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## *The New Orleans Carnival From a Louisiana Alpha Girl's Standpoint.*

THE most important event in the social life of the people of New Orleans, is the Carnival, which is the season just preceding Lent, and which is looked forward to with much enthusiasm by everybody.

There are nine large carnival balls, and numerous smaller ones. These balls are attended by thousands of people, who go merely as spectators, besides a few hundred girls who, having "call outs," are invited to participate in the masker's dances.

The first ball is Twelfth Night, and at this one, the queen and her maids are selected by means of a very pretty custom. In the centre of the stage is a huge cake, and as each girl and her masker, in the first grand march, pass the cake, the girl is given a small box, and the one who receives the box containing the gold bean is proclaimed queen of the Twelfth Night Revellers, and the three girls who have gotten silver beans are her maids. Of course there is much excitement, and when at last the queen is led up to the throne and the court mantle, crown, sceptre, and flowers are presented to her, and she and the king lead the grand march, the old opera house resounds with round upon round of applause. One of this year's maids was a Pi Phi girl.

There is a lull for many weeks after Twelfth Night and then the balls begin again, and continue one after the other until Ash-Wednesday.

In "Elves of Oberon," this year, Celeste Eshleman and Laure Bearegard, two staunch Pi Beta Phis, were in the Court, and right proud we were of them. Then came "Atlanteans" when Alice Monroe reigned over the brilliant ball with all the dignity

of a real queen. The balls of "Comus" and "Nereus" take place, and the Thursday preceding Mardi Gras "Momus" has his parade and ball. The subject of Momus this year was Indian Legends, and was unusually handsome. On Monday night "Proteus" procession, usually of twenty or more magnificent floats, lighted by myriads of lights and viewed by thousands of people, winds its way through the principal streets of the old city. The procession halts before the club gallery where the queen and her maids are seated, and King Proteus, who occupies the leading float, rises from his throne of gold and precious stones, and drinks to the queen's good health, then, the procession moves on to the opera house, where the ball takes place. Pauline Curran, one of Louisiana Apha's girls, was in the Proteus Court and bore her honors very becomingly.

The following day being Mardi Gras, the streets where the procession is to pass, are thronged at an early hour, and the numerous grotesque maskers or "mardi gras," as they are commonly called, give the crowd a very gay and festive appearance. By eleven the crowds are immense, and when Rex's procession comes slowly down the streets, with the sun's rays bringing out more perfectly each detail of the marvelously fashioned pageant, thousands of voices cheer and the clapping of hands and the whistling and delighted shrieks of the small boys, testify to the appreciation of the spectators. The maskers on the floats throw favors, confetti and bon bons to the crowds and to those who fill the beautifully decorated galleries of the houses along the route.

The queen of Rex and her twelve maids are on a club gallery, and this year, Annie Brunswig and Alice Monroe were in the lovely court.

Finally the crowds disperse, and the people go to their homes to rest until the final procession and ball of "Comus," the culmination and climax of the Carnival season. This is usually the most magnificent and elaborate pageant and ball of the year, and to be queen of Comus is an honor to be rightly proud of. In the midst of the beautiful ball, there is a sudden hush, and in come Rex and his Queen (who have been presiding at the Rex ball) and her twelve maids and dukes. Then occurs the royal march,

led by the King of Comus and Rex's queen, then Rex and Comus' queen, and followed by the two courts and all the maskers with their partners. The ball continues until long after midnight, Rex and his queen and court being the guests of Comus. It is hard to imagine a more beautiful sight—the horseshoe, seconde, and troisieme of the old French opera house filled with elegantly gowned women with jewels sparkling and the lights scintillating, and the beautiful girls all in evening dress who are to be taken out by the maskers, the magnificent throne in the distance lighted by thousands of soft lights, the court gowned and jewelled as befits royalty, then the long lines of maskers in satins and jewels going through intricate maizes of the dance and keeping perfect time to the beautiful music—why 'tis another "wonderland," or as a French woman exclaimed "mais, c'est ravissant!"

We have just attempted to describe one year's carnival, but they vary but very little each year, of course each ball has its different subject and court, but the general idea is the same for all years.

Among Louisiana Alpha's carnival queens, to go back but a few years, have been: Ethelyn West, the queen of "Rex." Noel Forsyth, "Rex." Virginia Logan, "Elves of Oberon." Lydia Finlay, "Momus." Ethel Miller, "Nereus." Nora Maclean, "Atlanteans" and Louise Rainey, "Elves of Oberon."

We hope that each year, more and more Pi Phis from the North, East and West will avail themselves of the opportunity, and make a visit to our southern city, not only to see and take part in the beautiful New Orleans Carnival, but to meet and be welcomed by the girls of Louisiana Alpha.

L. M. P.,  
*La. Alpha.*

*A Pi Phi Bride in the Philippines.*

WE SAILED from San Francisco at daybreak the seventeenth of June and reached Manila the sixteenth of July, coming by way of Japan. We spent two of the most delightful days in Nagasaki, and it certainly did seem as if we were in a new world. I am in love with Japan and feel that I must have several weeks there when we go back. We were five days coming from Nagasaki to Manila, and it was of course much warmer than the rest of the voyage, but after all not at all uncomfortable.

An American woman has to make a complete readjustment of her ideas of living on coming to Manila, but when the adjustment is once made, she can fall very happily into the easy, lazy picturesque, and after all, comfortable way of living. The immense big rooms, with their sides all open windows, and without rugs, curtains or draperies of any sort, can be made the oddest, prettiest, most comfortable looking places imaginable with the Filipino and Chinese and Japanese stuffs that everyone has here. A Chinese cook will do all your marketing for you, and do it more cheaply than you can do it yourself; and after he once knows your ways, he will cook for you with very little need of interference. And Florentino, Mariano and Francesco, pock-marked, flat-nosed Filipino boys, with their white shirts flapping outside their trowsers, wash your dishes, and make your bed, and polish your floors, and do a hundred and one other things which in the States you would get up and do for yourself. And then you have your coachman,—hardly to be dignified by that name, for he is only a boy,—who brings your carriage and little Filipino pony to the door whenever you call. In Manila a carriage is not a luxury but a necessity. American women never walk there, and they never ride in the street-cars; (if you could see them you wouldn't wonder;) so without a carriage one is a prisoner.

Usually two or three or four families take a house together, and share the expense of servants and carriages, for living is very expensive. I am sure I could be very happy in Manila for two or three years, with a sort of camping-out feeling, but I can't imagine settling down really to *live* here.

We were there when cholera was at its worst. On the steamer coming over with us was a young girl who was coming to be married to a teacher here. We grew to know her well, and found her very lovely and so happy about her future life. We were anchored in Manila Bay all day when we arrived, not being allowed to land until four in the afternoon. The teacher whom this girl was to marry came out to the boat and stayed all day. He looked distressingly ill and said he had been sick for two months but was much better. We liked him very much and were so pleased to be invited to their wedding the next day at four. The next afternoon we went out to the church and found to our horror that the man whose wedding we had come to attend had been dead three hours. The Y. M. C. A. Secretary has rooms in part of the church building, and he had died there of cholera and they had just taken his body out. He had been taken ill at six in the morning, had been married shortly after and had died at one o'clock. It seemed terrible to go away and leave that poor girl all alone as she was in an absolutely strange country, but we had to do it. She was really in quarantine, you see, for she had been with him all the morning caring for him and doing all that could be done. We have had letters from her since and hear that she has gone south to the place where her husband was teaching, and taken his school.

I didn't know as much about the cholera as I do now, and for days I imagined I had pains everywhere and expected to be dead in an hour or two. But really the danger to an American who pretends to take any sort of care of himself is almost nothing. In every case Americans who have had it have been leading irregular lives or else are run down with some other illness as was the case with that poor young man. The disease is not in any way contagious; it is simply infectious. It is a matter of life and death that you drink only distilled water and eat only cooked food, but if you take these precautions there is little risk. If one is living in his own house and can see to these things, he is all right, but when you are boarding you are not always sure what you are eating. During the ten days it took us to come from

Manila to Bagnio we had to be so very particular, for we came through the districts where the cholera had been the worst.

We left Manila the latter part of August, went to Dagupan over the only railroad in the islands, and from there to San Fernando by water. We went on a custom house boat and had a little two days' excursion, going to Port Sual and Bolinao. At San Fernando we found that there were only two American women in the town, and one of them, a teacher, proved to be an old Wisconsin graduate, a Theta. Think of it!

I wish I could describe our journey from San Fernando up here to Bagnio Bangued, where we now are. Bagnio is forty miles from San Fernando, is five thousand feet above sea level, and you have to ride horse-back every step of the way,—unless you prefer to get off and climb. The trail is none too good at best, but in the rainy season it is something awful, and this was the rainy season. We were four days getting there. The first night we were out in a drenching rain and pitchy darkness, fording rivers, climbing up and down steep and slippery inclines, losing ourselves and our pack ponies and finally sleeping, or trying to, on the floor of a native hut. The next morning we got on to a village where we had intended to spend the night before. We staid there that day, went on the next, through rivers where the water fairly came into our saddles, and spent the third night in a grass shack. The next day it was pouring so that it was useless to think of going on, but on the fifth morning we "hit the trail" at six o'clock, and reached Bagnio at four in the afternoon. I expected to be sick in bed for days, but couldn't manage to get up an ache or a pain, and in fact haven't been able to since.

In spite of our discomfort we could not help enjoying the trip immensely, for the scenery on the way up is really magnificent. About three-quarters of the way you come through a perfect tangle of tropical foliage; and in many places if your pony made a mis-step, you would go down a thousand feet or more into regular jungles of fern trees and bananas and other strange looking trees. Then all at once you come around a curve and see before you a forest of regular Wisconsin pine trees, and all the rest of the way the trail is through the pines, with most wonderful views

out over the mountains clear to the ocean. You can see the coast for miles and miles.

Bagnio itself is very beautiful and is going to be a great resort as soon as they get the road completed which they are now building up from Dagupan. The climate is delightful,—when it isn't the rainy season,—and is about like September or October at home. One wears flannels all the time, nothing airier than shirt-waists, and much of the time heavy fall clothing. We shall be here eight or ten weeks longer, then back to Manila for a little time and later south to Mindanao and Jolo for several months. After that, we do not know. Meanwhile, however, I am always at home to Pi Phis, by letter at least, at the Bureau of Non-Christian Tribes, Manila, P. I.

MAUD HUNTLEY JENKS,  
*Wisconsin Alpha, '98.*

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*A Pi Phi's Fascinating Book.*

DO YOU want to know the trees as you know your friends, —to learn of their hopes and aspirations, their friends and enemies, their troubles and pleasures, and all the varying round of their lives? If so, you must get Miss Rogers' "Among Green Trees," and sitting under the shady canopy of some great oak or elm, let her help you to grow intimate with the trees about you. No, that would be too late. Get the book now, and in the time of swelling buds and stirring sap, go out and get acquainted with your tree neighbors.

Miss Rogers in her preface says that there are plenty of books that teach one to identify the trees, but shows that there is need for an "all-around tree book," which need it is her purpose to supply. Her aim is not so much to teach us to know *about* trees, as to *know* trees. Following out this aim, the first part of the book is devoted to the nature study side,—“Outdoor Studies with Trees,” where in a dozen fascinating little essays, quite unconnected, one is introduced to as many of the common phenomena of tree life. The second part of the book deals with tree physiology, the third with simple arboriculture, and the fourth with

the systematic side. In this last part, the author wisely confines her study to the families represented north of Virginia and east of the Rockies, and to the most common and important members of each family, somewhat over a hundred in all, if our count has been correct.

The style of the book is purposely popular, yet though a wide-awake boy of twelve could comprehend every sentence, the matter so simply presented is such as the trained scientist need not despise. Particularly valuable perhaps in these days of practical forestry, are the chapters on the planting of trees, the laying out of home and school grounds, the pruning and trimming of trees, and on the insect enemies and diseases and their remedies. No less interesting are the chapters on the trees' winter sleep, and the way that they breathe and eat and grow, while the chapter that tells us how to find out the age of a tree makes one long to start for the woods and try it for herself.

The book is beautifully illustrated, having no less than twenty-five full page plates, besides copious drawings and diagrams. Press-work and binding are excellent, and altogether "Among Green Trees" is one of the most attractive nature books that we have ever seen. A teacher to whom it was shown said that it had been the custom of her class each year to present a tree to be set out on the school grounds, but that she should advise them this year to buy the book instead and give it to the school library, for really it was a whole Arbor Day celebration in itself.

Miss Julia E. Rogers the author, is an alumna of Iowa Zeta, having been initiated into that chapter in 1888. Since her graduation in 1892, she has taught in the high school at Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and at the summer school at Chautauqua, and has done graduate work in Cornell University. She is one of the Pi Phis of whom we may well be proud.

*More About Rushing.*

IN THE last issue of the Arrow the sentiments of a number of chapters were expressed on the subject of rushing. Much to the surprise of Texas Alpha, most of the chapters seemed to disapprove the three months' agreement which we approve so heartily.

This, of course, has been our first trial of the three months' agreement, but we are much pleased with it in every way. Looking at it from the freshman's standpoint, it gives her time to decide which fraternity she wishes to join. After we had pledged our ten girls, they were able to tell us so much on the matter of rushing; and they were all of the opinion that they were saved by the three-months' agreement. Of course some were Pi Phi from the beginning, but others, who went to live in houses where there were members of our rival fraternity, would certainly have gone against us had they pledged at once.

From the standpoint of the fraternity, it kept us from getting some very undesirable girls. It is impossible to tell in a week or in a month enough about a girl to know whether she is Pi Phi material or not. Texas Alpha did not vote on any names until just before Christmas, and then it was with the privilege of having another vote in January. The result is that we "turned down" several girls whom we might have asked in September, and asked several whom we would not have considered then.

We are all unanimously of the opinion that this agreement will be the saving of any good fraternity and the men's chapters here have the same opinion. At the University of Texas there are eleven fraternities for men and two for women. The two for women have already made the three months' agreement, and the eleven for men have made it to go into effect next year.

We are also much pleased with our method of issuing invitations. On the sixteenth of January, at one o'clock, we send a written invitation by a disinterested person and at five o'clock we go for the answer. It is urged by some that in four hours a girl cannot make up her mind, but after she has been here three months she has it already made up.

*Texas Alpha.*

WITH regard to the questions published in the summer ARROW, we would say:

1. That the pledge date is too late to be practical in our college as it comes just at the time of the mid-year examinations. This would make it very difficult for us to do any actual rushing afterwards.

2. As a rule it dignifies the invitations to send them by mail, but there are cases when immediate action is necessary and then the invitation sent by mail would hardly serve.

3. We approve of the length of time for answering an invitation.

4. If the definition of rushing given, were accepted, we would surely have to do some formal rushing before extending an invitation to any girl.

5. We approve of the secrecy of all parts of the initiation ceremony.

6. If these terms should be accepted it would be more than just that an offending chapter should be reported. But it is not to be expected that any fraternity would infringe the rules, once accepted.

*California Beta.*

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#### *The Moral Side.*

THE object of Pi Beta Phi is advancement along three distinct lines; social, intellectual, and moral. But do we not often underestimate the value of the latter, and partially neglect it, especially during rushing time?

It is not because the ideal of Pi Beta Phi is not sufficiently high nor because the desire to be all-around women is lacking, but rather because we do not keep our real standard of conduct always in mind and because we allow other things to crowd out this more important one. Each one should have a place. In the rivalry between fraternities we work harder for what, it seems

to us, will show our fraternity in the best light. The social side of life is what outsiders see and is the thing by which they judge the fraternity, and the intellectual side has much to do in determining the opinion of the faculty. So very often we are led to think more of these two than of the more serious phase.

We ought to be very careful, girls, and not neglect this side which, if properly developed, cannot fail to make the well-balanced organization we so desire to be. Other things may satisfy a girl who is not yet of the fraternity and have much to do in winning her for Pi Phi; but when she has entered the sisterhood and has had presented to her its womanly ideals, and when she has pledged herself to strive, to the best of her ability and knowledge, to live up to these ideals, she expects our cooperation and sympathy in these as in the other objects of Pi Beta Phi. So shall we all work together to turn the ideal into life and character!

Because others stoop to many things which we consider beneath the dignity of a fraternity woman, is that an excuse for our not living up to the highest that we know? It may be that their ideal is lower than ours,—who knows? We could not wish for anything higher than what Pi Beta Phi asks us to be. We only need more of the real courage which can say at all times and under all circumstances, "All that right demands of me, all that my loved Pi Beta Phi asks of me, I will strive in all earnestness to attain."

We are apt to take a careless attitude of mind; we allow our attention to dwell on trivial and unimportant things, or we simply "waste" energies that might be used to good advantage. We do nothing when we might be building characters. We cannot stand still; we are going always forward or backward, and so when we do nothing we are really taking a backward step. What positive value to society or what real attractiveness is there in a bright, jolly, full-of-fun girl if there is nothing more underneath or behind it all? So let us try to be all-around, symmetrical college women, remembering that the great temptation of

the fraternity girl is to give too little attention to the serious side of things.

"O life your natures up;  
Embrace our aims; work out your freedom. Girls,  
Knowledge is now no more a fountain seal'd;  
Drink deep, until the habits of the slave,  
The sins of emptiness, gossip and spite  
And slander, die. Better not be at all  
Than not be noble."

MARGARET D. FOSTER.

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### *Fraternity Influence*

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ARE fraternities an aid or a hindrance to the development of the ideal college man? What is the value of the fraternity to college life? The rapid growth and development of the fraternity system in American colleges and universities during the last decade have made the answer to these questions of undeniable importance.

Appreciating the fact that insufficient data is at hand to warrant a logical answer to these questions, the New York Alumni Association of The Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity has decided to give a prize of \$50 for the best essay on the value of American college fraternities.

The aim of the Association is first to get the facts, and second to stimulate research in a new field of sociological thought. The judges will be representative literary men, chosen from the fraternity and non-fraternity ranks.

The contest will be governed by the following rules:

I. The subject of the essay written for this contest shall be: "The Effect of the Fraternity on American College Life."

II. No essay shall contain more than three thousand words by actual count.

III. Any student pursuing a course of study leading to one of the recognized degrees in an American college or university may enter this contest, whether he be a member of a fraternity or not.

IV. Each contestant shall, on or before the first day of May, 1903, mail to the chairman of the committee three typewritten copies of the competitive essay, signed in a pseudonym.

V. The winner of this prize must, if requested by the committee, give the sources of his information and the grounds of his belief in regard to all matters not stated upon his personal knowledge.

VI. Three judges to be selected by the Association shall pass upon the essays submitted and award the prize.

VII. As soon as the judges have made their decision, the committee will notify the successful contestant and the result will be announced in the Alpha Tau Omega Palm and other fraternity publications in June.

Any contestant desiring any further information may obtain the same from H. W. Pitkin, 521 West 123d St., New York City.

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## *What a Fraternity Girl Thinks*

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Those chapters which are held by no limitations in their meeting and becoming acquainted with the new girls, little know the difficulty of really knowing the girls who, at the expiration of a long pledge period, are to be invited to membership. Would it not be furthering their fraternity interests if members who know of girls who are thinking of attending colleges where such rules hold, would recommend these girls, if they think they would make good Pi Phis.

Then should not these chapters be visited first by the Grand Council so that girls who know little about fraternities and are open to impressions, may see that we have a strong national organization and are closely bound to it? An isolated chapter under the restrictions named cannot thrive, as we would have it do, if it has not the hearty and special co-operation of its national organization and its sister chapters.

*Pennsylvania Alpha.*

*The Chapter  
Under College  
Restrictions*

The patronesses of Pi Beta Phi seem as much our elder sisters as if they had been regularly initiated. Their advice, their active help, their interest in us, and sympathy with us make us think of them in much the same way that we do of our alumnae. It seems to me that it would be very fitting to have some sort of pin for the patronesses to wear so that everyone could see that they are ours and we are theirs.

*A Pin for  
Patronesses*

*Wisconsin Alpha.*

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Next to the resident alumnae each chapter holds nearest and looks most for help and sympathy to its patronesses—women chosen for their character and their sympathy with Pi Beta Phi.

*Pins for  
Patronesses*

They are not initiated, so they do not have the privilege of wearing our own arrow, but many of them come in close touch with their chapters and often have expressed a wish that they could wear some emblem that would mark them as workers for the interests of the fraternity they care for even though they do not belong.

Some chapters have already considered the plan of adopting a design for a patroness' pin. Would it not be a good idea for such an emblem to be universally adopted by the chapter that these women whose interest is common might wear a common symbol?

*Illinois Beta.*

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One of the pleasantest anticipations of a new Pi Phi is to discover the small gold arrow on some one she does not know. She loves to dream of that happy vision and when it is realized she is not disappointed. It is a very thrilling sensation.

*Meeting Other  
Sisters*

When she grows a little older in Pi Beta Phi and comes to know the standards and ideals for which her fraternity stands, another desire grows upon her. She has been deeply affected

with the significance of the fraternity as a national organization and she feels a great longing to visit a sister chapter. She wants to meet those who have peculiar Pi Phi characteristics and who are working for the same high ideals that she and her chapter strive for.

If this ambition is ever granted her, as it was to the girls of Kansas Alpha last fall, there is no doubt but that she will be fully repaid. It is a great inspiration to realize that there are girls in other institutions who are in almost exactly your own position, who have the same problems to struggle with, the same pleasures to enjoy, even the same songs to sing. To feel their friendship, sympathy, and enthusiasm is a pleasure not soon to be forgotten. It is remarkable how much alike Pi Phis are. When Ring! Ching! Ching! bursts out from smiling lips, the chord of sisterhood is touched, and you realize that Pi Beta Phi is a wonderful bond which is large enough to take in far, far more than your own chapter.

*Kansas Alpha.*

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I suppose what we all mean to do when we rush a new girl is to convince her that she will find us the most congenial and inspiring friends that she is likely to meet with in her college life. We want her to think that if anyone can make her happy, we are the ones, and that we shall feel honored to count her one of us. We want her to feel, too, that it is an honor to be asked to become a Pi Phi,—and who of us did not feel so? This mutual exchange of honors, however, in extending and accepting an invitation, is not all there is to keeping the account balanced. After initiation, as we all know, there is opened up to us a whole treasury of new experiences. As new members, we naturally accept and enjoy them all; and because we are new and diffident, perhaps, it does not occur to us at once that we shall keep on owing just as long as we are receiving the benefits of being Pi Phis. Suppose that we stop and compare ourselves, after even a short period of fraternity life, with what we should be if we

*Paying our  
Debts*

had never joined a fraternity. I imagine there are few of us who can feel, after doing this, as if we could have opportunities enough to show our gratitude. Perhaps we feel a kind of hopelessness of ever paying back what we have received from those who have made fraternity so worth while to us. Fortunately, they do not expect the debt to be paid to them in person. As true fraternity sisters, they are well satisfied if we try our utmost to uphold the institutions of Pi Beta Phi with loyalty, and to pass on the benefits we have received to those in the fraternity that are still younger than ourselves.

*Illinois Zeta.*

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Concerning the letter from the Epsilon circle in the November ARROW on the subject of receiving into a chapter members initiated somewhere else, who as former students had not been acceptable to the chapter, I must say that I was surprised that the January ARROW did not contain many references if not direct replies to the very evident query in that article.

*Transfer of  
Members*

A chapter in Epsilon circle is apparently in a serious dilemma, but I must confess that I was shocked, to say the least, at the position she takes regarding it.

The writer says: "We have decided that we cannot conscientiously ask members initiated under the above circumstances to affiliate with us. They are altogether uncongenial." \* \* \*

To me this is a direct repudiation of all the ideals of our sisterhood. "Once a Pi Phi, always a Pi Phi," we are fond of saying, and it seems to be most adequate in this connection.

The members of this seemingly much injured chapter have laid themselves open to unfavorable criticism. Just what do they mean by their "uncongeniality"? Is it that the girls in question are not as brilliant in scholarship as the unfriendly sisters? We cannot all be learned, nor yet Phi Beta Kappas in embryo. Are the new members just a bit lacking in what goes to make the well-bred woman? Surely advice and good example may be applied here to round off the rough corners. No Pi Phi wants

to be a snob. If she feels the symptoms, let her read what Thackeray has to say about the species: "The friendship of any truly refined woman is never coarsened by the blemish of an unjust criticism."

Remember, I am not favoring this "indiscriminate initiation." Far from it. But I do say that after anyone has been duly initiated a member of Pi Beta Phi, unless good and sufficient reasons exist for her expulsion from the fraternity, she should be treated with every mark of consideration and friendship that is accorded to others.

Otherwise, what do her arrow, and your arrow, and mine, my sister, stand for?

C. E. T., *Vermont Beta.*

In the hurry and worry of the fall rushing, often very desirable fraternity material is overlooked and we find later in the year that really desirable girls have escaped our notice.

*The Aftermath* It is not an unusual thing to think that we have enough girls already, and so, through carelessness or inertia, let the chance for gaining another helpful member for our Pi Phi circle pass by.

This should not be the case. Let us be always vigilant and alert to discover the "girl we need," and when we find her, *get her.*  
M. B. A.

It is an open question, just how much part the alumna should take in the affairs of the active chapter life. Whatever the final decision may be, this is evident: the chapter should at all times stand ready to welcome in cordial good fellowship, any alumna. We should receive her not as a formal guest, but as a warm and true friend.

*What we Owe to the Alumnae* Does it make the older member feel any more at home to have us carefully give her the best of everything? At the cookie-shine, does the alumna wish to have the only fork at hand when the other girls use that which was made before forks? Would she not much prefer to share the little make-shifts and ingenious devices which create so much fun for the rest of the girls? It is the little touch of comradeship which makes her feel that she

has come back to her own. Although she may be a little more advanced in the lessons of the higher school, her heart is as truly in Pi Phi as when she was in college. We have no right to make her feel that she has outgrown the informalities and intimacies of the chapter life.

*Vermont Beta.*

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Just a word of entreaty to you, girls, who have sense and do not use it: you little realize the harm you are doing to yourselves, your fraternity, your college! The other day a lady asked me the object of Pi Beta Phi, and wanted especially to know if there were any literary object in it or if it made the girls study any better. I said, "Yes, indeed," but blushed as I thought of a "few exceptions," who, nevertheless, are sisters, and not to be discussed with a stranger. But, girls, you do not know how that has worried me: Pi Beta Phi *not studying!*—why, it seems so inharmonious. Do you not think that one and all of us should love the fraternity well enough to gain glory for her? I know the girls who do not study mean no harm to the fraternity, but yet they are unconsciously casting a shadow over the purity of her name. If girls who are *stupid* do not learn, that is an entirely different question; but for those, endowed with good minds, there is no excuse. They want to learn, want to become cultivated and accomplished women, but *studying* is too much trouble! They pay for an education, go each day to college; is that enough? Ah, no, girls; there is a higher end to work for. Remember that Pi Beta Phi pleads with you, both for her sake and for your own. Remember, too, that there is "no royal road to learning," nor to any *study* either; it is by the old plebian path of rugged toil that the Heights of Attainment are reached!

H. W.

In a crowd of girls, no matter what their aims and ideals may be, there is inclined to be a certain amount of "cliquing." This is found in small circles as well as large ones, and the question comes with considerable force, "Is it right?"

*Are "Cliques" so Deplorable?*

Girls who are thrown together and have the same interests, naturally, if at all congenial, become firm friends, depending upon each other. Friendship like this, if it does not exclude friendship with the other girls, cannot be harmful. The fact that two girls spend considerable time together does not necessarily mean that they have no other interests, that they have no love for the other girls.

They care for the other girls just as much—probably more—than they otherwise would. It seems that they are misjudged.

E. B. S., *Pennsylvania Beta.*

What should we read in the ARROW? How many of us read every word of the ARROW? If you never have begun with the very first page and read all, even through the exchanges, try it some time and you will be surprised how interested you will be in everything. Of course, we like to read our own chapter letters and personals, but that is by no means the most interesting part of the ARROW. Every chapter letter gives a glimpse not only of what chapters are doing everywhere, but there is very often information concerning different colleges and universities which we as students should know about and be interested in. Then, in the editorials there is always something which must interest every Pi Phi, and most especially would we urge the necessity of reading the exchanges, for in these we get beyond our own interests and see what the whole Greek world is doing, the Greek world of which we are just a part.

*Reading the Arrow.*

*Illinois Delta.*

The fraternity meeting is a place where the members of a chapter get together at least twice a month. It is in many cases the only time that the girls are all together and it should be a place where the interests and ideals of Pi Phi hold the important position. It should be the aim of each individual in the chapter to make the meetings of vital fraternity interest. Especially should the first few meetings after an initiation be of such a nature as to give the freshmen an idea of the real meaning of Pi Beta Phi.

*Chapter Meeting*

*California Beta.*

The annual fraternity examination has just swept over Pi Beta Phidom, and this question forcibly presents itself to our minds:

*What one Fraternity Girl Thinks of Examinations* Why these examinations? It is time that some one arose to protest that a girl's fraternity life does not consist in the number of things she remembers, and that her true life embraces her power of will and actions, and her love of what is noble and right. It would seem that our fraternity is led on by the *ignis fatuus* that "knowledge is power." As a man's success depends incomparably more upon his capacities for useful action than upon his acquirement of knowledge, so a fraternity's life depends more upon the character of each member than upon her technical knowledge of fraternity history.

It is a well known pedagogical principle that of the four-fold results of education—virtue, wisdom, good manners, and learning—the last alone can be fairly tested in an examination. Except in so far as diligence and obedience are concerned, examinations do not test moral qualities or active power. They do not help to gauge those attributes on which depend success and honor in fraternity life,—sympathy with others, the power of influencing, and loyalty to the ideals of Pi Phi womanhood. In short, we must acknowledge that the best examinations do not test the whole girl.

There can be no question of the evil effects of the examination as a means of enforcing industry and diligent perseverance in well doing. What girl was ever made a more loyal Pi Phi

by this military enforcement of work? Is there not danger, in thus using the examination as a motive for study, of making the examination an end in itself? Does it not indicate a suspicion that Pi Phis have not enough interest in fraternity affairs to keep informed for the sake of the fraternity alone? Are we not almost forced to think that the "tie that binds" is nothing more than official red tape? Does it not seem anomalous that a fraternity established for the purpose of advancing the sisterhood of woman should have grafted upon it this fossilized formal examination?

*Ohio Alpha.*

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To most of us, the fraternity examination seems very unnecessary and hard, coming as it does when we are in the midst of college work. Yet, really, it is the best thing possible for us. We certainly ought to know our own fraternity history. It is not so much that it helps us in rushing as that it makes us appreciate what Pi Beta Phi as a fraternity stands for. Hard work does not hurt anyone, especially when such good results are obtained as are in this case.

*The Fraternity Examination*

*Missouri Alpha.*

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There is nothing quite so cheering to the soul of a Pi Phi girl as a pretty, well-made banner of wine and blue. It not only makes one feel more loyal, but it even inspires one to a hearty "ring, ching, ching" sort of fraternity activity. People who are not Pi Phis like to see the banner, for it is attractive and it is certainly a "thing of beauty and a joy forever" to those who have one hanging on their walls. So let us all have a Pi Phi banner, made by Pi Phi girls, and hung on the walls of Pi Phi rooms.

*A Pi Phi Banner*

*Illinois Epsilon.*

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We have read with interest and fully agree with the opinion expressed by our Michigan and Illinois chapters, in regard to the I. C. pledge pin. For some years we have worn as a pledge pin the Pi Beta Phi monogram.

*Our Pledge Pin*

It is distinctly our own badge, and shows us to be what the college world knows us—members of Pi Beta Phi.

If a change is desirable, and nothing better is suggested, we favor the adoption of our monograms as a pledge pin.

*Iowa Beta.*

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In these days of universal prosperity and almost as universal globe-trotting, let me put in a plea that our graduates do not at the first opportunity start for Europe, but first acquaint themselves with their own most beautiful and wonderful country. The Thousand Isles, the majestic St. Lawrence, quaint Montreal and Quebec, the fair Hudson, are within easy reach of the eastern girls and not very far from those of the middle west, if they only determine to see them. The western girl has the upper Mississippi and the Great Lakes, the unequaled mountains of Colorado and the wonderland of Yellowstone Park. If possible, the Yellowstone combines more of the awe-inspiring and the beautiful than any two or three trips combined.

There is no use traveling abroad when world-wide travelers come to this marvelous region and declare it beyond anything they have seen anywhere.

As for the girls of the Pacific coast, have they not Yosemite and the wonders of the Grand Cañon?

Let us know better our own most wonderful country, making light of the railroad miles, before we fare abroad.

FLORENCE A. PALM.

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We may have dear friends in other fraternities, girls whom we admire and love next best to our own girls, and in these friendships gain a breadth of sympathy and character not attainable in an existence walled in by the selfish bounds of love for our own girls?

Let us not, however, under a mistaken idea of democracy, go to the other extreme and choose our best friends from other fraternities. That would be to exclude from their rightful place the girls of our choice.

*Colorado Alpha.*

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SINCE a few grey hairs adorn my temples, and especially since my daughter has arrived at the dignity of Pi Phi, I feel it my privilege to reminisce. The January Arrow has for its

opening number reminiscences of Monmouth and Galesburg. "I. C." days. Iowa Alpha had been organized some time when in November, 1874, I became an I C.

Four years ago when returning from a trip down the lakes from Duluth, I chanced, in the depot in Chicago, upon a great company of Pi Phi en route to Boulder, Colo. They were awaiting a special car and I was given permission to ride with them until Mt. Pleasant was reached, which was at twilight. I was introduced to all the enthusiastic young members as a sort of grandmother. I told them of Pi Phi for none of them had been members half so long as I.

The memories of that pleasant afternoon will long remain with me.

FLORENCE A. PALM.

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### *A Trip Abroad*

MISS Ann Shires of Kansas Alpha, is to conduct a party to Europe this summer and would be glad to have Pi Phi among the number. As Miss Shires is an experienced European traveler, the following notice ought to be very tempting to all planning a trip abroad.

The party will consist of about twelve or fifteen members, not more than that number. They expect to leave New York about the fourth of July and arrive there again about the first of September. In order to make the trip as reasonable as possible the most expensive line of steamers was not chosen, but the Anchor Line, which has been found very satisfactory. Almost all the hotels in the following itinerary have been visited by the leader of the party and she knows that they are very good. The plan of travel includes:

July 4—Leave New York.

July 14—At Londonderry and Giant's Causeway.

July 15—Dublin.

July 16—Chester.

July 17—Kenilworth, Stratford, Warwick.

July 18—Peterborough.

- July 19—Hook of Holland.  
July 20—Amsterdam.  
July 21—The Hague.  
July 22—Rotterdam and Antwerp.  
July 23—Antwerp.  
July 24—Brussels.  
July 25—Cologne.  
July 26—Journey down the Rhine to Mainz.  
July 28—Mainz, Heidelberg, Baden Baden.  
July 29—Through the Black Forest to Schaffhausen, the falls of the Rhine.  
July 30—Zurich.  
July 31—Lucerne.  
August 1—Lucerne and Interlaken.  
August 2—Gundelwald.  
August 3—Berne.  
August 4—Castle of Chillon.  
August 5—Martigny.  
August 6—Chamonix.  
August 7—Geneva.  
August 8-12—Paris.  
August 12-18—London.  
August 19—Edinburgh.  
August 20—To Glasgow and sail by Anchor Line Steamer.  
August 30—Due in New York.

The cost of this trip is \$420, from New York, which includes all expenses save laundry and steward's fee on the vessel. This latter expense is from two to three dollars. The party will be accompanied by a courier who will attend to all the business arrangements. About fifty dollars extra would cover incidental expenses unless one wished to shop. Anyone desiring to take some side trips could do so at slight additional cost, and as the steamship tickets are good for one year, the stay abroad may be lengthened at will.

Early application should be made in order to obtain good berths.

For all further particulars address Miss Ann M. Shires, The New Planters Hotel, Leavenworth, Kansas.

## *Alumnae Department*

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### *The Colorado State Reunion.*

"Better late, than never" is such an oft-repeated introduction and excuse for a belated article that it seems a burlesque to use it now. Yet it was our alumnae president's idea that it would be better for you to have a brief report of how the Colorado State Association celebrated Founder's Day, though it were sent you six months late, than not to have it at all. So here it is. The celebration was not unusual but it was surely enough of a success for us to be glad to have our eastern sisters know of it—and our western sisters, too. (We almost forget that we no longer are the westernmost wearers of the arrow.)

The Colorado State Association of Pi Beta Phi is not strictly an Alumnae club nor an active chapter but, a combination of the two, including both the Colorado Alpha and Beta chapters and all the alumnae of the state whoever and wherever they are. By the way I may as well now ask that all girls coming to any part of Colorado to live will please send their names and addresses to the State Association secretary that she may have the names for the roll.

The chapters alternate in entertaining, and last spring Colorado Alpha was hostess. As it is generally impossible for many girls to meet on Founder's Day the celebration occurs on the Saturday before or after. So Saturday morning, May 3d, 1902, saw a merry party of active and alumnae girls gathered at the union station in Denver waiting for the Boulder train. The very air seemed permeated with the spirit of fraternity enthusiasm and from the moment the girls met at eight until they separated at six everything seemed to be existing for the sake of doing honor to Pi Phi.

On arriving at Boulder the guests were met by Colorado Alpha girls and taken to the home of Mrs. E. L. Coates where a dainty lunch was served before the business meeting began. After the business of the day was transacted the girls adjourned to the café where the banquet was served. As the happy throng entered the banquet room they caught the fragrance and glow of carnations and the shimmer of wine and blue ribbons. The effect was indeed beautiful. And adding to the daintiness of it all were beautiful place and menu cards in carnation design bearing witness to the artistic ability of some of the Colorado Alpha girls. Songs and stories accompanied and followed the banquet until the time for departure for the cozy chapter house on University Hill. There a musicale was given by the hostesses and punch and bonbons were served.

After such a thoroughly enjoyable day it was with regret that the visiting girls turned their faces homeward, each pledging to herself and the others renewed and increased devotion to the arrow and the wine and blue.

N. T.

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### *Indiana Reunion.*

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One of the most enjoyable events in the history of Indiana Phi Delta was the Seventh Annual Reunion of Indiana Alpha, Beta and Gamma, which occurred March the seventh at the Denison Hotel, Indianapolis. All feelings of rivalry which had been aroused the evening before at the State Oratorical contest were quickly forgotten in the happiness of again greeting sisters from other chapters as well as one's own alumnae. After a short informal reception, Ethel Curryer, president of Beta Province, led the way to the dining room where covers for forty guests were laid on tables arranged in a hollow square. The appointments were perfect in every way. Harriet Palmer of Indiana Alpha

acted as toast mistress and the following menu, interspersed with toasts, was served:

## MENU

- Blue Points.  
 Celery. Salted Nuts. Olives.  
 Consomme in Cups.  
 "The Relation of Neighboring Chapters,"  
 Miss Nellie Kemp, Indiana Alpha.  
 Boiled Lake Trout, Aurora Sauce.  
 "The Ideal Life,"  
 Miss Cox, Indiana Beta.  
 Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.  
 Green Peas. Mashed Potatoes.  
 "Pi Beta Phi,"  
 Miss Ethel Woody, Indiana Gamma.  
 Chicken Salad.  
 "The Fraternity Girl in After Life,"  
 Mrs. Alfred Potts.  
 Neapolitan Ice Cream.  
 Assorted Cakes.  
 Coffee.

Among those present were Lillian Weyl, Bertha Fletcher, Harriet Palmer, Fay Marshall, Nellie Kemp, Maude Johnson, Grace Drybread, Bertha La Grange, Emma McCoy, Mrs. E. O. Collins, of Indiana Alpha. Florence Province, Helen Shirk, Harriet Haas, Fanchon Moffit and Josephine Cox of Indiana Beta. Ethel Curryer, Pearl McElroy, Ethel Moody, Maria Leonard, Margaret Garretson, Mrs. A. J. Potts, Gertrude Crombach, Jessie Christian-Brown, Fanny Minor, Fay Sharer, Edith Abbot, and Ethel Roberts-Loop of Indiana Gamma.

FLORENCE MAUDE JOHNSON,  
*Indiana Alpha, A. A.*

### *Denver Alumnae Club*

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The alumnae of Colorado Beta have made a great effort to arouse an interest in alumnae meetings and to bring the active chapter into closer relation with themselves. The meetings are held the first Saturday afternoon of every month at the home of an alumna. The active chapter meets with them.

So far the meetings have been of a social character, but of great benefit as well as pleasure, for they have aroused an interest in Pi Phi life which will undoubtedly bring good results. At the last meeting Mrs. N. E. Bolles of Kansas Alpha suggested that certain funds now lying idle in the alumnae treasury be used for a scholarship after the plan of the one at Kansas Alpha; and the scholarship be named the Mary Edith Ingersoll Scholarship. The suggestion was warmly received and it was decided that plans be submitted at the next regular meeting to perfect its establishment. We hope to tell you more about it next time. We send greetings to all alumnae and active chapters.

MARTHA L. CROOK.

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### *Indiana Alpha-Alumnae*

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The Alumnae club of Indiana Alpha has been spending a happy and prosperous year. Our membership is not as large as it was last year and we lost some of our most enthusiastic girls but the rest of us have put our shoulders to the wheel until it has turned right merrily for us.

Three of last year's seniors reside here, so they have cast their lots with us, although I must admit, unwillingly. They boldly announced to us that they would not take our club initiation, the Green Cat degree, so we were obliged to resort to subterfuge. One of the club girls invited these three strong minded individuals to a six o'clock dinner. So they unsuspectingly arrayed themselves in their purple and fine linen and walked into the trap prepared for them, for the whole club awaited them in the dressing room and literally fell upon them and so harassed them that

they were glad to pledge their loyal allegiance to the order of the Green Cat.

During the winter we have met every two weeks at the chapter house. The girls take some bit of embroidery or lace with them and we have delightfully cozy evenings. We have followed last year's plan of dramatic work and have given several entertaining little plays and now have two more ready to present.

Just now we are all interested in Jeannette Martin, who has forsaken the Green Cat and will be married this month. While we are loath to see her go we rejoice with her and predict for her unbounded happiness.

Indiana Alpha Alumnae Club sends greetings to all sisters and wishes for each girl of the active chapters that it may be her good fortune to some time belong to a club like ours which will foster the close ties of Pi Phi and prove indeed a joy forever.

MAY EMERSON CARNEY.

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### *The Baltimore Alumnae Club*

The Baltimore Alumnae Club has passed a delightful though rather quiet year. As a club we have not undertaken the development of any outside interest, for the lives of most of us are already very busy. Nor have we entertained extensively. Perhaps the principal event, socially, was the reunion here in October of Gamma Circle. Several times we have met the active chapter of Maryland Alpha, in the old Pi Phi merry-makings. Aside from this, our regular meetings have furnished our social life.

These meetings are very informal and are held once every month. Then it is our aim to have discussed some topic of universal interest. For this purpose our membership is divided into committees who, in regular rotation, take charge of the meeting and report upon the year's work in literature, art, music, science, and social problems. In this our annual report we boast no great achievements or even undertakings, but we feel that our year has not been a failure and that our club is both a benefit and a pleasure.

LUCY E. MURRAY.

*The Lincoln Club*

It has been some time since the readers of the ARROW have heard from the Lincoln Alumnae Club through its pages—which, perhaps, accounts for the fact that the corresponding secretary has been pestered to death with letters of inquiry as to the club's existence. Now, if anyone is in doubt as to whether such a club really exists in Lincoln, let her come and see for herself. A visit of five minutes at one of our regular monthly gatherings would be sufficient to convince each one.

Our membership varies so that it's hard to tell just how many are active in club work; but we are safe in counting on sixteen, at least. All of our members are very enthusiastic and we feel that we have been of great help to the active chapter. Before another week passes we are to entertain, with the active chapter, all the sororities in the university with a musicale, at the lovely home of one of our alumnae, Miss Waugh. And, as Pi Phi boasts of having some of the best talent in Lincoln, its success is assured.

Cupid has been the source of a great deal of annoyance to us of late, for he has been capturing our fair ones here and there and scattering them in all parts of the country, the latest one to leave us being our president, Jennie Barber who, only two days ago, became Mrs. Francis Plym. And how we shall miss her!—for she has been active with us ever since Nebraska Beta came into existence. But what is our loss is Kansas City's gain, and we congratulate the Kansas City Alumnae Club upon their good fortune in securing such a loyal and faithful member.

If the rumors I hear are true, wedding bells will soon be ringing for two or three more Pi Phis ere many moons.

We have enjoyed so much having some of our old girls here for a visit the past month, and as there have been many parties and dinners in their honor, together with our pretty Pi Phi wedding, time has flown quickly for us all.

A. E. S.

### *The Washington Alumnae*

The first reunions of the Washington Pi Phis after the summer vacation were marked by several joint meetings of active and alumnae, followed by a "rushing picnic" at Takoma Park. Through the generous hospitality of Miss Bailey, one of our alumnae, who opened her home in the suburbs to us, the active and alumnae girls had the pleasure of transporting a large proportion of the freshman girls to the country, enjoying the day as only college girls can do, eating—always the important part of a picnic, you know—dancing, singing college songs, and strolling through the woods.

It is always a source of pleasure for us to mingle with the chapter girls, strengthening the bond between active and alumnae, a union which, we hope, will ever grow stronger. A number of us had the enjoyment of attending the New Year's dance, initiated by the active chapter.

A "big day," which stands out in bold relief on the calendar of fifteen Washington Pi Phis, is that of October eleventh, when they visited Baltimore to take part in the reunion of Gamma Circle. The inclement weather did not in the least bit damp the enthusiasm of that jolly band of Pi Phis, who, from their arrival in the city to their departure, were treated most royally by the hostesses. Beginning with a beautiful luncheon at the home of Miss Wood, followed by a visit to the college buildings, and, later in the afternoon, a tea given by Miss Culver, true Pi Phi cheer reigned throughout the day.

The Washington club is now rejoicing in a new order of events by which we are enabled to see more of each other. Instead of having our two regular business meetings, and two social ones as heretofore, we meet the first Saturday of each month at the fraternity room from four until six. After transacting the necessary amount of business, we make tea and enjoy a social time together. As usual, we ask ourselves, "Why didn't we think of it before?"

We had the pleasure of having with us at one of our meetings Miss Goddard of Bucknell, whom we are most glad to wel-

come among us. We are already looking forward to, and planning what we consider "the" event of the year: our Founder's Day banquet.

In the realization of all the many pleasures of fraternity life, we can but have feelings of deepest thanksgiving that this rich gift of our college days is not confined to the four years of student life, but is a blessing to us for all times—a never ending source of joy.

And, now, to every wearer of the wine and blue, the Pi Phis of Washington extend heartiest greetings.

"May your joys be as deep as the ocean,  
And your sorrows as light as its foam."

FLORENCE ELIZABETH FRISBY.

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### *New York City*

On the afternoon of November eighth, 1902, thirteen Pi Phis from widely separated chapters met in Whittier Hall, 1230 Amsterdam Avenue, New York, for the purpose of organizing a Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club. This hall belongs to Columbia University, and shelters a number of Pi Phis who are taking graduate courses. Those present were: Mrs. Charlotte Farnsworth, Colorado Alpha; Misses Jean Leitch, Pansy Jackson, Edna Richards, and Mrs. John Dutton, Pennsylvania Alpha; Miss Lucy Hammond, Colorado Beta; Misses Lola Evans and Etheldreda Norris, Columbia Alpha; Mrs. Paul Monroe and Miss Hannah Middleton, Indiana Alpha; Mrs. Nadine M. Williamson, California Alpha; Miss M. Eloise Schuyler, Pennsylvania Beta, and Miss Susie Whiteman, Vermont Beta. A temporary organization was effected, with Miss Leitch in the chair and Miss Schuyler as secretary. Mrs. Dutton and Miss Norris were appointed to draft a constitution, and it was decided to meet the second Saturday of each month at the Woman's University Club rooms, No. 13 E. 24th Street. A meeting was called at this place December thirteenth, but the stormy weather prevented a quorum assembling, so the business was postponed until the January meeting. All present at the first meeting were very enthu-

siastic, and as there are over thirty Pi Phis in the vicinity, it is hoped that at least twenty will join the club. All loyal Pi Phis are urged to either attend the next meeting or send their names to Miss Lucy E. Hammond, 1230 Amsterdam Ave., New York City, or Miss Jean M. Leitch, 373 Madison Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y. Great effort has been made to notify all within reach, but there may be some whose addresses are not known. Visitors in the city are also cordially invited to attend the monthly meeting.

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### *The Detroit Alumnae*

The Detroit Alumnae Association of Pi Beta Phi was organized in October, 1902, with fourteen members residing in or near Detroit. Meetings are held regularly at the homes of the members on the last Friday evening of each month from eight to ten o'clock.

The first few minutes are devoted to a short business session; the remainder of the meeting is purely of a social nature. The entertainment is provided by the hostess, and simple refreshments are served. During the months of July and August, the regular meetings are replaced by afternoons spent on the river. The association is a source of much pleasure to all the members.

HARRIET E. BEARD.

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### *Lawrence—Kansas Alumnae*

A letter to the ARROW is requested from our alumnae club. We are proud of our organization and its work, and think a little history of it may be of interest to the readers of the ARROW.

The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Lawrence, Kansas, was organized December seventeenth, 1898. In 1899 the club established a scholarship as the work of the club. This has proven a stimulus to our organization and has been a great success. After the death of our beloved sister Lucinda Smith Buchan in the Philippines, in her memory we gave it the name of "The Lucinda Buchan Scholarship Fund." Through the aid of this

fund, three young women have been enabled to complete their studies, and a fourth now holds the scholarship. The first of these, Minnie Leach, a member of Pi Beta Phi, was graduated in 1900, and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa, and is now a successful teacher. Our second scholar, Miss Grace Lyons, a bright and promising student, gave up graduating and went to the Philippines. Miss Stella Hale, the third scholar, was graduated in 1902, and also received the honor of election to Phi Beta Kappa. Miss Clara Klaumann holds the scholarship for the present year.

The books show that thirty-six Pi Beta Phis, all but eleven residents of Lawrence, have contributed over \$200.00. By taking entire charge of one edition of the university paper, the active chapter made nearly \$60.00, which they gave as their contribution to the fund. This and gifts from friends interested in the work, have increased the amount to about \$400.00.

Our meetings are held the first Monday in each month, every alternate one being an "open meeting" with some interesting program, and the other a business meeting. These are all in the form of "dime teas," each person present giving ten cents, this money going to the scholarship fund. Besides this, the club brings, once a year, some first class lecturer or concert troupe, to give a public entertainment. These have been very successful, and brought great praise and credit to the club, besides swelling the scholarship fund.

There are forty-three resident alumnae in Lawrence. Every one is a member of the club, and pays the twenty-five cents annual dues, though all cannot be active as to regular attendance at the meetings. The fraternity spirit, however, is felt very strongly by each, and "The Lucinda Buchan Scholarship Fund" and the work attendant upon its maintenance, a very real thing to every one.

The club also entertains the active chapter once a year, on "Founder's Day," and all of the members do their part towards making it a success. The attendance at the meetings varies from ten to twenty at the business meetings, and over forty at the open meetings.

This is a brief summary of our alumnae club and its work, but it does not half tell what it has been to us. We are all busy women, most of us "home makers" and mothers, some teachers, some business women (though some few, just having left the active chapter, have more time that they can call their own), and at first it seemed to many of us that we simply could not take up this one thing more, and take time to attend regular meetings, and enter upon fraternity work again. But none of us feel so now. The meetings are only once a month, and it is astonishing the way it has brought us all together, keeping our *fraternity* what it should be to us, and bringing us into closer contact with the active chapter.

Of course, "once a Pi Phi, always a Pi Phi," but when the duties of life crowd thick and fast, and one has so many interests, it cannot but be different from the old college days, when school and fraternity were everything. We are apt to feel about the fraternity as we do about the school days: they are among the pleasant memories of the past. But when you are a member of an alumnae club it is not so. You are just as enthusiastic and real a Pi Phi as in the old school-girl days. Then, too, with our club it is not a waste of time, for we are, with our scholarships, doing a good work, one that has brought comments of highest praise from faculty and townspeople. It also keeps up our interest, and looking upon it as a duty—a very pleasant one—for each of us to do our part, keeps us from letting other things crowd this one thing out.

Our February meeting was an "open" one, and Prof. Dunlap gave a most interesting and instructive talk on "Rare and Beautiful Books." We had an attendance of between fifty and sixty. Mrs. Smith, the mother of Lucinda Smith Buchan, sent us another ten-dollar bill, to add to her previous generous donations. Two of the alumnae gave three dollars apiece, and our dimes brought us \$6.50, making a total of \$22.50 from this one meeting to add to our scholarship fund.

Hoping the readers of the *ARROW* have not been wearied with this account of the Lawrence Alumnae Club, and wishing every

alumna of our fraternity might belong to such a club, we are, with warmest greetings,

NELLE G. BENEDICT.

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*Kansas City*

The Kansas City Alumnae Club has so little to tell of itself that a letter from us is hardly worth the reading. Nearly all of our members are busy housekeepers, many with young families, and of course find it difficult to attend the meetings. We have no definite time for meeting. The president calls us together whenever there is anything of importance to discuss, but the meetings are very poorly attended. We are planning a theater party for Founder's Day and hope to make it a success.

The only important work we have done this year was the Thanksgiving reunion, and you have already seen a full account of that in the January ARROW. We have one or two new members, whom few of us have met, but we are always losing members, so our club remains about uniform in number. Just at present we number fourteen, with one visitor, Lile Bell from Pennsylvania Bet.a Next year we hope to have done more active work, and so be able to have more news for the ARROW.

Hoping to see you all at the Convention and with best wishes to all Pi Phis, active and alumnae.

IDA BURY DUNHAM.

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*Indianola Alumnae Club*

The Indianola Alumnae Club has been fully organized only a short time but the meetings held the first Saturday in each month have been well attended and very enjoyable.

There being so many literary clubs in Indianola, it was considered best for this to be more social in its purpose. So some kind of entertainment and refreshments are provided for each meeting after the short business session.

We have had several cookie-shines in addition to our other meetings.

There are about twenty-five of us and it is needless to say that all enjoy this club and are glad to renew old fraternity customs.

One of Iowa Beta's alumnae girls, Marian Cooke, was married on New Year's eve to Mr. Orr Howson and has gone to make her home in the sunny South. Helen Riheldoffer-Gilbert, another of Iowa Beta's girls, is the mother of a baby boy that came to her home a few weeks ago. Iowa Beta Alumnae club sends best wishes to all wearers of the wine and blue.

INEZ HENDERSON.

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### *Athens, Ohio*

The Athens Alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi numbers thirteen, but as we consider it lucky to have a cat cross our path, so we also find thirteen lucky. The membership is as follows: Minnie Dean, president; Mrs. Bess Harris Wood, treasurer; Mabel Wickham, recording and corresponding secretary; Mary Townsend, Ellen Wood, Jane Ryan, Nellie Fuller, Freda Coultrap, May Conner, Marjorie Ullom, Maud Herold-Merwin, Lucy Weethee-Bryson and Florence Craig-Wilson.

Our meetings this year have been mainly business meetings, but we are looking forward to an old time spread and cookie-shine with the active chapter very soon to be followed, we hope, by a series of social events. The active chapter is very kind in giving us the use of their hall whenever we want it.

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### *The Knox Beta Phi Alumnae Club of Galesburg*

In July, 1902, the Galesburg Alumnae of Illinois Delta met at the home of Mrs. Grace Ballard Griswold to form an alumnae club, whose aim should be simply to render assistance in any way possible to the active chapter during the coming year.

As much of an organization as was deemed necessary was completed by selecting a secretary and treasurer. The rest of the afternoon was spent in discussing the needs of the active chapter and how we could help meet them.

Our second meeting was held in September at Mrs. Grace Lass Sisson's, where plans for assisting the girls in their rushing were completed. Mrs. Sisson kindly offered the use of her home and a chafing-dish lunch was decided upon. This was given a week later to the active chapter and their friends, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Later in the month the active and alumnae chapters joined in giving a banquet in honor of Elizabeth Reinmund of Chicago and Edna Dow of Burlington, who, on the following night gave a benefit concert for the Galesburg Hospital. The Pi Phis attended the concert in a body and were very proud of the success of their sisters. During the winter Miss Dow has been violinist with the Ernest Gamble Concert Company and Miss Reinmund has been singing in St. James' church of Columbus, Ohio.

We have all been busy during the winter and entertaining had to take a back seat; but on March fifth we again joined forces with the active chapter and gave an informal reception in the Gymnasium of Whiting hall for Miss Isabel Mayward, '97, who appeared here that evening in a vocal recital, one of the numbers in the Artist Course of Knox Conservatory. The faculties of both college and conservatory and all Knox Pi Phis were invited and we had a most enjoyable time.

Now we are looking forward to the annual party which the active chapter is to give April tenth; and when we hope we may again be of use to the girls of Illinois Delta.

GRACE BALLARD GRISWOLD,

*Secretary.*

## Personals

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### PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Iza Martin, who is teaching at Starkey Institute, Lakemont, N. Y., visited Lewisburg, in January.

Edith Overhott McCain was in Lewisburg for a few days.

Mabel Allison, ex-'03, attended the reception given by the senior girls to the men of their class.

Jeannette Bennet Shepard is teaching in Ocean Grove, New Jersey.

### OHIO ALPHA

On December twenty-eighth, a daughter, Helen Schwefel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brown, of New York. Mrs. Brown was formerly Caroline Schwefel, '96.

Mrs. Kate Crawford Leonard of Sciotoville, Ohio, recently visited her many college friends in Athens, O.

The marriage of Amy Herrold, ex-'96, to Mr. U. M. McCaughey, Phi Delta Theta, took place December thirty-first at the Methodist Episcopal church. They will live at Akron, Ohio.

Mrs. Florence Craig Wilson, who has been dangerously ill, is slowly recovering.

On January first at the Methodist Episcopal church, Grace Reah, Maryland, Alpha, '99, was married to Mr. Arthur Johnston, Phi Delta Theta. They will live at Columbus, Ohio.

The wedding of Bess Harris, ex-'02, to Mr. John V. Wood, took place January seventh at the First Presbyterian church. They will live at Athens, Ohio.

### NEW YORK ALPHA

Flora Cox, ex-'01, and Ella Rogerson, ex-'03, have been visiting at the chapter house.

Stella Foote-Harvey, '01, and Lucie Campbell, ex-'01, called upon us recently.

#### MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Edith Swift, who is teaching at Rome, sends a very cordial invitation to all Pi Phi traveling in Italy to call upon her. Her address is Crandon Hall, Via Veneto, Rome, Italy.

Mrs. Nettie A. Chapman, B. U., '01, has returned from the Philippines and is now at her former home in Somerville, Mass.

#### ILLINOIS BETA

December twenty-fourth at high noon Ruth Nash was united in marriage to Mr. Donald Palmer McAlpine of Sigma Nu. They are now at home in Charlotte, Mich.

January first Mary Stockton, initiated in 1900, was married to Mr. Clyde Percy Gingrich of Phi Delta Theta. The young couple left February seventh for their future home in Derby, Kansas.

Fanny White is spending the winter in Waco, Texas.

Lucile Connable, ex-'97, was recently married in Keokuk, Iowa. Her future home is to be in the City of Mexico.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA

Elizabeth Reinmund, '98, is soloist in St. James Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio.

Laura Price-Moore, '97, will travel abroad this coming summer.

The engagement has been announced of Julia Carr, '97, to Captain Jackson of the 3d Infantry, now stationed at Fort Thomas, Ky.

The engagement has been announced of Fannie Fahnestock, '00, to Mr. Williams of Chicago.

Edna Hood, ex-'00, is spending the winter with her father at Manhattan, Kansas.

Louise Webb, ex-'99, is spending the winter at her home in West Newton, Mass.

Louise Montgomery, '02, visited friends for a few days at Knox and attended the annual promenade of Beta Theta Pi.

Isabel Maynard, '97, on March fifth, appeared here in a recital in the Artists' Course of the Knox Conservatory.

Married, February twenty-first, Winifred Aylesbury, ex-'02, of St. Joseph, Mo., to Mr. Louis M. Thompson.

## INDIANA ALPHA

Mary Van Nuys, ex-'04, was married Thursday afternoon, January twenty-second, to Mr. Clarence Earle Fisher, Phi Delta Theta. Mr. Fisher is the editor of the Franklin Republican.

Grace Drybread, '02, who has been teaching Latin this winter in the Minerva High school, will enter Indiana University for special work.

Invitations have been received for the marriage of Jeanette Miriam Martin, '00, to Walter Payne White, Phi Delta Theta. The ceremony will be performed March twenty-fourth at the First Baptist Church. They will be at home after April twenty-eighth at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Julia E. Dugger, ex-'03, has moved with her parents from Dana, Indiana, to Memphis, Tennessee.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA

Annie Brunswig, '02, will be married on April twenty-second to Mr. Marshall Wellborn.

Elizabeth Smith, ex-'03, Louisville, was a visitor to New Orleans during the Carnival, much to the delight of all her Pi Phi sisters.

## KANSAS ALPHA

Loren Leslie-Hurryer, '02, was in Lawrence the last week in February to attend the Phi Beta Kappa banquet.

Satie Taylor surprised Kansas Alpha by "dropping in" to participate in a cookie-shine, Friday, March sixth.

Zillah Smith-Wilcox is visiting in the East.

Minnie Leach, '01, made a short visit with the girls in Lawrence the first week in March.

Kansas Alpha announces the birth of a son to Ida Smith-Griffith, January sixteenth.

## NEBRASKA BETA

On the twenty-third of December Miss Jeannette Thorpe was married to Ralph R. Drain, Delta Tau Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Drain are now at home in Kirkwood, Illinois.

On the evening of March tenth occurred the marriage of Jennie May Barber to Mr. John Frances Plym, Phi Gamma Delta. They will be at home in Kansas City, Missouri.

Anna Lytle will take a course in literature during the spring term at the Chicago University.

Bessie Turner has returned to Chicago to resume her studies in voice.

Susanne Ashmun of St. Joseph, Missouri, and Vera Wattles of Neligh have been guests of Lincoln friends.

## TEXAS ALPHA

Attie McClendon is teaching kindergarten in Guadalajara, Mexico.

Myra Foster is studying at Wellesley.

Elsie Garrett is spending this winter at her home in Brenham, Texas.

Vivian Brenizer, Jamie Armstrong and Minnie and Loula Rose did not return to the University this year, but they have been of the greatest help in rushing.

## COLORADO ALPHA.

We were all grieved at the death of the infant child of Mrs. May Henry Bluhm which occurred on January ninth.

Miss Emma Spencer of Knox College has come west and we are delighted to greet her as a Pi Phi sister.

Miss Martha Hankins is visiting her sister, Mrs. D. E. McAlister.

Miss Ethel Wright was up visiting with Pi Phi sisters last month.

Mrs. Fanny Plummer Morton of Idaho Springs was with us for initiation on February sixteenth.

## Editorials

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Under the caption, "What One Chapter Owes Another" there appeared in the November ARROW two short articles, one from a member of the Alumnae Association and the other signed "Epsilon Circle." The editor was tempted to comment on these at the time, but decided to wait and see what the chapters thought about them. What one of them thinks is to be seen in this number, but as the opinion of "Vermont Alpha" is a trifle radical and therefore subject to misconstruction it may be as well to review the circumstances.

The case is a sufficiently common one. The editor recalls similar instances in two other fraternities, and at least one other in her own. A young woman enters one college, is not invited to join a fraternity, goes to another and there becomes a member, then returns to the first college and seeks affiliation with the chapter there. Truly an awkward situation!

Now what is to be done about it? Shall the chapter, as "Epsilon Circle" suggests, decline to accept the transfer papers and refuse the privileges of chapter life to a girl whom previous acquaintance has proved to be thoroughly uncongenial? To an exasperated chapter there is pretty strong temptation to do this, especially when to the girl's former undesirability is added the fact that she is now being virtually thrust upon them. The feeling of "Epsilon Circle," is quite excusable, in fact in extreme cases it would be the mere instinct of self-preservation.

Still the girl herself is doubtless perfectly innocent of offense. It is not her fault but her great good fortune that she is a member of our order. The blame does not lie with her but with the chapter that initiated her, and that is where, it will be noticed, "Epsilon Circle" places it. And the fact that a girl is not congenial to a chapter does not, as "Vermont Alpha" hints, imply any inferiority in scholarship or character or social charm. On

the contrary, she may equal or more than equal the chapter's own girls in mind, manners and morals, and yet not have attained that elusive quality of "congeniality." Likes and dislikes are only partly controlled by reason, and there must always be some who share the lot of Dr. Fell and for no better reason.

Leaving aside the matter of a girl's congeniality, about which her initiation proves that there is room for difference of opinion, there is a question of principle involved (as "Vermont Alpha" clearly points out). For a chapter to refuse the transfer papers would be a direct repudiation of one of the most fundamental principles of Pi Beta Phi, for unless sufficient reasons exist for expulsion from the fraternity, the fact that a girl wears our emblem gives her a claim upon every one of us which it is absolutely impossible for us to ignore. And "Vermont Alpha" is right.

It seems clear that the only thing to do under the circumstances is to make the best of a bad matter and then to guard against its ever happening again. Let the chapter accept the girl, not grudgingly, because they must, but heartily, because the fact of her initiation has given them so much in common that they had not before. Then let the fraternity at the next convention pass a law that no girl coming from a college where Pi Beta Phi is represented, shall be initiated by another chapter without consent of the chapter in the original college. This matter in our, as in most other fraternities, has hitherto been left to chapter courtesy, and usually that has been sufficient protection. The few exceptions that have occurred, however, have created embarrassment out of all proportion to their number, and so a hard and fast rule will really be a relief. And until convention we would caution all chapters to be even more careful and considerate than they have been in the past and so avoid mortification to themselves, to their sister chapters, and above all to some innocent girl, who is far better off outside fraternity life, than with the disillusioning sort that we have offered her.

TO the corresponding secretaries who so kindly supplied the editor with information regarding the status of co-education in their colleges, sincere thanks is due. For busy college girls to

take time to write letters not actually necessary, seems a work of supererogation, but in this case it is one much appreciated.

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**B**Y vote of council and chapters, convention is postponed from 1903 to 1904, and will meet at St. Louis sometime during the summer of the latter year. While there are disadvantages in allowing so long a period to elapse between conventions, the advantages of a meeting at St. Louis more than counterbalanced them and there is every prospect that for attendance of both active and alumnae, for enthusiasm and for the amount of work done, the 1904 convention will far surpass that of any previous year.

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## *Chapter Letters*

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### ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

"Time and tide wait for no man."

Vermont Alpha realizes that this saying is all too true when she remembers that the winter term is swiftly drawing to its close and that spring with its maple sugar is almost upon us.

On Friday evening, February thirteenth, Vermont Alpha entertained the active members and resident alumnae of Alpha Chi fraternity at the Pharetra in honor of St. Valentine's day. The Pharetra was very prettily decorated with red, white, yellow and blue paper hearts. Games appropriate for the occasion were indulged in and a dainty lunch was served.

Saturday evening, February fourteenth, Mrs. Crane, one of our patronesses, entertained our freshman girls and the freshmen of Delta Upsilon at a "Proposal party" given at her home, and Saturday evening, February twenty-eighth, she gave a "Hurry Flurry party" to the juniors and sophomores of Delta Upsilon and Pi Beta Phi fraternities.

On the evening of February twenty-third occurred the college banquet at the Addison House in honor of Washington's birthday. A delightful time was enjoyed by all.

Another lark which we have had within a month was a sleighride of

about eight miles taken on bare ground instead of on snow out to the home of one of our girls, Bessie Bump. We went all the way in a pouring rain without a sign of an umbrella. But what of that? We were neither sugar nor salt, and found fun even in the scraping of the runners on the stones and in our impromptu shower bath. And the good time we enjoyed while there repaid us many times over for our rainy trip.

May Neff, one of our number, is not with us this term. She has been compelled by illness to give up her college work for a year. We miss her very much for she was always so jolly and full of fun.

At present Amelia Hausman, one of our seniors, is at home caring for her mother who is very ill.

FLORENCE E. GIDDINGS.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

It seems hardly possible that it is time for another number of the ARROW to go to press, the time has gone so quickly with us as doubtless it has with all other Pi Phis.

Last night our fraternity examination was encountered and we hope conquered, so that today we cannot help feeling as if a great burden were off our minds and we can now look forward with more pleasure to vacation.

As a fraternity we have done no entertaining recently, but our fraternity life has been no less enjoyable. We are glad to have Miss Preston with us again after a month's illness.

About the middle of February the Christian Associations of the Medical and Academic departments held a very pleasant reception in the Billing's Library. The first part of the evening was spent in a social time, while the latter part consisted of several speeches by members of the faculty and a musical program.

February twenty-fourth the annual "Cake Walk," given by the young men of the college, took place in the Gymnasium. Those who attended pronounced it the best ever given here.

Vermont Beta sends the best of wishes to all Pi Phis for a pleasant vacation.

MARY E. COLBURN.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

Since studying so hard for examination and refreshing our memory as to where you all were, Columbia Alpha feels that she is better acquainted with you and more in touch with the fraternity as a whole.

The beginning of the new year with its gaiety seems far in the back ground to us all, but we must tell you that our dance came off beautifully,

as did also the reception given at the home of our president, Miss McIlhenny, on New Year's evening.

The past week has been to us one of mingled pleasure, sadness and more or less of excitement. In the first place we have a new pledge, and I may say we hope for another before the week ends. This morning we pinned the wine and blue on Rhoda Watkins, a charming freshman girl, and of course there is the usual rejoicing over winning a "new found treasure." But with our pleasure is mixed sadness, for on Friday last we had to part with one of our dearest girls, Nina Raymond, who was obliged to go home on account of illness. We shall miss her so much but hope to have her with us again at the beginning of the next school year.

The excitement has been due to the announcement of another national fraternity in our college. The local fraternity has this last week been incorporated into a chapter of Chi Omega. We have been longing for a change of this nature, thinking it would enable the fraternities to meet on an entirely different basis. Our congratulations have been extended and we hope later to entertain the new chapter, showing our good will and welcoming them into the national fraternity world.

About two weeks ago our president entertained us with an elaborate cookie-shine, which was thoroughly enjoyed by us all. We hope to give one to our new pledges soon. What would college life be without the cookie-shine?

The Columbian women have asked the members of our chapter to give a play as one of a series of entertainments they have furnished their members during the year, and having consented to do so we are looking forward to the event with no little anxiety. Fortunately we discovered our girls' dramatic talent last year in the play given by the college and we have reason to believe they will carry off the laurels.

Wishing you all success and happiness in the coming spring time, Columbia Alpha will say once more, *Au Revoir*.

NELLIE K. BURT.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Probably no other chapter is sending its letter to the ARROW with lighter and happier hearts than does Pennsylvania Alpha, for at length her pledge day is over and she is resting, proud of the four new sisters whom the golden arrow holds. We were bound by our pledge not to rush nor to mention fraternity until three o'clock of February twenty-eighth, and when that hour arrived our anxiety knew no bounds. Upheld by the knowledge that our stand was a noble one, we were rewarded by finding that others thought so too. Tuesday, March third, we initiated Elizabeth Carter, of Buffalo, N. Y., whose sister is also a Pi Phi, Clara Fowler, of Philadelphia, Clara Boyle, of Coatesville, Pa., and Arvilla Lang, of Bridgeton, N. J.

Our chapter life has been very happy though rather uneventful. We have been entertained by several of our alumnae at very delightful teas, one given by Mary Cooper Johnson at the Aldine Hotel, Philadelphia, where Miss Johnson is living for the winter, and another in honor of Miss Wilson of Bucknell University while she was visiting Edith McCain.

Recently Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta and Pi Beta Phi. A very pleasant afternoon was spent, singing our fraternity songs and talking over subjects which interest all Greeks.

Our president, Mr. Swain, is touring through Egypt and the continent. On his departure it was plainly shown that he has firmly installed himself in the hearts of his students in the few short months he has presided over us, for every student marched to the station to speed him on his journey. Nothing could have been more enthusiastic than that band two hundred strong whose garnet flags waved in the breeze and whose gay college songs filled the air. And we shall welcome him back with all the warmer greeting, recognizing by his absence how dear he has become to us.

No, we shall not hear from one another again until we have lost some of our dearest members, but far "better to have loved and lost, than never to have loved at all."

MARY A. GUTELIUS.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL COLLEGE

We at Bucknell are feeling very happy just at present for we have two new sisters—Mary Bower and Edith Kelly. They make splendid Pi Phis, and we almost feel as if they had been with us always.

Has the term gone as rapidly, I wonder, with the other girls as it has with us here? It seems only a few days ago that the fraternity examination was a possibility of the dim future, and now—it is coming this very week! Today we are going to have a little special meeting, and study up our chapter roll, dates of conventions, and like statistics, so that when the dreaded time comes we may not be found wanting; although this does not by any means quiet our fears, as "dates and things" have such a lamentable faculty of slipping away when most needed.

We have not been doing very much in the social line. On Lila Long's birthday we took our pledges and one or two of our special friends and all went down to Mrs. Huth's. That does not carry any particular meaning to those who have never been to Lewisburgh; but to any ex-Bucknell girls who may read this I need not enlarge upon the good time we had. While we were there we invented a new yell; it is a complex production of many parts, and, when given by twenty energetic girls, sounded very impressive. It was only a few days after this that Mrs. Gretzinger, one of our patronesses, entertained us. We had a most delightful evening at her house, and were only sorry when the time came to go.

Edith McCain, who has been abroad recently, was in town the latter part of January. One afternoon Mary Wilson, one of our alumnae, gave a tea in honor of Edith, and we all called upon her and renewed old associations. It was so good to see her again. Iza Martin and Mabel Allison also visited us this term.

The chapter letters have begun to come. Now is the time when the corresponding secretary ties up her head in a wet towel and makes frequent demands upon the treasury for "more paper." The only thing that sustains her is the "golden harvest of praise" that the *ARROW* assures her she shall reap.

Good wishes, then, till next time.

BLANCHE ALLYN BANE.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to begin our April letter with the news of a new Pi Phi, Catherine Edmunds, whom we initiated January twenty-second. A number of our alumnae were with us at the initiation, and proved that they could still get into the true spirit of a Pi Phi cookie-shine. We need not tell you about our victim, you have heard the description so many times. Enough to say that she honors the colors she wears.

Since our last letter we have had four Pi Phi weddings which we much enjoyed, though unfortunately three of our brides moved to other places.

Early in the term we were entertained at the home of one of our girls who lives a short distance from town. It was a typical winter night, but with Pi Phi songs to warm us no one was even frosted. The real wine carnation was there in all its glory, and at each place was a fragrant bunch of violets.

Two of our girls were the happy recipients of a box from home with all the proverbial good things that mothers know how to prepare, and they kindly proclaimed a "bum," which we were all delighted to share. We were reminded of a Thanksgiving feast, for not even the gravy was missing.

All the men's fraternities have been entertaining, the Betas with their annual banquet in December, the Deltas in March, and the Phi Deltis with a reception to the faculty and the college girls. At all of these Pi Phi was well represented. Our turn will come on Founder's Day, which we expect to celebrate with a banquet.

All this dissipation has been well mixed with hard study so that Ohio Alpha may stand as well on the spring grade books as her sister chapters.

JANE BAYARD ULLOM.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

It scarcely seems possible that almost two-thirds of the school year has passed, but dates are like facts and not to be disputed. At O. S. U.

we are never sorry for the return of spring because it is such a pleasure then to be anywhere on our beautiful campus—yea, even in the class room, to say nothing of the stolen hours of "campus work."

Since the holiday vacation there has been so much to tell about with us that I hesitate to begin. But if I do get mixed you won't know it, so all I can do is to try my best. About the most important happening was the small-pox scare, but in this, I believe, ours was not the only college to suffer. And not the least of this excitement was due to our sore arms.

But speaking of more pleasant things, there have been many frat dances and among these several formals. On January thirtieth at "The Great Southern Hotel" we gave our annual formal. I cannot understand why, but it seems to me, that we always manage to enjoy our own parties more than those at which we are merely guests. It was most remarkable in this case for we had so many difficulties in its arrangement. But we are all very sorry it is over.

This year the "Junior Prom" was Friday, February thirteenth, and is also a matter of memory, not of anticipation, by now. Then, too, we have lately enjoyed the "Co-ed Prom," which was certainly one of the prettiest dances I ever attended and where every girl enjoyed herself to the utmost. The chapter is planning some such affair for her own private amusement and each "little girl and little boy" is to do some childish "stunt" for the benefit of the others. It is sure to be ridiculous, if nothing more. We have also attended the "Soph Hop" and the "Tri Delt Reception," the latter a sort of Pan-Hellenic function.

The Glee Club concert of last Friday was quite a success. We were particularly interested because Miss Reinmund assisted in solos.

In the other class anticipated events are the Battalion Hop scheduled for March thirteenth and the Pi Beta Phi Banquet April twenty-eighth. There are rumors of other affairs whose dates are not yet announced.

Among ourselves we have had various informal gatherings. One of these was a supper spread in honor of the three Pi Phis who have lately come among us, Elizabeth Reinmund, Mrs. Bertha Hoover Johnston, and Mrs. Grace Reah Johnson. We are in hopes they will soon feel at home among their new sisters.

Last Saturday Ohio Beta sat the second time for her photograph and hopes the result will be satisfactory so she will be able to send a better reproduction to *The Arrow* this year.

As the corresponding secretary I am eagerly awaiting some chapter letters, and some of these days you will all hear directly from us.

The Pledge Pin.—Ohio Beta wishes to express her approval of the opinion of Michigan Beta concerning the pledge pin. As we do not pledge with colors but only with the pin, we are at a double disadvantage in using I. C. Another reason why it seems unsatisfactory to us is that the other fraternities here, with the exception of the "Tri

Delts," use their monograms and uniformity is desirable. Anything else we would say would be but repetition, as we simply echo the statements of Michigan Beta.

MAUD A. McALPINE.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Now every loyal Pi Phi can say with relief, "Our fraternity examination is over." The examination for Alpha province, though not easy, was very fair. Twenty questions were given, different ones to be answered by the different classes.

We have been doing some mid-year rushing besides giving little parties in our rooms. We celebrated the anniversary of our own founding with a cookie-shine for our city alumnae girls.

We received announcement of the marriage of one of the girls, Ella M. Pease, who was pledged to us last spring, but who did not return to college this year. She is now Mrs. Charles L. Rogers.

The Fine Art Fakirs gave their annual entertainment this week. Fakes and Fakirs were alike pleasing.

The death of Mrs. Hoyt has saddened us greatly. She was one of our dearest patronesses.

FRANCES BULL.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Once more it is time for Massachusetts Alpha to send her letter of friendship and greeting to every wearer of the arrow. As we look back over the past months we see that our Pi Phi life in Boston has been a very busy one, but an especially happy one.

Immediately after the rushing season, that our eight initiates might meet our patronesses, we held an informal reception. The afternoon was spent very pleasantly by all, and it has brought us into a closer relationship with one another.

We have been entertaining the different fraternities represented in B. U., and delightful times have been spent with the Delta girls, the Kappa Kappa Gammas, and the Alpha Phis. Soon we are to enjoy meeting the Gamma Phi Betas.

March ninth, a reunion of all the Pi Phis around Boston was held at the chapter room, and a happy hour was spent with girls from Wisconsin, Michigan, Kansas, Texas, Maryland and Vermont. We feel especially favored in having so many of our sisters around Boston, and we give them a loyal welcome to our Pi Phi circle, and we would extend this welcome to every other, who may chance to visit Massachusetts.

Klatsch Collegium, the social event of the year, comes March twentieth. It is given by Gamma Delta, the one open women's fraternity, to the friends

of the college. Each class receives in one of the college halls, representatives of the different fraternities acting as hostesses. Mary C. Galbraith from our chapter receives for the junior class.

We are especially sorry to write that one of our girls has been very ill and will not be able to return to college at present. Every one who knew her has missed her, and we trust she will come back to us next year.

The aim of every Pi Phi life is two-fold, and we would not give the impression that only one-half of this has been realized. More than ever are we beginning to feel that Pi Phi ideals must be carried into the classroom, and that this, the other half of our aim, shall be accomplished is the wish of every member.

MILDRED BABCOCK.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

To no one is the approach of spring more welcome than to the college student. But in Baltimore it is very difficult to be really sure that the much wished for season has arrived. One day we may be positive we smell the perfume of the violets on the soft warm air. The small boy is out with his top, and all agree that "spring is here." But, alas, the next day may bring roaring northwest winds, rain, sleet, even snow. We hunt up our banished furs and all agree very decidedly that "spring is not here."

But, in spite of this weather, so trying to one's temper and pleasure, Maryland Alpha has passed a very pleasant winter. One of the first of the year's events was a college reception, which was voted a success by all.

In this hall Washington's birthday was celebrated by the rendition of "Mr. Bob," a play in which humorous situations abound. One of the leading parts was taken by a Pi Phi, who in the guise of "Mr. Brown" became the "hero of the hour." Shortly after this we participated in that greatest delight of all Pi Phi hearts—a cookie-shine. Beside eating good things, which were plentiful indeed, we sang praises to "dear old Pi Phi," till we could sing no more.

In addition to these there have been various college affairs, from which we have had both pleasure and instruction. For not only have we enjoyed basket-ball games and college events of all descriptions, but we have also had the opportunity of hearing lectures by such men as Dr. Hamilton Mabie and Professor Bliss Perry.

But these are things of the past. We are anticipating an even more enjoyable future. On the thirteenth of March, the college "Glee Club Concert and Prom" will be given. Everything points to it being a decided success. On the fourteenth one of our patronesses, Mrs. Jauney, entertains the fraternity at her home. Of its success we are assured even now.

In but a few weeks come the Easter holidays. And then—well, then

comes the busiest, merriest time in the whole year. It certainly seems impossible that so much work and so much pleasure can be crowded into those few short weeks. But so, time proves it to be.

And, now, Maryland Alpha sends greetings to all her sister Pi Phis, with best wishes for a most happy Easter vacation.

ZAIDEE METZGER.

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## BETA PROVINCE

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### ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

"Of all sad words of tongue or pen" most naturally comes to our minds just now when we think of some of the good times that were planned to take place within the last two weeks. Instead college has been closed for that time owing to a smallpox scare. However, the good times will wait and be appreciated more when they do come. And indeed we cannot feel for one moment that the little shadow cast by these weeks when we are scattered and three or four social events postponed, does any more than bring out by contrast the pleasant days preceding.

We hope every chapter has had as good times together as have our girls in these best months of the year when all are doing their most concentrated work with their studies and have the fewest things to divert them in and out of the chapter life.

It is then that the hours of fraternity meeting are the best and we learn to appreciate and enjoy each other better as we meet, talk, "think thoughts and plan plans" for our chapter in the present and future.

One Thursday recently as we came down the stairs chattering, laughing and humming Pi Phi songs, as usual after a meeting, we were astonished to find Professor Lundberg, the head of our musical department, standing in the hall; and it was not until we had been ushered into the dining room that we realized what had happened. There was a table all decorated in the wine and blue and laid for twelve delighted girls. The Professor had done it because of sympathy shown him by the chapter in a recent trouble. You may imagine we spent a pleasant evening and added to our Pi Phi yell one for Professor Lundberg.

Illinois Beta sends best love and greetings to the Pi Phi sisters everywhere, hoping all may enjoy these college days as only a fraternity girl in a prosperous and harmonious chapter can enjoy them.

NELLIE NEEDHAM.

## ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

Before Illinois Delta tells you what she has been doing since her last letter to the ARROW, we want to make known to the Pi Phi world our new pledges, some of whom will very soon be initiated into its more mysterious and secret workings. We now introduce to you Inez Webster, Lulu Hinchliff, Louise McIntosh, Nell Wells, Stella Spies, Blanche Pond, Minnie Weyhrich, Nell Diehl, Florence Warner, and Bertha Stevenson. We are justly proud of our new girls and predict a bright future for Illinois Delta under their care, and on their side those girls are proud of the fraternity they have chosen and are happy to be wearing the wine and blue.

Now we can give you a little account of what else we have been doing. On March fifth Isabel Maynard, '97, was here for a recital in the Artists' course under the direction of the conservatory. Miss Maynard fulfilled our highest expectations of what a Pi Phi should do, and charmed all with her beautiful voice. After the recital we held a little reception for her to which we invited our alumnae and also the faculty. An hour or more was very pleasantly spent in which old acquaintances were renewed and new ones made.

On March sixth was held the annual College Promenade. Of course our girls were there, in fact one of our patronesses, who is also a Pi Phi, led the grand march and one of our active girls was of the receiving party.

Before the ARROW appears we shall all have experienced the delights of "frat. exams." and of course we hope our good officers will not be too hard on us this time for we all like to have our chapters show up well.

With the approach of spring and pleasant weather we girls are looking forward to some very delightful times and then will come all too soon the last days of school. But Illinois Delta hopes to hear from her sister chapters during the summer, if not at Convention, at least through the ARROW.

DELLA F. HURFF.

## ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

This has been a long, happy winter for Illinois Epsilon, and in looking back over the past months we all feel that it has been a helpful one.

On the fourteenth of February our freshmen gave a Valentine party at the home of Emma Doland. The house was literally lined with large, red hearts and in one room was a large Pi Phi heart, which proved to be a bone of contention for the men before the evening was over. The Misses Cummings and Miss Robertson, formerly of Michigan Beta, were there to add to the Pi Phi jollity. In addition to the excitement of the Valentine party, we have a new piano, which has been partly given to us by our alumnae and was partly paid for by ourselves. This has been a great help

to us in teaching our freshmen the Pi Phi songs and in giving more life to our meetings.

On March the second, we initiated Josephine Collyer, who was pledged last year, but was unable to enter college until this semester. She has the true Pi Phi spirit, and joins in the fraternity life as though she had always been a fraternity girl. We wish you could all have the opportunity of meeting her. We had two guests at our initiation, Mrs. Sober, a former member of the Grand Council, and Miss Miller, formerly of Iowa Beta, who added greatly to the enjoyment of the initiation. Illinois Epsilon hopes her sister chapters have spent as profitable a winter as she has.

CARRIE MASON.

ILLINOIS ZETA—THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

In her letter to the January *ARROW*, Kansas Alpha says she "is entering she hopes, upon a rest which will last until time for the spring party." We of Illinois Zeta should be glad to hear that she has had her desire, and only wish there were any such prospect ahead for ourselves. I wonder if any other Pi Phis are busier, or have a greater variety of interests aside from regular work, than we. Of course, we are all alike in having semester examinations. Ours were scarcely over when an event occurred in the town society which aroused great general interest here. This was a bazaar for the benefit of a free bed in the hospital. During the three days and nights that it lasted, there was a large force of Pi Phis present in costume, making themselves useful in this good cause. We had particular charge of the sale of chocolate in the quaint Dutch booth; the Thetas and Kappas assisted at other booths, and altogether the University girls made a fine showing.

The week following the bazaar, one of our new Pi Phis, Kate Mann, took a leading part in a little play presented before the girls' league of the university. It was on the occasion of the annual meeting to which the girls invite their men friends, and its success was due largely, we insist, to the clever acting of our little freshman.

Since this is the season of annuals and students' club dances, and since all our parties are confined to Friday and Saturday nights, we sometimes have to choose among several engagements for the same evening. The Betas have just given their first annual ball—a most delightful and elaborate affair. One of our patronesses has just issued invitations to a dance complimentary to Pi Beta Phi and to Alpha Tau Omega, an event to which we are looking forward with much interest. Our annual comes early in April, and we are already planning for it and for a Founder's Day banquet.

During March the seniors of the Library School make an annual trip

to Chicago to inspect the libraries there. This year the class includes six of our girls—six out of the nine who are to graduate in June.

Illinois Zeta hopes that the remainder of the year may pass swiftly and happily for all the sister chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

ETHEL C. S. FORBES.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

We pause for a little while, in the midst of hurry and worry over term examinations, to send a message of love and greeting, with bits of our fraternity life, to our sister chapters.

The first of the good news we have to give is another name to add to the list of Pi Phi girls. Cordelia Middleton donned the wine and blue February twenty-first and we feel sure that all Pi Phis will have just cause to be proud of her. She is the one pledge of the winter term.

Along with this term's work much pleasure has been scattered. January sixteenth being our chapter birthday, we celebrated by an afternoon and evening reception, at which we introduced two new patronesses, Mrs. Harry E. Martin and Mrs. E. O. Collins. We had lost one of our three patronesses by removal from the city. In the afternoon we received our town friends and college girls, in the evening the alumnae and men friends. We were delighted to have our Province President, Ethel Curryer, with us on this occasion. Our guests numbered about three hundred and it is needless to say that we were a tired, but a happy crowd of girls, on our fifteenth birthday.

Our next affair was an "oyster stew," given us by Mr. John Ragsdale, the husband of one of our patronesses. It was a sort of jubilee, in honor of the good material we had won over to Pi Phi this year, and so we were given the privilege of asking men. It proved a jolly affair.

Our Alumnae Dramatic club gave a play entitled, "Our Country Cousins," which we enjoyed, as we always do their charming productions, and really felt as if a few of the girls have missed their calling. A cookie-shine was later given, so that Miss Middleton could meet all the girls in a social way, and on Valentine's night Maud Johnson was hostess at her lovely home, at a "Masque Ball." I wish I might send pictures of some of the costumes worn that night.

We have had two weddings to chronicle. Mary Van Nuys to Earl Fisher, of Phi Delta Theta; and Jeanette Martin to Walter C. White, also of Phi Delta Theta. Mrs. Fisher is to live in Frankln, but Mr. White will move to Iowa, and Jeanette will be much missed from the alumnae ranks. A shower was given for her by Mrs. Everett Jeffery and thirty-five sisters gathered to give their love tokens to a faithful sister.

Last but not least of our chronicles was our State Reunion, held last Saturday, March seventh, in Indianapolis. As a fuller account is to

appear elsewhere, I will not dwell on it, but simply say it was inspiring to hear nearly forty girls from different colleges give with enthusiasm the "Ring ching ching."

With best of wishes to every one for a happy and prosperous spring term.

M. BERTHA FLETCHER.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

The winter term is almost over, and before we know it, the spring, with all its happiness will be upon us. It is hard to realize that half our school year is over, so swiftly have the months sped by as we worked busily and happily for Pi Phi.

We have four new girls to present to Pi Beta Phi—girls of whom we grow prouder each day—Ethel Woody, of Russiaville; Edna Cooper, of Middletown, Margaret Garretson, of Pendleton; and Fanny Miner, of Indianapolis.

We have not entertained formally this term, but our time has been well taken up with informal dances, cookie-shines, spreads, and dinners.

On Founder's Day "She Stoops to Conquer" was presented in the college chapel, and Pi Beta Phi was well represented in the cast.

March the sixth came the state oratorical contest, and the following day the Indiana Pi Phis "lunched" together at the Denison. About three dozen happy girls were present. These annual reunions are becoming more popular each year.

And now we are all industriously studying for our fraternity and term examinations. Our only consolation is that many other Pi Phis are undergoing the same hardships and are bewailing the same hours wasted in good times instead of study.

GERTRUDE CRONBACH.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

Another busy term is drawing to a close and we are beginning to think of the examinations ahead of us.

This has been a term of contests. One of our new girls, Winnifred Whaley, won first prize in the L. L. U. Oratorical contest and Michigan Alpha justly feels proud of her.

Since the last ARROW was published Michigan Alpha has initiated Flossie Whitney. After the initiation ceremony we gave a spread in our rooms in her honor.

We have done very little entertaining this term but have had some very pleasant social evenings among ourselves. We are planning now to celebrate Alumnae Day by a banquet. Michigan Alpha sends good wishes to all Pi Phis.

MADGE VANDEBURG.

### GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

Iowa Alpha looks upon these winter months as the most quiet of all the year—months for study and simple living. We no longer have to exert ourselves to make the stranger feel welcome and at home. Each girl has her one, two or three particular friends in whom her interest is centered; and so we live contentedly and quietly in our school world, with an occasional lecture, concert or party to satisfy our craving for something to go to.

The first event after the holidays was a little afternoon tea party, just for the joy of being all together again.

The best gift that nineteen hundred three brought to us was the pleasure of initiating five of our pledges—Zella Longwell, Mary Palm, Jessie McFall, Lillian Jay, and Della Greenfield. One of the number, Mary Palm, is the daughter of one of the early members of I. C. I. C. is very dear to us as we have so many among us, and more loyal supporters of Pi Beta Phi could not be found. They are always so kind in opening to us their homes and hearts which means so much to college girls, who are "far from their homes and weary often whiles."

Just now there are two matters under consideration with us. One is the plan for forming an organization among the pledges, of whom we have quite a number. The object of the organization is to help the pledges to become more familiar with fraternity in general, that they may learn Pi Phi songs and be brought into closer touch with the chapter girls.

The other is a party—an informal one—to be held on St. Patrick's eve. Our plan is to play progressive Flinch, and the decorations and refreshments are to be something suitable for the day.

The next two weeks will be more than busy with plans for our party, spring examinations, and then away for a few days of vacation.

I fear we entered trembling on this year of fraternity life. Last year took from among us so many of our more experienced girls and it seemed almost too hard to take everything into our own hands. But the year has been so good to us and our experiences in doing things have opened our eyes to many benefits that may be brought to us in the future.

JULIA SHANKLAND.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

That you may know us all, we would first introduce to you our three new sisters, Faye Remick, Blanche Spurgeon and Cora Quayle, who have passed through our darkest, deepest dungeons and who sing with us

"The Pi Phi girls have got a goat,  
He isn't any kid."

Our new pledge sister, Leone Pearley, we hope will soon learn that he is a dread reality. A jolly cookie-shine—the accompaniment of all our initiations—followed.

At the public reception of the term, given by the Junior class, the second of our men's fraternities, Alpha Iota Phi, made its debut. On two evenings later in the term our two sororities, Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi, united in giving receptions to the two fraternities, Kappa Theta Psi and Alpha Iota Phi, at homes of our members.

Our only indulgence in good times of our very own was a cookie-shine given in honor of May Lorimer, who visited us. We have already learned to look to our freshman girls for much of our fun and enthusiasm, and we were more than satisfied with the impromptu five-act tragedy which they produced as a sequel to a comedy already given by our alumnae. We had come into the possession of a secret, that one of our girls is the possessor of a dowder box, and a surprise tin shower was the "overwhelming" consequence.

College, society and class parties, banquets, concerts and other functions have been unusually numerous this term and more are expected. However busy we are, we cannot help wondering what fate that mysterious envelope of examination questions may have in store for us this week.

College spirit has been at the highest since the night of February twenty-seventh, when as a fitting close to the annual banquet on "Founder's and Benefactors' Day" it was announced that Simpson's representative had won first place in the Iowa state oratorical contest. It is needless to say that we are proud of our state's representative for the interstate contest.

When next we meet through our ARROW letters, our chapter will have lost our five senior girls. You may judge from this that commencement is not as eagerly anticipated by us as it sometimes is.

Best wishes for the success of Pi Phis everywhere in the closing months of the year, is the greeting of Iowa Beta.

NELLIE L. VALE.

#### IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

"Even the frat exams are over," and with a sigh of relief Iowa Zeta looks back upon the busy months she has been through since the last ARROW and feels her rest is well deserved.

The social season of the winter has been especially gay. Kappa Sigma opened it by a formal party on the sixteenth of January, followed by the sophomore cotillion on the thirtieth. Then came a week of semester examinations which we survived, and in the first week of the new semester we celebrated the new half year by our biennial dress party on the thir-

teenth of February, at which we entertained the faculty and three hundred of our university and out-of-town friends. As the plan of decorations and the favors used required much work in advance on the part of the chapter itself, we met at all spare minutes from December and with busy fingers and tongues laid our plans for the occasion.

The university is now hard at work striving to lift the heavy athletic debt which has been resting upon us so long, thus starting afresh the new season and new era in Iowa athletics, which open with the next collegiate year. On February twentieth, the first annual athletic ball was given in the armory, the proceeds of which helped on the debt. Having such a purpose, needless to say it was of universal interest.

March third the corner stones of the new medical laboratory and anatomy buildings were laid, and we rejoiced, taking the event as symbolical of the happy time when Iowa shall have the other new buildings of which she is so sorely in need.

Two of our girls of last year who have been away the first, returned for this semester, Alta Smith of Harlan and Naomi Stockdale of Walcott.

At present we are looking forward to an initiation when our new pledge, Sadie Jacobs of Burlington, Iowa, shall put on the pin and be one of us. Greetings to all sister chapters.

MAE BELLE ALLSTRAND.

#### MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Missouri Alpha has a new Pi Phi, Mary Smith, who was initiated February twenty-first.

We did no rushing this semester as there was no material, and consequently all the girls have been devoting themselves to their studies.

The St. Louis High School basket ball team will play the freshman team here April first. We are looking forward to the game with interest, especially as one of the Pi Phis is on the team.

All the girls wished they were freshmen when the examination questions came. We gave a sigh of relief when the examination was over.

One of our new girls, Betty Williams, has gone to Chicago and intends entering the university there. We miss her very much.

We are to give our annual dance on Founder's Day and shall soon begin to make preparations.

CLARABEL DENTON.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

The first weeks of the new semester find all Wisconsin Pi Phis in the best of spirits, for are not those "terrible exams" over, and haven't we written our fraternity examination too? It was with deep sighs of relief that we left our last meeting, after writing about two hours on the exam-

ination. We really would not mind it if we didn't have to learn the chapter roll. That is a task that would tax the patience of Job. One refractory freshman kept insisting upon locating "Louisiana Alpha" at "Swarthmore College, Berkeley," and it took one whole afternoon to teach another that Convention and Grand Council were not one and the same thing. But after all, what is the use of repeating our troubles, for of course you all have had them!

Katherine Smith left us last semester to go to her new home in Pittsburgh, Mo., and we miss her greatly. We were cheered by the thought that we should have another transfer with us, but alas! the best laid plans sometimes fail. Helen Shirk of Indiana Beta came, but only for a few days, for she was called home.

During "Prom week" we gave a large Valentine reception in honor of our out-of-town guests, but we have not entertained formally in any other way. We are saving our energy for the festivities on Founder's Day.

We have been well represented in college affairs this year, one of our girls having taken part in the annual play of the Haresfoot Dramatic Club, another being president of the Women's Self Government Association, and another having been initiated into an honorary dramatic society. Our "chapter baby" also has made the basket-ball team.

The slang expression "nothin' doing" is very descriptive of our present condition,—so with greetings to all sister chapters, the corresponding secretary of Wisconsin Alpha closes with the cheerful intelligence that you all will have only *one* more of her chapter letters to wade and struggle through!

MILLIE ASKEW.

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## DELTA PROVINCE

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### LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE—TULANE UNIVERSITY

It is with a great sigh—partly of regret and partly of relief—that we returned to college after the excitement of Carnival was past, and vainly tried to adapt ourselves once more to the routine of every-day ordinary life. Not the least of the joys of our Mardi Gras season are the visitors from the north and east, among whom we always find one or more Pi Phi, whom we are happy to meet and introduce to the delights of our quaint old city.

The next event to engross the attention of the Newcomb students will be the celebration of Founder's Day on the thirteenth of March. Lunch is served under the beautiful oaks which surround the college, and the scene on the campus is a very animated one, I assure you, for each class tries to out-do the others in the matter of decorations and good things to eat.

Louisiana Alpha will celebrate the fraternity Founder's Day this year with a cotillion, and we are looking forward to a repetition of the successes of former years. I cannot close without mentioning that our chapter claimed this season no less than three girls who graced the courts of the Carnival balls. They were Alice Monroe, Laure Beauregard and Céleste Eshleman, and we are very naturally prouder than ever of them.

With best wishes to all, Louisiana Alpha bids the ARROW good-bye until summer.

PAULINE M. CURRAN.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Since our last letter the Kansas Pi Phis have been very busy indeed. In spite of the fact that most of the rushing comes in September, the middle of the school year is really the busiest season of all, for there are the semi-annual examinations, to finish up the first term; and after them comes the selecting of courses, and the "getting settled" in the second term's work.

In speaking of examinations, it wouldn't do to fail to mention the fraternity quiz. Just now, at almost any hour of the day, at the chapter house, there may be found little clusters of girls "boning" away on constitution and history of Pi Beta Phi. For some reason or other, the mere mention of that quiz is terrifying, especially to the freshmen, who go around muttering, "Vermont Alpha, Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vermont, Vermont Beta, etc.," from morning till night.

This is the season of "spring parties," and the Pi Phis, at their annual dance, which took place on Saturday evening, January thirty-first, introduced a plan new to most of us—that of beginning at sharp seven o'clock. And it proved very successful!

Since the beginning of this semester, we have a new pledgling, Anna Lanter, of Olathe, to whose initiation we are looking forward.

Two of the girls who were initiated last fall, Alma Poehler and Claudia Pendleton, are in Italy for the winter. We expect to have them back with us next year, and in the meanwhile they are sharing their pleasures with us, for their long, delightful letters are enjoyed by every girl in the chapter.

We have had several cookie-shines, the most recent one being given for one of our seniors, Nadine Nowlin, who within the past few weeks has received the greatest recognition of her scholarship. She has been elected to Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, the two honorary fraternities in the University of Kansas. In the history of the University she is the fourth woman to receive both these honors, so is it any wonder that her sisters are proud of her?

An item of interest among the fraternities here is the fact that Kappa Alpha Theta has recently abandoned the policy that she has maintained for the past year—namely, that of waiting a month after a girl's entering the University before extending her an invitation.

We are glad to welcome as our third sister, Chi Omega; we congratulate Chi Omega, the national fraternity, upon the excellent chapter which they have just installed in the University of Kansas.

MARY DUDLEY.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Just now all Pi Phi are looking forward to bright spring days and the Easter vacation, which with us lasts only from Thursday to Monday. For two months past our girls have been very busy, but now we are settling down to a few weeks of quiet living.

We entertained the new chapter of Chi Omega at a Kensington. Last Saturday we gave a musicale at the home of Ada Nough for the active members of all the sororities. The beautiful home was lighted with candles and decorated with red carnations and roses. After the program delicate refreshments were served from a table over which were hung wine and blue ribbons.

Our chapter here is noted for its musical ability, and this was the first affair of its kind ever given in Lincoln by a sorority. Altogether it was a very great success and we think the girls deserve much credit for their efforts.

On the tenth of March occurred the wedding of Jennie Barber, one of our alumnae, and Mr. Plym, a Phi Gamma Delta. It was a very pretty and impressive wedding, with most of the Pi Phi and Phi Gammas present. After a reception we followed the bride and groom to the depot, showering rice and old shoes as the train pulled out. They will live in Kansas City. We gave the bride a china and handkerchief shower and a five o'clock tea. Most of the girls attended these in spite of the fact that classes had to be "skipped" to do so.

At present we are studying for our fraternity examination and our others as well.

Sue Ashman left for St. Joseph after visiting seven weeks with Anne Stuart and several other girls. We enjoyed her visit so much. A large card party was given in her honor at the home of Anne and Melinda Stuart. This was only one of the many parties during her stay.

At our fraternity meetings we have been discussing the question of a chapter house for next year. We are very anxious to have one and think the prospects are good.

The fad of "mumps" and "measles" is going the rounds of university

students. Most people think it too childish a disease for dignified students, but the students differ from them.

We are anticipating exciting times when the base-ball season commences as we have a fine team.

We are anxious to read the letters from all the chapters since the last issue of the ARROW. With Easter greetings from Nebraska Beta,

KATE HEACOCK.

#### TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

Since the last issue of the ARROW Texas Alpha has had a very busy and a very happy time. When we returned after the Christmas holidays it was with renewed vigor for the last week of rushing.

On January the ninth we issued written invitations at one o'clock, according to agreement, and at five o'clock we got our answers. Of course all the answers were favorable—Pi Beta Phi is never turned down—and the rejoicing was great. We took girls right out of the nests of our rivals and had no trouble whatever, so the new girls tell us.

On the night of the ninth Mrs. Ira H. Evans entertained us most delightfully with an informal party. All the active chapter, the town girls, and our pledglings, then but three hours old, gathered together and discussed the rushing. Each girl was made to tell when she turned Pi Phi and what influenced her most in deciding. It was probably the happiest evening Texas Alpha has spent in a long time, and we owe Mrs. Evans many thanks for entertaining us.

The great initiation came off on January the fourteenth. The weather was horrible—cold, dark, rainy, and fearfully muddy—but the work of the goat was none the less effective. And now allow me to introduce to you nine of the finest Pi Phis you ever heard of—Rosalis Battle, Mildred Wynne Durst, Leone Hummel, Rose Edmond, Margaret Boroughs, Emily Maverick, Lel Waggoner, Fay Hodgins, and Emily White. At the time of this initiation we had another pledge, Kate Barthold, who for various reasons could not be initiated on that night. So on Friday, February the twenty-seventh, we had a second initiation and now Kate, too, wears an arrow, much to the delight of all concerned.

In pledging this year Texas Alpha was very successful, and we heard a great sigh of relief. This was our first year, and we felt it a critical year, and had Pi Beta Phi failed to pledge the first class girls, the charter members of last year would have been terribly disappointed.

Last month the whole state, and especially Austin, was upset by the inauguration of the new governor. The inaugural ball was one of the most brilliant that there has been in a long time and the University and Pi Beta Phi were well represented. Mrs. Lanham, the new mistress of the executive mansion, was elected one of the patronesses of Texas Alpha, and she has, of course, accepted.

On February the seventeenth we were all bidden to chapter meeting by the following little verse, written on a heart-shaped card:

"To convey the information  
That you have an invitation  
To be present at a party  
Where your welcome will be hearty  
And your hostess will be Lel."

Of course we were all present, including our alumnae, and a most rousing meeting was held. We sang our songs and gave our yells and left late in the afternoon thanking Lel for a most pleasant afternoon.

The nineteenth of February was the anniversary of the founding of Texas Alpha, and in spite of the terrible weather a number gathered at Aline Harris' to celebrate. Each one had to write an original verse on the establishment of Texas Alpha, which brought to light poetic talent whose existence had never before been suspected. The poems were all equally good, so the prize, being candy, was passed around.

The whole chapter has been saddened over the death of May Wynne's little sister, who was burned to death. May has withdrawn from the University and though she has been back on a visit she will not return to work. Leonore Hummel was also called home by the death of her grandfather but she is back with us now. It is in times like these that the love of Pi Phi sisters means so much.

The social event of the year here is the final ball in June, and the election of president causes much excitement. The president has been elected and he has chosen Jamie Armstrong to lead with him. We are all very much delighted for Jamie was one of the charter members of Texas Alpha.

We have enjoyed so much having with us Mrs. Wilbur H. Young, nee Loretta Hood, from Knox College. We also had a short visit from Rosa Russ of Louisiana Alpha. Now we have with us Mrs. Bates Allen, nee Lucy Collinson, from Knox College, who will be here for about a year.

The topic of interest at fraternity meeting now is "chapter room." We are trying very hard to get one and we hope to have, in the near future, a room that shall be a loafing place for Pi Phis at all times. Desirable quarters are very hard to find, and we have not yet succeeded.

Our university examinations commence on the thirteenth and the fraternity examination comes about the same time. This is very unfortunate indeed for us for we are afraid we cannot do justice to either.

Texas Alpha sends best wishes for a successful examination.

ADA H. GARRISON.

## COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

How time does fly! Does it seem possible that this is the last letter to the *ARROW* before college closes?

We have been very busy again this semester. On the afternoon of February seventh we entertained the girls of the preparatory fraternities, the Phi Sigma Phis and Nu Phis, also their patronesses and ours.

On the evening of February seventh we gave a card party to the Sigma Nus and on February twenty-first we entertained the members of Phi Delta Theta at a Martha Washington party.

Monday evening, February sixteenth, we initiated our two pledges, Elizabeth Brown and Cora Terwilliger of Belvidere, Illinois. After our initiation we had the regulation cookie-shine.

We have been busy planning for next year. We have rented a house for the year and are going to board as well as room there. Our own table will be a new experience to us, but we are anxiously looking forward to the time when we can have one in our own house.

We were very sorry to lose two sophomores this semester—Floye Lewis and Mabel Pughe—but both are coming back next semester which is the only thing that would reconcile us to losing them for the rest of the year.

We have been studying hard for our examination which comes next week, and we are so anxious to get an "excellent."

Next month we are going to celebrate Founder's Day with the Denver chapter. Many of our own girls live in Denver and we expect to have a glorious time.

We have only one senior this year, Marion Withrow, and are therefore rejoicing in the fact that so many of our chapter will return next fall.

Colorado Alpha sends love and best wishes to all sister chapters.

LULU WANGELIN.

## COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

This term has been especially full of joy to us. The debt, which has so long burdened our university, will be canceled before the school year closes. Through the untiring efforts of our beloved Chancellor and the trustees of the university enough money has been pledged to clear the entire debt. A new atmosphere pervades our halls and every heart rejoices. On March second we celebrated the thirty-ninth anniversary of our university. Speeches, songs, and college yells were the order of the day. Among the prominent men who delivered addresses were Bishop Moore, the first chancellor, and Mr. George Richardson, the first president of our school.

We have had a great revival in athletics. Our record in this particular branch of university life has for several years been unmentionable, but we

now hold third place in football, have a very encouraging outlook for the baseball season, and look forward to great achievements next year.

Our student body is larger than ever before and on the whole we feel that we are nearing the close of a very eventful and successful school year.

From our chapter circle we bring to you two new pledges of whom we are very proud. Josephine Lawney and Marion Moore, of whom we are sure you will hear much more in the future.

We also have the good news that Blanche McCoy, who has been away from us on account of ill health, will resume her studies at Denver University next term.

It is to be hoped that the fines imposed for noncompliance with the "frat. exam." is no indication of the nature of the examination. There are so many demands upon a girl in her college life aside from her duties as a student; there are examinations confronting her at every turn which must be complied with, that it seems as if the fraternity examination might be made more general than it was last year. If the principal things are known, details may easily be ascertained when necessary.

MARTHA L. CROOK.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Since the last *ARROW* was published California Beta has had another initiation and we have three new freshmen, Daisy Lee French and Jessie Nason both from Omaha, and Daisy Maude Ryone. We had a very pleasant visit from Isabelle Hamilton last month and we were very glad that she was here for the little dance we gave at the chapter house on Valentine evening.

We all enjoyed a very pleasant afternoon at a card party given by one of our girls, Mary Day. It was a George Washington party and flags and little red hatchets helped to make us feel very patriotic.

There have been several college affairs this term, among them the sophomore hop which was held in Harmon gymnasium on the sixth of February, and on the twenty-third the colonial ball in Hearst hall.

California Beta sends best wishes for a prosperous term for all Pi Phis.

DORA BRAMLET.

## *Exchanges*

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The ARROW acknowledges the receipt of the following exchanges since January first:

November issue—*The Anchora of Delta Gamma.*

December issues—*The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Shield of Theta Delta Chi.*

January issues—*The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta, Anchora of Delta Gamma, Frater of Psi Omega.*

February issues—*Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, Eleusis of Chi Omega, Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Phi Quarterly.*

March issues—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly, Shield of Phi Kappa Psi.*

What one of the younger and most progressive of our college presidents thinks of fraternities is shown by the following extract from an address of Dr. Benjamin Ide Wheeler, president of the University of California:

"Do you ask me if you should join a fraternity? There are decided advantages in so doing. You will have therein an assured basis of companionship. You will have a home with a body of men predisposed to be friendly and sympathetic. You can be assured you will not be a recluse. After graduating you will find the fraternity to be a tie to bind you to the college. When you return you will have a place to go to, and a starting point from which to pick up the old threads. But I should warn you to enter cautiously upon your choice. Do not join a body which has not a nucleus at least of sober, earnest, studious men; and this for two reasons: first, such a fraternity will not ultimately prosper; second, it will be likely to interfere with your own success as a student. Of all things, do not allow such a connection to shut you off from the great body of your fellow students or nourish in you any semblance of the spirit of exclusiveness."—*From the address of President Benjamin Ide Wheeler, of the University of California.*

We reprint the following extract from the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* on the Relation of the Fraternity to the College. The article is most excellent, and we only wish we had room for it all.

There are several points of view from which the subject is constantly considered. I heard a prominent man of the faculty remark the other day, "Fraternities are a good thing for the University. Oh, yes, it is hard sometimes for the people who are rushed and dropped; but then, we must learn to take the bumps of life." Judging from the fact that fraternities seem to be encouraged or, at least, are not prohibited, in men's colleges and universities and in most co-educational institutions, this represents fairly the ordinary opinion from the faculty standpoint. It is easy to see how the fraternity may benefit the college. Undoubtedly the presence of the best fraternities lends a college prestige, just as a reputation for athletics does, although not to the same extent. It directly increases membership, more or less, through the effort of fraternity members to induce their friends to come to college. The fraternity adds vastly to the attractiveness of college life for those in the fraternity, and so tends to keep these students in college for the full term of years. The fraternity sets a standard in the college—on the whole, a standard of refinement in dress and manners; perhaps, more doubtfully, of high morals. Intellectually, I cannot think that the fraternities lead among college students. And yet, if the fraternity does not lead in this respect—and there are several reasons why it will not—perhaps it tends to elevate the general level of scholarship by keeping its own members, as a rule, up to at least medium work. Figures would be needed to prove this point, however.

Now, let us view the subject from the side of the fraternity. In the first place, fraternities were not organized from the point of view of any special benefit to the college, but rather for the developemnt of certain social and spiritual relations within themselves. It is certainly a mistake born of conceit to suppose that we have any particular and original mission to be leaders. We are a very small part of the college community, and we cannot pretend to an intellectual or spiritual ascendancy, nor do we especially desire it, I think. If a certain social prestige has grown up about us, it adds to our responsibility, it is true. But our aim is intensive, not extensive, and our relation to the college is not entirely unique, but is that of every student, plus a relation that grows out of what we are as a body of some influence.

Probably a certain amount of social prestige in the little college world will always attach to the fraternity. The fraternity girl is a little conspicuous. This fact makes it important—as it is, of course, primarily from a higher standpoint—that the fraternity as a body should, as far as possible, be actively identified with all that is progressive, public-spirited, and good in college affairs. In our attitude toward these general college interests

lies, in part, the cure for the unfortunate spirit of separation of which we are speaking. Now, in the fraternity there are forces at work which make it especially difficult to be public-spirited, and which tend to make our work with general college organizations perfunctory in spirit. It is a part of our fraternity traditions that some support should be given to the college organizations of women, and to other general interests. But how often we give it grudgingly! Here lies our danger, our easily besetting sin—that of the selfishness of the clique. We hope the tendency is more than offset by many good influences in the fraternity life—otherwise there would be a good reason for abolishing fraternities. But we must be thoroughly awake to our temptation. It arises partly from the fact that we are naturally absorbed in fraternity friendships, and feel no need of outside interests, and partly from the fact that, of all college students, the fraternity member, if she takes full college work, has the most to do. It often requires a real sacrifice, on both accounts, for even the broad-minded fraternity girl to give time and effort to the general college organizations of women; but it is a sacrifice worth making.

The "Department of boost," as the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi calls it, may take a less obvious and perhaps less practical form in the woman's fraternity, nevertheless, it is, or should be there, and by calling attention to the following extract, we may encourage some of our own number to be on the lookout for chances to give a little lift to some younger sister.

A Phi Psi prominent in public life was pressed for an explanation of the unusual strength of the fraternity in his state and answered: "Well, I account for it in this way. We Phi Psis have a fashion here of boosting one another." He ran over an extended list of cases in which younger Phi Psis had been enabled to "get their toes in the sand" in a business, professional or political way through the efforts of Phi Psis successfully established. That explanation not only showed why the fraternity has attained unusual success in that locality, but it demonstrated as well that this success was deserved. It is mighty little trouble most men take for the sake of others, after all. There is a great deal of preaching and theorizing about altruism, but comparatively little is done toward making mutualism a real force in the world. But if the college fraternity stands for anything vital, if it is more than a bit of effervescent sentimentalism, it ought to find its manifestation in mutual encouragement and assistance. And indeed it does thus find its manifestation in dozens of cases. But there is room for more of the spirit, among the older men of the fraternity, the successful men who are winning out in the battle of life, in their relations with the young fellows who are coming out of college year after

year—young men, all of them it may be assumed, who are worth while. It is one thing to sing the praises of Phi Kappa Psi about the banquet board, to talk of our love for the fraternity, and how much its associations board, to talk of our love for the fraternity, and how much its associations. We have seen some men who cannot talk eloquently about the fraternity, who have quietly shown that it is a reality to them by "pushing along" some brother where there was a chance to "boost." And we have noticed that a performance of that kind always leaves the man who engages in it a bit more loyal to the fraternity. And as to the young fellow who is thus shown what fraternity spirit really means, he would be a poor specimen of Phi Psi if it did not confirm him in the purpose to some day pass that favor along to some other wearer of the shield.

The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* publishes a strong article favoring a policy of extension. Since Pi Beta Phi's whole existence stands for a policy of vigorous but discriminating expansion, the reasons another fraternity gives for pursuing such a policy are perhaps peculiarly interesting to us.

Why should Delta Upsilon extend?

First, for the preservation of our democracy. We shall be benefited by the addition of chapters in that it will keep us from self-adulation. It will hold at bay that evil spirit that says: "We are the chosen fraternity, sole guardians of the truth. All outside of us is nothing and nobody."

No Lick telescope is needed to discover that it is the small fraternity, the ultra conservative, which grants a charter once in five or ten years, that makes itself obnoxious to every fair-minded man by offenses born of this spirit. A few of these fraternities, indeed, rear their little structures upon distinctions of class and material possessions that have no license to exist under the academic elm. They are "tony" and "exclusive;" heaven save the mark!

This exclusiveness is not more the result of the fraternity's small size than it is the cause. There is a curious interaction here that makes lack of desire to grow the sure accompaniment and badge of aristocracy.

Every one, conversant with the fraternity world, must admit that this tendency toward exclusiveness is spreading among the fraternities. In two instances that I have in mind the movement from an enviable position among fraternities toward this sorry ideal has been very marked in the last ten years. Growing wealth and success are doing their cankering work. Their libations, forsooth, must be in blue blood in these days, whereas in the old times good red blood sufficed. If they have not bartered away their best character for wealth and social tone, they are at least haggling too much with the seductive peddler at the gate.

Into this struggle for exclusiveness, Delta Upsilon has no right and should have no wish to enter. If because of the smoothness or comfortableness of the path, we go in that direction, there will be many among us who will think of the fraternity as a "light that failed."

We are no part or parcel of any aristocracy of wealth, which is snobbery; of social position, which is ill-breeding; of brains, which is arrogance; or of virtue, which is Phariseism. We cannot wrap ourselves in any mantle of "Touch me not, thou sinner," without belying our whole history.

This editorial suggestion of the *Beta Theta Pi* is one that we should be glad to see our chapters act upon:

Nowadays almost every college has its flag or pennant. It would be a pleasant thing if our chapters exchanged with each other the pennants of their respective institutions, each forming a collection. Effective hall decorations could be made of such material.

#### Fraternity Notes.

Mrs. Edna Polk Wilson has resigned as president of Delta Gamma. Miss Blanche Garten of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been appointed in her place.

The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta announces that thirty-one of its forty-four chapters are now quartered in chapter houses.

Delta Upsilon holds its sixty-ninth annual convention with the New York alumni.

Theta Delta Chi met in convention in Boston, February 21-24.

Delta Gamma will hold its biennial convention in Madison, Wis., May 13-15.

Phi Kappa Psi has lately entered Brown University.

Chi Omega has recently established chapters at St. Lawrence and at Kansas University.

Kappa Sigma has granted a charter to a group of petitioners at Baker University in Kansas.

Phi Kappa Psis have formed a stock company establishing a summer camp and hotel in Estes Park, Colorado. Membership in the company and the advantages of the hotel are restricted to Phi Psis and their families.

The *Beta Theta Pi* devotes much space to its valuable fraternity studies. The one in the February issue is a review of the history of the magazine during the entire thirty years of its existence. The photograph of the founder and facsimile of the first issue are interesting features.

## COLLEGE NOTES.

The University of California observed Woman's Day, February twenty-third, by giving a Girls' Basket Ball game and also a Colonial Assembly.

Y. W. C. A. of California will edit a weekly paper known as the Association Record.

The women of the University of California will issue one number of the Occident.

The women of the University of Wisconsin got out the Christmas number of the Cardinal.

The Association of Collegiate Alumnae offer their annual European fellowship. A competitive examination will be held based on the following items: 1. College diploma. 2. Testimonials as to superior ability and high character from professors. 3. Satisfactory evidence of thoroughly good health. 4. A statement of the work she proposes to engage subsequently. 5. Examples of her literary or scientific work. Preference will be given to graduates of not more than five years' standing.

The Woman's Union of the University of Chicago celebrated its first anniversary in January.

A Woman's club house project is being considered by the women of Leland Stanford, Jr., University.

The ice fete held by the women of the University of Wisconsin was a decided success. The proceeds are to go toward a woman's building.

The senior girls of the University of Iowa have organized a society bearing the name of W. O. N. T. S. The details of the organization they refuse to divulge. (Wise Order Of The None Too Sweets.)

University of Chicago has a girls' musical club.

The new University of Chicago women's building, "Lexington Hall," was built in thirty-two days.

The first woman doctor to be graduated by the University of Leipsic is Miss Ethel Bloom of England.

The Wisconsin board of women's athletics and a faculty committee have decided not to allow the girls' basket ball teams to play with the teams from other institutions.

President Draper of the University of Illinois delivered an address on Co-Education, January 17.

William Lowe Bryan was formally inaugurated president of the University of Indiana, January 22, 1903.

Indiana University is to have a Student Building for which over \$4,000 has already been raised.

The girls of the Ohio State University are to have a co-ed prom on the night of Feb. 20. This is the first function of this sort that has been held at that institution for the last two years.

Co-education at Michigan. During the thirty-one years that women have received degrees from the University of Michigan, one out of eight of the graduates have been women. The first women graduated from the university received their degrees in 1871. During the thirty-one years, 1871-1901, 1,968 of the 15,802 degrees conferred were granted to 1,835 women—some receiving more than one degree. Among the degrees conferred on women were 152 higher degrees and four honorary degrees. Women have become a larger factor in the graduating classes of the literary department than in those of the university as a whole. Less than three per cent. of the graduating class of 1872 were women while more than forty-eight per cent. of the class of 1901 were women.

The co-eds at Champaign have arranged for a series of sewing bees which will be held every Saturday afternoon. The Y. W. C. A. house is used for that purpose.

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