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My Own Pi Phi.

What makes this town so dear,
This dull slow town
Whose age and rustic cheer
Are its renown?
What makes the eye so bright,
What makes the heart so light,
Where this old town's in sight?
My own Pi Phi,

What makes the day so sweet
In this sad place,
And time with flying feet
Speed in the race?
The mystic tie that binds,
The love that sweetly twines,
The grace that round thee shines,
My own Pi Phi.

And friendship's chain is true,
No link will start
When Pi Phis say adieu
And widely part.
O many an absent face
In dreams I often trace,
Still ling'ring in this place;
My own Pi Phi.

—MARY BARTOL, Mich. B.

COLLEGE WOMEN AND THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

ONE generation of women have now enjoyed the advantages of college training and we can at last begin to judge of the possible influence on society of a class of broadly educated women. The number is not yet large enough to more than indicate the probable trend of their interests, but it is already possible to note that many predictions, so confidently made thirty years ago, have not been fulfilled. For example, the "blue stocking" was to be one of the chief products of higher education, but on the contrary, we are today reproached because of the meagre representation of college women in cotemporaneous literature.

One expectation has, however, been realized. About eighty-five per cent. of *alumnæ* engaged in gainful occupations are teachers. Among these, a few teach in colleges,—but even in institutions for women alone the faculties are made up largely of men, while in those which are co-educational, women are too rarely employed. Therefore this field is not promising, especially as the number of women specialists is increasing every year and the competition grows more and more difficult. By far the majority of college women who are teaching are employed in secondary and private schools, where work of a semi-specialized character is required. But few are found in the ranks of the primary and grammar grades of our public schools. Yet here is a field white for the harvest; for the child of tender years needs more than at any time in his life the influence of teachers whose ideals of life are high, who can see the relation of things from the vantage ground of broad information. It is a pity that the conditions are not such as to draw more college women towards the so-called lower grades. But the need for trained minds in the teaching of little children is not yet appreciated by the people, and the salaries paid are too small to attract the college graduate who has spent much time and money on the work of preparation.

There is a growing interest in the betterment of our schools which promises to change this attitude of the public toward the quality of primary teaching. The excellencies of the kindergarten stand out in sharp contrast to the less intelligent work of the grades, and we may expect as a natural result that special training for the work of teaching little children will soon be considered a *sine qua non*.

The ideal teacher should be the man or woman who supplements a liberal college education with special training in pedagogy, or, better still, who has been fortunate enough to attend a college offering courses in the New Psychology, Child Study and the Art of Teaching,—always premising that the person is a born teacher, filled with enthusiasm for the chosen vocation. It goes without saying that the number of these divinely-appointed and specially prepared instructors is very limited. But the need is so great, that we must have faith in the law of supply and demand, which is said never to fail.

My message to the young woman leaving college with high hopes of making the world better would be this,—there are other lines of philanthropic work besides the social settlement, which has attracted so many college girls; in the public schools we need earnest, noble-hearted women, who have enlightened ideas as to the meaning of education, not regarding it as a process of cramming, but of developing the faculties and activities of the child in accordance with the process of nature.

This would be practical philanthropic work with results sure and speedy to compensate for sacrifice, if sacrifice there be.

Gertrude B. Blackwelder,

Morgan Park, Ill.

THE FRATERNITY AS A SUPPLEMENT TO THE COLLEGE LIFE.

WHERE is the ambitious young woman of today who is not willing to endure incredible hardships and privations to obtain a college education? More than ever before has there come the realization that, ordinarily, it is through the instrumentality of a university course that one comes to a fuller and keener appreciation of life. Yet, with all her intellectuality, there is no true woman but feels the need of those qualities which constitute womanliness in the highest and noblest sense of the word. For the attainment of such an end, therefore, the fraternity has come into existence, an organization dependent for its life and growth upon the college, but from its very nature co-operating with the college in promoting the welfare of the institution.

Need we ask, "What is the fraternity?" Among all college girls of today there is scarcely one who is not familiar, to a degree, with its workings and with its ideals; while of us, who are members of such an organization, who is there that does not feel the full, deep current of the inner life beneath the merry carelessness of the rippling surface? But while we all keenly feel this "inner life" how many of us realize that during four of the most impressionable years in a girl's life we have the opportunity of learning lessons for which the college curriculum makes no provision?

As fraternity girls our dearest friends are in the chapter. In the discouragements and disappointed hopes that so frequently fall to the lot of the college girl we develop a sympathy for one another only possible between friends united in such a sisterhood as ours. To many of its members the fraternity is a bond of fellowship that only those can appreciate best who are far away from home and family and who catch a glimpse of the home life only in the fraternity friendships. To strengthen this bond we all must give freely into the chapter life that deep

interest which previously was confined to the family and to one or two intimate friends. In thus broadening our sympathies we make our whole college life richer and more full of meaning. These ties do not end with commencement day. All through life we have a feeling of kinship even though "the girls" be scattered over the whole globe.

And we not only develop a sympathy in the interests of others but we cultivate that virtue of virtues which the apostle tells us is above all else—charity. In no organization is true Christian love more severely put to the test than in the fraternity. It is inevitable that natures influenced by hereditary instincts, by temperaments, and by environments, all as diverse as there are individuals in the chapter, should not be always in perfect harmony. It is then that we must forget self and prove our Christian forbearance by being the peace-makers.

It is the duty of everyone to associate with his fellow-men; but to do this easily and gracefully is granted to few by nature. Meeting daily, therefore, with so many and with so varied temperaments we must learn, of necessity, a tact and self-control never acquired in a mere college course. In the effort to adjust ourselves to the peculiarities of our sisters the sharp corners of our own natures are smoothed away. We learn to measure correctly our own strength and weakness with those of others and we develop a certain self-reliance which is invaluable in after life.

Particularly invaluable are these qualities during the rushing season. There are few of us but what have thought at this trying time, "How I wish I had tact." It is not always easy to make advances to the new girl and, even when apparently successful, we must exercise quite a little diplomatic skill to guide the prospective sister safely through the dangers of a rival's allurements into our own haven.

But it is surprising how these qualities, once acquired, follow us into our outside associations. Hitherto we shyly passed by the stranger at the church door. Now we stop to shake hands and ask him to come again. Formerly we were the silent

members of the social circle; but now we do our share in contributing to the general entertainment.

Not the least of the lessons which we learn in the fraternity is loyalty. Who of us would not defend our chapter under all circumstances? What girl would not regard its reputation and honor as dear as that of her own family or of herself? And what girl would not hold herself personally responsible for any insult or reflection that might be cast upon it?

It has been urged that the fraternity girl is prone to neglect the work of the college. But if we are true fraternity girls we no more neglect our studies than we absent ourselves from the meetings of the chapter. For the very reason that we are thoroughly in earnest in our college work we become more zealous and helpful members of the chapter. And through this loyalty to the fraternity we are more loyal to our college, our family and our country.

We may not all learn the same lessons in our fraternity life. Neither do we all take the same studies in college. But as we close our university course with the feeling that, intellectually, we have been trained to grapple with the questions of life so if we truly enter the spirit of the fraternity ideals we go out into the world with a nobler conception of our duties as women and with a broader mind for having belonged to a fraternity.

C. L. S.

NATURAL SCIENCE FOR CHAPTER STUDY.

THE season of early springtide with its first faint throbs of reviving animation suggests to me the advisability of the study of Natural Science as a fraternity pursuit. Not from books, though they may be used incidentally for directions as to methods, but through practical experience acquired in Nature's own laboratory.

It might be well to take up some special branch of this study in accordance with the preference of the majority of the chapter. Should most of the girls be interested in plant life then

the attention of the chapter might be turned to botany; while if a greater number desire a better knowledge of the habits of birds let the whole chapter adopt ornithology as a study; though to me it matters not what subject be chosen so that it be done at first hand together, the sky overhead and the grass underfoot.

The out-of-door excursions incumbent upon those pursuing this simple nature study, and the gathering together of specimens for the chapter collection would be found to foster that feeling of good-fellowship so essential to healthy fraternity life; while it is amazing how one's enthusiasm grows for these things, that a fund of knowledge is picked up pleasantly, in but a short time; how one's horizon widens and eyes that were blind, ears that were deaf, learn to see the wonders nature unfolds only to her lovers and to hear the stories of the past she tells but to sympathetic listeners.

What strange folks we are! We build about us four stone walls, strong and high, shutting out the sunshine, the trees, the birds, the myriad forms of plant life and animal life, and burying our heads in books read of the beauties of nature; or standing for hours before a pictured landscape drink in its artificial beauties enraptured by its delicacy of coloring, its harmony of detail. Meanwhile out in the open, Nature smiling indulgently upon the short-sighted children of the earth, takes up her brush and touches the clouds with rose and gold, toning down the lights until the trees are bathed in a mellow glow and all the world has taken on a faintly rosy tinge; then she stands back with uplifted hands, breathless at the results of her own genius. Then calmly, majestically, with but a graceful sweep of her magic brush she places on the canvas a nook among the trees softly sleeping in the moonlight to the lullaby of a little stream hard by. And though we call ourselves students striving always for culture we are blind to Nature's magnificent panorama for we have not eyes to pierce that strong stone wall.

Then let our girls get out of their houses and away from their books at times, gaining health and strength, and letting the

soul expand, and the heart grow warm with love and sympathy.
 As Nature is the greatest, the truest artist! Let us learn of
 her! Jessie C. Craig.

THE GIFT OF TRUE WOMANHOOD.

Not in the far-away future;
 Not in some ideal sphere;
 Not patched from the rags and tatters
 Of queenship there and here.—

Not sung by poets hoary;
 Too high for human reach;
 Not framed in holy maxims,
 In Paulus' passionate speech.—

Cease our search, O maidens!
 Remove that distant gaze!
 Be glad in this common present,
 And the woman with womanly ways.

The woman of understanding,
 The woman of courteous heart,
 With voice attuned for earth's sorrow,
 With healing touch for sin's smart.

To hold life's duties sacred;
 To keep the soul alive
 With fire of inspiration,
 And noblest powers revive.

To spiritualize the passions,
 Lift the senses into soul,
 Accept this gift from heaven,
 Such, Woman, be thy goal.

Suzanne F. Tyndale.

FRATERNITY OR SORORITY.

Says the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*: "By the way, when we were in college we were accustomed to hear societies of college women spoken of as 'sororities.' Now everything in the college society line, regardless of sex, is a fraternity. Do our 'sisters' feel that 'brotherhood' means more than 'sisterhood?' We will not admit that this is merely another indication of the new woman, and should be glad if some of our 'sister' editors would tell us why they persist in using the term fraternity to include themselves."

This question we are not prepared to answer as regards the other women's fraternities, although we believe the editor of the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* has lately declared her preference for "sorority" and her opinion that the objection of Delta Upsilon is well taken.

So far as Pi Beta Pi is concerned, however, while "sisterhood" is a name which we would proudly bear, "sorority" is not. We prefer, other things being equal, to be called by a title which is to be found in an English dictionary. We admit that this may be a purely personal prejudice, and we are quite willing to grant that usage makes dictionaries rather than dictionaries usage, and that "sorority" may some day be recognized as a word. Meanwhile, like Tennyson's lily, we wait.

Still, even were the word "sorority" recognized by the Century, Webster, Worcester and all the other lexicographers, its employment seems a sort of affectation, a bit of pedantry which, if designed to exhibit one's knowledge of the classics, fails of its end, since the word "sororita," as the complement of "fraternita," did not exist in all Latinity.

It is, besides, a most unmusical word, in this respect falling far below the word "sosis," which with no particular idea of sisterhood by derivation seems to have made its way into reputable English. If we must insist on the recognition of our sex, let

us by all means call ourselves a sorosis, as we did in the old days of I. C.

But why not "fraternity?" Surely it is broad enough to include a women's organization,—it is as inclusive as sorority is exclusive. If one must go to the Latin for precedent, one finds that "frater," originally brother, was later extended in meaning to include brothers and sisters, then all cognate kindred, and finally all friends or comrades who loved as brothers. Thus of old as today mankind includes womankind also who being "made to match the men" contentedly share the same names and the same attributes.

Or does the reverend editor of the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, when he subscribes to the doctrine of the brotherhood of man, leave the women out? Does he include his weekly charge to his flock with "Finally, dear brethren and sistern?" Fancy the women of the French revolution lifting their shrill voices for "Liberty, Equality and Sorority!"

No, it is not another indication of the new woman when we call ourselves a fraternity. It would be rather if we insisted on a special separate name. The best usage declines to employ the words "actress" and "authoress," on the ground that there is no sex in art. So we refuse to take a special name for a relation which differs not at all from that of our brothers. Will they say that our bond is a whit less true, less strong, less *fraternal* than is theirs? As they stand for all that is firm in friendship, so do we. As they stand for all that is lofty in life, so do we. Then why a different name for what is one in kind?

Florence Porter Robinson.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

Shall our policy as a chapter stand for a large or small membership? This is one of the most important questions facing us in our chapter life. May a member who has had experience in both kinds of chapters offer an opinion?

Large or
Small
Chapters.

It is only fair to state that there are advantages on both sides. A large, active chapter gives a feeling of outward prosperity, finances give no trouble and all seems merry. But this very feeling of prosperity is often a source of great weakness, for we too often lean back on our oars and trust the tide to carry us along. Each member relaxes and the sum total of work done is fatally diminished.

"Everybody's work is nobody's work" was never shown more plainly than in a large chapter of a college Greek letter society. Perhaps a tea is to be given. Several members are rushed with college work and each says to herself, "I will not be missed among so many, I will not go," or, "Somebody is surely attending to getting up a program for tonight. I can't go." The result of entertainments planned in this way can better be imagined than described.

Then, too, there is not the close feeling among the girls. There are apt to be little cliques within a large chapter, in fact they can hardly be prevented, and the finest elements in fraternity life, unity and strong sisterly ties, are weakened. Girls whose interests are not closely interwoven in their every day life can not work together in the rushing season with the spirit and enthusiasm that carry the day.

In a small chapter all is different. Each member knows that the success of her chapter rests largely with herself and acts accordingly. Rushing is concentrated. There is no wild dash for mere numbers, for the small, conservative chapter wishes

but a few new members each year, carefully selects these few of the very best—then works with heart and soul.

Thus the girls in the chapter are brought close together in their work and their interests. The result is that they love their chapter better, fraternity life assumes a new significance, and that love is a deeper love when coupled with toil and self-sacrifice.

Lucretia French Hinkley.

While the questions of chapter-houses, additional membership, and similar topics are being so enthusiastically discussed, there is another theme not to be forgotten. For,

Character. though they are important, this concerns the source of their importance; though they are interesting, this is of the origin of their charm. I mean the character of our girls themselves.

We, as members of Pi Beta Phi, must not forget the object of our mutual coöperation: the acquirement of a pure, useful, and noble womanhood; and, in accordance with this, social, mental and moral advancement.

A beautiful moral character must exist in order to live a beautiful social life. Good mental capacities will always accompany good moral faculties. There is no charm quite the equal of beauty—whether it be of person or character; and there is no quality more powerful than goodness.

In choosing new sisters let these characteristics be requirements. In living our individual lives—for every person lives in his own little universe—let us keep these prominently in view. Life has many beauties, many wholesome joys, and we have only to seek them out and appropriate them to ourselves.

Let us look for them in our companions; there is no one but has some of the Divine in him, something beautiful and something good. Let us even look for them in our physical surroundings for even the silent beauties of nature influence us to a better life. They will brighten our weary pathways and cheer our fainting hearts. They will strengthen our feeble efforts, and ennoble our highest purposes.

Myrtle Reid.

There springs up periodically in our fraternity circles the question as to whether Pi Beta Phi shall not, either as a fraternity or by chapters, take up some line of outside interest, social or philanthropic, or in the sectarian colleges, some special line of religious activity. It seems to me that even the proposition to enter upon such work is a complete mistaking of the purposes of Pi Beta Phi. Our fraternity is not an association for the direction and expenditure of our organized energies, it is rather a fountain of inspiration, a source of strength which we may carry with us to our daily work, whatsoever it may be. It is perhaps natural that finding ourselves enriched by these new friendships and new ideals of friendship, we should long to outpour this wealth upon others, but surely our daily life as individuals, as college women, or in the future as homekeepers, teachers or even as workers in these same sociological or religious lines should furnish all the opportunity we need.

**Our Proper
Fraternity
Sphere.**

ternity or by chapters, take up some line of outside interest, social or philanthropic, or in the sectarian colleges, some special line of religious activity.

I think, however, that one of our chief reasons for wishing to engage in such work is to justify before the world our existence as an organization. It seems to me that our name "Fraternity" should do this; that wherever the strength of unselfish, helpful, sisterly friendship is recognized (and where is it not?) we have no need to apologize for our order or our membership in it. As college women and members of Pi Beta Phi we do owe a special duty to society, that of the broadened intellect, the quickened feelings, the rounded character, the gracious womanhood, but we owe that duty as individuals and not as an organization.

A. A.

There is a question which has been perplexing our chapter considerably of late, and which we have at last decided to lay before the readers of the Arrow in hope of receiving some help in its solution. This is the problem of initiation of relatives. The case is that of a near relative of a devoted and loyal Pi Phi, one whom we all love and honor, who will be sadly hurt we fear by any

An Inquiry.

neglect on our part of a member of her family. Toward the girl herself, we at present feel little sympathy or interest. While we own that after she became one of us, we might grow to feel for her the affection which is the right of all members of our chapter yet we fear the chances are that our regard for her would be at best perfunctory and step-sisterish. We should very much like the opinion of some of the other chapters upon this subject.

Alumnae Department.

We present as frontispiece this month the portrait of Miss Noël Forsythe, which is here reproduced by the courtesy of Harper and Brothers. Noël Forsythe is a graduate of Newcomb College of Tulane University in the class of '95 and throughout her college course was a loyal and devoted member of Pi Beta Phi. This winter she was chosen as Queen of the Carnival at the New Orleans Mardi Gras festivities. Concerning this honor which Miss Forsythe so gracefully wore, Harper's Weekly, in an article on "The New Orleans Carnival," says:

"The young woman chosen for this honor receives only a crown, scepter, and jewels of rhinestones or similar brilliants, and yet there is no social honor more sought after or which gives really higher social prestige than this mock rbyalty. It is to be remembered that these carnival societies (all of which are secret) consist of men prominent in the social world. The greatest care is taken to keep out all unworthy or undesirable persons, and a secret committee of three has absolute and final power to veto any invitation of the club. The utmost care and secrecy are observed in the selection of the queen. The choice is more important than success at a Patriarch's ball was of old in New York, for the society or club is in duty bound to maintain the social pre-eminence of its queen. It gives her a place of honor at every subsequent ball; it looks after her in many other ways; and with so many men prominent in society acting as her faithful knights, it is inevitable that the young woman who

starts out as a queen will be a success. It is this fact that has enlisted the women of New Orleans so heartily in the carnival,—and which is so largely responsible for its success.”

INDIANA STATE REUNION.

The annual reunion banquet of Indiana Pi Beta Phis occurred January twenty-second at the home of Mrs. William Galpin.

Before the dinner, the time was spent in conversation, a feature usually attendant upon Pi Phi meetings, I believe.

In contrast to the very disagreeable weather, the brightly lighted rooms, the animated faces and pretty gowns made a lovely *ensemble*.

The decorations and favors were red carnations and the menu cards, in gold and white, tied with the fraternity colors, were similar to those used at the Madison convention. Covers were laid for forty.

Mrs. Charles B. Clarke, one of the patronesses of Indiana Gamma, was chosen toast-mistress and toasts were responded to by Lucile Carr, for Indiana Alpha, Harriet Hass for Indiana Beta, Jessimine Armstrong for Indiana Gamma and Lavona Payne for the alumnae.

That the dinner was an absolute success was manifested in a resolution to make the reunion an annual event.

To Indiana Gamma the reunion was doubly welcome as it afforded an opportunity to meet and know better the Pi Beta Phis in this state, for you know how anxious one always is to see one's new relations.

Annie McCollum.

ALUMNAE IN CHICAGO.

In response to an invitation from the Alumnae Council twenty-eight Pi Beta Phis met in the Blue Parlor of Handel Hall, Chicago, on the afternoon of March 30th, 1898. Ten were members of the active chapter at Evanston who had kindly come to swell the numbers and impart a bit of the enthusiasm of college girls to the other eighteen, many of whom needed

the fingers of both hands to count the years since they were active Pi Phis.

The guests were met at the door by members of the Council who bore the symbolical wine and blue, and gave the Pi Phi welcome. Following the method of introduction used at the National Convention at Madison, each one present pinned on her dress a paper with her name and chapter, and so in a short time all were acquainted.

After a social, and refreshments served by the freshmen of the Evanston chapter, a business meeting was called by the Vice-president of the Alumnæ Association who, in the absence of the President, explained that the purpose of the gathering was to consider the advisability of forming a Chicago Alumnæ chapter. After listening to the other members of the council, the active members and several of the alumnæ, it was decided to form a chapter, and Miss Reeves was elected chairman for the preliminary organization. A committee was appointed by the chairman to nominate officers and report at a called meeting.

It is hoped that at that meeting many more of the Pi Beta Phis living in or near Chicago may be present, and that when next any of the readers of the Arrow pass through this city they may know where to find Pi Phi friends and a Pi Phi welcome.

Alice Peirce.

PERSONALS.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Bessie Marshall of the class of '98, has left college and is teaching school in Chelsea.

VERMONT ALPHA.

Married on Dec. 2, 1897, Mary Ellen Wright, I. C., of Mt. Pleasant, Ia., to Ezra Brainerd, Ph. D., of Middlebury, Vermont. Dr. Brainerd is a Chi Psi and president of Middlebury college.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Washington Pi Phis, alumnae and active chapter, were entertained on Feb. 21 by Margaret Bayly and what with the greetings and chat on current news, with songs running the whole range from America in honor of the evening down to the familiar strains of college and fraternity life, and then a jolly Virginia reel—another restful, helpful, rejuvenating experience was added to fraternity life in the capital city.

Miss Eloise MacNeill, Wisconsin Alpha, is now in Washington and getting acquainted with Columbia Alpha.

March 12, Mrs. W. H. Seamans was "At Home" to Washington Pi Phis, a kindness keenly appreciated and enjoyed. Mrs. Seamans is the aunt of Edna A. Clark, ex-Grand Guide, and is one of the first patronesses of Columbia Alpha.

Carrie Chapman Catt was prominent in the Equal Suffrage Convention held in Washington February 13-19th, celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the movement. Mrs. Catt was often referred to as Miss Anthony's great field marshal.

Dr. Bessie E. Peery, Iowa Zeta, and sister June, California Alpha, spent the winter traveling through the east and south. Maryland Alpha and Columbia Alpha shared in the pleasure of meeting them. Dr. Peery is now at home in Phoenix, Arizona, but Miss June is still in the east.

Frances Beatty, New York Alpha, spent the winter studying at the Neff School of Oratory, Philadelphia.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

'97.—Sarah Bancroft is at Cambridge, England, taking a course in economics. She is living in Nevon Lane College, and enjoys the dormitory life very much.

Ex-'98.—Amy M. Young is at home, in Oak Park, Ill., and is enjoying frequent visits with the Pi Phis at Evanston.

Ex-'98.—Margaret Kyle is still in Berlin, Germany, acting as private secretary to Mrs. Andrew D. White, of the American Embassy to Germany.

'96.—Frances Darlington is principal of the Friends' school at Westchester, Pa.

'96.—Lauretta Smedley is teaching at Chappaqua Mountain Institute, Chappaqua, N. Y.

'96.—Mary S. MacDowell, who spent last year at Oxford, England, is now teaching at Locust Valley, N. Y.

'95.—Emma S. Hutchinson has recently announced her engagement to Hermon Conrow, Delta U, Swarthmore, '94.

'94.—Harriet M. Kent was married to Arthur D. Hilton, March 23, '98. The unique and impressive ceremony of the Friends was used, and the wedding was as beautiful as thought and taste could make it.

INDIANA BETA.

'95.—Edith Bramhall is at the University of Pennsylvania where her fellowship in history has been renewed for the second time.

'96.—Pearl Grimes is teaching in the public schools of Bloomington, Indiana.

'93.—Laura Grimes is spending the winter at home near Bloomington, Indiana, taking active part in literary clubs.

'96.—Mrs. Jessie Taylor Grimes, having spent the winter with her parents in Jasper, Indiana, has just returned with little Mary, Indiana Beta's only baby, to her home in Bloomington.

'96.—Miss Stella Fox is teaching her second year in Indianapolis.

Bertha Holland, 1897, is teaching in Rockville.

Blanche McGlaughlin, 1897, has been spending the winter in Florida, visiting and seeking to benefit her health.

ILLINOIS BETA.

'97.—Nina Harris has been chosen from among two hundred applicants to fill a position as assistant in the Normal Training School of Galesburg, Ill.

'96.—Elice Crissey, who graduated from the New England Conservatory of Boston, Mass., in 1897, is teacher of elocution at the normal school, Macomb, Ill.

'95.—Grace Conlee has a very good position as general assistant in the Galesburg postoffice. She is also taking vocal lessons at the university.

'93.—Ethel Tompkins, president of the active chapter, is studying piano with Professor Dubeo at Lombard University.

'93.—Daisy Wiswel, who is teaching a private school near Carpenteria, Cal., has been offered a hundred dollars per month to teach in the high school of that city.

'94.—Lucy Conger, now a student of elocution at the New England conservatory, was chosen from the junior class to fill the vacancy, occasioned by the illness of the leading lady of the senior class, on the annual tour.

'83.—Edna Williams, who has been teaching in the west for the past half dozen years, is making an extended visit among friends in Illinois.

Sarah De Normandie has returned from Europe after a year's travel and study and is occupying a lucrative position as instructor of modern languages in Massachusetts.

'83.—Although Mrs. Brewster is the mother of six children, she finds time for literary work, having written a George Washington story in a recent issue of "The Youth's Companion." She is a member of the "Coterie" of Minneapolis, Minn., and has written an able article on Browning for one issue of the college paper this year.

'91.—Mrs. Jennie Grubb Fowler, wife of the new professor of literature at Lombard, is welcome in college circles again.

'97.—Loetta Boyd is teaching at Plano, Ill.

'94.—Delpha Durston is teaching at Newton, Kan. Alice Durston, '92, is assistant in the high school at Camp Point, Ill.

'87.—Ella M. Grubb is principal of the schools at Barry, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Swigart and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Swigart have beautiful homes at Champaign, Ill., and frequently entertain the Pi Phis of that place.

ILLINOIS EPSILON.

'95.—Maude Ethelyn Van Sickle is teaching in the high school at Beardstown, Ill.

'96.—Ada May Griggs occupies the position of principal of the Mt. Carroll, Illinois, high school. As one of her assistants she has Miriam Elizabeth Prindle, also of '96.

Ex-'00.—Laura Edith O'Brien entered the University of Chicago at the beginning of the winter quarter.

ILLINOIS ZETA.

At Champaign, Ill., January first, Edith Armstrong was married to George M. Hillar of Kahoka, Missouri.

'96.—Amelia Darling Alpiner, '96, is teaching at Kankakee, Illinois.

The engagement has been announced of Eunice Sheldon to Leslie Weaver, a lawyer of Champaign, Illinois, and a member of Delta Tau Delta.

Blanche Lindsay, a charter member of Illinois Zeta, has been spending several weeks in Florida.

In December, 1897, Katherine Naughton was married to George Huff, a graduate of the University of Illinois and a member of Kappa Sigma.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Fanny Sabin, Jessie Smith, and Annie Thompson, Michigan Beta, and Ada M. Griggs, Illinois Epsilon, visited Michigan Beta chapter during the convention of the Classical Conference.

Ada Bennett is postmistress at Miles City, Montana.

Florence Wolfenden is enjoying society life and university work in Germany.

Helen Wetmore is studying art in New York city.

Ex-'92.—Elizabeth Wylie of Michigan Beta is director of a very successful kindergarten and training school in Madison, Wisconsin.

IOWA BETA.

'94.—Ethel Gilbert was married on Nov. 4, '97, to Samuel Hestwood, a young druggist of Lexington, Nebraska. Mr. and Mrs. Hestwood are now living in Lexington.

'94.—Agnes Buxton Little has recently moved to Chicago, with her husband, where Mr. Little is engaged in a manufacturing establishment.

'89.—Belle Hastie has been instructor in the Indianola high school for several years, and is at present superintendent of the city public schools.

'97.—Nettie Erricson is at present doing tutor's work in the college here.

'95.—Lena Hatfield occupies the chair of modern languages in a college at Ferris, Texas.

'96.—Harriet Smith is now living in New York City. Dr. W. P. Smith, her father, is missionary secretary of the Methodist conference.

'91.—Marie Bradford is teaching in a college for colored people, near New Orleans, La.

'94.—Effie Busselle is teaching music in Indianola.

Mrs. Louise Humphrey Van Scoy has recently moved to Belle Plaine, Iowa, where her husband is a merchant.

IOWA ZETA.

'92.—Julia Rogers is giving lectures in Nature Study at Cedar Rapids Teachers' Institute.

Mrs. Ball, an alumnae of Simpson College, and founder of Iowa Zeta, who has been very dangerously ill all winter, is now rapidly recovering.

WISCONSIN ALPHA.

Jane Evans, for a year with '99, and now in charge of the physical training in the State Normal School at West Superior, visited the chapter at the time of the Junior Promenade.

'98.—Eloise MacNeill is doing newspaper work in Washington, D. C.

Amelia Huntington, for three years with '98, is now teaching at her home in Durand.

'95.—Nellie MacGregor is teaching in the High School at Mazomanie, Wisconsin, and Elisabeth MacGregor holds a similar position at Mineral Point.

Mrs. Rudolph R. Kropf, formerly Mabel Bartlett of Minnesota Alpha, is now a resident of Madison, Wisconsin, and a cherished addition to the girls of Wisconsin Alpha.

'96.—Jessie Catherine Craig is at home in Russell, Ontario.

Iva Welsh, '96, occupies a position in the State Historical Library.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Mrs. Josephine Miles Woodward, Kansas Alpha, who is now known as one of the most successful of women journalists, has been for some time connected with the Cincinnati Gazette, and was sent by that paper to Cuba as war correspondent. She has the distinction of being the only woman entrusted with such a commission.

'95.—Florence Parrott, assistant in German and French at the University of Kansas, will spend the summer months in Germany, taking a ten weeks' course of study in Berlin.

Mrs. Effie Scott Franklin, who has continued her work as assistant in the German department of the University of Kansas, will give up her duties at the end of the year.

Anne Reese Pugh, formerly at the head of the Romance Language department of Wellesley College, is studying for a doctor's degree from Cornell University.

Emily May Hulen will return in June from Germany, where she has been studying for the past year.

IN MEMORIAM.

MAY AUSTIN KELLEY.

Since the founding of Michigan Alpha, eleven years ago, death has claimed only four of the seventy-five whose names are on its records. Perhaps the death of no member was felt more

deeply than that of May Austin Kelley when the news came from the hospital in Ann Arbor, February tenth, that she had not survived the dreaded operation. She graduated in 1892 from the music department, and soon after was married to Rev. S. E. Kelley. They had been for several years in Blanchester, Ohio, but had just returned to make Hillsdale their home, as Mr. Kelley had been appointed College agent. We feel her loss especially because she had just returned and was so enthusiastic and anxious to help us.

Of her life much might be said. She was one of those women whom to see is to admire and to know is to love, because of her bright and cheerful disposition. Perhaps no more fitting tribute can be given than by quoting the words of President Mosher when he announced her death to the students in chapel. He said: "She was a very lovable, admirable woman. She was a noble, true soul. Such souls do not lose in leaving this life. It is we rather who are the losers."

Editorials.

Who says that it is not well to have old and time-worn subjects treated anew once in a while? Who declares that articles on rushing, chapter letters, and such-like ancient themes are altogether flat, stale and unprofitable? In refutation of such hypothetical critic, we point with pride to the very creditable set of chapter letters in this issue. In real interest, in newness, in the absence of the stereotyped and in form and expression there is an improvement for which the chapters are very heartily to be congratulated.

Moreover, though the January Arrow, owing to a chain of adverse accidents, was so late that but little notice was given corresponding secretaries of the change of date, almost every letter was prompt to the day, and better still, only one had to be recopied because it was written on both sides of the sheet.

To the editor, who sometimes feels that her mission in life is regarded as one of nagging and prodding, this opportunity for giving honest praise is most grateful.

The song-book committee is taking hold of its work in real earnest, and with their energetic and persistent efforts we may hope soon to have filled one of the crying needs of the fraternity—a new song book. With all due deference to the old one and its compilers, it is vastly inadequate to the present demands and the present status of Pi Beta Phi. Every one admits that chapter gatherings are enlivened, the solemnity of initiations is deepened and ties are made stronger by the bond of melody, that fraternity loyalty is twice loyalty when it outpours itself in song.

But if songs inspire the fraternity, the fraternity must inspire the songs. There is no other source for these than Pi Phi itself, and if we would reap the harvest of the new song-book ours must be the labor also. The committee cannot do the work—they are our executive not creative agents. Outsiders cannot do it,—what do they know of the inspiration of Phi Beta Phi? No, it must be the girls themselves who weave their own little garlands of song as tribute to good old Pi Phi and to the love they bear her.

We would not dispense with our cooky-shine aria, our precious Billy with his armor-plate digestion and his bow of wine and blue, or with any other of the dearly beloved standbys, with the bloom of old association upon them, but we want more songs, new songs, songs grave and gay, songs for special occasions or for any occasion.

It is ours, girls, to have the new song-book and to have it soon. Let us wake our little muses and set them to work and who knows what wonderful works they may accomplish.

Most of our chapters have doubtless noticed an article in the last issue of the *Kappa Alpha Theta* called "A Question of Priority," in which the claim of Pi Beta Phi to be known as

the oldest of the woman's college fraternities is assailed and that of Kappa Alpha Theta is asserted. We are always a trifle amused when the priority question bobs up again, as it does periodically in the pages of one or another of our Greek contemporaries. It seems such a trivial matter for a great national fraternity to disturb itself about, this of a few years or months of days difference in age. The question is certainly one which Pi Beta Phi would not consume ink and paper to discuss if the mere matter of seniority were the only one involved, as her great strength rests not so much on length of days as on her magnificent present and glowing future.

The real and only reason then for asserting and maintaining the fact of Pi Beta Phi's priority over any and all other woman's fraternities is her determination that all honor shall be paid to that band of noble college women, who, on April twenty-eighth, 1867, founded the first chapter of our order.

It is for the sake of these pioneers, of the ten who are living and the two who have passed away, that we maintain our priority; it is for these that we shall endeavor to present in our June issue such a sketch of our fraternity's history as shall forever justify our claim to being what we are, the oldest women's college fraternity.

It is pleasant to notice from the chapter letter of Illinois Epsilon that Mrs. Edward Baillot has recently become a patroness of that chapter. Mrs. Baillot is the wife of the professor of Modern Languages at Northwestern, who has, until this year, filled a similar position at Indiana State University. Mrs. Baillot was a patroness of Indiana Beta and her prompt adoption of and by Illinois Epsilon points to the fact that we may some day have the institution of patronesses as well as members by transfer. Professors are migratory creatures, and what more natural or desirable than that their wives, having grown into close relations of friendship and sympathy with one chapter, should find a kindred bond ready made and fully grown when brought into acquaintance with another. Such a result only

illustrates the close relationship existing between fraternity and patroness as well as between chapter and chapter.

It is greatly desired to have a larger number of *alumnæ* personals and of reports of *alumnæ* work in the Arrow. Our *alumnæ* department, as will be seen from the first pages of this issue, is now organized by circles which collectively cover the whole area of the United States. The secretary of these is most cordially urged to contribute at least once a year a brief report of her circle, its work and membership. The Arrow would also like as often as once a year a gossipy letter from each of the *alumnæ* clubs, which have sprung up in so many of the cities where two or three Pi Phis are gathered together.

Of course these contributions are purely voluntary, but they add so much to the interest of the Arrow, particularly to our *alumnæ* readers, that their preparation may be regarded as a missionary effort, more than repaying in value the time and thought spent upon them.

With the next chapter letter is due the report for the year. Will each chapter secretary, therefore, please send on separate sheet the number in the chapter, number in each class, names of all fraternities represented in her college with number in each of the women's fraternities, and the honors gained by Pi Phis during the year, with name of girl winning each. On still another sheet will the secretaries kindly write in alphabetical order the names of all who have been active members of the chapter during the year, followed by the class and home (*not* the college) address of each. These are to be sent with the chapter letters, on or before May tenth. Strict promptness and accuracy is greatly desired.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

By the time this reaches the Pi Phis in the next Arrow, Vermont Alpha will have given the last three in her long list of receptions to the men's fraternities represented in Middlebury College, Chi Psi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, and Delta Upsilon.

Mrs. Mellen, who has long been our patroness in her great kindness toward us, has now become so in name, making our number four.

A short time ago our Pharetra was the scene of one of the pleasantest of our receptions, at which the faculty and their wives were present, and also Miss Katharine Lee Bates, Professor of English in Wellesley College.

At the last meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club in Burlington, two of our seniors, Misses Sutton and Whitney read papers on Vermont Myxomycetes.

The Sophomore class gave a very pleasing entertainment to the students and a large number of Latin teachers of the vicinity on March eleventh. The most attractive feature was a chorus of thirty voices in Latin songs. From sandal to coiffure each costume was an exact representation of the old Roman chorus; and the Carmen Saeculare of Horace, a hymn to Apollo and Diana, was rendered in true Roman style. The convention of Latin teachers brought some of our alumnae for whom an informal reception was held.

If we have said the wrong thing and have expressed it in the wrong way we trust our sisters will pardon us. We have only one language in which to express our thoughts and so we hope it is excusable if we have used the same word too many times during the year. The Arrow letter discussion may be beneficial, but there is a limit in all things.

SARAH VINCENT MANN.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

Columbia Alpha feels very envious of her sister chapters, who have lately added a chapter house to their list of attractions.

For the last year the question of a house or at least a room, which we might call our own, has been agitated. Unfortunately our college is situated in a busy part of the town, where rents

are exorbitant. We have had the offer of a house, rent free, situated in the suburbs, but for many reasons that seemed impracticable. Another difficulty is the fact that most of our girls are residents of Washington and already have pleasant homes, so that a chapter house would be used only for meetings and on that account be expensive to keep up.

A fraternity home of some kind is almost a necessity, and we congratulate the chapters which can boast of a fine one.

January 31 will ever be a date to be remembered by Helen Lee and Lucy Murray, who after being blindfolded and led through the streets of the city, entirely ignorant of where they were or where they were going, finally reached their destination and were initiated into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. We have had two successful initiations so far and expect to have a third very soon, in which Rosalie Robinette, Cecelia Franzoni, and Eva Knight are to receive the honors of the wine and blue.

The class of '01 has been very obstreperous. They have refused to obey orders, have made themselves very conspicuous on several occasions and in various ways have behaved themselves in a manner quite unbecoming modest freshmen. Upon investigation it was found that although the boys of the class were the leaders of this lawless spirit, the girls were heartily co-operating. Such haughty pride was not to be tolerated, so the upper class-women have devised a way by which the proud spirit of the freshman class is to be crushed.

This week every girl in the freshman class received an invitation to be at the college sharply at nine on a certain evening, armed with six car tickets. After they have all assembled, they are to be conducted to an empty house several miles out in the country. At the house the work of subduing the freshwomen is to be done and this dove party will probably conclude with a dance. How effective this plan proves, for the sake of other colleges who are laboring under the disadvantage of turbulent freshmen, we will state hereafter.

What a well-deserved scolding we all received on the subject of chapter letters in the last Arrow, and what an interesting number it was in many particulars!

ELISE BRADFORD.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

After carefully reading over the suggestions of the editor in the last Arrow, having even cut them out and pinned them to the lamp-shade on my study table, that in my mind her firstly, secondly, even to her sixthly, may ever be, while "in my heart, lie there what hidden woman's fear there may," "I do beseech her grace" there's right good will to do her bidding.

Yes; I quite agree with Miss Nash; in spite of the diffi-

culties in writing the chapter letter — and surely after reading three pages on this subject, the responsibility of even attempting to overcome them weighs a little on one's spirits — there is the joy of knowing that, like bread cast upon the waters, they surely will return amid good company in the dear old Arrow. Whenever the Arrow comes, the delight of being part of a great national fraternity, linked by all that is best within one to the best of all the land, seems especially keen.

Pennsylvania Alpha felt a thrill of this same national, fraternity patriotism about a week ago in making the acquaintance of Miss Pheneo, a Kansas Alpha girl, and her sister. The acquaintance was also brought about in a singularly pleasant fashion, we all thought. Of course you know that Mrs. Walter, a Swarthmore alumna, is now Grand President of Kappa Alpha Theta, but perhaps you do not know that she lives about five minutes' ride from Swarthmore. It was at a charming little luncheon given at her home that Edna Richards and myself met our fellow Greek from Kansas, and I can assure you that we did not let her escape without an introduction to Swarthmore, and her Swarthmore sisters. Such a fraternity chat! Can you imagine it? There were so many things to tell of! Shakespeare Evening, our mid-year fête, had just taken place, when mid the scent of flowers and the sound of applause, college spirit ever seems most triumphant.

College settlement in behalf of which seven little negro girls had recently given a play in our gymnasium, had its share in that memorable little talk also. Nor did we forget to tell our Kansas sister what we now announce with much pleasure to all our family, the engagement of Emma S. Hutchinson, '95, Pi Beta Phi, to Herman B. Conrow, '94, Delta Upsilon.

We see quite a little of Mary Bartol, our province President. And girls! Aren't you interested in the fraternity song book? We *must* have it this year, and we *can*, so says Miss Bartol, if only each will do her part. We feel the need of such a work of musical art at every fraternity function. Let us, therefore, "if music be the food of love," write on! Write songs and send them to our editor!

With the greetings of the spring-time, Pennsylvania Alpha wishes you a fond farewell.

MARY E. SEAMAN.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

A very quiet winter term has been the lot of Pennsylvania Beta this year but the absence of social gaieties has not had the least effect in dampening the ardor of the girls for Pi Beta Phi. We enjoyed a delightful sleighride given us by the local fraternity, Theta Delta Phi, and a week later we took advantage of the fine sleighing to go to Milton where Lilian Faust, '00, enter-

tained us right royally. We initiated Sara Black, '00, and Edith Phillips, '01, first, and then hastily exchanging our Greek gown for garments more suitable for the weather, were soon on a very lively way to Milton, with our chaperones. The evening passed quickly with games and dancing until we were summoned to an elaborate supper. It must be confessed a rather sleepy crowd of Pi Beta Phi's assembled in chapel at eight o'clock next morning.

There is a great deal of excitement here just now over a notice entitled "An Act for the Regulation and Improvement of Fraternities," which appeared on the bulletin boards soon after an unusual Faculty meeting. The chief of the six articles forbids any student in Bucknell College to become a member, active or pledged, of any fraternity, Greek letter society, or other organization of like character during the first year of his connection with Bucknell College, nor is he entitled to membership or to enter upon any relation with the fraternity until he receives from the president of the college a duly signed and sealed certificate that he has completed the Freshman year or its equivalent. The penalty for violation of this act is expulsion from college for the student and public interdict for the chapter, which will then be deprived of the privilege of receiving any members for as many years as the Faculty may decree. The act further forbids class secret societies, and the pledging of preparatory students.

Fraternities that have several pledged members and a large senior and junior membership will suffer most for the first two years but it is generally conceded that, in the end it will prove beneficial. Our chapter will be affected very slightly as we have eight strong Sophomores and three Freshmen who will make a good chapter even with no increase for two years, and the advantage will be great with the avoidance of the heretofore inevitable rushing which so often ends disastrously in over-hasty invitations.

There is in college but one class fraternity, a Freshman society, which has for members some of the best men from the various fraternities. Opinion seems to be strong in so many colleges against these organizations, that their abolition is regarded as an unmixed good.

We were interested in "Chapter Conveniences" in the January Arrow. Before it appeared we had decided to begin a scrap book which should contain programs, menus, clippings, in fact all souvenirs of interest to the chapter. The photograph album is a good thing, too. Of course chapters without homes find an accumulation inconvenient now, but some day they will be glad of the care taken to preserve such records. Next best would be a framed picture of the chapter as these could not increase at an inconvenient rate.

Pennsylvania Beta wishes a very successful celebration of Founders' Day to every chapter. We are beginning to plan for it now and are sincerely glad we were not born "before I. C. was invented."

RUTH H. SPRAGUE.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

When time for this Arrow letter, Ohio Alpha had hoped to be comfortably located in her new hall, but, alas, our plans were ruined, for the trustees decided that the hall should be used as a recitation room.

The State Oratorical contest, consisting of representatives from eight colleges and universities of Ohio, was held here in February. We had invited the Ohio Beta girls to be our guests at that time and had prepared for a gay time. We were greatly disappointed that they did not come.

During the winter season besides several informal affairs, we entertained our men friends at the pretty home of Mabel Towsley.

Mrs. Super, one of our charming patronesses, entertained recently for us, with a most delightful reception.

We would like to introduce to you our two new pledges, May Connor and Bessie Harris.

FLORENCE CRAIG.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

When the April Arrow shall have reached its readers, New York Alpha will be enjoying her Easter vacation; we have even begun to count the number of days which intervene and at the close of each day we rejoice that we are one day nearer home. Pray, do not judge from this that the girls of New York Alpha are not having a most delightful time; for the winter season at Syracuse has never been so gay and the Pi Phis have been well represented everywhere. We have not entertained to a very great extent this winter. The principal event was our annual reception given on our second anniversary February eleventh; and it was pronounced by all to be a social success. Psi Upsilon opened its beautiful new house on February twenty-first; their alumni built it for them and it is now the finest chapter house on the hill.

The girls' basket-ball team has taken up a great deal of attention on the hill this winter; it is the first team which has ever been organized in the university and it has been such a success, that our gymnasium instructor, Mr. Scott, has decided to organize a basket-ball association and thus keep up the interest. The team this year trained just as the foot-ball men train but the only difference between the training and practicing of the basket and foot-ball teams is that the former passed up in all their college work well, while several failures were seen under

the names of the latter. One of our girls was fortunate enough to be on the team, which consists of but five.

A few days ago, the women of the faculty gave a reception to the young women of the college and at that time organized a Woman's League for all, both the independents and the fraternity women. There is a great difference of opinion as to whether this organization will be beneficial; and the success of it remains to be seen.

At a recent trustees' meeting Dr. William McChesney of New York was appointed dean of our Fine Arts college and Dr. E. B. Jones of the Regents department at Albany, was chosen as the Professor of Literature.

The Inter-collegiate Oratorical contest is soon to take place. Syracuse has won the medal for two years past, and is exceedingly anxious to do so this year. Our poor Glee Club, about which there was so much talk last year, has made its plans for an extensive trip during the Easter vacation.

WELTHY B. HOUSINGER.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

"The new Arrow has come!" is a cry most welcome to our ears, for we always look forward eagerly to its coming, and though the time of waiting often seems long, yet we all agree when the Arrow does come that it is well worth waiting for. Surely every Pi Phi must feel grateful to the editorial staff for their efforts to make our magazine a worthy representative of our fraternity, and one that we all may be proud to have exchanged.

We were interested to see the pictures of the former editors, whose names we had learned so faithfully for the examination. This dreaded ordeal came but a short time before our college examinations, so that our girls were a busy set, and not altogether appreciative of the benefits of a fraternity examination.

One of our meetings we gave into the charge of our initiates, who entertained us by an amusing little play entitled "A Pretty Pickle."

Two of our girls took part this year in the annual Freshman play, an occasion upon which the Sophs. give free reign to their talent for making a racket, while the Freshmen have an opportunity to show to the college world what stuff they are made of.

Our great college reception, the "Klatsch Collegium," is over. It is the chief social event of the year, and is attended by some two thousand people. May McFall, the hostess representing Pi Phi, decorated her table very prettily with our colors and flower. Winifred Hill, one of our seniors, was chairman of the committee which had the reception in charge. One of the new things at college this year is a girls' glee club, in which we

are represented by five girls. Their first concert, followed by a reception, has recently been given, with a degree of success which speaks well for this latest and welcome addition to B. U.'s already numerous clubs.

On the 14th of February our chapter was at home to our five patronesses; and through our favors and decorations we paid honor to St. Valentine. We were delighted to be able to sing for Mrs. Tyndale, the song which she has composed, and which her sister, Mrs. Gaynor, has set to music. It will, we hope, have a place in the new song book.

We have received a flying visit from Miss Bramhall, of Indiana Beta.

We have a pledgling whom we hope to initiate soon, and are already planning for that most enjoyable and characteristic feature of fraternity life — an initiation. FLORENCE N. FLAGG.

MARYLAND ALPHA — THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

We had begun to think that the January Arrow was a dream never to be realized, but at last it has come, and we are eagerly devouring its contents. It is an inspiration to read of what all the other chapters have been doing, especially when they are brimming over with enthusiasm, as the Vermont girls were in their last letter.

On December fourth we held our initiation at the beautiful country home of Alice Wood, one of our '99 girls. The ceremony of that day added to our membership the four girls whom the other chapters have already met through our January letter. The entire afternoon and evening were given up to the initiation and the banquet following it, with a grand finale of Pi Phi rejoicing and merrymaking. It was indeed a day long to be remembered.

Another red letter day in December, was the twenty-seventh, on which day four of us had the pleasure and privilege of attending a banquet given by the Washington club of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae. The girls of Columbia Alpha were also guests of the evening, so the assembled company of Pi Phis was large and merry. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was making the further acquaintance of our Washington sisters, whom we now like better than ever. The Washington Club has shown us many courtesies, and these in such a cordial, whole-souled way, that we willingly agree with Emerson in calling friendships "the solidest things we know."

Two of our patronesses, Mrs. Jonathan K. Taylor and Mrs. Frederick H. Davidson, entertained the chapter delightfully on January twenty-fourth and thirty-first, making us forget for two happy afternoons the work and worry of college.

But while we have been enjoying such pleasant experiences as

these, we have also had cause for great sorrow. Just before the Christmas holidays, Cherry French, one of our last initiates, was obliged to go home on account of ill-health, and on February eighth the same misfortune befell Elsie Ganoe, a charter member of Maryland Alpha. Neither of the girls will return to college this year, and they are sorely missed by us. We sincerely hope, however, that the opening of the next fall term will find them with us once more restored to vigorous health and spirits.

Miss Beal, an alumna of California Alpha, is spending the winter in Baltimore, and has favored us with her presence at several of our meetings. On Saturday, March fifth, we were most pleasantly entertained by her at the home of her friend, Mrs. Janney. The enjoyment of the afternoon was greatly enhanced by its striking contrast with the morning's occupation, for Pi Phi in all the chapters will remember that we were then struggling with that miserable, long-dreaded examination so cunningly devised by the Literary Bureau. But enough,—that is now a thing of the past, and we may turn our minds to happier themes. Maryland Alpha therefore wishes *The Arrow* and its readers "Peace and Prosperity!"

HELEN BENSON DOLL.

BETA PROVINCE.

ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

On perusing the last issue of the *Arrow*, it seems to us that it is an especially good number, giving much information that we spent valuable time in securing for examination study. And to our astonishment, when looking over the questions, we found that we had laid stress on those things at which the questions did not even hint. However, we are not sorry for we are the rich possessors of precious knowledge that we would not have otherwise enjoyed.

At present we are bestirring ourselves to secure the required data for the Grand Historian. We find that it is difficult to obtain in some cases.

It is with pleasure that we present the names of our five new members, Florence King, Mabel Flynn, Julia Lombard, Bernice Baker and Frances White. In spite of the blizzard, the initiation, lasting from ten a. m. to ten p. m., was held with Lina Morris, January 21.

The contrast of the storm without and the beautiful decorations within served to make the ceremony very impressive. At seven-thirty o'clock the girls were transported by carriages to

Spake & Hawkinson's restaurant, where a bountiful banquet was enjoyed by twenty loyal Pi Phis.

January 20, Nellie Turner was pledged to us. March 2, at Frances White's, May Fifield was pledged, after which a delightful "cookie shine" was enjoyed by all present, during which the room re-echoed with Ring! Ching! Ching! and Pi Phi songs. At a late hour, all departed feeling that a stronger tie bound them to Pi Beta Phi.

Miss White, though a recent initiate, was a pledged member for four years. She is the daughter of Dr. White, Dean of the Divinity school, and was graduated last June, but still continues her studies in music at the university.

The subject so widely discussed at the present day of a friendly spirit between fraternities has taken a serious turn in our university, and as a result there is to be a Pan-Hellenic party given by the Pi Phi and Alpha Xi girls to the Sigma Nu and Phi Delta Theta boys at the new gymnasium. We feel that we have taken a step towards solving this problem, as the feeling is more friendly at present than it has been for years and we hope to do more.

The president's wife, Mrs. Nash, delightfully entertained the young women of the university one evening recently, in a unique way. A short program, consisting of music and recitations, was given, then the young ladies were asked to examine a map of the United States made of metal—each state being separate and pinned on a large board, each state in its proper position, thus making the whole map. After the states were removed, the president, assisted by his little daughter, held one at a time in view for the guests to name the state. Following this, a paper on which an advertisement picture was pasted was passed to each guest. Each girl was requested to write the advertisement belonging to the picture if known to her, if not, an original one. Two prizes were given, one of which was carried off by our "baby pledgling," Nellie Turner. Elaborate refreshments were served, after which all bade Dr. and Mrs. Nash "good night," feeling that they had spent a profitable as well as pleasant evening.

One of the pleasant events of the year was a theatre box party given to the "cottage girls" by our new instructor of violin, mandolin and guitar, Mrs. Sykes, at Clay Clements' "New Dominion." An orchestra and mandolin club have been organized under the direction of Mrs. Sykes and will give a grand concert commencement.

Our musical, elocutionary and painting departments are developing so rapidly, under competent instructors, two of which are Pi Phis, that a new column has been provided in the college publication with a Pi Phi as editor. Last month, a woman's edition of the "Lombard Review" was gotten out and

I am glad to say that the principal columns were edited by our girls. We are patiently waiting to read the men's edition of this month.

The comedy, "A Scrap of Paper," under the direction of Mrs. Anna Chappell Gunnell, was successfully given at the Galesburg auditorium February fifteenth by the "Lombard Dramatic Club."

Mrs. Helen Carleton Marsh, our vocal instructor and a Pi Phi, has recently had a very flattering offer made her by the Slayton Lyceum Bureau of Chicago to travel in a ladies' quartet, but we are happy that she has refused the offer. Mrs. Marsh is one of the favorite as well as best, contraltos in the west. January 30 she assisted the Chicago Marine Band in a sacred concert at the Great Northern Theatre, Chicago, Ill., at which time she received five encores. She is singing at the Christ Reformed Episcopal church, in Chicago, this year, and has assisted Mr. Clarence Eddy, the organist, in several concerts this season.

We have received only one private chapter letter this year and wish to thank Indiana Alpha for granting the first favor. We cannot complain of the other chapters as we have not done our duty in this respect, but anticipate doing so immediately.

In the last issue of the Youth's Companion is a George Washington story written by one of the Alumnae Pi Phis of Illinois Beta, Mrs. Frances Edwards Brewster, '83.

A few days since, we were favored with a visit by two of our old members, Mrs. Bessie Wild Crum, of Sycamore, and Vada Wiswel, Cameron, Illinois.

It is noticeable that old students take every opportunity of visiting their Alma Mater and it is a peculiar characteristic of Lombard that friendships formed there, time does not sever.

RUTH NASH.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Knox College has just closed its doors for the spring vacation and we are now enjoying a week of rest as a preparation for the hard work which comes at the end of the year.

We have five Pi Phis in the Senior class whom we shall be sorry to lose this spring, but during the last term we initiated three new members: Grace Goddard, Mary Gleason and Edith Mains, and pledged one, Keren Knight, so that our number will remain about the same, and we feel that we will have a strong chapter to begin work next year.

Owing to the fact that there were so many social happenings in the college last term, we were unable to find a time for the party we had expected to give, but it was merely postponed and we are planning one for the spring term.

The girl's literary society of the College, L. M. Q., gave us the pleasure of listening to the "Boston Ladies' Symphony Or-

chestra, and incidentally cleared quite a sum of money to be used in fitting up their hall.

The athletic work at Knox has been under the direction of Mr. Alfred Young, during the winter term, and towards its close a gymnasium exhibition was given in which the girls took a prominent part, giving several very fine drills. Another interesting feature was the game of basket-ball between the town and hall girls in the college.

In the Washington's Birthday exercises also, our girls were well represented, taking part in both the afternoon and evening farces.

With best wishes to all the chapters.

MABEL W. AYLESWORTH.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

In the death of Miss Frances Willard, Northwestern has lost one of its staunchest, truest friends and benefactors, and keenly feels the bereavement.

From being one of the first students graduated from Woman's College she became its dean and later a trustee of the university. During all the time of her connection with the university, her efforts bespoke her breadth of thought and energy as a woman, and her labor we who are students here can best appreciate.

First and foremost in our fraternity news allow us to present to you our new patroness, Mrs. Laura Spooner Baillot, wife of Professor Baillot, head of the department of French. Mrs. Baillot acted as patroness for the Indiana Beta girls last year.

With the opening of the new semester, Illinois Epsilon added one name to her list of active members, one of the old girls returning to college after an absence of a year and a half.

One of the pleasantest remembrances of the year will be that of our visit from Marguerite Bullene of Kansas Alpha. We would have liked to keep her for our own, but were obliged to content ourselves with the hope that she will return to visit us again.

On February twenty-second, soon after the girls had returned to college, we gave what we called a Washington luncheon, and, though we really forgot to be unusually patriotic, we had a right good time.

The sorority parties have been coming in quick succession. Kappa Alpha Theta, Alpha Phi, Alpha Chi Omega and Kappa Kappa Gamma having given theirs during the past month.

In accordance with the custom now prevalent among us, girls from the other sororities are invited to these parties.

On March second Delta Gamma gave a very pretty At Home in the University Guild Rooms.

Illinois Epsilon is to give its party on Founder's Day, and

though our plans are by no means completed, we hope to be joined by the Pi Phis from the University of Chicago.

It is now photographer's harvest in our college town, for preparations are being made for the Syllabus, the college annual, which is soon to come out. Every fraternity has its picture taken then if at no other time, and the juniors too, for they also must appear in this book of books. Interest in the Syllabus is doubly great this year, for last year's volume, for some unheard of reason, failed to make its appearance.

We wish to remind you all of the fraternity luncheons at Field's, Chicago, the last Saturday of each month, at 12:30. We wish we might meet more of our sisters and their friends.

MARJORIE LUCILE FITCH.

ILLINOIS ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The winter term has passed very rapidly and once more our short spring vacation is drawing near. Consequently our time is almost completely occupied, yet, in spite of our many cares, we find time for our duties to Pi Beta Phi, which we regard as most helpful and useful to all.

Illinois Zeta was most delightfully entertained at a reception given by one of our patronesses a few nights ago. During the course of the evening members of all the fraternities and the musical organizations of the university called.

Last Saturday night Laura Gibbs, of Kentucky, and Anita Thatcher, of Decatur, Illinois, became duly initiated members of Pi Beta Phi. Both are girls whom we are very proud to introduce to our sister chapters.

A few days ago our president received a pressing offer to accept the superintendency of the schools of Greater New York. But, we are glad to say, he refused, preferring to remain with "dear old Illinois."

We are anticipating a large increase in the number of students here next year, owing to our new law and library schools, which are almost a year old, and both of which have already gained superior reputations.

For our anniversary we are planning a banquet in which only our own girls and our patronesses will participate. A series of appropriate toasts will be one of the main features.

Illinois Zeta sends to all members of Pi Beta Phi cordial greetings and best wishes.

NELLIE McWILLIAMS.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

We read with interest in the January Arrow the reports from the chapters of the fall campaign and are glad to welcome our new Pi Phi sisters. We certainly have occasion for congratulation that we have been so successful, but greater than this is

the congratulation which is due the new girls that they are now privileged to wear the wine and blue. It is a privilege which they will realize more and more as they learn to appreciate more fully the principles and ideals of our fraternity. The new initiate cannot realize how close the bond is between us. Time only will prove to them what it means to wear the arrow.

Indiana Alpha girls are busy just now preparing for the term examinations. Only the thought that a week's vacation follows the examinations sustains us. We are also anxious for the spring term as four of our sisters who were in college last year will be with us again, which will make fourteen with the prospect of winning some of the new students.

The local chapter of Sigma Alpha Epsilon will entertain in honor of Pi Beta Phi on the evening of March 21 at their hall. We are assured of a very pleasant evening, as the boys have a deserved reputation for hospitality.

Indiana Alpha has extended an invitation to Indiana Gamma of Indianapolis University to attend a reception on the evening of Founder's Day. Our patronesses have kindly offered to entertain their patronesses at the same time. We have been anxious to become better acquainted with the Indianapolis girls and feel that this is an excellent opportunity.

On the evening of March 9th at the home of Minnie Weyl we gave an informal "at home" to our friends. It was such a success that we have decided to give one once a month hereafter. We expect to have them on Saturday evening after fraternity meeting.

We wish to introduce to our sisters our new patroness, Mrs. Elsie Neal. As a Pi Beta Phi she needs no introduction as she has been an enthusiastic worker for several years. This completes our list of patronesses, four in number, and we feel certain that no chapter can boast of more enthusiastic patronesses than Indiana Alpha. We also wish to introduce our new pledges, Gladys Miller, Edith Daughters, May Carney and Bonnie Cochran.

JEANETTE MARTIN.

INDIANA BETA — INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Those are splendid things said about chapter letters in our last Arrow! We corresponding secretaries like to hear the subject discussed thoroughly and the frank opinions and kindly suggestions are exceedingly helpful. Thanks, ever so much! We'll do our best to make our letters more what they should be.

First of all we introduce to you our new sisters, Mabel Bryce, Gertrude Harbison and Emma Ross, also our latest pledge, Ruth Work; — we assure you, they are girls to be proud of.

What have we been doing since last we wrote you? Probably

the same that you all have been doing—realizing the many experiences which characterize fraternity life and which, in after years, we will look back upon as the most pleasant of our college days. For our lives are the richer and the sweeter thereby, are they not? One important source of our enjoyment is the fact that we have some very pleasant chapter parlors this term where we have not only held our weekly meetings but also have entertained friends several times. Our "at home" day is the first Saturday of every month, and we find this informal way of receiving our friends is ever so much pleasanter than formal receptions.

A short time ago we, with the Kappa Alpha Thetas and Alpha Zeta Betas, were entertained by the Kappa Kappa Gammas with a "Smokerena." For fear some of you are unacquainted with that term, I'll say that it is a girl's "smoker," and let me add, to set your minds at ease, our tobacco was of the "Kisme" brand and our cigars, a la chocolate.

In our next Arrow you will probably read of the delightful reunion we three Indiana chapters had at Indianapolis January twenty-second. This was our third reunion and we would advise you all to have them if possible for, like old Dorothy Sullivan, we can say "We've had 'em, we know 'em."

Of college honors we have been receiving our share. Rousseau McClellan, our latest convention delegate, has been chosen assistant in botany at the State Biological Station next summer.

With love to you all, we close our letter.

MABEL CLARE FERTICH.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Our chapter has been haunted for weeks past by the disturbing sense that a great trial was approaching. Each one asked herself whether she could become sufficiently acquainted with the lore of dear Pi Beta Phi to be able to pass muster in the examination that was fast approaching. Now the trial is past and we are still alive to tell the tale. Since it is happily a thing of the past, we are glad that we were required to take it, for as a result of our studies in preparation for it, we are much better informed in regard to Pi Beta Phi and its work.

February sixteenth was in two respects a red letter day for Indiana Gamma. In the first place two of our new girls, Jessie Lockhart and Pearl Elwell, were initiated on that day. It is always a cause of rejoicing for the circle of our sisterhood in Pi Beta Phi to be widened.

The other joy in store for us was as unexpected as it was heartfelt. This was no less than the return into our fold of Mrs. Jessie Christian Brown, one of our charter members.

On February twenty-second, the University of Indianapolis celebrated Washington's birthday. After a parade in which the boys of the various departments took part, the students assembled in Tomlinson Hall, where speeches were made and songs sung, while yells were plentifully interspersed and our royal purple freely displayed. Dancing ended the afternoon's program and in the evening a theater party was given.

A reception given by the chapter to all the girls of the college on the afternoon of April 7, proved to be a most enjoyable affair. It was given at the home of the bride of the fraternity, Mrs. Brown. After a short preliminary program consisting of music and recitations, Mrs. Brown gave us an interesting talk on her observations of Greek life and art. Photographs were scattered throughout the room which were afterwards examined and impressed upon us anew what a wonderful people the Greeks were.

Indiana Gamma closes with greetings to all sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

EMILY HELMING.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

After reading the articles on "Chapter Letters" in the January issue of the Arrow, it is with fear and trembling that your Michigan Alpha correspondent "takes her pen in hand" to write the letter for April. If one of the writers of those articles were only here to help her how thankful she would be.

The winter semester has been a very successful one at Hillsdale and was marked by a slight increase in attendance over last term. This is the term during which the literary societies hold their annual oratorical contests, and in the two or three weeks preceding the events, deeply thoughtful and highly intellectual countenances greet you on every side. More than the usual interest in the result of these contests has been felt this year, as the winners were to compete in a preliminary contest to decide who should represent Hillsdale in the Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest which will be held at Albion in May. Mr. H. C. Colburn, A. T. O., was the successful contestant.

Bertha Myers and Lora Marsh were delegates to the "Convention of Student Volunteers" at Cleveland last month, and while there had the pleasure of meeting Miss Newby of Iowa Alpha. They have since wondered if there were other Pi Phis there whom they did not meet.

Perhaps the most prominent social event of the term was the reception and banquet given by the Hillsdale chapter of Alpha Tau Omega to the other Michigan chapters, the afternoon and evening of February fourth. The reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Blackman, and the banquet at the Hotel Keefer. The tables were arranged in the form of an anchor

and decorated with smilax and roses. Pi Beta Phi was well represented, and Louise Randolph—one of our alumnæ—responded to an informal toast. Another delightful affair was an informal party given to Kappa Kappa Gamma and ourselves by Daisy Prideaux, K. K. G., and Grace Bailey, Pi Beta Phi. One of the amusements was the writing of an original story, the words of which began with the letters of the alphabet taken consecutively. Zoe Smith, K. K. G., composed a song for the occasion.

Michigan Alpha feels so proud over the efforts of two of her alumnæ, that she wants to tell you about it in this letter. Leila Lane Smith and Kate King Bostwick after ceaseless and untiring efforts have at last compiled and are having printed a complete catalogue of the membership of Michigan Alpha, and in a short time a copy of this catalogue will be in the hands of every member past and present. This work is being done at their own expense and we think they deserve our undying gratitude and praise. We have also adopted the plan of the "Annual Letter," which we think will serve to keep us in closer fellowship with our alumnæ. This letter, telling the condition of the college, chapter, our plans, needs, etc., is sent to each one of our alumnæ every year and we shall hope to hear from them in reply.

As regards the chapter letter we have hit upon a plan which has proven very successful. Two weeks before the date for the letter to be sent to the Arrow, each member of the chapter hands the secretary a slip of paper containing some topic or suggestion which she thinks might be interesting to our sister chapters, and the secretary may use or reject whatever suggestions she chooses. This not only makes the writing of the letter much easier for the correspondent, but also makes it more of a *chapter* letter than an individual contribution.

FRANCES G. FRENCH.

MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Probably the matter of greatest interest in college circles recently is the convention of the American Philological association, held the first few days of April in Ann Arbor. The attendance was very large, representatives being present from most of the leading colleges and universities of the country. The Michigan School-master's Club took advantage of the occasion to hold their annual meeting at the same time.

Of quite a different character was a reception given a few weeks ago by the junior girls to the boys of the same class. They originated the idea, and their precedent was followed immediately by the sophomores.

Spring initiation takes place this month—the initiate is Julia Heath. The banquet souvenirs are to be decorated with a little blue print of Julia's head instead of the usual painting. I mention it as an idea that some other chapter might use in the case of a single initiate.

We are going to celebrate Founder's Day with the performance of the popular little play, "A Box of Monkeys," which some of the members have been working up this year.

Michigan Beta is planning for a reunion of the chapter to take place during commencement week at the end of June.

EDNA BEVANS.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Eagerly, indeed, has Iowa Alpha awaited the coming of the Arrow and at last we have been satisfied by its arrival. How closely we scan the pages of our beloved journal, seeking for suggestions from its newsy pages to aid us in building up a chapter worthy in every respect of the name of Pi Beta Phi. The chapter letter was the chief topic of discussion in the last issue, and it is with a feeling of awe and trembling that Iowa Alpha takes up her quill for work.

We find each day of our college life filled with its numerous duties, but there is always time to labor in the beloved cause of Pi Beta Phi. True labor is always crowned with success, and it is our earnest desire to succeed. As a result of recent efforts, on the eighteenth of January, Adeline Ward took the vows which joined her into the sacred friendship of Pi Beta Phi. The ceremony, which was unusually impressive, was followed by a delightful tea, after which we all dispersed to attend a lecture by Dr. Frank Crane at the college chapel. We expect, ere this letter is published, to add one more name to our chapter roll.

On the evening of February ninth we held our annual reception at the home of Miss Ella Penn. The chief feature of the evening was the refreshment room—beautiful indeed in its decorations of wine and blue, and fragrant carnations, while colored candles in silver candelabra shed a soft glow over the pretty scene. Low strains of music were wafted in from the adjoining hall, where the mandolin club was stationed. Red carnations proved sweet and pretty souvenirs of the occasion.

One of our members, Alta Newby, attended the Student Volunteer convention at Cleveland, Ohio, and while there met some of the Pi Beta Phi sisters from Michigan.

Iowa Alpha is very much interested in the success of one of

her alumnae, Helen Culver, who is gaining great renown, both at home and abroad, as a charming vocalist.

We are not so fortunate as to possess a chapter house, but hold our meetings each Friday evening at the home of one of our girls. We are very enthusiastic over our next meeting, for we, too, are to have a Pi Beta Phi scrap book, a box for archives and fraternity literary meetings, and are anxious to begin at once on our new work.

The Iowa State Oratorical Contest was held at Simpson College, Indianola, during the latter part of February, and the Wesleyan students who attended brought back to us glowing accounts of our dear sisters of Iowa Beta chapter.

KATHERINE A. LUNDGREN.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Again the opportunity comes to Iowa Beta to send news and greetings to her sister chapters by means of her Arrow letter. The time has passed so quickly we can scarcely realize that our winter term of school is fast nearing its close.

While we have no new members to boast of at this time we are a very happy little circle among ourselves and have been enjoying very much our quiet and peaceful life of the past few months.

The most important event in the history of our college existence during this term was the State Oratorical contest which was held here the twenty-fourth of February. The gaiety and excitement usually attending such a convention was not lacking in the least on this occasion. On the afternoon of the twenty-fourth our patronesses entertained in honor of visiting Pi Phis who were here to attend the contest. All the active college girls and the resident alumnae were invited and spent a most delightful afternoon together. Carnations and ribbons of wine and blue were used profusely in decorations.

Before this letter will have been sent out to the various chapters Iowa Beta will long have been cherishing memories of a most delightful evening. She has been for a long time in the habit of celebrating "Hallowe'en," has often commemorated St. Valentine's Day, and many different holidays, so this time she concluded that St. Patrick was about the only worthy she has heretofore been neglecting. Consequently we immediately began to make preparations for a "St. Patrick's bum." So by the time you read this letter in the Arrow the "Blarney Stone" will have been kissed by the merry Irish lads of Simpson and a prize will have been given to the one who with the richest Irish brogue will have told the most enchanting story, fresh from old Ireland, and many other sports will have been enjoyed by a gay crowd of lads and lassies wearing the green.

We have greatly enjoyed having in our midst for the past few weeks, Miss Dora Laughlin, formerly of Iowa Wesleyan. We are always glad to meet any sisters from other chapters and are highly pleased to have any of them with us.

FLORENCE HATFIELD.

IOWA ZETA — IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.

Within the memory of the girls now active in our chapter, Iowa Zeta has never spent so enjoyable a winter as the one just past. On several occasions the three girls' fraternities have entertained one another and a jolly good time we have always had.

Early in the winter the Delta Gammas invited the Kappas and ourselves to join with them in an afternoon meeting at the home of Ruth Hobby. Later the Kappas treated us to a very pleasant afternoon at the Armory. There was an orchestra and we had dainty programs done in their colors with a spray of fleur-de-lis and the K. K. Γ. in gold. We had great fun dancing. Not quite half the girls could take the gentlemen's part easily, and so "the men" were very much in demand.

One evening when the roads were fine last winter, we asked the other girls to join us in a sleighing party. We drove about town for awhile and then out to the home of Mabel Rundel, one of our alumnae, who lives just outside the city limits. There we had a warm supper, which we enjoyed immensely after our cold ride; then followed music and songs and a happy social time, until the sleighs came around for us again.

Since our last letter we have initiated Alice Howard, so that we now have an active membership of twelve enthusiastic girls.

As yet we have made no definite plans for our summer's fun. Last year we had a boat up the river, and every pleasant afternoon found two or three of our number dutifully making use of it, their books lying unnoticed in one end. Some of us enjoy our wheels so much that we don't care to spend our spare time in any other way. Still it is always nicer to have something that everyone likes.

Iowa Zeta sends her best wishes to her sister chapters.

WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Several weeks of the second semester have now passed, and spring with its many delights is almost upon us. Even as it is we girls cannot refrain now and then from gathering in little groups upon our large veranda. Two more of the girls have come to live with us at our chapter home this semester, thus making fourteen in the house. We do have such delightful times together. Almost every evening, until seven or half past,

we gather in our cosy parlors and talk over the college news or sing our Pi Phi and college songs.

We are going to try a new plan for our chapter meetings this semester. Every alternate Monday evening is to be devoted to a purely social gathering, a different committee having charge of the program and refreshments every evening. We are at liberty to invite our girl friends outside of the fraternity to these meetings at any time. At our first meeting of this kind part of the evening was given up to pantomimes and shadow-pictures, which were enjoyed immensely.

Miss Katharine Bates, one of our Iowa Zeta sisters, spent several weeks with relatives in the city a while ago, and we had the pleasure of seeing quite a good deal of her during her stay here.

The program for the commencement exercises has just been prepared. May Church is to write the class song, and Alice Dacy the class statistics.

Jessica Davis, whose home is here in Madison, entertained the chapter and friends very pleasantly indeed at a faggot party on the eve of March sixteenth.

On March nineteenth the fourth military hop of the year was given in the armory building. These military hops, with the exception of the junior promenade, are the only strictly university parties given here. The junior promenade is the great social event of the year. It is always looked forward to with the greatest interest. This year it was held on February eighteenth, the first week of the second semester.

Our college annual, the "Badger," published by the junior class, will be out about the beginning of May. Some of the fraternities this year are to have their group pictures, others some original designs by their own members in the "Badger" in place of the old cuts that have been used for so long in the past.

Just at present the class of '98 is interested in compiling a new song book. It is to consist in part of original U. W. songs and in part of old favorites, decided upon by a vote of the students.

Miss Mayhew, the new directress of the women's gymnasium, has aroused a great deal of enthusiasm in her work during the year, and under her careful guidance the classes are doing splendid work.

Miss Rouse, the traveling representative of the Students' Volunteer Movement in Canada and the United States, has been with us a few days recently. She delivered several lectures to the students and inspected a considerable part of the university life here.

Wisconsin Alpha sends kindest wishes to all her sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

LIVIA E. SEILER.

DELTA PROVINCE.

KANSAS ALPHA — KANSAS UNIVERSITY.

Since our last letter, Kansas Alpha has been enjoying the usual spring festivities. The annual parties of Phi Kappa Psi, Kappa Alpha Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, and our own fraternity have been given since the first of February. Our party, although last was by no means least. It is considered by almost everyone to have been the prettiest party ever given in Lawrence. The hall was decorated in greens, palms, and flowers, which with the large mirrors around the wall, made the whole look almost like fairy-land. Our patronesses assisted us in receiving, and many out of town Pi Phis were present, which added greatly to the delightful time we had.

One of our girls, Martha Snow, has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa. We are very proud of her, as she is the only fraternity girl who has the honor of wearing the pink and blue and has received a straight record of I's during her course in the university.

Laura Poehler, one of our new girls this year, has returned home after a visit of several months in Iowa. We shall lose her again in the spring, as she expects to spend several years traveling in Europe.

All loyal K. U. students are celebrating to-day, since our representative won first place in the state oratorical contest last night.

Elizabeth Ayers, who has been out of school for a year, returned at the beginning of the second term, and is doing special work in German and English.

We are all glad to have Edith Snow with us again, after her long visit at Leland Stanford.

At present our girls are talking of having a chapter house next year. We hope and believe that we can carry out our plans, and have what every Pi Phi would like to have.

With best wishes for the success of Pi Beta Phi in all her undertakings.

WINSLOW HUTCHINSON.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

It seems a long time since our last letter was written and many pleasant little events, social and other, have occurred. In February our second semester began bringing new students to the university, and the Pi Phis were most happy to welcome the return of three of their own girls. Now March winds blow over

us. Perhaps you do not know our state, which Nebraska's poet, William Reed Dunroy, once decribed as

" A coverin' of th' bluest sky,
 What smiles an' smiles an' smiles,
 An' lovin' winds that bend the grass,
 Fur miles an' miles an' miles —
 An' that's Nebrasky."

In January Neva Morris, who was pledged last year, returned and the same week we made her fast and strong in all the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. The initiation was very pretty and was followed by a delightful banquet. Now our chapter has a roll of twenty active members.

Several other changes have taken place in the chapter since our last letter. Mae Lansing has been appointed to a position in the executive office at the University, and Bertha Quaintance, who has been working in the library during the year, will also assist in the office.

An event of interest was the basket ball game between our girl's team, whose captain is Miss Louise Pound of last summer's tennis fame, and the Council Bluffs girls. We are happy to say that Nebraska came out victor after a very even struggle. As this was the first game our girls have ever played with a visiting team they feel quite encouraged and hope more games will be arranged for soon. Our last year's captain, Veta Bunting, was down to see the game.

Early in the year a boy's minstrel show was given at the University. You know we are co-educational in Nebraska, which means "co-a-good-many-other-things," so the girls will give a minstrel show soon. Of course, we do not doubt that the second will far surpass the one given by the boys. Several Pi Phis will appear on the program.

Social life in University circles is not dull this year. Besides the usual class and company hops several of the fraternities have entertained at large parties. As a chapter we have indulged in "cookey shines," a skating party and other informal events that are always so enjoyable.

During the coming exposition at Omaha there probably will be a number of Pi Phis in attendance. Should we not arrange some way by which we may know when the girls will be there and thus make it possible to meet them?

Our seniors — in all six — are busy people. It seems but a little time until June when "One will go east and one will go west, but all will go to their home nest."

JENNIE BARBER.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

We are fully persuaded that spring has come to us. The birds are here and the anemones are in blossom, and, with careful searching, we are able to find green grass on the campus. These we accept as infallible proofs.

We have a new Pi Phi among us—Mabel Ashley. Mabel Martin has come back to finish her college course, so we now have an active chapter of twelve members. Only two are seniors, and the prospect of having ten girls together at the opening of the next school year is a pleasant one.

Miss Mary Gamble has left Boulder for Detroit. We hope the Michigan girls will enjoy her presence among them as much as we regret the departure of our patroness. We cannot say more than this: Not Pi Phis alone, but all the fraternity and non-fraternity girls of our university miss her.

The Woman's League, organized last year, is fulfilling its purpose of bringing together the women of the university. At its last reception, the League entertained two very welcome guests—Mrs. Platt and Mrs. Ashley, of Denver. Mrs. Platt talked to us in a most interesting manner on the advantages of being a club woman. This talk was particularly enjoyed by us because the subject, "Advantages and Disadvantages of Belonging to a Fraternity," has caused us some deep thinking lately.

Our Glee and Mandolin Clubs are ready for their tour, and will give a number of concerts during the spring vacation.

Again we have won in the state oratorical contest. Mr. John M. Downen was awarded first place.

We are glad to receive the Key, the Anchora, and the Kappa Alpha Theta. It is pleasant to see things from the standpoint of other fraternities as well as our own.

ETHEL MARYATT WRIGHT.

COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

After having read the various articles on "That Chapter Letter" in our last Arrow one would suppose the problem had been solved for the corresponding secretaries and that the chapter letter henceforth would be a thing of joy, but I suppose my sisters will bear me out in still pronouncing the task as perplexing as ever.

We take pleasure in announcing Theta chapter of Gamma Phi Beta, established in the University of Denver December twenty-eighth, 1897, our local rival chapter, Alpha Iota, being initiated into that fraternity on that date. On the twenty-ninth, we were entertained at a tea given in honor of their

delegates. On February twelfth Colorado Beta received Theta chapter at the home of one of our alumnae, Mrs. Merritt.

A Beta sing given to the fraternity girls has again aroused our interest in the song book and we are anxiously awaiting its publication. How we shall enjoy them in the chapter meetings. Enthusiasm in our song book has greatly inspired our poetic muse. At an informal party given to the Betas by our chapter a description of each of our guests, written in rhyme, proved a very amusing guessing game.

In our chapter meetings this year we have abandoned literary work and are now devoting that time to amusement. We have a chafing dish, and while two of the girls are concocting rare and sometimes delicious dishes the rest of us are entertained by a story from one of the girls or an article from one of the late magazines. We have found this much more satisfactory as we feel the need of relaxation and closer companionship.

Just now we are deeply interested in "Kynewisbok," the annual year book which our junior class is publishing.

LIDA BURKHARD.

Exchanges.

The *Trident*, in discussing the practical advantages of belonging to a fraternity, mentions one to which we very gladly bear witness:

As I look back to the years of my own active fraternity life, I remember that one of the greatest pleasures I enjoyed in this connection lay in the delightful letter-acquaintances I formed with girls in other chapters. The new community of interest with people all over the country fascinated me. It was interesting to form ideas as to the appearance and characteristics of these unknown and rather suddenly adopted sisters whose names soon became so familiar, and to wonder if by chance I should ever meet any of them face to face. Different phases of any subject appeal to different people in characteristic proportion: but to me this widening of one's circle of acquaintances, this broadening of one's social, and, consequently, of one's mental horizon, seems a very important "practical advantage."

Particularly is the above true of the corresponding secretaries or of those who have any connection with the fraternity journal. Many a valued friendship with one never seen or seen but for a day has come to more than one of us through our frater-

nity, a friendship no less strong, sincere or sympathetic, than if our intercourse were face to face rather than across the span of half a continent.

The evils of which the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi complains are quoted as interesting examples of the perplexities which beset our brothers. They can hardly be said, however, to apply to the women's fraternities. The initiation of professional students has never been common with us, probably because such students are not common. Honorary membership is discouraged or absolutely forbidden by the best of the women's fraternities, while we have yet to hear of a case of lifting a girl.

There are three great evils existing in some fraternities which do more toward the destruction of this high ideal of fraternity membership than all the good which can be accomplished in any or all other ways. These evils are (1) the initiation of professional students in universities who are not and never have been college men: (2) honorary membership for reputation's sake, or the initiation of college men after leaving college: (3) lifting. Of all the evils probably the last named does more actual harm than any other. Much has been written in recent years by the editors of various fraternity journals, and the opinion seems to be unanimous that the practice is vicious. The actual fact is that were such a practice prevalent in any considerable degree, membership in a fraternity would not be worth a row of buttons.

The *Palm* of Alpha Tau Omega gives excellent advice about initiations. It is always well to remember that we have a distinct duty to the initiate on that occasion,—the duty of making as beautiful and sacred as possible the ceremony which marks the entrance to fraternity life. Vows hurriedly administered are lightly taken, and the novice can hardly be expected to realize the significance of a ceremony with which the older members are but scantily familiar.

First, we wish to refer to the lack of acquaintance with the form and matter of the ceremony, which makes the hour of one's initiation very unpleasant to all who participate. Here it would be well to remember that "every man to his work" is a good motto. Each officer who takes part ought to be thoroughly familiar with the part assigned to him. We would suggest here, that if there is any doubt of accurate preparation for the oc-

casian, there might be two or three hours well spent at some previous time, in a drill or rehearsal. Such rehearsal has been needed in many instances, and there were very sad results on account of unfamiliarity of some with their respective parts.

Another serious error, which has its proportion of disorderly effects, is the occasional running through the initiation in great haste. We greatly regret this practice, for we are sure it serves to diminish the sanctity of the performance. In appointing a time, we ought to select a time as nearly as possible, when there will be the least need of rushing through the ceremony. Not one detail should be omitted, for men wiser than we wrote it and they must have deemed it all necessary. The influence of this fault, we are sure, will be felt in many quarters.

That is a good idea advanced in the *Key*, of conferring a degree of Bachelor of Kappa Philosophy. We wonder what sort of examination a girl would have to pass in order to obtain it or if the diploma would ever be withheld for lack of satisfactory attainment:

What does the other,—B. K. Ph.,—mean?

"The — chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma hereby certifies that Mary Brown has completed the required course in Kappa philosophy and has sustained a high character and reached such attainments in love and good-will as entitle her to this diploma."

Such is the godspeed that her fond chapter sends after each departing Senior. They have learned who shall say how much?

This one has won patience out of the very teeth of quick-temper and nervousness, through persistent, daily practice in Kappa kindness, however fractious her moods.

This one has learned promptness by getting to fraternity meeting on time!

That one has learned to break down the barriers of a reserved nature, to seek and give sympathy in "blessed fellowship divine." Another has lost her awkward self-consciousness, another has learned to express herself in the chapter since good listeners are ready, and a man-less girl is just as welcome always as the most petted and popular, and so on *ad infinitum*.

Delta Kappa Epsilon is at last meditating extension. This is well. It is well, too, to recognize that the time for extension is in the vigorous youth of a college, when a new claim may be staked out. Too many times the "eastern" fraternity has waited until there was no chance for a new field and the only method

of acquiring possession was to foreclose a mortgage on an old one by the odious process of lifting.

Of course, in considering the availability of an institution, its prospects as well as its present condition should be taken into account. If we looked merely at statistics of income, number of students, size of faculty and number of volumes in the library, the University of Texas might seem on a par with various colleges of very minor rank. But we know that these colleges have no assurance of growth, while the University of Texas is certain before long to become one of the greatest institutions of learning in America. There is no reason why *Δ K E* should hasten to anticipate events by adopting an institution in its infancy, but even infancy is better than decadence. The best plan of all is to enter the institution in its sturdy youth, when its future is assured beyond doubt, but when it is not too late for the fraternity to stake out a claim as a pioneer in the choicest part of the field.

There are occasionally times when in reading an exchange, one is strongly moved to exclaim "Hurrah!" Such was our impulse when we read the following extract from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta. We had hoped that the women's fraternity journals were less prone to misrepresentation than the men's, yet it was but the other day that we read in a certain chapter letter that that chapter had never had an invitation refused,—a statement which we suspect is not quite in accord with the facts.

One of the most amusing features of a recent college annual was a collection of extracts from the letters of chapters represented in that college. While there were no wilful misrepresentations, there was cast about chapters and individuals such an aureola of rosy optimism as made them almost unrecognizable to those who knew them best.—But our extract is as follows:

A few weeks since it was our privilege to see a personal letter written by a prominent worker in one of our fraternities to the editor of his fraternity's magazine. After complimenting a previous issue he speaks of the chapter letters and adds: "It is rather pitiful, however, for an insider to read the statements of the letters and then compare the representations with the knowledge he possesses of the true state of affairs." This point touches the morale of our chapter letter work. The present Editor of *THE RAINBOW* will positively refuse to publish a letter which seems designed to misrepresent

a chapter's condition. Several years ago when President Babcock was Editor of this journal he returned a letter to its writer with substantially these words: "This letter is such a willful and deliberate misrepresentation of —'s condition that I must request you to send me another letter somewhat in accord with the facts." Another letter was sent and duly published. There are, of course, certain happenings in the life of every chapter that should not be advertised. That is understood by every reader. But statements in harmony when a chapter is torn by dissensions, of prosperity when a chapter is trembling toward destruction, of popularity and high-standing when a chapter is in disrepute,—all this is so contrary to truth that only a crooked conscience will countenance it for a moment. We are pleased to notice in this issue of *THE RAINBOW* several instances in which honors coming to chapters of other fraternities are mentioned. The judicial reader will gain from such fairness a better idea of a chapter's standing than he will gain from many lines of bold mis-statements.

It may be an aid to our Grand Historian to reprint from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi the following suggestions. Anything which will add definiteness to the routine work of the chapters will surely be grateful to those high functionaries who superintend such work, and who now spend priceless hours in indorsing work which it has taken puzzled chapters priceless hours to misdo.

I have been asked so many questions relative to how the Chapter histories ought to be made up, that I take this means of saying:

First.—The historical sketches, except for very old Chapters, ought not to exceed 500 words in length. Some now on hand run to 6,000 words, one to 8,000. These voluminous accounts, of course, will be condensed. A very slight calculation will show where our book would run if thirty-nine Chapters and sixteen Alumni Associations should not suffer curtailments in the accounts already sent.

Second.—A good Chapter history should recite the circumstances of its founding, together with dates and charter members. The general progress of the Chapter's life should follow, with reference to periods of special success or failure, always remembering that exaggerated statements will rise up to condemn the Chapter historian and the Fraternity.

Third.—If your chapter has a list of quite distinguished men among its Alumni their names should be mentioned in a brief summary. A man is not especially distinguished who has been a fourth-class postmaster, or who has been invited to deliver a Fourth of July oration at the cross-roads

village near his home. Guard against buncombe, and against making your accounts a mere catalogue of names.

Fourth.— If your Chapter has been especially distinguished in the college for scholarship or athletics, a reasonable reference to these facts will not be out of place.

We quote the following from the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon both because it contains excellent advice and because it pays a pleasant compliment to Pi Beta Phi:

It is the duty of every chapter at once to set each new initiate at work on the study of the history, laws and policy of his fraternity, while the interest and curiosity aroused by his new relations are fresh and active. It is easier at this period to arouse in the new brother enthusiasm for such a study, especially if he finds the older members, not only thoroughly conversant with their fraternity, but willing and glad to assist his efforts. *ΠΒΦ*'s custom of holding annual examinations under the supervision of a chapter inspector is an excellent means of promoting such study.

A number of the fraternity journals have been particularly kind in praising our examination system. It is only fair, however, for us to state that we are not quite alone in our practice of holding an annual examination. Kappa Kappa Gamma does something of the sort, we believe, and Tri-Delta inaugurated the same system at her convention last fall. To others who have not done so, we cordially recommend the custom as an exceedingly profitable one.

With the following opinion advanced by the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, we must beg its gracious leave to differ, at least in so far as pertains to the admission into a fraternity magazine of stories and essays, or of poetry on other than fraternity subjects:

Literary articles would make our *Journal* more attractive and interesting, not only to the critical world, but also to Theta readers. Our *Journal* must furnish us with the fraternity news and all matters of interest in connection with college life and pursuits. Yet these are transient and serve only to keep us in touch with one another's life at the present, while a good story, a pretty poem, or an instructive essay, is a source of continued pleasure.

It has always seemed to us that the proper mission of the fraternity magazine was to serve as a repository of fraternity

interests, of fraternity news, history and inspiration. The value of the news is of course largely transient, of the others it is permanent. Now while poetry of the right sort may serve as a source of inspiration, stories and essays, in the usual acceptance of the term, have no right to the space they occupy in a fraternity journal. The journal should not be converted into a waste-basket into which may be tossed our unripe firstlings of fiction or those college essays which have already served their turn with the rhetorical department. We have no desire to pose as a rival to the college magazine. We have a distinct function and mission of our own and any attempt to overstep the boundaries prescribed by our reason for existence would, it seems to us, be utterly ill-advised.

We congratulate Phi Delta Theta on reaching her fiftieth birthday and being the respectable middle-aged mother of so large a family of promising sons. We hope, too, that she may have her song-book as a most fitting birthday present. You see we are interested in the song-book question ourselves, and should like to wager Phi Delta Theta a box of chocolates that we shall get ours first, but are just a little bit afraid we might lose our wager.

PHI DELTA THETA has entered upon its semi-centennial year, and this fact it seems, should supply inspiration for songs or odes dedicated to the Fraternity. We already have an excellent collection of songs, but some good new ones would be very acceptable. The fourth (1895) edition of the song-book contains eighty-seven songs, the production of about twenty years. Every generation of Phis, that is every college generation of four years, should provide its quota of songs, but the last generation or two has done scarcely anything in this line. It really seems that the progress of Phi Delta Theta during half a century, and the prosperity and prominence the Fraternity now enjoys, furnish a splendid theme for additions to our hymnology.

The *Delta* of Sigma Nu waxeth fierce on the subject of chapter indebtedness. Really in the face of the well-known carelessness of college boys and girls one cannot blame an occasional outburst of righteous wrath from an exasperated treasury de-

partment, or the advocacy of an annual black list as a nauseous but salutary remedy for financial delinquencies.

This plan proposes that, after due time has been given for the payment of all just dues to the Fraternity, the Grand Recorder shall issue a list of all members in arrears, sending the same once each year as a subrosa (or open) communication to the several chapters. This will be indisputable evidence of the good or bad standing of all the active men of the Fraternity. It is perhaps the most heroic remedy of them all, but some diseases require heroic treatment. For my part, I believe that a penalty of this kind can not be too severe. If there are any "dead beats" in my Fraternity I want to learn who they are that I may resent their imposition and refuse them the offices of a brother. These are hard words, I know, but I have been taught that the law of right and wrong is forever the same and I have yet to be told that it does not apply to the members of the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Where, oh, where, is our gallant contemporary, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*? It is months since its familiar face has beamed from our editorial table, since its lively interior has charmed us. Has it passed from the land of the living, or is it like others of its kind, merely enjoying a period of suspended animation? Oh, brother of the South-land, come back, come back!

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