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## Alumnae Department.

SOME WOMEN WE WANT TO KNOW.

ANNE REESE PUGH.

Anne Reese Pugh is a North Carolinian by birth, but she was brought to Kansas at such an early age that one is justified in claiming her as a Kansas woman. Her father, Dr. Pugh, was a man of unusual ability and attainments, and Miss Pugh received the benefit of his intelligent guidance in her early education. Her old friends remember her as an extremely silent child, delicate in health, confiding in and companioning chiefly with her cat. Strangely enough her taste for books and study did not reveal itself early. But perhaps these days of silent childish contemplation were more conducive to originality than the usual quick recourse to books and the thoughts of others.

At sixteen, Miss Pugh entered the Kansas State University. The expenses of her college education had to be defrayed chiefly by her own efforts. This necessitated frequent intervals of school-teaching, and delayed her graduation for several years. The philosophical patience and apparent sense of leisure with which she accepted these delays were always a source of surprise to her friends. She had none of the nervous haste and restlessness which usually mark the western young man or woman. Either her ambition was not yet roused, or she saw with long and wise vision the advantage of these delays. When she finally returned to complete her course

in the University her work showed a maturity and seriousness rarely found in an undergraduate.

She had become a member of Pi Beta Phi in the early part of her college life, and was always regarded with immense pride and affection, mingled with some awe, by her fraternity sisters. I am sure that Miss Pugh did not try to inspire awe, but her very simplicity was impressive. She has the rare gift of keeping silent when she has nothing to say, and of speaking when she has, in a voice, "ever soft and low,"—both excellent things in women, and one of them unusual.

She secured the Bachelor's degree from the University in 1891, and was also elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Her next year was spent in study at Radcliffe College, then still under the name and constitution of the "Harvard Annex." Here she began the special work in the French language and literature which has so deeply engrossed her since.

Not content with the somewhat restricted privileges which Harvard then gave to young women, she sought in '92 a broader field of study in Paris. There, too, she found her sex a disadvantage, and it was with some difficulty that she obtained entrance to the most desirable classes.

In the spring of '93 she left Paris and pursued her studies at Zürich. If she had remained there a month longer, and had complied with the formalities demanded by the authorities, she might have received her doctorate. With her usual disdain of titles, however, she refused to do so, and spent the latter part of the summer in Italy, studying Italian.

In the fall of '93, she received the Boston foreign fellowship and was thus enabled to spend another year abroad. Returning to Paris she was gratified to receive invitations from the very men who had admitted her so unwillingly to their classes the year before, urging her to re-enter.

Miss Pugh was elected last spring to a position as head of the department of Romance languages, and instructor in French, in Wellesley College. A Wellesley graduate assures me that it has

been the custom in Wellesley to employ only native French teachers. The exception made in Miss Pugh's favor is certainly a most complimentary assurance of faith in her attainments.

The writer regrets that she is able to give only so scanty an outline of Miss Pugh's work. The letter from her quoted by Miss Allen in the last ARROW, gives a few details of her Paris life. But her characteristic reserve and modesty make it impossible to obtain from her a satisfactorily full account of her triumphs. One can readily see, however, even from this inadequate sketch, how great and persistent has been the energy of this quiet young woman, and how unusual her ability.

Behind all good speech, there is a better silence, and behind all good work something greater,—the personality of the worker. Miss Pugh's personality is so unusual, so difficult to describe justly, and so dear a remembrance to the present writer that she will hardly attempt to go deeper than her personal appearance.

Miss Pugh is not the unlovely and unfeminine blue-stocking of tradition. On the contrary, she is pretty and charming, of the kind of beauty which can not be photographed. She is tall and slender and graceful; her eyes are dark blue and luminous, eyes which "one can not look into, and doubt the immortality of the soul"; her hair is brown with a reddish glint in the sunlight, curly and abundant. Her manner is sweet, retiring and utterly unaggressive. The description suggests the heroine of an old fashioned love story, rather than the typical emancipated, self-supporting, end-of-the-century young woman.

Miss Pugh is to be congratulated on exploding the old fashioned theory that extreme learning and womanly sweetness and grace can not go hand in hand. The fraternity may justly take great pride in what Miss Pugh has accomplished, and more in what she is.

*Effie June Scott, Kansas Alpha.*

## THE MEANING OF FRATERNITY LIFE.

MY DEAR GIRLS:—I have a few words to say to you about the meaning of fraternity life. And, because I am a wearer of the arrow, I am going to speak specially of the meaning of Pi Phi life. I feel very happy in saying that from what I know of some other women's fraternities, these remarks will apply as well to them.

Let us each, at the beginning of this new school year, read again the creed of our fraternity, and then, with its words still ringing in our hearts, sit down and think very seriously what it means to be a Pi Phi girl.

In the first place it means to be a thoroughly honest girl; a girl who speaks the truth from her very heart, no matter how hard it may be to do so; a girl who is above all underhanded tricks, above all backbiting; a girl who can not only look her neighbor in the face, but who dares to look searchingly at herself, who does not shrink from self knowledge and self criticism.

It means, in the second place, to be a perfectly just girl, who will give to all their due; who will not let her mental sight be clouded by any personal feeling, by any prejudice of class, station, college or fraternity.

It means to be a girl who knows perfectly well what kind of a world she lives in, and yet surrounds herself with a thoroughly spiritual atmosphere.

It means to be a "lovely" woman. I like that word very much. It always seems to me that to be a lovely woman, one must be a very womanly woman. Not an ignorant woman, not a woman who shuts herself in and keeps her purity, because she does not come into contact with the world, but a woman who goes forth to do her part in the battle of life, fearlessly, who knows how truly Goethe spoke when he said,

"Es bildet ein Talent sich in der Stille,  
Doch ein Character in dem Strom der Welt."

— Every woman should be interested in the progress of the world in rooting out evil and in planting in good. But no woman who

urges on her cause with shout and clamor, with anger and vituperation, is a womanly woman. The woman who holds steadfastly to her purpose, enthusiastically, persistently it may be, but gently, with a sweetness of dignity that is the birthright of her sex, is the woman under whose banner you need not be ashamed to stand. It is this type of woman who are doing the telling work of to-day and who will do the work in the centuries to come.

And last, but by no means least, our creed tells us to keep within ourselves a broad, tolerant, loving spirit. Not only for those who are nearest to us, not only for those whose tastes and opinions are congenial to us, but for all humanity. Moreover we are to look for the good in everything and to hold fast to that.

This short creed of ours! How many life lessons we may learn from it!

Then my dear girls, if you are true to this beautiful creed, have you not a high ideal before you? Is there not growing up within you, in spite of failure, through constant struggle and effort, a beautiful grace of character—"an inward and spiritual grace?" Shall not its "outward and visible sign" be the beauty and strength of your lives? And so, by each one of us, in her small sphere, being a broad, honest, loving woman, may not the world grow to be a better place, because Pi Phi has lived?

*Margaret Halsey Brewer.*

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"AURUM POTABILE."

*"And it shall come to pass that the rod which I shall choose shall blossom."—BIBLE.*

"Would'st hear an Auric story?  
 Then hark thee! listen well!  
 One which a great magician  
 Oh, long ago, did tell  
 In days so strangely ancient,  
 E're yet the Son of God  
 With weary, way-worn footsteps,  
 Had pressed this earthly sod.

How twelve princes of the people  
 Each on his staff his name  
 Placed, and in presence of the Lord  
 His word's fulfilment claim;  
 But only his whose heart of gold  
 Was open to his God,  
 'Budded and brought forth buds and bloomed,'  
 A truly, *golden* rod.

To-day, twelve thousand, *thousand* rods  
 Through all this shining land  
 Transfigured, charmed, illumined,  
 In aureate beauty stand:  
 O'er hillside, valley, grade and plain  
 Kissed by the Autumn sun  
 That torch of Nature's kindling  
 Has lighted *every one*.

And while we pause, to gather  
 The lesson to our hearts,  
 A faint and far-off memory  
 Steals through the city-marts,  
 A sound of dainty footsteps  
 Down all the woodland ways,  
 A glint of shining garments  
 'Mid Autumn's dreamy haze,  
 Billows of golden forest leaves,  
 Through which we patient plod  
 And catch again, the fragrance  
 From fronds of golden-rod.

Ah! well we know the meaning  
 Of the incense floating there,  
 What yellow plumes have kissed the breeze  
 And left such perfume rare;

And again in happy spirit  
 We kneel upon the sod  
 And gather spicy armfuls,  
 Of the nodding golden-rod.

So as we each half doubtful  
 Go forth to meet the year  
 Let none of these about us  
 This fretful murmur hear  
 'Oh! to be a snow-white daisy  
 Half hid in the cool green sod,  
 Or a pink carnation, or tea-rose sweet  
 But I'M ONLY A GOLDEN-ROD.'

For He, the God of Glory,  
 Whose home is in the skies,  
 Pours from a jeweled chalice  
 His flood of golden dyes,  
 Whose slanting shafts of shining light,  
 Are falling wide and free  
 Which, if we open our hearts of gold,  
 Will bless both you and me  
 And lend new glory to this old earth  
 O'er which God's angels nod;  
 For he loves the humble spirit  
 Of the gladsome golden-rod.

Oh! may His touch transcendent  
 On each nature's weed and thorn,  
 Cause flowers of worth and loveliness  
 Immortal, to be born;  
 Whose source of inspiration  
 Shall be the Eternal Son,  
 'Till the touch of Love's sweet alchemy  
 Has crowned US, EVERY ONE."

*Carrie Rutledge Park.*

## FROM OVER THE SEA.

My mind is in such a turmoil with partings on the other side, sight-seeing, the intermediate stage of *mal du mer* and the home coming, that as yet I am only conscious that I am here. The fraternity has always held a chief place in my affections and I hasten to greet you all from this shore.

I wrote you last from Leipzig, when the four delegates from Colorado Alpha were splitting their throats with German gutturals and learning to like German customs after the rule "first endure, then pity, then embrace." Since that time we have spent a most delightful two years of German student life, becoming acquainted with a foreign people, visiting quaint and picturesque places, old in story, enjoying art in the great galleries of Berlin, Dresden, Munich and Antwerp, hearing a great deal of the best music—in fine, striving for the spirit of German culture. We are all back on this side now, except Miss Sternberg, who remains another year, developing a voice, that will sing her into glory some day, I think. Helen and Marie Maxwell are back with the home chapter; and if any of you go their way, let them show you what German air can do for singing throats. The fourth member of this quartette is very proud of her gifted sisters. Ours was a very musical little family, though you would never have realized it, had you come unexpectedly to our door during working hours—three voices and three pianos going at full pressure on different pieces and in different keys was not exactly conducive to quiet study to a fourth person—at least, so it might be inferred from the message of the Herr Baron, who roomed below, when he sent up begging the gnadige Fräulein to desist for the love of knowledge, and let him finish his thesis. Our "Wirthin" sometimes told prospective pensionnaires that she had Sängeriunen in the house; sometimes that induced them to seek further at once, sometimes prompted by a spirit of gallantry one replied, "Dass schadet nichts so lange dass Sie hübsch sind," but if wise he decided to go farther and take the chances of faring worse. We went to Germany prepared to be

very German, but seemed to grow more patriotic the longer we stayed, and, in spite of ourselves, to remain quite American. We would go out on the streets, dressed in German clothes, with a few faint American modifications, fully expecting to be taken for Deutsche Fräulein, and even the little street urchins would call after us, "Eengleesh spoke here."

We had the pleasure of entertaining a fifth Pi Beta Phi from Colorado Alpha while there. Imagine five Pi Phis seated around the uncovered board in the classic haunts of Türinger Hof, eating Backhuhn and drinking beer like any Deutscher, or making the pilgrimage through the long underground passage to the Witches' Kitchen, where Faust and Mephistopheles concocted their famous brew, visiting the scenes where Goethe, Schiller, Lessing, Luther and most of the lesser lights of German literature feasted and refreshed themselves after their poetic flights. Of course we didn't visit these places alone; but the best of being Americans abroad, is the feeling one has for compatriots. We were not unprotected females, as we expected to be (our Herr Prof. Chaperone and family left us at the end of the first year). We were members of one great family of most congenial people having the same aims and the same work, and we thus formed many delightful and, I hope, life-long friendships. An American student abroad has in every other American a friend and counsellor at need. With the English it is said to be quite the reverse, and fellow-countrymen are more avoided than sought.

Our life in Germany was very much what it would have been anywhere, were we thrown on our own resources; those with the strong purpose and single aim found ample time and opportunity to accomplish it, those with a more vacillating character absorbed a good deal from the stronger ones about them, and brought home pleasant memories to cheer a lifetime—come weal, come woe. We tried to conform as much as possible to the customs and prejudices of the people about us, but in spite of our efforts, I am afraid we often shocked the watchful Saxon, by our American independence. Our days were spent in reading, study, practice for the musical

ones, liberally interspersed with long walks about the country, which you know is one great battlefield, rows upon the river in mild weather, skating in winter, and the evenings furnished splendid opportunities for hearing the best music for the least money of any place in the world.

England, on the way home, was an episode, but a very charming one; probably most of you know more about it than I, either from visits or through history and books of travel. One feels a delightful thrill in retracing the paths passed over so often in history and fiction; there's a charm in seeing such places as Trafalgar Square, Oxford and Piccadilly circuses—(which I had always faintly associated with a menagerie in some way),—Banbury Cross, the Old Lady of Threadneedle Street, as the Bank of England is colloquially called—"giving to airy nothing a local habitation and a name." It is strange that the things which stand out in most vivid relief when you get home, are not at all what you would expect—that after visiting the houses of parliament, Westminster, St. Paul's and the Tower, that it should be a blockade in front of the Mansion House, viewed from the top of an omnibus, the seething multitude of people crossing London Bridge, or the little street lads singing popular music hall airs in front of the theatre, that should be oftenest recalled to mind.

I was a guest in an American home, on the edge of Hampstead Heath, a place which seems in some way connected with so many of the traditions of English history; there we could visit the cottages of Leigh Hunt and of Keats, pass often the homes of such moderns as Kate Greenaway, Walter Besant, Du Maurier—we could look up at the great studio windows of the one and fancy the quaint little maidens being reproduced upon canvas within, or picture to ourselves the rooms and occupants of the latter home, from whence had just issued the last pages of "Trilby." We went one day to Hampstead parish church, to the unveiling of the first memorial ever erected on British soil to the poet Keats. It was in the form of a bust, made by Miss Whitney of Boston—the gift of the American men of letters to the literary men of England. The presentation

was to have been made by Bret Harte, but he was detained, and was received by Edmund Gosse, Prof. Palgrave, Sidney Colvin, Lord Houghton and other notables. I noticed afterwards, among the floral offerings, a wreath inscribed, "From Sappho of Green Springs."

From London and its restless flow of people, to Oxford with its academic repose, is a pleasant transition. Of all places in the world, Oxford seems best adapted to elegant and scholarly leisure. The old colleges, with their ivy-covered walls; the quadrangles, with velvet turfs which have been mowed and rolled for centuries; the beautiful gardens and shaded walks, the rows upon the Thames, the libraries inviting study, and the example of generations of cultured men behind, can but make a dull man scholarly and transport a scholar to paradise; the danger, I should think, being that the place is too beautiful for hard work, that one would be content to float along, absorbing the beauty and the luxury about, as long as possible—that here they might transpose the famous Concord epigram into *high* living and *plain* thinking. Of the twenty or so colleges it would be hard to choose the most interesting. I was lost in envy and admiration of them all, and thought of the good fortune of these students, "the heirs of all the ages." In New College chapel is the famous Reynolds' window—the figures representing the virtues made from types of beauty in the time of Sir Joshua. In University College is a magnificent memorial of Shelley, in a mausoleum built for it of beautiful and varied marbles; forming a frieze about the room are his own exquisite lines to Keats—

"—He is not dead, he doth not sleep—  
He hath awakened from the dream of life—  
He has outsoared the shadow of our night;  
Envy and calumny and hate and pain,  
And that unrest which men miscall delight,  
Can touch him not and torture not again;  
From the contagion of the world's slow stain  
He is secure, and now can never mourn  
A heart grown cold, a head grown gray in vain."

In the center of this circular vault is the white marble slab, supported by winged figures in green marble, on which lies the image of the poet, as though just washed up by the waves. In Keble College is the famous picture by Holman Hunt, "The Light of the World."

The difficulty is that one has only one life to live, and there are so many places one would like to spend it. After all, it's very good to be an American and have a country to be welcomed to. In spite of the worry occasioned by custom house officers, and the aggravation of seeing so many people chewing gum, there's no country for which I am willing to exchange this.

With love and best wishes for a successful school year,

I am, yours fraternally,

*Elizabeth Kennicott Culver.*

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## What Some Pi Phis are Doing.

### ILLINOIS DELTA.

Mrs. Ada Grier, one of the fourteen women who gave us the fraternity organization in 1867, visited Galesburg the past summer and those privileged to meet her learned much of those early days of I. C.

Miss Hopkins, '94, will study in the Boston Conservatory.

Grace E. Lass will assist in the Department of Elocution, Knox College.

Mary Frost, '92, occupies the position of Assistant Instructor in Latin, Knox College.

### INDIANA ALPHA.

Sarah Covert will teach Mathematics in the High School, Peru, Ind.

Hannah Middleton, '94, becomes High School Assistant—Nineveh, Ind.

Ethel Miller teaches in the Public Schools.

Marcia Miller will do Post Graduate work in German, Franklin College.

Lillian Weyl will do Post Graduate work in Greek, Franklin College.

Francis Smith will teach in the Baptist Mission College at Seline, Ala.

May L. Burton will teach in the Public Schools, Mitchell, Ind.

Elizabeth Eddleman teaches History at Bucknell University, Lewiston, Pa.

Emma Ellis-Munroe accompanies Prof. Munroe to Chicago, where he enters the University for special work.

Maud Metsku teaches in the Public Schools, Delphi, Ind.

#### COLORADO ALPHA.

Miss Lue Andrews, '93, took her Master's degree last June—choosing for the subject of her Thesis, "The Early History of Boulder." It has received much favorable comment and will probably be published.—From a correspondent.

Emma Sternberg remains in Germany for another year of study—the third.

#### LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Anna Coyle, '93, has sailed for Dresden where she will study for two years.

Alice Boarman will spend the year at Wellesley College.

Vira Boarman, Bertha Krumbaar, Lula Hardie, Mary Matthews, Marguerite and Ethelyn West are to make their debuts into society.

#### COLORADO BETA.

Gertrude H. Beggs, '93, is teaching Latin in the North Denver High School.

Lottie Waterbury, '93, is teaching at Morristown, Tenn.

Louis Foucar, '94, is temporarily filling the position of instructor in French and German in our own University.

Helen Stearns was abroad during the summer.

## KANSAS ALPHA.

Married, June 23, 1894, at Burlington, Kansas, Miss Anna Gertrude Crotty and Mr. Charles Benedict Davenport, of Cambridge, Mass. Mr. Davenport is a professor in Harvard. Mr. and Mrs. Davenport are at home to their friends on Francis Avenue, Cambridge.

Miss Effie June Scott has been spending some time at K. U., studying methods of teaching beginners in French and German.

Miss May Stephens has the responsible position of Superintendent in a training school for nurses in Omaha, Nebraska.

Miss Millia Alice Crotty is spending a month at her home in Burlington, Kansas, before returning to the Chicago University where she was the past winter, pursuing advanced work in Old English.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Miss L. Hazelton is studying and teaching music.

Miss Anna Hazelton has charge of the department of Mathematics in Mrs. Cabell's school for young women, in Norwood.

Dr. Pettigrew is doing post-graduate work and is one of the physicians at the Dorothea Dix Dispensary.

Miss Sparks teaches in the public schools.

Dr. Norris is studying in the Boston hospitals, preparatory to practicing in Washington.

Miss Edna Clarke teaches in the Business High School.

Miss Brewer is doing post-graduate work and has charge of English and Mathematics in a private school.

Miss Shipman teaches Greek and Latin in the eastern high school. Miss S. is known as one of Washington's finest tutors.

Dr. Mae Graves has charge of special work in Physiology in the eastern division of the city schools.

Miss Margaret Bailey teaches English and Philosophy, having spent several summers at Harvard's summer schools.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

Mrs. Minnie Newby Ricketts is the mother of George Newby Ricketts, July, '94.

Florence Wolfenden has spent the last year in Australia. She will return home through Europe and continue her studies at the University of Chicago.

Louise Hulburt is studying in the German universities, with her father, Dr. Hulburt, dean of the Theological Department of Chicago University.

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#### A TRIBUTE TO CORINNE SUPER-STINE.

It is with sorrow that we record the death of our beloved sister, Corinne Super Stine, and as we know that the sorrow is not ours alone, but is shared by each member of the fraternity, we wish likewise to share our memories of Corinne and the joy we had in knowing her.

The record of her life is short, yet we who knew her best think it could not have been more complete had the years numbered three score and ten.

Corinne Elizabeth Super was born at Canfield, Ohio, July 31, 1869. Her childhood was passed in Canfield and Cincinnati until her twelfth year, when she came with her parents to Athens.

The only daughter of a cultured, Christian home, she was the object of a care and devotion which she most beautifully repaid as year by year her character developed into the strength and sweetness of womanhood. In her seventeenth year she entered the Ohio University, at Athens, of which her father, Dr. Chas. W. Super, is president, and from which she graduated in 1892. During the first two years of her college life she was a member of a local fraternity which no longer exists, and in 1889 became one of the char-

ter members of Ohio Alpha Chapter of Pi Beta Phi. She held the offices of president and secretary of our chapter at several different times, and at the meeting of Grand Alpha, in Chicago, July, 1893, she was elected Grand Vice-President, which office she held at the time of her death.

It was perhaps in fraternity life that Corinne showed the rarest and most beautiful side of her character, the capacity for true and devoted friendship.

To her the sacredness of friendship was inviolable; to us the memory of that friendship will always be one of the sweet and beautiful things of our youth.

She, more fully than any one else I have ever known, obeyed the law of our creed: "Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things."

On the 7th of June, 1893, she was married to Dr. William M. Stine, of Armour Institute, Chicago, and left the home of her girlhood, looking forward to long years of happiness to be spent in her new home in the companionship of her husband.

The joy of that new home and the pain of its desolation are alike too sacred to be expressed. On the 1st of May, 1894, the life so full of promise, yet so complete in its beauty, so perfect in the power of its loveliness, was ended.

The suffering borne with such patient courage can only be thought of as the final purifying fire to a character which needed only that to make it fit for the Kingdom of God; and the end, coming as a sweet sleep, will ever seem a most beautiful passage through the valley of the shadow of death to the eternal life beyond.

*Caroline Schwefel, Ohio Alpha.*

## FRATERNITIES AT WELLESLEY.

No national Greek-letter fraternity has a chapter at Wellesley, because one of the most emphatic laws of the college is, that the constitution and by-laws of all student organizations should be known and approved by the Academic Council. This rule, of course, shuts out all fraternities, essentially secret.

The local societies, however, admirably meet the needs—literary and social—of their several members. Of each of these associations I shall try to give some idea to those interested in this side of our college life. There are six mutually exclusive societies at Wellesley; these differ widely in the nature of their work, two being devoted to general literary subjects, and of the others, one each, to the art, to the drama, to politics, and to a study of the classics. To define further the purposes and ideals of these fraternities I shall quote from their several histories published by them in this year's Wellesley Legenda. It is impossible to rank them, they vary in kind, not degree, of excellence, so I shall mention them in the order in which their names occur in our college publication.

*The Shakespeare Society* "has as its aim the systematic study of Shakespeare as a means for mental development. The work of the society is literary and dramatic in character, and at each meeting representations from some of Shakespeare's plays are given. Working together in the bonds of goodfellowship, the members by their connection with the society aim to be better scholars and better women."

Less special in its work and rather more secret in character is *Phi Sigma*. This is the only society at Wellesley not strictly local. In Wesleyan University its second chapter has lately been established. "The work of the Fraternity is essentially literature and its aim is to offer a stimulus to scholarly work, to promote good fellowship and to unite the interests of the undergraduates."

Very much like *Phi Sigma* in its purposes and ideals—a little broader perhaps in its range of subject for study is *Zeta Alpha*, of

which the aims are, "both moral and intellectual, both social and individual. This society aims to develop character by drawing the members together in a little community whose law is one of mutual respect, sympathy and help, and whose basis is the sacredness of friendship. The intellectual work is arranged to give training in writing and speaking, and also to supplement the knowledge obtained in the classroom. The subjects may be historical, literary, political or social. *Zeta Alpha* aims to study human thought whether recorded in literature and history, or expressed in the characteristic phases of modern life, and in the tides and currents of modern movements. In the former it requires the utmost freedom and individuality of opinions; in the latter, independent and practical investigation. In the union of intellectual work and social development, the society, *Zeta Alpha*, is seeking for its members and for itself, if perchance it may find—completeness."

Aiming for the same thing—completeness, another fraternity, *Tau Zeta Epsilon*, formerly known by the less distinctive name of "Art Society," supplements "the routine of academic life by the study of the beautiful wherever found, whether in the realms of painting, sculpture, architecture, music or literature. Beauty is the guide and the whole wide world a studio."

Of a more practical nature are the aims of the *Agora*. "The object of this society being to create an intelligent interest in the political questions of the day and by a free discussion of them, to train its members to take an active and responsible position on all such questions. This states only the working basis. The real object is above and beyond this—the development of patriotism and the attainment of noble womanhood. The one thing noticeably lacking in women of to-day, is knowledge of political questions. Such knowledge which is supplied by no college course the *Agora* strives to give. But it strives to give more than mere knowledge of political questions. It strives to breathe into its members the spirit of patriotism, and to fit them to face the nation's problems; to keep them in touch with the outside world to broaden their interest; to counteract the narrowness of view

toward which the isolation of college life must tend; strives to give them the broadened, ennobled womanhood that these broadened interests give; to give them that larger conception of life, that higher ideal of womanhood, which shall lead them throughout their lives, to work for their country, for their fellow-men and women. It strives to teach them that a woman must be broad enough to have a place in her heart and in her life not only for her home, but for her country and for the world."

Of somewhat smaller membership than the others I have named, is the Classical Society. This holds frequent social meetings besides those in which the students talk or read papers on subjects such as its name suggests.

These, then, are the six fraternities Wellesley supports. Though they differ among themselves in many minor points, one high idea is common to them all—that of a rounded, cultured womanhood. I cannot see the benefit which these local societies most certainly give without regretting that our college law excludes an ever great force for good—the national Greek-letter fraternity.

*Alice Boarman, Louisiana Alpha.*

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## What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

From the editor comes the request to send some message for the new year to the other chapters. At this season of the year, when all fraternity girls are thinking about "rushing"—to use a word from the college vocabulary—we cannot say too much about keeping the high ideal of our fraternity ever before us. For this is the time when we are tempted to petty-rivalries and perhaps to take unfair advantages and when we lose our good judgment and decide hastily on whom to invite to join us. There are new girls with pretty faces and attractive ways, and though little more is known of them, there is an eagerness to invite them inside our circle. Is it not time there was less haste

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and more careful deliberation in the matter? A pretty face does not (alas!) always indicate a beautiful character, and one discordant element in the fraternity may mar the harmony of the whole.

It is trite—but great truths are always trite—that what we want in fraternity life is honest, cordial friendship, and everything else should bow to this. Then too, let us say just a word about what fraternity life should do for us, and what we should expect from its friendships.

The friendships should be strong and sincere and especially helpful. Why not let the fraternity life rub off some of the rough edges in our characters? One evening last year our chapter held what might be termed a "fault finding meeting." We told each other the faults which we could see. Might not this plan be tried more frequently? Criticism may be hard medicine to take, but from what source can it best come than from the hand of a friend? And so our lives shall be tuned and trained to bless the world with its own beautiful music. And not only that—but may our hearts be always ready to vibrate in sympathy with the joy or the sorrow, the hope or the despair of those hearts which come near our own.

*Michigan Alpha.*

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At the beginning of the school year, a little reflection upon the successes and failures of the past year, together with their respective causes, will help very materially in planning more intelligently the work just ahead of us.

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The first thing to decide, it seems to me, will be the nature of the work—whether it shall be chiefly intellectual or, in the main, social. There should be a definite aim in the fraternity as well as elsewhere, and to a certain extent a singleness of purpose. When the work is thus laid out, the individual members can perceive more clearly what is to be the share of each girl in the work as a whole. And, by having one object instead of many, the chapter will gain a distinctive character—an individuality of its own that cannot otherwise be obtained.

Too much time is spent, I fear, in vain rivalry with other fraternities. Of course there is naturally a slight spirit of enmity during the "rush," but after that is over don't waste any of your precious time trying to get ahead of them at every turn. Proceed independently to enjoy the girls in your own chapter and to think up ways for making things just as pleasant as possible so that when your college days are over you will have something enjoyable to look back upon—not a series of contentions over immaterial affairs.

*Adelia Alice Humphrey, Kansas Alpha.*

I think the conditions under which Columbia Alpha is maintained are different from those of most other chapters. The difficulties which this chapter has to face are, if not greater than those which our sisters have to encounter, at least unlike them. Those chapters which are so fortunate as to have a chapter house or room are most especially to be envied; but even those which have no especial sanctum, but all of whose members live on the same college premises or in the same small town, have a great advantage over us. Columbian University is located in the heart of the business center of Washington, and all of our girls live at a considerable distance from the building, and, even worse, at long distances from each other. We attend the college only for recitations, and as soon as they are finished leave for the day. Naturally no two of us are engaged at exactly the same hours, and during the last session we considered ourselves lucky to find one hour in the week which we could all give up to the meetings, and even this was not always convenient for us. This hour, coming in the midst of recitations, was scarcely the time for earnest work, and we found that the business meeting consumed nearly the whole time. The Alumnæ Club, realizing our difficulties, helped us out by taking entire charge of the social and literary meetings, held one evening in each month. These meetings were very enjoyable, but the members of the active chapter felt that they were becoming decidedly inactive, and that it was hardly

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fair that they should always be entertained and take no personal part. Even at these times the younger girls in the chapter found it almost impossible to be present on account of living so far from the place of meeting. Evidently regular evening meetings would be a failure.

Last fall a plan was suggested which I hope can be followed during the coming winter. This was to hold our meetings on Saturday mornings at the houses of our various members, to be concluded by informal luncheons. At these times we could discuss topics chosen at previous meetings, and as I think far too many college girls take too little interest in the affairs of the day, the discussion of current events would form the basis of a profitable season's work. Especially would it be well to note the progress of woman's work all over the world. If a woman of prominence should enter our city, and could be prevailed to honor us, we might offer her some form of entertainment worthy of her acceptance, and ask her to talk to us upon the special line of work in which she may have been successful. In this way we could be more in touch with the women of to-day, and profit by their greater experience.

But whatever plan of work we may adopt, the most important requisite of success is earnestness and unity of purpose. If every member of the chapter feels that the future of the chapter depends upon herself, the results will be far more gratifying to all.

*Addie E. Maguire.*

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Phillips Brooks has said that there are three dimensions of a human life—Length, and Breadth, and Height,—without the due development of which no life becomes complete. The  
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 Better Part." Length is the reaching on and out in the line of activity and thought and self-development, indicated by one's special powers. The Height of a life is its reach upward towards God. And the Breadth of a life is its outreach laterally; it is the tendency which is always drawing a man outward into sympathy with other men.

If, in this development in breadth, our fraternity life does not help us, it fails in its true aim. We Pi Phis are banded together in close companionship for our mutual benefit: the true fraternity spirit is love and sympathy for each other. Are we living up to it? Then there is a genial social development which we all need, and for which fraternity life is so well adapted both among our active members and with our alumnae. If all our talk is confidential, and all our meetings either for business or fun, we are making a mistake; but if our association is a source of happiness and inspiration to ourselves and others, we are surely learning both to give and take of the best that is in us, and each is creating for herself a personal atmosphere which can be both fragrant and invigorating.

*Colo. Beta.*

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## Of Interest to all Women.

### WOMEN IN THE ENGLISH UNIVERSITIES.

The women are still busy taking college honors, and they evidently mean to keep up a practice which they have well begun.

The publication of the class lists of women students at Cambridge has brought out a result which is probably unrivaled by any two colleges of the same size in the university. Out of a total of eighty-three candidates for the various tripos examinations twenty-one—that is, 25 per cent—have carried off first-class honors on work which has in the majority of cases covered three years' study.

The chief place of honor belongs to Miss Ada Johnson, of Newnham College. Last year Miss Johnson passed out as fifth wrangler in the mathematical tripos. This year, after reading the short lines of the mathematical tripos, part 2, which announced that no man had been placed in the first division of the first class, the examiner opened a still shorter list which showed that a woman had secured this high position. Miss Johnson had received her education in Cambridge, and after taking the senior local examination

with two distinctions, she proceeded to work for the Cambridge higher local, which she passed with such distinction in mathematics that she was awarded the Clothworkers' scholarship on the result. Since then she has resided at the Old Hall, Newnham College, where her mathematical ability has for a considerable time raised the hopes of these who knew her, although they scarcely anticipated such brilliant results.

Miss G. Fanner, of Newnham College, the daughter of H. Fanner, of Kingston-on-Thames, was educated for ten years at the Wimbledon High School for Girls, where she passed the examination of the Oxford and Cambridge joint board with distinction. After studying German at Coblenz for a year she then proceeded to Newnham College, in October, 1891. During her college career she passed the Cambridge higher local examination, taking a first-class in the moral sciences group. In addition to her work Miss Fanner has been an active member of the many clubs which play an important part in life at the woman's colleges. Like her companion from the sister college, she takes an active share in the social life of the place; indeed, the college course of both affords further illustration of the possibility of combining keen interest in the social side of college life with steady, hard work.

Miss E. H. Cooke, of Girton College, the only woman wrangler (equal to 28th) this year, is the daughter of Rev. J. Hunt Cooke, of London. She was educated at the North London Collegiate College for girls, where she held a scholarship for some time, and passed the Cambridge senior and London intermediate examinations with first-class honors. Miss Cooke was awarded a Clothworker's scholarship by the school and a Girton College scholarship in 1891, since which time she has been in residence at Girton.

The modern languages lists also show exceedingly good results, as no fewer than six women are placed in the first-class. Of these, Miss Mary Roseveare, of Newnham College, has been awarded distinction in two sections (English and French)—a very unusual honor. Miss Roseveare, daughter of Henry Roseveare, of Wivelis-

combe, Saltash, was educated at the Plymouth High School, where her taste for English literature was developed, and various distinctions were won in the higher local groups. Entering Newnham in October, 1891, she has taken a high place in the intercollegiate examinations in modern languages.

Miss Carmichael, of Newnham College, daughter of G. P. Carmichael, of the Indian civil service, was partly educated in India, and then for one year at Queen's College, London. She, too, carried off many distinctions in the Cambridge higher local examinations, and during her Cambridge career has taken a keen interest in college affairs. Her first class in the tripos has been gained on two sections (English and French).

Miss L. M. Cooke is the daughter of Rev. J. S. Cooke, of London. She was educated for four years at the Bromley High School, a private school at Southport, and finally spent a year in the Clapham High School. Distinguished in the higher local examination, she was awarded a scholarship by the educational committee at Newnham, where she has prosecuted her studies since 1891.

Miss E. L. Wright, of Newnham College, daughter of the late Captain Wright, of the American navy, was born in Londonderry, and was educated at Westwood Collegiate School, Scarborough. Miss Wright has also spent some years in study abroad. She passed the affiliation examination connected with the local lectures at Scarborough, and has also taken the LL.A. examinations with honors.

The most distinguished classical student is Miss Purdie, of Newnham College, who was mentioned last year as taking a first class in the classical tripos, part 1. This year she has not only taken a first class in the second part of the same tripos, but has also gained a mark of distinction in philology. This is the first occasion on which a woman has thus distinguished herself.—*Boston Sunday Herald*.

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As it is in New York, so it is in every State in the Union. Whenever there is any legislation proposed extending the political privileges of women, the whisky ring immediately assembles its

most powerful lobby to defeat it. This is a fact so well known that nobody will undertake to dispute it. The overturning of the suffrage law in the State of Washington—then a Territory—a few years ago, was the open and confessed work of the whisky ring. The petitions for passage of the suffrage bill were displayed in the schools and the churches, those opposing it in the saloons. It was a contest between the saloon, the "ring," and the church and the school, and the saloon won the day—a variation of the latest chapter of suffrage history, which has been begun, but not completed, in New York.—*Chicago Inter Ocean*.

Mlle Rosa Bonheur is no longer the only woman artist who wears the cross of the Legion of Honor. Mme. Virginie Demont-Breton, the daughter of Jules Breton, and the wife of an artist named Adrien Demont, has for the last dozen years exhibited a successful series of marine pictures in the Salon, and finally has received the cross. She is a little woman who usually works on very big canvases.

All the members of the school board in Tiverton, Rhode Island, are women, and the superintendent says the schools of that town are the best conducted in the state.

President Jordan, of Stanford University, has given an outline of the improvements contemplated at the University by Mrs. Stanford as soon as the courts allow. Upon the distribution of the estate of the late Senator Stanford, about \$3,000,000 will pass to the university. The remainder of the estate will come under Mrs. Stanford's control and she will devote it to the institution during her life and bequeath it to it at her death. A handsome library building, to cost \$150,000, is what Mrs. Stanford wishes to commence in the spring. An exact duplicate of this building will be built 100 feet away, to be devoted to a museum and laboratory for the natural history department. These buildings will stand in front of the present quadrangle, and, as the building plans are carried out in future, will be connected by other buildings, with a

monumental arch eighty-six feet high in the center, and will constitute a facade, 1,000 feet long, of a group of buildings and will be part of the outer quadrangle which will inclose the present one. Other buildings to be erected are a memorial chapel, a girls' dormitory, to cost \$250,00 and a chemical building to cost \$50,000. It is proposed that the present facilities be trebled during the next two years, providing accommodations for 500 students.—*Grand Rapids Herald.*

Miss Ida Platt, of Chicago, recently graduated from the Chicago College of Law, has received a license to practice law at the bar of Illinois. She is the first colored woman admitted to the bar of that state. Miss Platt is about thirty years of age, is a woman of marked ability, an excellent shorthand law reporter, a proficient in music, French and German, and graduated from the Law College with honors. A student's standing must be as high as 85 to graduate, but Miss Platt's marking was 96, being 11 above the required number.—*Demorest's Magazine.*

Miss Anna L. Hawkins, who was graduated from the Maryland Institute recently, is the first woman to receive a diploma in the architectural division, and will make a profession of architecture, for which she has shown decided talent.

Miss Cora Dow, of Cincinnati, is the owner of three drug stores in successful operation in that city. She is a graduate of the Pharmaceutical department of the Cincinnati University. She employs six registered pharmacists and four assistants, visits each store every day, and supervises every detail.

Mme. Yoer, who, upon the death of her husband, a reporter for the French press, took up his work and has conducted it with marked enterprise, is one of the best-known figures in Paris. In her rounds she is accompanied by a great white poodle called "The Doctor." who permits no one to trifle with his mistress.

## WOMEN SCIENTISTS.

In America, women have entered the field of science as well equipped, and with as strong and correct a spirit of investigation, as the men. Already they occupy a high position in the medical profession, and old practitioners are no longer afraid of losing caste by meeting women doctors in consultation. Many American women graduates are taking a post-graduate course in biology and the study of lower organic life. Higher special work is confined largely at present to women of scholarly leisure and liberal income. The best facilities for pursuing these specialized studies are to be had at Cambridge, Cornell, Bryn Mawr and Johns Hopkins University.

In the department of zoology, Miss Florence Mayo, Miss Annie Parker Henchman, and Miss Julia B. Platt have had papers published in the bulletin of the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard College. An important monograph relating to American history was recently prepared by Mrs. H. C. McDougal. It treats of "Fugitive Slaves from 1619 to 1865." The author gives an account of the legislation respecting slaves fleeing from service or labor, and a report of the principal fugitive slave cases from early colonial times to the abolition of slavery. The work is based upon the literature of slavery contained in the collection of Harvard College and the great Boston libraries, and upon examination of the colonial, state and national legislation on this subject.

Other historical monographs are by Miss Follet on "The Speaker of the House," and by Lucy Maynard Salmon, Professor of history in Vassar College, on the "Veto Power of the President."

The publication fund of Harvard Annex preserved the prize essay of Lucy Annie Clayton on the "Personal Character of Dante as Revealed in his Writings." In scientific research two Vassar graduates, Mrs. Elizabeth Peckham and Anna Isabel Mulford, have won distinction.

All women's colleges in the country are in close communication with the bureaus of meteorology and astronomy in Washington and throughout the whole United States. It is flattering to the sex and to the men who admire them, to know that college-bred women are

employed as computers in the observatories of Harvard and Yale and in the Naval Observatory at Washington. The facts that led to Professor Pickering's late theory as to double stars were the discovery of Miss Murray, of Harvard. The Sociological problems of the day are evoking specialized search in domestic science and sanitation, the demonstration of which were to be seen at the World's Fair in the New York Model Workingmen's Home.—*Boston Post.*

#### THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE OF BROWN UNIVERSITY.

In September, 1891, the corporation of Brown University, by a unanimous vote, decided to open all university examinations to women, and thirteen young women during that college year were instructed by Brown professors preparatory to these examinations. At the beginning of the following year the number of students had increased to forty-five, and a pleasant building near the university building was secured for their accommodation. This building was built for a private school, and hence is admirably adapted to its present use. This third college year the forty-five students have increased to seventy-three. It is interesting to note in this connection that seventy-three was the number enrolled at Harvard Annex during its seventh year.

It is expected that the college will continue to increase rapidly and much larger accommodations will soon be necessary. While the college itself is self-supporting, an endowment fund is needed for the erection of suitable buildings, and it is hoped that friends of the college will soon come to its assistance.

The policy of the college authorities is to give to women every advantage which the men have long enjoyed. Where the number of women electing any subject is sufficient to form a class, they are instructed together by a professor of Brown or his assistant; when the number electing a subject is small, these women are admitted to the classes with the men.

This coming Commencement two women will be graduated, and will receive their diplomas from Brown University together with the men.

The opportunities for graduate students are exactly the same for women as for men. Men and women work together in the classroom, in the libraries and laboratories, while at Harvard this is not permitted, and the opportunity for advanced study at Radcliffe is very limited. Last year at Brown two women received the degree of A. M., and there are at present nine women working for this degree and two for the degree of Ph. D.

The expenses in connection with instruction at the women's college are somewhat under \$150 per year, while room and board in private families near the college range from \$5 to \$10 per week. One young woman reduces her expenses of living to \$3 per week by living on the co-operative plan. She has her own oil stove in a kitchen common to several, and cooks whatever she wishes. As she seems to be thriving under this regime, this would seem a good plan for others to follow, whose ambitions exceed their means.

The facilities in New England for the collegiate education of women are far from being adequate to the numbers seeking higher education. Smith is overcrowded, and Wellesley annually turns away as many applicants as she can receive. Hence the admission of women to Brown is a much needed boon.

The young women now in the college here are nearly all exceptionally bright, eager students. One prominent professor told me he never had imagined that teaching a class of women could be so delightful, nor had he before had any conception of the enthusiastic love of learning and the intense application which he daily witnessed.—*The Key*.

Dr. Anderson Brown, one of the foremost women physicians of England, has established an industrial farm for inebriate women. The test of the practicability of outdoor life as a cure for drunkenness will be made under the auspices of the Women's Temperance Association. Fruit growing, poultry raising, gardening, bee keeping and butter making will be among the branches taught.—*Demorest's Magazine*.

## THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

Chas. Dudley Warner, in Harper's for October, writes an editorial which suggests many troublesome questions: "There are some symptoms of uneasiness about the Higher Education. Not, indeed, in regard to really high education—scientific, not technical or industrial, that is, pure learning and investigation, which is deemed impractical—but the relatively high, and which has got the name of the Higher Education of women, and is commonly applied to women only. Some of those who are querying about it will say that the methods now in use do not uniformly, or even generally, give a higher education, because a higher education ought not to be an education in spots, but a comprehensive development. There is a hitch somewhere, and it is best to be perfectly frank about it. This vague uneasiness was expressed the other day by a clever woman, who looks at results in this way: 'The higher education is all very well, but a girl ought to know something.'

. . . . There are many girls who are working with a definite purpose, for a profession, or to fit themselves for some occupation. There is no criticism on those others who have no definite aim beyond that of their general development and cultivation. They are amply justified in that object, because there is nothing more needed in our social system than women of liberal cultivation. But are they getting this in the studies they pursue and the way they pursue them in the scheme of Higher Education.

. . . . She comes into college, where, under the common pressure system there is also very little time for general cultivation. She studies languages a little, science a little, perhaps chemistry or biology or physics; has a little history, some politics, a dash of mathematics, enough time in each to get a superficial knowledge of it, when it is dropped for something else. Here also she goes on cramming for examination and at the end gets her diploma or degree. How much does she know, or what real training has she had? Of course there are exceptional girls who come out of this process real scholars in some department, and who, by zeal and love

of learning, have acquired a general cultivation in literature and history, and come into the class of those agreeable and charming girls in the category meant by our friend, who 'know something.' It is concerning the average girl that the uneasiness is beginning to be felt as to this sort of Higher Education."

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## Chapter Letters.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Our long vacation is rapidly drawing to a close and September 24th will see us back at our studies, all except one of our number, Hester McNelly, who said farewell to college in June. Two of us will be seniors and the others juniors; we shall have to begin watching for prospective Pi Phis among the lower classes. As there are no other girl's fraternities at Columbian, we have the entire field to ourselves and can take as much time as we please to make our selection.

The opening of the college year will be saddened by the death of Dr. James C. Welling, the president of our university. His long and useful life closed on September 4th, at his home in Hartford, Conn. He resigned his position as head of the university last spring on account of ill health, but no one thought that his malady would have so sudden and serious a termination.

The present success of Columbian is almost entirely due to the untiring efforts of Dr. Welling. When he became its president twenty years ago he found it a struggling institution, but since his connection with it, it has developed in every department, and has taken a high place among the country's seats of learning. A new president has not yet been appointed.

Jamie M. Sterrett, of the Junior class, son of Dr. Sterrett, Professor of Philosophy, died at his father's home near the city a few days ago. The deceased was a bright young fellow, popular in his

class. He was a nephew of Miss Sterrett of the Alumnæ chapter.

A short time ago Miss Florence Chase and Miss Elizabeth Culver were in Washington visiting Miss Turner, but as they made only a short stay, most of our girls were not so fortunate as to meet them. This was a great disappointment to us.

Dr. Phœbe R. Norris, one of our Alumnæ girls, has resigned her position in the Treasury Department to enter upon the practice of her profession in a Boston hospital. She has our heartiest wishes for a successful career.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

With the wish that all her sister chapters have shared the pleasures and benefits of the summer vacation, Pennsylvania Alpha again sends warmest greetings.

In a few days from the time this letter is being written there will be a joyful reunion of Pi Phis within the College walls. But with the pleasure of meeting will also be mingled sadness that we must be without our seniors of '94. For with the graduates of last spring we lost five of our active members. The five, of whom we are justly proud, were Harriet M. Kent, Marion D. Perkins, Helen P. Lamb, Bessie M. Lamb, and Hettie L. Cox.

Swarthmore College opens with bright prospects for the year, and with the wishes of all its friends and inmates for its highest success. One of its greatest improvements is Somerville Hall, the new gymnasium for the girls. It was erected by the Somerville Literary Society for Swarthmore girls, and by the generous help of the Society's many friends. It is the pride of all, and all the girls look forward to using it with the greatest pleasure.

This is the busy "rushing" season, and to all our sister chapters we cry, "Success attend you." But will not some one invent another word to take the place of that altogether too suggestive, and in many cases very applicable word, rushing? One that would express the ideas of the writer of that excellent article, "How to Rush," published in the April ARROW.

To the writer of that article we wish to express our sincere thanks for its commendable suggestions, which we shall endeavor to follow, and hope that all Pi Phis will do the same, and that success may reward us all.

INDIANA ALPHA.—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Alpha is alive and well, although from the non-appearance of her chapter letter in the July ARROW some may have serious doubts on the subject. Her corresponding secretary, excited by the trials and tribulations attending graduation, gladly accepted the suggestion of one of her sisters that she would write the letter. But we all forget sometimes. How much we could have told you of commencement days, of the many visiting Pi Phis who were with us, among them Miss Turner, who enthused us more and more with our work, of the surprise of our president, Dr. Stott, when presented with a gift, the means for a trip to Europe, made up by friends of the college, many of them Pi Phis too, of the lawn party given by us to our visitors and gentlemen friends, so many, many things—but you are saying by this time—tell us about your work now—not of what it was.

Of the Pi Phis of '94, Frances Smith teaches Greek and Mathematics in Selma College, Selma, Alabama, Mrs. Jessie Dunkin is at home in Rochester, N. Y., where Mr. Dunkin attends the theological seminary, Ethel Miller and Hannah Middleton are school maams, while Lillian Weyl and Marcia Miller do post-graduate work.

College opened on the 13th with a lecture by Prof. Goodell, the newly elected professor of history. Sixteen new rooms have been completed and are ready for use, among them two large halls for the use of two of the literary societies.

Pi Beta Phi still stands alone as regards ladies' fraternities to pick and choose at her own sweet will. At our first meeting we found nine wearers of the wine and blue ready for work. This week we shall give an afternoon reception to the girls of the college that we may all become better acquainted with each other.

Let us raise our fraternity one notch higher this year.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

College Hill has been once more awakened from its summer nap. The cause of this was the arrival of the students—new and old—ready for another year's work, such as our teachers know so well how to give. The number of new students seems to be unusually large this year and we hardly know how to account for it in these "hard times" unless it be that having nothing else to do people have concluded to come to school.

This addition to our number furnishes material to supply the demands of the various organizations of the college. Among other interests the fraternity life is not forgotten, but the usual "rushing" is taking place. The Pi Phis are also on the look out and of the results they may let you know later in the year. At present we start out quite strong in numbers. Mrs. J. N. Greene, formerly Miss Kittie Closson, has returned to her old college home this year. But some of our girls of last year are absent. Katherine Searle is in Topeka, Kansas, this year. Louise Randolph is in Winnebago City, Minn. Ethel Fulton was married on Aug. 23 to Mr. J. A. McLouth, and is now in Springfield, South Dakota. Ada Brown, a student of the college several years ago, expects to be this year in Albion.

The Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. have opened their work this year with a "fall campaign." The first social event was given by these associations in which a prize was offered to the one receiving the largest number of introductions. The victorious one had about 75 names on his card and was made happy with the gift of a music box. On the first Monday night is the reception given by the literary societies.

Our lady principal, Miss Deering, has spent the summer in Germany.

## ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

Another opportunity comes to Illinois Delta with this number of our ARROW to send love and best wishes to all her Pi Phi sisters

Most especially do we remember our new sisters of Illinois Epsilon, and hope that their life as a fraternity may be a bright and happy one.

We have started in on this new school year full of ambition and inspiration such as only college girls can understand. For is it not an inspiration to come back after our long vacation and meet the smiling, happy faces of our dearest friends? To be sure we miss some faces, but we cannot hope to have them always with us, and there are new girls to fill their places.

Mrs. Grier (Ada Bruen) visited us during the summer. She was one of our charter members, and had a great deal to tell us of the founding of Pi Phi, or as it was then known, I. C. She is just as grand and noble a woman as one would think our founders must have been. We hope you may all know her some time.

We have three new teachers in our college this year. Prof. Cushing, chair of Political Economy; Prof. Needham, instructor in Zoölogy; Prof. Day, assistant instructor in Vocal Music in the Conservatory. Prof. Cushing is a graduate of Amherst, and has just returned from two year's study abroad, where he obtained his degree of Ph. D. He is a member of Beta Theta Pi. Prof. Cushing and his charming wife make indeed an addition to college society. Knox seemingly has started upon a most prosperous year. Our president was heard to say that Knox never had opened with brighter prospects.

We have three initiates to whom we expect to reveal the secret workings of our mystic circle this week: Misses Helen Williard, classical Freshman; Grace Terry, Conservatory Senior; Elizabeth Reinmund, scientific Freshman. These young ladies are of course not new girls, but girls who have been in school for a year or two and are well known and very popular in all college circles.

We have a treaty with the Tri Deltas, the only other women's fraternity at Knox, not to invite *new* girls to join our fraternities before Oct. 1, and not to pledge them before Nov. 1. We like the idea of a treaty very much, as it is a great protection to our chapter against the rushing, which we believe is not in accordance with the

true fraternity idea. We prefer to have our new girls come to us feeling that with us they are to form lasting and ideal friendships, and to know that they come because they want to be with girls with whom they can sympathize in every aim and work, and whom they can truly love.

Wishing much prosperity to all her sister chapters in Pi Beta Phi, Illinois Delta lays down her pen.

ILLINOIS BETA.—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to greet our sisters through the ARROW once more, and join them in wishing Pi Beta Phi a prosperous year.

As our new school year opens all seem inspired to perform the exciting duties of the first term. On disbanding last Spring we were rather fearful for the coming year, as many of our best workers were not to return, but happily, we have a chapter of ten earnest workers. We have four excellent girls pledged and expect to have more soon.

Miss Anna Ward Chappelle was united in marriage to Mr. E. S. Gunnell, the twentieth of last June. This was a brilliant affair, being one of the grandest weddings ever held in Galesburg. Mrs. Gunnell was the elocutionary teacher at Lombard and is occupying that position again this year.

At Sycamore, June 20th, Miss Elizabeth Wild was married to Mr. J. A. Crum, of Boone, Iowa. It was a quiet home wedding, only intimate relatives being present. "Bessie" was a splendid worker in Pi Phi when in school, and we know that our fraternity still finds an ardent worker and member in Mrs. Crum.

IOWA ZETA.—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Zeta sends greetings to all and wishes all the chapters a happy and prosperous year.

We start the new year with quite a number of members, and each one of the number full of enthusiasm for the year's work.

Gladly do we welcome to our chapter May Henry, who was formerly a student at Colorado University, and a member of Colo-

rado Alpha. She comes with the best of recommendations from her former chapter.

On Friday, Oct. 5th, we initiated into our circle Louisa Boesche, '98, and Mittie Pile, '98, both of Council Bluffs. The ceremony occurred at the home of Ella Ham and was a very pretty one, followed by the inevitable "cooky-shine." We feel very much encouraged with two such valuable additions to our number.

We have decided to give up all pretence of mock initiations for the future. We felt that they not only detracted from the solemnity of the real ceremony, but that they were likely to subject the chapter to unpleasant remarks from persons outside it.

It has been thought best to correct a statement which appeared in the article on Dr. Bessie Peery of the chapter, published in the July ARROW. It stated that she was the only woman in the medical school and that she was treated atrociously during the three years of her course. In her class the women averaged thirty to one hundred and fifty men during all three years, and were treated in every instance with respect, and in many cases were good friends with the men of the class.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA.—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

A hearty greeting to all Pi Phi sisters. We are all gathered together again in our various chapter homes. How good it seems to be in college again. Some faces we no longer see with us, but we know that in spirit our absent sisters are with us.

Our university is entering upon a year which we hope will be one of its most prosperous ones. Several additions have been made to our faculty whereby it has been greatly strengthened. Our freshman class (academic department alone) numbers 270—the largest in our history.

Up here in Minnesota now we are thinking of nothing but football. Our team for several years the best in the Northwest, is as strong as ever. We are anxiously awaiting the opening of the fall's campaign. While there are many other strong college teams in the

field, we are confident that "our boys" will bear away the pennant.

Minnesota Pi Phis have passed a pleasant summer. We had a few gatherings in the form of picnics, etc. We had thought of having a Pi Phi camp, but our plans did not materialize.

Our Grand Secretary, Grace Lass, spent a few days here at Minnetonka with her old school friend Emily Brooks, of Knox College. We regret so much that as a chapter we were unable to meet her.

Thyrza McClure, Michigan Beta, who was with us last year has left the city and is teaching in Michigan. We enjoyed having her with us and shall miss her greatly. But in her place has come Nadine Crump, of Iowa University, who is teaching in our North Side High School.

Our chapter held its first reception at the home of Esther Friedlander on the afternoon of Sept. 22nd. It is needless to say that our guests were mostly Freshman girls, some of whom we hope on similar occasions hereafter will play the part of hostesses.

With six ladies' fraternities here our "rushing" season has been quite exciting.

#### COLORADO ALPHA.—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

The summer months have fled and autumn again brings us to the shelter of our Alma Mater, and we are becoming active in the fraternity work which we have been planning all summer, for Pi Beta Phi occupies our thoughts as no other subject can during the hot days of July and August.

Our University has opened with propitious omens and we hope for a most successful year in our college work. Three new faces have appeared among the faculty: Dr. Burt, who comes to us from Ann Arbor, will fill the chair of Philosophy and Pedagogy, Dr. Nickerson, a graduate of Harvard, is our new professor of Biology, and Dr. McLean, who fills the chair of History and Political Science, comes from the University of Toronto. There has been quite an increase of students and we take pride in showing them our grand Scientific Building which has just been completed.

The "rushing" has not been as violent or exciting as in some past years, but still we hope to give our goat sufficient, pleasant exercise, and we present to you now Misses Martha Hankins and Maud Knapp. The latter has been a faithful pledge for three years, and we were glad to make her one of us.

The first Saturday after we had all returned to Boulder we arranged to have a drive and picnic-lunch up one of the mountain canons, but it rained so hard all day that we changed our plans and instead of a ride we entertained a few friends and the members of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity at the home of Senator Lockwood.

We have also enjoyed one very pleasant "Cooky Shine" this fall already, which suggests to me the following toast given by an enthusiastic Pi Phi at one of our banquets:

Oh, Cooky Shine, to thee  
Sweet Memory of Spree,  
To thee I sing!

Long may your cookies shine,  
And in shining  
Far out-shine all other cooky shines,  
Oh! Cooky Shine!

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Father Time has emptied his hour-glass many times since last we met in our familiar halls, and "every moment lightly shaken ran itself in golden sands" for most of us.

Our little Pi Phi band numbers nine, and all our hearts are fired with love and enthusiasm for the wine and blue.

We recently added to our strength by initiating two of our pledges. We chose the first favorable evening after school opened and gave the girls an informal introduction to our goat, which had grown lean and fierce during his long vacation.

We are sorry to lose one of our dear members, Luella Straeter, who has gone East, but welcome back in her place an old comrade, Nan McFarland, who is a junior this year.

We gave our departing friend a farewell "cookie shine," where we had a feast of olives and flow of soul,—one of our Pi Phis being fond of singing a song beginning, "Oh, my soul," after a sufficient quantity of good things have been disposed of.

We hold our meetings weekly, and hope to accomplish something in the literary line. Our plan is to have the girls take turns in reading some helpful book, while the rest occupy the time in making doilies and pretty things.

Some of our members had the pleasure of calling upon Miss Helen Sutliff, who was in Denver a short time this summer; our only regret is that all our chapter were not here to meet her.

Our college has opened with a large attendance, and all things seem to predict a bright future for studies, athletics, societies and fraternities.

The new telescope, given by Mr. Chamberlain, was mounted this vacation, and is now drawing people as well as stars towards it. The lenses are twenty inches in diameter and of very fine quality, so that, together with our clear atmosphere and the wonderful glasses, we are able to look into other worlds.

Some changes have been made in our faculty. Dr. Stroeter, our Latin professor, has left us to work among the Jews in New York City. His place, however, is supplied by a very genial successor, who brings with him his charming bride, a Kappa Kappa Gamma. Two other able members have also been added to the list of our instructors.

#### CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

From the shores of the calm Pacific, California Alpha sends a greeting to her Eastern sisters. As early as September 1st we began to assemble in Roble Hall. From the East, from the North and from the South our girls came, and if anything could have made us glad to leave home it would have been the thought of our happy reunion.

Of the fifteen Pi Phi girls who were here last year, only seven returned, and, while we miss the absent ones, we who are left are

drawn closer to each other. Among the new students there are many nice girls, and, despite our weakness with regard to numbers, we have been doing some effective work in the way of rushing. It is pleasant work. We enjoy discovering the good qualities of a girl and then trying to make her love us and our fraternity. But alas! The duties of a young woman in college do not consist entirely in making herself agreeable. The lessons must be learned, and even our beautiful, picturesque quadrangle does not serve as a mascot to charm away the *ennui* of the lecture room. A hammock and a volume of Tennyson has greater attractiveness than a lesson in Anglo-Saxon, even for a confirmed "dig."

It is a *fin de siècle* fad to be bored and indifferent, and a lecture room, on a warm day, is an admirable place to cultivate this desirable state of mind.

As yet there have been no social events at Stanford worthy of note, but as the season advances Pi Beta Phi hopes to again make herself recognized as a social factor.

Now that the long, delightful summer is gone, and the season of work has begun, we know that Pi Phi meetings are being held all over the land, and California Alpha has sincere love and best wishes for every chapter of dear Pi Beta Phi.

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## Editorial.

There's a deal of philosophy to be extracted from the business man's custom of taking account of stock once in a stated period. In

**Editor's Greeting.** every work it is fitting and profitable, at certain times, to look facts squarely in the face and find just where we stand, and whether we have made progress or failure. So at the beginning of a new year of college and fraternity work it is appropriate that we take time to consider what we have accomplished in the past year, to study our failures, to learn from our mistakes and to plan better in the future. Then having made the good resolu-

tions to haste to their performance. The editor took some such general view over fraternity work at the beginning of our college and fraternity year and bethought her that she would write a stirring appeal to the chapters for better and more intelligent work.

Her heart was really in the subject, and she set herself earnestly at the task of writing a message which should arouse each laggard and inspire all to better work. She brought the most telling rhetoric of which she was mistress to bear. She said a great deal about the lofty ideal of our fraternity, the high standard of our creed, and the responsibilities of our sisterhood. She urged to greater effort and to broader views in the fraternity field. She urged, plead, besought implored. When she laid down her pen her cheeks were flushed and her hand trembled, and her heart burned with enthusiasm. But this burning eloquence was destined never to try its effect on the chapters. After serious thought the editor decided that the effect of such an appeal would be, merely to arouse a comfortable glow of satisfaction that we have such high ideals, and such broad aims, and everyone would settle back into profitless placidity. So she discards her fine words and glittering generalities, and will deal with specific faults and definite remedies. She has ready a bottle of bitter medicine—criticism—and a large spoon with which to administer to each her share.

The first point to which we have to call attention is the negligence of the chapters in regard to general fraternity work. Do you always reply promptly and willingly to requests of the Grand Council and Literary Bureau? Do you write your ARROW letter on time? Do you pay all dues promptly? Do you keep posted on extension work?

Now this general work—the work carried on by the Grand Council and other general fraternity officers, is by far the most important work of the fraternity. It is that which gives us our unity, which gives us our standing among other fraternities and keeps us abreast of the times. We heartily advocate the dismissal of each member who neglects to reply to fraternity correspondence, who takes no interest in the ARROW, and the withdrawal of the charter

from chapters who are continually indifferent to all these matters.

The only way in which we can be successful as a fraternity is for each member to be thoroughly acquainted with the general fraternity situation, and in perfect sympathy with all acts of our Grand Council.

Second, the relations of the fraternity to ARROW work should be thoroughly changed. Why aren't our girls sufficiently interested in our magazine to send in voluntary contributions? Why aren't the chapter letters sent in on time? Why do they repeatedly come written on both sides of the paper? Why are subscriptions sent to the editor and chapter letters to the business manager, when THE ARROW states explicitly the reverse? The only answer to these questions is indifference or carelessness.

Third, the chapter life is in many cases insipid or trivial. There should be sweet, wholesome friendships, with no trace of sentimentality, and a definite idea of the chapter work for the year. Given these two conditions, and chapters will flourish. And what about the chapter catalogue, and the chapter history, and the correspondence with alumnæ? Is the chapter conscience uneasy on any of these points?

The root of the whole matter is, after all, *individual responsibility*. Are *you* faithful? Are *you* loyal? Are *you* an intelligent worker?

And so, when we talk about our love for Pi Beta Phi may we show our love by performing all its duties, and when we speak of loyalty, may it be the loyalty of deed as well as word; and may we remember that to be a Pi Beta Phi means to perform certain definite duties, and if we do not perform these duties we are disloyal, no matter how fine our feelings or words may be.

This, then, is the thought with which the editor would greet the chapters—*definite improvements in all lines of work*.

Have you thought about province conventions? Why should not every province have a convention during this or the following year? There is something magical about a convention, the friction of minds, the interchange of ideas on subjects of common interest, the enlargement of views, the contact with other lives—which makes it a potent factor in all large organizations. We have been accustomed to regret that the expense and labor consequent upon our general convention make it impossible that we should have a convention oftener than once in two years. We need to get together oftener and have our fraternity horizon enlarged beyond the limits of our own chapter; we need to discuss plans for work; we need the inspiration that comes from large numbers interested in the same thing; and, above all, we need to keep in touch with each other. Now these needs—and all will acknowledge how real they are—can be in a measure supplied by province conventions, held as often as is possible or expedient.

The more we study the fraternity situation of to-day the more convinced we are that if fraternities fail to do all that they, as organizations, should do, it is due only to the narrowness of the chapters. It is no uncommon thing in any of our fraternities to find chapters so centred in their own lives that they seem to take no interest in the general organization, and in fact regard its demands as direct impositions upon their time and pocket-books. While such chapters may be the exception, we think that all are more or less liable to the charge of narrowness. They do not appreciate the fraternity situation—the need of a broad policy and organized work *as a fraternity*. Now it is of no use to hold up before such chapters an abstract ideal of fraternity friendship. But if they meet from time to time charming, earnest girls from other chapters near their own, and learn to know them and to love them, will they not see that their own chapter should not represent the whole of their ambitions, but that it is only a part of a greater whole? In other words, the way to awaken dull or narrow chapters, or to inspire energetic ones, is to bring them into direct contact with other chapters.

We feel sure, from personal experience, that fraternity girls who have attended conventions have a broader idea of fraternity life, and a tenderer loyalty to Pi Beta Phi as a whole, than those who know nothing of fraternity beyond their own chapter. We are therefore desirous that every member of Pi Beta Phi should attend at least one convention. But many never have the opportunity of attending a national convention who might take advantage of conventions nearer home. By taking advantage of various outside excursions which are so plentiful in all parts of the country, the expense could be made very small. For example, the Knight Templars go to Boston in August; why should not Alpha Province have her convention then? And the Christian Endeavor convention at San Francisco in July might be a favorable opportunity for Delta Province.

The editor has only the fondest memories of fraternity conventions, and wishes each member of Pi Beta Phi to share her delightful experience of them. Many were the possibilities of friendship revealed, many the glimpses of lovely character! We now leave this matter in the hands of the province presidents. Here is a chance for some province president to distinguish herself by enlarging the usefulness of province organization and inaugurating province conventions.

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