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## Twilight Song.

Melody:--I Need Thee Every Hour.

The twilight curtains fall  
Across the day;  
And silent over all,  
Their dream-folds lay.  
The air is sweet with roses;  
The earth in peace reposes;  
The while my heart remembers  
Dear days gone by.

I see the college gate  
Swing open wide;  
My feet no longer wait,  
Hope is my guide;  
I doff Life's cloak of sadness;  
And breathe a prayer of gladness,  
For Oh, thy work still liveth,  
Pi Beta Phi.

And, e'en though far I roam,  
On land or sea,  
My thoughts still wander home  
Off-times to thee.  
I send no thought of sorrow,  
For Love will guard the morrow,  
And bless thy work forever;  
Pi Beta Phi.

--Agnes Chalmers, Ohio Beta.

## CONVENTION CALL.

**I**N ACCORDANCE with the Constitution, article IV, section 5 and section 10, the Seventeenth Biennial Convention of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity is hereby called, to meet on July 2-5, at Syracuse, N. Y., under the auspices of New York Alpha, and Miss Sadie Williams, 622 Irving avenue, Syracuse, N. Y., is appointed Grand Guide.

Chapters will elect delegates and make all necessary preparations accordingly. It is proposed to present all chapter reports to Convention in a printed form and to that end delegates are requested to forward their reports to the Grand Secretary not later than June 1st. A circular of convention instructions, containing more detailed information and proposed changes in the Constitution, will be issued on May 1st. All chapters desirous of amending the Constitution will forward copies of such amendments to the Grand Council on or before April 25th.

A most cordial invitation is extended to every Pi Beta Phi and it is earnestly hoped that there may be a large attendance.

Elise Bradford, Grand President.

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**SOME OF PI PHI'S CHAPTER HOUSES.**

## THE HOME OF MICHIGAN BETA.

**A**LTHOUGH nearly all of the Pi Phi girls roomed in the house where the fraternity had its parlors, and boarded not very far away, yet it was not like having a house of one's own. Tired of this way of living the girls decided they would try keeping house for themselves.

Fortune favored our plans. We were able to rent all of the house in which we had roomed for so many years, and only had to make a lease for nine months, the school year. Since the house was partially furnished and we owned the parlor furni-

ture, starting in housekeeping for ourselves was not a very expensive undertaking. The alumnae gave us the silver for our dining-room; the fraternity bought dishes, linen and chairs. During the three years that we have had the house, we have been replacing the rented furniture by our own, some of which has been given to the fraternity by our alumnae, some by the active members.

When we had secured our house the next question was what we should do for a chaperone and how we should manage our dining-room. The mother of one of the girls came to our help and was for two years a veritable house-mother, chaperoning us and taking charge of the dining-room. This year Mrs. Heath has taken her place.

The finances are in charge of two treasurers, one for the dining-room, the other for the house. All expenses connected with the dining-room are paid by the dining-room treasurer, all other expenses by the house treasurer. Of course everyone is especially interested in the cost of running a house. Ours pays expenses, and the cost of living in or out of the house averages about the same.

As for house rules, we have none. We tried living by rule for a time, but finally decided to give it up and find that we get along just as well.

Here in Ann Arbor, since a house is almost a necessity, we rarely stop to consider its advantages and disadvantages. The only disadvantage is the added responsibility which it brings to the fraternity and especially to the girls living in the house, for they generally bear the greater part of it. Its advantages are many. To a certain extent the chapter house fills the place of the dormitories which they have in other schools. The life brings the girls much closer together than is possible where the fraternity has no house and strengthens fraternity spirit.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA CHAPTER HOUSE.

Wisconsin Alpha, although not owning a fraternity house, is fortunate in being able to rent a small but extremely cozy house, which the chapter has occupied for the past three years.

Most of the furniture is owned by the chapter, the rest being loaned, and we are gradually furnishing the entire house by the money made from the table. This year we have been fortunate in having with us, as chaperone, Mrs. Gertrude Sober who was a Pi Phi at Ann Arbor. She has charge of the house and also acts as steward. Having the table entirely in our own hands we are thus able to turn all of the surplus funds into the general "house fund."

The rent from the rooms in the house has always been sufficient to pay for the rent of the house, as a whole, and in this way we are practically self-supporting. While the cost of rooming in the fraternity house is the same as at any pleasant private house in town, we feel that in the end it is really cheaper, since we have the entire house at our disposal.

When the girls first took the house, the alumnae were very kind about sending presents, such as silver, chairs, pictures and rugs. They did no work as an organization, however, till this year when an alumnae association was formed with a view to aiding the chapter financially. Although this association is too young as yet to have given any appreciable assistance, we feel sure that in time it will be of great aid to the chapter.

The fraternity bears no direct relation to the faculty, but makes its own rules and regulations, which are submitted for approval to the executive board of the Self Government Association. This association is made up of all of the women students of the university and its executive board is made up of one representative from each fraternity, one from the girls boarding in town, one from those living in town, besides its regular officers. The rules being approved by the board are accepted by the chapter as its established rules. They are not severe and being made by the girls themselves there is not that peculiar delight felt in breaking them, which one always feels in breaking the rules of a stern and austere faculty. The girls have regular calling hours, and the hours from two till five in the afternoon and from seven-thirty till nine in the evening are set aside as study hours when the house is to be kept quiet. All fraternity parties must close at twelve o'clock.



WISCONSIN ALPHA.

This year all of the girls not living in town room, or at least, take their meals at the house, and it is of the greatest help in bringing the girls to know each other well.

The greatest benefit in having a chapter house is that it brings the girls into such close companionship with each other. It makes the fraternity feel more united and as if it really had a home. Then, too, during rushing season the house is almost indispensable. We give receptions, chafing-dish parties and informal dances in our parlors and it can not help but have the desired effect upon the poor homesick freshman. Perhaps the only disadvantage in having a house is that the girls thus living together do not feel the need of outside friends and so are less apt to get well acquainted with the other university girls.

Marie G. Hinckley, '02.

#### REPORT OF NEW YORK ALPHA.

The questions Shall we have a chapter house? Can we have a house? or How will a home benefit our fraternity? are sure, sooner or later, to come before every chapter, and perhaps much might be said on either side, but we of New York Alpha, speaking from experience, would most decidedly vote for the home.

For nearly three years we have occupied our present house and each year we appreciate more fully its advantages. The house was rented furnished, but through the kindness of friends and the generosity of the classes represented in the fraternity, we are gradually replacing it with furniture of our own and great is the rejoicing over every pretty little thing we get "for the house." This is one of the lessons the home teaches, to deny one's self for the sake of the whole number.

Our house will accommodate twelve girls and the rooms rent according to the location, while the board is uniform. The mother of one of the girls boards at the house and acts as our chaperone. One of the girls has charge of the finances, orders the supplies and has the general management.

The faculty exercises no special supervision over the chapter

houses and each formulates its own rules, which are strictly adhered to by all the inmates of the house.

The advantages of the house during "rushing season" cannot be overestimated. The girls, both hostesses and guests, feel far more freedom than could be possible in any private house and thus they come to a better and quicker understanding of each other.

For the girls who live in the house, it is an excellent discipline. The financial and social responsibilities which rest upon each one give them greater self-reliance, while the daily association develops self-control, kindness, and patience, and represses selfishness and kindred faults.

One cannot live comfortably in a chapter house without feeling at peace with all human kind, so that peace is what one strives for and usually obtains.

New York Alpha.

#### THE EXPERIENCE OF ILLINOIS ZETA.

Of buying furniture and hunting servants, of finding coal offices and milk-men, of grocers and butchers and prices of things, the girls of Illinois Zeta could relate many an interesting experience, to say nothing of tramps and burglars, and troubles incident upon a new house, such as unmanageable locks and falling plaster.

But that which may help other chapters in considering chapter house plans will be answers to our editor's practical questions herewith given to the best of our ability:

I. Our house is rented, needless to state, and at the rate of rents in this place will be for many years to come.

II. It was furnished by the chapter, the girls in the house each furnishing their own rooms and the kitchen, and the fraternity as a whole, with the help of the alumnae, the parlors. Much of the furniture was rented and a good deal was given or loaned to us by friends in the town, so this matter of furnishing was much more easily accomplished than it looked to be at the outset. And it seems to us that the extra expense incurred for this purpose amounts to much less in the end than the cost

of a house rented furnished and we then have besides a small amount of permanent property.

III. We expect to pay expenses but have no special scheme of financial management. Each girl pays for her room by the month as she would if rooming in any other house, but to a house treasurer, to whom also the board is paid.

IV. The alumnae helped us generously in furnishing the house in response to a circular letter sent to them soon after the contract for the house was made out.

V. The cost of living in a chapter house, compared with that of living elsewhere, is practically the same in figures, but the additional privileges and conveniences in the house more than put the advantages on that side.

VI. Our boarding arrangements are in the house and are managed by one of the girls who acts as commissary and receives a reduction in price of board in payment. We tried other plans previous to this, but find that in this way the responsibility is thrown directly upon the girls, that it gives them consequently a greater interest in the house and is the most satisfactory.

VII. Our house rules are few and mostly in regard to the order and quiet of the house, except the one which makes the evening calling hour close at half past ten and which a striking clock bought for the purpose helps to enforce.

VIII. One of the ladies of Champaign known to us consented to make her home with us and to act as our chaperone, thus solving for us a difficult problem.

IX. A chapter house brings the chapter together, makes a center for it, representing it as a body among the other fraternities. It provides a place for initiations, meetings, socials, and rushing parties which is convenient and large enough for the purpose and one where there need not be the fear of disturbing others. It provides a real home for the girls and tends to develop unselfishness on the part of the girls living in it. It gives opportunities for entertaining which a chapter could not so well have otherwise. These are only a few of the advantages which Illinois Zeta feels that a chapter house brings to them.

## THE CHAPTER HOUSE OF NEBRASKA BETA.

Our chapter house has proved to be such a pleasure and benefit to us that we are more enthusiastic than ever on the subject.

One thing we are sure of,—any chapter that has any number of out-of-town members can have a house if it *will*. Last spring when we decided finally to go to housekeeping, the president appointed a committee of town members who found the house for us and made all the arrangements, so that everything was ready in the fall.

We rent a furnished house, large, comfortable, and with all the conveniences, in the residence part of town. It is some distance from the university, but as we all go up together the distance is a pleasure.

We have some furniture of our own and have been getting more during the year so that we shall not have to rent a furnished house again.

As to the finances,—the most important matter,—one girl is elected by the chapter to act as house treasurer, and she has charge of all the finances of the house. The house is supported by the rent paid by the house members, and by a monthly tax upon the chapter for the running expenses. Our alumnae have helped us a great deal, in fact we could hardly have had a house without their aid and encouragement. It is a little more expensive to live in the house than to room elsewhere, but this is made up for by having the privileges of the whole house and the comforts of a home.

We do not have the responsibility of the actual running of the house,—we have a housekeeper who takes entire responsibility, the dining-room included, so that nominally we are only rooming and boarding in the same house while really we are living in a home of our own.

The house has been a great help in rushing. It is much easier to rouse a girl's enthusiasm when she is in a place that is brimful of university and fraternity spirit. The greatest benefit comes through the development of this same spirit,—a girl's

loyalty both to her university and her fraternity cannot but be strengthened when that is the chief topic of thought and conversation.

We shall always regret that we did not have a house years ago, for we have found that it is not nearly so hard to start and keep one as we had thought, and our advice to all homeless chapters is to begin at once to plan a house for next year, and not to put it off.

—G. A. A.

#### CALIFORNIA BETA.

The advantages a chapter derives from having its own house are innumerable, especially in a university to which no dormitory system is attached. It brings the girls more closely together and develops a stronger fraternal spirit.

Our chapter started by leasing a house for a year. It was furnished by means of a common assessment on each member of the chapter; each girl furnished her own bedroom, however.

The financial management of the undertaking has been somewhat of a problem. On the whole I believe it has proved more expensive than living elsewhere. No definite price is set upon the board each month. The general expenses are averaged up at the end of the month and distributed evenly among the girls living at the house. Those members who do not live at the house are girls having their homes in San Francisco, just across the bay, and they take lunch with us during the week. Beside the cost of the lunches each outside girl must pay a "house tax" for the support of the house. These girls have the same advantages of the house as the rest, and generally spend one or two nights a week with us.

It is our custom to select the most business-like member to fill the position of house-manager. The entire management falls upon her, and her duty it is to see that the house is run within certain limits as to expense.

We have no house rules; we thought it better policy to trust to each girl's consideration and common sense. The older girls of the chapter all realize the responsibility resting upon each in-

dividual, and the freshmen are carefully trained and brought up with a proper regard for this responsibility.

The question of chaperonage differs among the different fraternities. Some pay their chaperon a fixed salary; others stipulate that she may live at the house without paying anything towards its support.

Starting a fraternity house means a good deal of work and expense. Many are the difficulties to be overcome and the discomforts to be met. Yet the advantages far more than counterbalance the disadvantages, and we have never regretted for a single instant that we started our own fraternity house.

—Claire Madeline Haas.

March 15, '01.

#### INDIANA ALPHA'S HOUSE.

As this is the first year for Indiana Alpha to have a chapter house it possibly has not been tried in all its phases, but thus far it has proved to be very successful and advantageous.

It is located on one of the main streets, two and a half squares from the business part of town, near to the homes of many of the girls and not far from the college. It is a large, roomy house, well arranged for entertaining. A Pi Phi and her mother live in part of the house. Her mother acts as matron, overseeing all.

Two of the girls are rooming in the chapter house, but board is furnished at a club a square or two away. Our ideal of a chapter house is to have the girls board in the house, too, but as yet there are so few girls settled there that those plans cannot be realized for a time.

The rent is apportioned equally among the girls, making a very light expense on each member.

The restrictions are the same as when located in the college. No meetings, whether Saturday evening or a reception, shall be later than ten o'clock unless extension of time is granted by the College President.

The meetings are all held in the chapter room, which is furnished by the girls, as well as the two other rooms which are

rented by the two girls rooming there. On the evenings when receptions are held we have the use of the greater part of the house.

In counting the advantages, first of all, it serves as a home for the girls, a center of interest to each one individually; more independence is felt; our friends seem to realize this by their calls and their sending many pretty gifts.

We have not once felt sorry of our chapter house, but interest in it increases, and we are regarding it as a real necessity to successful fraternity life.

—Alice Van Nuys.

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### AN AMERICAN GIRL AT THE UNIVERSITY OF LEIPZIG.

HERE are times when one feels so happy and so altogether satisfied that it seems as if something must happen to bring down one's state of exaltedness, lest we lose contact with this earth, so unnatural does it seem to have a good unalloyed. It is said that American women fare better than any others on earth, and that is true, my sisters. But if you feel that you have too much, if from your unclouded height you look down upon your unhappy fellow creatures, and suddenly feel that you ought to be humbled in some way, then leave your native land, come to Germany, and study at the University of Leipzig, and by the time that you have reached the last-named act you will begin to feel grateful for any little crumbs of kindness which may be handed out to you by the lords of creation, while you wonder whether your former free and independent state was not all a dream. That may sound worse than it is, but let me relate.

The University of Leipzig is exceptionally strong in the department of German philology. By the way, it is characteristic of German universities to have especially strong points which are set off by especially weak ones. So thither I wended my way, reaching Leipzig on the fifth of October.

The town itself is interesting from its historic and literary associations but is not very pretty. Neither does the country round about offer anything worth seeing, except the battle-fields. To be sure, there are some pretty parks. The largest of these is the "Rosenthal" in the northwestern part of the city, a sort of a forest, in parts, which covers an area of several miles. Even Goethe was delighted with it and it surely is a lovely spot. More than that, one can breathe good fresh air, an *article de luxe*, like water, in German cities. The old part of the town is surrounded by a promenade, edged by trees, which marks the old city wall. In this old part of the city, the streets are often narrow. Somehow, one gets over feeling that narrow, crooked streets are romantic and interesting, after one sees a good deal of them. Many of the houses bear the stamp of the antique, especially is this true of the old Rathaus. The newer part does not present much variation. One sees block after block of massive houses, all of the same height, without breaks. They are usually of dull, gray stone and it is that, together with the dull, gray weather, that makes one feel like throwing off some burden and crying for light and air. Everybody lives in flats. Each building houses many families. And oh! the joys of having a room facing the stone flagged, hollow, every sound re-echoing court. But those are all "Kleinigkeiten" which do not trouble a great spirit.

It is amusing to watch the people on the streets. Now the sidewalks are narrow, and Americans are fond of hurrying. Germans, on the other hand are "gemütlich." The combination leads to a much be-jostled feeling as one tries to wend one's way in and out, the jostling being done with apparent pleasure, and with little thought of apologies on the part of the good citizens, in fact, I have seen people look startled when I apologized for a chance jostle on my part. Or it results in a peculiar way of walking, now on the sidewalk, now on the street, by alternate hoppings-up and hoppings-down, which go beyond the bounds of the graceful. The citizen of Leipzig, as he is seen on the streets, is intensely "bürgerlich." It is refreshing to see how men greet one another. Cordiality is ex-

pressed in the shake of the hand, in the—I was going to say, lifting of the hat, when I remembered that it is especially characteristic to have the hat go down with a twist and then a low, rapid swing,—and in the smile on the face. Such heartiness is worth a great deal. Then there is also a great deal more external politeness than with us. So much is done according to custom and pattern. I say “external,” because I often have the feeling that the true and generous courtesy of the heart is wanting after all. I have occasion to speak to only a very few students, indeed, but when I do I always watch to see whether their first movement is not a clapping together of the heels, and, usually, it is so. First the heels go together, the body is drawn up rigidly, then the bow proceeds in a deep and reverential but, nevertheless, angular fashion. But I was going to describe the university and its students, so *revenons à nos moutons*.

Here, without doubt, man is master of the situation. A few modest, shrinking feminine forms flit about among the hordes of superior masculine creatures. The student is a species unto himself. He has in common with other German men

“That hateful smirk of boundless self-conceit  
Which seems to take possession of the world  
And make of God a tame confederate.”

I think, perhaps, he has it in greater degree. The other chief characteristics are pompadours, sandwiches, beer, and smoke. At first it was distressing to see them pull out sandwiches on any and every occasion, but one gets used to that, even to seeing them eat in the Seminar room while they are reading old high German, or, possibly, writing a doctor's thesis. As for smoking, you get accustomed to that, too, after you see one of the most renowned professors in his department smoking between lectures, and when you discover that one of the Seminar rooms is the smoking room where it is quite the thing to indulge in a pipe while studying. My poor fellow students! I am afraid that I strike hard, but your hidden charms, if such you have, have not come to my view.

Women are not allowed to matriculate here, but by sending one's credentials to the government at Dresden and proving that one has the power of understanding what goes on, by means of one's preparation, and by waiting several weeks and by then paying four marks, if the petition is approved, one obtains a so-called "Hörerschein," which permits one to attend the lectures.

My experience was distressing. I had come to hear one professor in particular. I went to him with a letter of introduction, only to learn that he had closed his lectures to women. Personally he was very, very sorry. He could not make any exception in my case and be just. He would help me in any other way possible, but to him it was a matter of principle, he did not think it would make women happy to study, and he had had some unpleasant experiences, which made it necessary to issue the edict, and the just would have to suffer with the unjust. The blow was hard. I explained my situation as well as I could, but in vain. I shall always be proud of the way in which I mastered my feeling and politely thanked him. I thought of the work that I could do, and tried to be content with the other professors. These I also visited, and they were all extremely kind, and had no objections whatever. After two weeks I went back to the first professor, simply for advice. In the meantime, my landlady had been to see him without my knowledge, and had pleaded for me, also in vain. Then I thought that I would try once more, and the great man yielded. His chief regret seemed to be that he would now have to admit other women in order to be consistent. I was impolitic enough to take a seat in the front row, in one of his courses, so that he must look at me, a silent reproach, six times a week. And I do think he looks with disfavor upon me for breaking into his principles, but my purpose was gained and not for me alone.

All this is very personal but I hope that I may succeed in giving a clearer picture of the conditions here than I had before I came. And now for the good points. I believe that one ought to come here to specialize, after one has done as much work as possible at home, and not before. Women will gradual-

ly gain ground, and I think that few will encounter the difficulties that I met. In all the other departments there are more women than in mine. The German will get over saying "Dienen lerne das weib, nach ihrer Bestimmung," and he will learn that women can be just as earnest of purpose as he. The masters in their specialties are certainly here, and the libraries are better than ours in these specialties. But the grinding ought to be done first at home. It is a great deal harder to study here than at home, at least until one becomes accustomed to the lecture system. But just so, one can learn more here than elsewhere, if one is properly prepared, and knows how to go about it. I am afraid that I have not presented things very favorably. It is only my impression, but certainly there is much that strikes an American as queer. Of other German universities, I can say nothing, and Leipzig is especially conservative.

—Elfrieda Hochbaum.

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#### THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE FRATERNITY EXAMINATION.

**C**HOUGH all Pi Beta Phis, by their mutual pledge and common love for the fraternity are bound together as individual members of a unified body, yet, owing to the different circumstances and environment in which they are placed, each one of the thirty chapters exists as a distinct entity and lives a life unlike that of all the rest. Even rushing, whose motive is everywhere and always the same, varies in manner and means, according to the nature of each chapter. The celebration of Founder's day and the annual banquets likewise exemplify the manifestation of the same spirit in diverse ways. And the biennial convention, held after the close of college, is attended by only a small fraction of the entire membership. Evidently the annual fraternity examination holds a peculiar position in inter-chapter life, as the one event that occurs during the academic year, simultaneously and similarly in all the chapters.

That fact should serve as the first recommendation to mutinous Pi Phis of additional labor to the Herculean list already imposed by professorial task-masters. But as an agent of consolation, this fact is far less important than as a proof of the solidarity of the fraternity and as a manifestation of the mutual cooperation of its members.

Without doubt, the obligatory nature of the examination has special significance for each member, for what one of us can honestly say that without compulsion she would make an exhaustive and careful study of the fraternity's history, chapter roll and constitution, especially at so busy a season? And yet no one of us can deny that this is a most effectual, even if unpalatable, antidote to poisonous ignorance, on one of the most vital interests of our fraternity. To be fully qualified as a member of any organization, one must be thoroughly acquainted with its history, its extent, and its policy. Unless one possesses such knowledge, how can he fully appreciate the significance of that organization's history; how can he realize its importance as a factor in human progress; how can he intelligently perform his part in the accomplishment of its purposes? Should any member be so perverse as not to desire this knowledge for his own good, she should consider herself in duty bound to acquire it for the sake of her fraternity. What better weapon of defense against the jealousy of rival Greeks and the hostility of barbarians? Again, in times of peace, we may engage with our fellow Greeks in interesting and suggestive discussions upon the merits of our respective bodies politic; likewise when the besiegers have been repulsed, we may appease and edify them with a clear account of our stronghold's invulnerability. But, deeper than our pride in our fortress, more intense than our enthusiasm in its behalf, is our reverence for the great minds and noble souls by whom it was planned and constructed. How can we read the pages of our constitution without an increasing sense of gratitude toward those who have enabled us to enjoy our fraternal privileges? How can we recount the list of our chapters without growing interest in their work and sympathy for the many women whose aims are linked with ours? And

how can we contemplate the fraternity's record, whether written or not, without realizing that the fraternity's history is composed of the lives of all its members, and that each of us is personally responsible for its present and its future?

—L. E. Rupp, Maryland Alpha.

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### What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

What is the greatest need of a college girl, surrounded as she is by influences distinctly intellectual? Of course the need will vary largely with the character of the girl. But

**Personal Touch.** as fraternity girls we wish to know what thing especially is lacking in some girl's college life.

What is it that makes the homesick, friendless newcomer forget her loneliness and begin to think that college life is after all, a little as she had imagined it? Is it some formal social function, or a frolic such as only girls know how to have? Perhaps it is neither, or it may be both. It depends on the spirit with which she is received, and the real welcome that each girl extends. If there is none of the warmth and heartiness that she had been led to expect, she will surely be disappointed. But after other means have failed, there comes the girl who loves, who has the art of touching those absent her with her great sympathy, who by a dozen words makes the stranger feel no longer alone, but that she has found a friend. She knows what the new girl needs and she gives it.

The fraternity girl on account of her added advantages is expected to be a leader, and her leadership is acknowledged. If she has the right spirit she will be deferred to not only in social questions, but in those of greater importance, those affecting the life and happiness of some one with whom she is associated. The non-fraternity girl regards the one to whom the mystic portal of the Greek world has opened, as a little superior in some way to herself, and is grateful for her help and sympathy. The fraternity girl is surrounded by friends, girls whom she loves,

and in whom she reposes confidence; they know what she needs and gladly give it, she learns to understand their wishes and as far as she is able to help in the attainment of them. All this makes it possible for her to be a help to those other girls who have not such advantages.

Because of her surroundings there is danger of a college girl's becoming hard and unsympathetic, not intentionally, but through thoughtlessness and selfishness. She becomes absorbed in herself and her pursuits, and needs the personal touch of some good woman or noble-hearted girl to make her realize her duty to others. Some timid, dependent girl may be transformed into a self-reliant, helpful woman by giving her the sympathy which she needs and without doubt craves. The modest, sensitive girl in a fraternity is made to feel that she has a place by the tactful manner in which her ideas are brought out and the respect paid to them.

Probably there is no person in college circles who exerts more influence than the one who feels for others and has the ability to touch them. It is one thing to feel and another to touch. The mistake is often made of thinking that if one feels for others that is all that is necessary, but the sympathy and helpfulness which are kept repressed will not be of use either to self or to others. Of what use is our training in fraternity life if we withhold ourselves from others? Our chapter associations teach us truly to prefer others to ourselves, to be the noblest, truest kind of women. We should carry this training into our intercourse with others. What greater reward can a girl desire than to know that through her touch, her personality, some friendless girl has been made happy, or some weak one strong. It is not what we have but what we give that makes us happy. Touching personally the lives of others by sympathy and unselfishness, will make a vast difference in the life of college girls, the weak will be strengthened, and the strong ennobled. When this feeling pervades college life, we will have gone a long way toward solving the question of a college girl's needs.

—Michigan Alpha.

What an inspiration it is to meet and study strangers; to the thoughtfully minded girl nothing is more delightful than to "crawl into her little shell" in some railway car **I was a Stranger.** or station, and, herself unknown, study the people about her. There is something fascinating in the study of human faces as we see them everywhere; trying to read the thoughts, the motives, the aspirations, and the circumstances of others. And in this connection what a comfort our dear little Pi Phi pin is! When one is among entire strangers, not knowing whom to trust, it is such a comfort to see a tiny arrow peeping out from some unexpected place. At once all distrust vanishes; we see a sister, and without any thought of suspicion can give her a sister's confidence.

Let us be worthy of the trust our pin inspires; be so sincere that our faces will reveal to strangers all the friendship that our golden arrow indicates.

—Iowa Beta.

"True worth is in being, not seeming,  
 In doing each day that goes by  
 Some little good, not in the dreaming  
 Of great things to do bye and bye."

The fraternity aims to develop the character, to bring out the true worth of each individual. The contact with others brings out our own and others failings, so that an un-**Being not Seeming.** kind and selfish disposition cannot long be hidden under a seemingly kind and sympathetic manner. We of the fraternity may do much for those around us and for each other. The chance word spoken, the little act of kindness, the look of sympathy, all of these cost so little but may do so much good. Nothing good is ever lost. The attempted kindness may not be appreciated, but it is one step for us which makes the next easier.

Our college life is so apt to be considered only the time of preparation, where we fit ourselves for a more active life in the great world about us and we often think when our days of study are over that we will do great things, leaving all the

present opportunities for some future day. These are but dreams, for we are living just as truly now as we shall be then, and the opportunities we neglect now will not return to us later. So in our chapter life let us not dream of the great and noble things we will do for our sisters after we leave college but while we are yet among them, let us work earnestly and zealously both for our own chapter and Pi Beta Phi at large. Then when we have finished our active chapter life our enthusiasm will be a source of encouragement to the younger sisters and they will remember us not as seeming to take an interest in them and their work but as really being one of them in following after the highest and noblest ideals of true womanhood.

—Vermont Beta.

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### Alumnae Department.

#### CONVENTION NOTICE.

THE BIENNIAL convention of the National Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi will be held at Syracuse, N. Y. at the same time as the fraternity convention, July second to fifth. A circular of instructions will be issued later—probably the first of May. The Alumnae Council cordially invites every alumna to be present that she may know more of the work of the association and keep in touch with the fraternity. Miss Read, president of the Alumnae Association, will gladly answer any questions concerning the convention.

#### THE INDIANA STATE REUNION

THE FRATERNITIES of Indiana take the occasions of the state oratorical contest at Indianapolis, for holding their annual reunions. Some spend this time together in one way, some in another. The contest this year was on the evening of February eighth. Several Pi Beta Phi girls from both Franklin and Bloomington intended coming, and the great question for

several weeks before the eighth was, "what shall we do in order to meet all our Pi Phi friends?" A reception was talked of to which we should invite our men friends, and many arguments were urged in favor of that form of entertainment. But when the final vote was put a luncheon was agreed upon as being the best means of introducing our new girls to the other Pi Phis of the state, and of renewing former friendships.

Thanks to the happy thought of our province president, it was made a progressive luncheon, and proved such a success that February ninth will always be remembered by the girls as the date of one of our happiest re-unions. Sixty-five covers were laid in the private dining room at the English hotel. Sixty-five loyal Pi Phis sat down to a double feast, the one of love claiming our greatest attention.

The room was banked with palms, and the tables, just large enough for four each, looked inviting in their snowy linens.

The places at each table were numbered, and at number four was seated a girl from Indiana Gamma, hostess for that table. Her guests progressed after each course. Number one went to the first table on her right, number two to the second and number three to the third. Thus each girl met new friends at each table and enjoyed their conversation during one course.

Our cards, in blue paper, with a gold monogram on the outside page, were tied with tiny bows of wine and blue ribbon.

We had expected to have Mrs. Alfred F. Potts for our toast-mistress but owing to the illness of her little daughter, she could not be present. Her place was most acceptably filled by Mrs. William R. Cook, another of Indiana Gamma's patronesses.

The toasts responded to were: "The Convention," by Inez Ryker, of Indiana Alpha; "The Active Girl," by Georgia Jones, of Indiana Beta; "Alumnae and Patronesses," by Jessamine Armstrong, of Indiana Gamma, and "Beta Province," by Ethel Curryer, our province president.

After adjourning to the parlors an alumnae organization was effected.

Everyone present enjoyed the day and it was indeed cheery to hear from the new girls, "Oh, I'm so glad I'm a Pi Phi."

—Jessamine Armstrong, Indiana Gamma.

## REPORTS OF ALUMNAE CLUBS.

## THE ALUMNAE CLUB OF WASHINGTON.

IT IS probable that of the several departments of the present issue of *The Arrow* none will present such a pleasing variety as that devoted to accounts of the year's work of the Alumnae Clubs. For while the active chapters deal more or less with the same general conditions, the usefulness of the Alumnae must depend upon the grace and aptness with which each club adapts itself to the conditions surrounding it. Here in Washington the question of the management of an Alumnae club is somewhat complicated by the great diversity of the demands made upon its members. Philanthropy presents its claim before the days of pigtailed and pinafores are past, the churches send out their insistent calls for workers. Opportunities for culture are everywhere present while the social wheel runs at high pressure. Shall the Alumnae Club of Washington attempt to find a place on this crowded program or shall she content herself with the keeping alive, as best she can, the spirit of Pi Phi and helping the little sisters of the active chapter. After many experiments we have come to the latter course.

We hold but four regular meetings a year, (although special meetings may be called at any time,) a business meeting in the early fall, another in the early summer and two intermediate meetings of a social nature.

This year our first meeting was with Mrs. Shute, our outgoing president. Perhaps the most important business accomplished was the appointment of a committee to assist the active chapter in procuring a club room.

Our next meeting was a delightful chatty evening spent with our president, Mrs. Albert Hilliker, and two more meetings are yet to be.

But you must not imagine that these four meetings are all we see of fraternity life. The active chapter is active in its pleasures as well as its duties, and many times during the winter

we have tasted its hospitality, our last meeting with them being at the house-warming of the long-desired club room.

Then too, a number of us belong to that very useful organization, The Columbian Women, its president and half its entertainment committee being Pi Phis. And so the year has passed by, and we can scarcely realize that we stand at the very threshold of spring—spring that shall bring with it that day dear to the hearts of the alumnae—the twenty-seventh of April. On this day we hope to hold our most brilliant meeting of the year, and send to all Pi Phis a cordial invitation to be present with us and to toast about the festive board the names of those who made our fraternity being possible.

—Margaret Halsey Brewer,  
Secretary of Washington Alumnae Association.

#### CRESTON IOWA.

The Creston Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, which consists of seven active members, has held its usual number of regular meetings this year. As the members belong to various literary circles, we have not taken up any line of study, but have devoted the time to Pi Phi proceedings, informal discussions, and sociability.

It is our custom to give a party annually, in honor of our friends. We gave a New Year's party this year at the lovely home of Mrs. N. B. Torrey. The decorations and entertainment were in keeping with holiday festivities, holly, smilax and carnations in profusion, made a beautiful interior. Souvenirs in the form of a New Year's story, written on blue cards tied with wine ribbon, to which were attached tiny bells. With music and games and delicious refreshments, the old year passed out quickly and the new year was ushered in, with the best wishes of our guests; thus making a fitting close to another year in the history of the Creston Pi Phi Alumnae.

#### LAWRENCE ALUMNAE.

The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Lawrence, Kansas, holds regular monthly meetings the first Monday of each month.

Two years ago the club established the Lucinda Smith Buchan scholarship at Kansas State University, and Lawrence alumnae are working to increase this fund. The meetings are dime teas, at which a short business session is held, if necessary, and the proceeds go to the fund.

The first week in February Mr. Elbert Hubbard lectured in Lawrence under the management of the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club, and the proceeds of this went to increase our scholarship fund.

The present officers are: Mrs. Hattie Tanner, president; Mrs. Addie Wheeler, vice-president; Mrs. Edna J. Penfield, secretary, and Mrs. Lena M. March, treasurer.

—Edna J. Penfield.

#### KANSAS CITY ALUMNAE CLUB.

Since the last appearance of the Arrow, the Kansas City Alumnae Club has been fortunate in the addition of two loyal members. Mrs. Nell Blakely Hetner, also a Phi Beta Kappa, comes to us from Kansas Alpha, and Miss Agnes Bushnell from Illinois Delta.

The increasing enthusiasm in fraternity matters in our club presages something substantial in the way of assisting the chapters at Lawrence, Kansas, and Columbia, Missouri, to the most desirable girls for the next year from Kansas City and vicinity.

On the third Saturday of each month from twelve to two the local Pi Phis have luncheon at the Baltimore. This affords to all visiting Pi Phis an opportunity to renew fraternity associations. After luncheon the regular monthly meeting is held at the home of one of the members.

We expect to celebrate Founder's Day in an appropriate way, although as yet no definite plans have been made.

As the reunion here last Thanksgiving was such a success, we hope to make it an annual affair. It has been decided to select one member from each club and chapter in Kappa and Iota circles to form an executive committee who will make arrangements for a reunion to be held in Kansas City next fall.

It is hoped that all Pi Phis who may be in Kansas City on the third Saturday of the month will join us at the Baltimore.

—Daisy Garver Baum.

## TOPEKA ALUMNAE.

The Topeka, Kansas, Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club was organized September twentieth, 1900, at the home of Mrs. J. T. McFarland. The club started with thirteen members and was christened the "Topeka Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club."

The officers and members with their respective chapters are: President, Mrs. Mary (Burt) McFarland, Iowa Alpha; vice-president, Gertrude Hill, Kansas Alpha; secretary and treasurer, Mary Chase Chamberlain, Illinois Zeta and Kansas Alpha; Mrs. Kittie (Closson) Greene, Michigan Alpha; Mrs. Belle (Roberts) Armstrong, Kansas Alpha; Mrs. Mary (Woodward) Doran, Kansas Alpha; Mrs. Nell (Blakely) Hetner, Kansas Alpha; Lida McFall Paterson, Illinois Alpha; Catherine Smith, Michigan Alpha; Mary Frost, Illinois Delta; Birdena Crandell, Kansas Alpha; Emma White, Kansas Alpha; Ada J. Closson, Nebraska Beta. All are members of the National Alumnae Association.

The plan for work is even as yet indefinite. Sickness and work have prevented our regular monthly "cookie-shines" but two most enjoyable "time honored feasts" have done their duty toward keeping us together; so many chapters are represented in the club that this fact alone makes the meetings interesting. The next "cookie-shine" will be in honor of one member and two visiting alumnae. The club members are occupied either with home or outside duties. One is on the leading city paper, "The Topeka Daily Capital;" two are engaged in school, and one in kindergarten work; two in music, and two discharge office duties. Since organizing, Cupid's sure but firm arrow has taken Nell Blakely to Kansas City, where she is "at home" at the Washington. Ada Closson is studying voice in Chicago and Birdena Crandell is visiting in the east before a prolonged trip abroad.

Early in the year an invitation from the Lawrence Alumnae Club to spend a day socially with them was reluctantly declined owing to conflicting duties.

The club was represented at the reunion of Iota and Kappa Circles, held in Kansas City at Thanksgiving. The work of the Circle secretaries was a large one, and was admirably handled. Everything to add to the comfort and pleasure of the delegates was done and the result was that every girl voted for a similar reunion next year. If the Alumnae fully realized how much these meetings mean to the active chapters there could be no doubt of the success of the reunion of '01.

Mary Chase Chamberlain.

#### THE LINCOLN CLUB.

The Alumnae Club of Lincoln, Neb., was established March twenty-second, 1900, with the following membership: Mae Lansing, Bessie Turner, Mary McGahey, Ada Quaintance, Anne and Melinda Stuart, Jennie Barber, Mary Haskell and Margaret Kyle. All except the last named were members of Nebraska Beta, Miss Kyle having come to us from Pennsylvania Alpha.

The club has enjoyed the ideal social life possible only among friends of long standing and has indulged in no definite line of work—finding pleasant occupation in working with the active chapter and assisting them in their new adventure—a fraternity house.

Two of our number attended the Kansas City reunion and returned filled with fraternity pride and enthusiasm.

Death has recently come into our little circle and taken from us our President, Mae Lansing. By her sweetness and gentleness she endeared herself to everyone and the memory of our dear Mae will live long in the hearts of all Pi Phis who were fortunate enough to have known her.

We have added four new names to our membership during the winter and though we are as yet few in numbers, prospects for the future of the club are bright. Our officers are: Presi-

dent, Margaret Kyle; Vice President, Mrs. Geo. Lacey; Treasurer, Mary McGahey, and Secretary, Anne Stuart.

—Anne Stuart.

#### THE SYRACUSE ALUMNAE.

The records of the Syracuse Alumnae Club is the record of a very little baby club as we have been recognized as such only a few months and so we could not have much to say for ourselves if we had not had a local organization last year.

We had our first meeting in October, 1899, elected officers, and decided to meet the second Tuesday evening in every month.

Our local dues are not large and we promptly spend every cent which comes to us either in entertaining our active chapter or in buying something for the chapter house. So the state of our treasury can be easily imagined.

At our meetings, when business has been disposed of (and generally this does not last until midnight), we allow ourselves to be amused by the hostess of the evening—an entertainment which usually includes something to refresh the inner woman.

There are not very many of us, as the great majority of our active chapter are out-of-town girls and many of the city girls leave Syracuse after graduation in order to teach the youth of other regions. And then the girls do not seem to consider that the alumnae need them in Syracuse and so they *will* marry. We have lost two of our most active members in this way, one a year ago New Years, and one, our President, at Christmas time.

Last winter one of our alumnae girls gave a large reception in honor of the active chapter and we entertained them on Alumnae Day when three of the girls showed their dramatic ability in the farce, "Box and Cox," and thus endeth the society column.

We consider that we have the advantage of all the other alumnae clubs in one respect: we are to welcome the Conven-

tion this summer. We are all looking forward to this with more pleasure than I can say.

And so our next report will be a report in person.

BALTIMORE ALUMNAE CLUB.

To be suddenly called upon to account for ourselves as an alumnae club is rather embarrassing. You see we haven't really attained to the dignity of an aim yet, and our few meetings this year have been devoted chiefly to the discussion of cakes and tea. We are waiting for inspiration from our more advanced sisters.

Our first meeting was called by Elizabeth Culver, ostensibly to discuss table napery and household appliances for the benefit of our prospective brides; but we didn't wax our threads for the first stitch. The second meeting was with Blanche Reisinger and the discussion progressed, but not the hemming.

"Altogether loyal" is the adjective we apply to ourselves rather than "active," for our interest in the fraternity and each other never flags. We meet very often with the active chapter, but individually, not as a club, and keep our sober, experienced eyes on them as our especially appointed charge.

We number eight now, though one, May Kellar, is spending this year in the German universities. We have had visits recently from Mrs. Irene Rapalee Keyworth of York, Pa., and from Edna Stone of Washington, both of Maryland Alpha, and from Mrs. Chas. W. Furlong, from Cornell, of the Syracuse chapter; and now our thoughts are pleasantly occupied with anticipations of a visit from Grace Reah, who is claimed both by Ohio Alpha and Maryland Alpha.

—Elizabeth Culver, President,

—Alice Wood, Secretary.

FRANKLIN, INDIANA, ALUMNAE.

The past two years the Franklin Alumnae Club did painstaking, thorough, literary work. This year it is turning its attention to the social side of life. The fourth Saturday of each

month the club has been "at home" informally to all its friends. These "at homes" are held at the chapter house, are well attended by both college and town people, and are thoroughly enjoyed by all.

—Jeannette Zeppenfeld.

## THE ALUMNAE OF COLUMBUS, OHIO.

The alumnae of Ohio Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi had long felt the need of a permanent organization but no active steps were taken toward that end until last August, when Ruth Houseman, Secretary of Delta Circle, called a meeting at her home for the purpose of forming an alumnae club. That day, August seventeenth, a club with a membership of twelve was formed, the name of the Columbus Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi adopted, and the usual officers elected. At the next meeting a constitution was adopted and by this our membership is limited to resident alumnae of Pi Beta Phi. Our aim is to help the active resident chapter and to keep ourselves more in touch with the fraternity at large; it is also an occasion to renew pleasant associations of our former college days and I think every alumna feels deeply how beneficial it has proven to her.

Our meetings are held every two weeks; one out of every four meetings is purely a social one, while at the others we have literary programs consisting of magazine articles, current events, quotations and studies from different authors.

We hope soon to enroll on our membership list Mrs. Grace Grosvenor Shepard, Mrs. Grace Highbee Mark, Miss Sarah Barrows, Mrs. Kile, and Miss Stella Koons, all of whom are now residing in Columbus and who will prove a great help to us in every way.

I do not think the alumnae of Ohio Beta realized before what an alumnae club meant, or we would certainly have organized earlier; as it is, we all anticipate alumnae night, for it has been a source of great pleasure and benefit to us.

—Edna Bernice Hatton.

## THE LOS ANGELES ALUMNAE CLUB.

From the sunny southland we send greetings to you all.

On Saturday, January the twelfth, ten Pi Phi sisters, representing five different chapters from as many different states, met at an informal luncheon to talk over and perfect plans for organizing an alumnae club in our city. The following chapters were represented: Kansas Alpha, Colorado Beta, Illinois Beta, California Alpha, and Massachusetts Alpha. A letter from our Alumnae Grand President was read which gave us many helpful suggestions.

Our membership at present is thirteen, most of whom are members of the National Alumnae Association. We also have the names of eleven others in or near the city whom we hope to enroll as members of our club.

We plan to meet about once in three months, making these gatherings as informal as possible, promoting Pi Phi enthusiasm and loyalty and learning more of the life of the different chapters represented.

—Adelia S. Brooks.

## PERSONALS.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA.

Lauretta T. Smedley, '96, is teaching at Friends' Central School, Philadelphia, Pa.

Edna H. Richards, '98, is teaching at the Salem High School, Salem, Ohio.

Lillian J. McDowell, '99, is teaching at Friends' Seminary, New York City.

Mary E. Seaman, '99, is teaching in Swarthmore.

Lucy Bancroft, 1900, is living at her home in Wilmington, Del.

Emily W. Carter, '99, is studying at the Training School of the Pennsylvania Hospital.

Anna M. Jackson, ex-'02, is living in New York City. She had to leave college at the beginning of the year on account of ill health.

Helen I. Rogers, '02, is living at her home in Merchantville, N. J.

Nora Leland Stables, ex-'02, is teaching at Sandy Springs, Maryland.

Anna L. Smedley, ex-'03, is teaching at Gwynedd, Pa.

Mary Cooper Johnson, '01, is living at her home in Philadelphia, Pa.

Edith Overholt McCain, '02, is teaching music at Ursinus College, and music and basket ball at Perkiomen Seminary, Pennsburg, Pa.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA.

The following clipping from a Norristown paper relates to one of Pennsylvania Beta's alumnae:

"Dr. Mary Moore Wolfe was elected Resident Physician of the Female Department of the Hospital for the Insane at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees held this morning.

"Dr. Mary M. Wolfe is a Pennsylvanian by birth, coming from a family of high educational ability and social standing. She is a daughter of the late Hon. Charles S. Wolfe, formerly a distinguished member of the Pennsylvania Legislature.

"Dr. Wolfe graduated from Bucknell Institute in 1891, graduated from Bucknell University in 1896, receiving the degree of A. B. She then took a course in the Medical Department of the University of Michigan, graduating with high honors in 1899, and received the degree of Master of Arts from Bucknell University in 1900.

"Dr. Wolfe came to Norristown as Assistant Physician at the State Hospital, August 15, 1900. Since her connection with the institution, she has proved herself to be well qualified to fill the position to which she was elected. Refined, quiet in manners, her bearing is such as to command the confidence and respect of the unfortunate patients committed to her charge."

## NEW YORK ALPHA.

Frances Beattie, one of New York Alpha's charter members, was married December twenty-fourth to Daniel W. Terry, Phi Kappa Psi. They will make their home in Cazenovia where Mr. Terry is professor of Latin and Greek.

Miriam Wright, ex-'03, was married to Barlow Rhodes, January first. They are living in Elbridge.

Bertha Bennett, '99, is still traveling in France.

Zona Dunn, '99, Phi Beta Kappa, is preceptress at the Clyde High School.

Leora Sherwood is assistant in the physics department of the Syracuse High School.

## ILLINOIS BETA.

Florence P. King of Illinois Beta was married to Fay Bullock, Phi Delta Theta, at noon, March sixth, 1901.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON.

Miriam Prindle is teaching in Evanston High School.

Nell O'Brien, '00, is teaching at Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

## INDIANA GAMMA.

Esther Shover, '00, took her Ph. B. degree from Chicago University at the December convocation.

Mabel G. Hank has leave of absence from college to go to Chicago University for the spring quarter.

A little son was born into the family of Professor and Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown on March thirteenth. Mrs. Brown was Jessie Christian, one of the charter members of Indiana Gamma, and her baby receives the name of Philip Christian Brown.

Grace Marie Casaday, ex-'01, of South Bend, Indiana, was married February ninth to Mr. G. A. Cleveland of California.

## MICHIGAN BETA.

Mrs. Davoll of Caro, Mich., and her two-year-old son, Alan, spent a couple of weeks with us in February.

Nancy Bentley of Marshall spent Washington's birthday at the house.

## IOWA ALPHA.

Martha Ware, post graduate of 1899, was married on Wednesday, February the twenty-seventh, to Dr. E. G. Barton. They will be at home to their friends at Ottumwa, Iowa.

All Pi Phis probably noticed the account of the sad accident which resulted in the death of Stella Thomas of Burlington, Iowa, who was killed in the elevator at the Y. M. C. A. building on Michigan Avenue, Chicago. A great many of the old members of Pi Phi will remember her mother as Jessie Donald, charter member of Iowa Alpha. The sympathy of all Pi Phis goes out to her in her great bereavement.

Emily Young, '99, is recovering from a long siege of typhoid fever.

At the State Oratorical Contest held at Mt. Pleasant, Ia., Iowa Alpha was pleased to meet Grace Erickson of Iowa Beta, who represented Simpson College on the State program.

Edna L. Dow of Illinois Delta gave two delightful violin solos at the State Oratorical Contest.

## MISSOURI ALPHA.

Maud Miller and Tillie Lohr are at home this winter, in St. Joseph, Mo.

Gratia Evelyn Woodside is practicing law in her father's office in Salem, Mo.

Sue Stone is nursing her mother back to health in St. Anthony's Sanitarium, Las Vegas, N. M.

Rosina Hayman is teaching near Houstonia, Mo.

Lucille Lawson is in Denver, Colo., for her health. She expects to return in June.

Maud Rippey is stenographer in the Citizens Bank and Trust Co., in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Laura White is spending the winter at home in Warsaw, Mo.

#### NEBRASKA BETA.

Mary Haskell, '99, who has been abroad since last summer, will spend two years in study at Paris.

Anna Lytle, '98, now holds the chair of Literature in the Agnes Scott Institute, Decatur, Georgia.

Gertrude Wright, Vera Wattles and Margaret Custer are in Boston for a year.

Bessie Turner is studying vocal music in Chicago this winter.

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### In Memoriam.

**D**EATH has made the first break in Nebraska Beta. Saturday, February ninth, Mae Miller Lansing died at Lincoln, Neb., after a severe illness of less than a week. Each day we realize our loss more keenly, for every girl feels that it is the elder sister who has gone.

Mae was one of our charter members, coming to us from Michigan Alpha, where she had been honored by being sent as delegate to the National Convention, held in Boston. Her enthusiasm and active interest made her a power among us, and she helped us easily past many hard places, never losing her interest in the active chapter; even when the fever had made her delirious, she talked most of all about the girls and their plans for the fraternity.

There is in every chapter some one whose memory is a benediction; some one who by gentleness and unerring judgment shows a breadth of sympathy which easily places her first in every heart. Such a one was Mae. And we know that we live better every day for having had a friend so true and noble and of such unvarying sweetness of character.

We cannot have Mae with us again, but we feel we can do our

work with stronger hearts, in the memory of the cheerfulness with which she met the many demands upon her—a cheerfulness which showed so clearly the beauty of her soul.

—G. R.

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Michigan Alpha girls, in deepest grief, again wore the little bows of crepe when the sad news of the death of Mae Miller Lansing was brought to them. To Michigan Alpha, ever loyal and true, her name signified sweetness, cheerfulness of disposition and calm judgment, while she was ever a peacemaker in every fraternity discord.

We were compelled, by force of circumstances, to give her to Nebraska Beta, but we are ever proud to remind them that she was ours first, in heart and deed.

The girls who worked in the chapter with her can alone understand her loving, womanly virtues. How can we tell of the beauty of her life! How can we understand the Providence that took the pure unsullied soul from the form we loved so well! Ever too charitable to see a fault in her friend, she spoke ill of none.

As a personal friend, she was true and steadfast, showing in every unselfish act that

“Friendship is the secret sympathy, the silver link, the silken tie,  
That heart to heart and mind to mind,  
In body and in soul do bind.”

To each one of us who knew her, the sweetness and contentment of her life will ever be an ennobling influence. To know such a soul is to know its immortality.

The chapter grieves with the mother and sisters, and understands in part the depth of their sorrow. To them our sincere sympathy is given.

—A. G. C. G.

### Editorials.

ALREADY the different chapters are doubtless beginning to think about the question of the fraternity delegate, and some, perhaps, have already made their selection. To those who have not done so, it might be well to suggest that the chapter representative and her alternate be chosen as soon as possible, since a certain amount of previous preparation is necessary for the successful delegate. No girl, for instance, should expect to take part in the convention who is not thoroughly familiar with the fraternity's constitution, history, and the proceedings of the last two conventions at least. No girl should expect to represent her chapter without a pretty definite knowledge of its conditions, its needs, and the probable desires of its members as to any proposed measure. If a chapter has submitted a suggestion for amending the Constitution, its delegate should be prepared to defend such proposed amendment from the standpoint of its bearing on the fraternity as a whole and on her own chapter in particular. Should any crisis arise, she should be sure enough of her ground to know where she may wisely compromise and where she must stand firm. All these things take time, and the chapter owes it to the delegate to elect her early enough so that she may not have to go to convention unprepared.

Another obligation upon the chapter is to give its delegate *officially* all necessary instructions. To send her forth uninformed or only vaguely informed about the chapter's wishes, and with nothing but her own discretion to rely upon, is clearly unfair. Quite as unfair is it, however, to bind her implicitly to these instructions. Unforeseen occasions must arise where the delegate's judgment is far better than the most elaborate set of instructions, and to hamper her in the use of this implies a want of confidence in her, as well as a selfishness regarding the general welfare of the fraternity. Don't choose a delegate that you do not trust, but do not shirk the responsibility utterly because of this trust.

As to the kind of girl to choose, it is not necessary to say

much. The delegate should be clear-headed and self-possessed, one who is able to see both sides of a question and decide for herself independently. She should, if possible, be a good speaker, but intelligent listening is not without value, and ready speech does not always go with sound common sense. There is no reason in the nature of things why a girl may not have all these qualities and at the same time be pretty and charming, possessed of the social graces, and one who makes friends easily for herself and her chapter. These things have their value—a great one—but as between them and the more substantial qualities there can be no question. At any rate, make your selection as wisely as possible from the material at hand, make it fairly, make it early, and then tell your delegate what you expect of her and assure her of the chapter's full confidence and support.

AT THE opening of the colleges this fall, we felt on looking back over the record of the previous year that one of our greatest causes for self-congratulation was the growth of the National Alumnae Association, which, according to the catalog published in the Arrow last July, boasted a membership of one hundred and four. Since then the membership has been multiplied by four and the books of the alumnae editor show a total of four hundred and twenty-six names on her mailing list.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the wisdom, loyalty and energy of the alumnae officers whose efforts have brought this about. Their service to the fraternity is in its way fully as great as that of the officers of the active organization, although it does not begin to have the same recognition. It has become a truism in fraternity thought that the greatest strength of a fraternity is in a strong body of alumnae, and we may add as a sort of corollary that whatever keeps a body of alumnae well organized and interested by virtue of this makes them strong.

The Arrow may also take to itself some small part of the credit for this delightful result, since, by the new arrangement, it is brought so far within the means of every alumna, that its circulation, and thus its circle of interest, is nearly doubled.

That it is considerably poorer by the new arrangement, in dollars and cents at least, is of small moment in comparison with the fact that the fraternity is so much richer.

Another good sign in the matter of alumnae interest is the formation, during the past year or two, of so many alumnae clubs. Reports from eleven of these found elsewhere in this issue show a very healthy activity and interest. Especially promising, it seems to us, is the fact that they have not attempted to do too much. Very few have taken up any definite line of literary or philanthropic work, but they seem for the most part to find sufficient excuse for being in the desire of the members to enjoy each other's company and to help the active chapters. We hope that every alumna who reads these very suggestive reports will be reminded to look about her, and if she can find in her neighborhood two or three others who wear the arrow, that she will gather them together once a month or a year, into another little nucleus of Pi Phi sentiment. May the close of next year see the number of clubs doubled and the roll of the Alumnae Association multiplied by three at least.

THERE have been some slight misunderstandings as to the assignment of articles for the Arrow, and some chapters have wondered how it happened that when but one article a year was required from each chapter, some of those who contributed to the November Arrow were given another assignment before the close of this college year. As one or two such misunderstandings have come to notice, it may be well to explain the basis on which the apportionment is made. The editor took charge of the Arrow in the first place and has each time resumed charge in the autumn with the opening of the college year. At this time, then, the list of assignments is made out for publication in the four issues of the year. Since the articles called for, however, are not due at the time notice is published, but three months later, it happens that those called for in July are not sent in until October, by which time the next year's list has been made out. Provided the lists of each year were duplicates of the year before, there would be no difficulty. Chapters

A, B and C would always contribute to the November number, X, Y and Z to the January, and so on.

This, however, has hardly seemed wise for several reasons. In the first place, the articles for January and July are due, the one in the press of college work just before Christmas, the other in the flurry of the Commencement season, and it is hardly fair that it should be the same chapters every year who must submit to the extra burden of the Arrow article. Then, too, the November and July issues are much easier to fill, particularly, of course, in Convention year. Chapter letters average longer, the reports come in, and there is more voluntary space filling. The assigned articles may therefore be shorter. Then there are some few chapters which may be depended on for really good articles, showing thought in conception, correctness in expression, and evidently written because there is something to say. To assign these chapters all to one issue would mean cushioned ease to the editor for that time, and midnight oil the next, when she had to rewrite a good part of what was handed in, or cast about for something to fill the place of what had to go into the waste basket.

A scheme has accordingly been worked out by which, if possible, no chapter sends its contribution in the same month as it has the year before, by which each province is represented so far as possible proportionally and by which the same chapters are not grouped together as in the preceding year. It is for this reason that it happens that chapters which have contributed to the November Arrow are called upon for a second contribution before the next November. The editor admits that her system is not perfect. It seems, nevertheless, the best that she can devise. Meanwhile she is open to suggestions for a better.

## Chapter Letters.

### ALPHA PROVINCE.

#### VERMONT ALPHA — MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

Our winter months are rapidly passing and the bright beautiful spring will follow bringing with it new pleasures and amusements for the jolly girls of Pi Phidom. Vermont Alpha has had an unusually pleasant winter, for our twenty-one girls form a strong band whether for fun or work and nothing affords us more pleasure than to be a member of this circle on each Monday evening at our Pharetra.

At the beginning of the term one of our alumnae prepared a Christmas tree for us. It was prettily decorated with tinsel and tapers and well laden with trifling gifts. A few weeks ago one of our patronesses gave us an "auction party" inviting about twenty of the college men. Several small parties and receptions have been held at Pharetra from time to time. We have recently enjoyed a short visit from Lena Roseman '96.

The students and friends of the college celebrated Washington's birthday with a banquet at one of the hotels in town. With the music and toasts the evening passed very pleasantly and all hoped that this affair would become a college custom.

Nearly all of our girls, especially the Freshmen, have been preparing for the examination to be taken soon and will feel relieved when it is over.

MAUDE SMITH.

#### VERMONT BETA — UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

It is with mingled feelings of relief and dread that the corresponding secretary of the Vermont Beta writes her letter for the Arrow; relief because mid-year "exams." are safely passed and dread because our fraternity examination is so near at hand. Vermont Beta is very anxious to stand well this year and the freshmen are studying hard. They sighed very audibly and became "pictures of despair" when we told them the chapter roll must be learned.

As a chapter we have done nothing in the social line since our last letter. The Sophomore class has had its annual hop and there has been one Military Hop which those of our girls who attended reported highly enjoyable.

The girl's Glee Club is to give an opera in the near future, entitled "The Dress Rehearsal," and the college men are working hard preparing for their play, "The Silent Woman," which is to be given April the fifteenth.

The Sophomore class has elected its "Ariel" board for next year, and one of our girls is the lady member of the board.

Vermont Beta sends love and best wishes to all of her Pi Phi sisters.

GRACE ANNA GOODHUE.

COLUMBIA ALPHA — COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY.

We girls of Columbia Alpha feel, this time, that we have so much news to tell, we really don't know at which end to begin. However great the events of our life would ordinarily appear, everything else is now eclipsed by the glorious fact that we are now enjoying something of which for a long time we have been dreaming. We at last have a chapter home. To some of our more fortunate sisters who boast of houses galore, this may seem a very humble dwelling, but to us it is truly a palace. This "palace" is one large room, which we have divided up cosily by means of screens. Soon after renting our room, we held a "house-warming," when we invited our alumnae and patronesses to come and bring us donations. It was not long after this that we were able to look around our new abode with some degree of satisfaction, and realize that we were quite comfortably launched upon a new era of housekeeping.

We are most happy to have a new sister to share our chapter home with us. On the twenty-third of February Lola May Evans was initiated into Pi Beta Phi. To resurrect Christmas at this late day seems like a relic of ancient history. Yet, since the Arrow refuses to appear oftener than every three months, for which the corresponding secretary is sincerely grateful, we must needs go back into the dim past ages in order to tell you what we have been doing in the interval.

On the seventeenth of December Frances Heilprin entertained our chapter most royally at her home.

Then, what a good time we did have just before Christmas! How imposing our tree looked, laden with mysterious packages, and how well our Santa Claus acted her part! Last, but by no means least, what a glorious "cookie-shine" we had after it all! As we do every year, so this year, we all declared that our celebration far surpassed all that went before.

Shortly after Christmas, Rosalie Robinette, 1900, invited us all to her home, where needless to say we all had a fine time.

On the eighteenth of February Mrs. Hilliker, president of the Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi in Washington, entertained us at her home at a joint meeting of active chapter and alumnae. We were so glad to have this opportunity of becoming better acquainted with our alumnae.

This week, for Columbia Alpha and all Washingtonians, has surely been a busy and exciting one. The inauguration is over,

and we have all lived to tell the tale. Even yet, however, the city is filled with strangers, and we are spending all our spare moments, and a great many that are not spare, showing them the sights. In the midst of all this turmoil and festivity, at the end of the week, we are brought to a rude awakening. The faternity examination stares us boldly in the face and we realize that we must come to a sudden halt. We wish you all good luck in that trying ordeal.

FLORENCE ELIZABETH FRISBY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA — SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Pennsylvania Alpha wishes to introduce her newest member to all her Pi Beta Phi sisters. She is Sara E. Tracy, of the class of 1903. Mary Cooper Johnson, one of last year's active chapter, opened her home to us for the evening, and you can imagine just what a delightful Pi Phi time we had at the initiation,—the first this year.

Pledge Day is still many weeks in the future, but the interest is growing more and more intense as the time approaches. Then it is we may ask our freshmen — we wish we might tell you all about them before the summer Arrow.

In January Mrs. Ferrier, one of our patronesses, gave us a house party at her home in Moorestown, New Jersey. Every year we look forward to this event and think of it afterward as one of the most delightful occasions.

This month there is to be another house party at the home of one of our last year's members, Helen Rogers. These occasions are our one glimpse of what life in a chapter house must be. Such a thing seems a blessing too great ever to come to Swarthmore, but we can congratulate every chapter that does possess it.

Already we have begun to plan for Founders' Day — the one day of the year when we can have so many of our alumnae with us. One custom is to celebrate the occasion by a banquet, and you may be sure it is one long day of nothing but pleasure.

Pennsylvania Alpha sends her most heartfelt greetings to every one of you.

MABEL WILSON LATIMER.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA — BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

Pennsylvania Beta brings two new members to introduce to you, Elvie Coleman and Grace Roberts, both of the class of 1903. We initiated them in January, making our number sixteen, a good beginning for the new year.

As a chapter we have been doing little this term, except in a quiet way. Most of our festivities come in the spring. We still have the pleasure of a visit from one of the Grand Council in

anticipation. We want to tell you of the honor that has come to one of our charter members, Dr. Mary Wolfe. She was elected head of the woman's board of physicians in the state hospital for the insane, at Norristown, Pa. Considering the fact that she has had her degree of M. D. but two years, and that she was elected over an older physician, we think we may feel very proud of her.

The home of one of our members and patronesses, Mrs. Hulley, was almost entirely destroyed by fire on February twenty-first. Dr. Hulley's fine library, manuscripts and beautiful pictures and curios gathered abroad, went to feed the flames, and few things of value were saved. Dr. and Mrs. Hulley are staying at the seminary until the house shall be repaired.

A number of our girls took part in the last performance of the Girls' Dramatic Club. The club will give an open meeting early in April, to which the men will be invited. The College Girls' Reception will also come in April.

Sara Black, '00, who has been an active member this year is teaching now at Cedar Ledge, Pa.

Eliza Martin '00, also an active member, is assisting in the department of elocution.

Pennsylvania Beta sends greetings and good wishes to her sister chapters.

Laura Allen.

#### OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

It seems to us, of Ohio Alpha, that our chapter is stronger at present than it has been for several years. We have a comparatively small chapter, thirteen members, but we are thirteen girls whose interests are closely interwoven, and therein lies our strength. Of late we have been using our hall, which is in one of the college buildings, much as a chapter house. It is a rendezvous for her who spends her leisure moments in fancy-work, as well as for her whose every moment is given to study. Only through such close daily association have we learned to love each other.

On the afternoon of December sixteenth we pledged two girls, Mabel McGirr and Nan Gabbert. On the evening of the same day we entertained the members of the faculty and their wives, presenting to them our two pledges, whom we now present to you, believing them to be earnest co-workers with us, in striving for "our ideals." The evening of the twenty-eighth of February was given over to a "spread," to which we invited our alumnae. It was a delightfully informal affair and we all felt that it was good to be there, particularly so when the tempting viands were placed before us.

The much-looked-forward-to examination is over at last!

"Ye who have tears prepare to shed them now," was the motto of Ohio Alpha when that little package of questions was carefully concealed in our secretary, awaiting further developments. A call meeting was the order of the day and the gloom pervading the atmosphere of our hall fairly darkened the room. If we only by thought-transference or some other medium could have divined what the questions were! Is it any wonder that, after such fear and trembling as this, we rejoice, doubtless with you, also, that the examination is over?

Ohio Alpha extends greetings to all her sisters in the bond.

MINNIE BROWN.

OHIO BETA — OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We can scarcely realize that the school year is almost over and the bright spring days are near at hand. Our best work of the year is done and it will take all of our will-power to keep our attention on study when the counteracting force of a beautiful campus is at work.

We were pleased to see the pictures of California Beta's lodge. It is a happy idea for the chapters to insert in the Arrow the pictures of their members and houses. We feel that in this way we are able to know the chapters better.

On February fifteenth many of our girls attended the Junior "Prom." given at the armory. On February twenty-first the second "Co-ed. Prom." of the year took place. All of the girls in college take part in these dances and they are very successful. This time the freshmen were the escorts and filled out the programs. The upper classmen were in old-fashioned dresses and had their hair powdered while the freshmen had their gymnasium suits gaily decorated with brass buttons and epaulettes and the heads of committees wore swords. The gymnasium presented a very pretty scene at this affair.

On March twenty-second we are to entertain with an informal party.

We have now one pledge and we hope to introduce her in the next Arrow, a duly initiated Pi Phi.

Ohio Beta sends best wishes and greetings to all Pi Beta Phis.

ALLENA MITZENBERG.

NEW YORK ALPHA — SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

At the close of another three months, New York Alpha sends greetings to her sister chapters in Pi Phi. Since the writing of the last Arrow letter, the girls have passed through the mid-year examinations and are now well started on the second semester's work.

On the evening of February eleventh, New York Alpha celebrated the fifth anniversary of her founding by giving a valentine

party to about thirty of her college friends. We were fortunate in having with us at this time, Mary Barrett, '00, and Maude Kaufman, ex-'01. The following evening was the annual city concert given by the Glee Club of the University and on Wednesday evening occurred the Senior ball.

These are both large social functions of the year and the Pi Phis were well represented.

On the evening of March fifth, we entertained our patronesses at dinner. Although this was not a large affair, it was certainly most enjoyable.

It is our custom to have each class entertain the fraternity during the year. At the Christmas-tree party the Freshmen delighted us with a minstrel show, and on Friday evening, March first, the Sophomores entertained. The entertainment was a burlesque of a woman's club meeting.

We have the pleasure of introducing to you another sister, Louise Andrews. She was pledged to us last year but was not able to be initiated until after Christmas.

Now with best wishes for Pi Beta Phi we say adieu until the next Arrow.

LUNETTE G. HAVENS.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA — BOSTON UNIVERSITY.

The most important thing which has happened to Massachusetts Alpha, since last we met over paper, has been the "annexation" of three new sisters, Marion Coburn, who, I think, was introduced to you as a pledge not long ago, Louise Richardson, and Agnes Logan. The initiation occurred February twentieth, at the home of Mary Galbraith in Roxbury. We went to dinner together first, in order that the chosen ones might be well fortified for the ordeal. We allowed them to feel a corner of the goat's horn before we reached Roxbury, but when we were out of the sight of people he went for them full force. The conflict passed off successfully. The three girls are wounded beyond hope of recovery.

In honor of their wounds we held a banquet the next week at Hotel Somerset, which was immensely enjoyed by all except the select few who dislike toast, but were obliged to participate in that delicacy at this time. A jollification which suited them better was a cookie-shine with which our president, Anna Robinson, favored us in place of the speech for which she was asked. It is hardly necessary to state that we enjoyed ourselves.

These ceremonies were strictly private, but there was one where we sought the gaze of people. Klatsch Collegiate, the social function of the year at Boston university, which is a reception given by the young women to all their friends, occurred March first. Pi Phi was represented by Free Burnham as host-

ess and Mrs. Robinson as matron. Our corner was entirely in wine and blue, wine curtains formed the background, against which sofa pillows were piled up, a partition to separate it from the rest of the room was made up of a lattice work of wine and blue ribbons. The table was trimmed with blue hyacinths and wine carnations and dark frappe was served from a blue bowl. The effect was charming, we thought, and we heard some unprejudiced critics say so too.

Such has been the apparent history of our chapter since the last letter, the real history can not be as easily told. It has been the quiet chapter life which has meant more to us this term than any banquets or receptions, and we are looking forward to a still happier one next term when we shall have our new sisters to help us.

ELEANOR GOOD.

MARYLAND ALPHA — THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

In striking contrast with the quiet and monotony of the last months of the old century have been the whirl and excitement of the first two months of the new. Both in college and fraternity life there has been a decided quickening, and as a result our lessons have often been so hurriedly prepared that one is tempted to twist an old saying into "She who reads must run." But still no one has objected to the extra exertion, remembering that "all work and no play made Jack a dull boy." It may interest you to know how we have escaped the fate of that unfortunate lad.

On the eleventh of January we celebrated the founding of our chapter at the home of one of our charter members, May Lansfield Kellar. The active members thoroughly enjoyed themselves, as six of our guests must also have done; for, on the following day, they made us happy by putting on our pledge pins. Two of them, Mary H. Thompson and Frances M. Dunning of Bedford, Iowa, are still wearing these pins, for they have not yet completed their preparatory work. But the other four, Alice J. Dunning, also of Bedford, Olive F. Mast of Coatsville, Pennsylvania, Zaidee Metzger of Williamsport, Pennsylvania, and Amy K. Pearson of Baltimore, have already learned through bitter experience that:

"The Pi Phi girls have got a goat,  
He isn't any kid,  
He has a most tremendous throat,  
And eats just what he's bid."

That such a creature exists, our latest pledging, Gertrude Pease of Conway, Massachusetts, dimly imagines, but ere the April Arrow is out this imagination will have become a certainty.

Since it might be inferred from the foregoing that winning

girls for Pi Beta Phi has been our sole occupation of late, we shall endeavor to show you that we have not neglected our other pleasures. In the basket ball games, four of our girls, Nellie E. Biehn, '01, Alice Dunning, '02, Maud Soper, '02, and Frances Dunning, '04 played well. Two other "players" of ours are Emily Hoskins and Fan Osterstock, who took leading parts in the play the College Juniors gave to the freshmen. At this play we had the pleasure of having with us Edna L. Stone, '00 of Washington. She came especially to a tea given by one of our patronesses, Mrs. Jonathan K. Taylor.

On the twenty-second of February we showed our patriotism by giving a semi-George Washington party to some of our young men friends, at the home of Elizabeth Culver. One of the gentlemen was Mr. E. S. Keyworth, who with his wife, formerly Irene Rapalee, ex-'01, was our highly welcome guest. Under the skillful training of Emily Hoskins, a most artistic presentation of "Six Cups of Chocolate" was given by Edith Miesse, Maud Soper, Alice Belt, Mary Hearn Lockhart, Marian Stoner, and Amy Pearson. The humor of the play was contagious, and throughout the evening pleasure and patriotism (in the shape of hatchets and cherry-trees) reigned supreme. This feeling of national pride persuaded many of the chapter to go over the inaugural ceremonies. While in Washington, the writer had the privilege of attending the weekly meeting of Columbia Alpha at the home of Elsie Turner. There she learned of the work they were doing for the fraternity and also of the delightful chapter room their alumnae have presented to them.

Trusting that this letter may give you an idea of what Maryland Alpha has been doing, we close with greetings to you, one and all.

KATHLEEN MOORE MALLORY.

## BETA PROVINCE.

### ILLINOIS BETA — LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Our winter term and its formidable examinations are safely past and we are all looking forward to the spring term which is such a delightful time at Lombard because of our beautiful campus.

We have not been altogether idle this term but have added to our list of Pi Phi sisters two very dear girls, Elizabeth Philbrook and Laura Hobbs. They are only pledged now but we hope very soon to put the arrow on them.

January eighteenth Nell Townsend, one of our pledges, entertained the Phi Delta Thetas and Pi Phis at an "Irresponsible party."

One of our alumnae recently entertained the two girls' fraternities at Lombard at a "Spinster Tea." Each girl told the story of her love affair and why she had rejected the young man.

Our annual "Football Prom." was given February twenty-eighth and although it is a college affair the Pi Phis are always most prominent.

Washington's birthday we had planned for a colonial party to be given in the Ladies' Hall but the sudden death of the father of one of our girls caused it to be postponed indefinitely.

Last Saturday we enjoyed a "cookie-shine" in our cozy room. We studied a little for Pi Phi examination which comes now right on top of our term examinations.

Illinois Beta wishes for all Pi Phis a pleasant spring term,  
LILLIAN HARRIS.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA — KNOX COLLEGE.

Since our last letter we have had a very pretty initiation at the home of one of our patronesses, an old Monmouth I. C. girl, at which we pinned the arrow upon two loyal new Pi Phis, Marie Mars and Mary Crawford, both Galesburg girls. Also we went thro' the ceremony of pledging Della Hurff, Annie Mackay and Louise Secord, who after a year and a half of rushing by both fraternities, has at last surrendered to the wine and the blue.

March fifteenth the glee club's concert comes off, and some of our girls are working very hard to make it a success. We are very proud of our two clubs. Mary Preston, one of our sophomores, is leaving college to take up work with Mr. Sherwood in Chicago next year. We shall miss her greatly, but her place will not be long vacant because Charlotte Ayres will resume her work in the Junior class, and our active members will remain at the number of fifteen for the rest of the year.

We have just completed a treaty with the Delta Delta Delta girls for next year's fall rushing, by which we are not allowed to ask any girls until the twenty-seventh of September and they may not pledge until the twenty-eighth.

We have sent away for pretty invitations and programs for our annual Founders' Day Promenade in April, and hope to make it a great success. Wishing all Pi Phis all good things.

ALICE CANDEE GALE.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON — NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

The announcement that another Arrow letter is due makes us feel that it will not be long before summer vacation is at hand, and with that the convention which many of us hope to attend if fate permits.

We are now planning to give our only formal party allowed by the faculty, on Founders' Day.

The seniors of Northwestern's different departments held their annual banquet in Chicago last week, and Abbie Williams, one of our girls, was chosen to represent the College of Liberal Arts with a toast.

We enjoyed very much having Miss Robertson and Mrs. George, wife of Prof. George, besides several alumnae, with us at a cookie-shine in the fraternity rooms several weeks ago. Miss Robertson is from the chapter at Ann Arbor, and is such an enthusiastic Pi Phi that we thoroughly enjoyed having her with us. We feel very fortunate in having so delightful a woman as Mrs. George closely associated with the faculty, and hope that we may come to know her much better.

The nineteen hundred and three Syllabus board, which has in charge the publication of the College Annual, was elected a short time ago, and Elberta Smith of our chapter was chosen a member.

Mae Doland, who is in the School of Music, returned last week from a visit in Michigan.

To every wearer of the golden arrow Illinois Epsilon sends best wishes.

LENORE L. NEGUS.

ILLINOIS ZETA — ILLINOIS STATE UNIVERSITY.

The following quotation was taken from an article which appeared in the March fourth issue of the university "Illini." "Illinois Zeta of Pi Beta Phi sorority gave a reception Saturday afternoon and evening which was one of the most elegant and largely attended of such affairs that has been held in the university community. This is the first year that the chapter has been housed together under its own roof, and the young ladies desired to give their friends a chance to attend a genuine house-warming. The visit which they are receiving from Miss Ida Smith of Lawrence, Kan., one of their national officers, was also an incentive to call in all their friends, and the occasion became both a house-warming and a reception in honor of their visitor."

It is needless to say that we have all been very happy in having Miss Smith with us, and only wish that we did not have to let her go. We feel that we have gained much benefit as well as pleasure from her visit, and hope to be able to carry out the helpful suggestions which she has left with us.

This week our thoughts are taken up with the annual examination, and we wish the best of luck to all the other Pi Phis.

MINNIE C. BRIDGMAN.

## INDIANA ALPHA — FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

At the close of the winter term we take a retrospective view of our work and the happenings of the last quarter, and what better news can we announce than that before many days we shall have initiated two of our pledges, Jeanette Lemmon and Mary Van Nuys. Then we shall be nineteen strong. We have had the usual round of parties this term, and on January sixteenth a "Birthday party" was given at the chapter house, it being the thirteenth anniversary of the founding of Indiana Alpha.

On the morning of February twenty-seventh one of our girls, Gertrude Deckard, was married to Claude M. Hendricks. Four days before the wedding, a "kitchen shower" was given the bride; each gift was accompanied by an original verse, and afterward followed the customary spread.

One of the jolliest parties of the season was given by our four seniors in honor of St. Valentine. The previous week invitations were issued for the marriage of Queen Wilhelmina to Duke Henry, which was to occur February fourteenth at the chapter house. Every Pi Phi in town was invited but not a single man was so honored. Each invitation bore the name of the royal personage the recipient was supposed to represent. For days the question of splendid gowns and certain articles of masculine attire, was a serious one. On the appointed evening a most brilliant assemblage thronged the drawing rooms of the royal palace. At seven forty-five the wedding march began and the wedding party in regulation attire descended the stairs. First came the usher, tall, straight, majestic, clad in military regimentals complete, and rejoicing in a clanking sword. He bore the burst of applause which greeted her (I mean his) appearance with the most remarkable sang-froid.

After the usher came two pastors in flowing black gowns. Their clerical appearance was a trifle marred by unusually heavy suits of hair which refused to be properly subjugated for the especial occasion. Next came six brides-maids, two clad in blue, two in pink and two in white gowns. Then the flower girl appeared bearing an enormous basket of flowers and wearing one of her little sister's short dresses. She was not a very dignified maiden for she was shaking with laughter most of the time the ceremony was in progress.

She was followed by Wilhelmina, who was leaning on the arm of the Queen Dowager. The bride was a vision of loveliness, resplendent in white and the jewels of many friends. She was met at the altar by the Duke and his best man and the ceremony proceeded according to the most specific newspaper reports from The Hague. After the blessing was bestowed, and congratulations received the royal feast was served. In

the wedding arrangements several variations from the original event were necessary but these were not serious enough to at all interfere with the pleasure of the affair.

The annual reunion at Hotel English on February ninth, which was in the form of a progressive banquet, was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Our chapter was given the hearty support of our patronesses — for our three were present — and Mrs. Monroe, a former patroness, who is now of New York, was also with us.

Indiana Alpha came home with hearts full of pride at having met so many delightful sister Pi Phis, and all vow to be more enthusiastic in chapter life hereafter and never lose sight of the ideals of Pi Beta Phi.

At the last of the term invitations to various functions are showered upon us in the way of class receptions — the Sigma Alpha Epsilons and Phi Delta Thetas observing their Founders' Day by banquets and receptions — but even with all the gaiety we try not to forget the examinations which will be upon us so soon.

We are very much pained to learn of the death of Elizabeth M. Burton, who died at her home at Mitchell, Ind., on March fourth. After spending much time in Mexico and different parts of the west in search of renewed health she succumbed to the dread disease consumption. She was formerly a student at Franklin, having entered the fall of 1891, proving herself very intellectual; she was always most-modest, refined and attractive; a perfect type of young womanhood in every respect; her lovely character is testified to by all who knew her, and her friends were a host, and we certainly feel the loss of a sister in the bond.

ALICE VAN NUYS.

#### INDIANA BETA — INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Indiana Beta is just completing her winter term's work and the girls are beginning to realize that a vacation is before them. So busy have the last three months been that they have seemed but as so many weeks. Since our Pi Phi sisters last heard from us we have gotten happily settled once more in a very pretty home of our own, and the new girls are finding out more every day the comforts and joys which come from chapter house life.

No open meetings of a formal nature have been held this term but several small informal parties have been given, which have been exceptionally enjoyable. When the chapter house was opened in January the girls entertained several friends informally at dancing. One of the pleasantest "entertainings" of the term was given last Saturday evening to our resident alumnae, our patronesses and a few friends. A charming little play in which six of the girls took part, and a short musical program, furnished the evening's entertainment.

Pi Phi has made a record in dramatic circles this year of which she has reason to be proud. Two of the three girls chosen to take part in the annual student play were Pi Phis — Anna Cravens and Flora Ticknor. Both girls are members of the "Strut and Fret," a dramatic club, and show no little ability.

Eleven of our girls attended the annual state reunion and banquet at Indianapolis in February, where we were delightfully entertained by Alumnae and Butler sisters. The girls all pronounce the banquet a decided success.

The chapter is at present having the pleasure of a visit from Cora Belle Hewitt, of Indiana Gamma, who is a guest at the chapter house.

Greetings from Indiana Beta to all sister chapters.

ELLEN L. RUSSELL.

#### INDIANA GAMMA — UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS.

In these busy days of the winter term Indiana Gamma is glad to stop work for a little while and look over her record, and at the same time send greetings to her sister chapters. No efforts have been put forth to increase our numbers, since the fall campaign, but the girls have been interested in their college work, as well as in making a thorough study of fraternity constitution and methods.

We always find time, however, for the festivities of the season, and have enjoyed our full share. On January seventh, Mrs. Alfred F. Potts, one of our patronesses, asked us to share the pleasures of her home for an evening with our friends. The hardwood floors for dancing, and the delightful informality and hospitality of the host and hostess, made the occasion one long to be remembered.

A few weeks later fraternity meeting was improved by the addition of a spread, held in the room of Grace Hetfield. Since the beginning of the second term one meeting each month has been devoted to literary work. Our program is made up of studies on art — in particular, painters and sculptors, and their work. At the January meeting, held at Esther Shover's, we had papers on "The Beginnings of Italian Art," and "The Florentine School," followed in February by "The Venetian School," and the "Spanish School." Each paper is illustrated by pictures of the artists and copies of their masterpieces, and the study is proving fascinating and very profitable.

February seventh is celebrated by Butler each year as Founders' Day, and the students rest from their labors and honor the memory of their benefactors. This year William Dudley Foulke gave the principal address, and in the evening many of the faculty, students and friends dined together at the Denison Hotel.

Our Indiana Pi Phi reunion occurred two days later, but of

this you will read in another column, only let us say everything was delightful except the weather, and the day is one of happy recollections.

Since March second, Indianapolis boasts an Alumnae Club which is expected to attain a membership of fifty within a few months. The officers are: President, Mrs. Jessie Summers; Secretary, Katherine T. Stevens, and Treasurer, Esther F. Shover. These, with the hostess for each meeting, will form the executive committee, and plan the entertainment. Great things are expected of this club and it starts with the best wishes of every active girl in the state.

ETHEL B. ROBERTS.

MICHIGAN ALPHA — HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

We had wondered and wondered why we had never heard the result of last year's examination, but now we think we understand the reason. Is it that the standings so recently published may spur us on?

Since our last letter we have added one to our active roll, Florence Kepple, of Belvidere, Ill., who was initiated February first. She has been heard to remark that she didn't see why we couldn't have waited until after that dreadful examination.

The next evening after an initiation we had an experience which our Louisiana sisters, poor things, know nothing about, unless they have lived in the North. We had a sleighride out to the home of Mayte Collins, who lives eight miles from Hillsdale. Fifteen Pi Phis and as many other people made up the merry party.

We held one of our regular meetings recently at the home of Mrs. Green, while Mrs. Meyer received all the girls of the college on the twenty-second of February.

The professor of mathematics has leave of absence for the term, and Mary Wells is teaching trigonometry during his absence.

Maud Corbett has just been elected president of the Y. W. C. A. for the coming year.

Oratorical contests are the order of the day at present, three coming within a week. We are waiting anxiously to know who will represent us at the State contest.

We haven't any seniors this year to lose, but we expect that one of our initiates, Luna French, will soon leave us. She expects to move to Wellesley Heights this spring and enter college there. At the last moment we have learned that Carrie Dudley has won first place in the Ladies' Literary Union Oratorical Contest. We are more than pleased with the result.

MARY A. WELLS.

## MICHIGAN BETA — UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

Our first day after the Christmas vacation was made happy by the news that there was a Pi Beta Phi from Louisiana in town and that Mrs. Jordan, her aunt, had invited the fraternity to dinner that we might meet her. We had a very pleasant time and were so charmed with Miss Lovell that we could only wish she were to stay the remainder of the year instead of just a month. On the seventeenth of January we gave a house party for her. We spent the evening in dancing, our favorite pastime.

If you want to have a good time and at the same time make money to buy something pretty for your house, have an auction. We had such a successful one a short time ago. Each of our girls was invited to come down to the house and bring with her a package of something costing not more than five cents. The various articles were wrapped so that no one could possibly guess what they were and deposited with the auctioneer. The red flag, the auctioneer up back of her high desk with her clerk beside her, the crowd of buyers in outlandish costume, all made the auction as realistic as possible. The bidding was very exciting; a box of matches was sold for thirty-five cents and other things were just as high. None of us opened our "dearly bought" purchases until everything had been sold, when we consoled ourselves by the thought that the money had gone for a good cause.

The girls' fraternities have each one evening in the year when they entertain the patients at the hospital. The twenty-sixth of February was reserved for us and six of our girls gave a play, "The Jack Trust." The patients seemed to enjoy it very much, especially as it was the first play given there this year. When the six came home, they found waiting for them a spread given by the other girls. It was supposed to be a surprise but we could not be sure whether it was or not.

The fraternity girls are showing their interest in athletics by attending the meets in a body. We have already had two meets, the Freshman-Sophomore and the Inter-fraternity. On the sixteenth of March is the Chicago-Michigan meet which will be a very exciting event since Michigan defeated Chicago a few weeks ago and hopes to repeat her good work.

We are now looking forward to a visit from Miss Gamble, whom we are very anxious to meet and know.

DOROTHY SASS.

## GAMMA PROVINCE.

## IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

The horizon of Iowa Alpha's sky has been somewhat clouded since our last letter to the Arrow. God has taken from us one of our most beloved and dearest pledglings, Jessie Baxter, whom many of our friends will remember as the sister of Lulu Baxter Shearer of Iowa Alpha. No sorrow, as Pi Beta Phi, has come so near us nor touched our hearts so deeply. About two years ago Jessie gave her allegiance to the dear old wine and blue, and no one was a dearer or truer pledgling. All of us who knew her will treasure it as one of the greatest privileges of our college life that we met so beautiful, so charming, so sincere and so loyal a friend as we ever found in her. Our sympathy goes out for all those who so deeply bereave the loss of one whose life made all those about her feel that

" . . . all loveliness was lovelier,  
She crowning it; all goodness credible,  
Because of the great trust her goodness bred."

And again we have lost one of our younger sisters, Nellie Durr, who was obliged to leave us to care for her mother who met with a sad accident. We miss Nellie very much but her home is only a short distance from Mt. Pleasant and she visits us frequently.

Were it not for these clouds, joy certainly would be our portion. We are glad to introduce to our sisters Norma Courts, a bright, sparkling, vivacious girl who with fearful and trembling steps walked down dear old Pi Phi's "corridors of time" to the inner sanctuary of her mysteries. We are also happy in that we have seven pledglings, four of whom are taking regular collegiate work. Our girls, most of them, are young, but next year we expect two of the older ones back and we feel sure of a firm, strong and earnest chapter.

In January Mrs. Lillian Kendig Rogers opened her beautiful new home to her younger sisters in Pi Beta Phi. We had a delightful reception, sixty guests being present. The rooms were all tastefully decorated and the dining-room in particular was a bower of loveliness. The walls were painted in our beautiful silver-blue. From the chandelier wine and blue ribbons flowed gracefully down to the four corners of the table upon which were lying in great profusion carnations and ferns. All over the room were vases of carnations and as each guest left the dining room they were presented with one of our flowers as a little souvenir of our pleasant evening together. The mellow lights from the wine candles shed a soft haze over the room and it looked, so our kind friends told us, a veritable dreamland.

We girls are again planning for Founders' Day a trip to Des Moines to hear Iowa Wesleyan's orator at the Inter-State Oratorical contest held at that city. Anticipations of a glorious good time are filling our hearts, and we one and all join in best wishes for as sincere and happy a time to each sister chapter as the spring term promises to us.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

IOWA BETA — SIMPSON COLLEGE.

Since our last Arrow letter we have initiated one girl, Grace Erickson, of the class of 1903, who has been pledged for a year, and we have also a new pledge, Alice Story.

We were especially glad to initiate Grace Erickson this winter, since she carried off first honors in our home oratorical contest this year, and represented our college at the state contest held at Iowa Wesleyan. Her arrow, of course, introduced her to the Pi Phi girls there, and their kindness to her made her visit a very pleasant one. She has told us very flattering stories about Iowa Alpha and its girls.

On the evening of December thirteenth our chapter entertained the faculty and trustees of the college with a few other friends at the reception rooms of the Woman's Hall, which we furnished this winter. The rooms, even to our critical eyes, looked very pretty, and we felt fully repaid for our labors. Mrs. Kennedy, one of our alumnae, made the presentation speech on behalf of the fraternity, and President Shelton, in his speech of acceptance, gave us a little feeling of pride by his words of praise for Pi Beta Phi.

We have had no formal parties yet this term, since our time has been so fully occupied by the regular school work. We have had one most delightful informal party, and will probably entertain again before the term is over. We have been glad to have with us, though only for a visit, Ethel Varney, one of last year's initiates. On the afternoon of the ninth of March our chapter is to be entertained by Delta chapter of Delta Delta Delta, the only other women's fraternity represented in our school.

And now the fraternity examination is before us, but like all other things, either pleasant or unpleasant, it will soon be over, and we can stop worrying about all the things we don't know.

Our chronicle of facts and happenings seems short this term but the largest part of our fraternity life is still untold—our jolly meetings, about which so little can be said, and which only a Pi Phi girl can appreciate.

May this year, for all Pi Phis, close as happily and prosperously as it gives promise of doing for Iowa Beta, is the best wish which our chapter can give.

MARIAN COOKE.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Since our last letter to the Arrow we have passed through the ordeal of mid-year "exams," and are again safely entered upon the busy routine of study and pleasure.

Wisconsin Alpha has not much of special interest to report. We have enjoyed several little social evenings together at the homes of our "town girls," and have, besides, our regular social meeting at the lodge, which alternate with the business meetings.

We have one new pledge, whom with pride we introduce, Grace Vaughn, of Winona, Minnesota. We are anxiously looking forward to the time next year when she is to be one with us.

The principal social event of the season at Wisconsin was the Junior Promenade, held on February fifteenth. This meant a week of gayety among Madison Greeks. Wisconsin Alpha's guests during "Prom" week were Pauline Houghton, '98; Livia Seiler, '00; Ethelyn Andrews, one of our pledged girls, and Myra Cox, ex-'03, of Milwaukee.

VIRGINIA HAYNER.

## IOWA ZETA — UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

So many things have happened at the University of Iowa during the last two months that it is hard to guess what will interest you most.

Perhaps I had better begin by telling you that Pi Beta Phi can claim one more member, for on March sixth, Iowa Zeta initiated Matie Maxwell of Duluth, Minnesota. The initiation took place at the home of Mabel Rundell, one of our alumnae, and we all enjoyed ourselves thoroughly, as we always do when Mabel entertains us.

After spending several days visiting the girls, Dorothy Schultz, '00, Iowa Zeta's corresponding secretary of last year, returned to Burlington, where she is teaching in the High school.

The last formal party was the German given at the armory by Sigma Nu on February fifteenth. The pretty effect of the decorations was heightened by the calcium lights turned on the hall from the gallery. This is an innovation in Iowa City that is to be used also at the Junior Prom, April twelfth.

The latest idea in the social life of the University is the series of Pan-Hellenic Mid-Lenten parties — informal dances given at the armory. The two that have been given were very successful and the last one, March fifteenth, is certain to be just as pleasant in every way as the others.

Iowa Zeta's news cannot all be cheerful this month for Iowa City was rudely awakened from its slumbers March ninth by the

shrieking of the fire whistle. The medical building of the University was in flames and the fire soon spread to South Hall, one of the collegiate buildings. All the efforts of the fire company were useless and all that remains of the buildings is a few remnants of the brick walls. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000. As the new collegiate building is nearly completed, the fire will affect most the medical department.

Hoping that none of you will have to record a similar loss, the girls of Iowa Zeta send best wishes to all Pi Phis.

DOROTHY DAKIN.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA — MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY.

Examinations have come and gone, and are forgotten in the round of pleasures which we always have at this season of the year.

The Phi Delta Thetas gave their annual dance on Washington's birthday. The Students Band, the Phi Gamma Deltas, the Sigma Nus, the Beta Theta Pis, the Sigma Chis, the Young Ladies of Columbia, and the Kappa Alphas, have each given a delightful dance during the last two weeks.

Our sisters, Gratia Woodside, '00, and Rosina Hayman, ex-'03, have been visiting us this week and we have had several parties for them. The most enjoyable were those given by our patroness, Mrs. Martin, our sister Frederica Becker, and one given in our lodge.

We have been unfortunate in losing two of our girls this semester, but find great consolation in knowing they will be with us next year. Lucille Lawson has gone to Denver on account of ill health, and Sue Stone is in Las Vegas, N. M.

Harriott Gerould, one of Vermont Alpha's charter members, has entered the University this semester. It has been a great pleasure to have her with us at our parties, and at our initiation this week. And to think she will be with us the rest of the year!

We now introduce to you two new sisters—Edith Dungan of Oregon, Mo. and Laura Gentry of Sedalia, Mo.,—who are loyal wearers of our golden arrow. This makes Missouri Alpha two stronger and happier.

GERTRUDE BAYLESS.

#### DELTA PROVINCE.

##### LOUISIANA ALPHA — NEWCOMB COLLEGE — TULANE UNIVERSITY.

Is it possible that winter is past and that before the April Arrow reaches us we shall have entered upon the last term of this college year? It seems but a few weeks ago that we were flushed with the success of our rushing, and it is difficult to be-

lieve that the "babies" whose first steps into fraternity life we guided so lovingly now consider themselves "old girls."

The Carnival season was a very busy, though thoroughly delightful one to us, for we had as a visitor Ida Greeley Smith. We wished her to see as much of our quaint old city as possible during her short stay, and felt also that some of the time must be given to serious meetings, so I am afraid that Miss Smith must have been sadly tired before she left us. We have since been profiting by the good advice she gave us, and have begun by electing a number of patronesses, the first our chapter has ever had.

We are very proud of the fact that no less than four Pi Beta Phis were in the courts of the different carnival balls this winter. Louise Rainey and Nora MacLean wore the queenly robes with becoming dignity, and Edna Schriever and Adele Matthews were charming maids of honor.

Before this letter is published we shall have another bride—Marguerite West, who is to be married on April seventeenth to Mr. William H. Morris.

The annual Founders' Day in honor of Paul Tulane falls this year upon March thirteenth, and the twelfth is inauguration day, when Dr. Edwin A. Alderman, the new President of Tulane, will be formally installed. We are eagerly looking forward to both these events.

It was such a disappointment to us that Mrs. E. A. Helmick, a member of the National Alumnae Association, whose husband is an army officer, did not pass through New Orleans on her way from Cuba as she had at first expected to do, but went to Newport News instead. It is always a pleasure to welcome a "foreign" Pi Phi, and it would have been especially nice to have had Mrs. Helmick with us at the same time Miss Smith was here.

Our chapter is making arrangements to give a dance just after Easter, at which most of our alumnae will be present. It is our first public reunion, so of course we are anxious to make it a great success.

With best wishes to all wearers of the arrow, Louisiana Alpha bids you "Au revoir" until summer.

PAULINE CURRAN.

#### KANSAS ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

Kansas Alpha commenced the second term by pledging four new girls—Mildred Chadsey, of Cherokee; Nell Morrison, of Kearney, Nebraska; Claribel Deubon, of Kansas City, and Maude Rush, of Lawrence.

The first three of these pledglings, together with Ruth Williston and Eva Olin, of Lawrence, were initiated March the first at the home of Mrs. Smithmeyer, one of our alumnae.

After the initiation ceremony a most laughable farce, "Forbidden Fruit," was presented by Elizabeth Warren, Edith Riffle, Elsie Evans and Mary Kellogg.

March the sixteenth the Kansas University Weekly is to be edited by the girls of Kansas Alpha. This issue will be much more elaborate than the regular weekly edition, having a specially designed cover, and containing contributions from our alumnae and active chapters. The proceeds are to be devoted to the Lucinda Smith Buchan Scholarship Fund. The girls are working with vigor and enthusiasm and hope to make this effort a highly successful one.

Among the out-of-town members of our chapter who were present at our last initiation were Edith Thacher, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Sheffield Ingalls, of Atchison, and Mrs. Alonzo Wilcox, of Muscotah.

On January the ninth, occurred an unusually beautiful wedding in which Kansas Alpha had a proprietary interest—that of Lucy Van Hoesen and Mr. Sheffield Ingalls, of Atchison.

A very delightful series of parties was given during January and February, including those of Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta and Beta Theta Pi. Our party will open the season of post-lenten gayeties on the twelfth of April.

Kansas Alpha sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

ELEANOR T' MILLER.

#### NEBRASKA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

We have been greatly saddened since the last issue of the Arrow by the death of one of our most beloved alumnae, Mae Lansing, who has been with us since the founding of the chapter, and was always most enthusiastic for Pi Phi.

We have entertained only very informally since the holidays, the prevalence of grip and small-pox, together with examinations, being partly responsible.

As a result of our mid-winter rushing, we have three new pledges, Grace Hays, Helen Dalsen, and Jeannette Wolcott, of whom we are very proud. We expect to initiate Grace Hays when Miss Smith visits us, but the other two do not enter college until next year.

Society at the university has been confined to class and company dances, with the exception of a dinner and dance given by Omega Psi to introduce the new members. All the classes have given parties for themselves as well as the usual "hops" and proms.

Pi Phi is well represented in University affairs this year, having girls on each of the Prom. committees, Junior and Senior, and each of the boards of the two Annuals which are issued by the upper classes in the spring.

The event in fraternity circles this year will be the National convention of Delta Gamma which occurs in May. Pi Phi will give a reception in honor of the visitors the first day of convention, May sixteenth. We are planning to entertain during Miss Smith's visit.

We took our examination this morning, and such a relief as it is to have it over. I hope you didn't feel as we did, when we saw the questions.

Our university is very unfortunate in losing the professor of the Romance languages and Dean of the graduate school, Dr. Edgren, who has received an important appointment in the Royal Academy of Sweden.

We were delighted to hear of Columbia Alpha's success in establishing chapter headquarters in a room of their own. I only hope that all the chapters may soon have homes of their own.

GRACE A. ANDREWS.

#### COLORADO ALPHA — UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO.

Time passes so rapidly that it is hard to realize that it is time to write another letter.

Social life has been rather quiet lately, but we are rejoicing over the result of the State Oratorical Contest March the first, in which our man received first place.

The last of February we enjoyed a trip to Denver, where the active chapter went to have their annual picture taken. We afterwards took lunch together which was enlivened by impromptu toasts.

One of the most enjoyable of the parties which were had, just among ourselves, was on Washington's birthday. All the active alumnae and pledges were present. Each girl dressed to represent some dame of the revolutionary days, and George Washington, himself, was present "enpersonne."

The University has suffered a great loss in the death of Dr. Kennedy, who held the chair of Philosophy and was one of our most highly esteemed Professors.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has recently entered the University with fifteen active members.

Colorado Alpha sends best wishes to you all.

MAUDE L. KNAPP.

#### COLORADO BETA — UNIVERSITY OF DENVER.

Never before has this chapter correspondent realized with what self-satisfaction a chapter could become absorbed in its own common-place affairs and individual interests. Colorado Beta has been enjoying herself in a quiet sort of a way this quarter, and it was only the necessity of a chapter letter that revealed

the fact that really very little had happened, which would be of interest to any besides ourselves. Perhaps after all Colorado Beta's policy of "internal expansion" has been carried to extremes and this subsequent dearth of literary material should be regarded as a timely warning for her to bestir herself.

It is not improbable that the social life of the University of Denver would appear exceedingly quiet to those of you who are in the midst of gayety and social pleasures; this winter has in fact been particularly uneventful socially, general sorrow being caused by the illness and sudden death of our Chancellor's little son. Nevertheless we have done some entertaining of an informal nature and have greatly enjoyed the monthly meetings with our alumnae. February fourteenth was celebrated with a Valentine party in honor of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at the home of one of our new girls, Annette Badgley.

This year we have turned our attention to the problem of maintaining and even raising, if possible, our much prized standard of scholarship. A system of monthly faculty reports on the progress of every active and pledged member of Pi Beta Phi, which are read before the chapter, is proving very encouraging.

Colorado Beta is to be congratulated on her two new Pi Phi babies, the son of Mrs. Adelaide Miller Tenney and the daughter of Mrs. Katherine Porter Shattuck.

We have had the pleasure of meeting Lucile Lawson of Missouri Alpha, who is at present living in Denver.

It would be untrue to the traditions of fraternity chapter letters to forget to mention that staple subject, periodically discussed by even the most unconventional correspondent — examinations, fraternity and otherwise, which are just now perplexing us Denverites.

Colorado Beta's best wishes and Easter greetings to all Pi Beta Phi.

MARY CLARK TAYLOR.

#### CALIFORNIA BETA — UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

The new year brought with it two new Pi Phis for California Beta — Katharine Johnson and Mary Cynthia Day, both of 1904.

Our new freshmen were introduced to the university at a Violet Tea, which was given at the Chapter House on the fourteenth of February. In the evening, Valentine's night, a card party was given and "Hearts" absorbed all our attention.

Hearst Hall is now being rapidly fitted into a woman's gymnasium, the gift of Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, and promises to be one of the best equipped in the United States.

On Washington's birthday the Associated Women Students presented a farce "The Gentle Miss Gullett" at the Macdonough

Theater in Oakland, and one of our girls, Maude Schaeffer, acted very successfully one of the leading roles.

One of the curtain raisers submitted for the same farce was based on the well-known incident of the "swiping" of the Pi Phi cushions, which occurred at the beginning of last term. It is now regarded as a huge joke that we lost in some "unknown" manner nearly a dozen of our prettiest pillows. The scene of this curtain raiser was laid in our library, and a very original solution of the mysterious disappearance of our pillows was offered in the unravelling of the plot. We have obtained possession of this curtain raiser and intend to make our freshmen present it on Founder's Day.

California Beta was more than delighted to have met one of the original founders of Pi Beta Phi — Emma Brownlee Kilgore.

Mrs. Hiram Van Kirk, of Indiana Gamma, has entered actively into our chapter.

Our fraternity examination questions have just arrived and if our president doesn't give us a chance at them soon we shall all have nervous prostration. It is our first experience, you know.

CLAIRE MADELEINE HAAS.

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### Exchanges.

The *Kansas University Weekly* for March sixteenth is of peculiar interest to Pi Phis, as it was entirely the work of Kansas Alpha, editors, business managers, literary contributors and reporters all being members of that chapter. This edition of the *Weekly* is the result of Kansas Alpha's determination to cooperate with the Lawrence Alumnae Club in the support of the Lucinda Smith Buchan memorial scholarship. Concerning this scholarship, of which most members of Pi Beta Phi have already heard, we copy the first article in the *Weekly*, in the hope that it may prove an inspiration to others to take up some similar practical and helpful work.

During the winter of 1896, the Lawrence alumnae of the Pi Beta Phi fraternity, about forty in number, organized themselves into a club. The club was established with the thought of perpetuating college and fraternity friendships, and of keeping in close touch with the active fraternity and university life. It was not long, however, before the members felt that, in order to make the club a real success, a definite work of some sort must be undertaken. What the nature of this work

should be was a difficult matter to decide, and many suggestions were made only to be rejected as impracticable. Finally the idea came as an inspiration that the Pi Beta Phi alumnae could establish and maintain a Kansas University scholarship for the benefit of university girls. At first thought, the establishing of a two hundred dollar scholarship seemed a gigantic undertaking, but the idea once conceived, was bound to be carried out, for it was a beautiful idea, and one worth working hard for. It was realized at once that to raise a fund large enough to support a two hundred dollar scholarship, would be the work of several years and so the club decided to offer its scholarship, for the present at least, as a loan.

The work of raising the money was begun, and in a short time more than two hundred dollars was secured from the Lawrence alumnae alone. When this amount was on hand, the club felt that the Pi Beta Phi scholarship was an assured thing, and thereupon appointed a permanent committee to administer the fund, and made rules to govern the awarding of it. These rules are:

1.—The scholarship shall be awarded—

- (a)—to a junior or senior girl in the school of arts:
- (b)—to a lower class woman, if exceptional reasons exist for awarding it to her:
- (c)—Other things being equal, a Pi Beta Phi is given the preference.

2.—The money is to be secured by a note signed by the recipient and by one other responsible person.

3.—This note after maturity shall bear interest at five per cent.

- (a)—The note given by a senior shall mature two years from date.
- (b)—When given by any other than a senior, it shall mature three years from date.

Just as the plans for the scholarship were taking shape, the sad news of the sudden and tragic death of Lucinda Smith Buchan reached Lawrence. To the Pi Beta Phi fraternity, her death brought especial sorrow, for she had been a loyal and ardent worker in that fraternity both in chapter and national affairs, and was much loved and honored. Out of this sorrow, grew the idea of calling the new scholarship the Lucinda Smith Buchan Memorial Scholarship, as a fitting monument to her memory.

The scholarship has now been established nearly two years. Two girls have been enabled to continue their university work by means of it, one of them a member of the Pi Beta Phi, the other a non-fraternity girl. During these two years the scholarship has not only held the interest and enthusiasm of the Alumnae Club, but has had the approval and support of the university and Lawrence people.

The funds have been increased in various ways; by subscriptions from members of the fraternity, by gifts amounting to over one hundred dollars from outside friends, and by entertainments. As a chief means of raising money, it is the idea of the committee to provide one first class entertainment each year, an entertainment which Lawrence will be glad to support, not merely because it is for the benefit of a worthy cause, but because it is good in itself. In 1900, the Persian Garden concert was given for the benefit of this fund, in 1901, the Elbert Hubbard lecture.

The history of the Pi Beta Phi scholarship in the University of Kansas goes to show that the scholarship idea is an excellent one for a college fraternity to take up. It benefits both the university and the fraternity and helps to solve the problem which faces every fraternity of how to retain the interest of its alumni.

The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club in Lawrence is bound to be a permanent organization as long as the scholarship is maintained in the university. The work for it keeps the alumnae together, while it at the same time impresses upon the active chapter the worth and dignity of the fraternity to which it belongs.

The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma is, with the beginning of the present volume, transferred from Cornell to Ohio State University and Miss Lucy Allen becomes editor in place of Miss Mary J. Hull, who has served the *Key* so well. Our best wishes are with the new editor. The magazine appears in new type and a new cover, which, in spite of the harmonious double blue, is hardly an improvement upon the old. The editor explains, however, that the change is made to secure unity in all the Kappa publications. Consistency is a jewel, but it seems to be obtained in this case at a sacrifice of beauty.

We are particularly glad to note the experience of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the University of Minnesota in the matter of rushing and pledging contracts.

In the April number of *The Key*, the following appears in the letter from Chapter Chi:

"Early in the autumn a request was made by President Northrop, that all rushing of high school students for college fraternities should cease. This temporary injunction, which admitted of conflicting interpretations, was followed by a more definite contract drawn up and signed by one delegate from each of the men's and of the women's fraternities of the University of Minnesota, and which stipulated that

no student should be rushed until duly registered in the university. In addition to this the women's fraternities, through their delegates assembled, formulated a compact which provided for a pledge day. It is sincerely hoped that this compact, which has been worked out with great care, may prove a benefit to all concerned."

History is better than prophecy, and we are now prepared to give our arguments against the contract as it exists.

We believe this contract has proved unsuccessful. That such a contract admits of varied interpretations is obvious. No iron clad rules can be given as to the exact definition of rushing. The contract may be obeyed in letter, and yet in spirit be utterly disregarded.

The difference between high school methods and those of the university are in themselves enough to perplex freshmen, but to claim all of their time for the first six weeks of college, when things are new and strange, this is indeed unfair.

This method, too, flaunts in the face of the entire student body, the affairs of the different fraternities, and breeds a spirit of gossip and speculation, which is anything but desirable.

Confining rushing to the first six weeks of college makes it very much harder for all concerned. At the end of six weeks the rushers and the rushed are worn out and generally disgusted.

These are some of the most glaring faults of the contract, and we earnestly hope for some change which will better all concerned.

The following extract from the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta speaks for itself, and what it says is of equal value as a warning to any and every chapter that is suffering from too much prosperity:

"Why is it that when a Chapter is in a high state of excellence it can so quickly fall?" The causes are not far to seek; first comes the overweening sense of superiority, and the sentiment that "we can get anything we want," resulting in a let-up in work. Then it is a practical application of the old saying that he who does not go forward must go backward, for a Chapter cannot afford, even if it is the only fraternity representative in the college, to relax its efforts for one moment. Too much cannot be said against this spirit of complacent trust in Providence without keeping the rain out of your powder. It deprives the Chapter of its life, its energy, and its power of attracting men. It makes the men snobbish, and such men will attract only snobs. When the men of the Chapter begin to think they can do anything they please without lifting a finger, then the incentive is gone, and the relapse begins. I do not mean to say that this is always the cause of a Chapter's fall, for sometimes the very gods of misfortune

and the devils of ill-luck play against it, but almost invariably, even when this is the case, it will be found that the Chapter has laid itself open to their attacks, by allowing the rust of self-satisfaction to eat through its arms and armor.

The Kappa Alpha Journal is publishing some excellent "Studies in Fraternalism," and the fourth of the series appears in the January number. "Fraternalism," by the way, seems to be a new word in the lingo of the Greek, and one that is not half bad. Is it formed on the analogy of the word "socialism" in which we now have so many "studies," or to the prevalence of that sentiment called "imperialism"? At any rate we shall expect the next addition to our vocabulary to be "fraternitology," a Graeco-Roman hybrid that will doubtless fill a long-felt want. But Kappa Alpha's studies are very good and we wish that we might print large parts of them.

First and foremost the chapter owes it as its sacred and inviolable duty to the fraternity at large to obey every law and live up to every tradition of the whole body. In every act, and in every failure to act it must be remembered that the honor, dignity and welfare of the whole order is at stake. Every chapter should earnestly endeavor to do its duty in every line, in strict conformity to this higher obligation. The duty to the fraternity at large is the paramount one. All others are subject to this. Whenever a chapter invites a man it should be seen that this man is one that is acceptable to the great body of active and alumni members as well as to the fraternity at large. For this reason a chapter should be loath to take in a man who has been a student at a college where the order has a chapter, without first consulting the other chapter. Of course there is a chance that the chapter at the first school he attended was prevented from initiating him by the whim of some member or because the man is unwilling to join. But this would not be an occasion for speculation, but for the use of the postal or telegraphic service.

The experience of Beta Theta Pi as to chapters in large and small colleges should be sufficient answer to those who wonder why some of the woman's fraternities, Pi Beta Phi included, place chapters in colleges, the enrollment of which does not reach the thousands or the endowment the millions.

The small college fosters fraternity spirit better and more successfully than a larger institution. Relatively, the fraternity is of more

importance in a small than in a large institution. It looms up larger among the student activities. From a fraternity standpoint, therefore, our chapters should be placed in small rather than in large institutions, and yet such is the perversity of fate and the inability of the average man to know what is good for him that petitions from small colleges receive scant attention and commonly invite unfavorable action as compared with the reception given to similar applications from larger institutions.

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### Notices.

1. Chapter correspondents will please remember to write on but one side of the paper, to head chapter letters with name of chapter and college as in this issue, and to have the letters countersigned by the chapter president, as evidence that the chapter authorizes the contents of the letter. Failure to comply with these conditions will hereafter be treated as an offense punishable by fines, as in cases of tardiness or omission of chapter letter.

2. Contributions to the July Arrow are expected from Columbia Alpha, Ohio Beta, Illinois Beta, Indiana Alpha, Michigan Beta, Wisconsin Alpha, and Nebraska Beta. These contributions are to be in the hands of the editor by the tenth of the month preceding date of publication.

3. Corresponding secretaries are reminded that report and catalogue are due for the July Arrow. The report must be written at beginning of chapter and in same form as in July, 1900. In list of honors, give scholarship honors only. The catalogue must be written on separate sheet and give (1) names in alphabetical order, (2) class and (3) home address.

4. Will each chapter please send name and class of its Convention delegate, for publication in the July Arrow.

5. Any change of address should be sent immediately to the Business Manager.

6. Correspondents will please notice that the address of the editor is now 228 Langdon St., Madison, Wis., and that of the business manager is 415 North Henry St., Madison. All communications should henceforth be sent to these addresses.

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