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Installation of Washington Alpha

On Saturday, January fifth, the group of girls known as the K. T. T.'s of the State University of Washington reached the climax in the course of their existence as a club, when they gave up without a sigh or a tear, the name that had held them together for seven years, and proudly put on the arrows, which were to show the world that they were at last members of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity. The executive ability, which this group of girls has shown in working up to the requirements laid down for them by the fraternity, and their patience in waiting so long have certainly proven them able to live up to the high ideal set for each chapter of Pi Beta Phi. They have well earned the honor toward which they have been working, and the Pi Phis who were present during installation week could not do otherwise than feel very proud of the gracious younger sisters who compose an ideal chapter of the fraternity.

Washington Alpha was installed at the home of Roberta Frye, Delta Province President, the ceremony beginning at two o'clock. Probably no home was ever better adapted for initiation than hers, and certainly no hall more beautifully arranged for the solemn ceremony. The entire afternoon was required to install the new chapter with its thirteen charter members and to initiate the six young women first taken in by the new chapter. The ceremony, so impressive itself, was rendered more imposing by the music of Mrs. Ireland.

Immediately after the alumnae had renewed their vows and the initiates had taken theirs for the first time, all went to the Butler Hotel for the first Pi Phi banquet ever held in Seattle. It was certainly good to be there. Both alumnae and initiates felt honored to have present Mrs. Ina S. Soule, one of the founders of the fraternity, and Mrs. Rainie Adamson-Small, its first Grand President. Miss Lucy Hammond, Colorado Beta, acted as toast-mistress while all sang Pi Phi songs and listened to toasts so informal that no one was allowed to escape expressing in public the congratulations which each had been giving privately all the evening. Among the Pi Phis present must be mentioned, besides our two guests of honor, Mrs. Soule and Mrs. Small, Mrs. Loe Ware-Cross, Nebraska Alpha; Mrs. Sylvia Ware-Ireland and Mrs. Florence Denny-Heliker, Maryland Alpha; Miss Keith, Michigan Beta; Mrs. Nettleton, Iowa Iota; Mrs. Gephart, Iowa Theta; Mrs. Grace Hancher-Beck, Iowa Alpha; Miss Mabel Wilson, Ohio Alpha.

On Monday the chapter met in business session, electing officers and starting in motion the machinery for the new chapter. On Tuesday afternoon and evening the Pi Phi girls, assisted by the alumnae and patronesses, were at home in their attractive little chapter house to about three hundred of their friends in the university and in town. There it was, in a house decorated with ferns and vines brought from the woods, that one could realize the beauty of living where outdoors is always green. It took many visits to the woods to get green enough to really show the dozens and dozens of carnations showered upon them by the fraternities and other friends. Nowhere could a chapter have a more cordial welcome than that given to Pi Beta Phi in the University of Washington, this proving the proverbial hospitality of the west. Kappa Kappa Gamma gave a tea one afternoon, welcoming the chapter into the fraternity world, and later in the week Sigma Chi entertained them informally with a dance.

One afternoon Pi Phi alumnae and the active chapter were entertained at a buffet luncheon by Mrs. Moore, one of the patronesses, in her beautiful home. Each guest carried away a



THE GYMNASIUM



SCIENCE HALL AND LAKE UNION



LAKE WASHINGTON

favor in wine and silver blue as a memento of the good time which Pi Phis have together.

The chapter is most fortunate in having to help them Miss Frye and the other enthusiastic alumnae as well as a number of devoted and charming patronesses.

Do you not think these festivities sufficient to usher in our new possession, Washington Alpha? We are certainly proud to introduce her. She has already proven to the alumnae in Seattle and to Pi Phis everywhere that she can "make good," and we wish her to go on, success ever with her.

ELDA L. SMITH.

The University of Washington

Anything which a student of the University of Washington might say regarding the history and growth of the University would be merely bookish and second hand beside the account of it by Professor Meany, who is so much a part of the college. He has, as it were, grown up in and with it. In sending his account, which he kindly consented to write for us, we feel sure that we will be giving our sister chapters a clearer knowledge of what our university is, than would anything which we could write. Professor Meany has just recently returned from lecturing in the east where he was sent by the committee of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition. He has probably been heard by many whom the ARROW will reach. We have supplemented his article with an account of the fraternity life in the university, for although a member of the Gamma Chi chapter of the Sigma Nu fraternity, he has not mentioned that aspect of our university life.

GROWTH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Thirty years ago I was received as a member of the preparatory classes of the Territorial University of Washington. The death of my father brought responsibilities that interrupted my

college work but I later returned and graduated with the class of 1885. Though occupied with newspaper and legislative work I was still connected with the university as president of the Alumni Association or as chairman of the joint committee on university matters in the state legislature until 1894 when I became secretary and lecturer in local history, which developed into my present position at the head of the department of history. Being, therefore, a sort of tradition of the university, I have seen more of its growth than any other single individual.

The growth was very slow in the territorial days. Ideas were big and numerous enough but there were not enough heads to carry them about. The Territory of Washington was organized in March, 1853, and the first census in 1854 showed a total of 3,965 souls. In spite of the fewness of citizens the legislature organized, on paper, two universities. After much contention these two were united and located in Seattle, a building was erected and the work of instruction was begun in 1862.

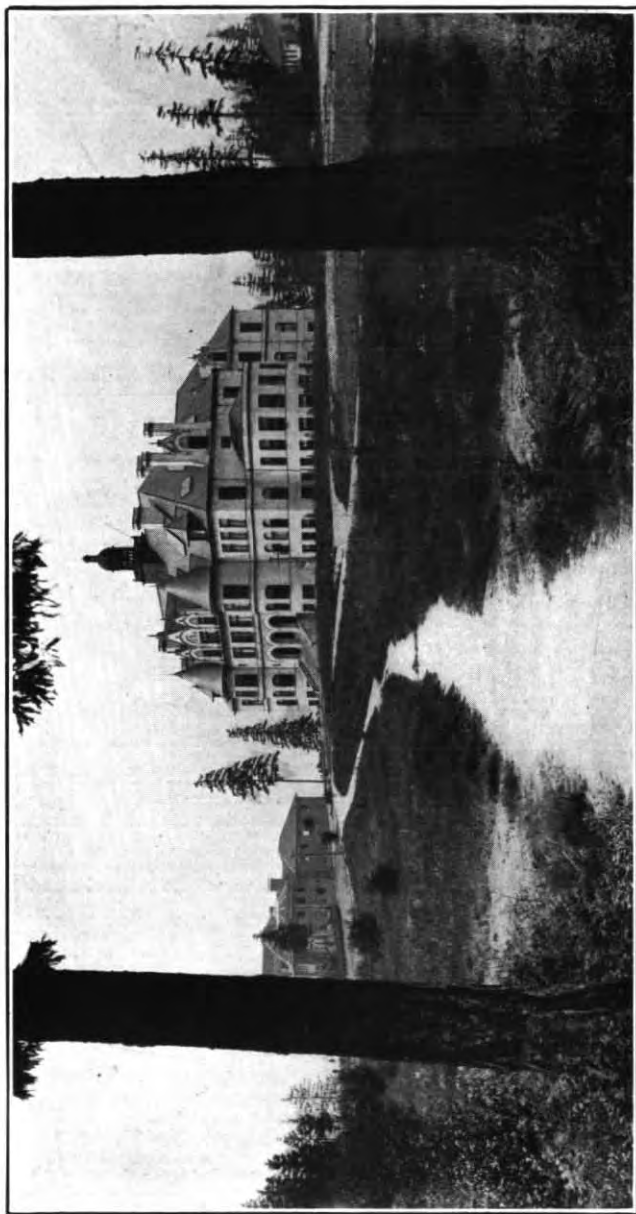
The work was almost wholly that of an academy until 1877 when Dr. A. J. Anderson became president and from that time on regular collegiate courses of instruction have been maintained. The attendance remained small until the booming days just before statehood in 1889, when the few buildings were overrun by an energetic student body.

Statehood brought new buildings, a fine campus of 355 acres and a largely increased faculty. From that date the progress has been rapid and the growth substantial in every way. Behind the University of Washington are the pride, the heart, and the purse of a growing and prosperous commonwealth. No institution of higher education ever had a better endowment than that. It is the people's school.

The present year shows an enrollment of 1200 and a faculty of 75 instructors. The fine new buildings are already crowded, but the state legislature has just appropriated \$6,000,000 for new buildings. The next World's Fair, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, is to be held on the campus and from fifty to one hundred of the buildings are to be constructed with the view of saving them for the university's use after the exposition has closed. Four bronze statues—Washington, Lincoln, Seward and John Jacob Astor—are among the ornaments that will also be saved. All these plans, when completed in 1909, will place the University of Washington at least twenty-five years ahead of its present position.



"THE PHI DELT PATH"



THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
(Showing a part of Science Hall)

We are all proud of our alma mater and we feel sure that all other true college men and women will share our pride and joy when they learn of our rich heritage here at the western outpost of our Republic.

EDMOND S. MEANY.

Almost all of the social life in the University of Washington centers in the fraternities. The largest university functions are, of course, the Varsity Ball, class dances, and glee club concerts. These, with the affairs given by the Young Women's and Men's Christian Associations, and the Women's League are the only society events outside of the fraternities. Fraternity entertainments are not limited in any way except that the fraternity must ask permission of the faculty for its dates. This is usually granted.

There are eight national men's fraternities and one local. Sigma Nu was chartered first in 1896. The others followed in the order mentioned, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Delta Delta, a local just organized. The professional fraternities have one representative in Phi Chi, Pharmacy. An honorary science fraternity, Phi Xi, has been established this year.

Besides Phi Beta Phi, the women's fraternities represented are: Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Tau Delta, a local.

The establishment of Pan-Hellenic organization has decreased the intense feeling of rivalry which once existed. The men's fraternities have, however, abandoned it, but the women still have a strong organization, which controls all rushing. Among the men there are inter-fraternity contests in baseball and bowling. The women's fraternities contribute their part to inter-fraternity life by having "open house" once a month. All the fraternities, faculty, and many non-fraternity friends are invited to these affairs.

The students take an active interest in athletics, not only those which are carried on for college honors, but also the milder

forms such as tennis and canoeing. There are contests in both of these sports in the spring but they are also engaged in even during the winter for pleasure. Our two beautiful lakes furnish the best of opportunities for sports on the water. In the spring, on Junior Day, Lake Washington is a wonderful sight, dotted as it is with bright canoes, gorgeously decorated launches and barges. A band is placed on a barge near the end of the course. The launches and smaller craft follow the racers.

Another celebration of the spring season is our annual "Campus Day." Although it seems quite like a holiday, the purpose for which it was started is always firmly adhered to. The campus is large and not entirely cleared, so that a day's work undertaken by so many, makes a very perceptible impression upon its ruggedness. Two years ago a natural amphitheatre was cleared out and since then has been of great service for our outdoor celebrations. The students enter into the spirit of the work, which begins at eight thirty in the morning. The classes in the Liberal Arts, Engineering, Pharmacy, and Law are all divided into separate companies, each under an officer. Professor Meany, who is always General, plans the work and appoints the officers. The girls with the assistance of the faculty ladies, prepare the lunch, which is served on temporary tables built just outside the dining hall. Some of the girls, dressed as red cross nurses, anxiously await patients, in a booth charmingly fitted up with couches, bandages, and witch hazel. They have often been called to the assistance of those unaccustomed to wielding an ax.

To be truly appreciated our campus must be seen. Its chief beauty is in its natural location between the lakes and surrounded by the mountains. The cuts of Science Hall showing Lake Union, and the one of Lake Washington and the firs are the poorest suggestions of the real beauty of the place. The "Phi Delt" path, one of the first on the campus, is a part of our daily walk to college. We wish that every Pi Phi might visit us, if not now, then when we shall have still more to show them, during the Alaska-Yukon Exposition.

The New Orleans Mardi Gras

Carnival! What a host of bright and merry pictures this name brings to the minds of all New Orleans girls. From our earliest baby days when we were small maskers ourselves, we have looked forward to the next Mardi Gras each year with renewed pleasure. Even the holidays, presents and fire-works of Christmas-time, are eclipsed by the approaching gaiety and merry-making of the Carnival. This festival, as we know, is of ancient Roman origin. The Saturnalia, a pagan feast of wildest and most unlicensed revelry, has come down through the ages, gradually softened and refined by the influence of Christianity, until it took its present form of a beautiful, pleasure-giving festival—a farewell to frivolity before the Lenten season.

Though Mardi Gras, or "Fat Tuesday," signifying the last day of eating meat, is at the end of the season, the carnival balls begin the first week in January. There are twelve or fourteen carnival organizations, of which Twelfth Night, Amphycians, Oberon, Atlanteans, Momus, Proteus, Comus, and Rex are the most prominent. The balls are given in the historic French Opera House, a very handsome building, which forms a fitting background for the beauty of the maskers' dances. The parquet is covered over to a level with the stage, and a drugget is spread over all for dancing. Spectators fill the galleries and boxes, while those who have invitations to participate in the maskers' dances locally known as "call-outs," are seated at the back of the parquet, and all patiently await the raising of the curtain. Some legendary or mythical subject is usually taken and presented in two or more lovely tableaux, after which the maskers in the gaudy beauty of their costumes march through many figures, twisting, circling, winding and unwinding, like a dancing rainbow. Then they march down to the "call-outs" and the floor committee is kept very busy finding and conducting the

girls to their maskers. Eight or more maskers' dances ensue, and the "blackcoats" are allowed to come on the floor about eleven o'clock, the ball being over at twelve.

The queens and maids are chosen in different ways by the various organizations. At Twelfth Night there are always six maskers dressed as cooks, in white suits, caps and aprons, who bring to the middle of the stage, a huge white paste-board cake on a table. The head cook then steps forward, and with an enormous knife, cuts the cake and within are numberless little boxes, each containing a piece of cake. The Queen's box, however, holds a golden bean, and the four maids have silver beans. The maskers take their partners to get a piece of cake, and though it is supposed to be entirely chance, the beans always fall to the right persons, usually *débutantes*. The Queen is then presented with her crown and mantle, and heading the procession with the king, the maids and dukes following, the grand march begins. It is a very beautiful and effective spectacle and the audience is always most enthusiastic.

The Queen and Maids of the Atlanteans are sent announcements on Christmas day, requesting that they will grace the royal throne of that organization. At the opera house on the night of the ball, before the curtain rises, the maids with their dukes enter the proscenium box on the left of the stage, and the queen, surrounded by maskers and amid rounds of applause, takes her place in the opposite box. After the curtain rises and the tableaux are over, the queen and maids leave the boxes, come on the stage and the grand march follows.

The Thursday before Mardi Gras, the Knights of Momus have their parade of floats, which is very pretty and greatly enjoyed, being the first of the processions. The queen and maids of this organization are chosen from the floor and Momus himself selects his queen. This year he chose Harriette Waters, a very lovely Pi Phi, who made a most charming and gracious sovereign. Two of the maids in this court were also Pi Beta Phis.

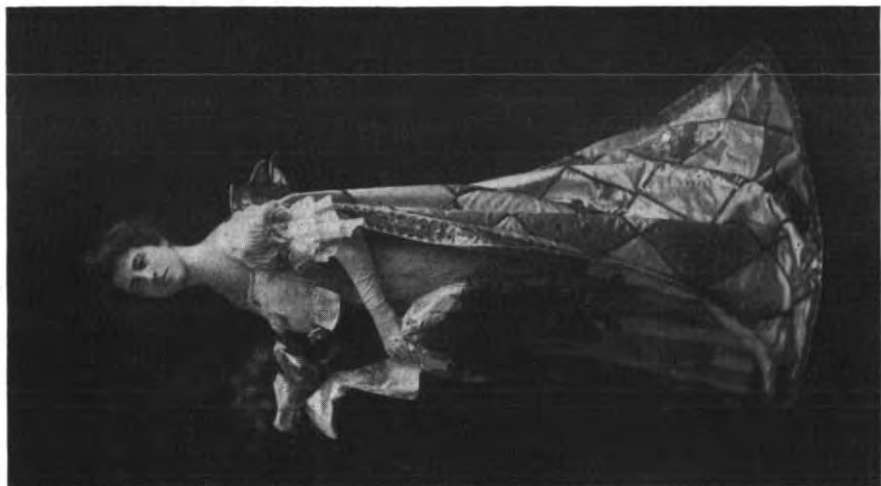
The following Monday, Rex, king of the carnival, who is supposed to come from some distant foreign land, comes up the river on his private yacht, which is decked out from stem to stern



CORA STANTON
Queen of Atlantians



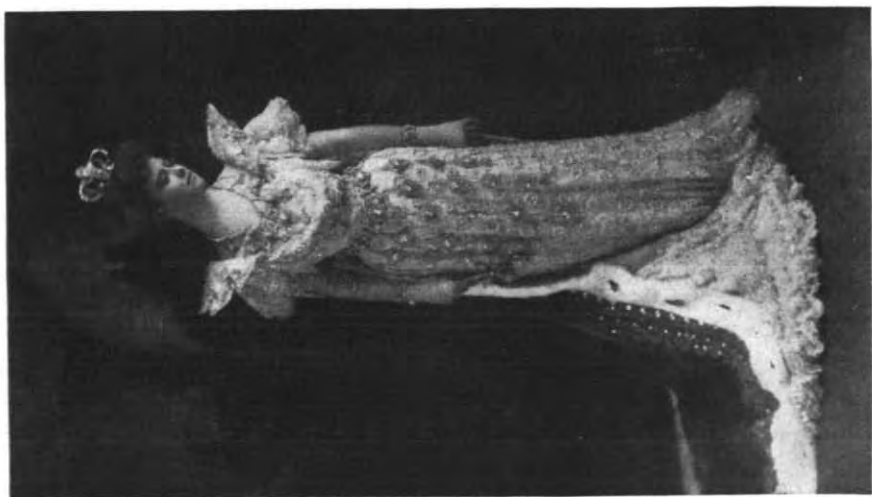
HARRIETTE WATERS
Queen of Moamus



ALBA BEAUGARD
Queen of Elves of Oberon



CELESTE JANVIER
Queen of Comus



HELEN RAINEY
Queen of Comus

with many colored flags. There is always a battleship or two visiting the city at this time, and the king is saluted with twenty-one guns as though he were indeed some royal potentate, while the small craft following his yacht makes the most ear-splitting racket with whistles, gongs, and bells! The militia meets his majesty at the landing and there is a grand military parade, which winds up at the city hall where Rex is presented with the keys of the city.

Monday night Proteus gives a magnificent parade, which his queen and her maids survey from a large club gallery, in all the splendors of their robes and jewels.

But Mardi Gras day is the best of all. Early in the morning the maskers begin to come out, though there are not nearly so many now as there used to be. Some years ago, for two or three winters, there were a number of negroes, who dressed up as Indians, tomahawks, feathers, paint and all, and they would "wardance" up the street, running, circling, whooping and waving their hatchets in the air. They were terrifying in appearance and used to scare us to death. Rex's procession is at eleven o'clock and is usually one of the prettiest—it sparkles so in the sunshine. Rex does not wear a mask, as his identity is not kept secret, and he is attended on the float by two or more little unmasked pages. The parade stops before the club where the queen and her eight maids sit and the king drinks their health, presenting the queen with a huge bouquet of violets, daffodils and fern, purple, yellow and green being the carnival colors.

The afternoon, when most people are taking forty winks, seems quiet after the parade, but before seven o'clock the crowds are again gathering to see the procession of the Mystic Krewe of Comus. This is the final and most gorgeous parade; the scenes and costumes displayed being very eaborate. Rex's queen, her maids and dukes view the procession from one club, and the court of Comus from another. The Carnival ball is held at the club, while Comus takes his queen to the French opera house. There, amid all the brilliancy of royal splendor, she reigns supreme till midnight, when the carnival court in all its gorgeous-

ness, comes in to join in the gaities at the opera house, and Comus welcomes them with the gracious courtesy of a real king. The ensuing grand march, headed by Comus with the queen of the carnival, followed by Rex with Comus' queen, is a wonderfully brilliant spectacle and a fitting climax to the carnival season.

Pi Beta Phis have always played a prominent part in the various courts. We have a long list of some twenty-eight queens in the years past and we hope to have all their pictures in the room by next winter. The accompanying photographs are some of our royalties, and I am sure that our sister Pi Phis will be as proud of them as we are.

Louisiana Alpha.

High School Sororities

The question of high school fraternities is one of especial interest to Minnesota Alpha these days. A very vigorous campaign against these organizations is now being waged in the four high schools of Minneapolis, and also in the state legislature now in session in the neighboring city of St. Paul.

The high school principals are thoroughly aroused in the matter and are making determined efforts to uproot such societies from their schools. Rules have been made prohibiting members of high school fraternities from participating in any of the official school activities,—athletics and the like. The principals earnestly believe that the effect of secret societies is demoralizing to the whole school by dividing its interests and by fostering the sin of snobbishness.

In the legislature, a bill providing for the abolishment of high school fraternities has passed the House and the Senate Committee. A penalty of twenty dollars is proposed for the high school student who joins a fraternity or who invites another to do so.

Minnesota Alpha's position in the matter is the general posi-

tion of most of the fraternities at the university,—and that is one of decided disapproval. High school students are not old enough nor sufficiently developed in judgment to appreciate the true meaning of "fraternity." They are attracted by the rites and by the mysterious atmosphere of the charmed Greek symbols. They are fascinated by all the lurid paraphernalia of a secret organization, and make this an excuse for all manner of "horse-play," and even of real, though thoughtless, wrong doing. The idea of exclusiveness comes to be a paramount issue, and from exclusiveness there is an easy path to snobbishness. At the high school age one has no very clear sense of perspective and membership in an "exclusive" society, designated by the haughty ownership of a Greek-lettered pin, easily becomes the one end and aim of high school existence.

Minnesota Alpha numbers among her freshmen, two members of high school fraternities. Both girls disapprove of these societies, and give "snobbishness" as their reason. It seems impossible for students in the formative high school period to grasp the beauty and depth of the friendship which shows itself, not only within the organizations, but also to others outside the fraternity circle.

And so Minnesota Alpha prefers non-membership in high school fraternities. Not that desirable girls do not belong to these societies,—far otherwise. It often happens that the most desirable girls are members of such an organization, for the high school society is not slow in "knowing a good thing when it sees it." But, be that as it may, it seems a far better thing that a girl shall come to Pi Beta Phi without any preconceived and possibly mistaken notion of the meaning of Greek sisterhood. She will then be ready to appreciate the nobility of the fraternal idea, and "fraternity" will mean to her a truer, nobler and sweeter thing. To her will come, in all its freshness and beauty, the ideal of a gracious womanhood in Pi Beta Phi.

ESTHER JEAN CHAPMAN,
Minnesota Alpha.

We have before us the questions, "Are high school fraternities an evil?" and "Ought we, as national fraternities, to do every thing in our power to abolish them?" As a former student in a high school where four fraternities caused a state of continual turmoil, to both of these questions I must most emphatically answer, "Yes."

Of all the evils resulting from these organizations, the greatest is the effect upon the girl herself. We often hear it said, "But the very nicest girls go into them." That may be true, but it is just as true that they do not come out of them as nice as when they went in. Their social life begins when they are too young. When they ought to be enjoying wholesome, outdoor exercise, and learning the things that are worth while, they are giving formal receptions, flirting, playing at being grown up, we might say, and learning artificiality and frivolity.

I realize that this sounds rather harsh, but it is most sadly true. Students entering high schools are too young to understand the responsibility which necessarily rests upon one who is a member of a secret organization; the responsibility of making one's fraternity not merely an element of pleasure in one's own life, but a very important factor in the upbuilding and betterment of the whole college.

Ohio Alpha.

The problem of high school sororities is becoming a very vexing one to the Greek letter world. There seems very little to be said in favor of these organizations. Teachers and parents dislike them because they destroy the democratic spirit of schools by forming exclusive little groups of girls, who care only for each other, and neglect those who most need friendship and thoughtfulness. This very often produces selfish, unlovable dispositions.

These sororities misrepresent us every day because they imitate our outward signs while knowing nothing of the inner significance which we all love so much. They wear badges and pins, entertain and think they are exactly as we are.

When these girls come to college and join us they have a certain familiar feeling which robs them of much that is sweet and beautiful connected with such a step. Their affections seem divided between their two fraternities and surely the girl we want is the one who can give her whole devotion to her college fraternity.

Pennsylvania Gamma.

Iowa Alpha is decidedly in favor of abolishing high school fraternities. Far from being an aid to college fraternities as has been argued, in the matter of selection, they are a positive detriment.

High school students cannot grasp the deepest meaning of our fraternities, and they imitate only the material features. Many of them are Greek letter fraternities only in name. They have no constitution, no proper organization and their significance is no more than that of a social club.

The popular girl, the girl of wealth is the most sought for member. The high school girl is too young to recognize the true standard of worth. Her ideal is very different from that of the college girl, who has had a wider opportunity of understanding the essentials of real womanliness. College people are ready to stand for absolute genuineness.

The high schools themselves are recognizing the evils incident to such fraternities, and are opposing them. Our best schools are excluding fraternity members from holding class offices, from athletics and from delivering commencement orations.

Our girls who have been members of high school fraternities and know the situation exactly are heartily in favor of doing away with them.

CLARA MUNZ,
Iowa Alpha.

Almost without exception, the members of Iowa Gamma are opposed to high school sororities. It is a noticeable fact that

high school sororities create cliques and snobbishness. It is at the high school age that mock initiations are made of so much importance, and these sometimes result in lasting harm to the initiates. Many people, for these reasons, form a strong prejudice against all sororities, forgetting that college girls have more sane and mature minds and do not go to such childish extremes.

Girls who are in a fraternity naturally have more social life than those who are not. A girl in high school cannot attend to her studies as she ought and do a number of social "stunts" besides. The foundation of one's education is laid in high school, and if a girl has not learned to study during that formative period, there is a likelihood that she never will.

If a rule were made barring girls belonging to high school sororities from joining college fraternities, the high school organization would soon die out; for the girl who intended to go to college,—and the best ones usually do,—would not join a preparatory school sorority if that meant that she could not join a college fraternity.

Iowa Gamma.

High school sororities should not be upheld. The majority of high school girls are not mature enough in mind to understand what a sorority really is for, and they seem to think that the only object is to have a good time and be prominent in social affairs. Their standing as students is, almost always, lowered by sorority membership, for they do not look at the serious side of a fraternity.

There are sororities here in our local high school. We have made investigations and found that the best students are non-fraternity girls, and not only this, but the standing of the sorority girls is lowering each succeeding year. Besides this the sorority takes away their girlishness because of their effort to become young ladies before their time.

Besides spoiling the girls in high school, the sorority makes them undesirable for college fraternities. When they enter college they have entirely the wrong conception of fraternity life

and instead of realizing that they are to uphold the fraternity in scholarship and real womanliness, their only aim is to be foremost in society and good times.

I do not say this of all high school sorority girls. Some of them are not affected in this way in the least. They have sound enough minds not to be carried away by such things and in consequence make just as good college girls as any one could wish. But these are the minority.

Indiana Beta.

The question of high school fraternities and sororities is fast becoming a serious one to the college Greek letter world. Are they to be encouraged and shall we take their members into college fraternities? We of Vermont Beta have not had much actual experience with them yet but are likely to in the near future and have had some opportunity already to observe a high school sorority. In this particular case the basis of choice seems to be largely financial and that we all know is not the essential to Pi Beta Phi. Yet if a member of a high school sorority is a desirable girl for Pi Beta Phi I do not think we ought to shut her out merely because of the "prep. school" society. If the rule that no members of a high school sorority could become a college fraternity girl, would keep desirable girls free until they reach college, I should say make such a rule. But we cannot be sure of the desired results of such a step.

I do not think Greek letter experience is necessary in high school nor that it ought to fill a large part of a girl's horizon there. The work of such organizations is for the most part superficial and based on observations of college societies. Of the inner life and meaning they can have little idea so I fail to see how such a society can be any real preparation for membership in Pi Beta Phi.

Vermont Beta.

The question of discouraging high school sororities has lately come up in fraternity meeting. We all agree that a girl who has been a member of one of these clubs never makes as good a fraternity girl when she enters college. For she has bound herself to the smaller organization, and two societies may conflict. She may feel bound to help her first sisters to become Pi Phi, and unpleasantnesses may follow. She certainly gets distorted ideas of fraternity life, seeing nothing but the social, lighter side. All this ground, however, has been gone over many times. But how are we to discountenance these societies? We can have an attitude of disapproval toward them. We can express our views upon the subject whenever occasion presents itself. We can speak to high school teachers and encourage them to express themselves to their pupils, and prohibit such organizations. But when it comes to letting girls pass by who are otherwise good material, just because they belonged to some high school fraternity, we hesitate. A four-year's notification hardly seems effective. Many do not know their plans so far ahead, many prefer the certainty of immediate fraternity life to the dubious uncertainty of the future, many hate to be "left out," and many are too independent to heed any opinion expressed by the college sorority. We all hope this problem will settle itself soon.

Texas Alpha.

Student Life in Berlin

"To study in Berlin" is the day dream which occupies the mind of every music student. Fancy and fantasy color this picture with glowing tints, and it is only when the dream becomes reality that the colors fade from the canvas, leaving dreary sketches of drabs and greys. For it is not as easy nor fascinating as it sounds, and Berlin is filled each year with scores of disappointed students, made so by a failure to carry to a successful issue all the artistic dreams, they have dreamed for themselves, and by

the inevitable discrepancy between the cost of living and their slender stock of pennies. The theory of cheap living in Berlin is another of those bubbles, which in bursting scatter into thin air some of our cherished delusions. There was a time when a mark meant a dollar but alack a-day for the music student who fondly imagines that such conditions exist at the present time. As a matter of fact Berlin in its change from a big village to one of the world's greatest cities, has taken on metropolitan airs, and underground railways, motor-cabs, lifts and pneumatic post are all luxuries that have to be paid for in the current coin of the realm.

With every steamer that sails from a German port carrying its quota of returning students to spread the gospel of exact conditions in Germany, or to be more accurate, in Berlin, it is surprising that there should be so decided a degree of ignorance on the subject.

Studying in Berlin is not Cheap. "Cheap living" is of course a relative term; but this article is written in the interest of those students who have not at their disposal an unlimited bank account, but who are either drawing heavily upon the family coffers, or who have earned the precious dollars which they are to exchange for the artistic investment of European study.

A student with a big letter of credit is not concerned with conditions. In the first place—and it is at once granted that the many conspicuous exceptions prove the rule to be true—she is not so apt to take her work as seriously as those who have the spur which adversity gives to ambition.

And should she have a real love for, and devotion to her work, she only has to settle down in luxurious quarters, look about for a high-priced teacher, take the best seats at the opera and concerts, and look frankly surprised when any one complains of the cost of living.

Unluckily, the rank and file of students who come to Europe, are not of this favored minority and it is upon them that the "soul-wasting struggle with worldly annoyances" falls most heavily.

To leave the field of vague abstractions and pin oneself down to facts and figures which cannot lie, will be more convincing.

One of Berlin's best known teachers has lately announced her intention of refusing a pupil who has not an assured allowance of at least \$75 a month. She argues, and quite rightly, that no one can live comfortably on less, and that either the pupil would be reduced to such painful economizing as materially to influence or handicap her in her work, or that the teacher would have the uncomfortable feeling that in demanding her standard of prices, she were depriving the pupil of some of the necessities of life.

To take, then, a \$75 standard. Board and lodging in a pension where a young girl away from home alone, would be perfectly safe in staying could not be looked for under 120 marks, or \$30 a month. This is a low estimate, and in many pensions does not include light and heat, and in any case means a small room. The next item is lessons. Most pupils come to Berlin with the expectation of studying with a teacher of international reputation, preferably with a teacher who is himself a virtuoso. *These come high.* From \$5 to \$10 an hour is the price they ask for lessons. If we average these two extremes and count on \$7.50 an hour, and one lesson a week, we shall have to subtract another \$30 from our allowance. These prices only refer to piano lessons,—voice students do not get off so easily, as singing teachers not only estimate their time as more valuable than instrumentalists, but also require more frequent lessons.

Living and lessons are the two chief depleters of a modest allowance, but there are still a harrowing number of "little things" which assume startling proportions when added to the expense account. The biggest little thing is a piano; for an upright one pays \$3 to \$4 a month, for a grand from \$6 to \$10.

Most piano teachers require their pupils to use a grand piano for practice. With these three items provided for, there remains but the meagre sum of \$15 to cover all contingencies in the shape of concert and opera tickets, sheet music, tram fare and laundry.

Opera is not cheap in Berlin and seats are extremely hard to

get. The demand is so far in excess of the supply, that unless one is particularly enterprising, a seat in the fourth balcony is absolutely out of the question.

It is scarcely necessary to add that the fourth balcony is the very top of the house, the "American Heaven" as it has been sarcastically christened by the Germans; and this reminds me of an answer given by a young American girl to a rich and would-be patronizing woman at the same pension table. Evidently horrified at the idea that American girls should be occupying seats, in what she apparently conceived to be a sort of peanut gallery she inquired: "But why do you sit in the *fourth* balcony?" Quick as a flash came the answer "Because there is no *fifth!*" For Wagnerian opera, ticket buyers are in line by four o'clock on Sunday morning, at which time the sale of seats for the week begins. This, for a girl, is of course out of question, though some, impelled thereto by slender purses, frequently attempt it, and often meet with most unpleasant and discourteous treatment, the Germans evidently urging that a girl who will do that sort of thing, is deserving of but scant courtesy. The only alternative is to send a messenger who will secure your tickets for a fee ranging from 12½ to 25 per cent. This brings the price of the very cheapest ticket up to \$1.00 and the most active mathematical mind could not get many opera tickets out of the system of long division to which the modest monthly allowance is subjected.

Concerts are comparatively cheap if—and the "if" is a big one—you are early at the box office, and get one of the limited number of inexpensive seats. Then you may hear the world's greatest artists for the small sum of 25 or 50 cents. To all tickets must be added the price of *Garderobe*, program and car-fare, no small item when it recurs evening after evening.

Students who come to Berlin armed with figures and facts given them by a teacher or a friend who studied here ten or twelve years ago, must be prepared for a succession of disappointments, and a complete reversal of all pre-conceived ideas of the cost and condition of living in the Prussian capital. Over and

above the regular monthly expenses every student should have an emergency fund of not less than \$100 to provide for the contingency of a sudden summons home or unforeseen doctor bills. On \$1,000 a year a girl could live modestly but comfortably, and feel free to devote her time and strength to her work, without having the nights filled with troubled dreams of long lines of figures which refuse to balance properly.

This dreary desert of discouraging facts and figures may be broken now and then by a tiny oasis, and these are brought into the musical life of Berlin by a series of concerts called by the American a "Pop," the Germans usually characterizing them as a *Tisch* or table concert. The two taken together mean a concert at popular prices (15 cents) at which people sit around tables in a most informal manner. Here and there some thrifty German *Hausfrau* may be seen industriously knitting to the rhythmic cadences of a Beethoven Symphony and in the intermission the busy *Kellner* is flying around serving what the Berliner first, last and always orders—*beer*. Such surroundings in America would inevitably mean that "at the challenge of the orchestra conversation arose." But woe to the thoughtless American, who attempts even a whisper after the conductor has taken up his baton. He is hissed so promptly and emphatically that he is at once reduced to abashed silence. These concerts are cheap, and as they occur three times a week offer a fine field to the student of musical literature.

Returning pupils tell fabulous tales of living on \$50 or even less a month—and there are again exceptions which prove the rule—but a young girl alone must be in a house and neighborhood of irreproachable respectability, and should she be tempted by the alluring prospect of cheapness into anything else, the loss is often one of more direful consequences than dollars and cents.

If in spite of all discouraging advice, parents will persist in the hazardous experiment of sending their young daughters unchaperoned into a foreign country they should at least take the precaution thoroughly to inform themselves beforehand as to exact costs and conditions. And only such information is reliable

which comes from someone on the spot, who understands the situation found as it now is, and who is not arguing from experiences of ten or twelve years ago. When this source of information is lacking, the girl should be impressed with the necessity of disregarding advice which will be heaped upon her by casual ship-board acquaintances, and of going at once to the American Consulate or the American Woman's Club, which has very much at heart the interest of the American girl abroad and which is prepared to deal with Berlin student life in all its perplexing phases.

CAROLINE V. KERR.

The Impassable Word

It is only a very Young and Diminutive Fancy, hardly to be trusted out alone for fear of getting tangled in its Toddlings Clothes, but I have been walking it around in my mind for practice for all of a half hour now, and the Little Tot is going to be given its chance of seeing the world.

It came to me out of the Musing I had fallen into, over what a Hard Thing the President's life must be!

No, not the President of these United States, nor yet of this great Educational Institution, neither of these be it said, although my heart sometimes aches also for them, but the President of a real healthy, bouncing, Active Chapter in our own immediate circle. To my mind such a chapter really does not need a president at all. What it needs is a Real-Cross Nurse. But in the Beginning Somebody thought only Once, and that Once wrong, and then gave it a president, and the resulting triple duties of nurse—governess—presiding officer are what have caused me to Muse in the Manner above mentioned.

Not that anything I might put down amounts to More than a Muse,—be not misled, you do not listen to one who has had

experience in High Places. Humble Observings only have fallen to my lot, but these do but confirm me in my Absorbing Sympathy.

The mere Qualifications for the Office are enough to Baffle Experts: tact diplomacy, magnetism, keenness, an ability to grasp the point of things, and move business forward and out of the way with dispatch,—oh Unbending Reach of Qualities!—and last but not least the Subtle Capacity for suppressing Mob-Law without hurting even so much as a Feelen'! Tried to desperation, and having successively passed through the stages of Geniality, Kindly Virtue, Tolerance, Endurance, Fortitude, each to the Bitter End, in a moment of Executive Despair she lets out "Dianthine!" in a tone not to be misunderstood. And Dianthine gives her to know afterwards that she was just downright personal in her remarks, and that that Squelching was entirely uncalled for! Ah, Girls, give a kind thought to the President!

I know as well as you do, (I ought to), that nobody is so consumed with a Madness for ungovernable, ungodly mirth as he, she or it who knows that the stern gaze of Discountenancing Authority will be cast upon her at the first appearing symptom of risibility. And nobody is so impiously bursting with Funnysisms as she who foresees the instant visitation of divine wrath on Ebullient Genius.

But as I say, in spite of this, nay, almost because of this, thoughts of Abounding Brilliancy and Wit arise from where they have been nurtured in the Funny Bone, and break through their narrow and repressed confines. And then what is left for poor Presidentess! Consternation and confusion stare her in the face, and no help is near.

All these thoughts conjured up by memories of many a Warm Chapter Meeting were going through my mind until I became so Profoundly Engrossed, and the scene so real, that in a moment I was back in my accustomed seat in the Pit, arousing with Incipient Jest the Long-suffering Majesty above me, when as of old She turned upon me that expression of Suppressive Authority that should have Shamed me to the Death, and,—

and I laughed. And on the instant, the Fancy I have spoken of began to show signs of Life, and then to come Lurching Unsteadily Out.

But on the whole I think it is rather a helpful little Germ-Fancy, with a Laudable Mission, and this I give, as it made its suggestion to me:—Why not throughout all Pi Phidom set aside one mighty, magic Spell-Binder, a word the mere breathing of which shall bring Instant Order from threatened chaos; a word which every girl shall be under Solemn Compact to accept as ultimate; one to be sparingly used and not lightly that its integrity may be preserved; indeed, a word so fraught with Mysterious Influence, and weighted with dignity and the justice of its use, that when Lady President shall arise, holding forth her hand in Solemn Symbol, and in the hush which falls shall speak its Magic Name, Facetiousness and all her Sprightly Train shall Fade like Wraiths away, a Giggle shall seem a Hateful Thing and not to be Endured, and the Wit Kinks of the most Frolicsome shall become as Dull Spots.

And this Word shall be known for always, not as a Pass-word but as the Impassable Word. And so I give you a *silent* Toast: To the Impassable Word.

F. K. H.,
Ohio Beta.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

We hear much of the attitude of the "Greek" girl toward the "barb" and much has been said on one side of the question—that is the snobbishness of the sorority girl. It is true that the sorority girl has much greater opportunity to be selfish and indifferent if she desires than does the "barb"—and yet do many of the girls do this? As far as our observation goes we have found that the feeling between the girls is as much the fault of the "barb" as of the sorority girl. Most sorority girls are willing and anxious to be friends with other university girls. Of course, there may be a few who are snobbish but they are probably girls who would be so, whether Greek or barb. We believe that often the barb has a preconceived idea that a sorority girl must be snobbish and "stuck up" and therefore feels it incumbent upon her to cut short any advances the sorority girl may make. That girls have this opinion is undoubtedly the fault of some sorority girls, but should the exception be taken as the rule and all classed with a few?

Much can be said on both sides and it is not merely the sorority girls who should be willing to do their part. A sorority girl dislikes to be snubbed by a barb just as much as the barb dislikes to be snubbed by her.

If both sides would lay aside little selfish prejudices and preconceived ideas and not let artificial barriers stand in their way, they would find this matter much easier. After all it is a girl's personality which counts, not the fact that she is a member of a sorority or not.

Missouri Alpha.

Some of the Pi Beta Phi freshmen have been thinking of inviting the neutral girls of the class up to our rooms some evening. We are not going to have a formal "affair", but let them amuse themselves for the greater part of the evening, and before time to go home, we shall have a little spread and a sing. In our entertaining we usually invite the people who have the most good times; I think it would be a manifestation of true Pi Phi spirit if we tried to give pleasure to people who have less of our particular sort, to do unto others who cannot do unto us exactly in kind. Nor do I think the girls whom we invite will be the only ones to enjoy and profit by the evening spent in this way.

A Freshman Plan

Vermont Alpha.

It has been a subject for discussion with us this year whether we do not give too little time to Pi Phi and to each other. We are all so busy in college with the thousand and one extra demands on our time, that practically the only time we all get together is at our weekly chapter meetings and at spreads.

Do we Give Enough Time to our Fraternity?

So we decided to try a new plan for awhile, that of spending one whole evening each week at the chapter house, devoting the entire evening to the chapter. Our meetings come on Monday so we decided upon that evening as our chapter night and arranged a schedule something after this fashion: the first Monday of the month to receive our alumnae at the house; the second Monday just have a pleasant evening among ourselves; the third Monday to keep open house and the fourth Monday for the chapter alone.

For some of the girls it will be hard to find so much time to spend in this way, but we hope the plan will work out successfully as a means of drawing us even closer together than we are at present.

Iowa Zeta.

Casting aside all the glamour and fun of fraternity life, what is the secret of fraternity growth and power? The almost universal answer is "true friendships and real sympathy." In no way is this fact made more manifest to the world than by the relations existing between the active chapter and the alumnae.

A Practical Plan

In Maryland Alpha we have tried to some extent to bring about a permanent and strong connection between the two. A girl is sent from the active chapter as a delegate to each regular meeting of the alumnae club, in order to keep in touch with their work and interests. In the same way a delegate from the alumnae club is present at each fraternity meeting. Not only does the active chapter get to know the alumnae as individuals better but there is established that community of interests, which can come only through close and intimate association. Then every six weeks, the alumnae club meets with the active chapter and we spend a pleasant evening together.

Maryland Alpha as a chapter has come to realize as never before its great indebtedness to its alumnae. Not only as a source of power during "rushing," not only financially have they aided us, but by their hearty co-operation and kindness in all our understandings they have made us feel the broader and truer side of fraternity life. In fact we have found our little plan has worked so well, that we would not hesitate to recommend it to other chapters who may wish to do likewise.

Maryland Alpha.

After college days are ended, the average girl is called to enter various lines of work and is soon surrounded by such a multiplicity of interests, that it is easy to allow fraternity affairs to take a second place in her thoughts.

The After College Girl

This is especially true of the girl whose path leads her away from her college town and who is separated from the active chapter. For those girls who settle in a locality where there is

a Pi Phi alumnae club, there is little excuse for the loss of fraternity enthusiasm. It is the chief object of such clubs to maintain and develop the fraternity interest of the "after college" girl.

It should be not merely the privilege but the duty of every Pi Phi who takes up her residence near an alumnae club, to notify the corresponding secretary of that club of her arrival and of her address. Only by so doing can she be sure of the welcome she has a right to expect.

Members of Massachusetts Alpha have often in the past read in the *ARROW* of girls who were visiting or living in Boston, but seldom have they received word from those girls giving the address to which an invitation might be mailed, or where Pi Phis might call and welcome them to the Boston Alumnae Club.

Will not all Pi Phis living in or near Boston send us their addresses so that we may arrange for opportunities of meeting and knowing them?

Massachusetts Alpha.

What is to be done in a small college, where there are only two fraternities and two sororities, to prevent the rivalry and spirit of partizanship from becoming bitter?

College Politics That is one of the hard questions we at Franklin have to face. In a small college where there are necessarily fewer interests than in a university, it is so easy to draw the lines so closely that one cannot see beyond her own sorority and the fraternity she supports. This narrows rather than broadens her horizon.

In our college, that dreadful thing, college politics, is very prominent. There is no rivalry between Greeks and barbs, as is usually the case; instead, the independents line up with one or the other of the two fraternities in all matters; the dominating spirit in politics is rivalry between the two fraternities. This spirit extends to the girls, and the gulf is wider, to all appear-

ances, between the two sororities than between the sorority and non-sorority girls.

We know that this is not the right attitude; it is far from the Pan-Hellenic spirit which should bind all Greeks together in a common brotherhood. But the feeling has grown so insensibly that we are just realizing how far short we fall of that real fraternity spirit which extends beyond one's own chapter and one's own fraternity and includes within its sympathy all those who are striving for the same ends as ourselves. The only way to overcome this grave fault seems to be to begin now and be interested in those girls and like those girls with an interest and a liking second only to that given the girls in our own chapter. Only then can we appreciate the real meaning of the word fraternity.

*Leta Theodora Hall,
Indiana Alpha.*

Nebraska Beta has a question to ask. Has any Pi Phi chapter ever had a real "open house" day? a day when the girls received all their college friends, whether Greek, *Open House* barb or faculty member? We feel that such a reception given rather early in the year might make our college acquaintances more numerous and do away with a great deal of the clanishness of fraternity life.

How often the school year is half spent before we "know" many of the people whom we meet day after day in the class room! They say, "She is so and so but I've never met her." Why not give them the opportunity?

Could not the "open house" help us to a wider and very pleasant acquaintance? Perhaps other chapters have had some experience with an affair of this kind. If so, did it prove successful?

Nebraska Beta.

Since all too soon, fall and the "rushing" season will have come again, it might be well to think a little about not rushing, but recommending girls to other chapters than our own. Anyone who has done any rushing whatever, can tell you how differently she has been affected by different letters of recommendation.

The Letter of Recommendation

It is only natural for a Pi Phi whose friend is going to a different college than her own, to wish that this might not prevent the friend from becoming a Pi Phi. Should she not, however, keep the personal element out of her letter of recommendation, just as she does, or should, keep it out of the rushing in her own chapter? Every chapter wants to know something about the standing, the character, the ability, and the personality of a possible Pi Phi; and this is the information which an ideal letter of recommendation gives. The fact that the letter is written is taken by a chapter as evidence that the writer is a friend of the girl in question; so why take the time and exhaust the patience of a corresponding secretary by long accounts of your friendship, or, as some one has said, by "weeping copiously in words," at the thought that your friend might not be made a Pi Phi? Conditions and needs are so different in different chapters, that even though the girl necessarily remains the same,—good, sweet and womanly, the qualities which would make her ideal for your chapter might be passed by unnoticed by another chapter whose needs are different. A letter containing a strong personal appeal places a chapter in a very trying position, and is apt even to prejudice it against a girl. May we not, then, as I have said, keep as far as possible this personal-friendship element out of our letters of recommendation?

Illinois Epsilon.

Alumnae Department

Julia Ellen Rogers

Some months ago there was organized, under the auspices of *County Life in America*, "The Nature Club of America." To be numbered among the "Secretaries of Nature" of the advisory board, in the goodly company of John Burroughs, Ernest Thompson Seton, and Anna Botsford Comstock, is the well earned honor of Julia Ellen Rogers, Iowa Zeta 1892, author of *The Tree Book*, and a worthy daughter of Pi Beta Phi.

Miss Rogers found "tongues in trees" at a very early age; for it was her fortune to spend her childhood on a farm in the splendid middle west with its rolling prairies and vernal woods where "every flower enjoys the air it breathes." She was born on a farm in La Salle county, Illinois, on January twenty-first, 1866. Three years later the family moved to Minburn, Iowa, and settled on a farm, which was called by this family of tree-lovers, "The Larches," and which is still the family home.

Daniel Farrand Rogers, the father of Miss Rogers, is the son of the anti-slavery reformer, jurist, and editor of *The Herald of Freedom* of Concord, New Hampshire. He was himself a pioneer farmer and educator, breaking the virgin prairie of his new home in the west during the spring and summer months and teaching the district school through the winter. He was a man of broad education through wide reading, and was a public spirited leader in the intellectual and moral life of the community. Her mother, Ruth Llewellyn Rogers, was a graduate of the Washington, Pennsylvania, Female Seminary, one of the earliest colleges for women. It required courage and an unswerving devotion to high ideals for a young woman to "gradu-



JULIA E. ROGERS
Iowa Zeta

ate" in those days, when to aspire to anything further than the ability to read and write and cipher was regarded with suspicion by one's thrifty Pennsylvania neighbors, not to mention the "awful waste of money goin' to school when you might save it up agin' the time you're married." But Ruth Llewellyn having the requisite courage, braved public opinion and "graduated." Afterwards she taught school until the time of her marriage. Daniel Farrand and Ruth Llewellyn Rogers are the parents of eight children—three daughters and five sons—every one of whom in turn has been college trained. The sons are all physicians. One daughter, Mary Rogers Miller, wife of Wilhelm Miller, of Doubleday, Page and Company, and author of the *Brook Book*, was for seven years before her marriage lecturer on nature study from Cornell University to the teachers in the institutes of the state of New York.

Julia Ellen Rogers received her early training in the village school at Minburn, where her father had taught for several terms. Later she spent two winters at the high school in Adel, Iowa, and a spring term in Callanan college where she earned by competitive examination a year's scholarship. During these years of preparation she taught country schools, spring and fall terms, and from 1885 to 1887 she was first primary teacher in Dallas Centre, Iowa. In the fall of 1887, she entered the Iowa City Academy and was graduated in the following June. She entered the State University of Iowa in September, 1888, and was graduated with the degree of Ph. B. in 1892. Upon the occasion of her graduation she was chosen as one of six commencement speakers, which was one the highest honors conferred by the University at that time. In 1902 she was elected to membership in Iowa Alpha of Phi Beta Kappa.

Miss Rogers was initiated into Iowa Zeta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi in the fall of 1888, and was one of the most helpful members of the organization throughout her University course. She was sent by Iowa Zeta as a delegate to the Grand Chapter in Galesburg in 1890, and again to Lawrence in 1892.

After her graduation from the University of Iowa, Miss Rogers was elected principal of the high school at Worthington, Minnesota, which position she held for two years. It was in 1894 that she began her special line of work as an instructor in biology in the East Des Moines (Iowa) High School. In 1900 she gave up her pedagogical work to enter Cornell University (New York) as a special student in Agriculture and Entomology, taking the degree of Master of Science in Agriculture in 1902, and assisting in the meantime as instructor in the Cornell Summer Schools of Nature Study. After taking her degree she continued her work as lecturer on nature study subjects in the Chautauqua Summer Schools, in New York and Brooklyn, in teachers' institutes in Pennsylvania, in the Summer School of the South at Knoxville, Tennessee, and at Chautauqua Assemblies at Battle Creek, Michigan.

In 1902, Miss Rogers published *Among Green Trees* (A. W. Mumford, Chicago), and three years later *The Tree Book* (Doubleday, Page and Company, New York). *The Tree Book* is "a thoroughly practical, accurate, exhaustive Manual of North American Trees written by one whose knowledge is based upon an intelligent love for trees." Her "tree-biographies" form more than a popular guide to a knowledge of the trees, they are appreciations, delightful word pictures which arouse all the reader's latent love of the woods. Old memories of the "nibblin' an' a-browsin' of the bushes" are revived. One can almost feel again the fur of the young butternuts, taste the piquant flavour of the haw, and smell the "exquisite, spicy, stimulating fragrance of the wild crab-apple." *The Tree Book* is superbly illustrated by A. Radclyffe Dugmore. There are sixteen plates in color and nearly three hundred and fifty photographs. Most of the latter are detail studies of buds, blossoms, leaves and fruit.

Miss Rogers is now engaged in writing *The Shell Book*, which will also be published by Doubleday, Page and Company. In the preparation of it, she spent the spring and summer of 1905 in Florida and at the Marine Biological Laboratory at Woods Holl, Massachusetts, studying the molluscan life of the gulf coast and

North Atlantic beaches. She is now in Southern California studying the Pacific coast forms. It is Miss Rogers' plan to make *The Shell Book* as practical, accurate and exhaustive, and no doubt as entertaining, a manual as *The Tree Book*. With her unbounded energy and enthusiasm for her work the finished product is sure to meet all the plans and specifications.

B. M. H. S.

BOSTON ALUMNAE CLUB

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by the Boston Alumnae Club on Saturday, February twenty-third, when they entertained the patronesses of Massachusetts Alpha at the home of Ruth P. Dennis, in Brookline. After a few musical selections an enthusiastic discussion took place concerning the alumnae work and its importance, and our patronesses gave us many valuable suggestions. Refreshments were served and the social hour passed all too soon. The patronesses of the chapter are Mrs. E. Charlton Black, of Cambridge, Mrs. James Geddes of Brookline, Miss Malvina M. Bennett of Wellesley, Mrs. Joseph R. Taylor of Cambridge, Mrs. Judson B. Coit of Melrose Highlands, and Mrs. Susan S. Tyndale of Boston.

THE LOS ANGELES CLUB

The Los Angeles Alumnae Club needs, perhaps, a few words of introduction. It was officially organized December the thirteenth, nineteen hundred and six. A few years ago an attempt to form a Pi Beta Phi organization in this city was made, but met with but small success, and after a few meetings the project was abandoned. In December Mrs. Flora Sigler Carver of Iowa Beta, through newspaper notices and personal notes to all Pi Phis whose names she could obtain, called a meeting.

Los Angeles is such a decidedly cosmopolitan city that at the first meeting at the home of Mrs. Carver of the twenty-three present there were hardly two from the same chapter. The officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. Stewart Ross, California Beta; vice-president, Mrs. Chas. Carver, Iowa Beta; secretary and treasurer, Isabelle Hamilton, Ohio Beta, and corresponding secretary, Free Burnham, Massachusetts Alpha. The third Tuesday of each month was assigned as the day of meeting.

During the Christmas holidays the club gave a cookie shine in favor of the active girls home from Berkeley and Stanford. In the early party of February Miss Elda Smith, Grand Secretary, visited in Los Angeles and it was the great pleasure of the alumnae club to meet her at a luncheon given in her honor at Hotel Hayward on February the fifth. Miss Smith gave an informal talk upon alumnae work and of her visit to the northwestern chapters. We are very proud of the membership in our chapter of several I. C's.

Los Angeles and Pasadena are visited during the winter months by thousands of strangers and we hope that among that number may be many Pi Phis who will make themselves known to us. We shall be glad to welcome all visitors to our club meetings, or if a member is to be in the city but for a limited time one of our calling committee will be glad to call or render any assistance that may be desired. Communication with the club may be made through Isabelle Hamilton, secretary, 2723 West 8th St., Los Angeles. At present we have a list of seventy-five Pi Phis and I. C's in the city or within a short distance and the outlook for a strong alumnae club is most promising.

FREE BURNHAM.

THE PHILADELPHIA CLUB

The Philadelphia Club of Pi Beta Phi was reorganized early in the fall according to the amendments to the constitution regarding clubs, made at the last convention. The girls are heartily in favor of the new ruling, for they think it will bring all the

alumnae in closer touch with each other and with the active chapters.

This year, we have invited the active chapter at Swarthmore to meet with us. On March sixth, they entertained us at college in the afternoon, and in the evening, we had the pleasure of attending an initiation, at which we pledged ourselves anew to the work of Pi Beta Phi.

Our meetings are held every two or three weeks, every other one being on Saturday, at the homes of the different girls. Our business meetings have been short except the ones devoted to the study of the constitution, history and policy of the fraternity. The rest of the time is spent in social intercourse and refreshments are served.

The officers are: President, Ethel Griest Snyder; vice-president, Mary Cooper Johnson; secretary, Deborah Ferrier; treasurer, Helen I. Rogers.

We should be glad if the active chapters would send to the secretary the names of any of their alumnae living in or near Philadelphia.

DEBORAH FERRIER.

Personals

VERMONT BETA

Mrs. Arthur D. Welch, nee Katheryne Gebhardt, '01, is living in Denver, Colorado.

Roberta Campbell, '06, is teaching in Grand Isle.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Jennie B. Allyn has met with bereavement in the recent loss of her father, a prominent business man in Cambridge.

Beth Brainard, '05, has returned to Freeville, N. Y., where she is teaching at the George Junior Republic.

M. Lillian Horne, '05, is teaching at Berwick, Me.

Mrs. David D. Nickerson (Anna Robinson) is spending a month in Savannah.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

The engagement of Ferne Frick Braddock to Edgar Taft Stevenson was announced February the fourteenth.

Florence Bacon spent several days in town at the home of Jennie Davis-Phillips.

Inez Fike visited in town several weeks ago.

Missouri Wolfgang spent Saturday and Sunday with us shortly after the holidays.

Margaret Kalp and Jean Hopewood spent some time at the latter's home at Plymouth, about the middle of February.

Sara M. Black, '00, is private secretary to Dr. Reed, President of Dickinson College.

Mary Stephens, '99, is teaching in the public schools in Clayton, N. J.

Dr. Mary M. Wolfe, '96, head of the woman's department of the Pennsylvania State Hospital at Norristown, was highly complimented by the legislature's commission appointed to inquire into the condition of state hospitals. The report of the commission reads: "The frightful overcrowding of the Norristown hospital made clear to the members of the commission the wonderful ability of Dr. Mary M. Wolfe, who carries the entire burden of the responsibility of the hospital. It proved just how remarkable the woman must be to preserve the splendid discipline, the almost perfect management that prevails at the institution despite all the overcrowding."

Rachal E. Eddelman, '04, is teaching in the high school in Greensburg, Ind., her home.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Mrs. Crosswight was a guest at our Valentine reception and dance.

Gertrude Heller will spend a few days with us at Easter.

OHIO ALPHA

Charlotte Wilson, one of our last year's chapter, who lives in Germantown, Pa., spent the Christmas holidays at Athens.

Helen Foster, one of our active girls was married January twenty-first to Mr. Morgan of Beta Theta Pi.

To Marjory Ullom-Stalder, a daughter, Mary Ashman, was born February twenty-second.

On February twenty-seventh May Rhea was married to James Wood, Phi Delta Theta.

Helen Roach-Dexauer, one of our alumnae, who lives in Chillicothe, Ohio, spent several days in Athens last week.

OHIO BETA

Martha Jones and Gertrude Jackson spent a few days with us in February.

Mrs. Noble Praig (Kate Blakely of Indiana Beta) is now living in Columbus.

INDIANA BETA

Opal Havens, Carolyn Reid, Flora Traylor and Kate Blakely-Praig visited us for two weeks this semester.

Mrs. Edith Clark-Burr visited our chapter the latter part of February.

Opal Havens, '06, has accepted the principalship of the Ladoga High School for the remainder of this term.

Mary Sample is not in college this term. She is teaching in the Greenfield schools.

INDIANA GAMMA

Sara Patterson has accepted a position to teach English and history in the Greenfield High School.

Born to Ethel Roberts-Loop, a daughter, Mary. Mr. Loop has been appointed vice consul to Manitoba, and they will go to Winnipeg to live in April.

Ruth Elstun and Frances Doan will be in college next term.

ILLINOIS BETA

Elice Crissey of Avon, visited Lombard recently.

Lora Adele Townsend, '99, was married to Frederick Dickin-
son on the fifth of last February.

Louise Newman, '09, was unable to return to college after
the Thanksgiving vacation.

Caroline Hurd of Maquon, visited Illinois Beta recently to
attend a domino party given by the chapter.

A son was born to Edna Uhler-Gilman during the month of
February.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Born, to Myrella Johnston-Thomas, a daughter.

Julia Carr-Jackson is visiting her parents in Galesburg.

Lillian Bergold, Indiana Gamma, of Macomb, Ill., visited
Elizabeth Gard the first of March.

Born, to Elizabeth Root-Berry, a daughter.

Jessie Van Clute-Johnson and son, of Providence, R. I., are
spending a few weeks in Galesburg.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Nina Williams, '06, is teaching near Los Angeles, California.

Eleanor Just, '05, is teaching in Windom, Minnesota.

Josephine Collyer was a guest at the Delta Upsilon house,
during the Junior Prom week, at Ann Arbor.

Grace Doland-Paul has been appointed head of the Oratory
Department of the Lakeside Conservatory of Music.

Lucy Derickson-Monier of Bosworth, Mo., has been visiting
her sister in Kenilworth.

Mabel Ellis has been appointed superintendent of a private
kindergarten on the North-side.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Edith Clark-Burr, '02, spent several days in February with us.

Mildred Harriman, ex-'09, of Chicago, visited at the house
March eighth to twelfth.

Virginia Busey of Urbana, gave a house party for ten guests in February.

Ruth Wealthy Clark was married January twenty-third to John T. Lynn of Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Born, to Laura Busey-Fulton of Sycamore, a son.

Florence Warner of Illinois Delta, who was here in library school last year, spent a few days at the house the first of February. She is in the Lincoln Library in Springfield.

Born, to Mary Henderson-Fletcher, a son.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Annie Vernor was married to Charles McKinley, Phi Delta Theta, on January twelfth.

Florence Myers announces her engagement to Frank E. Baker, Alpha Tau Omega.

Helen Vernor has announced her engagement to Harold Williams.

Winnifred Whaley visited the college for several days.

Jennie Updyke and Blanche Merrifield were here to attend the Alpha Tau Omega banquet given on February twenty-second.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miriam Reed, '00, to Charles Austin Tibbals, an instructor in the Chemistry department of the University.

Edna Ingalls, '06, visited the chapter for several days at the opening of this semester.

Hazel Schelp and Katherine McHugh, ex-'09, were the guests of the chapter during Junior Prom week.

Millie Askew, '04, was married to Theodore Werder of Ashland, January sixteenth.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Caroline McKnight Hughes has gone to Fairfax, Virginia, where she will make her future home.

Mrs. Louise Morris-Montfort is living in Blaine, Wash.

Mrs. David Gamble is spending the winter months in California.

Mrs. Ralph Gillette will spend the summer abroad. Her party sails May first from New York. Mrs. Gillette has been taking a post-graduate course at the University this winter.

Monica Keating is traveling in the East with her sister, and is being greatly benefited in health by the change.

Agnes Merritt Watson, '06, and Harry Miller, Theta Delta Chi, will be married on April twenty-fourth in St. Paul.

IOWA ALPHA

Ada Augspurger of Pulaski, is again with us.

Verna Scott spent Sunday with us a few days ago.

Maud Adams, ex-'06, has gone to Idaho for her health.

Ullena Ingersoll spent a few days recently with Stella Guthrie-Goodrich, ex-'06, of Oscaloosa, Ia.

Madelon Medes of Fairfield, who was forced to leave college the latter part of the semester on account of her eyes, spent a few days with us last week and attended the initiation ceremony of Margaret Philippi.

Grace Hancher-Beck and Mamie Brenholts of Iowa Alpha, attended the installation of our chapter at Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isett will make their future home in Oregon. Mrs. Isett (Agnes Severs, '05) spent two weeks at the home of her parents in Centerville, before moving.

Edith Young expects to accompany her parents to Arizona where they are to spend the summer.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Rogers, a daughter, Margaret Virginia, November eighth.

Born, a son, Edwin Dale, to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Johnson, January seventeenth.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Isett, a son, Donald Severs, December twenty-seventh.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gloeckler have adopted a baby boy.

IOWA GAMMA

Born, to Winnifred Thompson-Overholser, '05, a daughter.

Louise Rowe, '04, was down a few days at the beginning of the term.

Emma Leonard, '07, and Vera Dixon, '08, visited a few days with the Iowa Beta girls, the last of February.

IOWA ZETA

A late number of *Music and Musicians* has this and more to say of the work of Mrs. Jessie Gaynor, Iowa Zeta.

"In the realm of American pedagogics we have among many "methodists" a few unquestioned masters who are modestly content to "dig" for the nuggets of truth and put to ennobling use the simple facts of worth discovered in the rough and among the dross; and who do the little things well and simply—and other—and still other little things well, until their truly kind and whole-hearted acts swell into a mighty river of educative beneficence. Such a power in the eyes of an appreciative musical profession is the general result of the various educational activities of that indubitably gifted woman-musician, Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor. Surely, out of her thoroughly fervent endeavors and well rounded experience in studying the true needs of the child life, and judging from two recent little master-study albums has this lady taught the glorious lesson of *what to eliminate* in order that the child's attentive concentration may not be interrupted in his endeavor to master *that which it is essential for him to acquire*.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Anna Hudson of Carrollton, Missouri, is visiting in Columbia.

Mrs. Turpin, the mother of Mabel Turpin, has been spending several weeks at the chapter house.

Boda Fuller, who left college the first semester on account of typhoid fever, has returned for the second semester.

Eula McCune of Bowling Green, Missouri, spent several weeks at the chapter house during the latter part of January.

Miss Organ, our chaperone, recently spent a couple of weeks at her home.

KANSAS ALPHA

Mary Buckles, Frances Shryock, Anna Lanter, Alice Duncan, Nina Fell, Cecil Leland, Ruth Williston, Mary Kellogg and Clara Carr came back for the spring party, February eighth.

Nadine Nowlin, '03, has been offered the "Traveling Fellowship" at Bryn Mawr, but has decided to remain another year at Kansas University, where she is now teaching zoology.

Anne Stuart, our province president, will visit us sometime during March.

Mrs. Almore W. Copley, '05, of Pittsburg, Pa., has been visiting Senator and Mrs. Long in Washington.

The engagement of Leslie Hill, '05, to Dr. Thomas Chandler of Boston, has been announced. The wedding will take place June fifth.

Jessie Hill-Sayre will move from Lawrence to Topeka this summer.

June Uhrich of Atchison visited Edna Dinsmore, '06, during January.

The Founder's Day Banquet will be held at the home of Mrs. L. H. Perkins. The proceeds are to go to the fund for the new Pi Phi house.

NEBRASKA BETA

Alice Arnold is now living in National City, California.

Bess Heacock-Gould visited the chapter house in January.

The active chapter was delightfully entertained by Mrs. Richardson who has recently moved into a beautiful new home in Lincoln.

On February twenty-third, 1907, Inis Everett was married to S. W. Stirns of California.

Oda Closson of Kansas City, Mo., is expected in Lincoln soon. Mrs. Frances J. Plynm has moved to Niles, Michigan.

Carrie Slocum of Falls City is visiting Mrs. Marion Gray in Los Angeles, Cal.

Anne Stuart, province president, will soon return to Lincoln after an extended trip through the south.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Kate Dillard-Butler is the proud mother of a little girl.

The engagement of Alba Beauregard to Henry Richardson is announced.

Daisy Charles has announced her engagement to Udolph Wolfe.

Adair Monroe Taylor was married a few months ago to Governor Wyatt Aiken and is now residing in Washington.

Florence Ellis Zacherie was married to Captain Nicholls and is now residing in Springfield, Mass.

Celia Rainey has entered the Training School of the New Orleans Sanitarium.

Anne Stuart, Gamma Province President, spent Carnival week with the Louisiana Alpha chapter.

Among visitors to the chapter hall may be mentioned Miss Whiddon of Wisconsin Alpha.

The engagement of Charlotte Payne to Mr. Polk is announced.

Mary Campbell has been initiated into the active chapter.

The engagement of Nora Maclean to Mr. Bell is announced.

Hattie Waters, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Smithers, in New York, returned to New Orleans to make her debut.

Alice Monroe is taking post-graduate English at Tulane University.

Lucy Elliott is taking post-graduate German and English.

TEXAS ALPHA

Anne Stuart, our Province President, visited us during our State Reunion.

Emily White, Rose Edmond, Ada Belle Williford, Elizabeth Evans, Mrs. McLeod, Nora Hummel, all of Texas Alpha, came to the reunion.

Miss Anna R. Glenn, an I. C., attended our banquet.

Mrs. Bates M. Allen, Illinois Delta, of Texarkana, was with us reunion week.

Emily Maverick, who returned to San Antonio after rushing season last fall, is again an active member.

Ellen W. Wooldridge was married to Frank V. Lanham, Beta Theta Pi, the first part of January.

COLORADO ALPHA

Mabel Pughe was married January seventeenth to Oscar L. Foster of Denver. She traveled through the southern and eastern states but is at home now in Denver.

Pi Beta Phi gave a handkerchief shower for Mabel Foster.

Margaret Helps and Maude McKenzie lately entertained in honor of Mabel Foster.

Mrs. McHarg entertained for Mabel Foster at a "cookie-shine" for all the active and alumnae Pi Phis in Boulder. Sixty-five sat down and it was a most enthusiastic evening.

Myrtle Hockings has gone east for a visit with her mother.

Rosetta Bell is assisting in some literary work at the University this year.

Fanny Plummer-Morton spent six weeks at the Pi Phi house during the illness of Honor Plummer.

Mrs. Kelley took lunch at the lodge one day when the Legislature came to the University.

Donny Armstrong is to be married this spring to Russell Stubbs of La Junta.

Helen Stidger has gone east for a visit, and will spend some time with Clara Morse Winner.

Aimee Herron spent several days at the Pi Phi lodge. She came over especially for the Sophomore German.

Elizabeth Downer is now in Boulder, having spent several months in Denver.

Mrs. James Giffin gave a tea for the active girls February nineteenth, in honor of Miss Elda Smith, Grand Secretary.

Mary Louise Wangelin will be married the last of March to Alfred Elliott, and will make her future home in Arizona.

Elsie Whitmore gave a shower for Lulu Wangelin, March second. The active chapter had a handkerchief shower for her.

COLORADO BETA

Edna Stickney is back in college this term, she was teaching in the mountains the first term.

Mary E. Wallihan is teaching in the high school in Julesburg, Colorado.

Sarah White is to be married on April fourth to I. U. Smith, a Beta Theta Pi of Kansas University. They will live in Fay, Oklahoma, where Mr. Smith is cashier of a bank.

Pauline Huffine is teaching in Garos, Colorado.

Helen Grant has left college owing to the illness of her mother.

CALIFORNIA BETA

Blanche Cameron graduated in December and is now living at her home in San Francisco.

Estelle Wilson is teaching in the high school at Etna Mills.

Bertha Crawford is teaching this year.

Mary Martinstine visited us for several days last month.

Elizabeth Stetson is out of college on account of illness.

Daisy French-Howard is living in Berkeley.

In Memoriam

KATE HUDSON ROBINSON

Kate Linn Hudson was born in Ripon, Wisconsin, February twenty-third, 1865. She was graduated, B. S., from the State University of Iowa in June, 1888, and taught in the schools of Sioux City and Omaha. On June 26, 1890, she was married to Frank B. Robinson, of Iowa City, also a graduate of the classical and professional schools of the University of Iowa, A.B., 1885, LL.B., 1888. They have lived in Sioux City, Iowa, where Mr. Robinson built up a large law practice, and here their three sons, Levi C., Wilbur H., and Bernard L., were born. Mrs. Robinson died at Newton, Kansas, on November fourteenth, 1906. Her sister, Isabelle Hudson Cartwright, Iowa Zeta, of Denver, survives her.

In the intimate circle of her home, first of all, then in the fraternity chapter and in the social activities of university life, and afterward in the home she made in Sioux City, I came to know and love the rare woman whose untimely death lays upon so many people a sense of personal sorrow. Her abundant hospitality was but one phase of the unselfishness of a nature whose life it was to give of itself for others. In how many unobtrusive ways this desire found expression only her many friends know.

I need not tell anyone who knew Mrs. Robinson that self-forgetfulness was the dominant element in her character, nor point out for them the truth they already know that in her was a blending of those high qualities that make our ideal of womanhood. Out of her eyes looked a soul which loved life and humanity, and was utterly incapable of uncharitable thought or act. As a teacher, her success was due to the strength and charm of that rare personality. It was so throughout her life. How well I remember the saving sense of humor that robbed

daily routine of stale monotony, and took the hurt out of petty annoyances.

That a spirit so gentle and unaggressive can be so potent an influence in the world is not an enigma to any, except to itself. Mrs. Robinson would have disclaimed any wider sphere of influence than her home. Yet this home was a center of inspiration whose widening circles are not interrupted by her early death.

JULIA ELLEN ROGERS.

Editorials

Two new chapters of Pi Beta Phi claim the congratulations and good wishes of the fraternity. Washington Alpha was installed January fifth with twenty charter members and with the cordial support and sympathy of every alumna in the state. If the power to work hard and wait patiently spells success, the future of the new chapter is very bright. It is five years since a little group of girls at Washington State University first turned their thoughts toward Pi Beta Phi, and ever since in the face of many discouragements their efforts to win the fraternity of their choice have not ceased. Their pluck, their good sense, their readiness to receive and act upon every suggestion have gained for them first the co-operation of the alumnae, then the interest of the council and finally the hearty support of the whole fraternity.

In a large and rapidly growing state university, facing the competition of strong rivals, and having a keen sense of the responsibility that comes with its charter, the new chapter starts out under conditions that will bring either signal success or conspicuous failure. And it will surely not be failure!

Missouri Beta began its life as a chapter on March twenty-second with the installation of a group of girls at Washington University, St. Louis. Our newest chapter is young as an or-

ganization but its members have worked together long enough to amply prove their ability to maintain a successful chapter. They have strong alumnae support, plenty of energy and enthusiasm, and the confidence of the whole fraternity. Pi Beta Phi expects to be very proud of her two youthful Washingtons.

In the matter of high school fraternities, we all know the recommendations of the Inter-Sorority Conference and have read sundry communications on the subject in fraternity magazines as well as in the daily press. Yet no fraternity this far has had an expression of opinions from its active membership,—a body which is very vitally interested. In order to present the viewpoint of the active member we have asked each of our chapters to outline for the *ARROW* its sentiments about high school sororities, and almost every chapter has responded either by special article or in the chapter letter.

It was not to be expected that there should be unanimity one way or the other, but as may be seen the majority of the chapters think that the high school sorority is an evil and that it ought to be discouraged. It is bad because it develops snobbishness, because its members are too immature to grasp the real meaning of fraternity life, and because these so-called sororities spoil a girl for the college fraternity by giving her a too early and very superficial experience of fraternity life. About the only positive argument advanced in favor of these sororities is that the young girl has the same right to form and enjoy them as has her older sister. And this is hardly convincing, since we must all admit that it is sometimes not right and often not expedient for the girl of fourteen to enjoy all the pleasures and privileges of eighteen.

Some of those chapters which most heartily deplore the existence of secret societies in the high schools disapprove of the recommendation that college fraternities bar the members of such organizations. They justly urge that only a small proportion of the high school sorority expect to go to college, and those

who do are not sure of an invitation to a fraternity. The ban of the college fraternities would therefore have little effect in suppressing the high school organization and would result merely in depriving the college chapter of some girls who would naturally belong to them. There is certainly sound common sense in this objection.

It must be remembered, however, that if the recommendation of the Conference be adopted, there will be directed against the high school sorority not simply the combined strength of all the woman's fraternities but the *total* strength of each. Alumnae as well as active will be enlisted. If the active chapters were left to take this step unsupported, its effectiveness would be questionable, but they will have no mean allies in two strong alumnae forces, the mother and the teacher. The more sensible mothers are strongly discountenancing high school sororities with their follies and extravagances, and the fraternity mother has additional reasons for so doing because she has at heart the dignity of her fraternity and because she would not wish her daughter to disqualify herself for membership in it. And the fraternity mother exerts considerable influence on her generation since college bred women were considerably rarer in her day than now.

As for the fraternity teacher she is probably nearly as numerous as the fraternity mother, and like the latter exerts, through her training in leadership, an influence over her pupils somewhat out of proportion to her numbers. For reasons unnecessary to discuss, high school teachers, whether fraternity members or not, are a unit in their opposition to the school secret societies. We have yet to meet one who does not consider them an unmitigated nuisance if not an actual evil. Chapters voting for the Conference recommendation may safely reckon on the approval and support of every alumna now teaching in a secondary school.

From another point of view the college fraternity is under obligation to help in suppressing the high school organizations because, to speak plainly, it is largely responsible for their existence and present strength. It is even safe to say that without the college fraternities there never would have been a high school

fraternity. Of course they did not in the beginning encourage the younger organizations deliberately. They merely made much of the outward and visible signs of fraternity life,—the rushing, the pins, the gay good times,—and their youthful admirers and imitators straightway resolved to have pins and rushing and good times too. But the high school societies once started, the influence of the fraternity has not been quite so innocently exerted. Too often it has deliberately mothered the preparatory organization, which rightly managed serves admirably as a feeder for the college chapter. Of course no fraternity has officially sanctioned such a practice but chapters and individuals have made use of it repeatedly and "getting a hold in a prep school frat" has been a common if unrecognized source of chapter strength. We can call to mind a chapter of one fraternity which has for several years suggested the members for its protege, planned their mock initiations, acted as their social guides and generally trained them for membership in the college chapter. If that chapter is today reaping its reward in a membership clannish, blase and superficial, it has only itself to thank for it.

It is entirely possible that the suggestion of the Inter-Sorority Conference is not the best solution of the problem. If not, let us find a better. But at all events, the college fraternity for the sake of its own prestige and dignity and for the character of its future membership should co-operate with the parents, school authorities and state legislatures and use its considerable influence toward the suppression of the high school secret society.

A friend, not a Pi Beta Phi, has kindly contributed the article on the life of the girl music student in Berlin. In that connection we are glad to call attention to the work of the American Woman's Club in Berlin which was founded in 1894 to give young American women studying in that city a common center for help and companionship. The newcomer may also receive suggestions concerning lodgings or information about the city, if she so desires. If any of our fraternity are planning to spend

any time in Berlin it is recommended that they become members of the club. For further information address the director, Miss Ellen A. Hunt, at the club rooms Kleist Strasse 11 W., Berlin, Germany.

Any chapters or alumnae having copies of the *ARROW* before 1891, which are not needed for their own chapter files, will confer a great favor by writing Louisiana Alpha, as the chapter at Newcomb is exceedingly anxious to add to its file for the years previous to its installation. Also anyone having *ARROWS* for the year 1899-1900 and for January, 1905, is urged to send them to the editor if they can be spared. The editions for those issues are entirely exhausted and a few copies are greatly needed for completing files.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

The winter season here at college is usually comparatively quiet and this season has been no exception to the general rule. It is a period of rest, or rather a period for study, between the gayeties of the fall term and the irresistible out-of-door charms of the spring.

On the twenty-second of February, the college held its Washington's Birthday banquet as usual. The many who were present enjoyed a so-called Valley Forge repast and an exceptionally fine musical and literary program. The chief social feature in our fraternity life, has been a Valentine party at which we entertained many of our friends. Our reception rooms, thanks to our artistic girls, were very prettily trimmed with smilax which was strung with deep red hearts of various sizes. As was very appropriate for the occasion, Cupid and his arrow and the many bleeding hearts were very much in evidence. His story was told on the tally cards, on the paper napkins and even on the little cakes. I am sure he did not wound anyone too deeply, for all seemed to be happy

As regards the existence of sororities in the preparatory schools, we would like to say that the general opinion of Vermont Alpha is against them. One of the chief objections seems to be that they are apt to be too "cliquey" and this causes a great deal of rivalry and unpleasantness. Another objection is the age of the average high school girls. They are almost too young to govern a society on the true fraternity basis.

Vermont Alpha sends a rather early but hearty Easter greeting to her Pi Phi sisters.

MABEL E. STEVENSON.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(Chartered 1898)

The time which has passed since our last chapter letter has been very busy for Vermont Beta. Just before the February examinations we initiated Gene Chapin. At the initiation and banquet which followed we were very glad to have with us two girls from Vermont Alpha. Immediately following initiation came the semester examinations and these took all of our time for two weeks. Scarcely had the students recovered from the effects of such a strain, when they were called upon to entertain delegates for the State Y. W. C. A. Convention. This, however, was not a task but a pleasure, especially since we saw some of our Vermont Alpha sisters again.

Only a short time ago, one of the faculty women gave an illustrated lecture on her trip abroad, and on Longfellow's birthday a Longfellow party was given at the gymnasium. A great many of the students dressed in costume, thus removing much of the formality so likely to attend such a function.

In our own chapter we have been in no means lifeless. Pi Phi had a pleasant Christmas tree and later several candy pulls. Then too we have enjoyed visits recently from Gertrude Johnston and Grace Strong '06 and from May Conro, 02.

Vermont Beta sends greetings to all sister chapters.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

Since the writing of the last chapter letter events of great interest have been occurring in our college world. The ground which we all looked upon as the future site of our new University buildings has been sold. A much finer location in a splendid part of the city is now under consideration. Organized plans are under way for the raising of money; en-

thusiastic banquets are held for the discussion of the new movement by those interested in it throughout the city; and—what is perhaps of keenest interest to the student body as a whole— a large mass meeting was held in University Hall last week, where college spirit rose to such a pitch that it guaranteed ten thousand dollars to be paid by the students alone.

It is easy to see how such an atmosphere invigorates and stimulates in turn fraternity life. On the fifteenth of February we girls of the active chapter were entertained by one of our alumnae in the cleverest manner. Of course the whole evening was planned to bring out the idea of Valentine's Day. Even the invitations were little candy hearts tied with ribbon and all the amusements and prizes had some bearing on the general scheme. The house at which we were entertained is in the suburbs of the city, and as one of the surprises of the evening two big stage coaches had been engaged to take us all out. It was cold and clear and crisp. The horses seemed to have entered into the fun of the affair with the mischievous intention of making the ride out a success. They did succeed in making the front seat with the driver very popular as well as exciting.

On the first of April we are to hold our annual Easter dance, this year combining the regular stereotyped dance with opportunities at least, for a variation in the program arising from the nature of the date we have chosen. As yet however it is mostly anticipation and vague ideas.

As a chapter the girls of Columbia Alpha are decidedly opposed to high school sororities.

We feel that the good which they may accomplish does not begin to balance the ill effects which arise from ignorance of the nature and true motives of genuine fraternity life. The sentiment of the chapter, however, is in favor of a six or at least five years' notice to possible candidates for high school sororities before the going into effect of a law which shall have such definite and far reaching results.

Columbia Alpha sends best wishes to the other chapters for a successful Spring.

HELEN M. EVANS.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1892)

We girls of Pennsylvania Alpha have seen busy times since the writing of the last Arrow letter. Mid-year examinations have been safely gotten through with, and we have added two new members to our chapter, Esther Barnes and Anna Campbell. In spite of the work we have managed to have plenty of good times, one of the best being a dance given

by our freshmen as a surprise to the older girls. We all greatly appreciated this, and the way in which the affair was managed spoke well for the future. We have been favored with an unusual number of visits from our alumnae lately which we always more than appreciate and find very pleasant and helpful. We have also greatly enjoyed visits from several girls from other chapters. It is always a pleasure to hear how other girls handle their problems, and many of their hints are most valuable.

Lately our attention, as that of the fraternity world at large, has been much directed toward the high school sorority. We of Pennsylvania Alpha feel quite strongly that this is an evil, and an evil against which action ought very soon to be taken. Much may be said on each side, but in the main we believe that the member of the high school sorority is unfitted to become the best college fraternity woman. In nine cases out of ten the girl forms such close attachments in the preparatory school that she either refuses to break them, or if she does join a fraternity at college does it in a half hearted way. Of course no organization is looking for such members. Again parents often form a wrong idea of real fraternity life through the kind they observe in preparatory school, and look with suspicion upon the college fraternity, simply because they do not in any way appreciate its ideals. Much more might be said on this question but the main point is, if we are going to take a stand against this growing institution now is decidedly the time for it.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

ANNA E. STUBBS.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1895)

Of all the busy times of the year at Bucknell this is the busiest; yes, the rushing is over, but the winter term is the time for social doings, receptions, minstrels, Junior Prom, the sophomore cotillion and the other dances. Then, too, the girls' Dramatic Club, the "Frill and Frown," gives a play "Old Fortunatus" on the fifteenth of March. Dana Bower, one of our juniors, takes the part of "Old Fortunatus" and five other Pi Phis take prominent parts.

The annual College Girls' Reception is over, and five of our girls, Florence Bacon, Anna Lyell, Ida Sames, Bertha Eaches, and Margaret Stevenson were back for it. It was good to have them here, and we wished they had come to stay.

On Thursday, the twenty-first of February, the Dickinson Pi Phis came to visit us. We had always longed to meet another chapter, but we were simply wild when the train that brought them pulled into the sta-

tion and fourteen Pi Phis appeared. Of all the good times we had together! I am sure we shall never forget their visit, and we hope they will come soon again.

Just after the Christmas holidays we initiated three very dear girls. Allow me to introduce to you, Frances Chaffee, Mabel Russell and Mary Meyer.

The advisability of taking in girls who belong to high school sororities, has been our chief topic of conversation for several weeks. We think that it is only the best girls in the high schools who belong to the sororities, and when these girls come to college, they are more often, the ones we want and not the ones who were left out; then too, several of our girls belonged formerly to either high school or seminary sororities, and these are among our most faithful and active girls. Of course we want our girls, who have been sorority girls before, to feel that Pi Beta Phi is "the" fraternity, and any preparatory organization cannot be mentioned in the same breath. If sororities in the high schools were abolished we should be very glad; but there will always be cliques, perhaps without the Greek letters, but cliques nevertheless.

Ten Pennsylvania Beta girls expect to spend a few days of their Easter vacation in Philadelphia and vicinity, and a jolly good time we are going to have.

Pennsylvania Beta sends best wishes to all her sister chapters.

EDNA A. SEAMAN.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1903)

Since our last chapter letter Pennsylvania Gamma has had some very happy times.

On the twenty-first of February fourteen of our girls went to Bucknell University to visit the Pennsylvania Beta chapter, and what a delightful time we had! The Bucknell girls met us at the train and piloted us to the banquet hall where Pi Phis "reigned supreme." Each girl wore a slip of paper bearing her name and class, so we soon learned to know each other and to feel very well acquainted. After songs and little chats we went to the dormitory to meet the pledged girls. The next morning we were entertained by one of the men's fraternities and in the afternoon by the patronesses. These girls are very fortunate in having so many resident alumnae who take such an active interest in their welfare. In the evening the girls gave us a regular Pi Phi cookie-shine. This was an unusually happy occasion. A most loyal spirit seemed to pervade the whole company and I'm sure that more than one girl silently pledged herself anew to her fraternity.

On the thirteenth of February we gave a Valentine reception and dance in Assembly Hall. The walls of the room were decorated with pennants, banners, and emblems of all kinds. The orchestra was hidden by a little forest of greens draped with strings of red hearts. All the other decorating was done in wine and blue and dark red carnations. Each guest was given a tiny red valentine heart pierced with a golden arrow and tied with blue ribbon. On this occasion we introduced our new patroness, Mrs. E. R. Plank.

Since our last Arrow Chi Omega has established a chapter in our college.

Pennsylvania Gamma sends best wishes to all Pi Phis.

HELEN KISNER.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered ——)

We at Syracuse, being afflicted with the proverbial spring tired-feeling, are looking forward with most unscholarly eagerness for the Easter vacation. We are very glad to be able to announce that our rushing is over at last, and to introduce to you our pledgelings; Lonella Walker, Georgia Hoagg, Ethel Froass, Pearl T. Gorham, Irene Barry, Florence Heal and Louise Correll. We consider that we are now, in our fine freshman delegation, more than repaid for the long, tedious rushing season.

We are now rejoicing in a fine new set of dishes—white, with the Pi Beta Phi monogram in gold—which we have succeeded in purchasing after a good deal of trouble and planning.

On the twenty-third of March, we are to have the alumnae and initiation banquet, at which we are expecting to see many of the "old girls."

The Boar's Head, the Syracuse University dramatic club, is just now congratulating itself on the presentation of Sheridan's delightful comedy, "The Rivals," which was considered a most gratifying success. Last year the Boar's Head presented "Macbeth."

New York Alpha sends best wishes to all sister chapters.

LOIS HAWKES.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1904)

We have been very busy with our mid year examinations but at last we have settled down and are taking up our rushing. Every noon at luncheon we entertain the rushees. On Saturday, February sixteenth, we had a party at the home of May Gutelius, a Swarthmore alumna. Early

in the afternoon we had a candy pull and then later a vaudeville. On March ninth, two of our girls are going to give a euchre party to which the Pi Phis and the rushees are invited.

In college, too, several social events have taken place in the last two months. First there was the sophomore dance, then the junior ball, a great event in Barnard. This ball is held every year in the Columbia gymnasium which was decorated this year in blue and white. The sophomores also entertained the seniors a few weeks ago. Each senior was given a heart on which was written the name of a man prominent in history or literature and each sophomore, a heart with the name of a literary woman. Then they compared cards and found partners. Every one had a fine time. One of our girls, Anna Holm, was on the committee.

We Pi Phis of New York have been very much delighted with the visits from girls of other chapters. Miss Keating from Minnesota visited us not long ago.

One of our girls, Sophie P. Woodman, attended a Student's Missionary Convention at Princeton about two weeks ago. It was held under the auspices of the Student Volunteers of New Jersey.

Both Columbia and Barnard have been especially blessed this year in the completion of several new buildings. The time has come, at last, when Barnard can say that she has a dormitory. The building is not completed as yet but will be ready for occupancy next fall. We are to have one of the most beautiful dormitories in the country; two hundred sixty thousand dollars are being spent on it and it will accommodate about eighty girls. It is built on the plan of the Bryn Mawr dormitory. Each floor is to have a kitchenette where the girls will be allowed to make candy. On the main floor there will be several large reception rooms, the matron's suite and a large dining room. The expenses for a girl at Barnard, including tuition, one of the cheaper rooms at the dormitory and board will amount to between five hundred and six hundred dollars a year. The smallest room at the dormitory is to be sixteen feet by eight. Then besides the single rooms one can get beautiful little suites. The dormitory is only about two blocks from college on One Hundred Sixteenth Street and Broadway, near the Columbia buildings and on the same street as the Columbia Library.

Columbia, also, has a new building, Hamilton Hall, which was built for the arts department of the university. The dormitories for the university are also very beautiful and this year there has been a marked increase in the number of students living there. These buildings will accommodate about six hundred men and at present they are completely filled; there is not a room vacant.

Then we have a new chapel on the Columbia campus. Here organ recitals are given every Tuesday for the rest of the year by prominent

organists of this city. Many girls take advantage of this excellent opportunity to hear some of the best music by excellent musicians.

New York Beta has been talking over, as other chapters have probably done, the question of high school sororities. The majority of the girls in our chapter do not believe in these societies. They feel that the high school sororities foster an undemocratic spirit among the girls and that they often cause much bitter feeling, especially if there are two or more of them in the school. We believe, too, that the high school sorority is usually only a social club and that as a rule the girls have no higher aim than just to have a good time. So while we do not believe that they do any great harm we think that high schools would be much better without them.

With best spring-time wishes.

MAUDE I. KLEIN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Massachusetts Alpha has another sister to introduce to you, Mildred Daniels, whom we pledged during the first semester, but who was not initiated until the beginning of the second. The initiation was held at the home of Lora Pratt, in Brookline, and was followed by a cookie-shine. None of our freshmen had ever attended a "shine" and they were all agog to know just what it was like. The guesses that they hazarded were extremely funny, while their questions would have puzzled the proverbial Philadelphia lawyer.

In February we had a delightful visit from Miss Monica Keating of Minnesota Alpha and her sister. We shall all read their Minnesota chapter letter with a double interest now.

On Friday, March fifteenth, occurred the Klatsch Collegium, the grand event of the year at Boston University. Ruth Eaton '09 was sophomore hostess.

Thursday, March seventh, the chapter entertained in Huntington hall. A happy combination of games and dancing made the affair a great success.

We have settled down to hard grinding now, the only stir being the preparations for Junior Week, which occurs the last of April. Pi Beta Phi is to be well represented on this occasion. Carolyn Cook '08 is chairman of the play committee; Marion Legg '08 is a member of the "Prom" and Blanche Charleton '08 of the "Annual" Committee. A Pi Phi has also been selected for the leading part in the play. We shall tell you all about it in the next Arrow.

BLANCHE CHARLTON.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMANS COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(Chartered 1897)

Our last Arrow letter was written in the midst of rushing and now initiation is a thing of the past and the new girls are all enthusiastic Pi Phis. We are glad to introduce to you as sisters, May Rider, a sophomore, and Carrie Upham, Kate Ernst, Margaretha Fenderich, Phyllis Hoskins, Blanche Lamberson and Margaret Smith, freshmen. Our initiation was held on January twelfth at the home of Helen Doll-Tottle and, thanks again to our alumnae who attended to everything, it was a great success. We were all sorry to lose Phyllis Hoskins soon after initiation on account of illness but we hope to have her with us again next year.

The two most important social events of the year for the whole college have just taken place and were both very successful—Senior Dramatics and Glee Club Concert. In former years the seniors have always given a Shakesperian play so we were all very much surprised when one day a poster announced that "The class of 1907 would present Robin Hood on February twenty-second and twenty-third. Nothing so elaborate as an opera had ever been attempted before so that great interest was aroused among the students before the date set for the play, but when the day finally arrived our excitement knew no bounds for Robin Hood was a perfect success from the moment the orchestra began to play until the curtain went down for the last time on a beautiful tableau. The music was especially well given and deserves much praise since enough singers were taken from the class of about fifty to fill the principal parts admirably and there were still enough left to make an excellent chorus. The Glee Club Concert followed by a reception at one of the dormitories was also a great success.

Since these events are over we Pi Phis have begun to plan more definitely for our reunion in June which we want to make unusually enjoyable since we celebrate then not only the fortieth anniversary of Pi Beta Phi but the tenth of the chapter. We are planning to follow up the festivities incident to commencement with a house party at Jamestown and hope to meet many Pi Phis from other chapters at the exposition.

There seem to have been so many other things to take up time and space that we haven't gotten around very fast to telling what we really intended to tell about in this letter and this is our fraternity meetings. In talking with girls from other chapters we have concluded that chapter meetings are so different in different places that we would like to hear about them and perhaps get some ideas from the other chapters. At Baltimore all of the fraternities set aside Saturday night for chapter meet-

ings. This plan has advantages in that it is not apt to be interfered with, since college affairs are generally put some other night. Its great disadvantage is that it makes the difference between the fraternity and non-fraternity girls so noticeable when the former all go out after dinner to spend the evening every Saturday. We hold our meetings in our fraternity rooms which are very cozy and homelike. After we have opened the meeting we do fancy work during the business part and then sing and talk. Generally there is so much business that we have very little time for anything else except perhaps a song or two. We have spent a little time at each meeting in preparing for the fraternity examination lately and as the report of the Pan-Hellenic delegate is usually rather lengthy and requires a good deal of discussion we have not had time for much else.

Before we close we want to introduce a new patroness, Mrs. George W. Corner, who is a cousin of one of our girls. We wish that you all might know her personally.

LOUISE N. VAN SANT.

BETA PROVINCE

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

The past term like all winter terms, has been a bit strenuous. The first night we were all back, two of the town girls entertained with a whist party. This gave us a good start and from the time we serenaded our patronesses with "Ring, Ching, Ching," our enthusiasm has been running high.

While snow was on the ground, we enjoyed several sleigh rides given by Delta Tau and Beta Theta Pi. On the twenty-first of January we gave Delta Tau Delta a return dance at the Athenian Hall which was profusely decorated with pennants and laurel. Phi Delta Theta gave their annual dance the middle of the term, at which as usual quite a few Pi Phis were present. About the middle of the term two of the girls entertained with a Japanese tea which was certainly a huge success. On the twenty-second of February, Beta Theta Pi gave a big party which ended up with dancing the latter part of the evening.

We received an official visit from Mrs. Burr, our province president, several weeks ago. While she was here we gave a reception to the Tri Alphas, a local sorority which is petitioning Kappa Alpha Theta. Tri

Alpha is our only rival, and if Theta should enter Ohio University we Pi Phis who have usually not been troubled much about rushing will have to go to work in earnest. Our alumnae delightfully entertained Mrs. Burr and the active chapter with a large dance. Every one was charmed with Mrs. Burr and congratulated the chapter in having such a delightful and congenial province president. We certainly enjoyed having her with us and hope to have at least a short visit from her in the spring.

Our spring vacation will soon be here and we are expecting several very desirable new girls in college. One of our initiates, Elizabeth King, who left in the fall on account of illness will be with us again, which will make eighteen members in all.

Ohio Alpha once again sends best wishes to all her Pi Phi sisters.

EDYTH M. EATON.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

(Chartered 1894)

The college year thus far has been a very busy one at Ohio State. So pleasantly have the work and play been mingled that we can scarcely realize the second term is almost over and final "exams" are but two weeks off.

Many delightful parties have been given this term. On January eleventh we entertained with our annual formal dance and it was a great success in every particular. Several of our alumnae came and we were glad indeed to have them with us. Since the dance we have had several rushing spreads, for we were very anxious to do as much as possible before the Pan-Hellenic rules go into effect on May first. We are considering several fine schemes for stunts next term but nothing definite has as yet been planned.

Mrs. Robert Wolfe, the aunt of one of our freshman, entertained the active chapter of Pi Phi at a skating party on the evening of February twelfth. On February fourteenth Helen Smith gave a masquerade for the chapter. It is needless to say that all had a good time for every one knows what fun can be had at a masquerade. February twenty-second was the date of the Junior Prom. It was given in the gymnasium and was one of the prettiest dances ever given at Ohio State. Pi Phi had the honor of having one of her girls, Grace Bradford, chosen a member of the Junior Social committee.

One of the best things which has been given this year for all the college to enjoy was the "Pan-Hellenic Panopoly of mirth and music" which the boys of the Pan-Hellenic association gave in the university chapel on February first. All the parts were taken by boys and the play was

funny from beginning to end. The college quartette gave several numbers. There was an act called "Domestic Engineering," a Highland fling, a take-off on a faculty meeting and a sorority rushing party.

A twilight concert is usually given at Ohio State at four o'clock on the last Friday of each month by some of the talented musicians or vocalists of the city. The January "twilight" was in charge of the Girls' Glee club which gave us a fine program. Six Pi Phis belong to the club which is to give its annual concert next term.

We regret very much that one of our freshmen, Nellie Aylsworth, has been forced to leave college on account of her health. We are counting much on the fact that she hopes to be able to return next term.

The subject of high school sororities is one in which we of Ohio Beta are deeply interested. So many of Ohio State's strongest and most enthusiastic girls have come from such sororities that we feel these organizations are in a way a preparation for Pi Phi. Several of our high school sororities in Columbus are national and the rest have such firm foundations that it seems to us almost impossible to try to root them out on the ground that those who do belong to such organizations will not be, after a few years, allowed to enter a college sorority. A high school sorority means much to a high school girl just as our fraternity does to us and it helps to develop the all-round fine girls whom we want for Pi Phis.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis,

HELEN M. CLARKE.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(Chartered 1888)

Since our last letter Indiana Alpha has two new freshmen, Leonette Lebo and Josie Porter.

During the last few weeks social functions have been predominant in the college life of Franklin. On the afternoon of February fourteenth, we gave a valentine reception in honor of our four patronesses at the Pi Beta Phi house. Mrs. Neal, from Madison, Ind., a former patroness, was also a guest of honor.

On the evening of the fifteenth our biennial valentine party was given at the new home of Minnie Engler. The affair was planned to represent "Cupid's Excursion" and throughout the evening the guests were kept moving from one interesting point of the trip to another. On arrival they were directed by an indexed sign to the "baggage room" above. Here they were given duplicate checks to be matched in obtaining company for the first stage of the trip.

At the ticket office they received excursion tickets bearing the following: "Pi Beta Phi railway excursion tickets. Issued at Engler station, Frank-

lin, Ind. February 15th, 1907 to ——” The lower half of the ticket was in coupons designating the stations to be passed after leaving Engler Station. They were Loveland, Cupid's Garden, Heartsville, Love's Landing. The company's seal impressed on the ticket was a Cupid. The “diner” was the spacious dining room which had been arranged with small tables to represent the interior of a dining car. Here the passengers found menu cards announcing the two course luncheon in French terms.

We enjoyed a pleasant visit with our Province President, Mrs. Burr in February. A cookie-shine was held in her honor.

The legislature of Indiana has recently passed a law prohibiting all secret high school societies in this state. We feel that it is a good law, for we never have approved of them. With best wishes for our sister chapters,

JULIA LYLE WILSON.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

We girls of Indiana Beta have had a great misfortune in losing our chapter house. The first week after Christmas there was so much rain and our cellar filled with water so that we were unable to have a furnace fire. We thought at first that we would stay and get along with grate fires in the parlors but it continued for two weeks and the girls could not stand it, so we moved to Alpha hall, the new dormitory for women. It was just completed this fall and everything is very nice although it is nothing like the chapter house. We have a private parlor and a large room on the fourth floor which we have furnished for a “goat” room.

The Woman's League is to give a county fair March ninth. Each sorority is to give something. We have decided to have a fancy booth and sell candy. Every one is expecting it to be a great success as well as a money making scheme. While Mrs. Burr was visiting us we gave a reception, and received our alumnae, wives of the faculty, the active members of each sorority and a representative from each of their alumnae and the Dean of Women.

Pi Phi was hostess for the Panthugatric this year. It was held at Alpha Hall, March second. This occasion is always one of great enjoyment and on that night all the sorority girls become better acquainted than ever before. The Pan-Hellenic association is beginning its work now and the usual conflict of opinions will take place I suppose. There has been only one meeting and no definite arrangements made, but Pi Phi here stands for a very long contract if we must have any.

A long contract means a great deal more expense for us, owing to the fact that we should be unable to fill our house. But it is equally bad to have a few weeks. This would mean a strenuous rush for weeks instead of days. It has been tried here and some one always breaks the contract. We had a two days agreement this year and even in that time it was broken. If we must have a contract we will stand for one year and no rushing time, for we can put up with it if the other sororities can. The girls of this chapter send greetings to Pi Phi far and wide.

BARBARA VOYLES.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE.

(Chartered 1897)

This term has been a very busy one for Indiana Gamma. The first part of the term we pledged Ruth de Haas of Indianapolis and were delighted to have Mrs. Burr with us at her initiation. At the spread which the alumnae gave us after the initiation Mrs. Burr spoke very entertainingly of chapters she had visited, plans for the New Orleans convention and matters relating to our own chapter, and we felt much nearer to our sister chapters after having heard her.

We have been very busy lately in getting out our yearly letter to our alumnae and are now making plans for our State reunion on Founder's Day. Next term we are planning to do some work for the Butler College Settlement located in the city, as we have enough talent in our own chapter for a musical. We have promised to be responsible for one evening's musical entertainment.

Although the girls who have come to us from high school sororities have made good fraternity girls, we are forced to oppose them because of the extremes to which they are going in the high schools near us. In some widely published cases their initiations have not only been vulgar, but brutal and they have maimed girls for life. They seem to miss, too, the serious purposes of the college fraternity which they are imitating, and go in for society with such a vengeance that they are blasé and old society girls when they come to college.

We are about to make our Pan-Hellenic contract for next year and are very anxious to know the rules under which we are to rush.

LUCILE DIDLAKE.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1872)

We will forget the dreaded term finals and fraternity examinations for a time and retrospect. The college has been fairly bubbling over with the good old Lombard spirit these last few days, days never to be forgotten by her students. President Fisher's recent announcement of the addition of one hundred thousand dollars to the endowment fund and extensive donations to the library failed to arouse such uncontrollable enthusiasm as the magic word foot-ball. The old game is to be reinstated, the foot-ball dummy has been resurrected and a day and night given over to a celebration of the event.

In the midst of this mingling of work and play some of us are beginning to realize that this is the last term of our college life. The winter months have been filled with the usual activities for Illinois Beta. One of our informal good times was a domino dance. The girls are busy at present working on the Senior Class Play and the declamation contest. We hope our plans for a formal party and the Founder's Day banquet will materialize successfully.

Illinois Beta has pledged two freshmen since our last letter, Florence Miller of Monmouth, Illinois, and Harriet Steele of Los Angeles, California. The pledge meetings have been resumed and all of us are benefited by the informal discussions. Everyone enjoyed Mrs. Edith C. Burr's short visit and felt the broadening influence that comes with news from our sister chapters. Then we realize the greatness of our national college fraternities, and the wide extent of their strivings. We feel that our imitators, the high school fraternities, depreciate this greatness and these ideals. The member of a high school sorority does not always make the broad minded college women that every Pi Phi ought to be. Surely the college fraternities should take a part in this opposition.

MARION WEBSTER.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(Chartered 1884)

Many and varied have been the activities of Illinois Delta since our last account was given.

Perhaps the most memorable event of the year at Knox College is her "Founder's Day" which was celebrated the fifteenth of February. A banquet was held in the evening with a program of toasts by prominent alumni, which was primarily a college affair. The school was seated in classes and much rivalry was evinced in the decoration of the tables. It

is not a usual custom at Knox for the seniors to wear caps and gowns but they, on that night, surprised all by appearing in them.

On Washington's birthday the juniors gave a play in the afternoon and the sophomores a play and reception in the evening. Pi Phi was represented in both casts.

We have lost one of our girls and gained another since our last letter—thus keepnig our number nineteen. Irene Butcher left at the end of the semester to attend Northwestern University. The chapter entertained at a banquet in her honor. Our new girl is Annette Morse who has been in college since Christmas. After her initiation and the cookie-shine we spent a very happy time singing Pi Phi songs.

We had the privilege of a visit from our Province President, Mrs. Burr, the first week of February. Our regular meeting, followed by a cookie-shine, was held at the home of one of the town girls and we could especially enjoy ourselves as we had completed our semester examinations and were at liberty to make a fresh start. We were interested in hearing of Mrs. Burr's visit to Washington University in St. Louis and also in her discussions of fraternity questions.

The attention of our chapter has of late been called to the sororities in high and preparatory schools. Although Illinois Delta thinks that these sororities should be discouraged, still we feel that it would be unwise to exclude members of high school sororities from membership in Pi Beta Phi for the reason that many of her most desirable girls would then be lost to the fraternity. It is the leaders in the high schools who belong to these sororities and these same are the ones who usually fill that position in college.

On the eighth of March we give our Annual Formal which is to be in the nature of a Garden Party. Besides the alumnae several out-of-town guests are expected.

Best wishes from Illinois Delta to all Pi Phis.

LULU HINCHLIFF.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

Just between winter and spring comes a period of relaxation, as it were, when nothing much happens, and everyone sits back and lets the world move on. I don't mean by this that we girls aren't busy, and very busy, too, but that we are not doing anything very exciting for us or interesting to you. Consequently, I fear that our letter will be rather stupid this time.

We have been both unfortunate and fortunate, as a chapter this year, for at Christmas time Mary Beggs left college to go to California for the

winter, while in February, Irene Butcher, the delegate of Illinois Delta to convention last summer, came up to Northwestern to College. We can sympathize fully with the Knox chapter, for we, too, lost our convention delegate, this year, and we know what a lot of Pi Phi enthusiasm, the natural result of such a convention as ours was, the chapter loses.

Since we are all going down to New Orleans next Christmas, in thought at least, you can imagine how delighted we were a few weeks ago to have Genevieve Jackson, a Louisiana Alpha girl, visit us, and tell us all about New Orleans, about Newcomb and, best of all, about Pi Beta Phi at Newcomb. How I wish that you might all have met and heard her, for I am sure that you would all have enjoyed it as much as we did.

I suppose that, just now, the subject of high school sororities is uppermost in the minds of all fraternity women. The question is a serious one, and should be seriously considered, but is not the action proposed by the Inter-Sorority Conference rather too radical? That a sorority in a high school is detrimental to the democratic spirit of the school, and that it brings about the foolish expenditure of a great deal of time and money, are two of the strongest arguments brought against it. These charges are, in the main, true; but is it not true that if the sororities were abolished, cliques and clubs would spring up in their places, and that these would bring about the same lamented conditions? Granting, however, that high school fraternities are an evil, and should be abolished, the question still remains: would the action advised by the Inter-Sorority Conference bring about this desired end? We think not. Very few girls, upon entering a high school or secondary school, think or plan very much about college. They can never be sure that they are even going to college, let alone that they can "make a frat" when they get there. Will they, or would you, give up the present certainty of the joys of high school fraternity life for the vague, far-distant possibility of becoming a member of a college fraternity? The high school fraternities are so strong, and have such an assured position, that unless killed by the respective boards of education, they are bound to live, to grow, and what is of still more importance to us as fraternity women, to take in as members the most attractive class of high school girls. If these strong girls come to college and cannot become members of some already established fraternity, it seems inevitable that they should found new and strong fraternities of their own. But does membership in a high school fraternity make a girl any less eligible to a college fraternity? Does it not rather make her even more desirable, since she has had experience and knows how to appreciate her college fraternity and how to carry on its work?

We are all looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the visit of Mrs. Burr, our province president, next week, and we hope to have

with us again at that time Helen Stidger of Colorado Alpha, who is visiting in Chicago now.

Love and best wishes for success to you all, from Illinois Epsilon.

AMY BURNHAM ONKEN.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(Chartered 1895)

Our attention is divided just at present between getting a good start in the new semester and making plans and preparations for our annual party which is to be April twenty-sixth. We are to have a Founder's Day banquet the following night, and we are making every effort to have as many Pi Phis as possible with us that night.

We had such a lovely visit with Edith Clark-Burr in February; she complained however that one of the disadvantages of visiting her own chapter was that we did not stand in proper awe of her, and hadn't spent days of anxious preparation for her. We also received a visit February first from Marie Sinclair of Lawrence, Kansas, whose mother is a Kansas Alpha Pi Phi.

The proposed action of the Inter-Sorority Conference in the matter of high school sororities has of course aroused a great deal of discussion here. We have in our chapter four girls who belong to national high school sororities and one who belongs to a local, and they are five of our most earnest workers. These girls, as well as the rest here, agreed that high school sororities are not based on the good principles of college sororities and that they have not the excuse for being that the latter have. However it seems to all of us that if they have no reason for existing whatever, they will die naturally, and that the violent opposition they are meeting now tends to foster an artificial strength from the very fact of having to stand together on the question. We gave our affirmative vote on the matter only because we felt that if the Inter-Sorority Conference was making a united effort we should help them, and that after all it wouldn't be we who suffered so much from being unable to take a girl, because all the other sororities would be similarly handicapped, but the girl who would be the loser by not being able to belong to a college fraternity.

For a month now we have been without two of our seniors. The library school is trying an experiment this year for the first time of sending the seniors out to the large libraries of the state for a month's training and experience. Hilda White has gone to Danville and Edith Spray to Jacksonville.

With best wishes from Illinois Zeta to all Pi Phis.

LOIS SWIGART.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1887)

It is with great pleasure that we introduce to the Pi Phi world our new initiates, Alice Satterthwaite, Bess Kempf, Marjorie Whitney, and Pearl Keppel.

Michigan Alpha has not been doing much in a social way this term. We have been too busy with other things.

Mrs. Stock gave a delightful reception in honor of Florence Meyers. We are sorry to lose Florence for she has been such a help to us. However we wish her all the happiness possible.

On last Saturday night Elizabeth Dudley entertained us informally.

Friday, March first was the date of the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest which was held in our college church. We are very happy to say that Hillsdale won.

Two of the literary societies are about to give a play in which all the leading parts are taken by Pi Phis.

We, as a chapter, know almost nothing about high school sororities. However we do not approve of them. We feel that a girl in high school is too young to understand the true meaning of fraternity. In many high schools they have had no opportunity to know much of fraternity, except perhaps, the social life. They copy the social part as nearly as they can and their whole time is given up to a round of parties and dances, without giving a thought to the real meaning of fraternity.

CELIA B. RINE.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Chartered 1888)

This is the time of the year when everyone is working hard, and there is little of interest to tell. We are well started on the second semester and everyone is anxious to get as much work done as possible before the warm spring days come. Between semesters our freshmen gave a dinner party to the freshmen of the other sororities. It was a great success, though it was planned in a very short time.

Last night we gave a very pretty little spread, and after the spread we pinned the wine and blue on a new girl, Helen Bradley. Helen is a sophomore in college, and a niece of one of the professors. She is a fine girl and will add greatly to our chapter.

The question of high school sororities has been discussed several times with girls of other sororities at Michigan. We all seem to feel the same here. We do not approve of them and are willing to do all we can to

discourage them indirectly, but we feel that a positive pledge not to take girls who were members, even after four years' notice would cripple us. High school girls often do not know in the beginning of their course whether they are going to college or not. Perhaps they plan to go to a college where there are no sororities, and then suddenly change their minds. Even if they are planning to go to a college where there are sororities they could not be sure of an invitation to join. We feel that it is the place of the school authorities to do away with this evil, and not the college sororities.

Michigan Beta sends greeting to all Pi Phis.

ANNABEL CAREY.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(Chartered 1894)

The second semester found us somewhat worn out after the trials of examinations, and the festivities which followed. Several of our former members were back for the "Prom." Between semesters we pledged Grace Purdie of Buenos Ayres. She is a remarkably fine girl and seems very enthusiastic about being a Pi Phi.

We are very sorry to lose two of our strongest girls, Florence Rudolph and Marguerite McLean, who graduated at the end of the first semester.

At the election of officers for the Self Government Association, Helen Fitch, one of our sophomores, was elected secretary.

Most of the girls here who belonged to fraternities in high school seem to have escaped any harmful effects, and to have derived some benefit from them. The best "rushers" are usually girls who have had experience before coming to college. The chief objection which we have to high school fraternities is that they are too narrow and clannish. They are not formed with the purposes and ideals of the college fraternity, but have a tendency toward snobbishness.

Wisconsin Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

DOROTHY MARIE BURNHAM.

GAMMA PROVINCE

MINNESOTA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

(Re-chartered 1906)

We are all so busy here at Minnesota with the approach of spring that we scarcely know where to begin. Although the Lenten season is here it does not seem to subdue the social whirl. There is one great burden lifted from our minds however, for we have taken our first fraternity examination,—and lived through it.

Minnesota Alpha enjoyed the extreme pleasure of meeting Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, who visited our city in February. She is a most charming woman and a loyal Pi Beta Phi. We were given the opportunity of entertaining for her, and did so at a reception in the Walker Art Gallery. The guests were the faculty ladies, the university sororities, and our alumnae chapter.

Emily Holmes of Wisconsin Alpha, is continuing her college course at the university and has proven a very welcome addition to our number.

February fourth the active chapter entertained the alumnae at a four o'clock tea at the chapter rooms.

On April third we shall give our informal party at the Minikahda Club, in the form of a dinner dance.

Just at present the old question of a woman's dormitory at the university is being agitated and the Woman's League and Y. W. C. A. have united forces to obtain the desired end. A committee from these two bodies together with several prominent Minneapolis women, visited the state legislature March fifth and presented the case in very convincing speeches. Three of our girls, Josephine Schain, Esther Chapman, and Gladys Clendening were among those who spoke and we feel certain that if everyone were as enthusiastic as they, the dormitory would rise as if by magic. There is always a crying need of a dormitory in a college of this size and we have hopes that our dreams may be realized in the near future.

Our chapter feels the lack of a house and we are planning on renting one next year. We have begun a house fund, but it is scarcely large enough to figure with as yet. However, the girls are very earnest over the prospects of owning a house at some time, and in many little ways are adding to the fund.

How are the chapters going to celebrate Founder's Day? Did it occur to you that April twenty-eighth comes on Sunday?

Minnesota Alpha would have liked to attend the installation of Washington Alpha in a body, but had to be content with distant rumors of a glorious time. Best wishes to the baby chapter, and greetings to all the others.

FLORENCE LELIA AMBLE.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1868)

Since our former letter was lost through some mistake, we take this opportunity of telling you something of our alumnae. They are the truest and dearest women and a great inspiration to us. They have their meetings once a month, which are devoted to work along literary lines as well as social, and they have been reading and studying "Stoddard's Travels." But what appeals to us most is that they are the best type of womanhood to be found anywhere, and we can say with much pride, when we see or hear of them, as they move in this circle or that, "She's a Pi Phi!" I think that we girls one and all earnestly hope that when our days of active chapter life are over and we too are alumnae, we may fill our places in the world as efficiently as these older Pi Phis have done and are doing. Our alumnae have been very kind to us in entertaining and have helped us very materially in the planning and carrying out of our chapter room and we appreciate it very much.

As for us, I do not know when life has been so strenuous in college circles as it has been this winter in work as well as play. We very joyfully present to you our two new initiates; Susan Gardener of Wellman, Ia. and Margaret Philippi of Lincoln, Neb. Also our three pledges, Edith Hale, May Pierce, and Edna Betts, all of whom we value very much.

Our pledges entertained the members of our chapter at a dinner party on the evening of January nineteenth. The tables were artistically decorated with smilax and lighted with wine and blue candles. On either side of the center piece, the Greek letters Pi Beta Phi were interwoven with smilax; and suspended from the chandelier was a great golden arrow. There was a short toast program and two of the girls composed a poem of thanks for the occasion.

At one of our recent meetings we had a mock wedding in costume. The bride (Edith Hale) wore a white silk gown with a beautiful lace (curtain) veil. She carried roses. The "groom" (Susan Gardener) wore a black dress suit and evinced excessive nervousness. He dropped the ring which was immediately pocketed by his small brother in Lord Fauntleroy costume. The mothers of the bride and groom showed much emotion while the father of the bride (Ullena Ingersoll) was so overcome at the

giving away of his daughter, that it took his sister's lavender salts and an empty wood alcohol bottle to revive him. The ceremony was interrupted at some length by the objections of a defeated rival, on the grounds that neither one of them had procured a divorce from their former mate. When at last they were pronounced "tied" the Right Reverend Sir, dressed also in the conventional black with stove pipe hat, kissed the old maid sister instead of the bride. While the chapter held a short meeting, the pledges prepared the wedding feast.

Ethel Lymer entertained the chapter girls, pledges and a few friends at her home recently in honor of Madelon Medes of Fairfield, and Edith Parks of Milton, Ia., the latter was a guest of Edith Hale. We entertained very informally Friday March first for Miss Medes who returned to her home the third.

Miss Ogburn, of China has been in our midst for the past week. She is not a Pi Phi but she wears a most peculiar arrow. The Chinese wishing to make her some present, had it made an almost exact copy of the Pi Phi pin of Alta Newby, now in China. We are planning to send Miss Newby a gift when Miss Ogburn leaves.

The girls of Iowa Alpha are looking forward with much enthusiasm to the visit of our Province President, Anne Stuart. She is to be with us some time this month. We hope she will not be alarmed by the cry of "Small Pox!" The little towns about us are quite frantic. Our Phi Delt chapter house is quarantined and a number of other students have it, or at least are not yet out of quarantine, but its spread has been effectively checked. We send our sincere sympathy to Nebraska Beta, who, we understand, is quarantined with scarlet fever.

Our best wishes go out to all sister chapters and we hope when another Arrow is published to have the privilege of greeting a new chapter at Washington University.

JESSIE JUNE.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1874)

The enthusiasm for Simpson which prevailed at the beginning of the college year still continues. A few weeks ago when the State Oratorical contest took place at Simpson there was quite a burst of college spirit. The day of the contest which was the twenty-second of February, was also Founder's and Benefactor's day. At the exercises in honor of this day, each class and each department of the college gave some "stunt." Through the whole performance the idea of awakening more interest in Simpson was very cleverly and successfully carried out. The stunt which appealed most strongly to the sense of humor and which is

most easily explained was the one given by the Music Department. In order to show the extremely busy condition of the conservatory and in part to convey to the public some idea of the sounds that might be heard within, three of the professors, one a violin, the other a vocal and the third a piano instructor, each at the same time gave a lesson to one of his most promising pupils, but you would have thought they were anything but promising. At the same time this was going on on the platform other professors scattered about the room were drilling quartets, or normal vocal classes, several students were vocalizing, others practicing violins, a bass and a flute were also in evidence and I am sure no one in the audience ever had the pleasure of hearing so many different sounds at one time.

This term there have been in some of the college buildings several minor improvements, which have proved very pleasing to the eye.

The thing that pleases us most at present is the fact that our college president will be back the last of March after spending almost a year traveling in Europe. We have learned to appreciate him more than ever since we have had to do without him.

Our alumnae gave us a party last week at the home of Mrs. Burberry, our "rushees" were also invited. We have recently had parties at the homes of Mrs. Madge Harlan and Mrs. Sigler two alumnae Pi Phis.

In closing I should like to say that we girls are not in favor of high school sororities, so far as we can find out about them. Not having had any actual experience to enlighten us on the subject we are not prepared to say very much.

Best wishes to all from Iowa Beta.

LOIS SILCOTT

IOWA GAMMA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1906)

Since the beginning of the term, Iowa Gamma has had a home which she may call her own. Our house is located on the south of the campus and commands a beautiful view. While only four of our girls room in the house, we all board there, and many a jolly time do we have in our chapter room. Each girl has done something toward furnishing the house and our alumnae have been very good to us. The girls of the local sorority S. S. moved into a house down town the first of March. A new sorority has been formed this term, the Omega Deltas, who are petitioning for Tri Delt.

In February we gave a cookie-shine at the house for our alumnae. There were thirty-five of us present.

We have put the pledge pin on four girls this term—Vera Mills of Jefferson, Esther John of Cambridge, Helen Wakefield of Sioux City and May Chase of Colorado Springs, Colorado. We feel sure that all these girls will make strong Pi Phis when they are initiated. At the close of the last semester we initiated Franklin French of Humboldt.

Last week our pledges gave us a cookie-shine in the old gymnasium. Needless to say, we all an enjoyable time.

The Sophomore Class Play was given in March. Two of our girls—Frances Hopkins and Ruth Dyer—had the leading girl's parts.

Our matron, Mrs. Kilbourne, is going abroad in a few weeks, so the other evening she gave a reception in the Hall parlors for the girls to meet Mrs. Knowlton who will take her place.

The girls have all been heaving sighs of relief since the fraternity examination is over. We took ours early, so as to avoid the rush which aways accompanies our college examinations.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis.

FLORENCE JULIA PETTINGER.

IOWA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

(Chartered 1882)

Iowa Zeta started in a new semester with three pledges, Belle Hutzel of Avoca, Madge Sangstaff of Charles City and Elizabeth Michelson of Webster City. These we initiated when we celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of our chapter, February twelfth. At that time we also gave a banquet to all Pi Phis, active and alumnae.

At the Y. W. C. A. Fair February twenty-third, the Pi Phis had a Turkish coffee room which was very attractive in its oriental hangings and Turkish lamps. The girls all wore white suits with red sashes and fezes. The fair was a splendid financial success, nearly five hundred dollars being realized.

The Pan-Hellenic Sorority Informal comes April thirteenth. This has been an annual party since the local Pan-Hellenic was formed.

The eight men's fraternities are to give a Pan-Hellenic formal party April twelfth, which will be the largest party of the year.

Agnes Remley, our president, has gone home on account of her mother's illness and may not return until commencement time.

In dramatics we are well represented this spring. Mignon Maynard and Carrie Watters take part in the senior class play "The School for Scandal." Sadie Jacobs is Coryphoeus in the Greek play "Iphigenia" and Edith Ball is "Babbie" in the Dramatic Club Play, "The Little Minister."

We are looking forward to a visit from Miss Anne Stuart soon.

EDITH BALL.

MISSOURI ALPHA— MISSOURI UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1899)

The chapter house has been the scene of much activity since our last letter to the Arrow. Of course, immediately after our return from home after the Christmas holidays everyone began to prepare for the coming examinations and all one heard was "exams." However, we all passed through the ordeal safely and felt that we might rest for a little while.

A number of big dances always take place after examinations and we have entertained a number of out-of-town girls who were guests for the parties.

Early in the semester we initiated one of our girls who has been pledged since the first semester. Afterwards, of course, we had a cookie-shine and everybody had a fine time. No new girls whom we desired entered school this semester so we have no very new freshmen.

On Valentine's day we gave a luncheon for one of the visiting girls and afterwards we danced. Our day at home comes the first Thursday in every month and we enjoy it very much for it is a good opportunity for us to meet other university girls in an informal way.

Miss Stuart, our province president, arrived Friday and we are enjoying her visit so much. We have learned a great deal about the other Pi Phi chapters she has visited and it puts us in so much closer touch with the members of the fraternity. Yesterday we gave a tea for her when she had an opportunity to meet our alumnae, patronesses and other sorority girls. One of the patronesses has invited Miss Stuart to be at home with her next Tuesday to meet the members of the faculty.

The sororities down here have lately passed a rule which they think a very good one. Instead of having men callers every Sunday afternoon—that is a universal custom, I suppose—we have decided to have callers only on the first Sunday of every month. How this will work out has yet to be demonstrated, as yet it seems a wise plan.

On the whole, I should say that the position of our chapter toward high school sororities is a favorable one. This may be due to the fact that some of our best members have been sorority girls in high or preparatory schools. A high school sorority seems a good preparation for a college fraternity. In her high school sorority a girl may learn how to work for a sorority, what things are necessary for its advancement, and what sort of girls make best fraternity material. That her connection with a local or high school sorority will prevent her from bringing the right spirit to her national sorority, does not seem possible. As a girl grows older her interests and friends naturally change and this is especially true if she goes to another place when she enters college, as is

usually the case. Therefore, while her high school sorority will always be dear to her, the wider interests of the national will cling to her all her life. All her life she will meet women of her own age who are or have been members of her national sorority and thus she will always find congenial companions in her fraternity and her interest in it will be kept fresh. On the other hand, most "prep school frats" either die or the girls lose interest when they are no longer in direct contact with them. So what harm can a preparatory sorority do a national? That a girl will bring into a national undesirable girls who may have belonged to her high school sorority, we doubt. It is true, on the other hand, that from her early fraternity experience she will desire that only the best or her high school sorority may make her national, and the girl who did not prove to be the best fraternity material in the preparatory organization will not be desired by her former sorority sister who is the member of a national. This may be a one-sided view of the subject, but—it is ours.

The fraternity question has been a long digression and does not seem quite in tone with the rest of the letter, but at present this seems to be a vital question, so perhaps it is pardonable.

We are looking forward to celebrating "Founder's Day" before long but at present are undecided what form our celebration is to take.

LILLIAN CARNES.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1873)

We have no pledges to introduce to our Pi Phi sisters this time. The new term did not bring any new material and we are well satisfied with our "lucky thirteen" freshmen. They are to give their farce Saturday night, March ninth, after which we shall have a cookie-shine. One evening we girls had a "tacky party" at the house and had all sorts of fun, just among ourselves, dancing during the evening and ending up with some very good home made refreshments. On February eighth we gave our "Annual" which was in every way very satisfactory. A lot of "old" girls came back for the occasion.

The School of Fine Arts gave two performances of the "Pirates of Penzance" which were considered very good by the large audiences that attended them. Queena Beauchamp, one of our freshmen took the leading woman's part and another one of our freshmen was in the chorus.

The play "David Garrick" which was performed by the Masque Club was such a decided success that the players have decided to put on another piece which will probably be "The Crisis" and the two leading play-

ers have been asked to take the leading parts again. The girl, Elizabeth Parkman, is another one of our freshmen, so you see what a talented group we initiated this year.

We have secured for our chaperon next year Miss Jennie Brooks, a woman of much literary ability and a contributor to some of our best magazines and periodicals. Already we like her very much and feel sure that she will prove a very delightful addition to the Pi Phi household.

A large appropriation for an Engineering Building, for some smaller buildings and for general maintenance has been granted by the legislature to our university, for which we were given a half holiday as a sort of jubilee.

I am very glad to be able to say something on the subject of high school sororities. We took a vote as to the opinion about them in meeting one evening and the result was an almost unanimous vote against them. Several of the girls have been members of high school sororities and they are as strongly opposed as the others if not more so. In the high school here there are two fraternities and two sororities and they furnish good examples of the way that such factions are detrimental to a school. There is no doubt that the rivalry which originates among members of two different high school sororities extends up into the university and causes prejudice where otherwise there would have been none.

High school boys and girls are not old enough to realize the best things about a fraternity and as they see only the social side of a college fraternity the result is an imitation of them, which is expensive and harmful. The tendency to be snobbish and exclusive is undoubtedly the predominant trait in many of them, and this seems to be what causes the greatest harm of all—the bitter feeling among the "barbs." For it sometimes happens that the thoughtlessness of sorority members in regard to non-sorority members appears in so many ways and forms that the girl who is "out of it all" actually undergoes a change of character and becomes bitter. Having been a sorority member myself while at high school, I feel that the quicker and more completely these little unions are eliminated, the better it will be for the grades and the moral character of the students.

Greetings to all the Pi Phis, from Kansas Alpha.

AMARETTE WEAVER.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(Chartered 1895)

Just now, Nebraska Beta girls are preparing for the mid-semester examinations and for fraternity examination as well. Little wonder that we are looking forward to Easter vacation with considerable pleasure.

In university life, there have been the usual winter functions, the basket ball season and now the preparations for base ball. And we must mention our glee club. They have not yet given their annual concert here but have visited several neighboring places, and late in March they start on a western tour expecting to visit cities through Colorado and Utah.

The work of our university girls' club has not been as extensive as we expect to make it next year but it has somewhat increased. Just now the senior and junior girls are making preparations for a "Woodland Drama" which they expect to present late in the spring in order to have all the girls together before the year ends.

Our dean of women has given a luncheon each Saturday all the year, entertaining university girls. Each sorority was entertained individually, the rest being grouped by classes.

Fraternity questions have been considerably agitated too. The men were held down by a six weeks "rush week" both semesters. We girls were allowed an early pledge day but after regular work began all rushing had to cease for six weeks and so eventually for the year. We have what we call an Inter-Sorority Council which consists of an active and an alumna member of each sorority and the chairman is one of the faculty. This council takes up the rushing question. As yet nothing definite has been done for next year but we rather anticipate a semester rule.

Nebraska Beta feels that now more than ever her girls enjoy their chapter house. During the past month, we were quarantined for scarlet fever and the girls were scattered over the city. We greatly appreciated our "town sisters" hospitality but imagine how happy we all are to be really together once more.

And in closing we wish to introduce another Pi Phi sister, Edith Kruckenberg of Shelby, Iowa, who was initiated late in December.

M. PEARL FITZGERALD.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE, TULANE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1891)

The mid-year examinations have passed and Newcomb starts out again with fresh vigor on a new quarter. The hardest work has been accomplished and when warm weather comes we can feel thankful that the greater part of our hard studying was completed during the cold months.

Miss Anne Stuart, Gamma Province President, accepted our invitation to visit Louisiana Alpha during Mardi Gras. She was thus able to see New Orleans at its best and we are delighted that she could visit the chapter and city during such a gay and interesting time. She was with us a week, as the guest of Céleste Janvier.

On Micarin, Louisiana Apha expects to have a "special" initiation of her patronesses. Of course, there will be a mock initiation, for it will be the only time in our lives when we can make a number of dignified ladies bend to the will of some young and foolish girls. There will also be a second part, which will impress upon them their full relation to Pi Beta Phi, their duty to her and her duty to them.

Celia Rainey has entered the training school of the New Orleans Sanitarium and it is needless to say how proud of her Louisiana Alpha feels. She is the first Pi Phi, in fact, the first fraternity girl in New Orleans that has undertaken this hard and tedious course and we feel prouder than ever that Pi Beta Phi is the first fraternity to give a trained nurse to New Orleans.

Louisiana Alpha sends heartiest wishes to her sister chapters, especially to Texas Alpha, whose State Convention she hopes will have been the greatest success.

JESSIE TEBO.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(Chartered 1902)

Texas Alpha had the first state reunion of her alumnae last month, during February twenty-first, twenty-second, and twenty-third. Our chapter though the first established in this university, is comparatively young, so the number of our alumnae is as yet rather small. But still we were disappointed that more did not respond to our invitations, and hope that better success will attend our efforts next year.

Miss Stuart, our Province President, came Tuesday of Reunion week, in time to attend two informal teas at the homes of two of our charter members, Anne Townes and Ada Garrison. Thursday night we had our initiation, adding Louise Andrews, Grace Byrne, and Hallette Searcy to our list of sisters. After the usual ceremonies, we all, initiates, alumnae, and visitors, enjoyed a delightful cookie-shine.

Friday Florence Randolph had us all for a progressive luncheon at her beautiful home in town. The place cards were a wine-colored carnation tied with blue. Afterward, six-hand euchre was played, and the prizes were pretty pieces of Pi Phi jewelry.

Saturday afternoon was fraternity meeting. Miss Stuart gave us a talk which made us feel more like Pi Phis than ever. The rest of the afternoon was devoted to an informal reception to all the fraternity girls, some of whom Miss Stuart had previously met at brief visits to their chapter houses.

The Reunion program was concluded by a grand banquet at the Driskill hotel Saturday night. Those to whom the success of this affair was

intrusted are certainly to be congratulated. The table was in the shape of a cross, and from the chandelier to the central square were streamers of wine and blue tulle, fastening in bows. Many vases of carnations, tied in this same way, were on the arms of the cross. An immense gilded arrow hung from the chandelier and tiny gilded arrows were strewn over the cloth and taken away as one of the many souvenirs of the Reunion. The place-cards were painted in wine and blue; and the menu cards were blue, with the monogram and year in wine and gold. During the elaborate dinner Pi Phi songs were sung, and then came the following toasts, with Ada Garrison as toastmistress:

The Alumnae—Fay Kincaid.

The Charter Members—Myra Peacock.

The Cradle Row—Rose Edmond.

The Initiates—Anne Townes.

The excitement of reunion week had not quieted down before Texas Alpha met again to give a rushing party, which resulted in the pledging of Nona Mason, of Pueblo, Col. We are very proud of this freshman and are anxious to initiate her into Pi Phi.

Next week come the final examinations and most of us are busy preparing for them. We took the fraternity examination the first part of February.

Sincerest love to all Pi Phis from Texas Alpha.

SERENA GOULD.

DELTA PROVINCE

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(Chartered 1884)

This semester we have one new pledge to introduce to Pi Phi sisters, Grace Fairweather of Chicago, of whom we are very proud. We are planning for the initiation soon when we are also going to initiate Cleophile Bell for whom we have waited three years. Elizabeth Johnston gave an elaborate tea for the active girls January thirty-first and we have had a number of informal teas and several cookie-shines, which really seem the most popular with us. Our new house is nearly under cover now and we are beginning to realize that next year we shall have the best possible opportunities for entertaining and we hope to make the most of them. At the laying of the corner stone we had only Pi Phis and it seemed so nice, for everyone could hear and everyone there was really

interested. When the house is finished we expect to have a house warming and invite all the fraternities to see our new home.

Our chapter seems to be somewhat divided on the subject of sororities in the high schools, but I think we nearly all agree that it would be better not have them. However, it does not seem the thing for college sororities to bar their members as many fine college girls have been high school sorority girls, and yet as a general thing high school girls are so young that they do not act sensibly concerning sorority life. They rush too violently and consequently are neglectful of school work and are apt to feel above girls not in their sorority—all of which college fraternities guard against. They train a girl so that fraternity life in college is not so new as it is to non high school sorority girls. All the good points one can mention for such high school organizations seems to us much over-balanced by the bad features. There is so much talk concerning this and the different school authorities are showing so much interest that I think the day is very near when all high school fraternities will pass out of active existence.

Best wishes to all Pi Phis.

ISABEL MCKENZIE.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1885)

We are preparing to take our second term's examinations next week, and it is very hard to realize that this year is so nearly over.

We initiated our three pledges, Bertha Gulette, Elaine Gulette, and Alpha Epsilon entertained in our honor, however, on January the twenty-Pi Phis.

This last term has been rather quiet for us, as it is the hardest one of the year and there is less going on than in either of the others. Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained in our honor, however, on January the twenty-second, with a very original party and we all had a most enjoyable time.

Miss Elda L. Smith was with us several days in February and we enjoyed her visit very much, and were sorry she could not have made us a longer stay.

Colorado Beta has undertaken the complete charge of the library at the Neighborhood House, a charitable institution in Denver. We find the work very pleasant and as the girls take turns in going, it is not a tax on either our time or strength.

Our chapter is almost unanimously opposed to high school sororities. Although we have several girls who have come from these societies, and we could not spare any of them, still we feel that high school sororities are a mistake and ought to be discouraged. We hope that the time

may come when they will be no more, for we feel that any girl who is taken into Pi Beta Phi will be a better member of our fraternity without this earlier experience in Greek letter life.

We are looking forward with pleasure to April the twenty-eighth, when we shall have Colorado Alpha with us to help celebrate.

Wishes for a very happy Founder's Day from Colorado Beta.

EDITH AMIE DRESSOR.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD, JR. UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

Since our last Arrow letter we have all enjoyed our Christmas vacation, and have returned to Stanford and our chapter of Pi Phi full of enthusiasm for another semester's work and play. Some of us know, unfortunately that this return is the last one for us—and consequently our efforts have more than redoubled to realize the hope that this last semester may be the finest we have ever had.

During the vacation, the Los Angeles Alumnae Club entertained with a cookie-shine in honor of the active members of the two California chapters. Quite a number of the Stanford girls were present and all of them more than enjoyed the afternoon. It is to be hoped sincerely that more such meetings may be held.

So far the semester has been an unusually busy one. We did a little rushing the first of the semester, but of course most of our rushing here is done at the beginning of the college year.

During the third week in January our Grand Secretary made us a very pleasant visit, and we enjoyed having her with us very much. Of course we were particularly interested in hearing about Washington Alpha, and some of us were very much surprised and pleased that we knew two of the initiates. We are looking forward to the time when the five chapters of Delta Province may meet together. We had the pleasure of introducing Miss Smith to the woman's Greek world of Stanford at an informal tea at which almost all the members of the local Pan-Hellenic Association were present, which reminds me to say that this semester Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, and Gamma Phi Beta will entertain the Association.

On February eleventh, the seniors in the chapter entertained with a dinner and moonlight drive afterward, in honor of the anniversary of the chapter's installation. The dining room and table decorations were unique, all suggestive of Pi Phi and St. Valentine's, because the fourteenth was near enough so that we could borrow some ideas in decorating. The entire affair was kept as secret as possible and none of the chapter, except the seniors, knew that we were going for a drive until the bus drove up about eight o'clock.

The fraternity examination and the study for them comes next in the cataloguing of events. We celebrated Washington's birthday by taking the examination the morning of the twenty-second, and of course we are anxiously awaiting the return of the papers with their marks.

On the evening of March first, the Sophomore class presented Shaw's comedy, "You Never Can Tell,"—and we are especially proud of the fact that Rubie Roberts was in the cast as Dolly, and moreover, was the only fraternity girl in the play. Ruth Sterne was also the only fraternity girl on the sophomore play committee. The play was most successful and will be presented in San Jose after Easter, and perhaps in San Francisco.

Cap and Gown, the senior women's society here, gave a series of "stunts" at the woman's gymnasium for all the women of the university on March eighth. Pi Phi is represented in the society by Elamae Lambert and Elizabeth Officer. I wish that all of you could have been among the audience that evening and could have seen the deserted appearance of the library and all of the girls' houses and halls, for every one went to see the "stunts" and the gymnasium was packed.

We are looking forward to our California spring and all of its outdoor pleasures and wish that all of the chapters could be here with us, yet I shouldn't say "looking forward," for our spring has in reality been with us for a long time. We have our own boat this year on our tiny little lake, and the hills are as green as possible. We all of us know that every cent we can spare will be spent for drives and horseback rides up among them.

In extending greetings and best wishes to all the chapters in Pi Phi, California Alpha wishes to extend a special separate one to Washington Alpha.

We wish to remind all Pi Phis traveling in the west, that a cordial welcome awaits them at Stanford.

LOUISE PEARCE.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(Chartered 1900)

We can hardly realize that spring is here once more and that another college term is half over. This has been a very busy year both in college and fraternity activities.

Soon after our return from our Christmas vacation we were honored by a visit from our Grand Secretary, Miss Elda Smith. She stayed with us several days at the chapter house and told us many interesting things about the eastern colleges and our Pi Phi chapters there and also about the girls of Washington Alpha who have recently been initiated into Pi Beta Phi. One afternoon we gave an informal reception to the other fraternity girls so that Miss Smith might have an opportunity of meet-

ing other of our college girls outside of our own chapter. We enjoyed her visit with us very much and we are sure she could not have anything but a favorable impression of our university and of California in general. The fact that she could sit comfortably at an open air concert in the middle of January was certainly a novel experience to an eastern visitor.

The musical performances which have been given here this term have been especially fine. Madam Schumann-Heink accompanied by the university orchestra gave a recital in the Greek theatre. The renowned pianist, Rosenthal, played before a large and appreciative audience and some time this spring we shall have the pleasure of hearing Madam Nordica.

Besides these and other concerts there have been the usual college festivities. The Sophomore Hop and the annual play of the Mask and Dagger Dramatic Society, both furnished enjoyment for the college students. The twenty-second of February, Woman's Day, was spent in boat-racing, tennis and basket-ball, and ended with a colonial ball in the evening. The latter was a very pretty affair and proved to be a great success.

Even with so much going on in the college we have found time to do a little entertaining at the chapter house. Our freshmen gave a delightful dance in January and on the fourteenth of February the senior girls gave their annual valentine party.

California Beta wishes to introduce to you a new Pi Phi, Louetta Weir, whom we initiated January thirtieth. Our latest sister is a junior at college and a fine, strong girl so we are very proud to think that she is a Pi Phi. Shortly after her initiation Miss Weir met with quite a serious accident and has been confined to her bed for some weeks past but we hope that she will be back among us again soon.

Our college has another national fraternity. The girls of the former Alpha Beta Sigma local sorority have received a national charter of Alpha Omicron Pi. We wish them every success in their new fraternity life.

We have quite a number of girls in our chapter who have been in high school sororities and they have all proved to be good workers and loyal members of Pi Beta Phi. But some of these very girls are opposed to such organizations in preparatory schools and the opinion of the chapter as a whole seems to be against them, although very much may be said on both sides of this question. There is a strong local movement in Berkeley against these fraternities. The high school authorities have prohibited any fraternity or sorority member from taking part in the athletics or any other of the activities of the school.

We trust that the remainder of the year may pass happily for all sister chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

IDA MAY MCCOY.

Exchanges

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

For October—The Phi Chi *Quarterly*.

For November—The Delta Chi *Quarterly*, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*.

For December—The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the Kappa Alpha *Journal*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly*, the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, the *Trident* of Delta Delta Delta.

For January—The *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

For February—The *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Kappa Alpha *Journal*.

Anent the word "sorority" we quote from the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*. For the dignity of Pi Beta Phi we are glad that our corporate name, like the constitution of Alpha Phi, calls for the use of the word "fraternity."

The following remark of President Wheeler of the University of California, was quoted and commented upon in the Berkeley press as below:

"There is no need for the word sorority. I dislike the name very much. I prefer to speak of your organizations as women's fraternities. There can be a brotherhood of women as well as of men. The word 'fraternity' is derived from the Greek word 'frater,' meaning or suggesting brotherhood."

Now the sorority girls would like very much, as dutiful college girls, to please President Wheeler in this little matter of a name for their be-

loved secret societies, but there is an unsurpassable obstacle in the way. The constitution of these sororities—such organizations as the Kappa Kappa Gamma and the Kappa Alpha Theta and other exclusive sororities—provides that they shall be called sororities, and sororities they are, accordingly. The girls never dreamed that any fault could be found with the term. Miss Cornelia Stratton, President of the Associated Women Students, approves of President Wheeler's remarks regarding changing the name sorority to fraternity. "The word sorority is very little used these days and I am glad of it," said Miss Stratton. "I would prefer to use women's fraternities. It has a broader meaning. As a body of girls we can characterize ourselves as a brotherhood of sisters."

The *Beta Theta Pi* reprints from the *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*, with which we do not exchange, an exceedingly interesting article on "College Fraternity Origins." From this we clip the part which has to do with the fraternity or "nation" of the medieval university.

THE GOLIARDI.

Human institutions, like men, never lack ancestors. Without waiting to trace ours, we might safely assume that Delta Kappa Epsilon and her sister college fraternities are but the present generation of a long line well worth the knowing; and on inquiry so it proves. For, as we go back, we always find ourselves in congenial company—the generous youth of the most highly cultured lands. Whether we tread Puritan lanes, stroll about papal gardens or tramp the highways and byways of busy life, we find equal and universal tolerance; whether our path be in the sunlight of modern civilization, the twilight of mediaeval days, or the gloom of the so-called dark ages, we shall find the sun ever bright, maids ever merry, wine ever sparkling and song ever sounding; with every precious illusion yet unbroken, with life before each just as his fancy paints it—for it is still before him—as the lusty band keeps step to the marching music of its own pulses:

Gaudeamus igitur,
Juvenes dum sumus.

Such were the songs the students of Christendom were trolling before the first crusade set out, and on no day of the 800 years since—and how many more before—Who knows?—have students failed to sing them.

Further back it may be one more lucky or gifted than I might go. But that is as far as I have gotten; and so pleasant a place is it for sojourn that one might well go further and fare worse. In the twelfth and immediately following centuries there developed in Western Europe

such a system of universities, on a common footing, as modern times lacked, until, during the last thirty years, America has supplied one. Europe was parcelled among petty nations, each with its own language and customs. But the church made Latin a *lingua franca* of culture throughout Roman Christendom, and the mother tongue of students; so that between Oxford, Paris, Padua and the smaller and later founded cities of learning, especially those of Germany, strolled the youth of every land, sometimes after hearing the most renowned professors of a given branch of one university to go elsewhere for the best reputed teaching in some other line, more often with the just idea that travel was in itself the most liberal education, and the wide world the real "Universitas."

At each university there were, therefore, groups or "nations"—each of students of a common country or race; the less numerous of which as they became more prominent and formal were kept full by adoption. So that, for example, at Paris the English or the German "nation" might include scattered students from lands whence there were too few to form a "nation," or even French students who affected English or German ways; while at Oxford the Spanish or Italian "nations" might thus be recruited even from Englishmen. If an Oxford student was to visit Paris his "nation" would accredit him to the corresponding "nation" there. There resulted a fraternity system somewhat like our own—the "nations" of the same name—*e. g.*, the Italian "nations"—at the several universities constituting one fraternity throughout Christendom, the German "nations" another, and so on.

The thus fraternized students seem to have formed an international student guild, corresponding to the aggregate of "Greeks" at our universities, with subguilds, each named after some nation, corresponding to our general fraternities, each of which in its turn had a chapter or "nation" at each university where it was represented.

Of this guild and these subguilds and chapters, and the hospitality mutually given and expected, we have no end of mention. Of precisely what were the interrelations, or lack of such, between the different "nations" of a given university we know less. The "nations" at each university as a whole seem to have been clearly distinguished from the unattached majority of students; and with their fellows elsewhere to have been constituted a social organization—the "Goliardi," the scheme of which burlesque the Roman church, and whose head, or Pope, was always called "Goliath." But whether he was thus named as "Tope" in Chief, or as successor of an actual "Goliath," who founded the order, has as sadly puzzled our antiquarians, as did the performances of the Goliardi scandalize the church of their time. Under the Goliath there was at each university a local "Primas," who issued letters accredit-

ing those of his flock who were about to "stroll," and received the credentials of "strollers" from elsewhere, and with his fellow primates, or "cardinals," from the other universities—presided over by the Goliardus—made up the council of the order.

Our ignorance of just how the Goliardi were related to the students "nations" is not from lack of mention, but from the fact that the references are by outsiders to whom all strolling students were anathema, and who cared not for distinctions between them. The impression one gets is that the Goliardi were select coteries to which only members of the "nations" were eligible; so that a visiting Goliardus, while specially accredited to the "nation" corresponding to that from which he came, was also the guest at each university of the Goliardi there—a club of the choicer spirits of all the local "nations."

We have no authentic record of the personality of any one Goliardus. Of some primates we know more—of Walter Map most of all. English by birth, Gualtherus de Insula (Walter de L'Isle), was a student Goliardus at the University of Paris (1154-60), later Goliard "Primus" at Oxford, and still later Archdeacon there, after having served as royal legate to the Lateran Council. He gathered and edited the songs of the order, of many of which he is the reputed author—a collection, now in its eighth century of vogue,—our "Gaudeamus" being a development of one of his most daring parodies of church hymns, and his "Lauriger Horatius" being that we sing today. Others, such as Map's "Confessio" and some of his parodies, were the keenest of satire on the clergy; still others, the well-springs of the praise of Wine, Woman and Song, that became almost a literature in itself; and all of them were in the rhymed Latin that bridges the gulf between classical and modern poetry.

Of the Wine he lauded, Delta Kappa Epsilon has the punch, the recipe for which already old when imparted to the Goliardi of Caius College, Cambridge, had been tested three hundred or more years there before our Alpha secured it for us. The maids he sung are immortal, as every student can testify; and the songs that Walter—Pater and Primus of Oxford Goliardi—wrote and gathered today fill the song-books of American "Greeks" as well as the Kommersbuch used by the corps and Burschenschaft students of Germany, who are more the direct successors of the "nations" of his day.

Some weeks ago there appeared in the much-read *Saturday Evening Post* a rather ill-tempered article preferring the usual charges against the college fraternity system. To this the *Kappa Alpha Journal* makes answer by a contribution unusually practical and free from sentimentalism. Without agreeing with

all the arguments of the fraternity man we most heartily endorse his defense of the fraternity's right to exist.

Now the primary principle on which the fraternity system is founded is that of congeniality. A man may be upright, truthful, and honorable these are undoubted essentials, but in addition he must be congenial to those composing it in order to be admitted to a fraternity. Congeniality is not a property of the many but of the few. It is seldom acquired, but must be born in men whose principles are the same. The desire for congenial fellowship is inherent in the soul of every man. But even as many men hold different principles in their daily lives, so their attitude toward what constitutes congeniality varies.

In colleges, as in the outside world, men of congenial disposition seek to foregather. The ideals of one group cause them to feel more strongly to each other than to those who have not these ideals. In order to perpetuate their principles, a society is formed, in whose ritual, name and constitution these principles are embodied. Were everyone admitted to membership regardless of belief in these ideals and principles, the purpose of the fraternity would fail.

The question naturally arises: have the fraternities, existing as they do in a democratic form of life, a right to make a distinction? From the viewpoint of the writer, unquestionably they have. True democracy is a government by the people, and not of them. It is man's duty to obey those laws which are for the good of the people, but no law requires him to submit to any system which chooses for him his associates and friends. If there were any method by which the number of fraternities is limited, thus affording to non-fraternity men no means of forming fellowships of congenial souls, then there might be induced a powerful argument against the fraternity system. But this is not true. There is no limit to the number of societies which can be formed, if men so desire. But it is in no sense obligatory on fraternities to take in men who are not congenial to their members. When Thomas Jefferson declared that "All men are created free and equal," he did not modify a great truth by asserting that this state of equality should continue after birth. Equality in the eyes of the fraternity is based on that appreciation of honor, manhood, and congeniality common to all of its members.

The right of the fraternity to exist is based on the right of men to choose their own associates; to have common ideals and principles, and to perpetuate and extend these as may seem best; and to admit to fellowship those who hold similar principles and ideals. The right cannot be denied. Its influence is seen in clubs of many kinds, in political parties,

in religions and creeds, and in the beneficial orders of various sorts. To argue against such a right is to contend against a principle which has influenced mankind since primordial times. The altruism of universal brotherhood which presupposes a common principle and a common ideal to all men, while a beautiful theory, will never be practicable until human nature changes to an antithesis of its present condition.

Perhaps if we fraternity folks should all follow the advice of the *Caduceus*, the charge of exclusiveness would fade and die away.

The real objects of the fraternity are not to draw a line of distinction between fraternity and non-fraternity men. It is unfortunate that such a distinction so often has been made. The fraternity is for the fraternity man, but it has no right to be against the non-fraternity man. I think the fraternity relation is one that should be kept in the background when Greek and barbarian intermingle. It is not by emphasizing the differences between certain classes of students that the largest benefits are gained, but rather from those personal and close relations that are enjoyed in the chapter house and the weekly meeting. It ought, therefore, to be one of the first cares of a fraternity man to ignore that artificial line of division when he is with other students. If fraternity members would studiously avoid everything that tends to bring into prominence the fact that they are fraternity men, they would not lose anything, and they would be taking a giant stride toward abolishing the old-time enmity.

Of all the arguments in favor of the small college, the following quoted indirectly from the "rushing book" of Phi Kappa Psi has the merit of greatest originality. And more than that, it is "substantially correct."

He further speaks of the fact that the high cost of living in the larger colleges makes it difficult for a graduate accustomed to such a standard to live upon the salary he can earn in his early postgraduate days, and he contrasts this condition with that of the graduate of the small college, saying:

"On the other hand, the graduate of the small college, accustomed to economy, finds it possible not only to live as well or better than he has ever lived before, but to save a considerable sum from the same salary which the graduate of a larger school would find insufficient for his wants.

"Now the accumulation of these small savings is one of the greatest assurances of future success, for the possession of such a fund early in life not only means an assurance against idleness and non-employment,

but it soon places the possessor of such a fund in a position where he can choose his own work, and having secured congenial occupation, he will have firmly fixed his feet on the first round of the ladder to success, while he who is without such a fund must, of necessity, work at whatever is offered and be further handicaped by discontent and uncongenial occupation.

Chi Omega has recently established chapters at Colby College, Waterville, Maine, and at Dickinson.

The late convention of Alpha Phi was held with the chapter at Barnard College. The convention of 1908 will be held at Madison, Wis.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has removed the editor of the *Key* from membership in the national council and has elected an editor for a term of ten years. Mrs. E. G. Potter, California, '96, was chosen the first editor under the new arrangement.

Sigma Chi has lately entered the University of Montana by absorbing a local, Eta Phi Mu.

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