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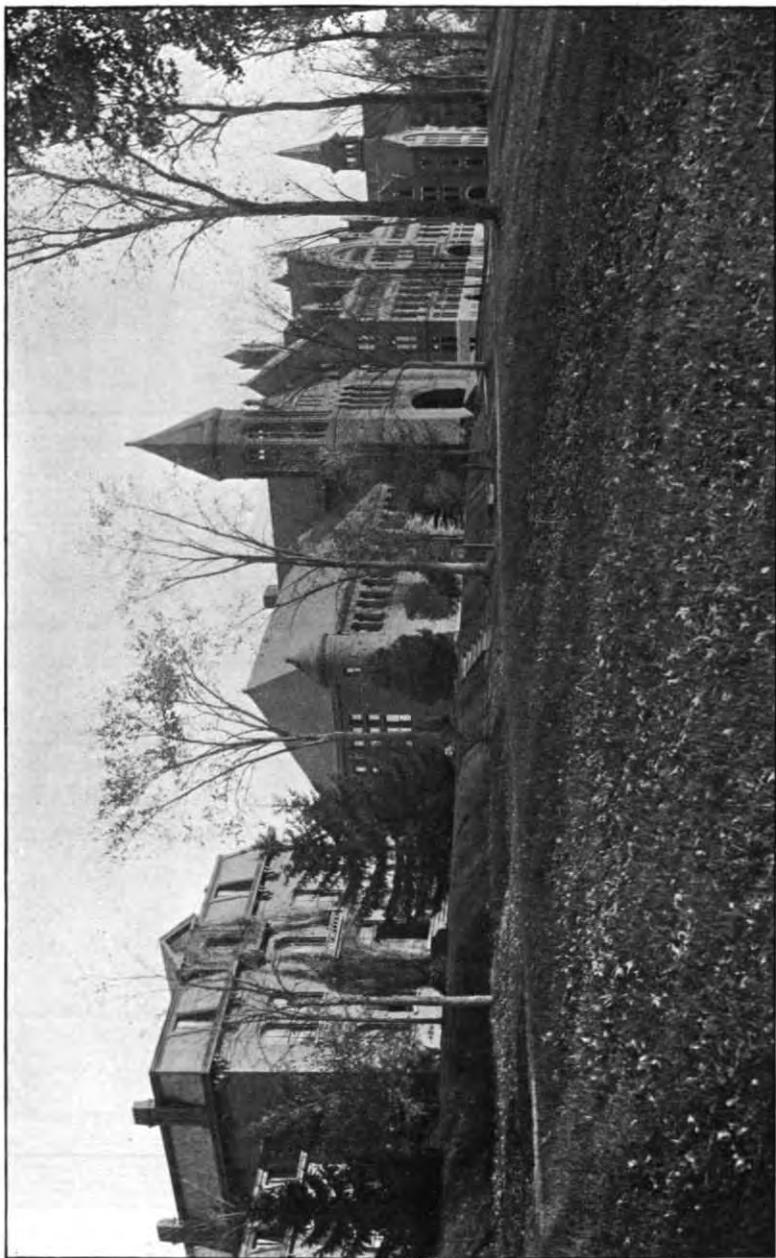
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TO MY ARROW.

I wear an arrow on my breast,
Its shining beauty good to see.
I watch the flashing jewels' light,
And then a message comes to me.

A kindlier thought, a firmer faith,
A nobler trust, wake in my heart,
For, oh! my arrow hath a power
To drive ignoble thoughts apart.

My arrow's point is keen and sure,
No deed of ill hath stained its wings;
It guides me to a better life,
And opens for me higher things.

Oh, may its point be never dulled
By evil thought or deed of mine;
Its shaft be never touched with wrong,
Its jewels never cease to shine.

For if the heart within be true,
The arrow, worn where all may see,
Shall be the symbol of a life
Of earnest truth and purity.

—IOWA BETA.

THE UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The city of Burlington is situated on a terraced bluff rising out of the waters of Lake Champlain, and at the very summit are the buildings of the University of Vermont. The scene presented to one standing on College Hill, or, better yet, in the college tower, is one of great beauty and impressiveness. To the west lies Lake Champlain, and beyond it the blue line of the Adirondacks is distinctly silhouetted on the sky; while to the east there stretches a beautiful valley dotted with villages and terminating in the green mountain range.

The University of Vermont is among the oldest colleges of the country, having been chartered by the legislature of 1791, and rechartered in 1865 as the University of Vermont and State Agricultural College. "It is Vermont's State University, founded by the fathers of the commonwealth and administered under the auspices of the state."

The University of Vermont was named "University" by its founders, and although it has not yet attained the full proportions generally implied by that term in this country, it has surpassed the requirements and advantages of the ordinary college. It has, besides the usual faculty of arts, faculties of applied science, of agriculture, and of medicine. In common with the leading universities and colleges of the United States, the University of Vermont admits, to a large extent, the principle of elective studies.

As regards buildings, the one which the students enjoy most, and that which attracts the universal admiration of visitors, is the Billings Library, the gift to the college of the late Frederick Billings, of Woodstock. The architecture of the building is at once simple and beautiful. The impression of dignity and repose given by the exterior of the building is increased by the interior, with its unexpected spaciousness, large number of alcoves, and ample reading room. The library contains 50,000 carefully selected volumes, and furnishes fine opportunities for

study and research. It is open every day of the college year and the students have free access to the alcoves.

The Museum, though not so impressive a building as some of the others, contains many valuable collections of rare and fine specimens. In this building is the art gallery, which embraces a small but choice collection of paintings, engravings, casts, and photographs.

Among the other buildings which deserve special mention are the Old College, Williams Science Hall, the Mechanical and Electrical Engineering Building, the Converse Dormitory, the Medical College, and Grass Mount, the home of the young women.

The University has two publications. The *Cynic*, a magazine to which all of the students are desired to contribute, appears every three weeks and is under the management of a board of editors chosen from the senior and junior classes. The *Ariel*, an annual, is published by the junior class, through a board of editors elected from the class.

To the lovers of music, the University offers the advantages of glee clubs for both sexes. The men also have a mandolin club.

Through the kindness and generosity of some of the Alumni, a lecture course has been founded, thus offering to the students the opportunity of hearing many of the best speakers of the day.

The social advantages of the University of Vermont are manifold. The citizens of Burlington are very hospitable and the student finds a ready welcome in the social life of the city. In addition the college itself furnishes many attractions in a social way, such as associations, clubs and fraternities. There are ten fraternities connected with the University, among which are chapters of some of the oldest and noblest brotherhoods of the world. The men's fraternities, given in the order of their establishment, are Lambda Iota (local), Sigma Phi, Delta Psi (local), Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, and Sigma Chi, and the women's fraternities are Kappa Alpha Theta, Delta Delta Delta, and Pi Beta Phi.

In a word, the situation, liberal courses of study, libraries, and social advantages of the University of Vermont make it an ideal home for students during those four most important and eventful years in the life of a young man or woman. The University presents the opportunity of developing, not one, but all sides of the student, and justly may its friends and patrons, as well as its alumni and students, be proud and rejoice that they have a close acquaintance with an institution so worthy of their honor and esteem.

MARY A. GROUT.

Vermont Beta.

WHAT A FRESHMAN THINKS ABOUT FRATERNITIES.

What are the thoughts of a freshman on fraternities, we often ask ourselves when we have passed our freshman year and are deep in the duties of our fraternity and college. This particular question comes to us when we have both heart and soul in the girls we are rushing.

The very first day we enter college we see crowds of girls all hurrying back and forth to greet one another on their return from vacation. Then the old girls come to the "poor freshman" to bid her welcome to the new life. In the course of a day or two she notices that the girls do not form one group, but three or four. What is the meaning of this? Why is it that some have such particular interests centered in one place and not in another?

The meaning of these ties of friendship come to her very soon, and she has little trouble in deciding to which group she would give her allegiance. Why does she prefer fraternity friendship at the very beginning of the college life to non-fraternity? The very prominence of the fraternity girl in all lines of college activity is to the freshman an assurance of such power as to claim her respect, and before long a little kind, sympathetic attention graciously bestowed has won from her something warmer than her former curious regard.

For seven long weeks she is rushed by different fraternities to make assurance doubly sure that she is capable of realizing a friendship which means companionship in its three-fold character of similarity of tastes, confidence and steadfastness.

Pledge day has come, and soon after it, the initiation, the entrance for her into a new life. Is it not a beautiful one? Is it not a far happier one than before? There is a new inspiration both for study and for the larger work outside our little college world. Our lessons become more and more interesting, and we strive to gain a deeper knowledge than we perhaps otherwise would; for are we not representatives of a fraternity whose standard of scholarship is high, and whose influence spans the continent?

We soon find that the fraternity has made a change in our life. It has made us braver women. We are more willing to face the temptations of life and not turn aside from them.

Surely if it fulfills its ideals, the fraternity must appeal to every thinking freshman as one of the most ennobling influences of life, and whether she become a fraternity girl or no, she should be glad of the chapter in her college, and be thankful to that band of Monmouth students who first suggested the idea of a women's fraternity.

DEBORAH G. THOMAS.

SELF-GOVERNMENT AT WISCONSIN.

Self-government has just celebrated its first birthday at the University of Wisconsin and, at a meeting of all the university women, has been pronounced a success. At such a time we pause to take a backward look over the year's work, to ask ourselves what self-government is and what it has done for us.

In a large state university with an enrollment of seven hundred, more than four hundred of whom are women, living where they please and doing what they please, there is the greatest need of some unifying interest, some organization in which every woman in the university shall feel herself a part. This

interest, long sought for and long needed, has been effected through our self-government association.

All the women of the University are members of the association, and the wishes of the majority are carried out by an executive board. This board consists of the president and secretary of the association, three representatives elected by the girls who live in Madison, a representative from each of the woman's fraternity houses, and the chairman of the house committee of Ladies' Hall. This board holds regular meetings twice a month for the transaction of business.

The idea of such an association was suggested to us a year ago by our dean, Dr. Emery, and at a mass meeting of university women the plans were formulated which have resulted in the association. Mass meetings are held for the consideration of all important questions and free discussions are the order of these meetings. In such gatherings a very strong sentiment against cribbing has been worked up and the honor system has been adopted in many of the classes.

On the social side, the association has done much in bringing all the university women together. The executive board have given a May party, a party for the freshmen, and a very pretty reception for the students to meet all the ladies of the faculty. This spring we held an art exhibit in Ladies' Hall. A very fine collection, representing modern French and English art, were on exhibition, and daily art talks were given by competent critics.

One of the best places to observe the workings of the association is at Ladies' Hall, where 80 girls are living together under self-made and self-enforced rules. The girls in the Hall themselves admit that it is "no fun to break rules" made by themselves. That pernicious feeling of delight in outwitting the powers that be, so common at boarding schools, is unknown at Ladies' Hall since self-government has been adopted.

One of the rules adopted is that all university parties, with the exception of the junior promenade, shall close at twelve o'clock. The adoption of this rule caused a great deal of discussion in the course of its evolution, but it has been in force a year

and is very well kept. Parties now begin at 8:30 instead of at 10 P. M. The association regard this as one of the most important steps they have taken.

The faculty have welcomed self-government and encouraged it in every way. The social committee of the University have taken especial interest in our work.

What has self-government done for the fraternity girls? Besides all the benefits obtained by them as women of the University, they have been led by the association to draw up rules for the government of their chapter houses. Among these rules are the closing of the house at 10 P. M., the restriction of calling to certain nights of the week, quiet hours on the Sabbath and study hours for every day. The girls in chapter houses are in greatest need of the unifying element of the association, and especially a chapter like ours where the girls room and board in the same house and have only their recitations to bring them in touch with the other university girls. The tendency to narrowness is always present among girls living in a fraternity house and the meetings given by the association bring all the girls of the University into vital touch; for this reason, if for no other, the fraternity girl welcomes self-government.

Our experience in self-government has accustomed us to expressing our aims and ideas by the sense of a mass meeting, and we are now planning for a meeting to discuss and formulate an inter-sorority policy in regard to rushing. While this is not the direct work of self-government, it is one of its moral effects, and is only one of the many steps in which we can trace the influence of self-government in the University of Wisconsin.

LUCRETIA FRENCH HINCKLEY,
Wisconsin Alpha.

FRATERNITY TRADITIONS.

“**H**ow do you know that A is the first letter of the alphabet?” is the question said to have been asked by a Jewish Rabbi of an English philosopher who had expressed his contempt for all traditions to that man of all others who shapes his life in accordance with the beliefs and customs of his forefathers. Traditions in a broad sense of the term are so deeply involved in all that we are and know, in all that we think and feel, that their influence extends into every condition in life.

There are associations now existing which have been formed mainly for the purpose of keeping alive the best traditions of our history and the memory of those who founded and fought for our fatherland. If these organizations ever seem to exist, as one bright member once suggested, for the sake of keeping “the other people out,” they fail in their true aim and sow the seeds of sure decay. Fraternities have not been formed for the purpose of keeping in memory noble traditions, but yet their nature is such that if the records of their best thought and life are not kept in mind and heart, the privileges which these have secured should be forfeited. The constitution and the customs that students of many yesterdays have observed form the ties that bind together the students of today. If a chapter does not cherish and loyally live up to the old fraternity standards, it had better surrender its charter and make no pretense of being anything but a temporary social organization.

Our constitution is surely the first and best of our traditions. Details have been changed to advantage but not what may be called the fundamentals. One or two articles have appeared of late in the Arrow upon the interpretation of different sections. The strong plea for the right of the secret ballot was a very suggestive one. A chapter which does not observe this regulation in spirit as well as in form will soon feel the evil effects in lack of harmony and congeniality among its members.

There are, however, unwritten traditions as potent as any that have been put on record,—such as the sort of girl that is to be

sought for as a member; the comparative importance of fine mental and social qualities; the custom in giving invitations for membership, whether they should be delivered on the second day, the second month, or the second year of a student's college life; lastly, the attitude of the fraternity toward other fraternities and the place it should take in the college life. This code of unwritten laws determines a fraternity's character, and if the code does not exist or changes every year, there is no real character, or at best a very weak one.

It is in its relation to those without its circle that the fraternity most frequently fails. If we have no traditions along this line, had we not better begin to form them? How many of us feel and think as fraternity members in the same spirit that we try to feel and think as individuals? The fraternity character and disposition should surely be the composite of those of all its members, and yet the opposition to and criticism of fraternities seem to indicate that this is not the case. Can we not win for Pi Beta Phi the same regard which we desire for ourselves? And when we, the students of today, have done this, let us hand down traditions of fraternity courtesy and good-breeding to all those who will ever wear the golden arrow.

EDITH INGERSOLL,
Colorado Beta.

AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION.

I have hesitated a long time about putting these thoughts on paper, because, while I feel very strongly on the subject, I fear that my views will meet with very little approval or sympathy from any one, not only from Pi Phis, but from any one who knows anything of chapter and fraternity life. But when we Louisiana Alpha girls saw our name among those who were expected to contribute to the April Arrow, the temptation became too great for me and I decided that I must lay before Pi Beta Phi in general the idea that of all ideas connected with the fraternity has become most firmly fixed in my mind. And this is the idea! I believe that it would be very much better for

members, chapters and our beloved Pi Phi in general if never more than one girl were taken in at *one* time. Now that sounds very absurd, doesn't it? I have been told that while my idea is very good in theory, in practice it would be ridiculous, even impossible. I have been told, too, that I, a member of Louisiana Alpha which, until two months ago had no opposition and knew that a girl would be glad to join us even in her senior year (don't say that too loud), cannot judge of the conditions of a great, many-fraternied university where, unless all the eligible freshmen are pledged and initiated at once, they are probably lost forever. That all this is true I know, but still my own idea is unshaken.

Every fraternity sister or brother knows the terribly bad effects of discord in a chapter. It takes away all true fraternity spirit and kindness, and leaves instead a sort of sullen bitterness, which is all the worse because our fraternity bonds are so close.

Now, I suppose very few chapters are without these jars, greater or less, and, girls, if you look into it, in almost every case I think you will find that the inharmonious spirits are girls who were taken in together, who wanted to join the fraternity and who thought: "Oh, well, when she is my sister I shall like her better." But alas! when they become sisters they do not like each other better, the fraternity ties chafe them, and the necessity of appearing friendly makes things all the worse, and finally each decides that if she had gotten in first the other one never would have been admitted. And what could be worse than such a state of things? Now, perhaps I am wrong; perhaps this never happens, or very rarely, and when it does perhaps the girls who do not love each other are really joined by their arrow and become fraternity sisters in the only and beautiful sense of the word, but I do not think so.

Is it not better to lose two girls than to take in three and then have unhappiness and bitterness sown in the chapter? Our fraternity life can mean so much; our chapter room may be our real home and refuge when college work and worry become too burdensome; we can make the years of our active membership

the happiest of our lives, but we cannot do any of this unless our hearts are pierced by the golden arrow of love, friendship and trust, unless we are held together by a strong, yet tender chain.

Let the other fraternities have large chapters, even let them have some of the best girls, if necessary, taking for ourselves only the one very best, and thus our strength will be in our union, and in every college the chapter of Pi Beta Phi will stand high, strong and true, and all because of its members' great mutual love and harmony, and each Pi Phi in her chapter and in herself will be really worthy of her golden arrow.

R. N.,

Louisiana Alpha.

INITIATION SONG.

(Tune: "There'll be a Hot Time in the Old Town Tonight.")

I.

Though there's nothing that's a'doing in this sleepy dead old town,
Yet when Pi Phi mounts her Billy she paints all things red around,
And when Billy gets ferocious, oh, be careful or you're down,
And he only gets encouraged when we sing:

Chorus.

Ring, ching, ching, let it echo loud and true;
Pi Phis wave in pride the wine and blue,
And you small pledgelings come and join the chorus, too,
For we're sisters in the old hall tonight.

II.

Oh, our Billy soon appeareth on initiation night,
With his horns so long and forking and his eyes so big and bright,
And the little pledges tremble as they hold each other tight,
And we all join in and sing with might and main:—

Chorus.

Who-who-who, oh, who indeed am I?
Of all things best, a true Pi Beta Phi,
And so the roof shall ring as we raise our voices high,
For we are sisters in the old hall tonight.

—N. M., Louisiana Alpha.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

There are now in several of our universities organizations of women which attempt among other things to regulate to some small degree the social life of their universities. The members accomplish this by agreeing among themselves upon the number of evenings a week they will devote to social engagements, the hour of leaving evening parties, and so on. Where the college girls have entered into such an agreement it has been generally as a result of a feeling that the number and frequency of parties, hops and other gaieties, for which they are naturally always ready, is often at the expense of their best work as students, of their health and of real friendship, and that such agreements enable them the more easily to refrain from entering into this fascinating life too vigorously. There is, too, the feeling that too much gaiety of this nature can not but lower in some measure the reputation of the university at large.

Should college girls enter into such agreements, is the question for which an answer is sought. The conditions and character of the different universities make any general answer unreasonable. The institution itself may make restrictions which make all others unnecessary and which, indeed, in some cases kill all social life. Another college may not have a class of students which enters largely into such interests. But if the festivities do occupy too much time and thought of the students for their best work, for the good of their health and for the reputation of the university, should not each girl, for the sake of holding things down to their proper level, for the sake of the right balancing of the various interests of the university life, be willing to make such an agreement with the other women, even if she may not feel that it is necessary in her individual case, and even if it should be, perchance, at the sacrifice of some of her own pleasure?

One Question
for the
College Girl.

There are still many forsaken nooks and corners of our cities and towns where charities' sympathetic hand has not yet reached, even though charity is now so widely fostered in its various forms as to be oft termed a fad. There are, too, many of our own number finishing their college work each year who would welcome some opportunity to use their energies in active work for the poor and unfortunate. Why should not Pi Beta Phi take knowledge of this fact and originate a fraternity settlement?

The advantages of such work and its numerous benefits to the residents of a settlement and all the teachers and workers connected with it, and to the community where it is located do not need repeating. There would be the additional benefit to us as a fraternity in having the responsibility of a common work of such vital interest. The question for us would be one of practicability alone. And need this be a question, with our long list of alumnae, widely distributed throughout the country and engaged in many and various occupations? Doubtless among our number is one who has been at some time a resident of a settlement who would help us organize ours, and perhaps become its head worker. There are many others undoubtedly who have been engaged in various other kinds of charitable work who would be glad to step in and help us. Some Pi Phi might be found who would give us the use of a house for our purpose in the city where we decide to start our settlement; and many of the rest of us, from our small corners here and there would be glad to send in our contributions for its adornment and its work. A Pi Beta Phi settlement. Why not?

G. O. E.,

Illinois Zeta.

To have more than one fraternity in a college means rivalry, and when a particularly desirable girl enters school we all want her. But we cannot all have her. "Aye, there's the rub." Now the point I wish to touch upon is the manner in which we are to treat this girl whom we have lost, and also the chapter which has been fortunate enough to win her.

**Inter-Fraternity
Courtesy.**

After we have striven for weeks with might and main to

make a favorable impression upon this creature so greatly to be desired and have worn ourselves out both mentally and physically in worshipping at her shrine, then, after all this, to be obliged to sit quietly by and see some rival chapter walk off with the prize is, indeed, a trying situation, and the chapter which can take such a defeat gracefully is an exception. We cannot help being greatly disappointed and it is not strange if we have a slight feeling of resentment towards the girl whom we have failed to secure. But ought we not to put ourselves in that girl's place, and try to understand how we should feel if, after having received such marked manifestations of friendliness from a certain set of girls, we should suddenly be passed by with averted looks, and be as totally ignored as if we had never existed? Would it not be showing a more truly fraternal spirit to take our earliest opportunity to put this girl at her ease,—for it is a trying ordeal through which she is passing,—congratulate her upon the honor she has received, and make her feel that we still have a friendly interest in her, and that she has not committed a crime in not preferring our fraternity to any other? Then ought we not to go still further and congratulate the chapter on their success? They have worked just as hard as we have and deserve to have that fact recognized.

Now for the victors. Of course they are almost crazy with joy, and feel like exulting openly with each other and congratulating themselves continually. But would it not make a better impression if they should restrain their jubilant emotions until they are by themselves and there are no jealous eyes watching them? Success will make itself known and have much greater effect if it is not paraded and exulted over at every possible opportunity. Then, too, is there not a faint suggestion in all this of that distasteful element—brag,—which we all so heartily despise and which every fraternity chapter, individually and collectively, should strenuously avoid?

It seems to me that these points are only the little courtesies which are due from one fraternity to another, and which, if carefully observed, will help largely to overcome that bitterness

of feeling which so often exists between rival chapters and hinders the development of the true aim of all fraternity chapters.

F. G. F.,

Michigan Alpha.

If our ideals have any significance we must consider our relations to our college associates. Certainly if our fraternity makes us narrow, selfish and discourteous toward these, it has no reason for existing, in fact, works harm to its members. No doubt the ordinary college friendships cannot be compared to those made through fraternity ties, but sometimes we set too high a value on these and forget the broader thought, the broadening of our lives, and thereby making each life nobler and more worth the living.

**The Influences of
Fraternities on
College Courtesy.**

One who has seen something of fraternity life from the outside, as it were, notices some things which fraternity girls would scorn could they see themselves as others see them.

Rushing is at the bottom of most of the trouble. In universities where there are many chapters the rivalry is great of course. This in itself is a good thing, but sometimes it leads the girls to do things both unwomanly and deplorable.

Of course these faults are emphasized in the fall when rushing is most vigorous and they cause much just criticism, particularly among the faculty women who are so often the entertainers, and thus have abundant opportunity for observation. Let us say that a reception for all the girls is given. Each fraternity is devoted to the particular girls whom they are rushing, and this leaves out many girls who know no one, and thus is accentuated the point so many times brought up, that fraternities draw a close line of exclusiveness which cannot help but make those girls outside the bond very uncomfortable.

What is not so noticeable, but is none the less true, is the fact that fraternity girls are often rude to Greek sisters outside their particular fold. Should Alpha meet Beta and exchange remarks while Beta was talking to a "rushee," Beta would not think of introducing her, and might be positively discourteous.

While the contest is warmest this is most noticeable, but it is true to some extent all the year.

Another thing: While we associate with people, we must remember that unless we show in some way our appreciation of kindnesses received we shall be forgotten. While a girl is being rushed it is quite impossible for her to return her many calls or make return for favors showered upon her. As a result new girls grow into thinking that they can receive everything and give nothing, and forgetting that they have any responsibility beyond being entertained. A further mortifying complication is that girls are called "fresh" who return rushing calls, and are scorned as being too eager to be rushed.

What can we do to correct all this? The first and greatest help is thoughtfulness. Then, inter-fraternity meetings to discuss various fraternity questions and problems. This would bring the Greeks together and unite their interests. As the world progresses there is a healthful tendency toward universal brotherhood, and we must catch the spirit or break in pieces.

G. C. S.

Alumnae Department.

THE CHICAGO ALUMNAE CLUB OF PI BETA PHI.

The Chicago Alumnae chapter is still in its infancy, but we consider it a strong and vigorous child for one of only a year's growth, and are rather proud to have it so well on its feet. The past months have naturally been months of organization, and, apart from the routine business, the meetings have been largely social. There has been much discussion as to the exact form that the meetings should take. It seems not desirable to make them wholly social, and, on the other hand, consecutive study is not practicable, since we come together only quarterly. A happy plan came to our minds whereby we can have intellectual improvement and enjoyment without involving any member in laborious preparation beforehand. A large number of our chap-

ter are doing special work in various lines, and if we can hear from each one something of her particular work, our fund of information will be increased in a most pleasant way. Accordingly, at our last meeting, Mrs. May Wood Simons, who, with her husband, is connected with the University of Chicago Social Settlement, addressed us informally on her specialty. She first refreshed our minds on the history of the settlement idea and work, and spoke of Toynbee Hall, Mansfield House, Hull House, the Northwestern University Settlement, and more in detail of the University of Chicago Settlement.

Mrs. Simons is an enthusiast, and it is seldom enthusiasts can bring themselves to speak of anything but the rosy side of their work. It is not often that an outsider can learn the full truth concerning any great cause. We were, therefore, glad to have our Pi Phi sister correct some of our erroneous impressions, though sorry to hear that there are discouragements, and that even those apparently most successful have their questionings as to whether the Social Settlement is really going to set society right, and to solve the various problems of the day.

LOUISE HULBERT WYANT,
Secretary Chicago Alumnæ,
Chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

PERSONALS.

IOWA ZETA.

Mabel Rundell is spending a year abroad studying vocal music.

December 2d, 1898, Mary C. Kelly, '98, was married to Harry E. Hanson, '97. They are now at home at Waterloo, Iowa.

Nancy G. Carroll, '98, is teaching in the Des Moines schools.

Katherine May Taylor, '97, is teaching in the Clinton high school.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA.

Clara Adella Fish of the class of '99 was married in June to Mr. Everett L. Meservey, a graduate of the Boston University Theological School. Mr. and Mrs. Meservey reside in Edison, Ohio.

Olive B. Gilchrist, '98, sailed in September for Liverpool. After traveling through England and France she goes to Göttingen, where she will study for a year.

Ethel P. Bancroft, '98, has a position in the high school at Stoneham, Massachusetts.

Winifred G. Hill is teaching in Middletown, Connecticut.

Retta A. Moore, a special student, has not returned to college this year. She lives in Mt. Carroll, Illinois.

OHIO ALPHA.

Bertha McVay, '93, is teaching in the public schools of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

The marriage of Alberta Norton, '95, to James Rittensur took place at Saliot Isle, Viroqua, November twentieth. Mr. and Mrs. Rittensur are at home at Richmondale, Ohio.

Minnie O. Roach, '95, who has been attending school in Boston, spent the holidays with her parents in Athens. She left January first to take a position in the public school of Pekin, Illinois.

Mabel Towsley, ex-'99, was married December twenty-third to Alvah Graham of Delta Tau Delta. The young couple will live in Athens.

Lucy Weethee, '98, holds the position of assistant in Biology.

Florence Craig, '98, is taking some post-graduate work in the college and also is devoting much time to music with instructors in Columbus.

Miss Jeanette Barker, Miss Ryan and Miss Herrold are the representatives of Ohio Alpha in the public schools here.

Grace Grosvenor is spending the winter in Washington.

OHIO BETA.

Anna Houston Blakiston, '97, was married September twentieth, 1898, to Mr. Reginald E. Powell of Pittsburg, Pa.

Mona Liggett Fay, '97, was married January seventh, 1899, to Mr. Eugene C. Gee of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mary G. Redick, '98, is teaching in the Findlay high school.

May Smith, '97, is teaching in the Sidney high school.

Leona Humphrey, '95, is teaching in the Plain City schools.

Ora K. Blake, ex-'99, and Nan Costigan and Cora E. Conklin, ex-1900, are teaching in the Columbus public schools.

Agnes Chalmers, '95, is doing newspaper work in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mary B. Porter, '97, has gone to live in Tryon, North Carolina.

Ruth Houseman, '97, is teaching in the Painesville high school.

LAWRENCE ALUMNAE CLUB.

On December seventeenth the Alumnae club of Lawrence, Kansas, was formed with eleven members, all alumnae of Kansas Alpha, with the following officers:

President, Mrs. Clara Morris Perkins; vice-president, Miss Helen B. Sutliff; secretary, Miss Ida G. Smith; treasurer, Miss Alice Horton.

It is not the idea of the club to become an alumnae chapter but an alumnae club, with the object of closer association and co-operation for the development of Pi Beta Phi.

IN MEMORIAM.

For the second time this year Colorado Alpha has been called to mourn the death of an alumna. Helen Franc Maxwell died at her home in Boulder, January twenty-fourth. Miss Maxwell spent several years at the University of Colorado, afterwards going abroad to study music and languages. Although for sev-

eral years she had suffered from ill health, she was very active in the social and musical interests of the town and has ever been a most devoted Pi Beta Phi. She was dearly loved by all and will be sincerely missed.

Editorial.

IT IS not too early to begin thinking of next summer's convention, and so planning for it that each chapter may find its interests represented in the best possible way. The choice of the delegate is a matter of primary importance, not so much because it is by her that the chapter is judged, as it is that through her the chapter ideas are expressed and on her depends the voicing of the chapter's wishes in all matters of fraternity policy.

The temptation in selecting the delegate is to do one of two things. If the chapter be ambitious for social prestige, the impulse is to choose the prettiest, most stylish, most altogether showy girl, trusting that her charms will gain for her chapter the much-desired reputation of attracting "the swellest girls in college." If, on the other hand, the girls are imbued with true fraternity unselfishness, they may very naturally think of giving the pleasant outing which a convention offers, to the girl who could not otherwise afford it.

Now, while both these motives are in no way reprehensible in themselves, it is to be remembered that the convention is primarily neither a social function nor a pleasant excursion, but a business meeting. At the best, the three or four days allotted to it are all too short for getting through a two years' accumulation of fraternity matters. Each chapter then owes it to the fraternity at large that her delegate, be she what she may in other things, should be first and foremost business-like; a girl who, while clearly understanding such questions as are likely to arise, has discretion and good judgment enough to act promptly on her own responsibility in an emergency.

Then, too, the delegate should be a girl of self-possession who

does not tremble at the sound of her own voice when she gets up to read her report, and who is not afraid to support a measure which she approves, or, still harder, to oppose one which neither she nor her chapter could approve. Perhaps this seems a superfluous suggestion, but experience shows that too many measures are hastily adopted because the delegates have not enough self-confidence to do other than yield a frightened acquiescence.

Next, let your delegate be a girl of tact, who sees clearly when to push a point and when to yield one, and who can smooth over the little roughnesses and adjust the little differences which must arise when so many different elements are represented.

Finally, but most important of all, the delegate ought to have so much fraternity enthusiasm that through her the convention will rouse and inspire all her chapter and be what a convention ought to be, a vital force in the growth and progress of the fraternity.

CARE in the choice of its representative is but one of a chapter's pre-convention duties. No delegate should be allowed to start on her journey without a pretty clear idea of her chapter's attitude toward such questions as are likely to come up. If, too, there be any special measure which the chapter desires to see adopted, let it urge its delegate to take the initiative in introducing and pushing that measure.

In order, then, that the chapters may be ready to give definite instructions to departing delegates, we would suggest that the chapters from now on devote a small portion of the time at each meeting to discussing matters likely or desirable to be brought forward at next summer's convention.

For instance, each chapter should have formed definite opinions as to our constitution, whether it is all that it should be, or whether amendment is needed in any direction. Is there any improvement possible in our ritual? Is our province government all that it should be and are the duties of the province president sufficiently well defined?

How do we stand towards expansion? Is our chapter roll long enough, or if not, in what directions should it be extended?

Is any change desirable in our method of admitting new chapters? What of the Arrow? Is it being and doing all that it can? If not, what improvements would you suggest?

Lastly, the chapters ought to have some idea of the material available for the next grand council. It is seldom that all the old officers can accept re-election, and it is well to have in mind before convention all the best possible opportunities for filling the vacancies.

If the chapters will but come, not to an irrevocable decision, but at least to a definite opinion on these and other pertinent questions, much valuable time may be saved, fully twice the work may be accomplished, and there will be the great additional advantage that the whole chapter will feel that they have, as they should, an actual participation in the government of the fraternity.

THE Arrow wants more *alumnæ* subscribers. With the increasing number of graduates, there should be a steady, if not proportional increase in the membership of the *Alumnæ Association*, and so on the Arrow subscription list. It is a truism not made less true by wearisome repetition, that the greatest strength of a fraternity lies in a large body of strong, interested *alumnæ*. If Pi Beta Phi has not these, the fraternity is not doing what it should, the *Alumnæ Association* is not doing what it should, and the Arrow is most certainly failing in what is its manifest duty. We should like suggestions as to ways and means of improving matters.

ATTENTION is called to the communication from Gamma Phi Beta, published in our exchange department, and to the legal controversy between Kappa Kappa Gamma and her recently expelled chapter at St. Lawrence University. This latter is interesting not alone to the fraternities involved, but is significant as establishing a precedent regarding the grounds upon which a fraternity may expel a chapter and the manner of so doing. We shall await with interest the decision of the judge, not as being likely to affect us personally, but as a test case to show

how far the private matters of an unincorporated body may be subject to legal control. While we cannot help admiring the pluck of the St. Lawrence Kappas in refusing to surrender what they deem their rights, without a struggle, yet we can hardly see what they will gain, fraternally speaking, even by restoration to full rights of Kappa-hood by such means and under such circumstances. Moreover, "government by injunction" is about as un-republican and dangerous in fraternity matters as in most others, and probably the rights or privileges of sisterly association, retained only by such means were surely better surrendered.

WE HOPE that corresponding secretaries will observe carefully notices in this issue. It has always been the aim of the Arrow to make the report and catalogue of the chapters quite complete and perfect, but this has never yet been possible, because of the neglect or misunderstanding of a very few chapters. In particular is it important that the summer addresses be full and correct, as otherwise members may fail to receive their Arrows. Probably no less than ten or twelve notices from local postmasters reached us last summer, each to the effect that our paper was unclaimed or that no such person was to be found at the address given. Nearly an equal number of postals were received from aggrieved damsels who wondered why they had received no July Arrow, and doubtless the girls who did not write were thinking things unfraternal about the editor.

So, girls, please make sure for your part that the addresses are all right, and then if your Arrows go astray, the editor will cheerfully shoulder the blame, and replace the missing numbers.

Chapter Letters.

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Vermont Alpha has passed an unusually quiet winter as far as the social side of college life is concerned, but as we near the gladsome months of spring we begin to form plans which will doubtless draw our fancies from the all-engrossing college work upon which they have seemed so arduously to enter. The warm days will soon call us forth upon the campus and then, in company with the birds and squirrels, our hearts will become as light as the gayest among them.

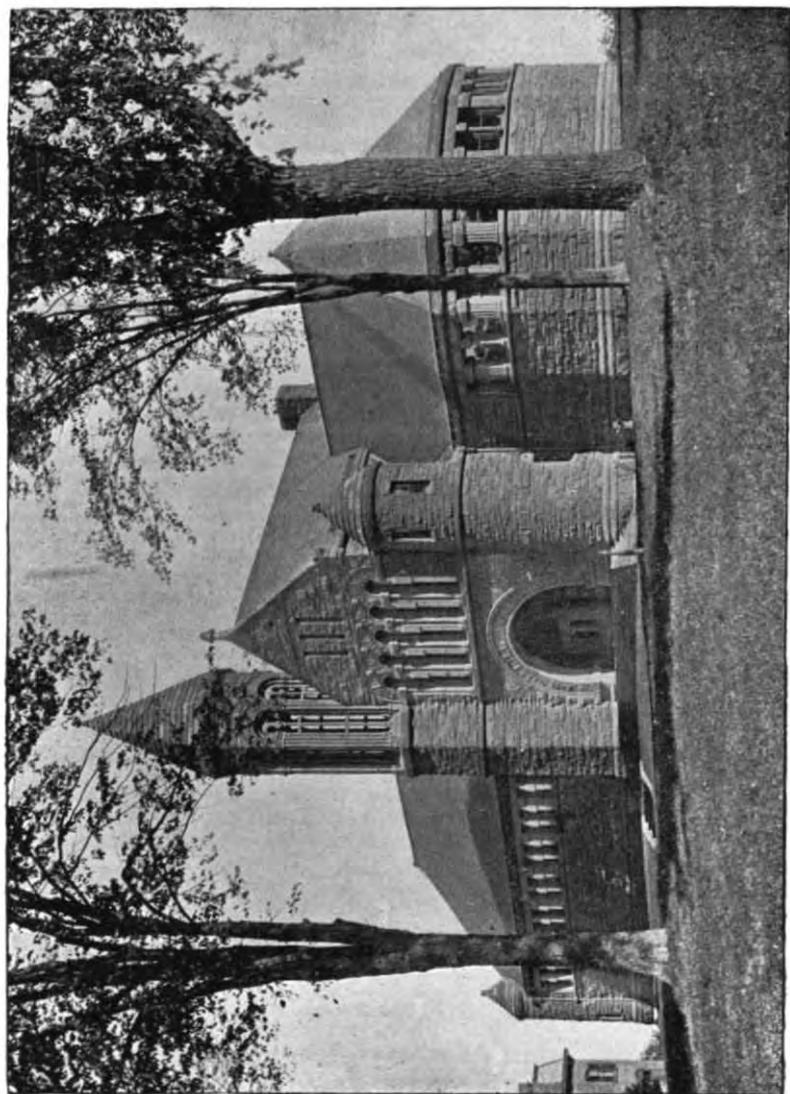
The Y. W. C. A. of our college is at present in a most flourishing condition. Among the most recent of its undertakings is a mission class for children among the poor of the town, which has been carried on successfully throughout the term. As usual the question of funds for sending delegates to the Northfield convention arose among the girls, but this was cleverly solved by a course of lectures which different members of the faculty kindly consented to give for the purpose. The president of the association at Middlebury, Miss Hemenway, is a wearer of the golden arrow.

Near the first of the term we were delighted to receive a visit from Luella Whitney, one of our last year's seniors, who was on her way to the meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club at Burlington, where she delivered a paper on Myxomycetes.

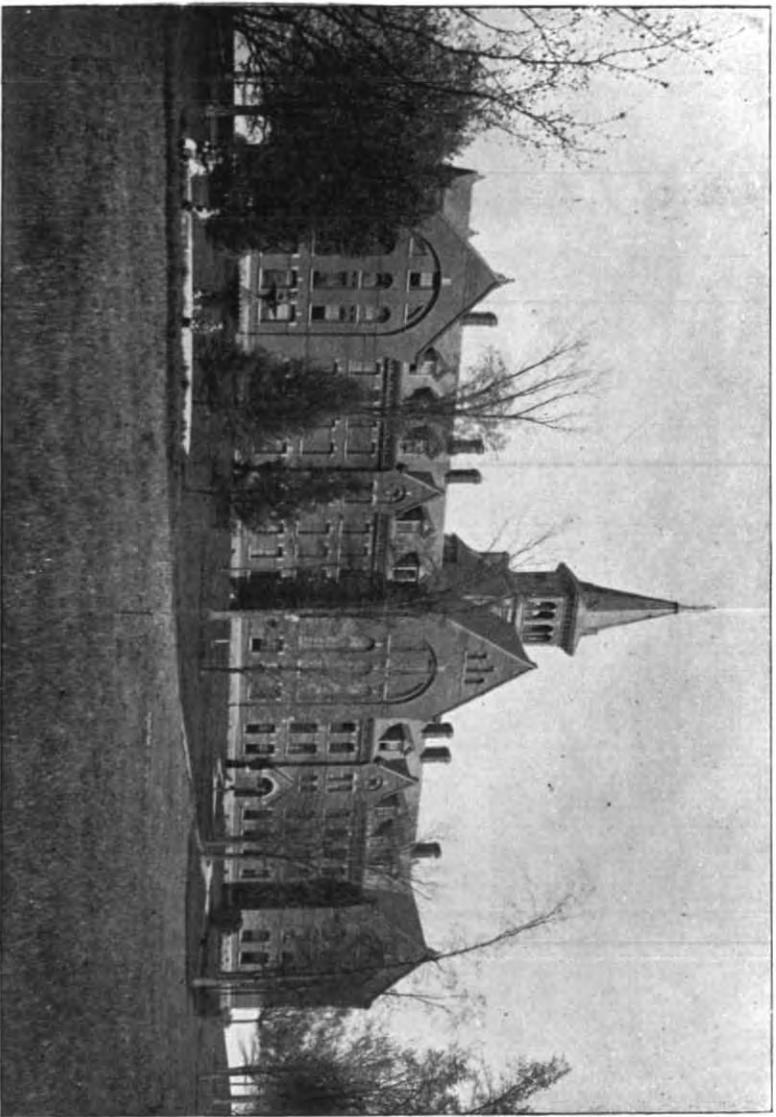
The young men of Middlebury succeeded in organizing a more powerful Glee Club this year than for some time past, and it has made several successful trips throughout the state.

On the evening of Valentine's day one our girls entertained the chapter in a unique and pleasing manner. Refreshments of maple sugar on snow, pickles and saltines were served and each brought away a pretty souvenir of the occasion.

On the Monday following, we received in the mail an envelope which on being opened disclosed a second envelope bearing the words: "To be opened the next frat. night." As that was itself the proper evening and as our curiosity was slightly aroused, we broke the next seal and found within a fraternity valentine with no clue as to the sender. It was certainly a



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pretty token of friendship and has already found a place in the memory book.

THE PI PHI ARROW.

" St. Valentine's most genial face,
Aided by Cupid and his darts,
Has long presided at the chase
Which ends at last in vanquished hearts."

" For Cupid would an arrow take
To which the saint attached some lines,
And both together thus would make
The very best of valentines."

" But now alas how things are mixed!
The fair alone the bow may try,
For saint and Cupid are transfixed
By arrows of Pi Beta Phi."

MILDRED WELD.

VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

For the first time, Vermont Beta has the pleasure of greeting through the Arrow letter all the chapters of Pi Beta Phi, and she is most happy to greet them very heartily.

Our girls have been very busy with college work all the fall and winter, and have just finished with the terrible mid-year examinations, and are now beginning afresh on the last half year. The hard work during the week, however, only makes us appreciate the more our fraternity meetings on Saturday nights when we have such jolly and helpful times together. We have no chapter room this year, but we meet in turn at the homes of those girls who live in town.

At a recent session of the Vermont State Botanical Club held here at the university, some of us had the pleasure of seeing Laura Clark and Luella Whitney, both graduates of Middlebury College, and both Pi Phis. Miss Clark was not able to remain with us, but Miss Whitney was with us at our meeting that week, and then for the first time we participated in a real Pi Phi cookie shine, and we enjoyed it so much that we have had another since. We are very glad to have Vermont Alpha so near us, so that we can see the girls face to face at times. They have already made us realize the depth of the meaning of Pi Beta Phi. The letters of welcome which we have received from several of the chapters help us to realize this, too, and also that not only we, but girls all through this land, are working for the same golden arrow which we so proudly wear.

We have not only been studying hard, but have also taken our part in a few social events. The Tuesday after our initiation our chapter attended an afternoon tea given us by the chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, at the home of one of their members.

A short time afterward the Tri Deltas entertained us very pleasantly one evening. The Saturday afternoon preceding the Christmas vacation, Mrs. Buckham, the wife of the president, received the young ladies of the university very delightfully at their home. The next Monday afternoon our chapter gave a reception to the faculty and their wives. We were very kindly allowed to receive in the parlors of Grass Mount, the college girls' home. Our four patronesses aided us very much by their advice and their presence. We should like to introduce them to you—Mrs. H. E. Allen, Mrs. Jocelyn, Mrs. W. J. Van Patten and Mrs. J. S. Peck.

The sophomore class of the university gave a hop at the armory this year which some of our girls attended. There is a girls' glee club this year, and we are represented by four girls. One of our number is an associate editor on the board of the *Cynic*, the college paper. The election for the staff of the next year's junior publication, the *Ariel*, has just occurred, and one of our girls is an associate editor.

Last Friday evening the first of the faculty receptions to the under-graduates was given in the beautiful Billings Library. We spent a very pleasant evening there.

Once more Vermont Beta extends a hearty greeting to all Pi Phis. May we realize more and more the joy and privilege of belonging to that grand old fraternity.

EDITH L. CARPENTER.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

The winter of 1898-9 has been marked by a great event in the history of Columbian University. On the evening of the fifteenth of November, a new department of the university was formally opened—the "School of Comparative Jurisprudence and Diplomacy." Washington offers every advantage for the establishment of this pioneer training-school for diplomats: with such men as Secretary Lyman J. Gage, Justice Brewer, and Justice Harlan as members of the faculty, and with prominent members of the diplomatic corps as lecturers, it can scarcely be otherwise than successful. The new school shares with our department of law the fine new structure just erected near the university building.

We have one new sister to introduce, Mary Lucretia Hobgood, who was initiated Friday evening, January the twentieth, at the university building. We were fortunate in having with us as witnesses of the solemn event, about twenty-five of our resident alumnae, with Miss Eaton of Iowa Zeta, and Miss Harper of California Alpha. After the initiation ceremony there was a dainty supper, informally served in one of the university halls, and the rest of the evening slipped away with unaccountable

dispatch, as is always the case at Pi Phi jollifications — is it not so?

This term we have been so unfortunate as to lose three of our sisters. Helen Lee was suddenly called to her New England home by illness in her family, while Lillian Sherman and Mary Hobgood have left college on account of ill health. We hope and believe that our loss in each case is but temporary; that all three girls will be with us again in the fall.

On New Year's day the chapter received with Mrs. Knight, the mother of one of our active girls. The reception was a complete success, while the evening, during which the festivities of the day were continued by the receiving party and a few of their friends, proved equally delightful.

One Saturday in February we took a long walk in the country, after which Lillian Sherman guided us to her beautiful suburban home, where we rested while she made tea for us.

In March Mrs. Augusta Pettigrew Shute, one of our charter members, entertained at her home all the Pi Phis in the city. We all enjoyed the reunion very much, and had the pleasure of meeting our grand vice-president, Grace Grosvenor.

We are looking forward to several social events in the near future, chief among which is to be the banquet with the Alumnae Club on "Founders' Day."

But after all's told, the one great, abiding reality to us all just now is the Colorado convention. Our interest begins to center more and more in the two far western chapters. To them in particular we bid "God speed."

ELSIE PARKINSON.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

It seems almost impossible that three months have passed since the last chapter letter was to be written and that the long dreaded tenth of March has arrived.

Pennsylvania Alpha has passed a very quiet winter, but a very happy one, realizing more, almost, than ever before, the privilege of being joined to one another in work and pleasure. During the last of February much of our time was spent in getting acquainted with a very lovable freshman, Helen Rogers, whom one or two of us knew well, and the rest were very anxious to know. Our efforts were rewarded, for on the eighth of March we had an initiation. I wish that some of you might have been with us or that I could tell you what fun we had. We left college at about twelve o'clock, going to Philadelphia, and across the city and Delaware river to the quaint, little old fashioned, New Jersey town of Moorestown. Here we were received by the mother of one of our girls, and took possession of the house for the afternoon, arranging the parlor to suit our

needs, closing shutters and pulling down shades, to get the proper light for the ceremony. What followed you know better than I can tell you, but now we are richer by one and have Pennsylvania Alpha's lucky number of thirteen. At six o'clock we had a most delicious supper at which we tried to hide the shockingly large number of times we were helped, and when we could eat no more, adjourned to the parlor for a dance or two ere it was time to leave.

Dr. Stine, the professor of engineering at Swarthmore, was the husband of one of our former grand vice-presidents. He is very much interested in Pi Phi and invited us to meet him in the college parlors several weeks ago. We had a delightful afternoon, comparing old Pi Phi days with new, and reveling in spicy yarns of his college life at Dickinson.

I wonder whether other colleges were as badly snowed in as we were at the time of the blizzard. No trains ran for two days and coal was nearly giving out. It was strange to see with what eagerness we watched the first train that plowed its way through the drifts, bringing the welcome mail.

Pennsylvania Alpha sends most cordial greetings to all her sisters.

LUCY BANCROFT.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta is glad that again the time has come for her to send in her report to the fraternity, in the form of the Arrow letter. We can report progress, although we are still the same thirteen girls that we were at the beginning of the year. As yet we can do no definite work, nevertheless rushing long drawn out is sufficient work for the most of us.

We had the pleasure of entertaining Deborah Ferrier and Emily Carter of Pennsylvania Alpha. We certainly enjoyed their little visit exceedingly, and only wish that we could get acquainted with more of our own girls.

Mrs. Heim entertained our fraternity with several of the new girls at her pleasant home. One of the features of the evening was an auction sale, in which we all took part. Blowing soap-bubbles also afforded a great deal of amusement.

All of the girls have been struck with the idea mentioned in the last Arrow of giving an "At Home" to our patronesses. We have often wished to do something to become better acquainted with these ladies; and plans are being made now for an "At Home" some time early next term.

Our president, Dr. Harris, has been out this term raising money for a new building. He has been very successful and work will be commenced on the new dormitory next term. This building they hope to have in readiness next fall, because the students cannot be accommodated even now.

Dr. Groff, professor of organic sciences is now in Puerto Rico, and has been all this year. He is known now as Major Groff, having received the rank of surgeon major. He was sent by Governor Hastings to distribute supplies to the soldiers; but at present he is inspecting the hospitals and looking after the sanitary conditions of the island. We are expecting that he will return to his work at the beginning of next year. Another member of the faculty is unable at present to attend to his work. Prof. Heim has been seriously ill with typhoid fever for three weeks. Mary Stephens, one of our senior girls, is teaching his class in advanced German.

The grand president's letter has just been received; and the girls enjoyed it exceedingly. Each one of us wishes that she might attend the convention, and sing those new songs with other Pi Beta Phis from the north, south, east and west.

GENEVIEVE WHITE.

OHIO ALPHA — OHIO UNIVERSITY.

Our sister chapters will doubtless be happy to learn that our struggles with inanimate iron in the form of a stove are ended, and that Ohio Alpha once more enjoys life in the chapter hall. After a month of hopeless search to find a man to clean our chimney, two or three energetic members called in the janitor to look at the stove. He pulled out the pipe which had been pushed so far back that the smoke could not escape into the chimney, and lighted a fire which burned beautifully; and the smoke behaved just as smoke should do, passing through the pipe into the chimney and thus into the out-door world, instead of trying to go by doors and windows regardless of how many eyes were made tearful by the operation.

Since our last Arrow letter we have lost one of our most able professors — the head of the English department. We all sincerely regret his departure, but hope that his successor, who comes next term, may fill the chair acceptably.

We had a very pleasant initiation the Friday before Christmas to which our alumnae were invited. The initiate was May Reah, of Zaleski, Ohio, one of our pledged members who has been attending the Ohio Wesleyan this year. At four A. M., on January twenty-seventh, we led through the portals into the realms of Pi Beta Phi, Nell Wilson, of Athens, Ohio, and pledged Nannie L. Nease, of Point Pleasant, West Virginia. We found it a favorable time, though when the alarm went off at three o'clock, most of us discovered that it required a great deal of courage to face the cold morning air. The initiation was one of the most enjoyable that we have had, and afterward

we breakfasted together. Though not a large increase in numbers we feel that we have gained valuable members.

The formation of the alumnae club here is an event, too, of interest and gratification to us.

We miss from our number this year, Stella Koons, who has her work so arranged that she can graduate in June, though spending the winter at her home in Columbus.

The chapter letters received by us have been very interesting and help to strengthen the bonds that bind us together as sister chapters in Pi Beta Phi.

VIRGINIA M. HOUSTON.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

It is again my pleasant duty to write our letter to the Arrow and tell our sisters what a happy and prosperous New Year Ohio Beta is enjoying.

Hard study is, of course, uppermost in our minds, but we still find some time for social pleasures.

Since the holidays there have been many social doings at O. S. U., notable among them being the Junior Promenade and a reception and ball given by Beta Nu chapter of Sigma Nu.

Ohio Beta of Pi Beta Phi, however, was the first of the women's fraternities to set the ball rolling, by giving a formal hop at the Normandie.

O. S. U. feels proud of her women's basket ball team, which is scoring great success at the Saturday games, and which is promoting an athletic spirit among the girls which has been lacking heretofore.

Our campus and its beautiful trees are dotted with buds and flecks of green and already spring fever is making itself felt; however, we hope this will pass off during our spring recess.

Last Friday evening a number of dusky youths and maidens (Pi Phis dressed up) gathered at the home of Clara Schiller, and to the inspiring strains of the "Tennessee Jubilee" and "Georgia Camp Meeting" indulged in a cake walk which certainly would break all other records if the public had been permitted to see it and pass judgment upon it.

It is impossible for me to say how much we enjoy reading of the doings of our sisters throughout the land, and that reminds me — during the national convention of superintendents, in this city, we had with us one of our graduates of last year, Mary Redick, now teaching in the Findlay high school.

We indulged in a genuine old Pi Phi spread, and laughter, fun and music ran high during the evening.

Hoping that this most beautiful season of the year may prove happy to all our sisters, Ohio Beta joins in Ring! Ching! Ching!!!

EDNA HATTON.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Since New York Alpha was last heard from she has taken another step in her progress from infancy to years of wisdom. On the evening of February eleventh the members of the active chapter entertained the alumnae and charter members at the chapter house in honor of the third anniversary of the founding of the Syracuse chapter. The sophomores furnished entertainment for the company by an original presentation of the ever-laughable "Deestrick Skule." Songs and a spread completed the festivities, and all departed with increased enthusiasm and loyalty.

A very pleasant feature of our gathering was the presence of Mrs. Herman Conrow, known to our Swarthmore sisters as Emma S. Hutchinson, '95. Mrs. Conrow has been in Syracuse for more than a month, and as her home is upon University Hill we have come to know her quite well. She has given us much pleasure with her artistic recitations, and we are anticipating with delight the sixteenth of March, when a reading of Tennyson's "Princess" is to be given by Mrs. Conrow under our auspices.

On the afternoon of the first Friday of the month we were at home to our patronesses and the mothers of our active and alumnae members residing in the city. It is a genuine pleasure to become acquainted with those whose interests are so closely associated with ours. Our patronesses are certainly doing their utmost to deserve our highest gratitude; the coming Friday evening Mrs. Coddington, who is the wife of our professor of philosophy, is to entertain informally the members of Pi Beta Phi, and on the following Friday we expect to attend the closing meeting of the Round Table, which meets in the library of Mrs. Whedon's beautiful home. A lecturer of extensive reputation directs the meetings of this club, which is one of the best to be found in Syracuse, a city noted for the excellence of its woman's clubs.

The fraternity women of the junior class have recently organized a Junior club, whose membership embraces the members of the six fraternities and a small number of neutrals equal to about one fraternity delegation. The object of the society is to promote sociability among the women of the same class and lead to more pleasant inter-fraternity relations. Meetings are to be held every two weeks at the various chapter houses, when mending, fancy work and kindred things will be the order of the day.

Since the writing of the last Arrow letter, New York Alpha has limited its social life to small social gatherings. A number of the men's fraternities have entertained very pleasantly and our girls have been well represented there.

FRANCES E. MADDEN.

MARYLAND ALPHA — COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

We of Maryland Alpha can scarcely realize that three months have passed since we last greeted the Arrow. The winter has sped by—pleasantly for us—and though our social events have ranged from cooky shines to receptions, there are not many of them that are worthy of the telling. The thing that has given us most pleasure was the initiation of Sarah Rupp and Kathleen Mallory, both of 1902. They met the "Cat" and the other honored institutions of Pi Beta Phi, on February the eleventh, at the home of May Keller, and are already two loyal Pi Phis.

Then, too, we have been having a most delightful visit from Cherrie French, our Red Cross nurse, who spent a week with us on her way from Washington, where she was a delegate to the D. A. R. convention. You can imagine how glad we were to renew old friendship, and how eagerly we listened to her experiences of the past year. While she was here we entertained our patronesses, Mrs. Jonathan Taylor, Mrs. Frederick Davidson and Mrs. Edward Janney, at an informal tea, and three lovelier patronesses than ours it would be hard to find.

One advance that our college has made lately is the establishment of a literary and debating society, called the Agora. We are glad to report this, as it shows that fraternities need not banish the desire for literary societies, as we hear they often do.

We, ourselves, in our chapter meetings, have followed no special line of work, but feeling the need of relaxation have usually read something aloud from a favorite author after our business meetings. Of course we are anxious for the song book, as who is not? Maryland Alpha often lifts up her voice in song, or at least does her best at it, but she thinks the results would be much better if she had something new to sing. And she is waiting for the examination too, but not so anxiously, it must be confessed, as for the song books.

We are glad to welcome Vermont Beta. In the words of Rip Van Winkle, "May she live long and prosper."

EDNA STONE.

BETA PROVINCE.

LOMBARD UNIVERSITY — GALESBURG, ILLINOIS.

Illinois Beta sends greetings to all of her Pi Beta Phi sisters. The winter term has closed its door upon us, and we have just welcomed in the spring term.

The winter has been a splendid time for study, but we have also found a place for pleasure. Not long ago we had the pleasure of a short visit from one of our alumnæ sisters of Iowa Wesleyan University. It is always delightful to meet members of the different chapters. We now hold our meetings in the evening, and we devote part of the time to a literary program, in which we have studied music, art and current events in history. Then finish with one of our famous "cookie shines."

Among the gaieties of this winter was a party given by Lora Townsend to our chapter and the Phi Delta Theta boys. The guests were served with a very nice supper, after which games were participated in. On March third Mrs. Fletcher also entertained the two fraternities at supper, in honor of her son's birthday. The great event of the term was the large banquet given to Dr. Isaac A. Parker, in commemoration of his completion of forty years of continuous service as a professor in Lombard University. Two Pi Phis were honored by a place on the program. Emily L. Fuller, one of our charter members, gave the salutation of the alumni, and Lora Townsend delivered the sentiments of the students in a poem she had written.

Another of our number has distinguished herself by composing a piece of music. So it is needless to say that we are proud of our sisters.

With best wishes for a successful spring to all chapters.

FLORENCE P. KING.

ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the Arrow, Illinois Delta has increased the number of her members, having initiated three new girls, Jessie Van Clute, Charlotte Ayers, and Lucy Deney. We also have another pledged member. One of our girls did not return this term, so that we now number eleven.

The social season has been quite gay this year. Pi Phi entertained once at an informal dancing party and is planning to do more this term. Beta Theta Pi started the movement for chapter houses last fall, but they are the only Greeks here who have one. They have entertained informally several times, and on January twentieth, formally open their house. The pleasant

way in which they entertain shows that they appreciate their home, and it is hoped that before very long, we shall all have chapter houses of our own.

Within the past two weeks we have had the pleasure of listening to the dialect readings of Mrs. Ruth McEnery Stuart, and to the poems of Eugene Field read by his daughter Mary French Field, both of which we enjoyed very much.

We have decided to make our meetings more literary in character, and the attempt has been very successful. We have what we call a "talk around," that is, each one is requested to give a little talk on some subject that may be helpful to us. This has made our meetings beneficial as well as pleasant to attend. Such a warm feeling of comradeship exists among the girls that more and more, we feel the strength of the ties of Pi Beta Phi.

On Saturday we expect to have initiation and a "cooky shine." Illinois Delta sends best wishes to each and every Pi Phi.

MARY E. GLEASON.

ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

If you want something interesting take my advice and pass on to the next chapter, for "all work and no play" makes not only a dull boy, but a very dull letter. However, if you will read on, do so at your peril. You are warned!

Our annual party, given on the 7th of January, proved, as one of the other fraternities expressed it, a "peach of a party." Our pleasure was greatly increased by the presence of Misses Alpiner, Maxwell and Amy Young, visiting Pi Phi, and Laura O'Brien, Maud Brooks and Mabel Stebbings, alumnae of our chapter. Soon after we bade a tearful adieu to gaiety for a season and settled soberly down to "cramming for the exams" that came early in February, closing the work of the first semester.

With the coming of spring, however, our spirits have revived and we are laying deep and far-reaching plans for the spring campaign. Next week we hold our fourth initiation of the season, when we add to the fraternity Mabel Holbrook, who is "altogether dear." We have enjoyed several informal little dinners and parties "just among ourselves," the most unique being a Dutch Evening at the home of one of our alumnae, where everything was too quaint and delightful for words.

We are waiting with a good deal of expectancy the appearance of the "'99 Syllabus" that is to be published earlier this year, and promises to be of unusual interest.

Illinois Epsilon sends greetings and best wishes to all her sister chapters.

ABBIE FLORENCE WILLIAMS.

ILLINOIS ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

Illinois Zeta sends her greetings this month by a new hand, a combination of heavy work and human ills enforcing our former secretary to give up her duties. The new incumbent assumes them with grave feelings of fear as to her ability, but rejoices in the opportunity of coming more closely in touch with the Pi Phis near and far.

Our chapter life for '99 began with the opening of the winter term by initiating into our sisterhood two of the best known of the younger girls of the university, Ethel Forbes and Sarah Monier. Since then we have all had plenty of good, hard work along with an abundance of merry times, the former culminates next week with the examinations at the close of the term, and the latter came to its climax, though not its end, at our annual party on the twenty-fourth of February. We were very glad to have with us at this time our grand secretary and one of the most honored of the alumnæ of Illinois Zeta.

With the new year we changed the time of our meetings to Saturday afternoon, the holiday afternoon of the week, hoping thereby to provide time for sociability as well as business. In this, however, we were only partially successful, most of us trying to crowd into this one free afternoon a whole week of various errands and engagements. We sigh the lack here, as ever, of a fraternity house which we find no way of materializing for the reason chiefly that so many of our members are girls whose homes are in one or the other of the two towns. We always read with envy of the chapters which possess a house, or even a hall or room. We hope that the woman's building, which the legislature has been requested to present us with this year, will fill this lack to some degree.

Together with the dormitory the woman's department hope to have the next year also a department of domestic economy. The club women in a few of the cities of the state have been discussing these needs of the university this winter and, if they are filled, it will be due in some degree to their efforts.

We notice that the Wisconsin Alpha and Michigan Beta letters in our last issue both mentioned the woman's organization of their universities. Illinois has this year added her name to the list of universities having such an organization. Ours is called the Watche Ra league, and is chiefly social in its nature. The name is taken from that of a heroic Indian maiden who belonged to the once famous tribe of the Illini.

GRACE OSBORNE EDWARDS.

INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Alpha is happy again to introduce a new sister,— Mabel Mathews, who was initiated February eleventh. Our chapter list now numbers seventeen and we are enjoying fraternity life to its full extent.

January twenty-eighth was celebrated by a number of our girls who attended the reunion of the Indiana chapter at Indianapolis. After a delightful luncheon in the English Café, we repaired to one of the parlors of the hotel where we held a very informal reception. This enabled us to become acquainted with many new girls which was, of course, delightful as they were all most enthusiastic Pi Phis.

We gave a large party on Valentine's eve at the home of Minnie Weyl. We decorated the house profusely with pink and white hearts and carried the heart idea throughout our entertainment, and the refreshments were appropriate in the evening. Original valentines were prepared for each person and as these were read aloud this feature of the entertainment added much to the evening's pleasure.

Indiana Gamma has very kindly invited us to celebrate Founders' Day with her and we have been very glad to accept the invitation.

We are now preparing to give our annual Greek play. This year it is to be "Antigone," and it will be given April twenty-seventh. But we will tell you all about it in the next letter.

This term our literary programs for our weekly meetings have been in Greek dramatists and Greek dramas. These programs have all been very interesting as well as beneficial. We always meet on Saturday nights, which are free nights with us as we do not have to study then. We have our business meeting first, followed by the literary program, after which we always serve refreshments. Needless to say our "frat" meetings are full of pleasure to every member.

Next Saturday night, March eleventh, we are to be entertained by Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and we are anticipating a fine time. Wednesday night, March fifteenth, most of us will be entertained by Phi Delta Theta at a fraternity banquet.

Indiana Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phi sisters.

MAY CARNEY.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY — INDIANA BETA.

The time of the writing of this letter finds Indiana Beta most absorbed in her college studies, this being the end of our winter term. Aside from our regular weekly meetings you might say

we have done nothing — that is we've done no rushing or special entertaining.

However, the first of the term we gave more attention to our "social propensities." First, we entertained our sister Greeks, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma. Later we had our regular term open meeting when we entertained our young men friends.

Elsewhere in the Arrow there is probably an account of our state reunion held in Indianapolis January twenty-seventh. Four of our active chapter attended and we had such a delightful time. Isn't it strange that a lot of strange Pi Phis can come together and feel as if they had always known each other.

This term we have enjoyed visits from several Pi Phis — Ethel McCollough of Franklin, and Edith Hill and Harriet Hass of our own chapter.

MABEL FERTICH.

INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

Another short term is about to close, which means for Indiana Gamma that "exams" are near at hand. There has been an important change in the system of our college since last you heard from us, and we are proud to say that we are now in close relationship with the University of Chicago. That we were affiliated with this august institution of learning was more welcome news, however, than the fact that exemptions were a thing of the past and that now we must all take the examinations. By this affiliation students will have the same academic standing as students of Chicago University, and our diplomas will have the same value. President Harper visited us on Founders' Day, February 7th, and gave us two addresses. Immediately after his visit Professor B. A. Jenkins, of Butler faculty, was elected first president of the University of Indianapolis.

On the third of March Butler was unanimously given the victory in a debate with De Pauw, and on Saturday the chapel was waving with purple and resounding with yells.

Indiana Gamma is proud to introduce another wearer of the golden arrow, Esther Fay Shover. Although our number is not now large we feel that we make up for the lack in number in the close relationship each girl holds with the others. Besides the regular meetings held each Wednesday we have adopted the plan of holding musical meetings each month at the home of the girls. We are now studying Wagner's operas. Two papers are read at each meeting, one on the conception and the other on the story of the opera, and our musical girls give us selections from the same opera. Last, but not least, comes the cooky-shine at which every one, musical or not, can do her part.

On the twenty-eighth of January our annual reunion of

Indiana Pi Phi occurred in the form of a luncheon and reception at English's Hotel. Luncheon was served at half past twelve and about forty girls sat down to the beautifully arranged tables. The luncheon was in five courses, and the carnations which formed the table decorations were given as favors. Among those present were the patronesses of Indiana Gamma, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Clark, many members of the Indianapolis alumnae chapter, and the Indiana University, Franklin and Butler chapters. After the luncheon an informal reception was held in one of the handsome hotel parlors, where the girls spent a happy afternoon chatting with old friends and meeting their new sisters.

The recently organized U. of I. glee and mandolin clubs gave a very enjoyable concert in Butler chapel on the evening of March sixth, after which a handsome reception was given Pi Beta Phi to the clubs and the faculty at the home of Mrs. Clarke. In the dining room, which was decorated with red carnations and red candles with shades of the same color, four of the girls in light blue assisted, making a beautiful picture and carrying out our fraternity colors in what was, with us at least, a novel way.

LENA RANDALL.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Time for another chapter letter, and it seems but a little while since the last one was sent. First we must tell you of our rooms, for we don't yet aspire to a house. There are some unused dormitories in East Hall, and among these we found two very pleasant rooms connected by a large archway. So in these we began housekeeping. No notice was given that "contributions would be gratefully received" but nearly all of our girls have given something in the line of pictures and cushions. Although our little home is not sumptuously furnished it is very cosy and homelike. We have entertained once at an informal party, in which the old but ever amusing potato race was indulged in.

February twenty-second, we arose early and with the pledged girls were at the rooms at six-thirty A. M. After pledging Inez Coon, we proceeded to a "cooky-shine" breakfast. Perhaps the novelty of having it so early added enjoyment, but we all felt that the holiday had been well begun.

Since Phi Delta Theta no longer exists here, its members have organized into a local fraternity Phi Pi Phi. Invitations are out for an at home to be given by them to Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi. By the way, a Kappa is to respond to the toast "Merits of the Arrow" and a Pi Phi to "Merits of the Key."

The Y. W. C. A. girls are working to raise funds to repair

their hall. To do this each must work and earn the amount she gives. Some of the things being done are to say the least out of the ordinary work of the girls, such as sweeping laboratories and cleaning walks, but we hope to have an attractive Association Hall as a result of our labors. Katherine Cook, one of our girls, is the newly elected Y. W. C. A. president, and she is doing very nicely.

We wonder if you are dreading the examination as we are. The first question asked of the president or secretary when they are met is, "Have the questions come yet?" Then such a sigh of relief! Still if we do groan about them, we really do think they are a great help to us and are what we need.

May we all be true to each other and the ideals of Pi Beta Phi. Kindest wishes for all.

LORA MARSH.

GAMMA PROVINCE.

IOWA ALPHA — IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The past winter has been one of the busiest seasons ever known in the annals of Iowa Wesleyan. Hard work has characterized the history of our chapter more than anything else since the January letter. It is with the keenest pleasure, therefore, that we greet each Saturday evening, when we gather together for our weekly meeting in the interests of the wine and blue. Then we forget the cares and troubles of the outside world and think only of the things dear to the hearts of Pi Phis.

One new member has joined our ranks and we proudly introduce to our sisters Edith Patterson, a senior in the college conservatory, who has already become a very enthusiastic Greek.

The Pan-Hellenic spirit manifested during the past few years is proving most beneficial to our fraternities, bringing us into closer touch and sympathy, and awakening a deeper appreciation of fraternity life.

On Valentine's eve the P. E. O. chapter of the college most delightfully entertained the three Greek fraternities in the Phi Delta Theta parlors.

On the evening of March 17th Iowa Alpha gave an informal reception to fraternities at the home of Mrs. Charles Rogers, one of our alumnae. St. Patrick was the patron saint of the occasion. Very unique invitations had been issued, written on green paper and in Irish dialect, while the decorations were the popular Irish greens, which extended even to refreshments and dainty souvenirs. The boys came arrayed in vests of

green, with the time-honored shamrock and pipes of clay, and related stories in their most delicious Irish brogue, imitating Pat and Mike to perfection. We surely were guided by the patron saint, for the affair was certainly a delightful one.

Iowa Alpha owes an apology to her sister chapters for this letter, and trusts that our explanation will prove a satisfactory excuse. Mary Brenholts, our regular correspondent, has been obliged by ill health to give up her studies and is at present recuperating at her sister's home in Moulton. Therefore, the pleasing duty of a chapter letter has fallen once more upon our secretary of last year, who is visiting college friends, and who has of course become a "back number," and is no longer up in college events.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis for a most pleasant spring time.

KATHERINE A. LUNDGREEN.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Once more we are all gathered together to learn what each chapter has been doing since the last "Arrow meet." As it is necessary that each Pi Phi shall be acquainted with her new sisters, introductions are in order. We girls of Iowa Beta are glad to introduce to you Marcia Stanley, and Eva Baker, or, as she is called by all her friends, Bonnie Baker. We wish you might meet these girls in person and realize as we do what a help and pleasure it is to have them inside the circle of Pi Beta Phis.

As the girls of our chapter meet together week after week we realize that in each friend really worth knowing there are always new developments that please while they surprise. "Custom cannot stale" the infinite variety of a true friendship, and there are always many such formed by each girl in the fraternity when she has proved herself worthy of her place. But "I come not here to talk" but to tell of our affairs.

Once in awhile we have a "cooky-shine" and invite some of the men. At one of these an original and very impartial way of selecting partners for supper was tried. The girls were placed in a dark room and the men blind-folded one by one and led in turn to find the girls they would take to supper. It afforded a great deal of fun for all.

In January we received our alumnae in honor of our patronesses. The day was bitter cold and the reception was held at a corner of the town remote from most of us. In spite of all drawbacks and anticipation of frozen noses and ears, nearly all invited were present. Miss Hartman's beautiful home is arranged in an ideal manner for such an affair. The guests took a trip on

the great Pi Beta Phi Railroad and visited many familiar places which had been disguised under new names. We are planning now for our final entertainment to be given just before the Easter vacation.

Our chapter letter this time would not be complete without a little self congratulation over the honor won by a Simpson senior at the State Oratorical contest. S. M. Bolladay, our orator, won first place on thought, composition and delivery. He came out ahead by twenty-three points. Of course we were pleased and showed him so when he came back to Simpson. We are hoping for the same happy result at Lincoln in May.

Well, girls, good bye for now we do not stop because we are at the end of everything to say, but because we have mercy for those who will read this letter. May we all meet here safe, well, and happy when the "Summer Arrow" comes to us.

ETHEL V. COOLEGE.

IOWA ZETA — STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

We congratulate ourselves upon having had, thus far, a pleasant and profitable school year, and although we have missed very much two of our new girls, Helen Haynes and Madge Robb, who went home on account of sickness, yet we anticipate their being with us the spring term.

Since our last Arrow letter we have had two especially enjoyable festivities. About the middle of January we gave mock initiation to three girls, and we only hope they enjoyed it as much as we did, although we were a little uncertain at the time; however, they are all doing well at present.

On Saturday, March fourth, Iowa Zeta entertained from half after two to six o'clock the other two girls' fraternities, Delta Gamma and Kappa Kappa Gamma, with a luncheon, at the Kirkwood hotel. Mrs. Shambaugh and Mrs. Ball, two of our alumnae, acted as hostesses, for which we owe much gratitude. Progressive cards was indulged in until five o'clock, when partners were chosen and we marched down to the dining room to an elaborate and dainty luncheon. It was pronounced by all a success.

The trees are about to bud and spring is upon us. We are already looking forward with much delight to those sunny afternoons when we shall enjoy the boating and picnicking which is our usual recreation in spring.

We only trust that you prospects, dear sisters of Pi Beta Phi, are as favorable as ours,—we cannot send better wishes.

ALICE H. HOWARD.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

"The Junior Prom!" A few weeks ago those words were in everybody's mouth. "The Prom." is the great social event of the college year, and this year was prettier and more successful than ever before. Everybody had company for the occasion, and the following afternoon, amid a profusion of smilax, roses and carnations, under rose shaded electric lights, the Phi Phis received their guests and friends.

Wilhelmena McCartney entertained the active chapter on one of our social meeting evenings, and Mrs. McCartney read to us from "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush."

The Pi Phis assisted Professor and Mrs. O'Shea at two receptions recently. All the O'Shea pictures were catalogued in dainty little books, each with a copy of some famous painting on the outside. Many of the pictures in the exhibit of modern art given recently by the Self-Government Association, were loaned by Professor O'Shea.

Mrs. Daniells not long ago entertained the girls at her home. Each one brought a definition of culture, and these definitions were read and discussed.

All of these events, and the little dinner parties given at intervals at "the house," have been fully enjoyed and appreciated by Wisconsin Alpha.

The greatest event of all was the initiation of Virginia Hayner and Bessie Ferguson, making Wisconsin Alpha two stronger and happier.

MARGARET MICKLEJON HUTTON.

DELTA PROVINCE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA — TULANE UNIVERSITY, NEWCOMB COLLEGE.

Since the Arrow last heard from Louisiana Alpha, fraternity life at Newcomb has been wide awake and full of interest.

But, first of all, we must make known to you our latest initiate, Annie Mercer Brunswig, who makes our thirteenth member besides our two little sub-freshman pledges, who are always with us on occasions of jollification.

We had the initiation where we have so long wanted to have one,— at Newcomb, and in our chapter room. Although it took place on the twenty-first of February, just one week after the carnival, when it was so cold, and everything was shush, and ice and drizzling rain, it was a most beautiful night, balmy and moonlight. Our campus, with its great spreading oaks, and picturesque group of buildings, looked unusually lovely, and af-

ter we had had the initiation proper in our room, we were able to do *all kinds of things* around and about the fountains, trees and statues, the evening ending with songs and refreshments.

On the afternoon of February the seventeenth, we gave an old-fashioned Pi Beta Phi cooky-shine in our room, to two societies recently established at Newcomb. One is the third chapter of Alpha Omicron Pi, the other a local, Sigma Delta.

There has also been a chapter of Delta Kappa Epsilon founded at Tulane, which makes now, in the university, a total of eleven fraternities, one local, besides Theta Nu Epsilon and the various societies.

Last Saturday night was a gala night to the students of Tulane. Your may all be used to such displays of college spirit, but scattered as we are throughout a large city, it is very hard to get up any public demonstration.

This is how it happened: In the last year there have been built two new theaters on the site of the old Tulane buildings, and one of them is called the "Tulane." In honor of the name of the theater, and in respect to the "historic ground" on which it is built, the students had a "Tulane Night." The square in front of the theater was festooned in olive and blue lights (the university colors), and the proscenium boxes were all decorated with college and class colors, and occupied by Tulanians. The lower boxes were filled with alumni and upstairs the Tulane seniors were on one side and the Newcomb seniors on the other, all in the dignity of their caps and gowns, while the juniors, floating great streamers of scarlet and black, occupied the third tier. The house was crowded, the "pea-nut gallery" and the balcony being filled with under classmen, law and medical students. We, of Newcomb, were also well represented, Louisiana Alpha going in a body. Between the acts the president of '99 directed the numerous yells through a megaphone.

Otis Skinner was playing in "Rosemary," and gave us a most graceful and complimentary curtain-speech. Altogether, the night was voted a huge success and will probably be repeated next year.

This winter our alumnae have as usual, taken very prominent parts in the social life. At the carnival balls one of our charter members, Mary Matthews, was Queen of Atlantaeus, while we were represented in the courts of both Proteus and Comus.

With greetings from Louisiana Alpha, to all Pi Phis.

ELLEN DEMING POST.

KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The months of January and February were so taken up with studying and examinations that we had little time to devote to fraternity or social affairs. However three of the fraternities

gave their annual spring parties just before lent. The last of January the Betas gave theirs, the next Friday night Phi Gamma Delta's, and then came ours. The hall looked very pretty decorated in greens and incandescent lights with wine and blue shades and a large arrow of electric lights opposite the entrance. Our good time was greatly increased by having with us many of our out of town alumnae.

The resident alumnae of our chapter have recently organized themselves into a club, and expect to hold monthly meetings.

The club has started out very prosperously with fifty enthusiastic member.

It seems that our alumnae have been unusually good to us lately, for Mrs. Sinclair entertained the active chapter at cards one evening. May Gardner gave an "afternoon" in our honor, and Mrs. Green, one of our patronesses, gave us an ideal cooky-shine.

We have pledged two new girls who entered school at the beginning of the second term, Marjorie Bunker of Oberlin, Ohio, who has been studying music for the last three years in Oberlin college, but has entered here as sophomore in the school of arts, and Julia Simmons of Leavenworth, who is a music student. We expect to celebrate our anniversary by initiating three girls at a model initiation. The alumnae from all over the state will be invited and we hope to have at least seventy-five present. But we can better tell you of this in our next letter.

We are very proud of our only senior, Nell Blakely, who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. For many years we have not failed to have at least one Phi Beta Kappa among our seniors.

Since our last letter we have had two cooky-shines. At the last one several of the girls amused us with a very funny pantomime cleverly acted.

This term we have enjoyed visits from several of our out-of-town alumnae, Ruth Plumb of Emporia, Berdina Caldwell and Emma White of Topeka, and Charlotte Cutler from Vinland. These visits from our alumnae help fill the vacancy left in our chapter by the absence of Marguerite Bullene, who is spending the winter with friends in Phoenix, Arizona.

We are eagerly awaiting our new song books. For the last month at all our meetings and cooky-shines we have been singing, "There is a college in our town," which was in the last Arrow. It is such a bright, lively song that we like to sing it, but will be so glad when we have more than one new song to sing.

WINSLOW HUTCHISON.

NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

We wish to introduce to all Pi Phidom our new girls, Vera Wattles and Sue Ashmun. It is to be hoped that this tardy announcement of their initiation does not dim the glory of the occasion. On the evening of December tenth they were taken blindfolded to the home of Ada Waugh. The ceremony was followed by a banquet, which was made doubly enjoyable because of the dozens upon dozens of carnations sent by our friends and because of the alumnae and visiting Pi Phis present.

It may be of interest to you to know about the menu cards we cherish as souvenirs of the occasion. We are fortunate in having an artist among us. Upon the oval cover she outlined in blue two miniature frames swinging from a blue ribbon. In these frames are the stamp pictures of the initiates. The monogram, the date and a bit of wine ribbon complete a most dainty souvenir.

The holidays were made doubly glad for us because among the five newly-elected members of Phi Beta Kappa, Pi Beta Phi counted a sister, Bertha Quaintance. We are very proud of her.

February fourteenth we gave a dancing party in "The Lincoln," nearly one hundred and thirty being present. The rotunda was hung with the university colors, scarlet and cream, while palms gave a spring-like air. Flags and our own colors completed the decorations. Our programs were unusual. The artistic girl made them. Some had cherubs peeping over hearts, some had floating flags; but the most of them had in one corner great red carnations held up by a bar of music on which the nine notes of the "whistle" did duty as parts of the nine letters of "Valentine." The evening was a decided success, and the entire week most enjoyable because of the visiting alumnae. Before the next Arrow is sent out many of us will meet at convention. When you go through Nebraska remember the Pi Phis. However uninteresting the scenery may be it has its value. There is some saying concerning plain living and high thinking, you recall. It will not do to say too much about our state. But beware of Colorado! There was a Denver man who declared it impossible to tell the truth about Colorado without lying.

We shall see for ourselves.

GRACE E. REYNOLDS.

COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

In this number of the Arrow we are very glad to introduce to you all Josephine McIntosh, who was initiated February twenty-fourth. We were pleased to have Lida Burkhart, a member of our Denver chapter, present at the initiation.

A great loss has come to us in the death of Helen Maxwell.

Although not of our active chapter, she always took great interest in us, and many happy hours have been spent at her home.

The great event of the second semester, the state oratorical contest, is just past, and this year we were unfortunate in not taking first place. We shall hope for better success next year.

We are glad to have Gertrude Fitz, Randolph Currens and Maud Elden in school again this semester. We have now seventeen in our active chapter.

The students of the university are much interested in a new college paper, arrangements for which are being made.

As the warm weather comes on we begin to think more and more of the convention and how pleasant it will be to meet so many Pi Phis. We are looking forward to it with great pleasure.

FANNIE TOWNE PLUMMER.

COLORADO BETA — DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Since Christmas Colorado Beta has been most active in her preparations for welcoming our "Song Books," hoping to give a Pan-Hellenic "Sing" after their arrival.

Two names have been added to our chapter roll, Ora Rowe of Denver, Colorado, and Alice Martin of University Park. On "Twelfth Night" we introduced them to Sigma Alpha Epsilon at a party given after the manner of the old English custom.

Our chief item of university interest has been the recent victory in the state oratorical contest held in Boulder, February 17. Mr. C. M. Deardorf, of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, took first place.

Our chapter meetings, which are held Wednesday afternoon have been social and business meetings combined, but recently the time has been spent in preparing for our annual examinations. This, with our chapter letters, has been absorbing much of our time. However, there has been no lack of attention to social affairs. Beta Theta Pi entertained Colorado Beta at an informal "evening" at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Edwards. The color effect of the decorations was carried out beautifully in the ribbons and flowers of the two fraternities.

Addie Miller Tenny and May Miller, alumnæ of Colorado Beta, entertained the active chapters of Gamma Phi Beta and Pi Beta Phi at a thimble party at the home of the latter.

Invitations are out for a reception to our alumnæ to be given at the home of Mrs. John D. Allen, University Park.

The Junior class is working on the second volume of "Kynewisbok." Nanaruth Taggart, Pi Beta Pi, was elected editor-in-chief and Lida Burkhard assistant editor.

The "Woman's Guild," an organization formed to assist university students in need of financial aid, has provided a very

profitable lecture-course for this term. Among the most pleasing of the entertainments was a series of talks on "Modern Authors," given by Dr. B. O. Aylesworth, former president of Drake University.

We also enjoyed hearing in chapel one morning, Dr. Barrows president-elect of Oberlin college.

Colorado Beta is painfully reminded of examinations at hand. Greetings to sister chapters.

LIDA BURKHARD.

Exchanges.

To the exchange editor weary of gazing on the process-engraved lineaments of numerous "prominent members" of this or that fraternity, or of reading panegyrics of Greek celebrities with a quality sense of never having heard them before, it is a relief to open the *Sigma Chi Quarterly* to the refreshing remarks, "Regarding Prominent Members." As we suspect that the author, Mr. Ade, is himself open to the charge of being a "prominent member," he doubtless knows whereof he speaks:

It is a good thing to have a president or a governor for the figurehead of a fraternity even if that dignitary fails to come around and smoke cigarettes with the boys as often as they might desire. At the same time, the mere name of a political leader who happens to be several hundreds of miles away, is not as serviceable as the actual presence of a few good fellows who have managed to keep their names out of the newspapers. Following this same line of thought, as a minister would say, it appears to me that privitious young enthusiast who gets out and does something for the fraternity is more to be praised by his brethren than some indifferent public character who doesn't remember the name of his chapter and who has kept himself too busy meditating on the rights of property that he hasn't found time for a generous impulse in a great many years.

If there is any organization on earth which shouldn't care a rap whether a man is "prominent" or not, it is a college fraternity such as Sigma Chi. You may recall your college experiences and be willing to admit that the men who went around with their coats unbuttoned at the top, trying to be picturesque and "prominent," were a very sad lot. And it is one thing to be "prominent" and sometimes another to be successful. Would any college man, with a clear notion of relative values, say that a legislator who had crawled into office through the mire of nasty politics, deserved to be honored above a physician who had devoted his life to the study of his

profession and made his learning effective in the saving of human life? Not that a man is to be discredited simply because he is in politics. We all know that our "Sig" friends in politics are true, beautiful and good.

The point is that there may be many unworthy persons in public places and, certainly, any one who is acquainted with some of the present methods of practical politics will not honor a man on the mere knowledge that he has succeeded in getting an office. Unless he is a Sigma Chi, we want to know what he had to surrender in order to get the job.

I know at least one governor who would not be allowed to wait on the table at a "Sig" dinner. In a college fraternity we do not star a man because he is a governor or congressman. We fraternize with him because he is all right. We like him, whether he has made any noise in his neighborhood or not. I could imagine a fraternity which would not have one "prominent" member and which would be the most select and worthy organization in the whole universe.

The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* seems to have an abundance of things quotable this month. Certainly the "hereinafter" criticism contains much that all of us would do well to ponder and decide whether or no there be something of value to us:

There is a tendency among all the fraternities to play to the galleries. They are becoming spectacular. They are putting on the boards an extravaganza. They are strutting and cocking their heads in the air like actors in a puppet show. They are becoming so mightily afraid that the whole college world will not know of the wondrous importance of their coterie. They must be popular. People must look at them if they have to ring a hand bell on the street corner.

This condition of affairs is a farce. It is brought about by fatuous and perverted ideas of the functions of a fraternity. It cannot be successfully denied, that fraternities, in some instances, all too frequent, are bringing upon themselves a disfavor not occasioned by wounded pride on the part of those who have not been honored with invitations. The antagonism of what bears the singular appellation of the "barb element," is as consciousnessless as any other similar attack, but overshadowing that opposition, there certainly does exist a conviction among men of older years and sounder judgment, than yours or mine, my sophomore reader, that the spiritual part of our order is a nonentity, that we come all too near being clubs. It is not because we are paying too much attention to our public reputation, but because we are purchasing that at the expense of the most beautiful and noble influences of the order.

Standards of merit are as permanent and unalterable as the hills. No new measuring stick has been invented to estimate the worth of college

fraternities which is to be applied to them and them alone. We cannot set up patent ideas of manhood. We cannot hope to so dazzle the college world by ribbons and jingling bells and calcium light effects, that it will not notice the padding in our costume. The ideal fraternity man is the ideal man; the perfect chapter is a body of perfect men. Cleverness can never be a substitute for soundness and stability.

My plea then, is that happy medium between a stagnating conservatism and a venturesome radicalism. Every college fraternity chapter needs a *character* before it needs a reputation.

The chapter that is to endure against its rivals is the one that plods along year by year, buttons itself up against every flurry of wind that blows, makes itself an antagonist to be feared, not by its ferocity, but by its forceful and mastering character. The fraternity that is to conquer is that one, whose characters are strong and healthful, full of sound enterprise and with universal loyalty to its national homogeneity.

The place of honor in the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta is given to a sort of symposium on that much mooted question, "How to foster alumni interest and activity." We quote from several of the contributions, not so much for their originality as for their sterling common sense:

To my mind there are four sources of influence which can reach out after the alumni. I name them in what I regard as the order of their importance:

- (1) The Undergraduate Chapter.
- (2) The Fraternity Journal.
- (3) The Arch Chapter.
- (4) The Alumni Chapter or Association.

The undergraduate chapter should so cultivate the spirit of brotherly love and friendship as to make a bond that will last as long as life itself, cultivate each other's society in preference to that of all others. The older members should interest themselves in the thousand little perplexities that harrass the lower classman. They should give their sympathy, counsel and assistance and see to it that the younger members are correct in their daily work and deportment. They should insist that the chapter's kindly control is over every member and that the individual standing is a reflection upon the whole chapter.

From the very first let all initiates be impressed with the fact that they have joined a Fraternity, not merely a chapter. The accent should be placed on *joined* and *Fraternity*. Teach them that "Once a Delta always a Delta." Train every active and in five years we shall have to dis-

cuss, "How shall alumni enthusiasm be used?" When commencement comes, have a royal good spread in honor of the graduates, whose names should be engraved on the invitations. Give these tried men and true a farewell reception that *they* can never forget; then see to it that *you* never forget them. How often do our chapters communicate with their alumni? Once a year some of us receive a class-day invitation and notice of the chapter spread. This is good, but cannot the chapters do better? Why not send once a term a letter to all the old boys? Do not make it a rehash of the letters which are so highly prized by all of us who read THE RAINBOW, but make it a more specific one in which the joys and sorrows, victories and defeats are told as heart to heart. Few of us old fellows are so completely given over to the sterner affairs of life as to be wholly unresponsive after reading a rousing good letter from our chapter.

Present interest in the Fraternity is the sum of past enthusiasm and instruction, and whoever learned fraternity ways, did fraternity work and was touched by the real fraternity spirit in the old days may never be accused of lapsing or becoming disinterested. The argument that it takes money to keep up interest is ridiculous. It is the men who never worked for their chapter and never laid awake o' nights and were never duly instructed in the things and ways every Delta is supposed to know, who leave their love and interest in the Fraternity when they leave their college. The hasty methods of rushing new members into the chapter in all their unpreparedness and afterwards leaving them to shift for themselves is not the best way to make loyal men nor strong chapters. To me the whole matter is one where due *instruction* in the ways and ideals of the Fraternity is going to do wonders, for as I think back I have yet to remember one of the old boys who might be said to be "up" on Fraternity matters whose interest has flagged.

The last extract which we have clipped is pathetic of the experience of "one who has been there." May it not be possible that even Pi Beta Phi may discover and apply the "Haec fabula docet":

I once knew a young man who was a member of a prolific family (all boys). This young man came to think that he had extracted all possible good from the home, and bidding a tearful farewell to his regretful brothers, went away into a far country. During his first years, although engrossed in the task of reorganizing the government, establishing a new cult, and electrifying mankind in general (while employed as an office boy), he kept up a one-sided correspondence with the boys at home, and to the new brothers, who "kept a borning," he undertook to send such words of

encouragement, wet and dry, as would be most acceptable in connection with the family nursing bottle.

This tender arrangement continued for a long, long time, with nothing to relieve the weariness and loneliness of the hero. When, lo! after many years a letter came at last. With a trembling hand the missive is opened. It goes thus:

Dear Brother:—We have not forgotten that you are a member of our family—a brother. Please send us \$5.00 or as much more as you can spare. We want to patch the roof of the house. I write on behalf of our beloved family.

Your Brother,

D. T. DEE.

The absent brother felt sympathy for the boys at the old home and sent the money. He heard no more from them for three years. Then one of them wrote asking for \$5.00 to aid in the purchase of a stove. By that time he himself had gotten cold and not even the mention of a family stove or hearthstone served to warm him up.

This is a parable. The active who runs may read and interpret.

The following letter from Gamma Phi Beta has been received and needs no comment. We extend sympathy to both fraternities involved for an occurrence which must be equally mortifying and unpleasant for both:

I am instructed to inform you that the Leland Stanford, Jr., chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta invited Miss Helen Lathrop, a member of Eta of Gamma Phi Beta, knowing her to be such, to join Kappa Alpha Theta. Subsequently, before the proper authorities in the two Sororities could take action, Miss Lathrop was initiated. She has since been unanimously expelled from Gamma Phi Beta.

It seems to the executive board of Gamma Phi Beta that all Sororities ought to be informed of such action on the part of Kappa Alpha Theta, and our disapproval of the same.

Sincerely,

MARY J. WELLINGTON,

Chairman of Executive Board of Gamma Phi Beta.

An article in the April *Beta Theta Pi*, entitled, "A Novel Fraternity Litigation," is here reprinted in full. We do this because it seems important that the readers of the *Arrow* know so far as is possible from this article, the facts of the case. It should be observed that the question involved does not touch the right of a fraternity to withdraw a charter but merely the

method of so doing. We must say, by way of caution, that this article bears *prima facie* evidence of having been written from a partial and partisan standpoint, and so any judgment, on the merits of this particular case would better be reserved until Kappa Kappa Gamma has presented her own side of the story if she ever sees fit to do so :

A NOVEL FRATERNITY LITIGATION.

Prior to 1881 there existed among the young ladies of St. Lawrence University, at Canton, N. Y., a secret literary society known as the "Brown-ing Society." It possessed all of the paraphernalia of a college fraternity and had a large assortment of grips and other secrets, the peculiar attributes of the atmosphere of St. Lawrence University on matters of this kind having been fully absorbed by the young ladies in question.

In 1881 it became a chapter of the general fraternity of K K I, although on somewhat different terms than those upon which the usual chapter was organized. All of its alumnae were immediately made members of the fraternity without initiation, and its grip, call, and part of the initiation service of the local society were adopted by the fraternity at large.

In April, 1898, the Grand President of the fraternity, Miss Bertha P. Richmond, visited St. Lawrence University, and stayed there some two days, being entertained cordially by the local chapter, and not in any manner expressing any dissatisfaction at its condition, or making any suggestions whereby the same could be improved.

Late in May, 1898, the chapter, which is called Beta Beta, was surprised to learn, by a casual communication from one of the other chapters, that the other chapters of the fraternity were taking a vote upon some action affecting its welfare, and, after the vote had been almost entirely taken, it was ascertained that the motion in question was one for the withdrawal of its charter, for the alleged reasons that the standard of the college was low; that the women of the town and college were deficient in culture and refinement, and that it was believed that the members of the chapter would not be congenial to those of many other chapters. It can be imagined what effect the news of such an action had in a small, homogeneous, and strongly united college community like that of Canton.

It appears that Kappa Kappa Gamma is governed by a council consisting of a number of alumnae members located in different parts of the country, of which the Grand President is Miss Bertha P. Richmond, above mentioned, another member being Miss Mary J. Hull, of Ithaca, N. Y., who is the editor of the fraternity magazine called *The Key*. As soon as the full purport of the action of the fraternity was understood,

three of the members of the chapter visited Miss Hull at Ithaca, and she told them that she had already voted to withdraw the charter of the chapter as a member of the council, but for other reasons than the standard of the university. She promised the visiting delegation to give space in the columns of *The Key* to the chapter's side of the controversy, and also to furnish to the chapter advance sheets of the catalogue of the members of the fraternity then in course of publication.

Soon after this it was ascertained that a majority of the chapters had voted to withdraw the charter of Beta Beta, and two suits were begun to restrain such action,—one in Massachusetts, in which Miss Richmond was served as a defendant, and another in New York, in which Miss Hull was served as a defendant. In the Massachusetts action a preliminary injunction was promptly granted by the court, the precise ground being that the chapter had not been given any notice of the charges which had been made against it, nor any hearing thereon. The New York action did not at that time proceed beyond the service of the papers on Miss Hull.

It appears that to sustain the contention of the chapter, its attorney referred to the constitution, and attached it to the complaint as a schedule. This was served upon Miss Hull, but never filed by the plaintiffs in the office of the clerk of the court, nor made a part of any public record. The Massachusetts bill of complaint was substantially identical with the New York pleading, and was delivered to Miss Richmond's attorney on the 27th of June, 1898. It was accessible to Miss Richmond until the hearing, on the 29th of June, and no objection was made to the filing of it, including the constitution, which was done on June 29, at the time of the hearing.

No sooner had this hearing taken place than the officers of the fraternity shifted their ground, and promptly claimed that the making public of the constitution as a part of the complaint, being forbidden by the oath taken by the initiates when they joined the fraternity, was a grave offense on the part of Beta Beta chapter, and that, in stating its case to counsel, the chapter had also communicated fraternity secrets to outsiders, thus aggravating the offense, and consequently the columns of *The Key* were at once closed to the chapter, and the advance sheets of the catalogue were not furnished, as Miss Hull had promised.

And still later than this, the officers of the fraternity announced that the Grand Council would vote at the coming convention of the fraternity, to be held at Lincoln, Neb., in August, 1898, upon a motion as to whether the charter of Beta Beta chapter should be withdrawn because there was a lack of material to keep it up, and because the constitution had been published by it, and fraternity secrets had been revealed to outsiders by its members.

When this announcement was made the chapter had adjourned for the summer vacation, but some of the members, acting as individuals, did a

good deal of work, and seven of them attended the convention at Lincoln and filed a protest with the Council against its taking any action in the matter, on the ground that it had already taken a position in the matter, and that its members were not competent to act as impartial judges; that the Grand Council had no jurisdiction during vacation, and that no proper opportunity had been given to the chapter for meeting the charges, on account of the limited time permitted to them between the announcement of the new charges and the date for holding the convention. The Grand Council declined to act at all upon the protest presented to them, or the request of the delegation from the chapter that the proof in support of the charges might be shown. No testimony was taken in regard to the matter, but the Council voted to withdraw the charter.

There was nothing left for the Chapter to do but to press the suit to secure an injunction against the Council forbidding it to withdraw the charter.

The New York case came to trial on the 4th of March, 1899, before Mr. Justice Russell, in the New York Supreme Court for St. Lawrence county. Upon the trial, in addition to the testimony offered on the part of the plaintiffs showing the facts above set forth, various extracts from the constitution and records of the proceedings of the fraternity were read, for the purpose of showing that there was no authority for the action taken by the Council in the matter.

The defendants did not controvert the allegations of the complainant that the young women of the college were of good character and compared favorably in refinement with the ladies of other institutions where the fraternity had chapters, but insisted that what had been done had been done regularly; that the fraternity was a voluntary unincorporated association, and was a law unto itself, and that hence the court had no jurisdiction over its members or chapters, and that, consequently, in acting as they did the Council proceeded according to precedent and the constitution of the fraternity.

In order to establish this position, counsel for the fraternity read from the constitution the provision, "To withdraw a charter, the unanimous vote of the Grand Council, together with the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the chapters, is necessary."

The attorney for the chapter contended that this was a purely negative provision, and declared that, unless certain things were done, no charter could be withdrawn at all. He claimed that the constitution itself contained no provisions for withdrawing a charter that had once been granted, so long as the college was in as good condition as when the charter was granted, the standard as high and the attendance as great, the members having done nothing in violation of the laws and rules of the fraternity.

He further claimed that the jurisdiction of the court was based upon the ground that no association could deprive individuals of a chapter of their rights of membership in the fraternity without a hearing, after proper notice, and with an opportunity to confront the witnesses brought against it upon the charges alleged.

The amusing part of the controversy to an outsider is the fact that the counsel for the fraternity, on the 7th of January, 1898, in Special Term, in opposition to continuing the temporary injunction, filed the constitution with the court as one of his opposing papers; and on the trial, after receding from the position that the real ground for the withdrawal of the chapter's charter was the low standard of the college and the uncongeniality of the members, and relying largely upon the fact that the chapter had committed a fraternity crime by giving publicity to its constitution, himself read in evidence, on behalf of the Council, and filed as a part of the proceedings, this sacred document.

Moreover, during the trial, in order to show what a solemn obligation the initiates took upon themselves at the time they were admitted to the fraternity, he read in open court the secret oath given to the initiates. This oath, it turned out, specified the things that were not to be made public by the members.

After it had been read, and the members of the chapter present had recovered from their stupefaction at this unnecessary violation of the fraternity obligations, the judge hearing the case asked the counsel if it contained any provision forbidding the publication of the constitution, and he was obliged to say, "I think not; nothing that I have been able to find, at least."

The judge's decision will be looked for with interest. Judge Russell was Attorney-General of the state of New York from 1881 till 1883, and is recognized as one of the ablest justices of the Supreme Court bench. He frequently holds court in New York City, and is highly respected by the Bar of the entire state.

It is curious to note that counsel on both sides are fraternity men.

NOTICES.

Contributions for the July Arrow will be expected from the following chapters: Pennsylvania Beta, Massachusetts Alpha, Illinois Beta, Indiana Gamma, Iowa Beta, and Nebraska Beta. Unless these chapters are requested to treat some special subject, they will please consider further notice unnecessary, and send ar-

ticles with the chapter letters by the tenth of the month preceding date of publication.

Will all corresponding secretaries please send with the chapter letter, but on a separate sheet, material for the annual report arranged as in Arrow for last July. Let data include number in the chapter during present college year, number in each class, names of other fraternities represented in college, with the number in each of the women's chapters. If your college confers honors or elections to Phi Beta Kappa, such honors should also be mentioned.

To avoid any mistakes in the catalogue published in our July issue, will chapter correspondents please send lists of names by June first instead of June tenth, in order that the proof may be returned to chapters for correction. Please have lists of names in alphabetical order, following each name with year of class and with home or summer address in full.

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