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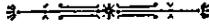
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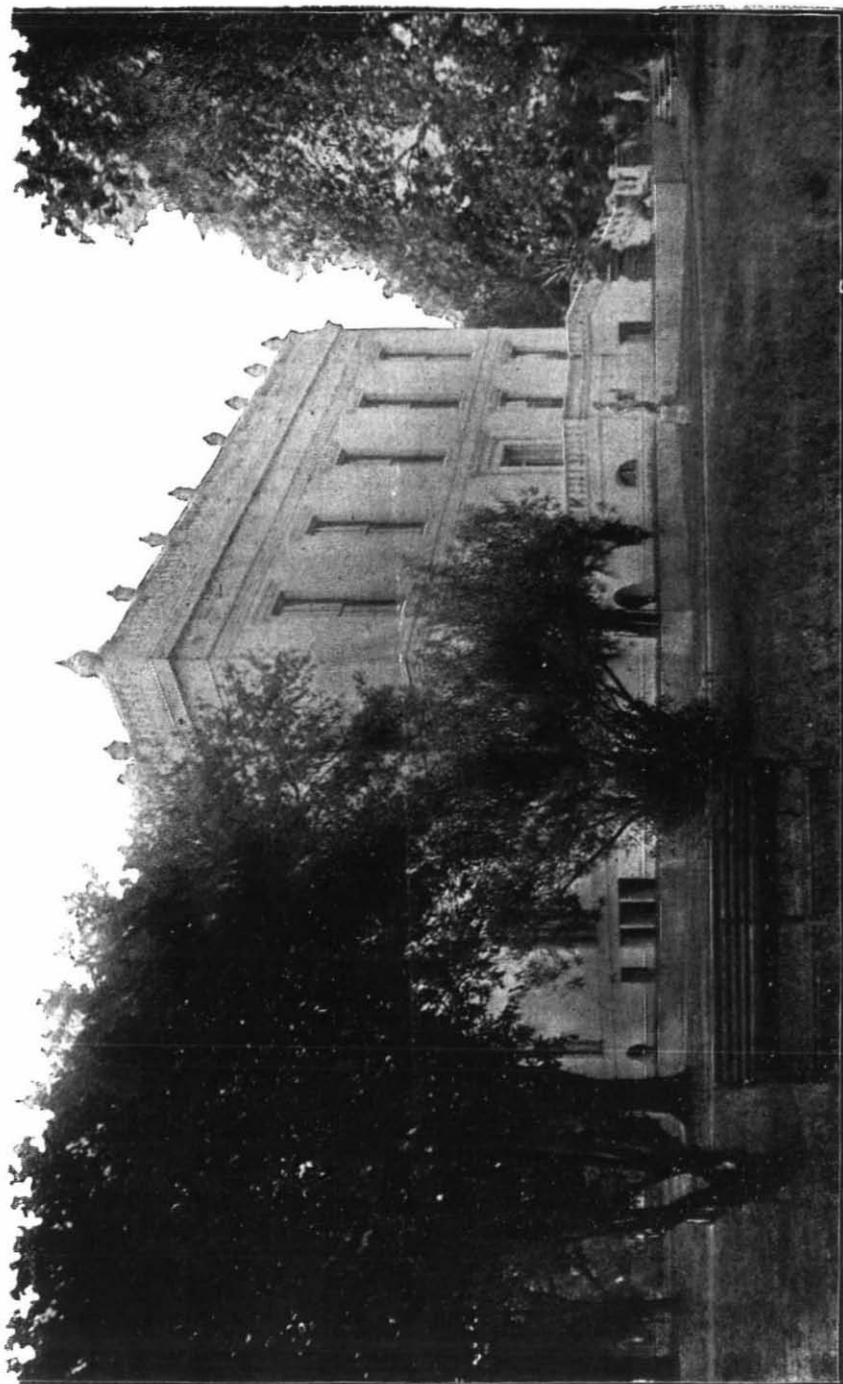
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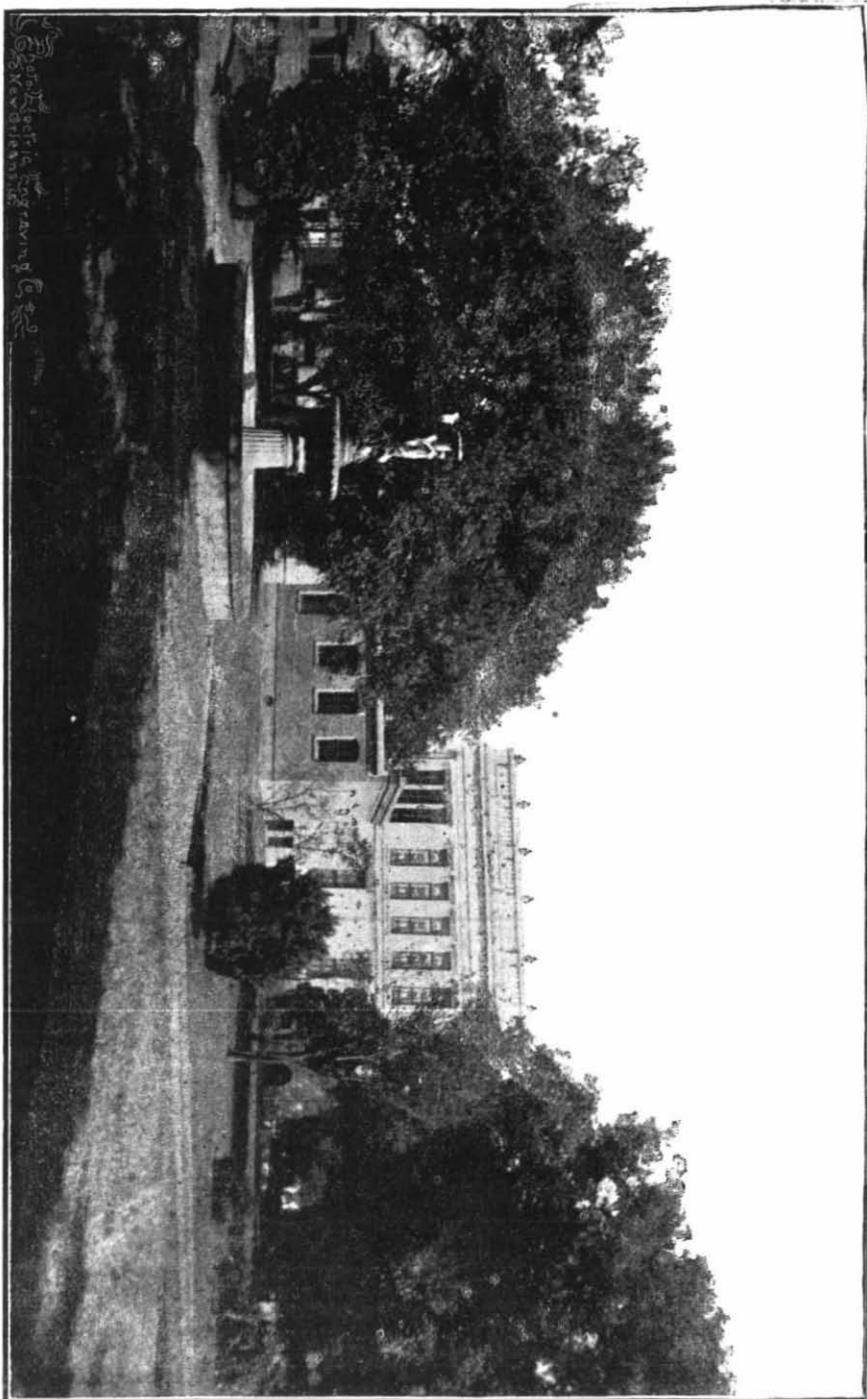
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H. SOPHIE NEWCOMB MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College is a branch of Tulane University. "Tulane-Annex" is a misnomer which we indignantly disclaim, for Newcomb is as distinctly a part of the University as is Tulane College itself. The various schools of Tulane University are: the Law, Medical, Manual Training, Academical and Collegiate Departments, besides H. Sophie Newcomb Preparatory Classes and College. This last-named institution was founded through the generosity of Mrs. Josephine Louise Newcomb, of New York city, as a memorial to her daughter, whose name our Alma Mater bears. The Newcomb is, as yet, of too recent a date to have much of a history; however, its rapid progress testifies to an enterprising energy on the part of those who have succeeded in founding here a long felt want—a college "for the higher education of white girls and young women." The amount originally donated by Mrs. Newcomb was \$100,000. With this sum the first buildings were bought and fitted up for the reception of students to whom its doors were thrown open Thursday, October 16, 1887. The former site of Newcomb was on a square, facing St. Charles, Howard avenue and Camp street; situated near the business thoroughfares whence easy access could be had to all the conveniences of a large city. The buildings, three in number, were the Scientific Laboratory, the Academy, and College Hall, which last contained a chapel, study and recitation rooms, etc. Just opposite Newcomb was one of the largest and handsomest structures in the city—Howard Library, which, together with the many thousand volumes it contains, was a gift from one of our wealthy citizens to the reading public of New Orleans. The students, having within reach so extensive a collection of books, did not feel the want of a College

Library which, at first, on account of the innumerable demands for money, and the comparative insufficiency of means, the Newcomb was scarcely able to afford. Since the first endowment the amount has been increased to \$300,000, and with this additional sum new grounds for the College have been purchased, a large square of several acres in extent, bounded by Washington avenue, Camp, Chestnut, and Sixth streets, and situated in the very heart of the "Garden District." On this site, almost obscured from view by the luxuriant foliage of the oaks, in which it nestled, was formerly the old Buraside residence, built in ante-bellum days, when the South held many such spacious homes. The extensive improvements made by enlarging the building, the addition of another story and various other alterations, have changed this old-fashioned Southern mansion almost beyond recognition, transforming it into a place much more modern in appearance. There has also been erected on the grounds a laboratory which is supplied with all apparatus necessary for a thorough study of every science in the curriculum. To meet the requirements of preparatory classes, which are steadily increasing in numbers, another building is in progress of erection. A few volumes presented to their Alma Mater by some generous students formed the nucleus of a collection of books, which from recent liberal donations, has become a bona fide library.

A special building will be erected for music and art. Painting and drawing have always been prominent features of the college work. A separate chapel building will also be erected as funds permit. However, if the material prosperity of Newcomb increases as rapidly as her standard has been raised, we can safely prophesy that her hopes will be more than realized within a comparatively short time. For those who do not know our city and its people, it may be difficult to appreciate the inestimable benefit which such an institution will be to the community at large, for "who educates a woman educates a race." Previous to the establishment of Newcomb there was no school in New Orleans, or at any place near it, where women could obtain more than an ordinary academical education, and owing to that prejudice against sending a girl from home, which is peculiarly French in its origin, and which, because of the extreme conservatism of our people, proved stronger than a desire for learning, the young women of our city, for the most part,

contented themselves with the superficial knowledge gained from elementary school-books, supplemented by general reading, but the results of college training were sadly wanting.

Owing to the fact that nearly all the Southern academies were differently graded, the first two years saw no regular college classes at Newcomb, and this want of preparatory schools led to the establishment of an academical department, by means of which alone was there any hope of reducing to order the chaotic mass of applicants for admission with their numerous irregularities of grade. The Newcomb opened with comparatively few students and a faculty correspondingly small in numbers. Since then each year has seen new professorships established, and last session one hundred and seventy-eight students were registered; the grade of requirements for admission has been continually raised; in fact, the advance made by the college will compare favorably with the work done in that direction by the most noted women's colleges during the first few years of their existence, and it will probably not be long before we shall have attained to the highest rank. President Dixon, who is a graduate of Cornell University, has carefully chosen a corps of excellent professors, to whose unremitting zeal and personal interest in each pupil is due our present remarkable success and the promise of an even brighter future.

As to the life of a Newcomb student, it differs little from that of any other collegian. At nine, each morning, the bell calls to our pretty chapel, when, after a short service, class room work begins; lectures, recitations, and study hours occupy the day until three or four p. m., by which time most of the students leave the college for their homes or boarding places, for the Newcomb supports no dormitory system and students who do not live in the city find board in private families. There could be chosen for a women's college no better site than New Orleans, because in this southern city, almost surrounded by water, we rarely experience the extremes of heat or cold; in fact it is during but a small portion of the year that we are prevented from enjoying out-door exercise for which our beautiful college grounds present most delightful opportunities. New Orleans being more cosmopolitan than any part of the South, Newcomb is less characterized by a tone of provinciality than would be the case if it were not in touch with elements as various as those which compose the city. The hygienic influences of the location are excellent;

though a great many, particularly they who were never here, have very erroneous impressions concerning the healthfulness of the place. To one who seeks a thorough education, which cannot be obtained from text-books alone, New Orleans offers opportunities unequalled in any southern city; for here the student has the advantages of large libraries, of art galleries, of music and the drama, and of French opera, such as are found no where else in America. I have mentioned before that special prominence is given to art, a certain amount of which, indeed, is required of all students taking a regular collegiate course, and for one who seeks to learn painting or drawing thoroughly, the Newcomb Normal Art School offers unequalled opportunities. No where in the United States will one find more tempting bits of scenery than in our old French-American city and its environs. The facilities for learning French are so well-known as to require no mention. The gymnasium of Newcomb is still in embryo; for, as yet very little apparatus has been bought; however, an increase in this department will probably be one of the next improvements. The pride which our students take in their Alma Mater and the earnestness of their desire for its advancement are potent factors in the forces which are furthering its developments. "College spirit" and class feeling are intensifying each year. The camaraderie which exists between girls who wear the same colors and flower, adds to the pleasure of our students' lives with the charm of a friendly sentiment. No regular paper is published by the Newcomb girls though the senior class of each year generally edits a small sheet of local interest; however the *Tulane Collegian*, managed entirely by the young men of our sister college permits, or rather solicits contributions from the students at Newcomb. A literary club which was established last year, may develop into something worthy of notice, for there is excellent material here. Louisiana Alpha of Pi Beta Phi (nee Alpha Beta Gamma) is, as yet the only chapter of a Greek Letter Fraternity in the college; however the manifold advantages which fraternity girls possess by reason of the bond of sympathy and common interest which makes them so strong a body, will probably lead to the formation of rival chapters. This feature of college life means much to us at Newcomb. In our fraternity hall, class distinctions are forgotten and timid freshmen, reckless sophomores, sensible juniors and haughty seniors meet on equal terms.

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and when Louisiana Alpha takes a day's outing, the upper class women lay aside their assumption of dignity and join the "youngsters" in a joyous yell of:

Ra, Ra, Ra,
Sis, Ra, Bum,
Ra, Ra, Ra,
Sophie Newcomb!

Alice Boarman '91.

(LOUISIANA ALPHA.)

H. Sophie Newcomb Memorial College.

IN MEMORIAM.

Died, at her home in Constantine, Mich., September 7, 1892,
Nellie Gilbert.

RESOLUTIONS.

WHEREAS, It has pleased God to take from us our beloved sister in Pi Beta Phi, Nellie Gilbert; be it

Resolved, That in her death we realize a great misfortune to our fraternity, and that we extend to her family our heartfelt sympathy.

Michigan Alpha Chapter, Pi Beta Phi.

OF INTEREST TO ALL WOMEN.

It is said there are one thousand American girls studying art in Paris.

There are thirty-seven thousand women telegraph operators in the United States.

The Pennsylvania, Ohio and Ann Arbor Dental colleges are the only ones that admit women.

It is estimated that there are now six thousand three hundred and thirty-five postmistresses in this country.

Lady Henry Somerset says American women understand public affairs much better than do the women of England.

Last year nine hundred girls were sent away on vacations of two weeks each by the Working Girls' Vacation Society, of New

York City, and over 4,000 tickets were given to girls who could leave the city but for a day.

Bret Harte's daughter, Jessamy, has made her literary debut, and her work shows marked literary ability.

Sara Bernhardt will contribute a painting to the women's gallery of pictures at the Columbian Exposition.

Mrs. C. C. Candy has accomplished the descent of Pike's Peak on a bicycle in less than four hours and a quarter.

Asheville, North Carolina, has a woman embalmer; she has practiced the art nine years and has become very proficient in it.

The Icelandic nation, which numbers about seventy thousand people, is governed by representatives elected by the men and women.

Hospitals for women have been established by women physicians in Philadelphia, New York, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Minneapolis.

The Queen of the Sandwich Islands is so ardent a temperance advocate that she will have no wines or spiritous liquors at her dinners and receptions.

Mrs. Olive Harris, M. D., of Iowa, is medical missionary at Sierra Leone, West Africa, and for several months conducted the work entirely alone.

Princess Louise has had a papier mache model of herself made and so avoids the loss of time and temper involved in standing to have her dresses fitted.

St. Paul, Minn., is the first city in the northwest, if not in the United States, to decide that its women teachers shall receive the same salaries as the men teachers for the same work.

Miss Florence Nightingale, though an invalid, still directs the Chief Training School for Nurses, in London. There are twenty thousand trained nurses in England, Ireland and Scotland.

Katherine Tupper Prescott, who has attained enviable success in executing medallion portraits in bas-relief, is now at work on a life-size bas-relief of Mrs. Potter Palmer, which will be placed in the Woman's Building at the Columbian Exposition.

Dr. Emily Kempin, founder of the law courses for women in New York city, has been installed assistant professor at the University of Zurich. Miss Kempin has the honor of being the first

regular lecturer on English and American law in the German universities, as it has hitherto been taught only in the mercantile department.

About five hundred women are employed in the administration of railways in France; in Dublin the ticket agents are nearly all women; while Holland employs women as tenders at railway switches.

The Catholic women of the world are to have an exhibition of their work at the World's Fair. This project has the approval of Pope Leo XIII, and the plan was brought about by Mrs. Potter Palmer and Bishop Ireland.

Few writers of magazine literature have been longer or more favorably known than the late Rose Terry Cooke, and yet it is said that with all her talent she was not able to make much more than pin money from her literary labors.

Illinois has fifty-three registered women pharmacists and fifty assistants. The Women's Pharmaceutical Association of that State has been organized and chartered for the purpose of mutual benefit and to arrange for an exhibit at the World's Fair.

The *Arena* for August contains the most important symposium on women's clubs ever published. The subject is treated on all its sides by eleven women of prominence; among them, Mrs. Livermore, Louise Chandler Moulton, May Wright Sewall and Ellen M. Mitchell.

Miss Jessie Ludlow, a seventeen year old girl of South Carolina, has won the prize offered by the *Times* of Manchester, England, for the best composition on "The Best Book, and Why I Like It." Competition was open to the world. Miss Ludlow's subject was "Ivanhoe."

Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, the well-known philanthropist who died recently, was a sister-in-law of the late Maria Mitchell. Mrs. Mitchell served three years on the Chicago Board of Education and took great interest in manual training for children. Her life was devoted to work among outcast women.

The Temperance Temple, the national building of the W. C. T. U., situated in Chicago, is the most beautiful office structure in the city and many claim it to be the most beautiful structure of its kind in the world. It is thirteen stories high with a frontage of 190

feet. The architecture is French-gothic; the first two stories being of granite, the rest of pressed brick and terra cotta. The roof breaks into Gothic turrets, from the center of which rises a *fliche* of gold bronze, crowned by the figure of a woman in the attitude of invoking a blessing on the great city at her feet. The building will be dedicated sometime during the World's Fair.

Among the fine faculty the Chicago University is securing for itself will be Martha Foote Crow, who has been recalled from Oxford, England, to take the chair of English literature, and Marion Tulbot, a member of the Board of Visitors and Instructors of Wellesley College, who has been appointed assistant-professor in the department of social science.—*Harper's Bazar*.

Miss Zelia Nuttall, of San Francisco, who is doing remarkable work in American anthropology, is considered authority on every thing relating to Mexican archæology and history. Miss Nuttall surrounds herself with Aztec atmosphere; her library, one of the richest in Mexican works in existence, is encased in pieces of furniture whose forms and decorations are drawn from Mexican architecture.

Lieutenant Peary's wife, who has just returned from the arctic regions with the rest of her husband's party, was the first woman who ever braved the rigors of Greenland. She showed no ill effects from her winter near the pole, and is reported to have battled through it with as much energy as any of the men of the party. To her the men owed many of the comforts that made the dreary winter-time endurable.—*Harper's Bazar*.

The University of St. Andrews which dates back to the fourteenth century, and which for five hundred years has been the center of learning in Scotland, has opened its doors to women. More eminent men have been connected with the institution as students and professors than with any other British university of its size, and it is but fitting that this ancient seat of learning should add to its historic interest by taking this radical step of progress.

Germany, the last stronghold which woman has to attack, looks as if it might soon yield to her earnest entreaty and open the doors of its universities to her. Prof. Herbert Grimm, who represents the University of Berlin, in a recent article in a German magazine, advocates strongly the admission of women to equal rights with men

at the universities. The women of Germany have believed themselves to be intellectually inferior to men, and as Prof. Grimm admits are incapable of taking the place in science and literature that modern society demands of them. Let Germany give her daughters the privilege they desire, and she will not complain of their incapability.

American girls who go to Paris to study art usually club together and set up housekeeping in a simple homelike way. Living in Paris is far easier than in New York, as soups and meats may be bought already cooked, and poultry is sent home daintily broiled or roasted. Gas stoves may be rented at fifty cents a month, and the wages of a maid of all work, to sweep, scour, make beds, etc., are very low, and the maid is paid by the hour. In the art schools equal advantages are afforded to women as to men.—*Harper's Bazar*.

The kindness shown the Freshman class of women's colleges, in marked contrast with the treatment of the Freshman class in men's colleges, is very prettily illustrated at Bryn Mawr. In addition to calls, "teas," and an attitude of cordial welcome from the older students, it is the custom of the Sophomores each year to give the Freshmen a play in the gymnasium. The play selected last year was one of Hans Andersen's fairy tales dramatized. Some months later the Freshmen gave a play, and the invitations to the Sophomores requested them to occupy the front seats at the entertainment. When the curtain rose, the Freshmen stepped forward with baskets of roses, which were scattered over the astonished and delighted Sophomores. They had chosen this pretty way to make public acknowledgment of the kind and generous treatment received at the hands of the Sophomores.—*Harper's Bazar*.

WHAT A FRATERNITY GIRL THINKS.

The opposition of many high-principled, and other well broad-minded people against fraternities is the result of their belief that

From the the fraternity fosters a tendency toward aristocracy
Other Side. and exclusivism, and that such a tendency has no place in the democratic atmosphere of an American college. They claim that a few congenial spirits, united in the bonds of a fraternity, satisfied with the ready-made friendships at hand, selfishly

employ themselves in having a good time together, indifferent to all outside the magic circle. The result is a narrow, self-centered clique. At least so it looks to outsiders, from whose point of view we wish now to consider fraternities so that we may know just how we look from the "other side." A recent fraternity journal quotes a clergyman as saying, "The conservative, selective element in college fraternities is a bad hindrance toward the development of the broad, universal Christian feeling which should exist among college students as a whole, and owing to this the fraternity is detrimental to the *general good*." This criticism has no weight against the fundamental principles of fraternities, which are founded on the highest command in the law and the prophets—love thy neighbor as thyself—or, universal brotherhood. From the very name which we bear—fraternity—we *must* believe in the brotherhood of humanity, and in the establishment of harmony and peace. And as fraternities we are doing something, at least, toward this ideal. We believe we have made friendships a little deeper and stronger, sympathies a little more susceptible and active, and natures more social and humane. And what man, clergyman or otherwise, whose ideal is universal brotherhood, can make his ideal real in any other way? No man can love the whole world, he must learn universal love by loving *this* man and *that* man, by doing good to *this* friend and to *that* friend. Fraternities do just this. No further justification for their existence is needed.

Nevertheless, let us remember that fraternities must work *out* as well as *in*, that they have a duty to outsiders too.

Let them surround themselves with an atmosphere of friendship and good will, being ready to extend the helping hand to those outside the bonds, remembering that it is only when friendship is confined to the inside that the foregoing criticism has weight. We need to stop once in a while and reflect how we look from the other side.

How many of us in our school days ever go any deeper into the meaning of life than to touch upon the things we like or dislike, the things we desire or do not desire? We often realize what a superficial plan of life this is when we meet with some such definition as Lord Wellington's, whose ideal of life was "To dare nobly, to will strongly, and never to hesitate in sublime devotion to duty." In the face

Where
Happiness
is Found

of such words as this from a man who filled the whole English army with his spirit, how paltry, how disgraceful it seems to hear some one say, "But I don't want to do it, and I shall not do it," thus making personal pleasure the criterion of action. One whose words are always full of wisdom, answered my question thus, "Why are we put into this strange world of ours? Plainly not to be happy alone, for even the child will tell you again and again that he is not happy. In fact, we are not expected to *be* anything but to *act*, to form for ourselves a character for which the all wise Father gives us opportunities from time to time, for the use or misuse of which we are responsible."

Surely we can all find much to think upon in these words, not only abstractly and philosophically, but personally searching to find if our hearts acknowledge the truth of them, or whether we strive not to listen, excusing ourselves and blinding conscience with more or less success. The soldier is often taken as a type of devotion to duty, and the first requisite in a good soldier is obedience. No one is fit to command who does not know how to obey. Not alone obedience upon conviction, for anyone but a willful fool will do what he is convinced is best and right; but the obedience that comes from confidence and trust, *that* obedience stands not far from satisfied duty, and contentment holds out both hands to welcome it, for contentment is the only happiness, and contentment lies deep in the heart. If the polished mirror of the heart reflect the rays of duty only, not of vain and idle impulses—then like the pictures in the magic glass, contentment will slowly form upon the brilliant surface until it fills it from brim to brim. Then do not fret at what seem foolish rules, stupid regulations, meaningless forms; by and by you will see more clearly, and if now you search only for duty you will soon understand the wide reach of conventions that have slowly crystallized from centuries of man's intercourse with his brothers. It is not necessary to remind anyone of that pretty old proverb that tells of the immediate personal results of doing an unpleasant duty, for every one knows that a sense of duty performed makes a rainbow in the soul.

E. B. Allen.

I have been immeasurably irritated during the summer by the constantly recurring questions, What are you going to do with your college education after spending so much time on it? And, What use will your higher mathematics, your Greek and your science, be to you after all? In these questions there was always an undertone of unbelief in higher education except as a money-making investment, as a matter of dollars and cents. It saddens me that such a sordid, money-grasping spirit is abroad in our land. As for me, I am glad to lift up my voice and proclaim that I don't care if I never earn a dollar by my college education that I could not have earned without it. It is strange that college presidents have to keep pleading for higher education, have to keep insisting that its value cannot be reckoned in dollars and cents. Are the people all dead who believe that there is something better in life than money and fame, and the tangible results these bring; that life cannot be reduced to a dollar and cent calculation? I wish to plead for a moment for the higher, the more ideal, the more subtle elements of life. There is such a need in this sad work-a-day world for higher ideals, for firmer principles, for keener intellectual development, for a purer and nobler inner life. These are, after all, what make life worth living. It is our inner life that endures. Beauty, virtue and truth are the only realities.

COLLEGE AND FRATERNITY NOTES.

Twenty chapters of Phi Kappa Psi occupy rented chapter houses.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Leland Stanford, Junior, is now the only American college where tuition is free in all its branches.—*The Shield*.

Miss Mary Graham, a graduate of Wesleyan, and Miss Mary Scot, a Vassar graduate, are the first women to receive fellowships of Yale.

The Phi Delta Theta fraternity has granted a charter for Princeton College. This will be the first chapter of any fraternity to establish there.—*Miami Student*.

The University of Pennsylvania has opened a graduate department for women. The new department will start with a force of

thirty-three professors, and will grant to women the degrees of M. A., M. S. and Ph. D.

Eleven Chapter Houses are owned by Psi Upsilon Chapters, and the twelfth is now building.—*The Shield*.

Of the three hundred and sixty-five colleges in the United States, two hundred and four are co-educational.

Miss Mary Story, of Tyrone County, Ireland, has been appointed assistant examiner in French to the Royal University of Ireland, a post hitherto held only by men.

The first rumors of a grand convention of all the '93 men of American colleges, to be held at the World's Fair, are floating about in the air.—*University Cynic*.

In a German university a student's matriculation card shields him from arrest, admits him at half price to theaters, and takes him free to art galleries.—*University Cynic*.

One of the corridors in Mammoth Cave is known as Fraternity Hall. It contains pyramids of stones representing fourteen different fraternities. Each visitor adds one stone to the pile representing his fraternity.—*Z A E Record*.

One-third of the university students of Europe die prematurely from the effects of bad habits acquired in college; one-third die prematurely from the effect of close confinement at their studies; and the other third govern Europe.—*Guizot*.

The Women's College of Baltimore is the first college in the world to make physical training a full department with regular professors and instructors. All students are required to take the course as an important branch of the curriculum.

Miss Louisa MacDonald, the recently elected principal of the new University College for women, at Sydney, New South Wales, is only thirty-three years old, but has a fine record as a classical scholar, and a reputation as an archaeologist.

President Harper of the Chicago University announces that the University is to be in all respects a co-educational institution. Further, it is stated that women are to be on the faculty and are to share in the work of the University just as men.—*Boston Journal*.

The shield of Theta Delta Chi has the following admonition at the head of the chapter letter department: Charge editors are again

requested to write only on one side of the paper, and to assume a style somewhat more expansive than a telegraphic communication.

The Psi Upsilon and D. K. E., the two leading Yale junior societies, adopted resolutions to-night which will prevent the possibility of a recurrence of the Rustin accident. The resolutions were that taking the oath and assenting to the constitution of the societies, and nothing more, shall fulfill initiation obligations.—*Ex.*

Arrangements are being perfected for the publication of a monthly magazine called *The College Fraternity*, to be commenced next October. Eugene H. L. Randolph (Phi Delta Theta), P. O. Box 1398, New York, will be editor, and Frederick M. Crossett (Delta Upsilon), P. O. Box 2887, New York, will be the manager. Its aims will be to publish timely and cogent articles of general interest to fraternity men, to reproduce the best editorial and other matter of the regular official organs of the fraternities, to cover the field of fraternity news in all its branches, and to bring into closer touch with each other, and into mutual co-operation, the members of the different fraternities. The objects are laudable, and the enterprise not only deserves to succeed, but will be of great benefit to all of the fraternities of the United States, if it does succeed.—*The Sigma Chi Quarterly.*

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta has sent out the following emphatic circular, headed in large capitals.

“ DO YOU GRADUATE ?

“ Do you quit college this year? If so, subscribe for the *Scroll* now. Why? You have been interested in and worked for $\Phi \Delta \theta$ through your college course. You have been inquiring how we are to retain the interest of our alumni. You have promised yourself, no doubt, that you will not forget $\Phi \Delta \theta$ in after life. Now you are about to withdraw from college, and the question to the Fraternity is, are we to have your continued interest as promised, or are you to become lost to us? The alumnus, if he would retain interest in $\Phi \Delta \theta$, must know what is going on in the Fraternity. This means that he must read the *Scroll*. If you expect to take *The Scroll* at all, subscribe for it *now*; for if you wait awhile, the probabilities are, that you will never subscribe.

“If you once get out of touch with the Fraternity you are likely to remain so, and the active membership will be wonder-

ing how much sincerity was in the loyalty you avowed when in college.

“We want the Phis of '92 to keep alive the memories of $\Phi \Delta \theta$, and to have their names to a man on our mailing list.

“The Convention authorized any member to retain 25 cents on every new subscription obtained by him. His name, address, and 75 cents, will entitle any Phi retiring from college this year to Volume XVII, entire. Phis not expecting to have a permanent address, can have it changed promptly on our mailing list as often as notices are given.

“Do not neglect this, but enroll yourself among those who are to remain interested and loyal Phis.”

ALUMNÆ DEPARTMENT.

PI BETA PHI ALUMNÆ ASSOCIATIONS.

There is no better plan for keeping Alumnæ in working order than the formation of Alumnæ Associations wherever sufficient material exists. This applies especially to large cities, in some of which there is surely a good number of Pi Beta Phis. In Chicago the number is abundantly large to form a strong organization. Steps have already been taken toward the formation of a Pi Beta Phi Alumnæ Association in Chicago, and in order to hasten this work let every chapter send to the ARROW the name and addresses of its Chicago Alumnæ. Strong city associations add materially to the strength of any fraternity. They centralize and define wandering fraternity spirit, creating a unity of interest and effort which would otherwise be scattered and fruitless.

THE FRATERNITY AFTER GRADUATION.

Judging from my own experience, fraternity spirit has three phases. In my early college days it was mainly enthusiasm for my own chapter, and an intense, unreasoning, girlish loyalty to everything that concerned Pi Beta Phi. I loved the girls of my own chapter devotedly, and felt sure that I could love every Pi Beta Phi just as sincerely, even at first sight. I constructed a romantic ideal of fraternity friendship, and conscientiously believed in the possibility of having sisterly relations with all who were within the bond

of the same organization. This sentimental phase of the fraternity spirit is very common among undergraduates of all fraternities, especially where chapter life is harmonious, and the members are of an idealizing turn of mind. This cannot be said to be the highest form of the fraternity spirit, yet it does not merit the unqualified disapproval and ridicule it so often gets. Even the most sensitive and worldly of us has a due amount of sentiment and emotion, and sentiment turned in the direction of idealizing friendship is surely an error on the right side.

The second phase comes after college life is ended. Fraternity journals have the habit of writing about the inactivity of Alumni, taking it as a matter of course that they should lapse into indifference. In nine cases out of ten the Alumni will of course do just what is expected of them. Very often after a certain amount of friction with the real world, there comes to the Alumna the realization of the impossibility of such ideal friendships with unknown sisters as she dreamed of in college days and a revulsion comes. She comes to believe that all her fraternity meant after all was carefully nurtured and highly sensitive friendship for a few congenial girls. She looks upon it all as a delightful ideal of girlhood of which she has learned the impracticability. It was well enough in its place but its place is not in the life of a busy woman. Thus she mentally severs her connection with her fraternity.

Every broad-minded Alumna should come at last to the third and best phase of the fraternity spirit, which is devotion to the fraternity as an organization standing for the highest social ideals and interests in our American colleges. All social, educational and religious movements take the form of organizations. Work in any line can be best accomplished by joining one's self to men banded together for a like purpose, and pursuing a co-operative method of action. The school, the college, the University stand for education, the church for practical morality and philanthropy. Work for either of these purposes is most effective when done in such an organization with the help and inspiration of others having the same end in view. The fraternity stands for social ideas particularly. Founded as it is on friendship—that closest bond among men—it cannot help but develop those social graces that follow in the train of many and intimate companionships, if regulated by high ideals. If you belong to a fraternity, and are interested in the growth of a

better and higher social life among the American people, give your present support to that organization which aims to develop such social life in our colleges.

The object of this article is to show that fraternities are not mere sentiment, mere local and personal affairs, but organizations that represent a grand idea. As such they are worthy of every member's life-long support.

Alumna.

FROM THE HISTORY OF KANSAS ALPHA.

The University of Kansas, which to-day supports nine fraternities, completed eight years of its existence without a Greek within its halls.

All thought of college organizations centered in the literary societies which enjoyed a Golden Age in consequence, admitting to membership both young men and young women and carrying out the true idea of their co-educational Alma Mater. The young women seemed content with the debates and exercises of these societies and for the time kept the even tenor of their way, but not so with the young men, who in 1872 opened a correspondence with *B Θ Π* of Monmouth College looking toward the establishment of that fraternity in Kansas State University.

The waters thus troubled were not easily stilled, and the student community thought long and much on the fraternity idea and the Greek letter fraternity system.

As a result, and acting upon the advice of *B Θ Π*, eight young women made application for charter to the Grand Chapter of I. C., then located at Monmouth, and on April 1, 1873, very shortly after the organization of *B Θ Π*, first fraternity at Kansas State University, the Kappa Chapter of I. C. was founded with charter members: Hannah Oliver, Clara Morris, Lizzie Yeagley, Vina Lambert, Gertrude Boughton, Flora, May and Alma Richardson. Being without rivals, there was no haste whatever in the selection of members and chapter growth was confined wholly to the most staid and dignified young women of the University. Chapter work followed the line of literary society work, which evidently was deemed essential.

The first I. C. cookey shine occurred in June, 1873, and from that day to this has been enthusiastically maintained, even to its homely name.

What's in a name?

In this one there is everything suggestive of reunion when fraternity rules supreme; when the alumnae indulge in memories of those first years and tell again the story of their trials and their joys; when we compare the *then and now* and boast with pride over our rapidly developing organization and thoroughly enjoy having the alumnae tell us, "Yes, but your friendships are not sweeter."

In 1881 a rival fraternity appeared in the organization of Kappa Alpha Theta, and a different line of action was forced upon Pi Beta Phi, but if true with other organizations that rivalry is necessary to keep out of ruts, so with fraternity chapters, and the rivalry thus occasioned at Kansas State University was decidedly beneficial. In 1883, Kappa Kappa Gamma entered the University and the rivalry became more intense. But withal, pleasant relations have always existed among the three chapters, as the records of Pan Hellenic parties, banquets and the interchange of fraternity courtesies bear witness.

The three fraternities thus established, Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi, have maintained strong chapters from their very foundation, the scale inclining sometimes in favor of one, sometimes in favor of the other.

Kansas Alpha boasts of having now more than her share of college honors.

Five of the chapter's membership have at different times held positions in the University faculty: Gertrude Boughton Blackwelder, Mrs. Perkins, Mary Miller, Hannah Oliver and Miss Crotty, and in but one other instance have the rival chapters been represented in the faculty of Kansas State University. With but one exception, and that exception not a fraternity woman, the only women who have had the distinction of delivering Masters' Orations have been Pi Beta Phis. We boast also that Pi Beta Phi is the only woman's fraternity at Kansas State University from whose ranks Phi Beta Kappas have been chosen, as well as the only one from which election has been made to the honorary scientific society Sigma Xi.

FRIENDSHIP.

A ruddy drop of manly blood
 The surging sea outweighs;
 The world uncertain comes and goes,
 The lover rooted stays.
 I fancied he was fled,
 And after many a year,
 Glowed unexhausted kindness
 Like daily sunrise there.
 My careful heart was free again,
 O friend, my bosom said,
 Through thee alone the sky is arched,
 Through thee the rose is red,
 All things through thee take nobler form
 And look beyond the earth,
 The mill-round of our fate appears
 A sun-path in thy worth.
 Me too thy nobleness has taught
 To master my despair,
 The fountains of my hidden life
 Are through thy friendship fair.

Ralph Waldo Emerson.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

The Ohio University began its work quietly and vigorously.

Ohio Alpha can do little more in the way of a chapter letter than extend greetings to the sister chapters and wish them every possible success throughout the year.

Two of our girls, Corinne Super and Carrie Mathews, graduated in the class of '92; only one of these is lost to us this year.

With the opening of the term we lose four girls, Annette and Elizabeth Higgins, Carrie Mathews and Carrie Sowers. The latter will attend the Art School at New York, the others will teach.

Also we add to our members by the return of a helpful worker, Elizabeth Foster, who has been teaching for the past two years.

Most of the girls spend their vacation away from town and have now returned to their college work with renewed strength and vigor.

Corinne E. Super, '92, spent her vacation in travelling; being at Cleveland, New York, Philadelphia and Mountain Lake Park.

Grace Grosvenor, '93, spent a part of her vacation at Spring Lake, N. J. and Washington City.

Our sympathies are with Bertha Brown, for the loss of her father, who died in July.

Carrie Mathews, '92, goes to Winamac, Ind., where she has the principalship of the schools.

Frances J. Norton, '91, has accepted a position as teacher in the public schools of Athens.

Bertha Hoover was with friends at Massilon, during the summer.

Bertha W. McVay, who has been teaching at Nephi, Utah during the past year is again in the chapter.

Alberta Worton spent a few weeks visiting friends at Chillicothe, Ohio.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

Indiana Alpha begins the new school year with ten active members. Last spring the chapter numbered the largest membership in its history, but the fall finds vacant places in Pi Phi circles. Three are teaching: Miss Gorby, at Frankfort; Miss Fletcher, at Hope-well; Miss Abbot, at Jamesville.

College opened with an unusually good attendance, which at once suggested possibilities for chapter growth. The opening address was given by Prof. James M. Coulter, President of Indiana State University, on "The College Spirit," and was worthy the man and the occasion.

Enlarged facilities for college work meet us on every hand.

Students in the Science Department are delighted with the new Gorby collection, which is conceded to be the finest in the Central States, and Franklin is extremely fortunate in securing it. Mr. Gorby, State Geologist and donor of the collection, is the father of Miss Gorby, Ind. A.

Completing the \$50,000 endowment fund secures the \$10,000 Rockafeller gift.

The Mathematical Department is enriched by the Jacobs' telescope, a gift of the late Mr. C. P. Jacobs, of Indianapolis. Though a business man, Mr. Jacobs was an enthusiast on astronomy and found his recreation in its study. He was also a deeply earnest and zealous Christian worker, identified with all Baptist interests. One can faintly understand what beauty and satisfaction such a man must have found in the Psalmist's words, "The heavens declare the glory of God, the firmament showeth his handiwork; day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge."

In faculty work, Miss Teppenfeld assumes the full chair of Modern Languages, and Indiana Alpha shares in the glory. Miss Teppenfeld spent the past summer studying French, German and Italian at the Saver school, Exeter, N. H.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

The remnant of Michigan Alpha joyfully greets you all once more through the ARROW.

We are strong in energy, but weak in numbers, only six out of the fifteen active members returning

However, one of our charter members, Minta Morgan, has returned, and we unexperienced girls expect a great deal from her.

Twice this summer, the chime of happy marriage bells has reached us—once from Lincoln, Nebraska, where Kittie Closson was married to J. U. Green, a professor of Keuka College, N. Y.—Mr. Green is a member of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity. August 24, at Coldwater, Mich., Louella Treat was married to Arthur Holbrook.

For the first time since the founding of Michigan Alpha, each of its members is wearing a little bow of crepe in memory of our sweet and patient friend, Nellie Gilbert, whom God has relieved of her sufferings and taken to himself.

So with mingled feelings of joy and sadness we begin our work of the fall term.

So many bright and intelligent new faces surround us, that we feel sure we shall be able to swell the number of Pi Phi before we greet you all again.

Success to all.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The University of Michigan opened the first of October with its usual large attendance. For so large an institution few changes have taken place.

The law building, which has been enlarged and improved, and the slowly rising Waterman gymnasium made the only noticeable difference in the Campus.

At the University of Michigan the lot of the freshman young woman is by no means the unenviable one which is decreed to the freshmen of so many colleges. The Women's League, an organization of all the women of the University, for the purpose of promoting social unity, and leveling class distinctions, makes it its business to give a cordial welcome to all new girls. Not a welcome of mere words, but practical assistance in securing rooms, room mates, arranging work and learning the ways of the college. Under these conditions no girl can feel utterly friendless and alone. She instinctively feels that there is a spirit of help and sympathy abroad.

Indeed, there seems to be a tendency here to break down the barriers which usually stand between fraternity and non-fraternity women, and to create an atmosphere of general good will.

Pi Beta Phi has publicly indicated her attitude toward this movement by entertaining the Women's League at an afternoon tea, thus being the first fraternity here to extend its hospitality to all the women of the University.

Michigan Beta begins the year with twelve active members, of these, ten occupy a rented chapter house, thus forming a fraternity home. Such a home is invaluable for social purposes, and for giving dignity and importance to the fraternity as well as for deepening chapter friendships.

There is no compact between the six societies this year in regard to rushing and pledging, since Delta Gamma refused to enter into any agreement, so our discretion and sense of honor are our only guides in the matter.

Michigan Beta sends greetings to all chapters and best wishes for a happy college year.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—H. SOPHIE NEWCOMB MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

Louisiana Alpha can send a short greeting only, for as yet the members have not returned from their annual peregrinations, and nothing of interest appertaining to our chapter life has occurred since last we wrote. Newcomb College will reopen on the first of October, and not before then shall we resume our fraternity duties. This is the season of the year when so many of us make those not-to-be-kept resolutions of studying very much during the ensuing session; it is now that we are taking down our text-books from the highest shelf in our closets and opening those "tomes of forgotten lore," thinking with a long-drawn sigh of a vacation spent more pleasantly than profitably and knowing that "soon, too soon" we must earnestly apply ourselves to study. The *dolce far niente* of the past few months, though it was sweet in possession, has become much dearer in reminiscence now that we are forced to realize the truth of what "the poet sings that a sorrow's crown of sorrow is remembering happier things." We send cordial greetings.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

After the proverbially short vacation, Illinois Beta sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

We sadly miss three good workers, Grace Harsh, Lissie Seeley and Alice Durston, who left us with the graduating class of last June.

We also regret that Cora Perkins is not with us. She will pursue her studies in elocution at Quincy.

Elice Crissey is with us again after several years' absence.

During the summer occurred two marriages in which Pi Beta Phis will be interested. At Ventura, Cal., July 15, 1892, Mildred F. Woods was married to Bret H. Brigham. August 10, 1892, at Abnigon, Ill., Lizzie V. Wagle was married to Claude N. Anderson.

We were delightfully surprised upon our return to see the many improvements at Lombard. The building is more than attractive in its new coat of paint, with its newly papered walls, new steam heaters, and new fixtures for gas.

The University also now rejoices in a splendidly equipped Chemical Laboratory;—but perhaps what pleases us most is the new waiting room for the young women, so comfortably furnished is it as to

be a constant suggestion of cosy chats and lazy half hours or impromptu theatricals with the dramatis personæ composed of fun-loving college girls.

What a rendezvous such a room becomes. What secrets its walls are hearing. What tales they might tell.

Perhaps, more than any other, it will be the scene of our reminiscing in years to come.

Not only are there changes in the building but in the faculty as well. Three of last year's instructors have resigned, and a new President occupies the chair.

For itself, Illinois Beta boasts a chapter hall pleasantly located, toward the furnishings of which all our thoughts are turning, and visions of wine and blue in curtain and portieres, of warm looking rugs, big rockers and soft cushions and of the tea cosy, now fill the measure of our dreams, and we promise a year's good work to make the dreaming a being.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

All have heard, in other words perhaps, that if a soul is kindled with love some one must catch the sparks that fly. Illinois Delta has once more drawn in the lines that all summer have been stretched by wandering sisters, and as we once more organize for loving work, we hope that the sparks that fly to you from us will be vital burning ones, and that you will feel the sympathy that we extend to all who are to be coöperators with us in this year's work. As in social science we trace the welfare of the community to the work done by the individual, so we know that honor given to a sister brings honor to the fraternity. Illinois Delta has been greatly honored this past year both by the College Faculty and by the students. Three of our chapter while yet actively at work on their college course, were appointed as assistant instructors in their special lines of proficiency: Charlotte Stetson, '93, assistant in mathematics; Mary Frost, '92, assistant in Latin and literature; Grace Lass, '92, assistant in the elocutionary department. Such action is unprecedented in the history of Knox. Six Pi Phis were members of '92. Mary Frost received second honors of the class. Out of four places given to women on the class day programme, three were given to Pi Phis: Anna Robson, class marshaless; Grace Lass, class poem; Elizabeth Boggs, address to juniors. On the ladies'

contest Illinois Delta had two representatives, Margaret Tait and Elizabeth Boggs. Margaret Tait was given second prize. We have very selfishly taken about all that was offered and are very proud of the record. Now a new year is opening, and although we delight to linger on deeds well done, we do not forget the old Oriental maxim, "All things pass away," and this year we strive to carve the chapter name still one notch higher.

Since our last letter we have admitted to the inner circle four members: Madeline Masters, Mary Root, Nida Hopkins and Lulu Fisk.

Loving sympathy goes out to our sister Margaret Tait, of Illinois Delta, who so soon after completing a successful college course has been brought to mourn the death of her mother.

Elizabeth Boggs, '92, spent the summer in the East. She will take up work in one of the photographic art firms of the city.

Margaret Tait, '92, has entered the book world under Francis Carey, one of the largest dealers in the city.

Della Robbins, '95, visited in Ann Arbor soon after Commencement.

Mrs. May Phimister-Comstock, '91, has entered the Conservatory for a full course.

Amy Smith, '92, visited the chapter at the opening of college to assist in opening the chapter's campaign.

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Iowa Alpha sends greetings. Ten of our circle have returned for college work, after the long vacation. Several of our members are teaching, so that our number is sadly reduced. We lost three of our members by graduation last June. Laura Peterson took the degree B. S., while Cora Libby and Mame Smith took the degree B. M.

Laura Peterson is teaching in Gettings Seminary, La Harpe, Illinois.

Laura Crane, of '93, has returned after a year spent in public school work.

Myra Hope, formerly of Iowa Iomta, is now a member of our own chapter.

As yet fraternity life is scarcely begun, for college has just opened.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Again the members of Iowa Beta are in the old familiar halls, meeting old friends and making new ones,

We have looked forward with great hopes to this year, hoping and planning that it might be our best, and now the time is here we must to work with a will.

All of last year's members are back and indeed it seems good to be together, to talk over our work, our plans and hopes.

School opens with a very encouraging outlook. The attendance is much larger than usual, and our new President brings an enthusiasm to his work that bodes well for the future of old Simpson College.

Greetings, we send for the new year.

IOWA EPSILON—BLOOMFIELD.

Miss Cora McGowen and Sena Swift have recently returned from an extended tour through the east, having visited Niagara, New York City, Boston, Portland, White Mountains and other places of interest.

Mrs. Clara Gish, Mrs. Bella Johnson, Mrs. H. C. Evans, Mrs. Lillie Fæth, and Mrs. Anna Ferral have each spent a few days this last summer with friends and relatives at the old home.

Etta Spencer is in Washington, D. C.

Mamie McGowen is studying music at Oberlin.

Elva Plank will spend the year at Sioux City, Iowa., with her sister, Lillie Fæth.

Martha Greenleaf spent several weeks with friends at Iowa City and Davenport, Iowa.

Ruby Foote and Olive Saunders are teaching at Centerville, Iowa.

Kate Linaberry will spend the winter at Fort Scot, with her sister, Mrs. Joda Campbell.

Mary Allender is teaching at West Grove, Iowa.

IOWA ZETA AND KAPPA—IOWA UNIVERSITY.

We have no intention of letting the "dead past bury its dead," when said defunct past shows honors for Pi Beta Phi, so graduation news, though stale, will be served first.

We had two seniors, Julia Rogers and Bertha Nelson, the former stood sixth in a class of 50 and was one of the six commencement speakers chosen by the Faculty. Her oration, original in thought and treatment, was called, "Noblesse Oblige." Our other graduate stood ninth on the honor-roll, and was awarded the Holbrook prize,—a prize of twenty-five dollars in gold, offered for the best literary production on any one of a given series of subjects. The topic chosen was "Modern Philanthropy." This is the third year the prize has been offered, and the second year Pi Beta Phi has won it.

Each graduate also reports herself the proud possessor of a certain dainty souvenir spoon with *Π Β Φ* engraved on the handle.

We parted for the summer, our several ways, some to rusticate, and not a few to replenish diminished purses, for an unusual proportion of our girls are "paying their own way," some from choice, some from necessity.

But the summer hastened away and the leaves flaunting the S. U. I. yellow, beckoned us again together.

Many are missing.

Jessie Speer is recuperating health and strength at her Missouri home.

Jessie Whinery deserted at the last moment, and concluded to remain at her home in Marshalltown, this year.

Another Jessie, however, is with us, Jessie Johnson, and right loyally she wears the arrow and serves the wine and blue.

Nellie Peery is a senior Law and was chosen President for the ensuing year.

Bessie Parker is with us again and is President of the "Tabard,"—a select literary club of the school,—and is also on the editorial staff of the *Quill*.

Beth Wilson is taking post graduate work.

We miss Julia Rogers who is now assistant principal in a Minnesota school.

Bertha Horak is still teaching in the city schools, but meets with us and brings her camera.

Kappa chapter is small but more zealous than ever and constantly re-enforced by those coming and going. Never did a year open more auspiciously. We are filled with fraternity spirit and determined to do all in our power to make Iowa Zeta and Kappa an example of that ideal organization, well rounded intellectually, morally and socially. We have already made a beginning in our social activity for the year. An especially delightful occasion was a picnic at Emma Haddock's, at which our grand President, Miss Turner, was present, appearing mysteriously like a mushroom in the night. That evening Miss Turner presided at an earnest meeting, and new impetus was given to our fraternity zeal.

On the Sabbath Iowa Zeta and Kappa with the grand President attended church in a body.

COLORADO ALPHA—COLORADO UNIVERSITY.

Our chapter looks forward to a successful year, although our ranks are somewhat depleted by the absence of three of our most efficient members, Emma Sternberg, Helen and Marie Maxwell, who are now in Leipsic, where they will pursue their studies the coming year.

The University opened with a marked increase in attendance, due largely to the wise planning and untiring efforts of President Baker.

The chair of History and Political Economy, left vacant two years ago by the death of Dr. Bell, is now ably filled by Dr. Lindley M. Keasby.

A Law Department has been added to the University, with Judge Hallett as Dean, and some of the ablest lawyers of the west as lecturers. The department opened with twenty students enrolled.

The large increase in the college departments has necessitated the moving of the first year of the Preparatory School down town, and as soon as practicable the entire school will be separated from the University.

Owing to the inter-fraternity agreement which was made between the Delta Gammas and Pi Phi last spring, we are doing no "rushing," but on the last Friday of October will issue invitations to those we wish to join our sisterhood.

We were all very happy at our first meeting after the long vacation, to greet and offer congratulations to Jeannette Bennett, who

returned to us as the wife of Maurice E. Dunham, our Professor of Greek, and to find that Mrs. Charlotte Farnsworth has completely recovered from her long and tedious illness.

We purpose doing some earnest work this year in a study of the History of Painting and Painters, and hope at the end of the year to possess a collection of photographs of famous paintings, both ancient and modern.

Warmest greeting to all the chapters.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

Colorado Beta sends greeting to her sister chapters. We received much benefit from the report given of Grand Alpha, and enter upon fraternity work with greater zeal. We hope to do quite a little in a social way this year, and are already making preparation for a public reception.

We have just pledged Addie Miller, and we are proud to see her wearing the wine and the blue.

We lose a number of active members this year. Miss Elsie Mayham enters Smith College, Miss Louise Hopkins enters Lake Forest Seminary, while Miss Edith Ingersoll is compelled to give up college work by ill health. Miss Lilian Pike has accepted the position of Superintendent of Elocution and Physical Culture in the North Denver High School.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

The college year opened in September with a prosperous outlook for Pi Beta Phi. We have no inter-fraternity pledge this year, so we are at liberty to ask new girls whenever we choose, without the three months of waiting. Three new girls have donned the wine and blue—Miss Rohe, Miss Plumb and Miss Johnson.

Soon after the opening of College a dainty luncheon was given to Pi Beta Phi girls at University Place. This was our first reunion this year and was enjoyed in thorough school-girl fashion.

Our literary plans for the year are not yet decided on.

Nannie Pugh, Pi Beta Phi and Phi Beta Kappa, has been appointed instructor in French at Wellesley. She is traveling in Europe at present.

Effie Scott, '91, is again at Lawrence to take a post-graduate course in the University.

Grace Brewster, after a year's absence in Japan, has returned to her studies.

Gertrude Crotty, formerly instructor in the University, is taking a post-graduate course at Harvard Annex.

THE WORLD'S FAIR EXHIBIT.

"This meeting recommends to all American college fraternities and societies that their exhibits at the Columbian Exposition consist among other things of their catalogues, magazines, badges, flags, banners and souvenirs of particular chapters, escutcheons, coats of arms, and whatever is of interest in showing their history and present status, and that provision be made for the registry of all members of fraternities who visit the exhibit, and that each fraternity appoint a delegate with full power to act for it, evidenced by credentials, in the matter of representation at the World's Columbian Exposition."

This report of the Pan-Hellenic seems to pretty well cover the ground, notwithstanding the implied suggestion of more in the words "among other things." The list of items given means work, and it also indicates failure unless there be a prompt concert of action on the part of the more than thirty fraternities which will endeavor to show to the world what they are and what they aspire to be. Mr. Hawley, Theta Delta Chi's representative at the convention, writes:

"This exhibit would be of interest to many who are not fraternity men. It would interest foreigners, to whom the American Greek letter fraternity is unique. We would interest all young men and women about to enter college, and ought to interest their parents. It will prove a veritable revelation to many a college non-frat. man who knows little or nothing of the fraternity system. Last but not least, there will be a register for each fraternity in which visiting members can register, and in the crowds that will attend surely many old graduates will be found in whose hearts there still lingers a spark that can be fanned into a flame by the sight of the old familiar symbols; and many a correction to catalogues will be one result of this exhibit. There are many other reasons for making an exhibit which will suggest themselves."

The cause has been so well argued by editors of exchanges that their words seem better than ours. Sigma Chi Quarterly gives us the following:

FRATERNITIES AND THE WORLD'S FAIR.

“When official representatives of twenty-one of the leading college fraternities of the United States met at the Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago, on June 9, to consider the feasibility of a joint exhibit at the World's Columbian Exposition, the questions were asked: ‘What is to be gained by such an exhibit?’ and ‘What can the fraternities exhibit, anyhow?’

“The first question was quickly answered by several speakers, who clearly showed that such an exhibit would be of great interest and value in enabling the members of all the fraternities to gain a clearer knowledge of the history and status of their own organizations. This knowledge would be not only absolute as concerning their own fraternities, but would be relative, because it would show the advantages and needs of each fraternity *as compared* with every other. But the value of such an exhibit to fraternity men themselves, great as it will be, will be no less as concerns the world at large. There is to-day a decided opposition to the fraternity system in the minds of many people, which could be dislodged by such an exhibit. Would not the pictures of the many alumni of all fraternities who have become leaders of our national life be a silent but most effective tribute to the usefulness and power of the fraternity system? The ‘Independents’ of many a college who oppose fraternities on principle (?) will look with eager eyes on this exhibit. Then again, the fraternities constitute an absolutely unique feature in American college life, and an exhibition of our educational institutions would be incomplete without including them. Foreigners will be greatly interested in seeing the pictures of thousands of dollars worth of property, owned by student organizations, of which most of them never heard.

THE COLLEGE FRATERNITIES' CONGRESS.

“Definite action has now been taken also concerning the holding of a great Pan-Hellenic meeting under the auspices of the World's Congress Auxiliary, an organization authorized and supported by the Exposition Corporation for the purpose of bringing

about a series of world's conventions of the leaders in the various departments of human advancement during the summer season of 1893. The fourteenth subdivision under its Department of Education is that entitled The College Fraternities' Congress.' "

The certain forced activity in fraternity life for the next year ought to work great results in the progress for which fraternities stand. Committees are everywhere organized and getting their work under full headway. The time is limited but sufficiently abundant for the carrying out of all reasonable plans if any member holds himself ready to work into the hauds of committees.

Sigma Chi expresses her faith in the success of both exhibit and Congress, in a way that inspires confidence.

"The College Fraternities' Congress will arange a Pan-Hellenic demonstration which will be in every way a worthy concomitant to the exhibit of the college fraternities' which will appear in the department of Liberal Arts. These two important distinct opportunities—the Congress and the Exhibit—will be wisely and vigorously used to demoustrate to the whole world the great power and the exalted mission of Greek-letter fraternities in American college and graduate life."

Alpha Phi's dignity has the floor on the question of a World's Fair Exhibit. The following is a clipping from the quarterly for August.

"There will be a disadvantage in some ways to a fraternity that prides itself on the conservatism of the chapter roll, in placing an exhibit by the side of fraternities whose roll includes everything that boasts of the name of college and seminary, and some of the best societies whose principles are much like our own have refused to enter the scheme, on the ground that there would be no advantage gained in any way, that the exhibit would be a nondescript medley in which they would not care to be mixed. The *A. Φ.* delegate was appointed in response to a request from the fraternities originating the idea, and without knowledge as to whether our fraternity would be interested in the collective exhibit. Any suggestions or questions may be sent to our member of the council."

Extreme conservatism like this could hardly be more out of place than in connection with the democratic World's Fair, which aims to represent all mankind in one way or another. Shall we refuse to be represented at all because someone a little inferior to us

takes part in the same exhibit? To maintain such a position as this is to show plainly one's narrow mindedness. It tells as loudly as if proclaimed by the blow of the trumpet, that any organization that holds such ideas is enveloped and cramped by a garment of narrow personal pride, too thick to allow the entrance even of grand and democratic ideas.

Half-hearted indifference is sure death. The only way to make the exhibit and the congress successful is to work with that end in view. It can be that of which we may all feel proud. We cannot all make the best exhibit, but we can each do that which will be creditable and let every Pi Phi heartily lend a hand.

Mira Troth.

EDITORIAL.

THIS issue of the *Arrow* will come into the hands of many who, since the last publication, have ceased to become active members of Pi Beta Phi and have taken their places among the Alumnae. With this new relation to the fraternity have come new relations to life and the world in general, and with these changing conditions of life, it may seem that there is no longer that need which the fraternity filled. It is perhaps natural that when college graduates get into the busy world, and away from the tangible realities of fraternity life that they should feel that for them the fraternity has completed its work and that they should subside into indifference. But there is certainly a duty which they owe to the organization, which was once so helpful to them. They owe it their support and lifelong interest.

For the newly-made alumnae of Pi Beta Phi we have a message. Only last year you were asking with us, "How shall we interest our Alumnae?" Well, for *you* at least, the question is easy to answer. It is personal, How am I going to help my fraternity? First, subscribe for the *ARROW* and read it every word. It will keep you in touch with college and fraternity life. Second, keep up a correspondence with your own chapter, beginning *now* before you have had time to grow away from it. Though college days have passed away, the memory of them, unless you have made a sad mistake, is worthy to be kept alive and green. There is no better way to keep the sweet aroma of such days than by keeping close to those

who are still living in them. Keep in touch with your fraternity; you will be amply repaid in the recurrence of pleasant memories, and in the sense that you are keeping a youthful heart in your breast. Let it be said of us, then, once a Pi Beta Phi, always a Pi Beta Phi.

THIS question has another side which occasions a word of caution to the chapters. At your first meetings this year, when the sense of loss of last year's graduates is still fresh, make some definite plan of corresponding with them, and of keeping up their interest. It is much easier not to lose your hold on those who have just left you, than to awaken the interest of those who have been out of active touch with the fraternity so long. Remember that all you do this fall toward keeping your alumnae interested and in harmony with fraternity work will be just as truly a source of strength to Pi Beta Phi as your success in initiating new members.

THE season has come when it behooves us to consider the ethics of pledging and rushing. In enthusiasm for their fraternity, and in their eager desire to get as many desirable members as possible, fraternity girls sometimes lose their discretion and draw down on themselves the just contempt of outsiders. It is a lamentable result of fraternity relations as they at present exist that makes such a process apparently necessary to secure initiates. The conditions demand some system of inter-fraternity courtesy. We are well aware that in some colleges inter-fraternity compacts not to pledge members before a certain date have been tried and have miserably failed. And indeed, unless such compacts are carried out according to a high standard of honor, they are worse than useless. Yet we stoutly maintain that such inter-fraternity compacts are not impracticable, and that some such system will be adopted, when fraternities realize what follies are involved in hasty pledgings and initiations. It is to be hoped that the Pan-Hellenic convention will take decisive action on this matter. The ARROW wishes to condemn hasty pledging and the whole system summed up in the word rushing, and begs every chapter to win its new members by means above reproach. If fraternities mean anything they mean friendship and this cannot be assured without thorough acquaintance before initiation. We can afford to lose any advantage rather than stain the honor of our fair name.

NOTICES.

Attention is called to changes in the Constitution, Article XI, Section 21. Article XIII.

Address of the Vice-President until December will be 1310 R. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Contributions and subjects for discussion for the ARROW are desired from all chapters.

Chapter letters and all other contributions must be written on one side of the paper only. *Manuscript written on both sides will receive no attention from the Editor.*

Song pamphlets, constitutions, guides, and all fraternity matter on sale will henceforth be in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, Helen Sutliff, Lawrence, Kansas, to whom all applications for same should be made.

Hereafter the ARROW will be sent to subscribers until they order it discontinued, and the subscriber will of course be chargeable for all numbers thus sent. Please send subscription fees promptly, as bills must be met continually and there is no fund to draw on.

Let every chapter give the ARROW its hearty co-operation and assistance. Systematic work must be done immediately toward getting subscriptions from Alumnae. Give some member of your chapter this especial work. It is intended to send a sample copy of the ARROW and a request for subscription to every living member of Pi Beta Phi.

The collection of a Pi Beta Phi exhibit for the World's Fair will be no easy task, and only by the hearty co-operation of every member can anything like success be assured. Corresponding Secretaries *must* answer promptly all communications relating to this work, and alumnae are *urged* to do likewise. Most encouraging reports come from all quarters and indications point to a satisfactory exhibit and the largest *Π Β Φ* gathering yet on record.

The exchange of chapter photographs suggested by G. A. is being inaugurated by several chapters with the *best* of results. Few things are more effective in arousing interest and enthusiasm than photographs of fraternity groups, and few are better for acquainting chapters with each other. Each chapter should by all means possess a photograph of Pi Beta Phi founders, of its charter

members, and as complete a chapter album as possible. One chapter has collected cabinet photographs of Alumnae, these will be grouped and one large negative taken, from which the members may order at will. Excellent idea.

AMONG THE GREEKS.

THE VALUE OF FRATERNITY JOURNALS.

Kappa Alpha *Journal* makes use of the following language:

"An entertaining, inspiring, well-edited paper is worth more to a fraternity than its ritual or constitution. It cannot be made too good. I think the buoyance of our own Order (Kappa Alpha) during the past few years has been almost entirely due to the unusual excellence of our magazine."

"There seems to be a field for the fraternity journal in the economy of a successful society which can be filled by no other medium. The present decade will probably witness a change in the relative standing of many societies which will in a large measure be due to the silent influence of the Greek press. At the beginning of the last decade few journals existed. During the eighty's many new ones sprang up and a few old ones were revived. The Greek press entered the nineties demanding national recognition which was speedily accorded. We predict that the next decade will witness the decline of numerous societies now enjoying a fine degree of prosperity unless they have sufficient strength to establish and maintain a publication. We are certain of the fact that nothing has done so much for Theta Delta Chi as the *Shield*. The changes which have been brought during the last five years are almost marvellous. Some can be directly traced to influences set in motion by the *Shield*. The greatest benefit has been the new life instilled into the graduates. The *Shield* comes to them regularly with its account of the doings of the active charges, and the changes taking place among the graduates. They learn what other societies are doing, and are kept in touch with the fraternity. Fraternity journals contribute to the outside world their only knowledge of the important part which the Greek societies play in college life. Recent evidences go to show that much of the interest aroused among the students who have applied to us for charters can be directly traced to the *Shield*. So long therefore as the journal is the true exponent of the principles of Theta Delta Chi, it is the duty of every graduate to support the journal. He owes it to the fraternity. He should be a subscriber and induce others who are not to contribute their mite. It is also his privilege to criticise the statements and opinions of the journal. They will be quite as welcome to the editor as his subscription.—*The Shield*.

The importance of supporting its journal cannot be too emphatically urged upon the members of any fraternity. It would be hard to tell in which capacity a fraternity publication is the more important, whether as a medium of communication between its members, or as a representative of the fraternity and its work to outsiders. All that many members know about general fraternity matters is what they read in the publication of their own fraternity, and the best opportunity we have of making a good appearance before the world is by means of our fraternity journal. As its standard is raised, the fraternity ranks higher; when its pages bear witness to hearty co-operation in furnishing contributions—literary and financial—it may be known that the fraternity is united and in harmony. In short, a good journal is almost sure to indicate a prosperous and smoothly-running fraternity, for a few editors, however able and energetic, can hardly fill the void made by hundreds of inactive and unresponsive members. Let Pi Beta Phi make the ARROW strong, and Pi Beta Phi will be sure to be a strong fraternity.

We quote the following from the oration of Hon. W. E. Paterson, published in the *Chi Phi Chakett*:

“ If I were asked to define what influence will most surely shape the destiny of this country, I would name the college-trained intellect of its sons. And if I were asked to indicate the power behind the throne, the king-maker whose mighty arm shall place the crown of sovereignty on whichever line of thought it lists, I would select the Greek letter societies, which, like the haughty barons of old, if they preserve their vassalage to all that is great in the past, yet yield to the tyranny of naught that is unworthy in the present.”

The *Shield*, of Theta Delta Chi, has the following upon fraternity journalism among young women:

“ We have always been impressed with the publications which emanate from our sisterhood societies. Somehow the girls have such a pleasant way of writing, often making something out of nothing, and then as a rule they exhibit such good taste in the externals. Whether it is because printers like to please the young ladies and suggest the best ideas they have, or that the managers are imbued with such high ideas we wot not, but the fact remains that the Soroses excel in their journals. A more notable point is that every ladies' society, so far as we know, whether large or small, has a representative periodical. This ought to weigh heavily on the minds of some of our old line societies which do not seem to have enough of energy or public spirit to issue any sort of a periodical. We take a special delight in reviewing the feminine journals, and regret that all of them are not regular visitors.”

THE CURRENCY QUESTION AMONG THE GREEKS.

"The college boy is the type of impecuniosity; and, consequently, no matter how rhetorical the ritual of his fraternity may be, he will not be an enthusiastic member of an order which keeps him always broke. Hence, dues should be at a minimum. The financial department of the fraternity in general and of the chapter should be conducted on the basis of rigid economy. Indeed, Poor Richard's sayings are the best philosophy for the Lord of the treasury, whether he is to run a government, a fraternity, or himself. Taxes should be proportioned to expenditures, and we should have no surpluses. We have recently had a stupendous illustration that an overplus is a temptation to extravagance and folly which ordinary mortals can not resist. It is sure to be 'blown in,' like the rest of a fellow's month's salary after his debts are all paid (and sometimes before). . . .

"It will pay any organization which has any real purpose to accomplish to pay its officers and to pay them well. The time of a man who will be worth anything to his fraternity as an officer is always a marketable commodity. And shoving a pen for a corporation with a Greek name strongly resembles the same performance when done for a corporation with any other sort of a name. Two of the officers of Kappa Alpha are properly provided for. The work that is being done for us by the present incumbents of the other two offices we would find it impossible adequately to compensate without materially increasing our resources. But hereafter we may not find others so charitably disposed. . . . Nothing is so calculated to dampen the ardor which has been created by the initiate's reception into a chapter as the treasurer's request for his dues. As I said, money is always a disagreeable thing, especially when we have to part with it. It would be a better plan if the extra burden were placed on members of long standing. The truly equitable method, however, is for each member to bear an equal share of the expenses.

"A frequent and just accusation brought against fraternities is that membership in them is too costly. The great inroads which are too often made on the pockets of the members are the result of extravagance in chapter expenses. At one college it may cost in all ten dollars to belong to a fraternity, and at another fifty dollars may be the price of membership in the same organization. I suppose it is the universal custom to allow chapters to fix their own expenditures and to make assessments to meet them as they please. This certainly should be the case. . . . It is not right to decoy a man who has figured out what his year's schooling will cost him, and prepared his resources accordingly, into a perfectly innocent looking organization and then bleed him first and last for fifteen or twenty dollars. But to the applicant for membership it should be said: 'What we offer

you here will cost you so many dollars; the money, however, will yield you no tangible result; but it will bring you joys and benefits which, though not as material as books or as clothes, are yet unique, profound and memorable.'—*Kappa Alpha Journal*.

Extract from a letter recently received from an alumnus: "Keep on hammering at them [the chapters] till you get them to understand the necessity of electing their best man as correspondent to *The Shield*. A chapter letter should be the finished work of an artist, and not the practice of an amateur."—*Phi Kappa Psi Shield*.

We heartily endorse the following sentiment from a chapter letter from Swarthmore College, published in the *Phi Kappa Psi Shield*. The lack of activity and of life in many a fraternity is due to the fact that many of its members never get beyond their own chapters in the fraternity idea:

"It seems almost impossible for us to grasp the real breadth and significance of our fraternity by merely being active members for a few years at a college, even with the broadening and instructive influence of *The Shield*. We require some such occasion as our last G. A. C., which brings together Phi Psis from all corners of the United States to discuss the position of our fraternity and advance thoughts and plans for furthering her noble cause, to make us realize our real greatness, and to see more clearly and appreciate better the underlying sentiments and ennobling principles of our fraternity."

"But the fraternity idea is not new. To tell its beginning one must know, when, in the evolution of the human soul, love first breathed divinely upon man and the blossoms of affection and hope blew their perfume into his daily life."—*The Rainbow*.

"The recent sad accident at Yale that resulted in the death of Mr. Rustin, shows us that we need to develop this truer and nobler manhood. It is a keen reflection on a phase of fraternity life that lingers in the midst of so much that is praiseworthy and good. That the accident occurred during the initiations of a particular fraternity, signifies in reality very little; that it might have occurred in the initiation of almost any fraternity, imparts a great deal. The mere fact of leading a man blindfolded across a city street is hardly a culpable deed. We venture to say that nearly every fraternity yearly performs acts in its initiatory rites far more likely to result in injury. For a member of any other fraternity to criticise Delta Kappa Epsilon for the performance of this act is equivalent to condemning his own chapter in its initiations. To sympathize with her in her bereavement is to be charitable, to exert an influence to anni-

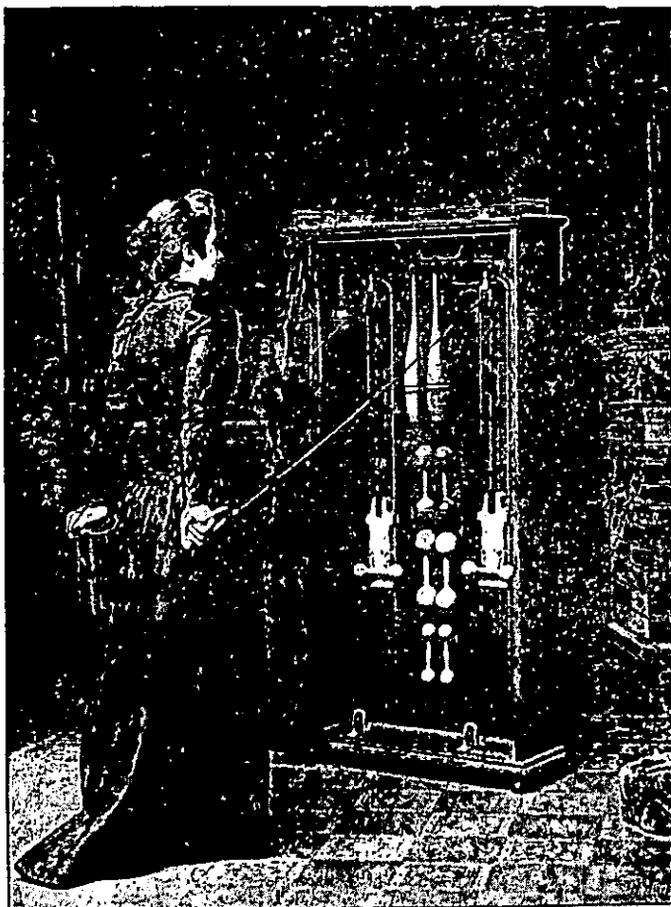
hilate these always stupid and sometimes fatal farces is the duty of every fraternity man. The main burden of accomplishing this result rests upon the undergraduates. It would seem that the recent sad outcome of their boyish foolishness would be a lesson to all, and that the childish frivolity would forever be laid aside. We trust this may be so. . . . When you gather at your conventions, at your reunions and meetings and dwell in fond recollection upon the results and accomplishments of the flying terms or past years, do you linger on the silly folly of initiations as a worthy element in the forces that have elevated your mental thought and strengthened your character for the emergencies and action of life? Rather than this, does it not seem a blot upon the fair escutcheon of your fraternity life?

"It is time that this element be banished from our organizations and we prove to the world that we are banded together for serious and manly purposes. In this appeal we address all fraternities, for we know Delta Kappa Epsilon is not more culpable than any other, and much as these fraternities may seek to conceal their initiatory rites, their general methods and performances are always known to the average college man who keeps his eyes open

"We received from a charter member of our Amherst chapter an earnest letter evoked by the late misfortune at Yale. In a firm yet kindly manner he protests against this evil. He also says: "The Fraternity owes to itself that initiations shall be uniform in all its chapters, and that it shall be simple and dignified." This is the keynote of a reform that time will bring. We trust it will come speedily. Let every active member ponder this question thoughtfully and well. Shall this element that properly belongs to the realm of the harlequin and the clown linger in the halls of our orders? If it does not add to the usefulness of fraternity life, ought we to spend our time on it? And surely if it positively detracts from the good name of our fraternities we must not tolerate it. This is a field in which graduate members can work a needed reform; but we hope to see the change spring from the active members because they have a sincere conviction that these farces have no place in a system that should have for its underlying principles rules of action that are fair and gentlemanly and dignified. We have said little of the particular tragedy that calls forth this appeal. Its own sad story is too powerful to need comment. We desire reform not only to make impossible such grievances and pitiable calamities, but also to destroy a feature that retards our progress and militates against our avowed aim, namely, to elevate the true social life in American Colleges and develop a pure and magnanimous manhood.

—Editorial in *Delta Kappa Epsilon Quarterly*.

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