every room light

and well-ventilated. The buildings are beautiful, with true modern, yet classic, simplicity, and the court, with its smooth lawn and well-arranged shrubbery and flowers, adds its share to the artistic side.

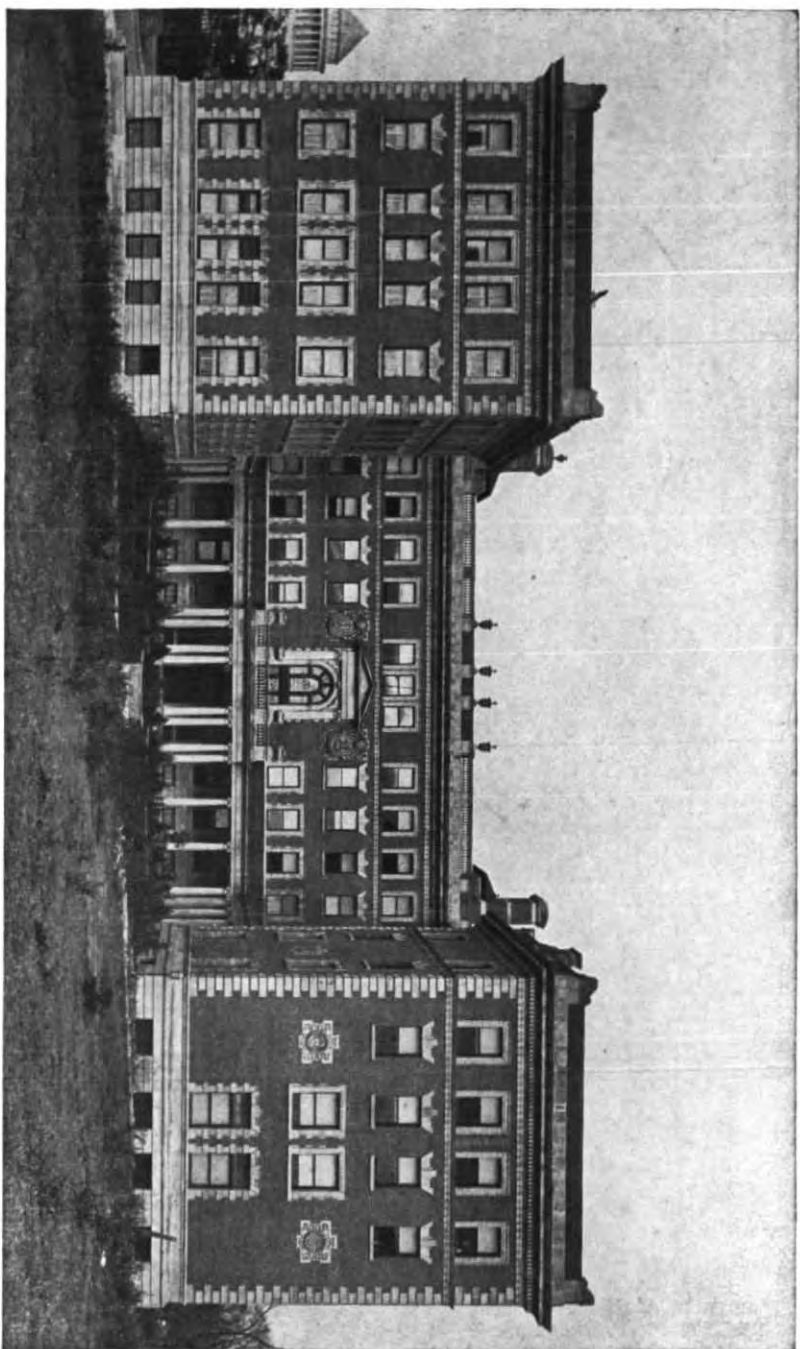
Fiske was given to be used as a hall of science, but as the rooms were not needed during the first few years when the college was small, it was then used as a dormitory. The girls had the most delightful of times in Fiske, and almost regretted the growth of the college that made necessary the remodeling of the building. In 1902 it was fitted up for working purposes and now contains some of the finest class-rooms, the faculty room, and the Dean's offices.

In 1903 the latest addition to the enlargement of our college came in the gift of land, extending for three blocks to the south of Barnard, and a block in width. It is on this land that the longed-for Barnard dormitory will some day be built, together with other buildings, needed as the college grows. Part of the land has been fitted up as a campus and athletic field, known as Milbank Quadrangle. It was there that Field Day was celebrated and there that the first class-tree was planted.

Barnard girls have at present no regular college dormitory of their own, although Whittier Hall fills the need to a certain extent. This hall is exclusively for women, and two floors are set apart for the use of Barnard students. About one hundred are accommodated, and they have a very delightful social life of their own.

Barnard is well endowed, financially independent of the University, and the present dean, Miss Laura Drake Gill, is a woman of remarkable executive ability, administering the affairs of the college in a thoroughly businesslike way, which greatly adds to its possibilities and hopes for the future.

The connection of Barnard with Columbia University has often been misunderstood, and Barnard wrongly thought to be either "co-ed" or an annex. On the contrary, it is a separate corporation, enjoying, however, the many advantages, which friendly feeling and community of interests with a great university bring



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about. A larger number of courses and better specialist work are in this way open to the Barnard student. All classes for the first three years are entirely separate from instruction at Columbia, and almost all in the senior year, although a certain number of University courses are then open to the Barnard girls.

By the agreement of January 1, 1900, Barnard is an integral part of the University, just as Columbia College is, but has its own dean, faculty and trustees. The president of the University appoints the dean, who has a seat and vote in the University Council. The University grants all degrees, which stand for the same record of good scholarship and broad culture as the Columbia College degree, and the University is open in its graduate courses to both men and women.

Another advantage which Barnard attains through connection with the University is the use of the magnificently equipped Columbia Library, the gift of our former President, Seth Low. The building, with its beautiful architecture, broad low dome and imposing façade, is one of which any university might well be proud. It contains more than 350,000 bound volumes, innumerable pamphlets and magazines, and twenty-one special study rooms for advanced students.

Through its connection with the University, Barnard is also able to co-operate with Teacher's College, which offers thorough courses in education and grants the degree of B. S. for those who intend to teach in elementary or secondary schools. By a special arrangement, Barnard girls may take courses there in the junior and senior years, which count both toward their college degree and their teacher's diploma, and Bryson Library and Reading Room, in Teacher's College, filled especially with books on education, is open to Barnard students, whether they are taking courses there or not.

Earl Hall is one of the newest buildings on the campus. It was designed to advance the spiritual life of the University, and associations such as the Y. M. C. A., the Phillips Brooks Guild and the Y. W. C. A. of Barnard meet in its rooms. The lower floor is fitted up exclusively for the women of the University,

and it is there that the Y. W. C. A. serves tea informally to members and their friends one afternoon each week, and gives its annual welcome to newcomers.

A high standard of work is insisted upon at Barnard, and she ranks foremost among American colleges today. The term work and the examinations, and finally the degree itself, is identical in rank with those of Columbia. The honors to be obtained are in the form of several competitive scholarships, the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Honors, awarded to eligible students for extra work in certain subjects, and the General Honors, granted at the end of the Senior year for highest general scholarship. There are besides a much coveted prize in mathematics, one in botany, and a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

As Barnard is a city college, and more than half of its members return at night to their homes in New York, Brooklyn and Jersey City, or neighboring smaller towns such as Yonkers and New Rochelle, the social life is necessarily different from that in a strictly dormitory college. Almost all social affairs are given therefore in the afternoon. Of course the Junior Ball, given usually in February, the Senior Dance and occasional fraternity and class affairs are held in the evening. At such times the girls who live at a distance come to college in the morning with their inevitable suit-cases, and spread the good times a little farther into the night by rooming together either in Whittier Hall or near-by apartments.

The freshman coming to Barnard has a hearty welcome. She is entertained by the Y. W. C. A. and by each of the upper classes. The Sophomore entertainment is generally in the shape of "Mysteries," a dreaded but delightful sort of hazing, but is later in the year followed by another sort of welcome, usually a play or cotillon. These parties are held in the college theatre, where the stage may be taken down and the floor easily cleared for dancing.

Under the direction of the Undergraduate Association, the self-governing student body, three teas and a play are given each year. This college play is *the* event of the year, in which all the



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girls take an interest and the classes rival each other in supplying the largest number of parts.

The organizations at Barnard are numerous. Among the philanthropic are the Barnard Chapter of the College Settlement Association, the C. S. M. A., and the Christian Association, which sends delegates to Silver Bay each summer. The musical genius of the college finds expression in the Barnard Chorus, and the Glee and Mandolin Clubs. More social are the Southern Club, the Deutscher Kreis and La Société Française. The fraternities, seven in number, are, in the order of their introduction: Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alpha Omicron Pi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi.

The Athletic Association has two branches for basket-ball and tennis. It was under its direction that our first Field Day was celebrated—April 18, 1904, the anniversary of our gift of Milbank Field.

To tell of the Barnard Union is to announce a work almost wholly in the future, for it has been organized only since the last of this year, but its future is so assured, and it promises so much toward concentrating the energies of Barnard that it would be scarcely fair to leave it out. The Union is to be formed with the literary society known as the Barnard Bear, and the Debating Club a nucleus. It will give a musical, literary and debating program every two weeks during the college year, and will publish a literary supplement to our college newspaper, the Barnard Bulletin.

This ends with a sort of glance into the future, but it must be so with a college growing so rapidly as Barnard. Her history lies before her; the past has been preparation and achievement too, but in the future will come her greatest development.

—*Florence Eddy Hubbard, New York Beta, 1904.*



*The Chapter Letter*

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It is with some misgiving that I offer this word to the ARROW and to our Pi Beta Phis. In the first place, I have not been asked to write it. In the second, what would be only gentlest suggestion on my part may be somewhat misunderstood.

The editorial regarding January chapter letters encourages me, however, and perhaps the fact that earlier personal experience in writing chapter letters for the ARROW has brought me to a full realization of the many difficulties that a corresponding secretary must overcome to produce an interesting and desirable letter.

I am writing from the standpoint of the alumna, far from her college home; in touch with college and fraternity friends only through occasional letters, a chance visit from some traveller from home—and the ARROW.

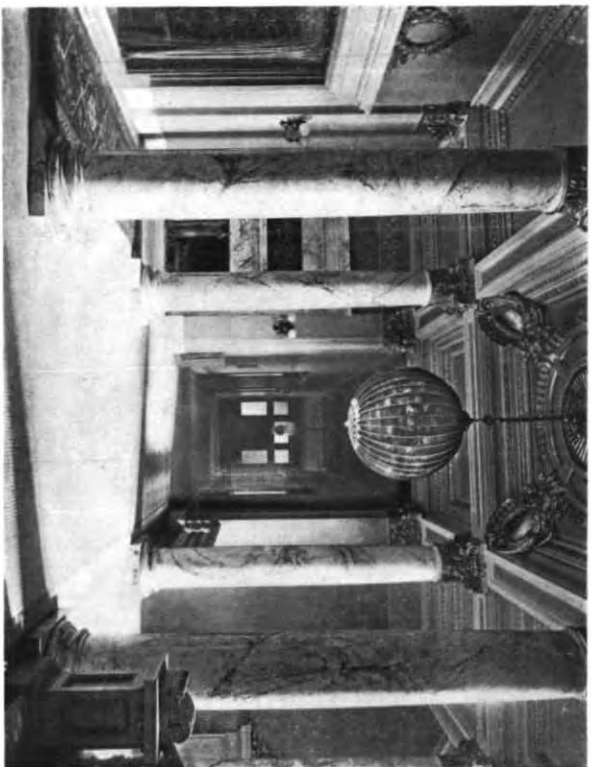
New duties and friends lead and force one to new and pleasant interests, but never to the exclusion of old-time memories, associations and friends. With this bit of explanation, may I frankly say I am disappointed in some of the chapter letters, and perhaps in alumnae-notes too.

I hope I am not misunderstood when I add my belief that many of the letters, if given a little more time and thought would be much improved. I recently heard a lecturer beavailing the valuable time lost in "making conversation." Have any letters used up both time and space saying what we know must be true of all college and fraternity girls? Look in your last ARROW.

I remember that one of the rules a much-beloved English professor once gave us for themes was, "Write your theme, then omit the first sentence."

Perhaps we might expand the rule, "Write your letter, then see how much of it is trite and how much vital." Letter writing is an art, natural or acquired. Let our chapter letters show it at its best.

—An Alumna.



BARNARD COLLEGE—INTERIOR

The editorial in the January ARROW concerning material for a chapter letter, has set us all a-thinking. We all know that "brag and gush" are out of place in either life or letter, and yet a good many of us forget this truth when writing our chapter letters.

We have often sighed, "O if we only knew better the girls to whom we are writing!" But how, let me ask, are we to know each other when we hide our real selves behind a chronical of social events, hurriedly written by one or two members? Is this the way to keep our chapters in close and vital connection with one another? Let each girl take a personal interest in the letter, have it read and criticised in meeting, and the ARROW will be improved and the way of the corresponding secretary made easier.

When we turn to the chapter letters, we do not expect to find each one a literary gem,—the ARROW is not a literary magazine. But we do expect to find some item that will be of special interest to us as Pi Phis; to be given some glimpse into the college life of our sister chapters; some hint as to the ways in which they have been helped in their efforts to reach the highest aspirations of our Pi Beta Phi, and some suggestions that will aid us in becoming truer fraternity women. We must not forget, or seemingly overlook, the fact that "Our hearts are bound together by the wine and silver blue." If this last thought, and all that it means to us, is always kept in our minds, we shall not have cause so often to turn in disappointment from many of our chapter letters.

—*Iowa Alpha.*

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Thanks to the editorial in the January ARROW a subject for an article has not been hard to find. We so often become tired of the endless discussions of "Pledge Pin," "Patroness' Pin," and "Rushing,"—not that all these are not beneficial but they are such time-worn subjects. Can anything be more interesting than the "Substance and Spirit of the Chapter Letter?"

Separated as our chapters are and having but one direct communication yearly, we often feel that we are entire strangers to distant chapters. We think of them, of course, as Pi Beta Phis,

as our own fraternity sisters working towards the same ends and bound by the same ties, but in addition to this, we have a half-strange, half-mysterious feeling toward them. We read their chapter letters, enjoy hearing about their college and fraternity functions, and yet when we have finished we feel a lack of something. We want more insight into their real fraternity life. We want new ideas and suggestions which they have worked out and which will no doubt help us.

Each chapter has its own characteristics, its methods and ways of doing things which to it seem only a matter of course but which would be new to others. Frequently the help gained from a few suggestions offered by one chapter would mean a great deal to another chapter. Let us have more real help in our letters; more ideas from one chapter to another. Let us, too, have the real fraternal spirit; let us lay aside all "brag and gush" and show only our true selves. Let us, above all, interest our alumnae; never forget that to them we owe so much and it is our duty to keep them posted and interested.

—*Pennsylvania Beta.*

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"What should the chapter letter contain?" This question stares the corresponding secretary in the face, but she modifies it to, "Why should the chapter letter exist?" There would be obvious benefits to be derived from these letters if they would actually express the spirit and work of the chapter. But they seldom really do this. They are chronicles of social events, padded out with a few items of news or righteous boasts and sometimes even with the a "we-cannot-tell-you-how-long-it-seems-dear-girls" variety of literature.

Every chapter is distinctly marked by certain characteristics. If they could be brought out in the letter they would interest every other chapter. It is not necessary that the studious chapter quote Greek or Latin or that the society-loving girls write lists of the objectionable "pink teas." The chapter letter as written by the corresponding secretary can never be the voice of the chapter as a composite whole, but it is the spirit rather than the actual

representation which we want. What do we mean by "Pi Phi style," if not the characteristic attitude of the girls as a whole?

Every year the problem of rushing confronts us. At the convention last year we heard of innumerable good rushing suggestions. If two heads are better than one, how much thirty-four chapter letters ought to accomplish in furnishing successful ideas for rushing, and, indeed, for any kind of chapter activity. To be sure someone will say, "we cannot put any chapter suggestions in the letters because all the fraternities see them." The selfishness of this attitude is all too apparent. Our fraternity does not aim for secrecy in all things. All the women's fraternities would be aided in the same proportions as we are.

The chapter letter should be the happy balance,—oh so hard to attain!—between what interests us and what may interest other chapters. It should bring the chapters into closer harmony and fellowship by presenting a true picture of the spirit and the work carried on. It should aid others by any helpful suggestions the chapter may have to offer.

—*Wisconsin Alpha.*

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### *The Late Pledge Day*

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In answer to Texas Alpha's plea for a late pledge day, Maryland Alpha wishes to tell her experience of last year. The seven fraternities of the college are governed by a Pan-Hellenic Association, and last year the association agreed to try a late pledge day, but not a long *rushing* season. One object was to do away with violent rushing and take a girl into the fraternity only after we had made a friend of her. So true friendship was to be our key-note last year. Pan-Hellenic made a long list of rules, all of them restrictions against rushing, and placed pledge day the twelfth of March. These rules were published in one of last year's *ARROWS*. So every fraternity girl began her college term last year, convinced that this was an ideal plan, and that all the evils of rushing would vanish into the past. The theory proved more ideal than practical. Every fraternity in college suffered

from the change. The influences exerted upon the freshmen in the long season are not good. They form cliques among themselves, as is natural, but the subject "fraternity" is usually their topic of conversation and as we, who are the only ones who know truly what that word implies, are not allowed to mention it to any, they form their own conclusions, and they are mostly extravagant and abnormal ideas of our life and actions. They cannot see the reason or advantage for our many restrictions and many of them talk with their non-fraternity friends who, of course, tell them they are happier out of a fraternity, and the freshman often decides that she too can be happier as a non-fraternity girl.

Often the cliques of freshmen will not separate and the fraternity who is willing to descend from her ideal, will ask the whole clique in order to get the one or two good girls in it.

These are rather minor objections when you consider the time which must be devoted to rushing. We were allowed to rush Friday evenings and Saturdays and to give one large function before pledge day. This in itself did not take much time, but the thought and worry which naturally goes with such proceedings cannot be overlooked. Our minds were always more or less occupied with the subject and our studies, as a natural consequence, suffered.

The freshmen, as we were afterwards told, became tired of our prolonged attentions, and wished the question settled long before it was.

It will take years of practice before a fraternity in competition with five or six other national fraternities can calmly let the freshmen alone, to gravitate naturally to those whose tastes are most nearly their own. It is not natural that we should take the matter so calmly, and we almost feel ourselves hoping that we may never become so indifferent!

With only a hundred freshmen and seven fraternities at our college, we cannot apportion the eligible material among us. Even with a long season two or three fraternities asked the same girls on pledge day.

Maryland Alpha found last year that she made more and

greater mistakes than she ever did with a six weeks hard rush. Our calmness and judgment seemed wrecked by the prolonged stress and strain of what it was hoped would develop into a natural solution of the problem.

This year we went back to our early pledge day—November the twelfth, but still kept a number of Pan-Hellenic restrictions, without which the adoption of an early pledge day would have more evils than were manifested by the long season.

The advantages of an early pledge day, with restrictions, cannot be slighted by an enthusiastic fraternity girl. The "home life" of the chapter is not lost to the freshman. She, therefore, has the time and inclination to develop studious habits and class and college spirit. She takes a broader view of life and her interest is not self-centered, but guided by an influence which will form and mould her for the responsibilities of the years to come.

—Irene Tula Fenton.

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### *The Chapter President*

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It goes without saying that the office of chapter president is no sinecure. To fulfill its duties acceptably demands a great deal of time, thought and native ability. It is with this apologetic preface that I venture to criticise the usual method of conducting a fraternity meeting.

The freshman in college does not, and is not expected to know parliamentary procedure. Yet when she leaves college and is called on unexpectedly to take the chair at some public meeting it is sad for her to find that she lacks assurance, hesitates and blunders; it is humiliating to confess absolute ignorance of the accepted methods by which formal gatherings are regulated the world over. The college training should give tact in presiding, firmness in ruling and policy in using one's knowledge of forms to gain one's point. It is remarkable how easily a skilful parliamentarian can hold control of affairs, can manipulate the indifferent, can defeat his opponents, merely by his conducting the

ordinary business of the meeting. Only constant practice makes one skilful. It may be mentioned in passing that to expose one's ignorance of such forms brings ridicule on the unfortunate.

For most college girls the fraternity meeting is the only place wherein to learn how a club should be conducted. It is their one chance. How many chapter presidents are doing their duty by the chapters who elected them to that office? How many of them give time to outside study in order that they may decide disputed points fairly? How many of them can rule a meeting with an unruffled dignity? Of course it takes time and practice. To be a good parliamentarian requires as much effort as to be a good logician.

The chapter president has in her own hands the making of her chapter in this respect. She is training the freshmen. She is setting a standard for them. If they cannot speak without a giggle, if they do not hesitate to interrupt one another, if audible asides are made, if three different motions are before the house at the same time, I consider it the fault of the chapter president.

It may seem that a meeting conducted according to strict parliamentary procedure would be too formal, too stiff and forbidding. I advocate, however, at least fifteen minutes of such formality for the discipline it gives, and then in informal discussion the meeting may be as sweetly illogical and ingenuous as it chooses.

*Texas Alpha.*



## What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

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Vermont Alpha, in the January ARROW made "A Reply" to "A Serious Question" in the November number. May we ask one more question?

*How far may Individual Opinion Govern Us?*

Granted that the girl under consideration is an admirable girl in every respect, but, for an unexplainable reason, one member of the chapter finds her uncongenial, is that fraternity girl showing her noblest self by casting her ballot for the new comer thus sacrificing her individual opinion, or by casting her ballot against her and so fulfilling her promises concerning new members?

*Pennsylvania Gamma.*

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We, of Vermont Beta, after waiting nearly half the year for our freshmen, heartily endorse the Pan-Hellenic rules and the long rushing-season. While it has seemed long to wait for our girls, we feel suitably rewarded. We have come to know the freshmen thoroughly and they have had the same opportunity to know us. Girls have changed places somewhat since we looked upon them in the autumn. The long season has given us opportunity to find out the true, quiet girl, while we could rightly place the brilliant, showy girl. The "rushees," too, have had time to know what they are doing. Before the half-year had passed they had found their own level.

The friendliness between the fraternities seems to have increased with the new rules. Each chapter has equal opportunity and must stand or fall on its own merits. We have seen, however, that the rushing season, if abused, may have a harmful effect on the new girl, as well as on the chapter. The girl may go to one extreme and "rush" the fraternity, or to the other and

have nothing to do with it. Where several desirable girls who would have joined a fraternity when they first came to college, refuse to join any chapter later on, surely there is something wrong. Probably it is the effect of the long, strenuous rushing. The girls have been wearied by the strain, and look upon what they have seen as if it were the essence of fraternity life. It seems to us that the long rushing season calls for no extra effort. The girls can be made to feel that there is something beyond pink teas and spreads in fraternity life. The chance of disillusionment which might come after a few short, hurried weeks of rushing is gone. We have found that just to be ourselves is enough and that the true, earnest "rushee" can easily make her choice.

*Vermont Beta.*

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There are three summer conferences of the Young Women's Christian Association held at Lake Geneva, and at Silver Bay, Lake George. These gatherings afford an unparalleled opportunity for meeting other college women in intimate fellowship, for listening to exceptional leaders, and time to reflect on the deep spiritual realities of life. A well-known educator recently said he knew of no greater aid to acquiring poise, than attendance at one of these gatherings. In the summer of 1904, Massachusetts Alpha's two delegates to Silver Bay found time during the ten busy days to enjoy a spread with Pi Phi sisters from Vermont Alpha and Beta, Dickinson, Barnard, Swarthmore, and Hillsdale. Realizing the privileges of attending such gatherings, and what they have meant to us, we feel that we should use our influence in spreading notice of the conference and take pains especially to help the younger girls to realize its value. In this way, I believe, we may materially strengthen ourselves and make a stronger type of fraternity girl.

*Massachusetts Alpha.*

We all feel the need of a regulation pledge pin. The I. C. is not well enough known and the monogram is not original enough.

*The Pledge Pin Again*

When a girl is pledged, for a longer or a shorter time, she feels that a regulation pin would bring her closer to the fraternity. Could not some of our own artistic girls be making up some design so that something definite could be done at next convention? The pin ought to be one that would be easy to recognize everywhere as belonging to Pi Beta Phi. Perhaps it would be a good idea if the chapters would each buy several to be used while the girls were pledged and then returned to the chapter.

*Illinois Zeta.*

It is very apt to be the case in colleges where the dormitory system is not used and where the fraternity rooms are not in

*To Insure Attendance*

the college building, that the girls become just a little bit lax in attendance, and allow a very slight excuse to keep them away from fraternity meeting. The imposition of a fine does not seem to remedy this evil, and I wish the other chapters would think this over. Might there not be stricter attention paid to attendance if the chapters were all required to send in to the Grand Council a record of the attendance at each meeting, which should count in the standing of the individual chapter? Columbia Alpha would like to hear the suggestions of the other chapters.

*Columbia Alpha.*

Among the fraternity girls of the University of California the question of the position of their fraternity pin to that of their

*The College or the Fraternity Pin?*

college particularly, and to those of other organizations that they may belong to has been often discussed. We all agree that the high school fraternity pin and the pin of any literary or dramatic society should be placed below that of our fraternity. But what about the blue and gold pennant of our dear Alma Mater? We Californians are so proud of our state and its fine university, that

most of us feel that it is no disrespect to place the pennant above the arrow. Our love for our university does not lessen our love for Pi Phi, but our pride at California may bias our feelings on this subject and we should like to know how our Pi Phi sisters feel about it.

*California Beta.*

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It has been suggested by Massachusetts Alpha that the province convention be revived. There are doubtless many chapters that echo this sentiment. A province convention would be a means by which we could not only become acquainted with other Pi Phi's than those of our own chapter, but it would give us an opportunity to compare notes, thus gaining help and giving help, to other chapters. We would be brought into the direct intimate relationship which we desire and which only acquaintance and interest in one another can produce. More girls could be present at such a gathering than can attend the national convention, and a more general idea of the extent and possibilities of Pi Beta Phi could be gained. We would realize more fully that we are part of a strong and respected whole and that each part must work to preserve the strength and keep the respect which we have now. Many of the girls have never met a Pi Phi outside of their own chapter and their own state, so that a province convention where Pi Phis of several chapters gathered, would be both broadening and inspiring.

*Province Conventions*

*Vermont Alpha.*

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"Fraternity means less to girls than to boys" is a statement occasionally made by fraternity men, and only those who have faced such an accusation know how deeply this wounds the loyal fraternity girl.

*Does it Mean Less?*

What grounds have the men for saying such a thing? Are we girls to blame for their getting this erroneous idea? Do we show less regard for the seriousness of our frater-

nity life than we really feel? Do we seem to drift toward the frivolous? Perhaps, we do sometimes make thoughtless remarks which might lead to such conclusions. We should guard against this. It seems to me that this is an important matter and one worthy of our attention. Of course we know that fraternity means more to us than we can tell, but let us avoid doing or saying anything which might lead one to think otherwise.

*Indiana Gamma.*

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Prejudice! Have not most of us found this a word which gives us as individual chapters no little really serious trouble.

*Prejudice* Here is a girl who seems to be in every way a girl of the fraternity stamp,—of broad mind and sympathies, a good student, with a charm of personality that makes us proud to be her friends, and who is the possessor of that indefinite something which makes us covet her for the society of the Greeks. Yet, when the die is finally cast, her cause proves to be a lost one, and only the genuine sigh of regret can tell how deep is the disappointment of those who feel that some possibly groundless prejudice has stood not only in our own light, but has marred the college life of a girl really worth having.

Do not misunderstand us, and think that we are questioning for one moment the inviolable right of every girl to sustain her own reasonable and cherished opinions, but let us plead, and that most sincerely, that we guard against growing narrow by blinding ourselves to all but our own conservative, yes, let us admit it, even sometimes obstinate decisions and desires. We can ill afford to disregard entirely the fact that the well-bred, respectable girl has a right to be considered, and that generously as well as wisely; and we should not fail to acquaint ourselves with the truth that when we deliberately neglect or ignore the eligible girl because of some foolish, ill-defined prejudice, we not only compromise the girl in question, but often thereby do ourselves as a chapter, a decided injury.

*Ohio Alpha.*

Vermont Alpha suggested some time ago that the different chapters exchange college pennants. We girls at Northwestern University have been thinking about it but we don't exactly see how it could be managed. If we exchanged with two colleges a year it would take at least sixteen years to get around. It might be a good idea to have a rule that each senior as she leaves college should buy a pennant and these pennants could be sent to the other chapters. Let us talk this over and offer any suggestion that would be better.

*Exchanging  
College Pennants*

*Illinois Epsilon.*

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## *Alumnae Department*

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### *The Philadelphia Alumnae Club*

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"The February meeting of the Philadelphia Club of Pi Beta Phi was held on the eighteenth, with thirteen members present. There are about thirty-five members of Pi Beta Phi living in or near Philadelphia, many of whom are too busy to often attend the meetings.

The May meeting will be, as usual, a social gathering, this year a picnic up the Wissahickon Creek.

Will all Pi Beta Phis living near Philadelphia, not already members of the club, kindly send their names and addresses to the president, Miss M. C. Johnson, The Aldine Hotel, Philadelphia.

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### *Michigan Alpha Alumnae Club*

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The Michigan Alpha Alumnae Club was organized last October for the purpose of helping the Hillsdale College chapter in any ways possible and also for the purpose of holding together

the members of that chapter in some mutual interest after graduation.

Our work so far has been along the first line as the girls needed help in settling their new chapter house; and in rushing also, it was a great pleasure to us to renew old times by giving a progressive dinner in honor of the chapter.

There are several alumnae living in Hillsdale county and when they return to their homes in the summer we expect to have a membership of at least fourteen. Each member is expected to become a member of the National Alumnae Association.

If there are now, or ever should be, any Phi Phis in Hillsdale county who have not joined this club, they may be assured that a cordial welcome awaits them, whenever they care to claim it, for we are all loyal Pi Beta Phis.

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#### *The Boston Alumnae Club*

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It has been the purpose of the Boston Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi since its organization to cement more closely those helpful friendships begun during college days, to learn to know the new and younger alumnae as they join us year by year, to welcome and if possible to make one with us each and every Pi Phi who comes to us a stranger but a sister from some other chapter, and to aid the active chapter in Boston whenever and in whatever way it is possible. The second Saturday of each month we have met throughout the year, sometimes in the Chapter Room, 15 Pinckney Street, Boston, sometimes with a Pi Phi whose home is not far distant. During the past year we have endeavored to make our interests larger, and with our increasing membership we have been able to do more in a material way than formerly. Very few of those who have been identified with the active chapter in Boston have failed to show their interest and sympathy in some way or another. Each year increases the number of those whose work calls them to distant homes but many of these "belong" to the club and help us financially by the payment of dues. Of the others there are few who do not attend several

meetings during the year and in July and August we have a large attendance.

Owing to our location our meetings are necessarily of a social character. Early in the past year we had a banquet, to which we invited the active chapter, and our plan for the spring reunion of this year is for a banquet on the evening of March thirty-first. In July we were invited to a "barn party" by our Malden members, who first entertained us with a farce but made us entertain them afterward in racing for potatoes. In August we went to Wollaston and in September had a cookey shine in Newtonville at the home of Edith Swift who was soon to return to Rome, Italy. Last year we had a Valentine Lunch in Malden and this year in Wollaston. Two meetings during the year have been "Sewing-Bees" for our engaged girls. Several times we have met informally to say "Auf Wiedersehen" or "Bon Voyage" to those going from our midst westward, southward, and across the water.

In these little ways we are trying in "the wine and blue" to make our influence helpful. But we do not mean to be self-centered in our interests and we very much wish Vermont Alpha and Beta were near enough so that their alumnae could join us actively in our work. We are very glad to welcome among us Geneva Carpenter of Vermont Beta and we wish that many other chapters might be represented as well. If we have failed through ignorance to extend a welcome to a Phi Phi among us we hope we shall be informed of the fact soon.

The Boston Club sends greetings to every active and alumnae chapter throughout the land.

WINIFRED G. HILL.

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#### *The St. Joseph Alumnae Club*

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The St. Joseph Alumnae Club was organized at the home of Maud Miller on Friday evening, December eighteenth. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, President; Sue Ashmun, Vice President; Mrs. C. C. Delton, Treasurer,



and Maud Miller, Secretary. The club is to meet the last Friday of each month, and its object is to promote fraternity interest among the Pi Phis in St. Joseph, and to do all we can to the advantage of our chapters and the Alumnae Association. Every member of the club is a member of the Alumnae Association, and receives the *ARROW*, so we keep fairly well posted on Pi Phi dom and are also planning to discuss, at our meetings, matters of general interest found in the other fraternity magazines. At present we are planning a Founder's Day celebration. To this especially, as well as to our other club meetings, we shall be very happy to welcome any Pi Phis who are in the city at the time.

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#### *The New York Alumnae Club*

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The New York Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, through the kindness of the Barnard College Chapter, meets at the fraternity rooms of New York Beta, 2881 Broadway, the second Saturday of each month at three o'clock. We gladly welcome to these meetings any Pi Phi coming to the city be her stay short or long.

Is it the Pi Beta Phi name plate on the door which works the transformation? Once inside we are college girls again, with less regard for the rules laid down by Mr. Roberts (until called to order by the President) than when we were "old girls" in a different way and were responsible for the dignity of an active chapter. We have the President of Alpha Province for our president and among the sixty or more members there is the Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Bartol Theiss, to whom we apply for information on all fraternity matters. She is as well informed on the "Greek" of the present as, from the little sketch in the January *ARROW*, you can see she is on the Greek of the past. Our list of members is constantly changing; for example Miss Adelia Humphry of Kansas Alpha has been with us all winter but sailed Saturday for a spring in England. Where she made one we "turn down an empty glass."

We are especially fortunate in having the atmosphere of an

active chapter about us and we exchange "hostilities" occasionally, the next extra being a cookie-shine on Saint Patrick's Day to which we have invited the girls of New York Beta. The invitations are cut from brown paper, round with a hole in the middle, with the announcement of the "shine" written in rhyme.

ELMINA WILSON.

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### *The Galesburg Club*

In the first place our club is not a mere social club, although we delight in coming together and having a jolly little gossip. Our primary purpose, however, is philanthropical work. Last spring we joined with all the Pi Phis of Knox and Lombard and furnished a room at the hospital. We raised enough money to buy all the necessary furniture. We had several little thimble bees and made gowns hemmed towels and napkins, and embroidered the monogram  $\Pi B \Phi$  on many of the things. Some of us donated pictures, some book-cases, and others books, and we mean to add more now and then. We propose to support this room, and for this purpose we pay a small fee at each meeting. This goes into our Hospital Fund upon which we are to draw whenever anything is needed in "Our Room."

Aside from this we have done little. We have had no social gatherings unless our regular meetings be called such. At these we always serve refreshments and aim to have a merry time. We are now planning for the banquet which all the Galesburg Pi Phis are to give Founders Day.

MARTHA ARNOLD.

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### *Illinois Epsilon Alumnae*

The Illinois Epsilon Alumnae Club was organized October sixth, 1903, for the purpose of establishing closer intercourse between the alumnae, and between them and the active chapter. The meetings are held bi-weekly at the homes of members and continue through the summer. Last year there were ten active members and twenty-one non-active ones. During the summer

the active chapter joined in the meetings and the Michigan Beta girls in Chicago attended once. Last November the club sent out two hundred notices of the Thanksgiving luncheon and urged the establishment of a Chicago Club. The work in connection with the active chapter has been very enjoyable indeed. This has proven a very successful means of pleasantly prolonging the joys of college life.

NELLIE REGINA O'BRIEN.

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### *The Chicago Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi*

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An alumnae club numbering seventy members has lately been organized in Chicago. The officers are as follows: President, Marjorie Lucille Fitch, Illinois Epsilon; Vice President, Mrs. J. M. Collins, Kansas Alpha; Recording Secretary, Pearl Cummings, Michigan Beta; Corresponding Secretary, Katharine Belle Miller, Iowa Beta; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. McDowell, Iowa Alpha. The executive committee includes, in addition to these officers, Anna McMahan, Indiana Alpha; Clara Sommers, Illinois Zeta, and Mabel Flinn, Illinois Beta. The purpose of the club is to draw together in a social way all members of the fraternity in Chicago and within a radius of seventy-five miles. The corresponding secretary will be glad to have the names and addresses of those within this distance who have not yet been notified of the club organization.

KATHARINE BELLE MILLER.

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### *The Indianapolis Alumnae Club*

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The Indianapolis Alumnae Club has held very enjoyable and profitable meetings on the third Wednesday of each month this winter. We have thirty-six names on our roll, and most of these are active and loyal Pi Phis. Our membership is made up mostly of Indiana Pi Phis, but we are proud to number among us two Michigan Beta girls, one from Iowa, and one from Illi-

nois. Within the past six months we have had increased membership and also increased interest and enthusiasm among both old and new members.

Our officers, as elected last fall, are: President, Mrs. Ethel Roberts Loop, Indiana Gamma; Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Martin, Indiana Alpha; Secretary, Miss Fannie Miner, Indiana Gamma; Treasurer, Mrs. Bertha Holland Branson, Indiana Beta.

The March meeting is to be with Mrs. Jessie Summers, an I. C. The first part of our meeting is devoted to such business as is necessary, and the rest of the time to entertainment and refreshments provided by the hostess and her two assistants. Our meetings are very informal, and for that reason we all enjoy them, and look forward with pleasure to the next one.

We send our best wishes and hearty greetings to all our sisters.

FANNIE MINER.

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#### *Detroit Alumnae*

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We have a business meeting every month followed by a social "good time," but we have no regular line of work, literary or otherwise, that we are pursuing. After the business meeting is over, there is enthusiastic Pi Phi talk. The latest news from the active girls of the different chapters represented is discussed, and Pi Phi songs are sung. We have been fortunate in acquiring several new members this year. Mrs. Frank Burr has come to Detroit from Columbus and so is with us. Lenore Smith and Madge Sibley who graduated in June, nineteen four, from the University of Michigan, have also joined our ranks. Evelyn Bryant who was one of our number several years ago has been married quite recently to Mr. Percy Martin and so has returned to Detroit and will be with us again. We have lost members, too. Marie Von Borries has returned to her home in Louisville, Kentucky, after being with us over two years. Margaret Cousin has become Mrs. Peter D. Robertson and moved to Kalamazoo. However we have had a very prosperous year and

in Washington, and was present at the alumnae meeting in February.

Catherine McIlhenny, Columbia Alpha, '04, is visiting relatives in Mississippi.

Lora Townsend, Illinois Beta, is staying in Washington with Mrs. Prince.

Nora Stabler-Worth, Pennsylvania Alpha, '03, visited her mother in Washington during Inauguration.

Alta Kauffmann-Winter, Iowa Alpha, is living in Washington.

Edna Innes, Pennsylvania Beta, was in Washington for the Inauguration.

## PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Blanche Bane, '04, has accepted the position as assistant to Dr. C. R. Blackall, editor of the American Baptist Publication Society at Philadelphia.

Carrie Halfpenny, '02, and Lillian Foust '00, of Milton called on their chapter in March.

Lila M. Long, '03, of Williamsport spent a few days during January with friends in town.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gretzinger on March seventh a son. Mrs. Gretzinger has been one of our patronesses for several years.

Elvie Coleman, '03, has been teaching in the high school at her home in Reynoldsville, Pa.

## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

May Hull, '03, attended the Dickinson-Franklin and Marshall Basket Ball game at Carlisle and spent Sunday with the chapter.

Bessie Craighead, '01, lately paid us a short visit.

Edith Super, '02, has entered the Pottsville Hospital as a nurse.

Georgia M. Cranston, '06, has been obliged to return home, because of illness.

## OHIO ALPHA

Flora Connor has entered training as a nurse in the Grant Hospital at Columbus.

Florence Clayton attended the Pi Beta Phi dance in Columbus on February third.

Elizabeth Musgrave is at home this term in Clarksburg, W. Va.

## OHIO BETA

Maud McAlpine is visiting Isabel Hamilton, Los Angeles, California.

Edith Clarke-Burr, who has been the guest of Columbus relatives has returned to her home in Detroit.

Florence Clayton of Ohio Alpha made a short visit with Katharine Potter.

Anne Nichols-Dresbach and infant son of Fayetteville, Arkansas are visiting relatives in Chillicothe, Ohio.

## NEW YORK ALPHA

Lunette Havens, '04, has resigned her position in Andes, N. Y., and is now teaching in Chittenango high school, only a few miles from Syracuse.

Estelle Ga Nun, '06, has been obliged to leave college on account of the illness of her father.

Angeline Mayne, ex-'07, recently spent a few days in Syracuse.

## NEW YORK BETA

Ida E. Lewis, '04, one of the charter members of New York Beta, leaves early in April for Denver, where she will visit her mother at Park Hill.

May Gardiner, 1896, of Kansas Alpha, is living in the chapter rooms of New York Beta, and is doing post-graduate work at Columbia University.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Our vacation reunion, which we were planning when the last issue of the *ARROW* came out, proved even more successful than we had hoped. A large number of our alumnae, married and single, representing all the classes since our founding, were present and enjoyed the afternoon as only Pi Phis met after separation can. Afterward about twenty, of whom six were charter members, went to supper together and then to an informal college reunion.

On New Year's day, Vera Kerr, in her Ohio home, was married to Mr. Robert Wood Kessler of 22 West St., Annapolis, Maryland, and to the helpful friendship of any Pi Phis in that vicinity we wish to commend her.

On February eleventh, Avice Williams gave a Valentine lunch to the Alumnae Club at her home in Wollaston, and so pleasant a time did we have that we decided to accept Ida Hodge's invitation for another "Home meeting."

Another alumna has left Massachusetts. On March sixth Elizabeth Coats and her family started for Phoenix, Arizona, where they expect to live. If there are any Pi Phis in Arizona we hope you will give our Massachusetts' secretary a hearty welcome.

## MARYLAND ALPHA

Pauline de Iesi, ex-'01, has been visiting in Baltimore.

Rhoda Watkins of Columbia Alpha spent a day with Maryland Alpha. Her visit was much enjoyed.

May Reah of Ohio Alpha stopped at Baltimore on her way home from abroad.

Maryland Alpha has enjoyed the visits of some of her alumnae this month. Marion Boyer, ex-'05 of Williamsport, Penn., Olive Mast, '03, Coatesville, Penn., Irene Rappalee-Keyworth, ex-'01 of York, Penn., and Ina France-Nesbeth, ex-'05, of Port Deposit, Md.

Sarah E. Rupp, '02, is doing graduate work at Bryn Mawr.

## ILLINOIS BETA

Nelle Turner, ex-'01, was married to Mr. Albert Benten Pratt, December fourteenth.

The engagement of Edna Uhler, ex-'03, to Mr. William F. Gilman, of Burlington, Iowa, has been announced. The wedding will take place next October.

## ILLINOIS DELTA

Louise Seacord ex-'08, now of National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C. is visiting her mother, Mrs. Cora Seacord on N. Cherry St.

Charlotte Ayres has announced her engagement to Mr. William Tobey, Beta Theta Pi, of Park City, Utah.

## ILLINOIS ZETA

Nettie Baker-Johnstone visited in Champaign this winter.

Born to Delia Stern-Stipes, March first, a son.

Edna Daniels, '03, has been visiting in Champaign.

Born to Laura Busey-Fulton, January 20, a son.

Mabel Griffiths of Lombard, has been visiting in Champaign.

Alice Mann, will visit at the Pi Phi House this spring.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON

Josie Collyer, ex-'06, has been visiting in Minneapolis and at the Pi Phi House at Madison during the past month.

Gertrude Baldwin, '03, has taken a position with the Interstate School of Correspondence.

## INDIANA ALPHA

Anna McMahan, one of our charter members, is teaching in Chicago, and at a recent meeting of all the Pi Phis in that city, she was elected a member of the executive committee.

Mr. Newsom and his wife, Ona Payne-Newsom, another of our founders, are spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona.



Lillian Payne of Chicago has been spending the winter in California.

A daughter was born to Mary Van Nuys-Fisher in January.

Ethel and Bertha Miller and Gertrude Decker-Hendricks are in Columbia University. The alumnae in New York city have shown them many kindnesses.

The engagement has been announced of Jeanette Louise Lemon, '03, of Bedford, to Arthur Eugene Bestor, of Chicago University.

Nell Kemp, ex-'06, who is attending Chicago University recently won first place in the contest in oratory.

Mary Hall, '03, who has been teaching in the Anderson Schools, has been compelled to resign on account of nervous break-down.

Elsie Grace Stubbs, '04, is teaching Latin and English in the Dunkirk High School.

## INDIANA BETA

Jane Blakely, '06, is spending the winter in Nebraska for the benefit of her health.

Ida Stultz was recently married to Mr. Wirt Neal. They are living in Wolcott, Indiana.

Ava Hammersley was married this week to Mr. Wadsworth.

Dell Miller has been seriously ill with typhoid fever at her home in Montmorenci, but is much better now.

Grace Aldrich visited us for a week this term.

## INDIANA GAMMA

Jessamine Armstrong, of Kokomo visited us in January.

Ethel Woody and Edith Abbott are teaching at Russiaville, Indiana.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Ross W. Mercer (Sophia Smith), of Lynn, Mass., a daughter.

Ethel Curryer is spending the winter months at Palm Beach, Florida.

Margaret Garretson of Pendleton came to Indianapolis to attend

the annual dance of Delta Tau Delta, and spent several days with us.

Kate Reagan, ex-'07, is studying music this year at her home in Mooresville, Ind.

Pearl McElroy is taking a course of study in Chicago, preparatory to becoming a Y. W. C. A. secretary.

Fannie Miner was awarded a Gold Medal at the World's Fair in St. Louis last summer on her exhibit of needle point-laces. Her work was in the Indiana booth in the manufacturers' building, and competed with the World's work of that class.

Ethel Woody, ex-'06 and Edith Abbott, '03, are teaching in Russiaville, Ind., this winter. Miss Abbott is assistant principal in the High School.

#### MICHIGAN ALPHA

Julia A. Soule, ex-'02, has been visiting her sister, Leila, for several weeks. The active chapter have so much enjoyed her being with them.

Luna K. French, a member of our chapter in '00-'01, will graduate from Wellesley College this year.

We keep hearing of more and more of our girls, who are expecting to be back at commencement time. We are looking forward eagerly to that happy reunion.

Word has just come of the death of Josephine Graham-Holinger, one of our charter members.

#### MICHIGAN BETA

Elsa Tritscheller was married December tenth to Mr. Seth Harrison Ely.

The marriage of Evelyn Bryant and Mr. Percy Martin, took place in February.

#### IOWA BETA

On December 28, 1904, at New Virginia, Iowa, Blanche Van Scoy was married to Dr. William H. Story. They will make their home in Crystal, N. D.

Myrtle Reid, '03, who has been in Arizona for her health, is reported much improved, and is now with her mother in Pueblo, Colo.

Nina Hohenshelt, '03, spent the month of January at home as the Pella schools were closed on account of sickness.

Mertie Anderson-Henderson and baby visited in January at the parental home in Seaward, Nebr.

Maude Anderson, whose home is now in Fort Collins, Colo., visited relatives and friends in Indianola during the latter part of October.

## IOWA ZETA

Ethel Bond is teaching at Charter Oak.

Dorothy Wickersham is teaching this year in Spokane, Washington.

Jessie Pontius is a teacher at Omaha, Nebraska, this year.

Bertha Alexander, '04, has been visiting the girls of the chapter for several weeks.

Dorothy Dakin has returned from a three months' tour in Europe.

Sadie Kemmerer, '03 has been visiting at the University.

Leda Pinkham, 1900, is teaching in the Presbyterian College at Wichita, Kansas.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA

Margaret Hutton-Abels mourns the loss of her son, Herman Lucas, aged eleven months.

Genevieve Smith, ex-'98, is about to leave Berlin, to continue her study of music in Paris.

Katherine Harmon, ex-'07, has been visiting here for several weeks.

Ada Welsh, '04, and Marian O'Neill, ex-'07, were here to attend the Junior Prom.

Marie Hinckley-Mabbett, '02, has left for her new home in Chicago, after a long visit with her parents in Milwaukee.

## KANSAS ALPHA

Mary Jeannette Spencer was married December twenty-eighth to Eugene Ware, Jr., of Topeka.

Among our recent visitors are Cecil Leland of Eldorado, Anna Lanter of Olathe, Kittie Plumb of Emporia, Mabel McLaughlin of Hiawatha, Mrs. Alpha Brumage of Beloit, and Mary Kellogg of Emporia.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hood announce the birth of a daughter. Aimee Rudiger was married February twenty-second to Mr. Otis Perkins, Phi Gamma Delta.

Ida Dunham-Brooks, who has been visiting in Kansas city, has returned to her home in Minneapolis.

Edith Riffle-Barrows of Kansas city is spending a few weeks in Lawrence.

Edith Snow, who has been in South Africa for over a year, is on her way home.

Olive Gundry-Poindexter, announces the birth of a son, Richard Gundry.

## NEBRASKA BETA

Lennie Stuart will soon return from a delightful trip to old Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pearsell, (Bessie Turner,) will sail for this country after having spent the winter in Rome.

Born to Mrs. and Mrs. Fred Funke on December second, 1904, a boy.

The engagement of Elizabeth Marshall to Mr. Frederick Jackson of New Haven, Connecticut, has been announced.

## TEXAS ALPHA

The engagement of Jamie Armstrong, '01, to Mr. John Bennet of San Antonio, Texas, has been announced.

Miss Brinton of Illinois Delta is spending the winter in Austin, for the benefit of her mother's health.

Margaret Kyle, student's secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has been in Austin for the past week, in the interest of the association.

Lula Rose-Kibbe of Brownsville, Texas, will visit her mother in Austin soon.

Flora Bartholomew of Palestine, has been appointed alumnae secretary of Texas.

Nell Harris went home last month on account of illness. She will return next term.

## COLORADO ALPHA

Inez Plumb and Nelle Morrison, Kansas Alpha, made us a day's visit recently.

Fanny Plummer-Morton is travelling in Mexico this winter.

Julia McKinley-Denio visited the Boulder girls, not long ago.

Grace Whitmore-Rowe has returned from California, and will leave shortly for Chicago, where she will make her future home.

Leone Enos was married January fourth to Dr. Loren Oscar Landon. They will live in Vernon, Texas.

The engagement of Mina Killgore to Mr. Orville Whitaker has been announced.

## CALIFORNIA BETA

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Poindexter, welcomed a little son into their home on February twenty-third. Mrs. Poindexter, known as Olive Gundry, before her marriage, presents the second California Beta baby to his admiring aunts. He is named for his grandfather, Richard Gundry Poindexter.

Maude Schaeffer who was graduated from the University in January is now teaching in Fresno.

Daisy Ryone is visiting friends in Los Angeles.

Florence Fiske is making an extensive tour of the state and writes of a most enjoyable time, sightseeing.

Louise Purce, Beth Officer, Ella May Lambert and Stella Hinkley, our new Stanford Pi Phi sophomores, came up to attend the

dance which the California "Naughty Six of '07" gave their fraternity sisters on February thirteenth, in honor of St. Valentine.

Florence Vaughn and Lena Harper are not in college this term.

#### NEW YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PERSONALS

Mrs. Everett, Nebraska Beta, is spending the winter in New York city.

Adelia A. Humphrey, Kansas, '95, sailed in March for England, where she will spend the summer with relatives. She expects to return to Butte, Mont., in the fall.

May Gardiner, Kansas, '97, is living at the chapter apartment of New York Beta, at 2881 Broadway, New York city. She is studying at Columbia University for her Master's degree.

Gertrude Hill-Springer, Kansas, '00, has changed her address and is now living in Claremont Hall, 2881 Broadway, New York city.

Edward Otis Perkins, Kansas, '02, Phi Gamma Delta, and Aimee Marie Ruediger, were married at the bride's home, "Grandview Farm," near Lawrence, February 22. The at home cards read Elliot Avenue, Lawrence, after April 15.—The Phi Gamma Delta for March.

Louise V. Winfield, Syracuse, '96, spent a week in New York recently. While here she paid a visit to the Barnard chapter. Eva Earll-Furlong has moved to New York city. Her address is 114 East 19th street. Her husband, Charles Wellington Furlong, is an illustrator for Harper's.

Ida E. Lewis, Barnard, '04, has gone to Montclair, Denver, Colo., where she expects to spend the spring.

Blanche A. Bane, Bucknell, '04, has had several of her articles accepted by Lippincott's. She has lately been made assistant editor to Dr. C. R. Blackall, the chief editor for the Young People's publication of the Pennsylvania Baptist Publication Society in Philadelphia.

Eliza J. Martin, Bucknell, '00, is studying Pedagogy, European History and Philosophy at the University of Jena, Germany.

Friday evening, March 17, the New York Alumnae club gave a cookie-shine in the chapter rooms. The guests of honor were the members of New York Beta. The twenty-one girls who sat down to the cookie shine were representatives of seven chapters. They were: Irene Adams, Bessie Beers, Maude Klein, Florence Hubbard, '04, Bessie Lewis, Ida Lewis, '04, Lizzette Metcalf, '04, Mary Maurtha, Virginia Ralph, Martha Thomas, '04, of New York Beta; Gertrude Hill-Springer, '00, and May Gardner, '97, of Kansas Alpha, Elmina Wilson, '92, and Ada Wilson, '94, of Iowa Gamma; Nadine Hartshorn-Williamson, of California Alpha; Susie Whiteman, '02, of Vermont Beta; Mary Bartol-Theiss of Pennsylvania Beta; Ethel Close, Mary A. Gutelius, '04, Clara Boyle and Anna M. Jackson of Pennsylvania Alpha.

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*In Memoriam*

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FRANCES RANDOLPH MILLER

The last issue of the ARROW chronicled the death of Evelyn Smith-Clippenger, and now we mourn for Frances Randolph-Miller. Both were active members of Michigan Alpha at the same time and it seems strange indeed, that two so closely related by fraternity ties, should be called to rest so nearly together.

Mrs. Miller received her degree from Hillsdale College in 1892, and spent several years in teaching and doing post-graduate work, at the same time pursuing the study of music.

She was married in 1901 to Mr. Frederick W. Miller, Alpha Tau Omega, who is a member of the faculty in Keuka College, N. Y. Her impaired health demanded a change, and so a year was spent in Minnesota, but last summer they returned to Keuka, since which time she was confined to her home, until Christmas day when the Good Father took her home. In college she

was held in high esteem by her friends and showed great personal power and high intellectual ability. The following from a New York paper shows the high regard in which she was held in these later years: "She was a woman of wonderful beauty of character and charm of conversation and lived fully and sweetly and nobly in her thirty-three years. She had a rare capacity for the enjoyment of everything beautiful and delightful in life and art and literature and nature, and those who have known her feel that her life was not the fragrance of wasted ointment."

B. M. K.

BERTRICE RANDALL

Bertrice Randall, '02, died January first, at her home in Oneida, N. Y., of scarlet fever. The following resolutions were adopted by New York Alpha:

WHEREAS, our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst our dear sister, Bertrice Randall, who was a loyal member of our chapter and fraternity, and

WHEREAS, we mourn the loss of one who held the love and respect of all, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That as an expression of our sorrow, we drape our pins for a period of thirty days. And be it further

*Resolved*, That we send a copy of these resolutions to the bereaved family, to the ARROW and to the college papers.



## Editorials

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HOW big our chapter family is growing! It was only last spring that New York Beta came into being, and now comes California Alpha to crowd her out of her prerogatives as the youngest chapter. It is now more than six years since the former chapter at Leland Stanford surrendered its charter after a plucky but unequal struggle for chapter prosperity. Since then the fraternity has refused to consider any petitions for reestablishment until the time should be fully ripe and the conditions as nearly ideal as possible. That time has now come, and the new California Alpha starts out under the happiest auspices and with the best wishes of the entire fraternity. The applicants have shown themselves most untiring in effort, most patient in waiting, most willing and eager to meet every demand and every condition placed upon them. We congratulate them as well as ourselves, that they are now enjoying the fruits of their striving.

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IN OUR exchange column we gladly reprint from the *Kappa Alpha Theta* a "Plea for Definiteness in Inter-Sorority Conference Procedure" by Ednah H. Wickson, the president of the fraternity. A plea for definiteness has been much needed and we gladly give it such additional publicity as the pages of the *ARROW* afford.

The Inter-Sorority Conference is something new in fraternity annals, and it is no wonder that starting out without rule or precedent it should have no definite idea of its own powers and functions. One thing, however, seems clear at the outset. Whatever may be the functions of the Conference, they are certainly not legislative. To allow the majority vote of ten or twelve irregularly chosen delegates, only one of whom is a member of a given fraternity, to make rules for the guidance of that fraternity is too manifestly absurd to need comment. To suggest, to

advise, to recommend, to create a wholesome sentiment,—all these are within the province of the Conference, but never to legislate.

Less absurd but equally impractical would it be to entrust the making of Pan-Hellenic rules to the grand councils of the several fraternities. Their functions are to enforce, not to initiate, are executive and administrative, not legislative. While most fraternities allow their councils large discretionary power, it would hardly answer to let them do for the fraternities collectively what they are not permitted to do for their own.

Miss Wickson says that "insistence should be made upon the point that the vote be passed upon by the chapters of the sororities, not by the vote of delegates at national conventions." To this we do not wholly assent. It seems to us that there are a good many general questions such as the existence of an Inter-Sorority Conference, (something, we believe that has never been formally authorized) the establishment of a Pan-Hellenic association in each college and the method of electing delegates, which may if more convenient, be settled by convention action. Certainly matters of equal moment are decided by conventions, in fact that is largely what conventions are for.

As regards the more specific regulations, those which concern the individual chapter rather than the fraternity as a whole, our opinion is that neither Conference nor Council, neither convention nor the majority vote of chapters should decide. Such questions, for example as the time and manner of pledging, the methods of rushing and restrictions upon it are too largely matters of local concern to be thus disposed of. Regulations adapted to the large state university would be quite unsuited to the small denominational college, those of the dormitory college ill-adapted to the one where chapter houses are the rule. Suppose, as Miss Wickson advocates, such a question as the time of pledging be decided by the majority vote of the chapters, it is quite conceivable that a college would find itself bound by a rule that every one of the eight or ten chapters there represented had voted against. The only way in which such a chapter vote would become quite fair

would be to have it unanimous. Unluckily unanimous votes are not easy to obtain in one fraternity and in nearly a dozen they would be practically impossible. Inter-Sorority legislation would be in a state of perpetual deadlock.

The only plan which is both fair and feasible, it seems to us, is the following: Matters of general importance, such as the appointment of Conference delegates, to be decided either by conventions or by vote of the majority of chapters as each fraternity may deem best. Matters of local interest, where chapters are unequally benefited or injured by the proposed legislation to be decided for each college by the *unanimous vote* of chapters in that college. It will be objected that this establishes a different set of regulations for each college. True, but the colleges themselves are different. The much quoted peculiarity of conditions at Wisconsin is a case in point. Granted that the fraternity situation at Wisconsin is unique, though it hardly seems probable, then it is hardly equitable to force fraternities there to accept rules made by those who do not understand the conditions. One of the Conference motions begins: "Inasmuch as Inter-Sorority regulations affect us all alike." Such regulations do affect all fraternities alike, but unfortunately not all chapters of the same fraternity.

No fraternity attempts to fix too minutely the details of chapter management, those are left to each chapter to settle in its by-laws. It is this same principle, local freedom under central control, that we personally should be glad to see carried into Pan-Hellenic legislation.

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SINCE there has been a little misunderstanding on the subject it seems well to announce thus publicly that all subscriptions to the *ARROW*, whether active or alumnae, expire with the July number, irrespective of the time when they were received. Among the active members, whose subscription is included in their regular fraternity dues, this is pretty well understood. The alumnae, however, have not quite grasped the arrangement, and

letters like this are frequently received: "Enclosed please find one year's subscription to the ARROW to begin with the April number." Now subscriptions beginning with April are not for the year but for two issues only. If the Grand Treasurer had a corps of assistants and the ARROW a large clerical force to keep track of expirations and send notice for renewals, such a plan might be practicable. As it is, it is quite out of the question.

At the beginning of the year, postals are sent out to all alumnae inviting them to join,—or rejoin—the Alumnae Association. It is understood in this, as in other associations, that the dues are for the club year, which may be considered as coincident with the college year. If alumnae are prompt in joining, they enjoy the privileges of the association, including the ARROW, for the whole time; if they are late, they receive them for so much of the year as is left. In the case of the ARROW, so long as there is a supply of back numbers on hand, we are glad to date subscriptions back to the beginning of the year, and she who joins the Alumnae Association in April may receive copies for the preceding November and January. We cannot guarantee this, however, since it is impossible to predict at the beginning of the year what the fraternity membership, and particularly what the alumnae membership will be. The issue for last January, for example, is already quite exhausted and no further subscriptions, whether active or alumnae, can be filled. We make this detailed explanation in order that tardy alumnae subscribers, who are really getting the ARROW at less than cost, may not feel themselves defrauded if through their own oversight they fail to receive the full year's benefit from their alumnae dues.

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ON ANOTHER page is printed a publisher's announcement of the forthcoming sixth edition of Baird's "American College Fraternities." This manual, ever since its first appearance, has been the standard authority in all fraternity matters. The present edition now in press, has been fully revised and brought down to date, and is a real necessity to everyone who wishes to keep informed along fraternity lines. Chapters are strongly urged to subscribe for it at once.

## Chapter Letters

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### ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

Doubtless by this time every Pi Phi has heaved a sigh of relief, thinking that another examination has come and gone. Personally we are hearty believers in these, but look forward to them, nevertheless, with fear and trembling.

In spite of the long, hard winter up here in Vermont, this term has seemed a very short one. Probably that is because we have all been so very busy. The college work has been somewhat broken up by that dread disease which comes from no one knows where, "La Grippe." At first it seemed, among the students, to be confined for the most part to members of our fraternity, and so we called it the "Pi Phi Grip," but a good many others seem to have stolen it from us.

However, this did not prevent our all going to the annual college banquet on Washington's birthday. It was held in Brandon this year, almost all the students and faculty being present.

March seventh the men of the college gave a play for the benefit of the Athletic Association. The entire cast was filled by the men, and the parts were well taken, the representation of the female characters being especially amusing.

But now I must come to strictly Pi Phi doings. Early in the term our seven freshmen gave a reception at the Pharetra to all the women of the freshman class. It was a very successful affair, and we upper classmen think reflected great credit upon the hostesses. One of the prettiest affairs ever given in the Pharetra was the violet luncheon and dance given by some of the girls to a few of their friends.

Ina Gove, '06, and Edith Heaxt, '08, have been obliged to leave college on account of ill health. We hope to have them both with us next term.

Two of our girls have announced their engagements: Florence Giddings, '05, to Don S. Gates, Dartmouth, '05; Edith Heaxt, '08, to George Ryder, Wesleyan, '99.

BERTHA CHANDLER DUNCAN.

## VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(CHARTERED 1898)

Vermont Beta once again sends greetings to her sister chapters. Our initiation is finally over, and we received two of the best girls in the freshman class, so we think. The initiation took place at our rooms February seventeenth, the initiates being Estelle Louise Metcalf, of Williston, and Maude May Fletcher, of South Hero. Several of our alumnae were present, but we regretted exceedingly the absence of our sisters from Middlebury chapter this year. We had our banquet the following afternoon at the Van Ness House.

The annual "kake walk" took place February twenty-second. We always look forward with the greatest pleasure to this event, and the participators "did themselves proud."

We have just recovered from the strenuous life all students have at mid-year time. Every one wears an anxious face until she is sure about her marks. The best of luck to all other Pi Phi girls in their examinations.

EMMA BEAN.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

At the very beginning of my letter I want to introduce to you the two pledges who just now are very prominent in our thoughts. They are Mary Birch and Helen Evans, the latter the sister of Lola Evans, who is one of our most enthusiastic alumnae. By the time the ARROW reaches you they will be as true and loyal Pi Phis as any of us, for initiation will come very soon. The addition of these girls brings our number up to seventeen, a larger chapter than ever before.

Our annual dance came the second of March and was one of the most successful Columbia Alpha has ever had. It was given at the Normandie, which has as pretty a dancing floor as one could wish. A number of the alumnae were present in addition to the chapter girls and pledges, and as always, it gave us great pleasure to have them with us.

With the exception of the dance, since the last letter was written we have been rather quiet socially. Examinations, those necessary evils that afflict us all, took much of our time and since then we have been trying at least to make a good start on the new term's work. The most important university event has been the celebration of Washington's birthday. In the morning the winter convocation of the university, which is hereafter to be held annually on the twenty-second of February, took place. The official announcement of the change of name was made. The new colors, buff and blue, were formally adopted, and the new flag and seal were unveiled, in

the midst of a great demonstration of enthusiasm by the student body. It was one of the most impressive and inspiring meetings in our history, and strengthened in each one of us the feeling that the time is by no means far distant when George Washington will stand in the front rank of American universities. The afternoon of the twenty-second was devoted to a large reception given by the Columbian Women in the University library in honor of our president, Dr. Needham. Pi Beta Phi was well represented on the musical program which entertained the guests, for Frances Bethune sang, and the Girls' Glee Club, of which many members are Pi Phis, gave several numbers. The eventful day closed with a dance in the evening.

There has been much activity in fraternity circles here of late. On March second Washington City Rho chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon was re-installed in the university. The chapter has existed for several years in the form of a local, made up largely of Sigma Alpha Epsilon men from other colleges, so it has been well understood for some time that the charter would be granted. There are rumors that another of the big fraternities will also enter here some time in the near future, but of that perhaps you may hear more later.

On the seventeenth of February Epsilon chapter of Sigma Chi entertained our girls at an informal dance, which was a very pleasant affair. It was given at the chapter house, and afforded the boys many opportunities for the display of their kindness as hosts. The Deuteron Charge of Theta Delta Chi has also entertained lately, their hospitality taking the form of a reception to their friends in George Washington and in the city in general as a house warming for their own new home. The house was beautifully decorated with palms and fraternity banners, and the spirit of fraternity good fellowship was so all pervading that the guests enjoyed the affair to the full. Several of our girls were among those assisting, and stayed for the dance, which followed the more formal part of the evening.

The executive committee of the Washington City Alumnae club is planning a delightful affair to be given very soon. It is to be held at the residence of Edna Stone of Maryland Alpha, and representatives from the other fraternities in George Washington have been invited, together with many prominent Washington people. The feature of the evening will be a talk by Mr. Walter Wellman, whom we all consider one of our best friends, since he has two daughters in Pi Beta Phi, one in Wisconsin Alpha, and one among our Columbia Alpha alumnae. These monthly alumnae meetings, which I mentioned in the last letter, have proved a really wonderful influence in strengthening the bond between chapter and alumnae, until we feel as if now the relation very nearly approaches the ideal.

Since the last *ARROW* we have had several pleasant visits from out-of-town Pi Phis. Nelle Burt, who was with us two years ago, has been here on two different occasions. Her visits are always times of rejoicing with

us, and there is no one more certain of a warm welcome. Then Edna Innes of Pennsylvania Beta has been staying in town, and we had the pleasure of having her attend one of the chapter meetings. We were sorry that it chanced to be the one devoted to the preparation for the fraternity examination, which must have made it rather dull for her, but we hope some time to have an opportunity of showing her that our meetings are very different usually. Two Pennsylvania Beta pledges, Dana Bower and Hazel Knapp, were also here for the inauguration, and we enjoyed meeting them so much even for the very short visit they paid us.

The inauguration has made Washington very gay of late, so much so that it seems odd to have it settle back into its ordinary quiet, which it has done very quickly. It seemed to us that there must have been many Pi Phis in the crowds of visitors at that time, and we looked diligently for arrows, but failed to see any.

With best wishes for the success and happiness of the sister chapters, and with a special greeting to California Alpha,

ADELE RIA TAYLOR.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1895)

Greetings from Pennsylvania Beta to her sister chapters.

Since our last letter the weeks have flown full of pleasure and work. This, too, is the social season at Bucknell, and it has been a pleasant one. Several large functions have been most successful and enjoyable, but for real enjoyment we girls are partial to our own little informal "spreads" eaten in good "fellowship" and ended with fraternity songs. The Girls' Dramatic Club have lately played Schiller's "Mary Stuart," in which several Pi Phis took leading parts with great success.

We want to introduce to you our new patroness, Mrs. F. G. Ballentine, a most charming woman whom we wish you might know personally. Her husband is an instructor in the Latin department of our college.

Helen Tiffany, one of our pledges, has been obliged to leave college for the remainder of this year on account of a severe illness. But next year we hope to have her back and introduce her to "Billy."

Our first meeting was an especially merry one, when Grace Roberts-Perrine, '03, was first welcomed back to Lewisburg by the fraternity as a whole. Several other alumnae were present and everyone voted it a most delightful evening.

We wish you all a most pleasant Easter.

FLORENCE L. BACON.



## PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1903)

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we again send our letter to the *ARROW*, for it is a certain omen that we shall hear about the other chapters in a very short time.

After the Franklin-Marshall basket ball game the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity gave a card party in their rooms to the Pi Beta Phi in honor of two of their fraternity brothers on the F.-M. team, and of May Hull, '03, whose brother was captain of the team.

On the Saturday preceding Valentine's day, Kathleen Gooding entertained the chapter at luncheon. Her home was decorated in keeping with the day and the guests, and arrows and hearts, the wine and the blue, were everywhere in evidence.

The following Tuesday evening four girls entertained the chapter in our rooms.

A delightful evening was spent at the new home of Mrs. Prettyman, one of our patronesses, whom we stormed with a "kitchen shower." Her unutterable surprise added wonderfully to our merriment.

Mrs. Evans, also a patroness, entertained a portion of the chapter, together with some members of the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity, of which Mr. Evans is an alumnus.

On the night of the twenty-first of February, we gave our midyear reception to friends in collegiate circles. Lou Sheetz, '01; Bessie Craighead, '01; Gertrude Super, '02; Lucy Treverton, '02, and Catherine Keefer, ex-'04, were present. Our guests of honor, however, were Netta M. Hoffman, ex-'00, Sara Marvel-Coles, '00, of the Law School, Helen Fooks Wright, '03, and Florence Ralston, '07. The following morning these four girls were initiated into Pi Beta Phi. The initiation and cookie-shine have never been surpassed in the history of the chapter. Netta Hoffman and Mrs. Coles were two of the founders of our local fraternity and it was with unbounded pleasure that we were able to confer the joys of Pi Beta Phi upon them. Mrs. Coles is a graduate of the Dickinson School of Law and a member of the Philadelphia bar. Helen Wright was one of the petitioners to Pi Beta Phi, but, teaching in Wilmington Conference Academy, has not found it possible to return to Carlisle while college was in session until this year. Florence Ralston is a town girl whom we are proud to introduce to you as an active sister, a girl whose sterling worth has won all our hearts.

Before we write another letter for the *ARROW* we shall have received the chapter letters and to these we look forward with a great deal of pleasure.

GERTRUDE HELLER.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

It hardly seems possible that three whole months have slipped by since we wrote our last fraternity letter, and yet as we look back upon this time and see what has been accomplished in various ways, we feel that the time has not been spent altogether in "vain and foolish" things, but that these three winter months have indeed counted for something worth while.

This term has been a busy time for us, with our college work, fraternity duties and fraternity examination. We decided to have our examination the first week in February, so that it might be over and safely out of the way before we had to begin work on our college examinations. The college exams come now in a couple of weeks and these will end the work of our winter term. Of course, as is natural, we look forward to them with "fear and trembling," and will be very glad when we can feel that they are behind us.

This term, we have adopted the plan of holding our meetings at the homes of the different girls instead of our hall, so that we might have the use of a piano. We have found this very helpful and successful, because we have learned so many more of our songs. Then too, the girls do not feel like hurrying away so quickly after the meeting is over and we have a little time in which to get better acquainted.

In addition to our regular meetings, different girls have taken turns in entertaining the chapter. At one time we were to have had a sleighride, but the snow melted a little too soon; so instead we assembled at the home of one of the girls, where we had a dainty lunch and spent the evening in a most enjoyable way, for we found that a musical treat had been prepared for us. On Washington's birthday our two pledges entertained us by giving a progressive dinner. Twelve girls sat down at the three tables which had been prepared, and we did have a most delightful time. We felt that our pledges deserved a great deal of praise for the way in which they entertained us.

The non-fraternity men have introduced a new custom this winter by giving a banquet, known as the "Barbarian Banquet." They hope to make this a yearly affair. Of course all fraternity girls were excluded, as well as the men. From the reports, it seems to have been quite a success, and it was responded to most heartily by a large number of non-fraternity men.

Our beautiful new college library, which has been in construction for several months, is now almost finished, and we hope to get into it in a very short time.

We are anxiously looking forward to our spring term, and we hope that it will bring to all Pi Phi the pleasures and happiness which we anticipate.

MARY TREUDLEY.

## OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

Ohio Beta can scarcely realize that the winter months and gayeties are over with, and that Lent and spring examinations are hard upon us. But we are almost willing to welcome dread exams this term, for the sake of warm weather and the splendor of our campus in its new green overcoat. So we bustle about class rooms and the library, catching up back reading and hurrying through delinquent papers, glad to be alive in spite of our troubles.

We look back upon a most pleasant winter. There have been parties galore this last month. Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Tau Omega have given dances and other parties, not to speak of our own Formal the first week in February, and the Junior Prom. Last Friday another "prom" was held in the Armory, the "Co-ed," liberally attended by the girls of Ohio State. The girls went in costume, dress suits, Chinese coolies, French dolls, yellow kids, cowboys and so forth, were much in evidence at this annual frolic. It was pronounced the best of its kind for many years.

We must tell you of our chapter room. It is brand new, started this month, and we are unusually proud of it. As we have but one out-of-town girl, a fraternity house has always been out of the question for Ohio Beta, and we have been in the habit of holding our meetings at the various homes in rotation. But of late we have become quite dissatisfied with this practice and with the manner in which our documents and archives have been scattered about town and have decided we need some particular home for Pi Phi. We we have rented a room just off the campus and are busy at present decorating it with all the stray pennants and fraternity pictures and surplus furniture we can lay our hands on. We find it great fun and are very proud of our room.

With best wishes for our sister chapters.

KATHERINE BANCROFT.

## NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1895)

New York Alpha greets her sisters again just as she is beginning to dream of spring and summer and even to "feel it in the air."

Our frat exams are over and for a time we feel at peace with the world, so great is the relief when we no longer have them to dread.

We are very happy just now over a new rug and table for our sitting room. The alumnae and active chapter joined together in this Christmas

present for the chapter house. So enthusiastic are we over the success of our efforts toward refurnishing the house, that we have started a fund toward the purchase of a new rug for our reception room.

We have not entertained much during the winter. February eleventh the alumnae of New York Alpha entertained in honor of the active chapter, and made us all feel sure that they had not lost their skill in entertaining since they left college.

We gave a party February twenty-second to the men of the freshman class, which certainly seemed a success.

In a few weeks we are planning to give a faculty reception, as the one last year proved so enjoyable.

Syracuse University is very enthusiastic over athletics, and hopes to make a fine record this year.

The chancellor recently announced in chapel that one of the best friends of the University has offered to build a fine stadium. He also hinted that a new gymnasium and library would not be long in arriving.

Good wishes to all sister chapters.

LILLIAN MAY NEFF.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1904)

A new and interesting fraternity experience has come to New York Beta since our last letter. We took our first fraternity examination on the seventeenth of February, and, I suppose because we are such a young chapter, found it very hard, indeed. However, we came through fairly well, and are determined, like loyal Pi Phis, that the next one shall find us in perfect trim. Our midyear "exams," too, are safely over, and we are very proud of our freshman sisters, who did very well.

Socially our chapter is at present engaged in returning the many friendly turns done us by the other fraternities. Considering that we are the seventh one to come into Barnard, we have been treated with exceptional courtesy and good will, and are glad to be able to show our appreciation by informal "at homes" in our pretty rooms. After we have finished with our duty to the other fraternities, we intend to do some more rushing; so with our next letter we may be able to present to you some more Pi Phi sisters.

AMALIE ALTHAUS.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

In the last issue of the ARROW it was suggested that the different chapters give their ideas of what should be put into a model chapter letter. We girls here in Boston like to know what our sisters all over the country are

doing; in other words, we like newsy letters. We are anxious to learn all the ways in which chapter life may be improved and fraternity ideals lived up to, and if the girls would give their opinions on subjects such as these we think it would be beneficial to all. Items of interest about the college are needed, also, for it is by widening our outlook in this way that we become truly, liberally educated women.

Since the last *ARROW* came to us we have all been very busy with the mid-year examinations and now are just settled down to our second semester's work. There are a great many social affairs at Boston University during the spring, beginning with the Junior week and ending with commencement, so we expect to have every minute occupied as only a college girl's minutes can be.

Our new Province president, Anna Morris Jackson, is to visit us soon and we are all looking forward with pleasant expectation to greeting her and welcoming her among us.

If any of our western sisters are to be in Boston this spring we sincerely hope that they will call on the Pi Phis at Boston University.

M. LILLIAN HORNE.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(CHARTERED 1897)

The two months after our Christmas holiday is always a busy time at the Woman's College of Baltimore. January is spent in hard study preparing for the final examinations which are held the last few days of the month. During these days there are no recitations; the mornings are given up entirely to the examinations. But now that time has passed, and though we are still studying, our work is more pleasant than it was with the prospect of an exam. ahead.

In the midst of our usual work, the college life has been very gay. The faculty gave us a great treat in January by inviting Bliss Perry to lecture to us. His subjects were "Robert Louis Stevenson" and "Patriotic Poetry." He is always popular with the students, no matter upon what subject he lectures.

Our Glee and Mandolin club concert was given February the eighteenth, and was quite a success. The clubs are now preparing for their second concert, which will be given Commencement week, in honor of the seniors.

The championship basket ball game is always an exciting event. This year it was played between the juniors and the freshmen, and resulted in a victory for the juniors, an honor which they have had for two years.

During these eventful times Maryland Alpha has not been idle. Two of our patronesses, Mrs. Fitzgerald and Mrs. Lindley, have entertained us at their homes and our sophomores and freshmen entertained the upper class-

men and alumnae on February the twenty-fourth by giving the little play, "Left in Charge." It was given at the home of one of our freshmen, Louise Van Sant, and as the evening's program was entirely a surprise to all invited guests, you can imagine the enthusiasm and interest with which we saw our younger sisters transformed into such characters as henpecked husbands and "sporty" young men. The evening was a grand success and we girls voted our hostesses among the best we have known.

At present the chapter is busy rehearsing a play to be given Alumnae Day.

We have had visits from several of our out of town alumnae this month, and one Saturday we were pleased to have a visit from Rhoda Watkins, a Columbia Alpha Pi Phi. We are so near that chapter that we hope we may become better acquainted with them in the future.

Our Easter vacation this year will be earlier than in most colleges. As Easter is so late, our faculty has decided to divide the time between Christmas and Easter and give us two weeks in March. This thoughtfulness on their part is appreciated by all the students.

With best wishes to all chapters from Maryland Alpha.

IRENE TULA FENTON.

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## BETA PROVINCE

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ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1872)

We are glad of the chance to hear what is being done at other colleges and universities and wish that we had something new and wonderful to relate. But affairs at Lombard are in about the same condition as they were a year ago, except that there are several new professors and a few minor changes have taken place.

We have new heads to the music and modern languages departments and Professor Appleman of Dickinson College is our athletic instructor. We are still without a president, but hope to have one before the year is out.

A few weeks ago "Esmeralda" was given by our dramatic club. It was quite a success, and as Pi Phis had the leading parts, we take much of the credit to ourselves, if you'll excuse the egotism.

Remembering the criticism of the editor, we are not going to tell of our good times, except to say that we have had many of them. But now we are giving all our own time getting ready for a Founder's Day banquet which we are planning to have with Illinois Delta and our town alumnae.

With best wishes for all Pi Phis.

DELIA CONGER.

## ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1884)

Since the last chapter letter college life has been very strenuous. The semester "exams" have come and gone and no one was dangerously injured by them. Judging from the midnight oil that was consumed for some nights previous, several evidently expected that result, but honors instead of failures rewarded their efforts.

On February seventeenth we gave our annual party. A new scheme of decoration was followed this year and to us it seemed the most effective that we have ever used. From the ceiling were suspended large Japanese parasols canopying cosy corners at intervals around the room, while the lights were softened by globes made of Japanese lanterns. Panels of many colored Japanese crepe paper adorned the walls, and at the top of each panel was a large circular fan making a very pretty effect. A novel feature was the ice cream which was in the form of our own wine carnations.

Like the old crow who always thinks her own baby crows the blackest, it is natural for the students of old Knox to be proud of her, and we have had especial reason for that sentiment lately. In the oratorical contest held by the Hamilton club in Chicago in January, the representative from Knox won first place over the four university contestants who were his opponents. The next day there was great rejoicing in Galesburg, while the chairs from two college recitation rooms furnished light and warmth for the occasion.

We are planning to celebrate Founder's Day with our sister chapter, Illinois Beta, at Lombard University. Our plans are not completed as yet, but we are looking forward to a very pleasant time.

Tomorrow evening we are to have a cookie-shine, and there is no need to tell a Pi Phi girl what pleasure we expect to have there.

The girls of Whiting Hall gave an entertainment this month to raise funds to purchase a new fireplace and other much needed furnishings for the reading room. A number of the Pi Phi girls assisted with the entertainment and we were glad to be represented as the entertainment was a great success. The Pi Phi girls have also been well represented at the football dance, Junior prom, and other social functions of the college. Altogether we feel that our chapter is in a very prosperous condition.

CLARA LINDLEY.

## ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(CHARTERED 1895)

Illinois Zeta has been enjoying an unusually prosperous winter, thanks to our good housekeeper. We have had, such good times together! Every evening after dinner we cluster around the piano and sing our Pi Phi and other songs. Right at present we are entertaining our patronesses on the installment plan—two with their husbands every Sunday, and we are enjoying it so much.

The interfraternity council has been having several meetings lately, and with the aid of some faculty members has been working out some rules for next year. The girls all feel the need of some restrictions and alterations in our rushing contract. A month full of rushing is too much to give up right at the beginning of the college year.

With spring we begin to think of Founder's Day and our annual celebration. This year we are going to observe Founder's Day by giving a dinner for all the house and town girls. The annual will not be as elaborate as formerly. Next will come the hardest part of the year, when some go, not to come back, for college days like everything else, must come to an end. We lose very few girls this year, however, and we are already making plans for next year.

KATE BONNELL MANN.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

We are just now on the eve of the fraternity examination and in a few weeks we shall have learned all we can about Pi Beta Phi. We have put off taking it until almost the last minute so that it would not conflict with our semester exams. But they are over now and we feel relieved for a while.

This year we did not give a Christmas party as we usually do, but postponed it until all the girls were back at college and then sent out invitations to the alumnae for a "frat shower." Most of them responded and we had a very nice time together, singing songs and listening to several of our girls read. We received a nice lot of presents also that were "just what we needed," and now we can do our housekeeping better. When the meeting broke up we all said that it was one of the most enjoyable times of the year.

Invitations are now out for our annual formal dance which is going to take place the eighteenth of March. All the fraternities this year have been giving their dances out of Evanston, at the Casino in Ravinia.



On March eleventh the Pan-Hellenic Association is to give a dance at the Evanston Automobile Club House, at which all the sorority girls will be present. This party is to be given in order to get the girls better acquainted with one another, and one of the rules which may bring this about is that a girl is not allowed to dance with any one from her fraternity. This dance has occasioned quite a good deal of talk among the men, and they say they are going to give a dance and not invite the girls. The town papers put it a little more strongly and say that the girls at Northwestern have at last asserted their independence from the men and are going to give a dance to which no men are invited because they are entirely unnecessary. That was not our idea at all, but the millennium will come before the newspapers stop inventing stories to fill up space.

Illinois Epsilon sends her best wishes to all the other chapters and especially to the new one at Stanford University.

MARIE HAMMOND.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1888)

Although our editor suggests that there is danger of making our chapter letters too much elaborate chronicles of social events, we have had so many pleasant times this term that we want to mention a few of the things we have enjoyed most.

One of our alumnae, Margaret Foster, invited us to her home in Indianapolis for a six o'clock dinner one Saturday in January. We had a jolly trolley ride together, going and returning from the city, as well as the delightful time in Margaret's home.

On the fourteenth of February one of our patronesses opened her house for us to give our Valentine party. We surely owe a vote of thanks to our patronesses who do so many kind things for us. Our chapter will be very glad when we can have a special pin for them.

We have also had another Pi Phi church wedding this term. Martha Marie Johnson and Charles Brewer Lagrange, a Phi Delta Theta, of our own college, were married on the sixteenth of February. We had a kitchen shower for Marie on the last night she visited chapter meeting before her wedding.

Indiana Gamma and our own chapter are so near together that it has often seemed to us a shame that we do not know each other better. So we asked the Butler girls to spend a day with us a few weeks ago. Butler has no recitations on Mondays, so they came on that day and had a chance to visit our college buildings and chapel exercises. We had a spread at the chapter house in the afternoon, no one being invited but our own active girls so that we might have a better opportunity to become acquainted.

About two weeks later, at the time of the Indiana State Oratorical Contest, the Butler girls invited us to go to the city on an early car and meet them at another spread at the home of one of their active girls in the city.

Since our last writing Professor E. B. Bryan of Indiana University has been chosen to take the place of Dr. W. T. Stott, whose resignation as president of our college is to take effect in June. Besides having occupied chairs at Butler College and at Indiana University he has had charge of the work of training teachers in the Philippine Islands. He is also one of the popular institute workers of our state. Our college will surely continue to grow and improve under his management.

GRACE BRYAN.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1893)

Another term is almost gone and we have all lived through it peacefully and happily. We have two new girls this term, Dorothy Pleasants and Marcella Jacobi. Marcella returned late in the fall from Germany, where she has been studying the past two years.

We have had one large party this term, an open meeting given February fourth. We entertained Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, and Sigma Chi from eight to ten o'clock, and Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta from ten to twelve o'clock. Two members from each sorority were present, several town girls and a number of out-of-town guests.

We have given three smaller parties in honor of guests of some of our girls.

One of our town alumnae, Mrs. Anna Cravens Rote, gave a cookie-shine for us two weeks ago, which we all enjoyed immensely.

We are looking forward with unusual delight to the twenty-eighth of April, for this year our State Reunion is to be held here. We are very anxious that the alumnae all over the state shall be with us, as well as many representatives from the other two chapters. We certainly would welcome Pi Phi from "all over everywhere" if they could only come.

In two weeks we are all going home for a ten days' vacation and we expect to come back with renewed energy for a joyous spring term.

GRACE GRAYBILL.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

(CHARTERED 1897)

Time has passed so quickly this term that it hardly seems possible that spring is here, and before another quarter has gone we will bid each other farewell for the summer vacation.

Our freshmen are becoming accustomed to fraternity work and pleasure and growing each day more loyal and true to Pi Beta Phi and her high ideals.

Two of our girls who were compelled to leave college this term will be welcomed back into the chapter for the spring term.

The annual reception and dance of Delta Tau Delta at the Columbia Club on March third brought back several of our girls for a short visit with Pi Phi sisters.

We gave our term dance February seventeenth at the home of one of our Indianapolis girls; it was an informal affair, but proved to be successful and most enjoyable.

Since our last letter we have become very well acquainted with our sisters at Franklin, who entertained us most cordially January twenty-first. We left Indianapolis on an early car one morning, so that we could visit college with the Indiana Alpha girls. After dinner we went to the chapter house and had an informal enthusiastic Pi Phi meeting. At six o'clock we enjoyed a spread such as only Pi Phis know how to give, and later the college men came to share the good time. Reluctantly we left the merry party, hoping to meet soon again. Our hope was realized, for in less than two weeks, the evening of the State Oratorical Contest, the Franklin girls were with us. In that contest the representative of our college won second place. Certainly we would like to have had first, but second honors are much better than none at all.

Soon after this, our students celebrated Founder's Day with appropriate exercises. In the play that was given two Pi Phis had leading parts.

Formerly our April letter has told of the state reunion, but a change has been made this year. Instead of meeting in Indianapolis in February, we are going to Bloomington April twenty-eighth, to celebrate Founder's Day with Indiana Beta.

With best wishes for a happy spring time,

LULU B. KELLAR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1887)

Again we send greeting to our sister Pi Phis, and this time we are gladly hailing a new chapter in our ranks. Welcome to California Alpha!

Since we last met through the ARROW, the Michigan Alpha girls have been busily passing through a medley of oratorical contests, lecture course entertainments, sleighing parties, mid-year examinations, fraternity ditto, and all sorts of things outside of our regular college work. We have just had a series of religious meetings under the auspices of the Christian Associations, which have meant great spiritual uplift to us all.

Vinnie Walrath Chase, Bess Wood Pridieux and Clara Seiler are now proud wearers of the arrow, and by the time this paper is in your hands we shall have two more to introduce to you—Ethel Bishop and Ella Ker-man. The first two have been pledges for a long time so that we are especially glad that they can now be active, while the other three are very promising freshmen.

Our social functions as a fraternity, aside from these initiations, have been few this year. Mrs. Edmunds, one of our patronesses, gave us a pleasant little five o'clock tea one afternoon, the Kappas entertained us very nicely with a sleighing party one evening, and Clara Seiler with a most delightful dinner.

Time has passed so quickly with us all that it is so hard to realize that spring vacation is so near, and then the spring term will soon be over, and commencement with Quinquennial Reunion will be upon us. Great preparations are being made for these reunions in Hillsdale this year.

We wish you all the best of success and the best of good times.

EVELYN D. GATES.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(CHARTERED 1888)

In this "betwixt and between" time of the year it seems so hard for us to settle down to college work. However, our examinations are over and we are now well launched on our second semester.

Gertha Williams, who for the first part of the year was detained at home on account of ill health, has returned to us again this semester.

Tuesday, February fourteenth, we had our customary valentine box and the rhymes and jingles created a great deal of merriment among the girls.

On March the fourth we held our second initiation for our little pledge, Annie Kenaga. After the ceremony we had a delightful spread.

The Sophomore Prom has just come off, and the Freshman Banquet to be held some time before the Easter vacation will end the list of formal winter parties. The usual struggle between the sophomores and freshmen has begun, and each day new victims of hair-cutting appear on the campus.

A few evenings ago Mrs. Stanley, one of our alumnae, entertained us at supper, given in honor of the wife of Professor D'Ooge, who with her husband sails for Greece this month. During the course of the evening Mrs. D'Ooge was presented with a bag filled with little gifts which the girls thought might be of use to her on her voyage.

Just at present we are looking forward to a county fair to be given by the college some time during the last of April. It is the second event of its kind to take place here, and like the one in 1902 it is to be given under the auspices of the Women's League and the Athletic Association.

RHEA L. TYLER.

## GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1868)

These closing weeks of the winter term find Iowa Alpha very busy. Just at present every one is seriously engaged in the pursuit of knowledge, for the term's examinations are drawing nigh.

The present college year has been one of prosperity for our chapter; not that our standing as related to the other fraternities has changed in a great degree, but we feel that the college is steadily growing and that we are growing with it. The chapter has never been in a more harmonious condition, and to find a band of sisters more fraternal would be almost impossible.

A great many things have happened to us since we last met each other in the ARROW, so many in fact that it is impossible to tell you about them all. But first of all we are pleased to introduce at this happy Easter-tide four new members to our sisters: May Stoddard and Clara Munz, who were initiated the first of the term, and Elsie Benjamin and Grace Elliot, whom we welcomed to the ranks of the wine and blue only last night. What a pleasant initiation it was and how we did wish that some of you might have been with us! The rooms were beautifully decorated with the wine and blue, and our loyalty to Pi Beta Phi was proven without a doubt as we sang with enthusiasm fraternity songs, and especially the one,

"Come, every good sister, now draw your chair up,  
Vive la dear Pi Phi."

The winter term has seemed remarkably short and yet we have managed to crowd a large amount of fun and pleasure into it. But it would take too long to write of all our good times together. Suffice it merely to mention the jolly bob ride when the snow was two feet deep, the "cookie-shines" and spreads and other affairs of a most informal nature. But even with all these good times, we have been enjoying the quiet chapter life which means so much to us and gives us a clearer vision of the true meaning of our fraternity life and spirit.

Iowa Alpha sends heartiest and best wishes for a happy Easter-tide.

STELLA GUTHRIE

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

The time has come again when Iowa Beta is to tell all her sisters what she has been doing of late. Time is slipping away so rapidly that we feel

our good times are far from too many, for very soon we shall lose our four seniors from the active life of the chapter.

The first of the term we pledged Vera Ingram and Nannie White, and we are very happy to announce to the Pi Phi world that since February twenty-third they have worn the arrow—the day of their initiation—and that evening we had the usual cookie-shine and good time.

Delta Delta Delta entertained the two boys' fraternities, Kappa Tau Psi and Alpha Iota Phi, and Pi Beta Phi at their chapter house the twenty-fourth of January.

Phi Beta Phi and Delta Delta Delta had a Pan-Hellenic informal at the home of the latter on the eleventh of February, and a very pleasant afternoon was passed.

February thirteenth we entertained the Tri Deltas at the home of one of our alumnae—it was a child's party and every one from the senior to the freshman returned to her childish ways, and it is needless to say we had an exceptionally jolly time.

Six of the girls from the active chapter attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet at Des Moines January twenty-fifth, and we had a most delightful time. We met many Pi Phis, as the number of those present exceeded that of any other sorority.

All the girls are studying hard for Pi Phi examination that is to be taken March eleventh, and we are all very busy with our college work, for the term is near its end and examinations will soon be upon us.

With best wishes and greeting from Iowa Beta for the coming term to all Pi Phis,

RUTH ETHEBERTON BAKER.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1882)

Since Christmas we girls have been mainly occupied in planning and working for our regular biennial party, for every year at least one of the sororities of the University entertains the faculty and friends with a large reception and dance at the Armory.

Reluctantly almost, the Pi Phis gave up the regular Thursday "cookie-shine" and combined work and fraternity business at the Saturday "frat. meeting." At the hospitable home of our president, nineteen girls worked many nights and Saturday afternoons converting reams of white tissue paper into great white hollyhocks, so called. We cut, we fashioned and we wired thousands and thousands of the flowers.

The old Armory, which for a great many years has been the scene of the university parties, is a great, long, bare room, but the busy hands of the girls and their loyal friends converted it into a fairy land on the night

of February seventeenth. A light blue background of bunting formed a high vaulted ceiling completely concealing the high rafters and covering the low balconies on either side of the room, and the walls below the balconies. Much lower, ropes of the white hollyhocks were strung from balcony to balcony, about a foot apart, forming a very dainty low ceiling across the entire hall. A touch of green leaves added much character to the general whiteness in the double festooning, which was looped gracefully along the balconies and again along the low walls. Portieres of the flowers half concealed the orchestra occupying the stage at one end of the hall. Then, too, the general effect was varied by garlands and wreaths encircling gilded arrows.

Above the flower scheme and standing out against the light blue, our monogram Pi Beta Phi was outlined in wine colored incandescent lights. With the other lights turned low, the shimmering red light shown down upon the field of flowers, tinting them with every shade, from a deep red to a shadowy pink. The effect was so charming that we did not regret our labors.

Twenty-five Pi Phis received about four hundred guests. Our patronesses were Mrs. Shambaugh, Mrs. Ball, Mrs. Raymond of Iowa City, and Mrs. Weld of Cedar Rapids. Included in this list were our two pledges, who have since become real Pi Phis. Maud Delwege of Des Moines is a splendid girl and one of whom Pi Phi may feel very proud. The other, Edith Ball, is the daughter of Mrs. Estella Ball, a charter member of Iowa Zeta. For months Edith has been "shadowed" by every sorority alike, and was quoted as "the girl of the year." So Pi Phi was indeed happy when she pledged, and the two girls, attractive and full of enthusiasm, were finally initiated.

With "frat exam." over we shall be much relieved, for surely everybody dreads any examination. We were very disappointed and sorry that Alice Edwards was compelled to go home the week before our party on account of illness. She will probably not return this semester.

May all the Pi Phis enjoy to the fullest extent the remaining days of this splendid school year.

SADIE HOLIDAY.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(CHARTERED 1894)

Before settling down to actual work after the Christmas holidays, we entertained at a formal dinner at the chapter house. Several of the girls who are away teaching this year were able to be here for it.

Since our last letter we have been fortunate in pledging Florence Titus. She has entered so completely into our chapter life that we can see already

how strong a girl she will be for us. Rose Wellman has left the University for her home in Washington, D. C. She was very active in our fraternity work and her going has caused the chapter a severe loss.

Our semester examinations were followed immediately by the "Prom." Four of our "old girls" were here with us to participate in the gaiety. One of our girls took a leading part in the annual play of the Haresfoot Dramatic Club at about this time. Another took part in the play given by the Red Domino and Edwin Booth Dramatic Clubs.

HELEN ROSENSTENGEL

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(CHARTERED 1899)

The first of this semester we initiated Mabel Lee Turpin of Nevada, Mo., and Edna Thomas of Kansas City, Mo. Miss Thomas entered the University the second semester, but Miss Turpin we rushed and pledged in the fall.

On Monday, March the fifth, Mrs. Walter Williams received in honor of her sister, Roberta Houx of Warrensburg, and her friend, Miss Cranner of Denver, Col. Mrs. Williams is a Pi Phi from the old chapter at Leland Stanford, and Miss Houx was a member of our chapter here about two years ago.

Gussie Terrell, our senior this year, was called home the first of February by the death of her mother. We are glad to say, however, that she is back with us to finish out the year. This has not been the only sadness among our girls this year, as Erma Bonchelle, a town girl who was active last year, lost her mother also during the Christmas holidays.

The twenty-fifth of March, Nebraska is to play basket ball with Missouri here at Columbia. There are two Pi Phis on the Nebraska team, Pearl Archibald and Inis Everett. They will be our guests while in Columbia so we are looking forward with much pleasure to their visit.

One of our charter members, Mary Iglehart King, has been in town the last few days with her sister, Miss Kitty Smith, a Pi Phi patroness, who has been very ill.

Virginia Lipscomb, one of our active town girls, entertained Tuesday, February the twenty-first. The game of the afternoon was Sherlock Holmes.

Florence Dorsey, who was with us until Christmas, has been traveling for the last two months in Florida and Cuba.

BETTY WILLIAMS.



## DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1891)

We can hardly realize that there are only ten more weeks before vacation. To a few of us, the goal, toward which we have been working for four years is almost in sight, and the year seems to have fairly flown by.

Just a few days after the last chapter letter was sent, Louisiana Alpha pledged Lea Calloway, whom we may now introduce as a new, but loyal, Pi Phi. She is the fifth addition to the chapter this year, and we are delighted to have her as one of us. We also have another patroness—Miss Hallonquist—who is a great addition and a loyal friend to the chapter.

In the Carnival festivities which are just over, several of our girls were queens and maids. Helen Rainey was Queen of Comus, and she also received the bouquet at the Carnival German for being the most popular debutante. Stella Hayward was Queen of Oberon; Céleste Janvier was Maid of Twelfth Night; Alba Beauregard and Pauline Curran, Maids to the Queen of Carnival, and Mary Vaught was Maid of Proteus. By the dawn of Ash Wednesday, all signs of Carnival, except a few flags, had disappeared, and we of the active chapter are glad to welcome back our four active members who are debutantes—for we have seen too little of them during the Mardi Gras excitement.

On March sixteenth, the inauguration of President Craighead of Tulane took place, and it was the event of the college year. Mr. Craighead was invited to fill the vacancy caused by President Alderman's leaving Tulane to be the president of the University of Virginia. In his inaugural address, the new president mentioned the fact that if the suit concerning the money left to this college is decided in our favor which is almost certain—Newcomb will be the most heavily endowed woman's college in the world.

We are also rejoicing over the fact that our Alumnae club has been formed. A large number of alumnae are active in the club, while others are only honorary. They are as enthusiastic as the active chapter members, and we are very glad that the club has been firmly established.

But we can't expect to have good luck always. Virginia Handley has decided to leave college about the first of April and we are very sorry to lose her, especially as she does not expect to return next year.

Louisiana Alpha sends best wishes to all other Pi Phis.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

## KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

(CHARTERED 1873)

The season from the Christmas holidays to the beginning of Lent was filled this year, as usual, with a round of spring parties given by the different fraternities. Our new Fraternal Aid hall has made them especially enjoyable, for it enables us to entertain more people and has almost entirely done away with the worry and labor of decorating for the occasion. The Pi Phi party was the night after examination week, and with the assistance of our patronesses we entertained about three hundred of our friends.

All our pleasure has not been confined to parties, however. We are very proud and happy over the election of one of our seniors, Eva Olin, to Phi Beta Kappa. The Dramatic Club recently gave its annual play this year, William Gillette's "All the Comforts of Home." It was the best performance that the club has given for several years, and two of our girls, Clara Carr and Nina Fell, took leading parts.

The Young Women's Christian Association is planning to give a county fair later in the season, which promises to be one of the most popular events of the year. Many fraternity girls are to take part and the Pi Phis will be well represented. As spring opens we begin to turn again to athletics. The track team is working hard and the base ball team is practicing nearly every afternoon. We are also trying something new in lacrosse which promises to be very successful.

The Pan-Hellenic Association passed some rules this year that are tending to improve certain well established customs here. The fraternity girls have agreed to refuse invitations to week night parties and invitations to dinner at men's fraternity houses unless a chaperone is provided. Although we have been laughed at by a few, we are upheld by those whose opinions we value and we feel that this step is going to assure a much needed reform.

With best wishes for a happy and profitable spring,

LESLEY HILL.

## NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(CHARTERED 1895)

It seems such a very short time since our last letter to the ARROW, but when we look back over the past three months we can count up numerous matters of interest which make us glad that we are Pi Phis and that we can claim the wine and blue.

We initiated Evelyn Franklin and Allie Arnold just before Christmas

vacation, and we are glad and proud that they are now enthusiastic sisters. Our chapter is quite large but we feel is stronger than it ever has been before. We are sorry to have lost Alice Carson and also Sarah Hutchins, who was called home on account of the sickness of her mother.

There are at present ten girls in the chapter house, and such jolly times as we have had this semester! Of the things which have been most enjoyable our birthday parties are not to be forgotten, for every time a house girl has a birthday we celebrate in some novel manner. Usually it is a dinner with several guests, at which the well known birthday cake is the most prominent feature. Each girl takes a candle and of course you all know what the sign is when the first one burns out. At other times we have given "dress up" parties and have appeared in fancy costumes. So our chapter house life has been pleasant and harmony rules there.

As usual we have given several informals on Saturday night at the house, which have been jolly and successful. These dances we have found to be a splendid way of entertaining at little expense and trouble and at the same time with fun for all.

In our last letter we spoke of the "Annual County Fair" given by the Y. W. C. A. It was a great success and nearly all the sororities took part in it. We Pi Phis gave a very novel entertainment and took in at our "side show" more money than any other "attraction on the grounds." It was a little pantomime, "A Bachelor's Revery," in which a dozen girls and one man took part.

We consider ourselves very fortunate in having had a short visit from Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, whom we have all read about in our last letter. Mrs. Eames entertained for us in her honor at a delightful luncheon, after which we attended the song recital given by her. We were indeed pleased with Mrs. Gaynor's charming recital, and we are proud of so delightful a Pi Phi sister.

Perhaps our most enjoyable event was the celebration of our tenth anniversary on January twenty-fifth. It was intended to be a "tin wedding," but the presents were everything from a glass punch bowl to a tin stew pan. Our most prized gift was a large arrow made of tin!

Another university function which is every year becoming of more influence is "the Glee club concert" which was attended by all students and faculty. The fraternities and sororities each occupied its row of seats, and the faculty and patrons the boxes.

Our hopes are now all turned to "Founder's Day" and the glorious celebration it brings. April twenty-seventh is to be the date of our banquet when we expect Pi Phis from over the state as guests. The following night we give our large dance of the year, and for these two events we are most anxious.

Not until fraternity examination is past, however, will our minds be

entirely clear, and the freshmen tremble at the thought of the Chapter Roll, which seems "most awful" to learn by heart.

Before closing let me mention several honors of our chapter. For the past year the presidency of the University Y. W. C. A. has been held by one of our girls and this month another Pi Phi takes the office, which is a very responsible and important one in our institution. Two Pi Phis also play on the Varsity Girls' Basket Ball Team, which is to play its first game with the Haskell Indians Friday, March tenth. The team will soon start on its trip, first to Minnesota, then to Kansas and Missouri.

We enjoyed a short visit from Lillian Payne of Indiana Alpha. Nebraska Beta wishes you all much success and happiness.

KATE HEACOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(CHARTERED 1902)

Before entering into a detailed account of our chapter life for the past term, we of Texas Alpha wish to introduce our new pledge to our Pi Phi sisters. Mary Hillard, one of our most promising freshmen, has just consented to join us. Thus, after her initiation, our list of freshmen will number eleven. We are very proud of our success this year, but in addition to the pleasure of having our new sisters with us and the joy of victory, we older girls feel secure in leaving so many strong girls to fill our places when we leave.

In comparison with the excitement of the rushing season, this term has been a very quiet one. The most pleasant entertainment that we have to report is a Valentine tea with which our freshmen surprised us. For the occasion one of the girls' rooms was darkened and lighted with Japanese lanterns, and flowers were the only decorations. The afternoon was delightfully passed in attempting to write valentines to one another and in singing Pi Phi songs. It was a most enjoyable party, for, besides the college Pi Phis, it was a gathering of all our Austin alumnae, and Miss Brinton of Illinois Delta was also with us.

Margaret Kyle, Pennsylvania Alpha, secretary of the Y. W. C. A., has been spending the past week with us. Miss Kyle visited the University last spring in the interest of the association, therefore we knew what pleasure to anticipate in her coming again this year. It was our intention to have her organize a Bible class for us in the chapter house, but on the Sunday appointed she was ill and could not help us.

Our middle term examinations begin next week. Then after two and a half short months we shall have to see our seniors pass out of our college life.

FAY KINCAID.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(CHARTERED 1884)

Following suggestions, Colorado Alpha discussed in meeting one night "The Substance and Spirit of the Chapter Letter," and we found it a pretty hard thing to decide just what things would be of interest to our sister Pi Phis. It is easy to say that it shouldn't be hard to write a letter to other college girls when we all have so much in common, but when it comes to really doing it we don't find it such an easy matter. The big parties and dances and receptions that occupy so much of our time and mean so much to us probably don't interest our sisters at all. We all like to know that Pi Phis everywhere are the popular girls in college and are the ones who go to these functions, but don't we take it more or less for granted anyway? Anything which is of national interest to the fraternity or universities, anything which we or our college does which we think might give helpful hints to others, anything in connection with Pi Phis from other chapters—these the girls of Colorado Alpha think might be interesting topics in chapter letters.

All fraternity girls here are at present greatly interested in the Pan-Hellenic Association. Thus far the meetings which are held every month have developed nothing of great importance as no agreement can be reached, but we hope before the beginning of the fall term to have some definite time set for a pledge day. The university this year has a new dean of women who has accomplished much in the development of student society here. Just at present there is a movement on foot to organize a self-government association for the women of the university, and it is meeting with great approval on all sides.

The Y. W. C. A. gives its County Fair next week and each fraternity takes a booth to decorate and furnish as it may choose. This year Pi Phi is to have the candy factory. Of course the object is to make more money than any one else, and we are going to try to get trade by making the candy in the different fraternity colors.

We feel that we are entitled to boast just a little this time because from the whole graduating class there were only two girls who made Phi Beta Kappa, and Cora Terwilliger, one of our seniors, was one of them.

Lastly, we want to introduce to Pi Phidom our new initiate, Eunice Thompson. And here's to each and every Pi Phi from the girls of Colorado Alpha.

CLARA MORSE.

## COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1885)

The second term of our school year is at its close and everyone is preparing for examinations next week. Yet there is always something pleasant to look forward to, for the week after is our spring vacation when the girls hope to get together as many days as possible and have some good times.

We have two new initiates to introduce to you—Esther Work and Inez Byers—who are going to be staunch and enthusiastic Pi Phis.

In our last letter we told you of our new "Bungalow" which at that time was just completed. Since then through the help of our friends, who have made us several presents, we have furnished the house comfortably though not elaborately. We shall keep on doing a little at a time till we have the cosiest place imaginable, we hope.

We enjoy having the house so much. Our meetings are held there, and as it isn't far from the University nearly all the girls manage to get over once a day at least.

We had a housewarming December thirty-first and invited all the alumnae in town. Then the end of January we were "at home" to the faculty of the university and their wives.

On the evening of February fourteenth we were delightfully entertained at a valentine party given in our honor by Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

LENA M. HARPER.

## CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1893; RE-ESTABLISHED 1905)

*Senior*—Edna Mary Reeves.

*Juniors*—Myrtle Leonore Timmons, Ruth Angeline Waterhouse, Alice Sidonie Hayes, Eugenia Romaine Miller.

*Sophomores*—Ella Mae Lambert, Louise Pearce, Stella Viola Henking, Laura Ruth Adkinson, Elizabeth Logan Officer.

*Freshman*—Alice Hermine Gabel.

The girls of California Alpha send greetings to the other chapters, and wish to thank them for their kind letters and remembrances of the past month.

Although we have all been living together for over a year, our fraternity life is just beginning, and we are afraid we have not much to offer to our more fortunate older sisters.

Every one has been most kind to us, and plans for several social events

in our honor were made, but owing to the sudden death of our founder, Mrs. Jane Lathrop Stanford, all gayeties have been postponed.

We are all getting ready for next year's rushing season, and have begun to consider about building this summer, as we intend to own our house before another year goes by. We already have one pledge, Bonnie Carter, who will enter college next September.

The girls are all very much interested in student affairs. One is on the "Quad" board, the annual published by the Junior class, another took part in the late production of "The Rivals," while still another is to sing one of the leading parts in the Junior opera, which comes off in April. We have two members in the English Club, a literary organization, and our only Senior represents us on the "Prom." committee.

We have been very fortunate in having with us all winter Miss Helen Sutliff and Miss Harriette Miles, both of Kansas Alpha. Besides them, we have several faculty women who are Pi Beta Phis, and we count among our girls a Pi Phi's daughter.

The girls all join in best wishes and a long life to the only fraternity.

EUGENIA R. MILLER.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(CHARTERED 1900)

The most important event of this term was the reinstallation of California Alpha on February eleventh at Stanford University. We were all filled with enthusiasm over the prospect of having Pi Phi once more at our sister university, and endeavored to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the heart of every Pi Phi present. Helen B. Sutliff of Kansas Alpha, ex-Grand President, had charge of the ceremonies. Among the prominent alumnae assisting her were Harriette Miles, Kansas Alpha; Mrs. Frances Smith-Rand, California Alpha, and Mrs. Franklin, of Colorado Alpha. Twelve active members of California Beta and four alumnae joined them in happy welcome of the initiates. At the large banquet which followed Miss Miles presided as toastmistress. The long table was beautifully decorated in our fraternity colors, and thirty-two Pi Phis, the largest number which has ever congregated in California, gave honor to "dear old Pi Phi and the wine and silver blue." The "baby" chapter has won the greatest admiration and enthusiasm from its elder sisters.

On St. Valentine's eve the sophomores entertained at dancing for their Pi Phi sisters. Greens and long festoons of bright red hearts were used in decoration and all enjoyed a jolly evening. As freshmen, the class of '07 resolved to make merry each year in honor of the great saint.

On February twenty-fourth the Prytanean Society, a woman's honor society, presented the "Mikado" at the MacDonough Theater, Oakland, for

the benefit of the Students' Hospital Fund. The opera met with great success financially and artistically and was sung to a brilliant and crowded house, the cause being one of much interest to the student body. Pi Phi was represented in the cast.

The University Assembly took place last Friday. This dance is always looked forward to with much delight as it is the most important of the college year. There were many charming little dinner parties given before the dance.

All California is once more in spring attire—hills and meadows are covered with a carpet of green, fruit trees are laden with blossoms and buds are peeping forth from vine and flower. We welcome bright days and wish our Eastern sisters as much joy in the spring time as we of the Pacific slope.

We ask you all to join us in a hearty welcome to California Alpha.

CLARA LOUISE COOPER.



## *Exchanges*

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Since the issue of the January ARROW the following exchanges have been received and are hereby acknowledged:

For December—The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi.

For January—The *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma.

For February—The *Phi Gamma Delta*, The *Kappa Alpha Journal*, The *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, The *Alpha Xi Delta*, The *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, The *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, The *Beta Theta Pi*.

For March—The *Kappa Alpha Theta*, The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

From the *Kappa Alpha Theta* we gladly present the following. In its main features, we most heartily endorse it, although we differ with the author in a few rather important particulars.

### A PLEA FOR DEFINITENESS IN INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE PROCEDURE.

Verily the Conference has accomplished what no one society was willing or able to attempt alone. The securing by Inter-Sorosity action of a ruling forbidding the pledging of preparatory students confirms us in the enthusiastic trust we have felt for the Conference since its inception. Realizing the progress represented by this all-important step, together with what it implies of inter-sorosity confidence and good will, no harm can be done by a frank criticism of the business procedure of the Conference. Having accomplished great things, no mere discrepancies can discourage us. The right spirit is abundantly present, and proper methods will necessarily follow.

Let us consider, therefore, the necessity and initial plan for a definite business procedure. The Conference has convened three times in the last three years. What agreement has it adopted? In the minutes of the Third Conference we find: "The Conference wishes to emphasize all the agreements now included in the Inter-Sorosity Compact which is bind-

ing upon all the 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 agreement 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."

Now, number 1 is a combined statement of several motions passed by the vote of the delegates in the Conference. Number 2 is the combined statement of two motions passed by a majority vote of all the chapters of all the sororities. The dilemma is apparent: What body is vested with the power of making laws which shall be considered a part of the compact? Is the Conference the legislative body, or is legislative authority vested in the majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities represented in the Conference? Clearly we cannot advance far until this point is settled.

I am confident that it is far from the desire of the Conference to legislate for the chapters. The interests of the chapters are too complicated, too varying for any delegate at the Conference to cast her "yea" or "nay" for any motion however insignificant it may seem; for it is often those seemingly trivial rulings that are fraught with deep significance to some group of members. It is readily conceivable that a motion lost in Conference by the vote of delegates might be carried by a vote in the chapters, and vice versa.

We suggest as a basic agreement the following motion to be submitted at the next Conference: That the Inter-Sorority Conference adopt a compact, every article of which shall have been incorporated into the compact only after having been presented in the form of a motion at a session of the Conference, and subsequently passed by a majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities represented in the Conference.

Insistence should be made upon the point that the motion be passed upon by the chapters of the sororities, not by the vote of delegates at National Conventions. The importance of the motions warrants a full discussion in each chapter and the vote taken in the chapters will naturally express what the chapters' experience in the local Pan Hellenics has proved advisable. This procedure will not necessitate a delay of over two months from the time of the meeting of Conference to the time of ratification by the chapters. The present custom should be preserved: The secretary of the Conference having submitted to the chapters the mo-

tions suggested in the Conference, shall collect the votes and announce the results to the councils and chapters of the sororities, the last named being responsible for their proper observance. I wish to emphasize the point that any motion presented at, not necessarily passed by the Conference, shall be submitted to the chapters.

Thus it is evident that I place the legislative function wholly with the college chapters where, I believe, it belongs. Does it seem that the field of effort for the Conference is thereby curtailed? In no way. Rather, the great changes for which we are hoping cannot be realized without this body. It is the means of holding before the women's fraternities results possible only through associated effort, and of formulating motions suggesting definite legislation toward those ends. It seems advisable that the Conference provide that all subjects to come before that body, as far as possible be submitted to the delegates for their thoughtful consideration at least two months before the Conference convenes.

Concerning the special dispensation which the last Conference sought to grant the Wisconsin chapters by passing a motion relative to them, I would state that, because wholly irregular, its passage has no effect upon the ruling against pledging, as passed by the chapters. No body has the power to repeal or annul a law, save the body that made it. Therefore the delegates at the Conference had no power to alter a law passed by the chapters. To grant special privilege to Wisconsin, the majority vote of all the chapters of the sororities must sanction it. Those who expect much from the meetings of the Conference cannot help but admire the spirit back of the motion which was lost at the last meeting; it reads: "Inasmuch as Inter-Sorority regulations affect us all alike, the Third Conference refuses to make any exceptions, whatever local conditions may exist in any particular college." Here is the germ of all successful action—"affects us all alike." The motion desiring to secure special dispensation for Wisconsin was made with the explanation that conditions there are unique. Subsequent examination has shown that they are duplicated in many of our colleges. Provided we could grant the argument on the grounds upon which it was presented, it nevertheless loses all force when we remember that whatever the rulings, they affect us all alike. For the sake of preserving in toto the all-important ruling so far enacted, let us do all in our power to get a clear understanding of the difficulty of further advance, if retrograde steps be taken.

By frank discussions through our magazines, what may we not do to further the good work of Inter-Sorority Conferences? We believe that through them the fuller realization of the true meaning of fraternity is reached, and that they can be, moreover, a means of so eradicating the evils claimed against the system, that even the inimical will be forced to concede the fraternity an important factor in the social well-being of our colleges.

EDNAH HARMON WICKSON, *Grand President.*

Mr. James H. Canfield, formerly president of Ohio State University and now librarian of Columbia, contributes an article on "Fraternities" to the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, his daughter's fraternity. The article is adopted from one in the writer's little book "The College Student and His Problems," and is so fair, yet friendly, that the ARROW is sorry not to be able to quote it entire.

Of course the ideal condition would be to have the college world an absolute unit, knowing nothing of cliques or factions or "circles" of any sort, recognizing community of interest in all things, each sharing in common prosperity because contributing to it, each solicitous as to the welfare of the other, each member of this democratic community a direct and positive blessing to each other member. But it happens that the world is all and quite otherwise; Christian nations contend with pagan and with each other as well; there is strife of creeds in the churches, and of parties in the political world; class makes war upon class in social life, and distinctions of rank or wealth or association are everywhere manifest—and the college is in the world and of the world. It is no indolent optimism, therefore, which as to your final decision bids you accept the fraternity, if you are so inclined after this year of careful observation, and make the best of it.

From a practical recognition of both opportunity and responsibility may come very desirable results. It is no small thing that you have something to say as to the general policy of the organization, or as to the details of its execution; that you are charged with some special duties in this common life, that you have your share of the common expenses. To get the full benefit of these associations, you ought to take fraternity life far more seriously than many take it today. There should always be a very definite purpose to make this pay the largest possible returns upon your investment of time and money. With generous rivalry, you should insist that your associates make every effort to keep well at the front in the class room, on the athletic field, and in all student undertakings. You should study carefully to make your fraternity one of the very best in the country, your chapter the leader of the fraternity. Under your guidance, it should become and remain a model organization. In all this you must give freely of your time and talents; but the returns are immediate and large. The experience in executive work, the record in successful administration, the development of power and capacity on your own part—all this is exceedingly valuable.

The new editor of the *Caduceus* treats the high school fraternity with the levity which it deserves, and which is perhaps the only

thing that will bring home to the mind of young America turned Greek how funny it is. With its defiance of parental authority and school discipline, with its injunctions and court decisions, it would else almost convince us that it was to be taken seriously.

If the adolescent "fraternity" and "sorority" people, who are "just going over Fool Hill," as somebody has put it, could be made to realize what a set of little sillies they are—but no, that is beyond hope. It seems that we must wait the passing of the fad, trusting that some new game or home occupation like ping-pong or pyrography may soon take its place in the focus of the youthful mind's attention. Had the blessings of "fraternity" been extended to schools when Plupy Shute, the immortal diarist, was young, we might have had among his records something like this:

february 5 186- brite and fair. there is a new thing among the boys in school it is a frattirny a frattirny is sumthing you belong to and cant tell about Fatty belongs to it and Whack and some other fellers. me and Beany says we wont join it if they do ask us we think they are mean not to ask us i dont care. it is the sigmer zeter witch is hebrew. the boys in it has to fite for eech other Beany says he can lick any too of them and i can too.

february 10 186- cold as time. i have joined the sigmer zeter gosh it is the gratest thing i ever dremt of we have secrets which we cant tell on pane of deth. Whack askd me to join and Boog was askd too Boog was scared when they took him in i wasent. they all said let Beany join but i said no i dont think Beany will make a good frattirny man and i blackbald him we must keep the frattirny select. when anybody is fiting a frattirny man i mean a sigmer zeter man and he is about to get licked he can holler help a sigmer zeter in distres and all the others has to help him lick the other feller.

february 12 186- Beany he found out i blackbald him and he cougt me away from the sigmer zeter boys and we had a fite i have promisd to let Beany join. gosh the initiation fee is to dolers i didnt no how to get the money but Beany says he noes where there is a emty house and we wil go tomorrow nite and get some of the gasfixchers witch aint no use to anybody it being emty and sell them to get the to dolers for me and Beany two. there is another frattirny it is d k e it hasent any chaptter at our school it is nothing to sigmer zeter i would not speak to a d k e if i met him in the rode.

In Plupy's day there was in existence a certain force now passed away, known as parental authority, and the following would have been the story of the close of his fraternity's career; more's the pity that we cannot

look for this sufficient, simple and proper remedy to be applied to the existing conditions:

february 27 186- the sigmer zeter is broke up it was this way me and Beany sold the gasfixchers and got four dolers for our initiation fees and father found out about the frattirinty and made me tell all about it and he went and saw Whack's father and Beany's and all the other boy's father's and they all came and eech one gave us a licking i mean his own father gave him a licking, i mean gave eech boy a licking rite before the school. i have to work to pay for the gasfixchers i gess i would be to bisy to go to sigmer zeter any more if it wasent broke up.

A contribution from its Mu chapter to the Alpha Pi *Quarterly* states very clearly just what society has a right to expect of the fraternity woman, what is the precise training which she and only she receives.

The fraternity is not an institution of constant delight, nor of unflinching harmony. Neither is the world itself. Both are composed of persons whose natures are distinct, often strong-willed, often selfish. When people join a fraternity they are not transformed into saints. Individual natures of different colors do not always blend. It is not easy to force one's will to give way before that of another, even for the greater good. Personal feelings are strong, and there is no harder task than "to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered." Yet contact with other natures, while it does not always accomplish that greatest of tasks, tends nevertheless to produce a broader point of view, a more active sympathy, a kindlier toleration of the standards of other minds. This is the result it *tends* to produce; this the opportunity it affords. Whether the opportunity shall be embraced rests not with the fraternity, not with the chapter, not ev... with the fraternity member, as such, but rather with the individual in every practical walk of life in college, in business, in the home, or in society.

This is what we have a particular right to expect of the fraternity woman—an intelligent, serious application of the training afforded by this contact with conflicting natures. If the fraternity is to be of any value in the development of our influence as women of culture and education, it must be for breadth of sympathy and interests. It must eliminate the all-too-common tendency to a weak sentimentality, and must develop in its place a more rugged strength, a more serene cheerfulness, a healthier attitude to life. If the fraternity woman shall have attained this end, she will have demonstrated beyond question the right of her fraternity to survive as an important element in the furtherance of a good education.

The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority takes pleasure in announcing that the Mu chapter of the Sorority was installed in the Leland Stanford, Jr., University at Stanford, California, on Monday, January the ninth, nineteen hundred and five.

The Alpha Xi Delta Sorority announces the installation of Theta of Alpha Xi Delta at Wisconsin University, Madison, Wisconsin, January sixth, nineteen five.

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## *Publishers' Announcement*

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THE PUBLISHERS of the forthcoming Sixth Edition of  
BAIRD'S MANUAL OF AMERICAN COLLEGE  
FRATERNITIES

desire to anticipate its publication by a few words regarding the author and his great work in the interest of College Fraternities.

William Raimond Baird occupies a position in the annals of College Fraternities absolutely unique. A graduate of Stevens Institute of Technology and of Columbia University, a lawyer by profession, his home in New York City, Mr. Baird, enjoying a lucrative practice not only in his home city but throughout the United States, has devoted his best energies to the upbuilding and betterment of that American Institution which to-day takes second place to none in the educated world of the United States. For the College Fraternity, a peculiar American product, long since took its position in the educational life of the United States and Canada as an Institution. Scoffed at or looked upon with aversion by those in authority, in its earlier days, it had in its incipency those essentials which have since marked its life and growth, characteristics which educational factors have been since forced to regard as making toward the elevation and improvement of College and Post-graduate life in America. And no man in the United States has done more toward the upbuilding of a few scattered and half

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In view of the unique position Mr. Baird occupies in the hearts of all College Fraternity men, the publishers think themselves fortunate in being able to announce the forthcoming Sixth Edition of *American College Fraternities*, which will be replete with information of interest to all members of College Fraternities. It will contain Histories of each of the Men's General Fraternities, the Women's General Fraternities, the Men's Local Societies, Women's Local Societies, Professional Fraternities, Honorary Fraternities and Miscellaneous Societies; a Directory of Colleges and Chapters, Statistical Tables of great interest, articles showing the geographical distribution of Chapters, Nomenclature, Insignia, a Complete Bibliography of Fraternity publications, information concerning Chapter House ownership. In short, the Sixth Edition will be a complete Cyclopaedia of Fraternity information.

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