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SUNRISE.

[Read at the Pan-Hellenic Banquet, Boston, April, 1891.]

"*Watchman, what of the night?*" "*The morning cometh.*"

How star-like, 'mid the gloom of gathering years,
Shine out the lives of those who bravely dared
From slavish chains to free their souls, nor cared,
So they lived truly, for the whole world's jeers.

We live the freer for their long, sad fight
Against the bonds that fettered woman's soul;
More plain and near we see the happy goal
Because of that stern struggle through the night.

They won their freedom at the fearful cost
Of all that lesser women held most dear;
And, forced to yield fair fame to brutal sneer,
Grandly, for sake of truth, they saw it lost.

Then let the women who to-day can gain
With names unsullied all the wealth of mind,
Give thanks to those of old who all resigned
To tread unbidden a new path in pain.

How the roll fills us, from that far-off time
When lovely Sappho dared to breathe sweet song,
Which the blind age admired, yet turned to wrong,
And deemed her white soul clouded as with crime.

Down even to our own more generous age,
Where names like Stanton, Livermore, and Howe,
Walker and Willard, brighten even now
With added splendor the illumined page.

These women brought the dawn for us: behold,
We stand at last within the widening light.
Dare we not face it, turning from the night,
To welcome this new day with spirits bold?

Our heritage is rich, our duty plain :
 We hold the hard-won riches of the Past
 In trust for a fair Future. Keep them fast ;
 Let our own lives add to the future's gain.

Greek joined with Greek, then let us bravely stand,
 For woman and her every honest right,
 Till from our earth roll back the clouds of night,
 And the free sunlight radiates all our land.

CAMMIE PENDLETON GAINES, B. CHAP. K. K. Γ

THE CONVENTION.

Grand Alpha will convene the last week of March, 1892 — this date subject to slight change.

The coming convention is of more than ordinary interest to our fraternity, marking as it does the twenty-fifth anniversary of its organization. Kansas Alpha, assisted by the Grand Guide and Vice-President, are making every preparation for an appropriate celebration of so auspicious an occasion, and for a most enjoyable Pi Phi reunion, and that is just what we want. Let the Pi Phis come from far and near ; let us hear the older members tell of those first days, and then all together let us talk over the present and plan for the "to be." So we want every member possible to attend this convention ; nowhere else can you become so enthused on fraternity matters, and nowhere else can be obtained such broad views of the fraternity as a whole.

In electing delegates the greatest care should be exercised in choosing only those who will thoroughly represent the chapter, and in turn represent the convention in the chapter. Hence delegates should be pledged to active chapter life after the Grand Alpha session ; and if at all possible, we would advise Sophomore or Junior delegates.

Study the Constitution diligently. Make all preparations carefully, and all reports in full. Have everything in readiness *before* convention opens.

All necessary schedules will be forwarded in ample time.

EMMA HARPER TURNER,
President Pi Beta Phi.

DEDICATORY HYMN.

 JULIA E. ROGERS, '92. WANOAH, C. M.

[Sung at Dedication of Closs Hall, Iowa City, Iowa.]

To Thee, O God, with grateful hearts,
 A hymn of joy we raise,
 Thy love, Thy strength hath compassed us,
 Our prayer is changed to praise.

Father, no temple made with hands
 Was ever meet for Thee,
 For only in the loving heart,
 Thy dwelling-place may be.

And yet to-day this gift we bring,
 O grant that it may be,
 In very truth a house of God,
 When owned and blessed by Thee.

A shelter may it ever stand,
 Through sun and storm, we pray,
 A well where thirsty souls may drink,
 Beside a dusty way.

 IPHIGENEIA.

In the Old Testament scriptures can be found no more touching story than that of Jephthah's daughter. The idea of human sacrifice always appeals strongly to our compassion, but the sacrifice of a well-beloved daughter by her father's hand — this calls forth our deepest emotions.

Greek literature has its Jephthah's daughter — theme of many a poet. Agamemnon's daughter, Iphigeneia, she, like the Jewess, is doomed on account of her father's unthinking act; she, too, is sacrificed for her country's welfare. Like Jephthah's daughter, she goes to her sacrifice devotedly; like Jephthah's daughter, she has left behind her an undying name.

For many days the Greek fleet of a thousand ships had lain becalmed at Aulis. Agamemnon, the leader of the expedition against Troy, to regain his brother's wife, was re-

sponsible for the delay. He it was who had killed a deer belonging to Diana, and the angry goddess, in retaliation, detained the whole fleet.

Of Agamemnon, seeking to avert her wrath, she demanded as an expiation for his sin the sacrifice upon her altar of his eldest daughter, Iphigeneia. Only thus might the ships be allowed to sail; only thus should the Greeks succeed in conquering Troy.

Agamemnon dared not disobey. Not only religious veneration, but also fear of unpopularity with the army should he refuse to obey the oracle, prompted him to send to Mycenæ for his daughter. On the pretext of giving Iphigeneia in marriage to Achilles, he enticed her and her mother to Aulis. There, in spite of the remorseful hesitation of Agamemnon, in spite of the anguished pleadings of Clytemnestra, in spite of the appealing youth and innocence of Iphigeneia herself, the victim was sacrificed, and the fleet sailed away.

The legend of Iphigeneia is the connecting link between the "Tale of Troy Divine" and the Greek tragedies of Aeschylus, Sophocles, and Euripides. Homer, indeed, does not tell the story, but Aeschylus, and after him the other two great tragic dramatists, make the whole cycle of Orestes depend upon the death of Iphigeneia. When Clytemnestra murders her husband on his return from the Trojan war, she alleges as a reason for the damning deed, his cruel treatment of her daughter. Tauntingly she wishes him the felicity of meeting first among all the shades the daughter whom his own hand had thrust down to the kingdom of perpetual darkness. Because of the murder of her husband, Clytemnestra herself is assassinated by her own son Orestes, and Euripides rounds up this great cycle of crime and nemesis by setting the maddened Orestes free from the furies that haunted him at the hands of his long-lost sister Iphigeneia.

Iphigeneia is not only thus the center of Greek tragedy, she is also the *theme* of two most beautiful plays of Euripides, and modern poets have been quick to see the dramatic beauty of the character. Racine has a drama founded on the Iphigeneia in Aulis, but much modernized in treatment. Goethe has likewise modernized and at the same time spiritualized the

Iphigeneia at Taurus. And our own Tennyson and Landor have briefly but with master-touch outlined the character of the Aulic Iphigeneia.

Euripides' Iphigeneia in Aulis deals with the sacrifice, and is indeed a masterpiece. Faithfully does the author portray the wavering cowardice of Agamemnon, the motherly anxiety of Clytemnestra, the brotherly love conquering the selfishness of Menelaus, the warlike spirit of the young Achilles, and, shining clear like a diamond in a fine setting, the girlish innocence and loveliness of Iphigeneia.

On arriving at Aulis after her long journey, she meets her father with childlike joy ; she is amazed that he receives her with so cold a welcome, but, womanlike, she finds excuse for him that he must be worried with business, poor man ! When she finds out the sad nature of this troublesome business, when she learns of her father's duplicity, that he has sent for her in order that she may be slain rather than that she may be married, then indeed she is overwhelmed. She is shocked at her father's betrayal of her confidence ; she is crushed by the horror of her fate. She is too young to die—death is too horrible. Eagerly and pathetically she pleads for her life. "In one brief word I shall overcome every argument. The light of heaven is sweetest of all things for men to look upon, the things of the under world are naught. He who wishes to die is mad. Better it is to live a coward than to die a hero." Her tears avail nothing, and her mother, driven to desperation by the deceit and the inexorableness of Agamemnon, enlists Achilles to defend her daughter. But now Iphigeneia has come to see the necessity of the sacrifice, and she refuses to be saved. Bravely, as a king's daughter should, she goes to meet her fate, saying : "I dedicate myself to Greece. Sacrifice me, and pillage Troy. For this shall be my enduring memorial, and this shall be to me children, and wedding, and glory."

Was Euripides consistent in thus making Iphigeneia inconsistent — at first loath to die, afterward eager for death ? Aristotle thought not, but modern critics have found only praise for Euripides' fidelity to nature in this very point. The crisis develops the child into the woman — a Greek woman, imbued

with a noble patriotism that conquers all her fears. She is even able to foresee the fame and honor which such a sacrifice must gain for her. And truly this *has* been a glory to her — has made her immortal.

But why should the character of a simple Greek girl, centuries old in song, have any attraction for us? What's Hecuba to us or we to Hecuba, that we should weep for her? Why should we let our sympathies go out to one who lived and died in that morning of the world, much less to one who possibly never lived at all save in story? "Let the dead past bury its dead."

There are things that the dead past cannot bury. Ideas never die. Human nature is the same in all centuries. And this Greek girl, far removed though she be from the life of the present, yet stands for a living principle, a principle that abides from the foundations of the world. Iphigeneia is a perfect type of sacrifice.

We may think that sacrifice is an exploded notion — a notion that should be relegated to antiquity. Sacrifice was all very well for Jews, and Greeks, and Romans, but for us! we've outgrown it; it isn't practical. Never was there a greater mistake. Sacrifice is a most vital principle in modern life. Just as Tamerlane's wall is said to have been cemented by the blood of the conquered peoples that he put to the sword, so our social, national, and religious systems are cemented by the mighty cohesive power of sacrifice.

One cannot live in society without both giving and receiving sacrifice. Others toil and suffer for us, we do our duty and perform our mission only when we labor with all our strength for the good of others. It is perhaps one of the penalties we must pay for having emerged from the delightful aboriginal life of the cave-dwellers.

A great nation cannot be built up without sacrifice. If we but glance at the history of our newest of nations, we cannot fail to see that unless there had been sacrifice by the early settlers,¹ by the revolutionary fathers, by the statesmen of the newly-formed government, by the soldiers who preserved the Union, we should hardly have received so rich a heritage. So our religion is founded upon sacrifice, it has been and must be maintained by sacrifice.

Iphigeneia, then, if for no other reason, is entitled to our regard because she is so perfect a type of this so universal principle. She was a sacrifice to her father's position; the infuriated army would doubtless have extirpated her family had the victim been refused. She was a sacrifice to her country; her death opened the way for the first national undertaking of the Greeks. She was a religious sacrifice, by her death atoning for her father's sin against the goddess. And withal, perhaps I should say therefore, she is one of the most exquisitely feminine characters in all literature.

True, Euripides' *Iphigeneia at Tauris* is too much what she has been called, "a scheming, crafty Greek woman." But her very schemes and craftiness serve to set in fine relief what was most charming to the Greeks — piety, love of home and kindred.

On the other hand, if Goethe's *Iphigeni* seems too ideal, indeed almost unreal, it is because he has so richly endowed her with what is consonant with modern taste — scrupulous conscientiousness.

Racine's *Iphigeni* may be too much like the *grandes dames* of his own time, only because Racine tried to throw over his heroine a glamor of the elegance that the France of that time thought indispensable to a woman.

So Landor's picture of the meeting between Agamemnon and Iphigeneia in Hades adds to the Aulic Iphigeneia, who seemed perfect before a touch of indescribable sweetness and delicacy.

Thus each poet has bestowed on her all that his own age considered womanly charm, and the Iphigeneia of literature shines forth pre-eminent, not only as a type of the most exalted sacrifice, but also as a type of the most perfect womanhood.

ZOE WILLIAMS.

Iowa Zeta.

THE COLLEGE SETTLEMENT.

To the October issue of *Kappa Alpha Theta* we are indebted for the following short paper :

"It is clear that ours is an age in which 'social need exists.' The fact of its existence is impressed upon us at every turn ; the consciousness of it is seen in our philosophy as well as in our fiction. Look at it in what way we will, we must admit that something is wrong in our social order. Carlyle says : 'The achievement of reform is not doubtful, only the method and costs.' The subject before us is immediately practical, and has a real as well as theoretical, a personal as well as general, significance for each of us apart from our ideals of the future. It is enough to know that such need exists for us to immediately ask ourselves : 'What is the relation which we, as college men and women, should bear to that need?' This question has been answered in part by the College Settlement of Rivington street, New York.

"During the years 1885-86, Miss Clara French, a young lady who was for a time a student in the University of Vermont, and who afterwards graduated at Wellesley, while studying in England conceived the idea of establishing a settlement in one of our large cities on the plan of Toynbee Hall, London. After her return to this country, she talked the matter over with some of her college friends, and plans were made to start such an enterprise in Boston, but Miss French died before any-thing definite had been accomplished.

"About two years ago these friends decided to carry her plans into effect, and, as there was a good opening in New York, while the way seemed hedged up in Boston, the College Settlement was established at 95 Rivington street, in the former city. 'There are one hundred and ten acres in this, the eighth assembly district of New York, and forty-eight thousand people. It is more densely populated than the densest quarter of London. Its people are for the most part of foreign birth, German and Irish, and of late years Jewish refugees. There are no parks and gardens, not even an open square, and but four chapels. Several synagogues are maintained by the people, but no Christian church. There are, however, three hundred and fifty saloons.'

"In such soil has the College Settlement been planted to work out the problem of the effect of personal contact on the lives of the poor and degraded. This colony is founded on the belief in the power of friendship to shape character. The time is past when elaborate organizations, worked from a distance, are expected to save the world. We must live more nearly as Christ lived if we would reap any reward from our labor.

The work is carried on in an old family residence which was elegant in its day. On the basement floor are the doctor's office, a large sunny kitchen, and two bath-rooms. The first floor is occupied by reception and dining rooms. These open into each other by sliding doors, and so afford ample facility for parlor talks and other entertainments. On the two upper floors are private rooms for each of the residents. A large, well-lighted garret of untried possibilities completes the establishment. The house accommodates seven residents besides the housekeeper and a little maid from the neighborhood, who is trained in housework. The residents pay for their board, and also do some part of the work, that they may seem to the people among whom they live naught but simple working women, not far removed from themselves.

They have demonstrated the fact that the best way to get acquainted is through clubs whose aim is to give practical instruction and wholesome amusement, and to enlarge the range of interest. Four girls' clubs are in operation. The little ones have kitchen-garden work; the girls are taught cooking, sewing, and dress-making; and the older girls listen to talks upon historical and scientific subjects, as well as upon hygiene and dress. Instruction in gymnastics is given to all, and singing is very popular. The afternoon or evening generally closes with games, or amusement of some sort. It was not the original intention to form any clubs for boys, but the demand of the boys themselves was too urgent to be resisted. This branch of the work is proving very satisfactory, and the boys' clubs, which are four in number, are enthusiastic ones. The great principles of chivalry and truth are inculcated, questions are given them to be looked up and reported upon at the next meeting, and they are also taught singing and gymnastics. These clubs meet twice a week, and are intended to be self-governing, though they are encouraged to come to the residents for advice in trying emergencies. On Sunday afternoon the Good Seed Society is held. The object of this is to appeal to the spiritual nature of the children, and through them plant in many of their desolate homes the seeds of hope, of love, and of righteous purpose. The latter part of the afternoon is devoted to an informal singing service, where all come and go as they like. The house is open on one afternoon and evening to members of the clubs and to other friends and neighbors. Books from the library, which numbers over one thousand volumes, are given out, and bank deposits are received.

In the summer there are weekly excursions to Staten Island, for the especial benefit of sick and tired women. Manhattan beach and other places where the pure air gives a

suggestion of strength, are also visited for the same purpose. Through the kindness of a friend, a house has been obtained at Sea Isle City, N. J., where club members may spend two weeks at a moderate expense.

"The question is often asked: 'In what sense does the College Settlement rest upon a religious basis?' From the beginning, it has been the plan to have the work such that people of different faiths might labor together harmoniously; and, indeed, as the settlement is situated in the midst of a population of Catholics and Jews, any definite religious work in the house would destroy much of the influence gained. Everyone, however, is at liberty to labor according to her convictions, and many take an active part in the neighboring churches and Sunday-schools.

"Hitherto the work has been carried on by Wellesley, Smith, Vassar, and Bryn Mawr, but it now looks for support to the college girls of all our higher institutions of learning, that not only this particular settlement be maintained, but that others may be established, and so the work broadened. Surely the labor will not be in vain, if only one here and there be permanently lifted up and led to higher, better ideals by the example of true, noble womanhood placed before them.

"M. HELEN BOSWORTH."

PRESIDENT DWIGHT ON THE HIGHER EDUCATION.

[From *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.]

"The occasion. Founders' day was celebrated at the Adelphi Academy, Brooklyn, on February 22d, 1891. Mr. Charles Pratt, the founder, presided, and in a few weeks suddenly died, making it almost a memorial service. A large audience filled the auditorium, and men of note were on the stage. With such a setting President Dwight's address was like 'apples of gold in pictures of silver,' and was memorable in its forecast, clearness, and common-sense. It told what the education of the twentieth century was to be in magnificent possibilities, and predicted a much better place for it than its predecessors. It is here sought not to reproduce, but to glance at some of the prominent ideas which, uttered on Washington's birthday, partook of a patriotic character.

"Education, he said, was not the fitting a man to make money or do a particular thing only, but it is to bring out the

latent capabilities of his character, no matter how many-sided and various. This is in keeping with the Yale idea, which, in my day, was to lay foundations for building up character in after life — not specially to learn this and that branch of knowledge, but to learn how to learn. That is, to know when a subject of thought or investigation was properly treated and exhausted.

“Dr. Dwight’s idea rather clashes with the conventional idea of a medical education which confines a specialist to the eye or ear, the throat and chest, etc. Those who begin with the sole study of the eye, for example, to the exclusion of the systemic relation of eye diseases, do not wake up to Dr. Dwight’s idea, nor to the truth. For example, the oculist who ignores the experiments of Dr. S. Wier Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and B. W. Richardson, of London, who caused cataract in both eyes of guinea pigs and rabbits in ten minutes by injecting under the skin a saturated watery solution of common sugar, makes a tremendous mistake in not caring for the diet of his eye patients. The rule for all medical specialists should be to have a thorough understanding of general medicine, and then take up his specialty. President Dwight’s idea of the higher education allows the medical man to make improvements in every branch of his profession wherever his mind perceives a chance. He may introduce new operations in surgery, new principles in gynecology, new therapeutical means, new diseases by discovery, new doctrines as to food; in fact, he may run right across all the lines of specialism, or run from one specialty to another, and yet be only developing the many sides of his character for the good of his profession according to the higher education. These procedures may not bring money, as President Dwight seems to indicate, but they bring a grander amount of treasure for the human race.

“These words of President Dwight must have brought great comfort to inventors (could they have heard them) who have blest the world by inventions which are as common as friction matches and as useful, but who have died poor and been objects of ridicule to those who have benefited by those inventions even to being enriched. The higher education idea would make one rather die poor after having added to the world’s knowledge, than to die worth millions and leave nothing else behind. In other words, a well-developed many-sided character is worth more than money. Clergymen with their small salaries should think of this when discouraged. They, more than any other class, make good public opinion. All law is based on public opinion. If public opinion is good, laws are good. If public opinion is bad, laws are bad. Hence the millionaires could not exist to the extent they now do

without clergymen forming public opinion, which allows millionaires to hold their property. It is the same with science and religion; they are connected together. In the South Sea Islands, it is said, scientific explorations were sometimes not a success, as the natives ate the explorers. But when clergymen had Christianized them, the scientific men were not killed nor eaten, and hence could prosecute their work. For one, I am delighted with these ideas of the higher education. May they spread to nations, and then the world will be truly blest.

"President Dwight said that women should be equally as well educated as men, and thus be equal partners in the family. Both man and woman should equally develop the characters of children in the family. . . If character was not developed in the family it could not be in the schools, etc. The President here struck deep into the foundation of national greatness. And President Harrison, also, in his utterances about the family in his late Bennington-trip speeches, voiced the same keynote of American prosperity. The unity of this nation is the family—not bachelor, nor maid, nor club, nor any organization made up of one sex. Said a delegate from Ecuador, at a Chicago banquet given to the Pan-American Congress: 'I have been looking about carefully to see what it is that has made America excel, and I find it is in the *handsome treatment of their women.*'

"A recent visit to Holland convinces the writer that the source of the strength of character that withstood the fierce onset of Spain in the eighty years war was the character of the homes and mothers of the Netherlands.

"The influence of homes like what President Dwight says must come in the march of this higher education is incalculable. In a good old book it is written: 'The nation that will not serve me must perish, saith the Lord;' and this book reckons the crime which wrecks families next but one to murder. This perishing of nations comes naturally with the destruction of families, which are God's peculiar institution to maintain nations. It is good to see the higher education thus put against divorce, which is too prevalent, and is a cause of troublesome thought to patriotic minds. If those who apply for divorce could be forced to read President Dwight's ideas about the higher education, perhaps they would less insist on their demands.

"In these centennial times there has been a good deal said about our forefathers. We would like to hear more about our foremothers! Also, some good words to wives, such as Emperor William II. said about the Empress being the 'jewel that sparkles at my side,' and owing his debt of gratitude for

her care of him. Home is the earthly paradise. The good wife is a gift from God. There is no harm in telling her so. Call her a queen of motherhood, honored and honorable, and treat her as such, and mean it. The results will be happy. To the older men, call your wives *brides*. You say this is wrong? Perhaps a short story may settle this.

"Some years ago I traveled with a gentleman from the town of Reading, Mass. Said he: 'Do you know that I made money by getting married? Before marriage it cost me \$60 a year to live, and only \$40 a year after.' It so happened that in 1890 this couple invited me to their golden wedding. As I could not go, I thought something should be done for the woman who had lived with her husband for fifty years and saved him so much money.

"So I sent them the following, which are the first two verses of a sonnet to Mr. and Mrs. —, of Reading:

" 'CROWN HER A QUEEN.

" 'Aye, celebrate this jubilee;
Crown her a queen, the wise and good,
Who reigned so long and well for thee,
A noble Queen of Motherhood.

" 'SHE IS STILL A BRIDE.

" 'How could you have a golden wedding
Without a bride or groom to show?
Else in this good old town of Reading,
Your golden wedding is not so.'

" E. CUTTER."

CHAPTER LETTERS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

Again it will be the pleasure of hearing from our different chapters through *THE ARROW*, a profitable pleasure, and which also seems to increase with each successive issue of the magazine.

One phase of our chapter work will be to follow the scheme prepared by the Literary Bureau. We know that this will broaden our ideas, views, and knowledge of women and woman's work.

We have been much interested in Tulane, and it is gratifying to know that the influence of the Sorosis is extending its territory to the south as well as east and west.

A short time ago Professor Gore invited his mechanic's class to accompany him to the coast and geodetic survey. A most charming morning was spent, in which we saw the standard weights and measures, and instruments of historical interest; also some of the weights just finished, which will be shortly sent to the new states.

Student life in Washington is attended with many advantages which even though outside of the regular college work are in themselves an education. This fall has furnished a particularly large number of good things — pulpit orators in the Methodist Ecumenical Council, the Christian Workers of both the United States and Canada, and the Episcopal Church Congress, the last mentioned of which Bishop Philipps Brooks preached the opening sermon, a treat indeed. There are also a long list of popular lecture courses, and for those who are lovers of music there are musical clubs and concerts innumerable.

The closing service of the Ecumenical Council was particularly pleasing to us as women in having the opportunity to hear Lady Henry Somerset. If aught will inspire the woman's heart to do and dare, it most certainly is the hand-to-hand pressure of those women who have dared and accomplished so much toward bringing nearer the "fuller day."

Washington, D. C., November 19th, 1891.

OHIO ALPHA.

Another November is with us and is rapidly drawing to a close. This is a reminder that ere the 20th of this month takes its place among the memories of the past another chapter letter is due THE ARROW.

Ohio Alpha now has quite a strong chapter, with a membership of fourteen. Four of us are no longer in college, but being resident members are able to attend the meetings, and by our presence aid in the enthusiasm which numbers seldom fail to inspire.

Already this year we have found six of our friends who possess the essential qualifications of Pi Beta Phi, and as a result we have tenderly (?) led them over the arduous path which all must tread before they can be taken within the mystic veil of Grecian life. We present for a welcome from all Pi Phi our new sisters Cora and Mertine Berkstresser, Elizabeth and Annette Higgins, Jennie Ryan, and Alberta Norton.

We are now the proud possessors of a chapter hall which is nicely furnished in dregs of wine and silvery blue. Prominent among the decorations on our walls, in suitable frames, are to be seen our charter and the picture of the Pi Phi present at the last Grand Alpha.

Ohio Alpha is now quite busy at work on the catalogue. It will be a task to get the book in a presentable form for the next Grand Alpha, but if every member will carefully look over the questions which have been sent them and respond promptly with such information as they can give, the work will be greatly lightened. Let each chapter see to it that there is placed in our hands information regarding every member who has ever been initiated into its ranks.

Ohio Alpha intends to make her presence felt in college life by a series of pleasant little social occurrences, the first to be held on the evening of November 20th, at the home of the Norton sisters. We believe that a prominent part of woman's education can only be gained in a social way, and we propose to do all in our power to reach the ideal which Pi Beta Phi has placed before us — a symmetrical woman.

Ohio Alpha sends greetings to all sister chapters.

Athens, Ohio, November 18th, 1891.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Indiana Alpha has the privilege in this letter of introducing one new member, Helen M. Stanton.

We also have the pleasure of extending greetings to Louisiana Alpha. The new chapter is, we are sure, welcomed most warmly into Pi Beta Phi, and we await with interest its first letter to *THE ARROW*.

We have already begun to think and to talk of the convention, and at our next meeting are to have a paper which will present to us several aspects of questions which will probably come before Grand Alpha.

We have this fall ten active members. Though our chapter lost quite a number of members by graduation last spring, yet we found ourselves this term in good working order, and have been having meetings every week. But now that we have well started, and have become well organized, we shall only have them at the regular time, every two weeks.

Indiana Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

Franklin, Indiana, November 16th, 1891.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Our chapter was never in a more prosperous condition, and at present has the largest membership ever enrolled in one term. Our initiates this fall are Minnie Zell, '95; Julia Soule, '95; Louise Randolph, '94; Loulu Alvord, '95; and Catherine Smith, '92, two of whom received invitation from Kappa Kappa Gamma. These, together with Retta Kempton, assistant in elocution, and Carrie Osgood, '89, in the music department, make our number sixteen.

We have already commenced plans for a large reception and banquet on our anniversary, in April, and we hope through it to establish a province convention to be held each year, or at least the year Grand Alpha is not. We feel that such a convention held in the provinces is necessary, and we hope to have the pleasure of entertaining the first one in Alpha province.

Hoping that the more personal letters will not be forgotten or neglected as last year, and that you will all enjoy a merry Xmas and begin the new year with good resolves to work for Pi Phis' welfare, we bid you adieu for 1891.

Hillsdale, Michigan, November 18th, 1891.

MICHIGAN BETA.

We feel very happy over our successes this year, though to be sure we have had some reverses. Of these we will tell you in our letters to each chapter.

We would like to speak of our honorary members—what they do for us and how such members can be of assistance to any chapter when it is at all practicable to have them. By honorary members we mean ladies of the faculty, or ladies who stand high in the community for their intelligence, culture, and social ability; who are interested in the chapters and put forth their efforts for its welfare. We may be differently situated from many of our chapters, yet we think such women must always be a help to the faculty or society to which they belong. In the first place they give it a position which it otherwise would not have; they are better able to judge character, and their advice is worth a great deal. To feel that one has the friendship of such women, to be on more or less intimate terms with them, to be thrown more in their society than one otherwise would be—all these are surely great advantages, and these are considered by those invited to join the Sorosis. A girl may think that she can choose her friends herself, so far as college girls are concerned, without the aid of a Sorosis, but she will seldom have the same associations with several such women as were referred to above unless she is connected with a fraternity. This, then, is one of the considerations to many girls. Whenever a chapter can have such women with them, they have inspiration and help ever with them.

Since Miss Turner's annual letter last June, we have thought and talked of chapter letters and their relation to our publication. Being the important part of *THE ARROW* that they are, we all feel the burden of a worthy production, and offer as a suggestion that each Corresponding Secretary be responsible for an article written either by one of the members of her chapter or the alumnæ of the chapter. Then there would be at least more variety, and the alumnæ would be kept alive to fraternity doings.

Best wishes from Michigan Beta.

Ann Arbor, November 19th, 1891.

ILLINOIS BETA.

We are glad to send our December greetings to Pi Phi, and to tell them of our welfare.

Illinois Beta has been fortunate in adding to her ranks two most estimable young ladies. She wishes to present Lucy Titus and Saidee Connable as youthful wearers of the wine and blue. The ceremony took place November 5th, and was participated in by several of our old members. Della Rogers and Villa Cole brought us a lovely treat, which we thoroughly enjoyed. We were glad to usher our new members into the pleasures of a Pi Phi spread.

We heartily welcome our new chapter at Tulane University into the duties and privileges of Pi Beta Phi. May prosperity be her portion.

- Lizzie Durston made us a short visit this fall, and gave us a most enjoyable spread. She was on her way to the Universalist convention at Macomb.

November 17th, however, was our gala day. It was Beta's nineteenth birthday, and was a memorable one. About 8 o'clock, at Hadley Cottage, we seated ourselves to partake of the sumptuous banquet that had been prepared. It was not formal, but a genial, hearty dove banquet. After we had done ample justice to the viands, Lissie Seely arose and graciously announced the following toasts: "Pi Beta Phi," Maggie Titus; "Our Anniversary," Daisy Wiswell; "Beta's Babies," Delpha Durston; "The Absent Ones," Grace Harsh; "Our Colors," Ethel Tompkins. The latter part of the evening was spent in general merriment, and at a late hour we dispersed, feeling that it was good to have been there.

Mrs. C. E. Brewster, Mrs. A. T. Wing, Alvra Myers, Lillian Wiswell, Villa Cole, Della Rogers, and Maud Claycomb took part in the gaieties of November 5th and 7th.

Our alumnæ have generously responded to our calls for subscriptions to THE ARROW, and we are duly grateful.

Maggie and Lucy Titus were called home to Batavia, Ohio, November 13th, by the sudden death of their father. May the loving Father comfort and sustain them in their great affliction.

Illinois Beta sends her best love to the Pi Phi sisters.

Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., November 18th, 1891.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Can it be possible that it is time for our December ARROW letter? And yet we are glad of it, for we have four new sisters to introduce — Loretta Hood, Della Robbins, and Mary Wiley, '95, and Mary Frost, 92. The first-mentioned young lady is a daughter of Mary Gault-Hood, who was one of the early members of I. C. at Monmouth. Then Loretta is a grand-daughter of Pi Beta Phi, isn't she? Right glad are we to be able to claim the honor of receiving her into our household.

November 6th we gave a party at the home of one of our sisters, Marian Niles, who lives nine miles from the city. We started from the Seminary in hand-wagons, a jolly crowd of thirty-six. After an hour and a half's ride, which quickly passed in telling jokes and singing, we reached Marian's beautiful home, cold and hungry, and fully prepared to enjoy the delicious warm supper waiting for us. Following this, we were given programmes of the evening's "fun," putting the gentlemen to work at all sorts of unheard-of tasks. At one time holding our breath to see them in rows on their knees, trying to blow a feather out of a circle drawn on the carpet, which had (innocently, of course) been tied to a long hair and pinned to the carpet; and then again laughing till our sides ached to see them attempt to thread a needle seated on a round jar, with but one foot touching the floor. Our much-loved teacher and chaperon for the evening, Miss Chamberlain, then entertained us by telling our fortunes, and then, as the "wee sma' hours" approached, we lowered the gas and told ghost stories till we were interrupted by the unwelcome call that "the carriages were at the door," and in a very short while another very successful Pi Phi party was added to the long list of those of the past.

Besides our large party, we had a reunion and spread in honor of the visit here of a number of our old girls a short time ago. With all her outward festivities, however, Illinois Delta still preserves the still and hidden, yet active and powerful, working spirit belonging to all loyal Pi Beta Phis, and we hope that all our sister chapters have as happy a future to look forward to as we have. Wishing you all a merry Xmas.

Galesburg, Ill., November 22d, 1891.

IOWA THETA.

Our chapter feels deeply the loss of our President, Miss Perrett, formerly of Iowa Gamma, but who has been with us for the last five years or more.

We had an election of officers last month, and the following were elected: Mrs. Emma Harper Jones, President; Mrs. Sadie Johnson, Vice-President; Lillian Harmon, Secretary; Mrs. Rose Gephart, Treasurer; Abbie Cooper and Lena Gaston, Censors.

We are going to have quite an interesting meeting next Monday evening with Sallie Scott. Each one is to wear some decoration indicating the name of some book or poem. Cards will be provided for each one, and a prize given to the one who first gets all the names.

We have not yet decided on any special work for this winter. Most of our girls are teachers in the public schools, and after school hours are over feel too tired for any hard literary work.

Our sister Lizzie Flagler, who now lives in Chicago, visited here in September. We all enjoyed her visit very much, and while here we went in a body and surprised her one evening.

During the Coal Palace season we had a visit from Miss Jessie Spear, of Iowa Kappa, and were sorry that it had to be so short.

With best wishes for all Pi Beta Phis.

November 18th, 1891.

IOWA BETA.

Again the time is at hand to send our quarterly greeting to our sisters. It is with pleasure we look forward to the time when we may hear from them through THE ARROW.

The passing term has so far been a very busy one to us, with those ever-present lessons, but yet we think that much has been accomplished. We have had a number of especially good meetings, and again we greet you with two new sisters—Blanche Rose and Sara Eikenberry. Both we love the more as we know them better, and we find in them loyal Pi Phis indeed.

We were much pained to receive word announcing the death of our sister, Ella T. Richey. She was one of our charter members, and ever a loyal Pi Phi.

We received a wedding invitation a short time ago from one of our sisters, Alice Scoles, announcing her marriage to Mr. F. M. Davis. She goes to a new home in Washington state.

As is our custom, we celebrated the founding of our Sorosis, Hallowe'en, by a jollification. We were assisted by a number of gentlemen friends, and had a very pleasant time.

We are now looking forward with much pleasure to Thanksgiving evening, when the Delta Tau Delta fraternity give a reception to the Greeks of our college.

It was with pleasure we received greetings from the new chapter in Louisiana, and only wish our southern sisters may enjoy their fraternity life as much as we have enjoyed ours. May there be many more such greetings received.

Iowa Beta sends love to sister chapters.

Indianola, Iowa, November 18th, 1891.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA.

Since the writing of our last chapter letter we have had one more initiation, the victim being Eva Glass. This makes five new members added to our chapter this term, and we have hopes of more for next term.

On Saturday, October 31st, we held our annual Hallowe'en party at the home of Ella and Annie Ham. A very pleasant evening was passed after the usual Hallowe'en fashion. The house was prettily decorated, jack-'o-lanterns of all shapes and sizes being one of the principal features of decoration.

It is with much regret that we chronicle the departure of Mira Troth for Boston, whither she goes to retain her place in the office of Mr. Wales, which has been removed to that place. In her we lose a faithful and earnest Pi Phi, and her absence creates a gap that will not readily be filled.

On Wednesday, November 25th, we held a gay spread at our halls, in honor of Annie Buren, who was in the city for a few days' visit with her cousin, Nellie Peery. We were very much pleased to see her.

We have cheered until our throats are sore during the past few weeks over the victories of our football team. A game played with the University of Nebraska resulted in the score

of 22 to 0 in our favor, and one with the University of Kansas in the score of 18 to 14. The total points made this year are : State University of Iowa, 112 ; opponents, 68.

Sunday, November 22d, was an important day in the history of the State University of Iowa. It marked the dedication of Close Hall, the new Young Men and Young Women's Christian Association building. This building, which cost \$35,000 (of which \$10,000 was contributed by Mrs. Helen Close, in memory of her husband), was begun in the fall of 1890, and was just completed in time for the reception of the students of 1891. At the dedicatory exercises a hymn was sung which was composed by one of our Pi Beta Phi girls, Julia E. Rogers, '92.

An expedition is being organized by the State University of Iowa to visit the Bahama Islands in the summer of 1893, for the purpose of making researches into the fauna and flora of that region. Out of six girls who have been appointed to accompany the expedition four are Pi Phis — Julia Rogers, Beth Wilson, Bertha Horak, and Kate Wickham. They expect to start in May of 1893, and will be absent about four months, returning in time for school in September. Who says the Pi Beta Phis are not "in it" every time?

Iowa City, Iowa, December 13th, 1891.

IOWA KAPPA AND ZETA.

Still the tide of time rolls on, carrying Iowa Kappa and Zeta with it. So deeply have our heads been plunged into books of learning that with dazed astonishment we stare at the pre-emptory postal, "Send chapter letter to publishers. Copy's gone." So, with a stimulating apple nigh to nibble at, we pluck forth our fountain-pen to relate "present politics, future history."

Our diplomacy has borne fruit since the last ARROW. At the home of Bertha Horak, amid the weird glare of the classic taper, the impressive ceremony was performed which brought Eva Glass into our midst. And now, to outward appearances, we have laid aside the "spike" for the present, but "still waters run deep."

We have applied the old test of fortitude, and sat before the camera. In this the new initiates proved themselves equal to the trials of fraterhood.

Sister Emma Fordyce, of Cedar Rapids, cast a fleeting smile upon us, and Annie Buren, guest of Nellie Peery, was honored with a "spread" at the Delta halls, which have been much improved through the calamities of fire and insurance.

We have heard from our sister, Lucia Lay, who is still seeking the springs of wisdom in the untamed state of Washington. The salt sea foam and moaning waves are significant of her yearnings for old State University of Iowa Pi Phis.

We still extend our deepest sympathy to Jessie Johnston, who will not return to us this year, but teach at home, and bravely cheer the bereaved household.

Our great social event this term was the Hallowe'en party at Ella Ham's. To their gentlemen friends Pi Phis remarked, "Oh, come, let us chant together." But the "chanting" proved rather feeble, owing either to excessive modesty or lack of musical ability, or the host of other attractions offered. We sailed our little lifeboats (in a wash-tub — unromantic!), and the mystic cake with the button, key, ring, etc., was cut, while each maiden heart beat high with apprehension; the invigorating, yet highly correct, "Virginny reel" was reeled; "matrimony," a pastry delicacy constructed by Mrs. Horak, was masticated; a chestnut burr adorned with wine and blue, and symbolic of our informal though goodly-intended hospitality, was attached to each individual, and we backed down the steps, profuse in self-congratulatory acknowledgments of the delightfulness of the last Pi Phi social event.

Now, just before we put our pen aside to mop the ink from off our finger, let us whisper that there is a rumor in the air to the effect that there is to be an expedition to the Bahama Isles one year from next summer, under the auspices of the University. Object, the scientific investigation of fauna and flora. The "scientific" professors are to be in charge. The number is limited to twenty, six of whom may be ladies, and now listen, it is whispered four of these six accepted applicants are Pi Phis. But remember, this is only rumor, and we may be "counting our chicks," etc.

The ink has now crawled half way down our forefinger, so we really must bid you good night.

Iowa Kappa and Zeta.

MINNESOTA ALPHA.

Since our last letter we have initiated four new members, and one other is now pledged and will be soon initiated.

On the evening of September 20th Clara Bailey gave a party to her sisters in Pi Beta Phi, and some of her friends outside. About forty were present, and all reported a delightful time.

Since our fraternity has increased in numbers we have found it impossible to appoint any time during the school week when all can be present for a meeting, so we now take the afternoon of our holiday, Monday, meeting by turns at the homes of our different members. For literary work, we are reading and discussing *Marble Faun*.

Minnesota Alpha sends warm greetings to Louisiana Alpha.

Minneapolis, Minn.

COLORADO ALPHA.

The "rushing" season is now at an end, and the Pi Phis of Colorado Alpha were by no means vanquished by their esteemed rivals. As the result of the contest, we are proud to introduce to you our four new members—Susie Andrews, Jeanette Bennet, Elizabeth Gamble, and Mrs. Charlotte Farnsworth. After the initiation of the two latter, which was performed by the girls in Grecian costume, the Delta Tau Deltas, who always did show an astounding propensity for finding out the when and where of Pi Phi initiations, appeared to greet the neophytes. They helped us to pass a pleasant evening.

On the evening of November 14th, Colorado Alpha, including the "spikes," were delightfully entertained by the Delta Taus in their chapter-rooms. They proved themselves, as ever, excellent hosts.

We are anxiously waiting to know from the literary bureau the plan of work for meetings. Meanwhile we are pursuing a course of our own, which we think both pleasant and profitable.

Our University is in its usual prosperous condition. A large, handsome science hall is now being erected on the campus.

Greetings to all Pi Beta Phis, especially to those of Louisiana Alpha.

State University, November 18th, 1891.

COLORADO BETA.

The first term of this school year has almost passed, and by this time we have fallen into the regular routine of work. We have welcomed back the old students and are becoming acquainted with the new, always keeping our eyes open for desirable members for our Pi Phi. We Pi Phis are few in number so far, but the year promises to be a prosperous one.

We are preparing to move to University Park soon, and expect to enjoy very much the nice chapter-room which has been assigned to us.

We are also looking forward with much pleasure to the initiation of a new sister. In our next letter we will tell you some of the wonderful things that were done.

All the active members of our chapter belong also to a literary society.

We close with loving greetings to all the chapters.

Denver, Colo., November 23d, 1891.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Since we last wrote the two months of the inter-fraternity pledge have expired, and our girls are very jubilant over the great victory that we have won. We have pledged every girl whom we asked, in spite of much opposition. They are Amy Sparr, Mabel Scott, Emily Hulme, Louise and Ida Smith, and Adelia Humphrey.

We have had one large party this fall, and several spreads for the girls alone.

The University is more than ever enthusiastic over football, and our eleven is having great success.

This state is becoming very much interested in the university extension movement. About sixteen courses have been prepared by our faculty, and lectures are given every week in the neighboring cities.

The only thing of general fraternity interest which has happened here lately is the re-establishment of Sigma Chi, their chapter here having been broken up last year. They start out with very fair prospects.

We are glad to welcome the new chapter at New Orleans, and are sure it will be a great acquisition to the fraternity.

Lawrence, Kas., November 21st, 1891.

LOUISIANA ALPHA.

Owing to the fact that we have been so recently initiated into national Greek fraternity life, we are still ignorant as regards many of its most important and common matters, and scarcely know about what we are expected to write. However, taking it for granted that our sisters are as much interested in us personally as we are in all of them, it will be unnecessary to apologize for the egotistical tone of this letter.

You, no doubt, have been informed of all particulars concerning the organization of Louisiana Alpha, and here let us thank those of you who have sent us greetings for your prompt recognition.

The Newcomb, which we attend, though quite recently founded, is one of the finest institutions of its kind in the south, and as the Pi Beta Phi is the only one of the national Greek societies which has as yet established a chapter in the college, we hope, in the course of time, to count among its members such women as will reflect honor upon our organization.

Miss Burton, of Indiana Alpha, who initiated us into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi, said that, we being the youngest girls in the fraternity, ours was the "baby" chapter. Therefore we shall expect from our older sisters that tender love and indulgence which is usually bestowed upon and granted to the infant of the family. It is well that you are now represented in the extreme south, for the Pi Beta Phi seems to have hitherto existed chiefly in the western states, and unless spread in other directions ours will not be essentially a national society. All of us recognize the responsibilities of fraternity life, and shall endeavor to our utmost to realize the beautiful ideals of Pi Beta Phi, and though "'tis not in mortals to command success, we'll do more, we'll deserve it." Since our

initiation, the knowledge of the fact that we can always be sure of your sympathy and aid in all things, consistent with your idea of what is right, has been a source of great satisfaction and happiness to us, your younger sisters; for we know all of you who are true Pi Phis are good and noble women, whose example will be our inspiration. Our badges, "the outward and visible signs," have been greatly admired by all, as have also the colors and flower of fraternity.

The chapters of Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta, and Kappa Alpha in Tulane University have most cordially welcomed us into Greekdom, and have extended to us girls the kindest encouragement.

The organization of Louisiana Alpha could not but meet with the approval of the President of our college, as he himself is a fraternity man, so we have to contend with no opposition from the faculty, which body, on the contrary, rather encourages the establishment of soroses, on the ground that the competition which always exists between rival societies is conducive to a greater ambition on the part of their several members to obtain honorable distinction.

We are anxiously awaiting the arrival of Pi Beta Phi catalogue, which has been promised to us, for we are unacquainted with the history of our fraternity, nor do we as yet know where many of its chapters are located.

Hoping to soon become nearer acquainted with our dear sisters through the medium of *THE ARROW*, we shall close, remaining most cordially yours in the bond.

Newcomb College, New Orleans, La.

PERSONALS.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Elizabeth C. Edleman, '91, is taking a post-graduate course in the modern languages at Wellesley.

Harriet Palmer, '90, is teaching history in the high-school at Marion, Ind.

Nell Turner is spending the winter in San Francisco, studying music.

ILLINOIS. BETA.

Lizzie F. Bliss, of Avon, spent a few hours with friends, September 15th.

Lizzie V. Wigle, '90, made the University a short visit, September 28th.

Nellie V. Bunn is engaged in school work at Atlanta.

Grace S. Harsh, '92, returned to her school work, October 10th.

Villa A. Cole, '91, came over to hear Salvini, October 12th.

Lillian Wiswell, '90, Della Rogers, '91, and Villa Cole, '91, came to help us with our recent gaities.

Mrs. C. E. Brewster, '83, returned to her home at Minneapolis, Minn., November 8th. She had been visiting Mrs. A. T. Wing, '83.

Grace Harsh, '92, spent November 15th at Wataga with her brother Sam, whose health is much improved.

Ada Quaintance is attending school at Lincoln, Neb., and has the position of stenographer and typewriter with the firm of Lamb, Ricketts & Wilson, of that city.

Lissie Seeley, '92, is the happy possessor of a new Pi Phi pin.

ILLINOIS DELTA.

Frances Vinyard, '91, spent the last week in October in Galesburg, on her way to her new home in Denver.

Cora Thompson has returned for a few months to study art.

Mrs. Mame Barbew Parry is studying music in the New England Conservatory of Music at Boston.

COLORADO BETA.

Charlotte Fowler, Bertha Brooks, and Lottie Waterbury are teaching school.

Lillian Pike is now residing at the Park.

Mrs. Mantz, *nee* Armstrong, has returned from her European trip.

Han. McFarland spent the summer in Longmont.

Mattie Loescher has returned to the University.

Jennie Hitchcock spent the summer in Denver.

MARRIAGES.

INDIANA ALPHA.

ELLIS — MONROE.— At Franklin, Ind., June, 1891, Mary Emma Ellis and Professor Paul Monroe.

TANNER — DEER.— At Franklin, Ind., June, 1891, Sophia C. Tanner and Professor J. V. Deer.

ILLINOIS BETA.

GRUBB — FOWLER.— At Weatherford, Texas, September 19th, 1891, Jennie Grubb and Frank H. Fowler.

EDITORIALS.

Now is the time to commence preparations for the convention to be held the last week in March, that is, if any of us haven't begun already. Send the most capable representatives you have, undergraduates certainly, sophomores or juniors if may be; at any rate some one who will not only bring back as much as possible of the convention, but who will live with the chapter and help it to acquire strength from the united efforts of the representative members. Talk over at chapter meetings one thing at a time, and conclude what needs to be done. Have delegates intelligently equipped for the work they are expected to do. This session of Grand Alpha should be, and we believe it will be, the best ever held. If all plans are carried out we have reason to expect much of pleasure and profit to those who are members of this legislative body, and much for the advancement of Pi Beta Phi.

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IN sending communications for THE ARROW editor, please remember to send them to No. 60 West Newton street, Boston, Mass. It requires about three days additional to have mail forwarded from Iowa City.

A contributor for *Delta Upsilon* recommends the following in the way of Delta Upsilon government :

In brief, then, the interests of the fraternity will be conserved by the election of an executive council of nine members, six alumni and three undergraduates, and by the establishment of a board of visitors of six members, resident in various parts of the country.

This looks like providing well for the best interests of the fraternity, and fraternities *must* do just this thing if the best results of fraternity work and life are realized. The direct, inevitable result of neglect is death ; what is everybody's business is nobody's business. Then, truly, it is necessary that to some person or set of people be delegated a superintendence of the organization as a whole. At convention will be indicated something of the work done in the last two years by Province Presidents. This should result in a helpful division of the working force, and do much toward keeping up an inter-chapter communication.

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THE suggestion made by Michigan Beta's Corresponding Secretary in this issue is excellent ; try it, please : "That each Corresponding Secretary be responsible for an article written either by one of the members of her chapter or by some alumna of the chapter." Do this, please. You have no conception of how greedily an editor takes to such a plan. We cannot know personally the members of each chapter. We do not know who are able to write acceptable articles. We can reach personally only a very few, and are greatly in danger of overworking, at least of making unreasonable demands upon them. And then, too, a few contributors cannot make the magazine so representative as it should be. If Corresponding Secretaries would only do this, the division of labor would make light burdens for all, and *THE ARROW* might be something to be proud of. The magazine is about what might be expected perhaps, possibly much less, when the editor is busy regularly six days in the week. This, with an occasional illness unreasonable enough to happen about publishing time — the last issue had this and the removal to Boston to contend with, and suffered sorely by it. A busy woman, as a rule, has

more time than an idle woman, but she has only twenty-four hours in a day, after all, and the small margin of time for extras means the necessity of co-operation. Do not be unmindful of this, please, but lend a hand for the general good of the organization.

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DESPITE the efforts of our friends of Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, and others to discourage any inclination toward Pan-Hellenism in the fraternity world, the movement seems to be steadily gaining headway and taking definite shape. The successful Pan-Hellenic convention held by the ladies in Boston in the spring has given added impetus to thought and action in this direction. Practical exemplification of the idea is seen in the numerous Pan-Hellenic clubs which are springing up all over the country. The most recent, and the one which will probably prove the largest in its way, is about being formed in Chautauqua. Associations of college men are delightful, and can be made productive of much good. Whatever will facilitate the bringing together of educated men should be given every possible encouragement. College graduates are not given to the lowering of the standards of morality. Their sympathies are with better government, deeper patriotism, higher education, purer morals, and all that will uplift mankind.— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Associations of college women are the legitimate result of college-bred women. The tendency of education is to make people useful, not to make ornaments or cranks. Nothing is more wholesome or more reconciling to the ills of life than the atmosphere surrounding an association of educated men or women, or both. Fraternity people are just the people to make successful organizations after college days. Pan-Hellenism, as it is developing now, looks toward much usefulness from the college fraternity world, which, by-the-way, is fast becoming populous, and responsibilities correspondingly numerous and important.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

October 29th, 1891, Louisiana Alpha, Pi Beta Phi, was organized in the H. Sophie Newcomb College annex to Tulane University, New Orleans, La., May L. Burton, of Indiana Alpha, effecting the organization. The charter members are Josephine Craig, Anna Coyle, Isabelle Coleman, Alice Boarman, Lottie Galleher, Elizabeth Hender-

son, Mary Matthews. These young women composed the Alpha Beta Gamma, a thoroughly organized local society of a year's standing. All correspondence, Miss Burton's investigations, and reports assure us we have in Louisiana Alpha a chapter promising well for their local fraternity life and their relations to the fraternity as a whole. We give them a hearty welcome in response to the dainty greeting received from their Dixie land, and we are even now their Pi Beta Phis.

SUDE WEAVER EVANS,
Grand Secretary Pi Beta Phi.

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AMONG THE GREEKS.

The seventh annual convention of Section Four of Phi Gamma Delta was held in Columbus, Ohio, on June 4th and 5th. The following yell was adopted, and recommendations reported :

Hippi, Hippi Hi,
Rip, Zip, Zelta,
Ri, Ro, Rah, Ha,
Fiz, Boom, Ah, Ha,
Phi Gamma Delta.

The Committee on Recommendations reported as follows :

First. That the T. A. of each chapter be held strictly to account for his constitutional liability in the matter of chapter correspondence.

Second. That chapters firmly support the *Quarterly*.

Third. That each chapter keep a clear financial record under all circumstances.

Fourth. That each chapter maintain friendly relations with other fraternities in its college, and endeavor to promote a feeling of amity with rivals.

Fifth. That each chapter hold regular meetings, and make social meetings a special feature.

Sixth. That the solemnity of the initiatory ritual be regarded in initiations.

Seventh. That the yell be adopted by each chapter in the section.

READERS of *The Shield* will be pleased with this announcement:

"To our Phi Psi Fraters of Kansas City:

"A meeting of members of the fraternity alumni is called for Wednesday evening, October 21st, at 8 o'clock, at the office of Dr. Mosher, Keith & Perry building, to consider the organization of an alumni association.

"Notify your Phi Psi friends, and be present yourself."

This means success to the Kansas City Alumni Association of Phi Kappa Psi, for whatever "Clark" Mosher undertakes goes. Witness his three years' battle against long odds for the establishment of Ohio Delta.

Here's success to your efforts! — *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

So say we. The more the better of such organizations.

ONE of the resolutions passed by the ladies' Pan-Hellenic convention in Boston reads: "We recommend that the fraternities exchange quarterlies throughout the chapters." A plan proposed by Delta Upsilon three years ago, and for the past two years in successful operation with Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Kappa Sigma, and Phi Kappa Psi.— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

By the way, why don't the ladies follow out this plan? A most excellent one, certainly.

LEWISBURG, Penn., June 23.—The Hon. Chauncey B. Ripley, of New York, a member of Sigma Chi, delivered the annual oration before the Alumni association of Bucknell University, June 23d. He advocated the full recognition by American college trustees and faculties of the Greek letter fraternities, saying, in part: "The Greek letter societies are becoming more and more general and influential in American colleges. They have taken deep root in most of them, including the best, and their growth is on the increase. The alumni of these societies keep alive the fraternal relations after graduation, and their clubs and club-houses are to be found in cities and large towns all over the country."— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

Now that Pan-Hellenism, *Daniels*, is an extinct variety of the useful plant, the dispute arises concerning the identity of the editor who first proposed Pan-Hellenism. To settle all dispute, we announce that we have ascertained beyond peradventure that the first Pan-Hellenic council was convened by Agamemnon, not far from Paris; and that, while Troy was discussed at length, neither the Rensselaer Polytechnic nor Alpha Tau Omega was represented.— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly.*

THE acquisition of chapter-houses by Wisconsin and Rochester during the past year has added two more homes to our circle. Could the enthusiastic praises of these brothers over their new life be poured into the ears of the members of the chapters so unfortunate as

not to have houses, there would be a great awakening of interest in this subject. There is considerable activity in some quarters, but not as much as there should be. Our Correspondents from Union, Colby, and Brown announce that efforts are now being made to secure houses for their chapters. The next year will probably see Cornell and Rutgers in homes of their own, and several other chapters in rented houses.— *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

THIS has been a prosperous year for the University, the total enrollment reaching nearly twelve hundred, about two hundred more than the previous year, notwithstanding the fact that the preparatory department has been abolished. A school of mines and a full course in architecture will be opened in the fall, and a large medical building will be erected. It is expected that the new Minneapolis city hospital will be erected on the campus near the new medical building. A post-graduate course in law, leading to the master's degree, has also been created.— *Delta Upsilon Chapter Letter for University of Minnesota*.

CHAUCER UP TO DATE.

A Knyght was ther, of honour and renoune ;
 He was the lorde of An Arbour toune ;
 Ful worthy was he in his lordes werre,
 And thereto had he ridden (no man ferre).
 After the werre, when he home did comme,
 He came, alas, with arms only oune,
 But natheles he gouverned well his toune,
 For he strong was as is a champioun —
 Yet of his port as meek as is a mayde.
 He nevere yet no vileinye ne sayde —
 An al his lyf, un-to no maner wighte,
 He mayde a poynt to treat the studentes whyte ;
 And theye hym all did love and reverence,
 But now he's gon, they hav not sene him sence.
 The myghte manne of the myghte state
 Ful sawe his powers moste all too late.
 But al in tyme did he com to mynde,
 And they for hym a worthy plac dyd fynde.
 So far the nonce in citey far awaye,
 He hears that the elde Knightes do saye.
 For he is maister of a Knightes reste,
 And he lives there, the blessed of the bleste.
 So ther he stayer, he knows he is oute of syght ;
 He is a verry parfit, Manlye Knighte.

— *Palladium of Michigan University*.

Kappa Alpha for October opens with an account of "The Sixteenth Biennial Convention." This body decided in favor

of alumni chapters; not only this, but that organization of alumni chapters be encouraged to the fullest extent aside from giving them the right of initiation or adding any degree, while the number necessary to get a charter was reduced from eight to five. The *Journal*, which has been a monthly, was changed to a bi-monthly. The constitution was so changed as to empower the convention to select one man as editor-in-chief and business manager. To this individual a salary of \$500 is to be paid, while to the general fund are assigned all subscriptions and advertisements. In speaking of the constitution as it now stands, in regard to extension, the *Journal* says:

No system could more thoroughly secure the permanency of the order. It renders it almost impossible for a chapter to be established at an inferior institution, and equally impossible for a charter to fall into unworthy hands.

Briefly stated, the *modus operandi* is as follows: In some state is an institution desirable as a Kappa Alpha home. Four Kappa Alpha's in good standing unite in recommending certain students as charter members. A majority vote of the chapters in the state, with the original application and the requisite information concerning the institution in question, is sent to the chairman of the advisory board, which is a cabinet of five. If three of the five are favorable, they so report to K. C., who has the power to veto. If the chapters of the state still have a majority vote, and the advisory board is unanimous, the K. C. issues the desired charter.

"Alas! we are swiftly brought back to the commonplace, and our idol is shattered." What is the trouble? That Delta Upsilon appreciate ideals better than human idols? Could they participate in a fraternal grasp with "visions of loveliness clad in ravishing gowus, willowy Greek figures with daintily poised heads, from whose lips flow streams of persuading eloquence and Aspasian wisdom." Men and women make fraternity people; visions, and those who see them, are off the wrong piece of material. No harm done, but we were wondering just why such things were ever said. Women such as represented the women's fraternities at the Pan-Hellenic, don't care for such things or feel that they are the women to call forth such from such men as the Delta Upsilon.

Kappa Alpha's *Journal* for October is replete with interesting material. It invites the reader across the fraternity threshold, and introduces him to some of the best members of the family.

The Trident, Volume I., No. 1, is on our exchange table, and we gladly welcome it. Editorially this issue has struck a chord which will vibrate sympathetically. Says the editor: "We are grateful for the many kind wishes that have been expressed, for the subscriptions, and the contributions to the pages of this first number. It will be necessary, however, to furnish these contributions regularly, and alumnæ, especially, will please bear that fact in mind." A beautiful suggestion. They will remember, sister editor, if you will remind them whenever their assistance is necessary. And yet we are not so sure that there is anything surprising or unhuman about this. It must be that the editor exists for the purpose of continual urging and prodding and plodding! It is the history of all editors, and of fraternity editors in particular, because they must depend upon those to help them who, like themselves, are full of business otherwise. Tri Delta is to be congratulated on the first number of *The Trident*, and THE ARROW wishes for the new journal no worse fate than that it may never be neglected or forgotten by alumnæ.

THE MISSION OF COLLEGE FRATERNITIES.

The mission of the Greek letter fraternity is a subject which can neither be ignored nor lightly considered, for it has its origin in the necessities of our own nature. Its existence may be expressed by the truisms: "Man is a social being;" "Whoever is delighted in solitude is either a wild beast or a god."

The mission of the fraternity is threefold: To cultivate the higher social nature, to secure a high grade of scholarship, and to fortify the aspirations and ambitions toward nobility of purpose and purity of heart.

Bring together a band of students, and they immediately begin to organize themselves into parties, cliques, or clubs. They will not simply oscillate between the class-room and study-room; groups of some kind are inevitable. Students of similar tastes will form themselves into parties for mutual benefit, social and intellectual.

What, then, is the nature of that sympathy and friendship of college fraternities? Human alone? Nay, more, it is divine! The fraternity may be likened to a brother to whom you may go and disclose all your griefs, joys, fears, hopes, in short, everything common to student life, confident of securing in return a warm, hearty response, a word of good cheer.

As an incentive to high intellectual culture, we each recognize it. Each member of any fraternity—our own, for example—feels that the success and reputation rests partially upon him, hence his increased desire to excel even his classmates, at least to sustain a reputation for being a studious fellow. Besides, there is usually a sharp rivalry between college fraternities, hence the intense desire of the fraternities each to outdo the other and carry away the laurels, both in the class-room, in contests, and in all public entertainments.

Again, the college fraternity seeks to develop manly character. That a society should seek for its membership the best scholars, the best writers and speakers, and especially the best moral men, shows conclusively wherein lies its strength. I think the rule, not the exception, is that good morals are conditions of membership. So soon as a student becomes a member of a college fraternity he at once assumes added responsibilities, and is conscious of the fact that a part of the present and future outlook of the fraternity is committed to his care and keeping. It necessitates, therefore, a restriction upon his conduct, greater, oftentimes, than that of college rules and regulations. His self-denial, I am aware, may not always be that higher and nobler type, yet who can tell but that in time it may develop into a more exalted state, and view things from a more sacred relationship?

And yet these college fraternities have been bitterly denounced, and as hotly defended. May this opposition soon disappear! Since the pessimist, with his dissecting knife in one hand and his microscope in the other, will not cease from seeking faults and blemishes this side of the grave, may we still remember that to many the rough marble is but a block of stone to hew, while the sculptor with his artistic eye beholds in it a celestial figure, which with his chisel he will bring forth in all its beauty and sublimity. George Herbert has quaintly said:

" The man that looks on glass
On it may stay his eye,
Or if he please may through it pass
And then the heavens spy."

The faults of the Greek letter fraternity are but the specks upon the glass, while the lens opens unto us a field of growth and betterment.

C. M. BRODIE.

Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

WHAT A FRATERNITY SHOULD BE.

To a member of a fraternity the question often arises, what does the fraternity exist for?—the individual?

The logical answer would be, for the individual as far as her good does not affect the welfare of the other members; for the individual as long as possible—then for the chapter. A fraternity, then, should certainly be of aid to each one of its members, not merely rejoicing in their honors, for it is not then that a member needs help from her chapter, but when the world looks at her coldly for a misdemeanor or an indiscretion; then it is that she looks to her sisters for aid.

Now, if she has been faithful throughout to her fraternity, if she has never wronged them by word or deed, shall the chapter prove itself unfaithful to her at the very time when she needs sympathy? Shall she be turned away merely because by keeping her all will have to bear the burden?

Surely, if such were the case, one would hesitate about joining a fraternity, as it is supposed to be a support and strength in times of trouble. To protect, and defend, and support—these are among the primary objects of a fraternity.

It should represent home life. To students away at college there is often felt that lack of genial home atmosphere, of intimate relations, of *friendly* and *well-meant* criticism. All these the model fraternity should represent as far as possible.

Above all should there be loyalty between the members. You would not allow an outsider, under any circumstances, to make unkind remarks about one of your sisters. Is it better or worse for you to do it yourselves? Not loyalty to be shown off to the world, as I take it, but among ourselves, true, unswerving, and not easily shaken. A fraternity is an inward experience, not an outward show.—*The Key*.

PROUDLY know that in the temple of the universe our country is the beautifully chiselled arch that is serving as a model for all others. But remember well, that arch is supported by a slender column—the purity and nobility of American women.

BESSIE L. LEACH, Gamma.

The Trident.

Delta Upsilon Quarterly for August starts in with a long article on "Extension and Expansion," instead of "Rapid and General Extension" or "No Extension." The writer says:

It is proposed to discover in this paper whether there is a middle ground upon which all may stand, whence, under recognized purposes, we may continue our march in the fore of the fraternity world.

First. Why should even one new chapter be admitted? Because it will redound to the advantage of the chapters already in. Few of us are so ultraistic as to favor extension because it would be a good thing for petitioners. Undoubtedly it would prove advantageous to them to wear the pin of a leading great fraternity, but that would be an unavailing argument were it not reinforced by our self-interest.

So long as homogeneity can be retained, it is to the interest of each Delta Upsilon that there be the largest possible number of alumni. If the relationship be of any service in after college days, its probabilities of usefulness will increase with the lengthening of the roll of graduates. If there is any worth in the title of brother, if it is any recommendation to the good graces of those with whom we wish to make headway, it is evidently an axiom that, the advantages of the relationship still subsisting, the more chapters we have the better.

This is the idea, get the right kind of people in the fraternity, and the more we have the better. There are hundreds of good people, good as we are, doubtless, but the kind not our kind, and they would never make themselves at home with us, and we would always question the wisdom of extension if we should try to make fraternity members out of them.

Real fraternity material we use through life, and while the busy world's requirements in many individual cases preclude the idea of active membership, they are not fatal to the memory of college fraternity homes and their dear ones who gather around the fraternity hearthstone. Neither will the cares of after life prevent with such members the sympathetic response when the fraternities' needs are made known.

Most of the leading fraternities have, within the last two years, taken active steps to extend their influence. And is it not the part of wisdom? They owe their present standing to the fact that in their early history they were represented in the then leading institutions of the country, from which came the leaders in all parts of the land. Some of the colleges which then stood foremost stand now in the third and fourth class, and must fain be content to make their boast of alumnae whose names graced the roster a half-century since. The growing necessity for moneyed equipment will send still others to the rear, and fraternities which confine their chapters to their historic guardians will not find themselves in the van, as they were at the opening of the second great extension movement.

Analyze the sentiment of fraternity pride. Next to satisfaction in the creed of the brotherhood, is it not grounded upon its achievements in college and out? Will a chapter which is not exerting appreciable influence in college affairs turn out the most loyal alumnae? and will

a backward chapter be quick to recover position if the general alumnae of the fraternity are not of high repute? Will not the existence of alumnae clubs and chapters work to the advantage of the undergraduates, and will not they in turn send forth loyal alumnae? A limit will naturally suggest itself as necessary. How shall it be fixed? Only by observation. New chapters should be at intervals remote enough that the process of amalgamation shall not be interrupted. The greatest misfortune that can befall us lies in the possible differentiation of the chapters.

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No chapter should be admitted save at conventions. The presence of interested alumnae, the importunity of the petitioners, and the impatience of forming chapters all work to the disadvantage of the council. If a charter is worth getting, it is worth waiting for, and a body of applicants who have not sufficient staying qualities to hold on until convention season would give small promise of ability to maintain a highly successful chapter.

How about the sweeping enthusiasm and overflowing abundance of fraternity spirit which characterizes conventions; is it not true that measures are there carried *viva voce* that would never be unanimously passed if chapters voted at home? Right here is suggested the necessity of making a careful choice in the matter of delegates. Send young women who are sufficiently self-possessed to think and act mildly, and not be carried away by convention enthusiasm. The members of conventions should be undergraduates, as is advocated by Mr. Thomas in this paper, and for the reason, namely :

A convention is intended as much for the stimulation of fraternity spirit and the spread of enlarged ideas as for the transaction of business, and in either case the undergraduates are its proper parts.

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Discussion should be characterized by perfect good temper. No more unfortunate occurrence is possible than a stormy vote of admission. Not only will it create ill feeling within the minds of the debaters, but will produce a bitterness in the sentiment of the new chapter.