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Pansies

Pansies are for thoughts, 'tis said: Is it true, I wonder? Do they ponder, ponder, In the purple pansy bed? Let me see.

Pretty pansies, tell me true. Hear me, O you yellow, Merry-hearted fellow— What is it I say to you? Do you know?

Pansies with their velvet cheeks, Modest gentle faces, And such happy graces, Looking up to see who speaks, Nod their heads.

While the pansies think and think, May we not unwind Kinks of pansy mind? Those who love them may unlink All their thoughts.

MARTHA N. KIMBALL, (In Denver Republican.)

Phi Beta Kappas of 1905

Mabel Kirk

Mabel B. Kirk was born in Philadelphia in 1883, but for several years has lived in Atlantic City, N. J. She received her preparatory course in the Atlantic City High School, graduating in 1901. The same year she entered Dickinson College. During her sophomore year she was class historian. The next year she was treasurer of the Y. W. C. A., and attended the conference at Silver Bay during the summer. During her senior year she was president of the fraternity and of the Harman Literary Society. She has won the Secor prize for history in the junior year, and the Pattan prize for excellence in scholarship during her senior year. She graduated in the class of 1905 with the degree of Ph. B. and became a member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Anna Spears

Anna J. Spears was born in Lonaconing, Maryland, in 1883. She attended a school near her home until 1900 when she entered Dickinson Preparatory School. In 1901 she entered Dickinson College. She has held important offices in her class, literary society and fraternity. Among others she has been class historian, a member of the Microcosm board, president of the literary society and president of the fraternity. She is one of the nine of the class of 1905 who have won Phi Beta Kappa. Next year she expects to teach the languages in the high school in Luzerne, New York.

Cora Terwilliger

Cora Terwilliger, whose home is in Belvidere, Illinois, was initiated into Colorado Alpha of Pi Beta Phi in the winter of 1902. Her work in college was remarkable, her mental ability, wonderful memory and high standing in class and examination drew attention to her from professors and students. While in the university she took one hundred and thirty hours work and of these ninety-eight bore her a grade of "A," the highest mark. Her major was mathematics, a study in which a girl seldom

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shines, but one in which this modest little Pi Phi distinguished herself very noticeably. She was always the pride and delight of her professors and Colorado Alpha was equally proud upon her election to Phi Beta Kappa.

Marion Louise Bean

Marion Louise Bean, Massachusetts Alpha, was born and grew up in Concord, N. H. She received her preparatory education at the Concord High School, where she fitted for college and graduated with high honors. In September, 1901, she entered the liberal arts department of Boston University and immediately became a prominent factor in the college life. At the same time she stood high in her classes, making a special study of German and Latin. On the twenty-second of November, 1901, Miss Bean was initiated into Massachusetts Alpha of Pi Beta Phi and another earnest worker was added to our beloved fraternity.

At the close of her junior year she was awarded the Huntington scholarship and held the same during her senior year. The same year witnessed her election to the presidency of the college Philomathean society, a position which she held with credit. She received her degree of Bachelor of Arts from Boston University in June, 1905, and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Her thesis on "Wagner's use of the Nibelungen-Lied" was considered an excellent work of its kind.

But it was in her fraternity life that Miss Bean's best qualities were disclosed, and her enthusiasm and love for Pi Beta Phi were the inspiration of every member of Massachusetts Alpha.

Katherine M. Pottez

Katherine M. Potter entered the arts college of Ohio State University in September, 1901, and on October 12, of that year was initiated into Pi Beta Phi fraternity. She graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, June, 1905.

Her work was mainly in the department of Romance languages, but her course included Greek, history, mathematics, chemistry, physiology, psychology, English literature and economics. Professors found in her an earnest student, regular in attendance and whose work was always faithfully and intelligently prepared.

As a college girl she took great interest in all college affairs, though she did not take an active part either in athletics, the musical or dramatic clubs. Her popularity and executive ability won her an enviable place on the Senior Social committee. Her work for Pi Beta Phi has been characteristic of all her work, earnest, steady and often along those lines where it counts for much and shows little.

She is so modest about her accomplishments that her election to Phi Beta Kappa came as a surprise to many, a very pleasant surprise, however, for her sweet disposition and gentle manners have won her countless friends. She was the only fraternity girl in the senior class who obtained Phi Beta Kappa.

This year she is devoting herself to the care of her invalid mother. When her mother has fully regained her health, Katherine expects to teach, but has made no definite plans as yet.

Founding Day Reveries

One evening while gazing at the starlit skies I fell into a revery. The radiant forms of the fair women who have come and gone from our ranks, passed before me as in a dream, and I pondered over the strange phenomena, that with so many varied influences at work, the essence of the spirit of Pi Beta Phi remained unchanged from year to year. This perpetual reincarnation of Pi Beta Phi attributes seemed to be mysterious and I tried to find an explanation. I reviewed the ancient archives of our history, to find some clue to this mystery. In vain. So like the historian of old I sought to find the meaning by reading the signs in the sky. As I searched deeper and deeper for some manifestation, my eyes became fixed upon that beautiful cluster of stars, The Pleiades. They seemed to beckon and hold my gaze. Gleams as from golden arrows darted hither and thither, and lo—it stood revealed—that

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through the countless ages these stars have had a controlling influence over our destiny. For are they not a group of sisters, virgins of the spring they are sometimes called, who on account of "their amiable virtues and mutual affection" were changed into stars many thousand years ago, and it is plain to all who can read the signs, that our sisterhood began then and that in the natural evolution of words, the name has grown from the Pleiades to the Pi Pleiades.

Of these original sisters, one, Merope, married a mortal and for that reason her light became dim in the heavens, but only that it might shine with greater brilliancy upon earth.

So under this benign influence our destiny has been fulfilled and the question "Canst thou bind the sweet influences of the Pleiades" that was demanded of Job so many years ago, can still be echoed today concerning our sisterhood.

In 1867 while our fate was hovering 'twixt earth and sky a band of farseeing women fearing that many bright particular stars might vanish into space and become comets, threw out a golden chain and bound them all together with a shining arrow. Thus united and with such guiding stars (our sisters) shedding their soft luster over our destiny, who can compass the lofty ideals of friendship that may yet be realized by Pi Beta Phi.

JENNIE S. SUTLIFF.

Silver Bay Conference

The eastern student conference of the Y. W. C. A. was held as usual at Silver Bay, Lake George. It seems impossible that there could be a more beautiful spot, and the quiet scenery of lake and mountain fits in well with the atmosphere of the conference.

From a religious standpoint the conference was as helpful and inspiring as ever; and the happy faces showed that everyone seemed to get just what she most wanted. It was a privilege to come in contact with so many earnest college women. There

were more girls gathered there than ever before, 734 in all, representing 111 institutions in 12 states and Canada.

Of course the number of fraternity girls was small in proportion to the whole number as fraternities are excluded from the large women's colleges, but there must have been about forty. A new feature of the conference was a fraternity conference, which met one afternoon, under the leadership of Miss Paxon, Kappa Kappa Gamma, a national student secretary, to discuss what fraternity girls should stand for in college and how best they can use their advantages for those less fortunate.

There were ten Pi Phis, and we enjoyed seeing each other about the grounds. Some of us met one afternoon down by the lake side, with Miss Margaret Kyle, Pennsylvania Alpha, who is a national student secretary. She is as loyal and enthusiastic as any girl in college and she told us much about the western chapters she visited.

The Pi Phis at Silver Bay were: Margaret Kyle, Swarthmore; Mary Hoover, Dickinson; Willa Wilson, Gillian Beck, Grace Spettigue, Baltimore; Irene Adams, Sophie Woodman, Mary Murtha, Barnard; Florence Duncan, Middlebury; Grace Strong, University of Vermont.

New York Beta.

Report of the Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference

The Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Delta Delta Delta in Chicago, at the Victoria Hotel, the afternoon of Friday, September 15, 1905. An all-day session followed Saturday. Eleven Sororities were represented, as follows: Kappa Alpha Theta.....Mrs. Laura H. Norton, Chicago Delta Gamma......Miss Elizabeth Williams, Chicago Kappa Kappa Gamma.....Miss Cleora C. Wheeler, St. Paul Pi Beta Phi.....Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Detroit Alpha Phi......Mrs. William Forsythe, Chicago Gamma Phi Beta.....Miss Lillian W. Thompson, Chicago

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Alpha Chi Omega......Mrs. Richard Tennant, New York Delta Delta Delta.....Miss Amy H. Olgen, Chicago Alpha Xi Delta.....Mrs. Robert Leib, Springfield, Ill. Chi Omega.....Mrs. A. H. Purdue, Fayetteville, Ark. Alpha Omicron Pi.....Miss Jeannette Wicks, New York

It was moved and carried that the ruling of the last Conference in regard to holding of office hold good, and that Miss Olgen of Delta Delta Delta act as chairman, and Mrs. Leib of Alpha Xi Delta as secretary of the Conference. It was suggested that delegates to the next Conference bring credentials.

Reading of the minutes of the Third Conference. Report of the secretary for the past year was read and her recommendations to the Conference followed. It was moved and carried that the report with recommendations be filed. The expense account kept by Miss Olgen was referred to the secretary and upon being verified was accepted. Reports of delegates followed: Miss Gamble, for Pi Beta Phi; Mrs. Norton for Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Wheeler for Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Forsythe for Alpha Phi; Miss Shepherd, alternate delegate, for Delta Gamma; Miss Thompson for Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Tennant for Alpha Chi Omega; Mrs. Leib for Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. Purdue for Chi Omega. Word from the Grand President of the Sigma Kappa was read by Miss Olgen, Miss Wicks for Alpha Omicron Pi, and Miss Olgen for Delta Delta Delta.

These reports included the attitude of the fraternity on motions already passed, convention action having bearing upon the Conference, complaints and recommendations to the Conference. Petitions from five sororities seeking admission to the Conference were read. A motion was made that no sorority having less than five chapters or that has a single chapter in a school below collegiate rank be admitted to the Conference. The motion carried, and consequently the Conference will not be enlarged this year.

The second session was devoted to the consideration and formation of a simple working constitution to simplify the business of the Conference and the work of the Conference Secretary.

It was moved and carried to frame a constitution to be ap-

proved by the Grand Presidents of the sororities represented in the Conference, and to go into effect when each Grand President has approved. The constitution was presented as follows:

Constitution

ARTICLE I.—Name.—The name of this organization shall be the Inter-Sorority Conference.

ARTICLE II.—Object.—The object of the Inter-Sorority Conference shall be to improve the methods of rushing and pledging and to consider questions of general interest to the Sorority world.

ARTICLE III.—Eligibility to Membership.—No Sorority shall be admitted to the Conference which has less than five chapters or which has any chapter in an institution below collegiate rank.

ARTICLE IV.—Organization.—It shall be composed of one delegate from each national Sorority represented.

ARTICLE V.—Meetings.—It shall assemble annually, time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year.

ARTICLE VI.—Calling of Meetings.—Section I. It shall be called by the Sororities in rotation.

Section 2. The delegate from the Sorority calling the Conference shall act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order shall act as secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

ARTICLE VII.—Powers.—The powers of this organization shall be two-fold: first, to propose legislation to the Sororities; second, to act as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by The Sororities or Pan-Hellenic Associations.

ARTICLE VIII.—Duties of Officers.—Section 1. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

Section 2. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes. 1. She shall send reports of the Conference, within one week after adjournment, to the members of the Conference and to all Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their Sororities.

2. She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for presentation to their Sororities and shall,

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upon receipt of the result, send notice of same to all Grand Secretaries.

 She shall prepare the program of the Conference meeting and instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the meeting.

4. She shall have power on application from any Pan-Hellenic Association to appoint a member of the Conference whose Sorority interests are not involved in the question at issue, to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic. Expenses of the one sent to be paid by the local Pan-Hellenic.

ARTICLE IX.—Methods of Procedure.—Section 1. Actions of Inter-Sorority interest passed by any Grand Council or at any Grand Convention shall be reported at once to the Secretary of the Conference and also to the Grand Secretary of each Sorority represented in the Conference.

Section 2. Suggestions offered by the Conference shall be submitted as soon as possible by the Secretary to all the Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference Votand the result of the vote announced by each Grand Secretary to ing blanks will be sent for all motions submitted to the Sororities the Secretary of the Conference within two months.

Section 3. The Conference Secretary shall then announce the result to all Grand Councils and Chapters. The motions that have received a unanimous vote of all the Sororities shall at once become binding upon all Chapters, the Grand Councils being responsible for the observance.

ARTICLE X.—Legislation.—Legislation enacted by a Sorority at the suggestion of the Conference can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Sororities, who must follow the regular order of procedure. Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorority or by the Inter-Sorority Conference.

ARTICLE XI.—*Expense*.—The expenses of the Conference shall be divided equally among the Sororities represented at the Conference.

These articles were all approved by the Conference. The delegates took luncheon together and the afternoon session convened for a consideration of new business. The stand taken by Gamma

Phi Beta was discussed and well considered, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that her action in refusing to co-operate in national rules for rushing and bidding, while willing to do so in the Social Service and other departments of work, was ill-considered and hasty. The honorable action of Gamma Phi Beta in giving due notice of her withdrawal from the compact was com-The sense of the Conference was that although Gamma mended. Phi Beta has withdrawn from the Inter-Sorority compact, the compact is still binding on all Sororities in the Inter-Sorority Conference until after the coming convention of Gamma Phi Beta. It is hoped that this state of things will be remedied, and a motion was made and carried that a strong appeal be made to the convention of Gamma Phi Beta, urging the Sorority to cooperate fully with the Conference and that this appeal be made through the presiding officer of the Conference and the Grand Presidents of the Sororities. Moved and carried that in case any compact is broken in any institution by any Chapter of a Sorority, the other Chapters be not bound. Moved and carried that in case any Sorority grants dispensation to one of its Chapters, that the agreement be no longer binding on the other Chapters at that institution.

A petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic Association to allow pledging of non-matriculates was read. It is the feeling of the Conference that this petition should be granted on account of the peculiar conditions at Ann Arbor. Moved and carried to submit the petition to the Grand Presidents with the advice that it be granted.

The settling of the question of calling the Conference was next considered, and it was decided to proceed in rotation according to the ruling of the last Conference, and then go back to the beginning of the list. Therefore Alpha Xi Delta will call the next Conference and Chi Omega will act as secretary.

In order to facilitate the business of the Conference and to insure the best possible understanding of our position and aims at the various Sorority conventions, it is suggested that the delegates to the Conference be, as far as possible, members of the Grand Councils of the Sororities.

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It was decided that the Fifth Conference be called in Chicago the Friday afternoon and Saturday of September, 1906, coming nearest the middle of the month. The Social Service Work of the Conference was considered at this time. It was moved to accept the printed reports of Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield and Miss Lillian Thompson, and that they receive the thanks of the Conference for their splendid work. Motion carried. Mrs. Penfield's report on securing the co-operation of college men in the formation of Social Service Leagues was read, as follows: *To the Chairman of the Conference of 1005*:

At the last Inter-Sorority Conference a Social Service Committee was formed through which three lines of investigation were to be undertaken. As a committee we had one meeting and, as before reported, at this time the work was arranged. You have received the excellent report of Miss Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Telling, Delta Gamma, is to report at the Conference this month, and so it but remains for me to report on the possible co-operation of fraternity men.

In the 64 colleges in which the Sororities of the Conference are located, we find 38 national, 11 local and 13 professional men's fraternities. We are associated with many of these in only one or two institutions, but there are 20 with which we come more often in contact. The following are the number of Chapters these men's fraternities have in the 64 colleges: Phi Delta Theta, 31; Beta Theta Pi, 29; Sigma Chi, 24; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 23; Kappa Sigma, 23; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Sigma Nu, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Alpha Tau Omega, 20; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 13; Delta Upsilon, 12; Kappa Alpha, 8; Chi Psi, 7; Psi Upsilon, 7; Phi Kappa Sigma, 6; Theta Delta Chi, 6; Sigma Psi, 5; Chi Phi, 4; Alpha Delta Phi, 4.

Letters and Inter-Sorority Conference reports were sent to the Presidents of these fraternities. From some no response was received, but from many letters were received expressing a spirit of appreciation and accord with the suggestions of the Conference, which convinced me that should our Sororities take up the formation of these Leagues (or similar work), recommended by the Conference, we should find practical support from the men's

fraternities. Stated in such general terms, this support seems intangible, but, as one president said to me (he was so much interested in the thought as to seek a personal interview), "the support of the men's fraternities will become actual and specific when the demand for it is made evident in local situations." One president pointed out the fact that interest in such work depends upon the man at the head of the fraternity at the time. Others seemed to think that, as men's fraternities always seek to foster the ideal in their men, any worthy appeal would find a ready response. One president suggested that where special changes were needed, resident alumni of influence and standing be quietly interested. A quiet word to the officers of the various fraternities by those interested in establishing these Leagues was also suggested. In the mind of your chairman, it all resolves itself to a faithful study of local conditions and an intelligent and tactful reaching out for the right influences-depending upon Deans of Women, faculty and also resident alumni and alumnae for advice.

As it has been suggested that where this work is undertaken it be done by the president of the Sorority first established at each college, it will be of interest to state here the collges for which each Sorority would be responsible. This order of founding does not recognize the first date of organization where there has been a revival of an old Chapter, and considers only living Chapters:

Chi Omega: University of Mississippi, Randolph Macon College; South West Baptist University; University of Tennessee; University of Arkansas, and University of Kentucky.

Gamma Phi Beta: University of Michigan, University of Washington.

Alpha Phi: Northwestern University and Syracuse University.

Delta Gamma: Mt. Union College, Albion College and Woman's College, Baltimore.

Alpha Xi Delta: Wittenberg University, University of South Dakota; University of West Virginia and Bethany College.

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Alpha Chi Omega: New England Conservatory and Pennsylvania College of Music.

Kappa Kappa Gamma: University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Ohio State University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, Adrian College, Boston University, Barnard College, Buchtel College, Butler College, Hillsdale College, Adelphi College, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Kappa Alpha Theta: Swarthmore College, Vermont University, Vanderbilt University, Brown University (at Brown Delta Sigma, which has three other chapters, exists and was first, but is not in the Conference), Cornell University, University of California, Wooster College, Toronto College, DePauw University, Alleghany College, University of Indiana and Leland Stanford University.

Pi Beta Phi: Ohio University, Simpson College, University of Texas, Tulane University, Bucknell University, University of Colorado, Columbian University, Denver University, Dickinson College, Franklin College, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, University of Kansas, Knox College, Lombard College and Middlebury College.

Delta Delta: St. Lawrence University, Wesleyan University, Baker University, Cincinnati College.

Sigma Kappas Colby College.

Respectfully submitted,

September, 1905. E. JEAN NELSON-PENFIELD,

Chairman.

The Conference urges that these Social Service Leagues be formed wherever practicable. The three already formed at the Universities of Illinois, Colorado and Michigan are doing good work. After hearing Miss Thompson's report on the legislation now in force in colleges where Women's Leagues, Women's Dormitories and Sorority Houses exist, the Conference feels that there are grave evils in colleges to be remedied, and recommends that the Pan-Hellenics and Women's Leagues do all they can to remedy these evils.

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Other recommendations by the Conference are:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the Sorority journals.

2. That all Sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of other Sororities and to all Chapters in colleges where the respective Sororities are represented.

3. That each editor send a complete list of names and addresses of officers and chapter secretaries to all other editors at the beginning of the college year.

4. That each Grand Secretary send to the Conference Secretary revised lists of Chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

It is also recommended as a matter of Inter-Sorority courtesy that any Sorority member be empowered to purchase the pin of any Sorority found and be reimbursed for it.

In closing the Conference urges greater co-operation in the Pan-Hellenic Associations and Women's Leagues through the year.

ELLA B. BOSTON-LEIB, Secretary Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference.

WHAT A FRATERNITY GIRL THINKS

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

New York Beta received the yearly chapter letters for the first time this spring, and, while some were good, many were most

The Yearly Chapter Letter disappointing to a young chapter eager to learn what her sisters are doing. It seems as though there were many things which perhaps it would

not do it put in the letter in the ARROW, and these more private matters could be discussed in the yearly letters. Usually, however, there is nothing private to tell, and the girls whose task it is to write these letters wonder what they shall say. They seem to forget that the conditions of all the other chapters are not like theirs; that each college has its customs and traditions which must influence the chapter life. Usually in these letters the girls told something about their fraternity life, their social functions, etc., which often indirectly give a glimpse of the larger life, but seem to forget that there would be no fraternity life were there not a college life behind it. Probably there is no Pi Phi who does not sincerely love her Alma Mater, but the life connected with her college is so customary with her that she does not realize how interesting it would be to the girls of other colleges.

Think of the difference there must be between a western coeducational university and an eastern woman's college where the only men are professors, and a strange man in the halls creates a sensation, and where, usually, the test of a fraternity's strength is whether they will get the freshmen president!

If all the chapters would realize this great difference, and the customs which must go with it, the letters in the ARROW, and those sent yearly to sister chapters would be more interesting.

New York Beta.

This year for the first time our chapter has had a pledge day. The experiment has proven for us very satisfactory. In rushing,

Pledge Day at Missouri the girls appeared much more at their ease and to better advantage since both they and their rushees knew that a special day was set apart for

the sending of invitations and that until that day the important question could not be broached. Our pledge day rules require us to send a written invitation and forbid us to spend the night before with the rushee or to be with her before she has sent her answer. In this way both the old girls and the rushees are enabled to consider the invitation more calmly and are less liable to take any rash step or to act under the influence of overwrought feelings.

Missouri Alpha.

A general examination and introspection would not be a bad plan for many of us older girls. If we adopted this course, we would probably discover to our dismay many of

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the short comings and disagreeable qualities which we think are sufficient to bar other girls

from the fraternity. Aren't a great many of us like Plupy Shute, who after he had joined a frat, decided that Beany, his best friend, and companion, was not good fraternity material?

One annoying characteristic or peculiarity ought not to keep a girl from the Greek World. We must not expect our initiates to be perfect. Let's remember that once we were discussed very thoroughly, perhaps found wanting in several details, and yet they risked us.

Of course we want only the very best for Pi Phis, but we must be careful not to let the non-essentials influence us to such a degree that we can not see the sterling qualities, which are the real foundation of an ideal fraternity girl.

Ohio Alpha.

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In some fraternities it is a rule that only alumni may wear jeweled pins. How would it do for all active members of Pi

Beta Phi to wear plain gold arrows? • When a new girl is taken into the fraternity

Our Pin When a new girl is taken into the fraternity the question arises, "Who will loan her pin to the new member until she gets one of her own?" for of course she wants to wear the arrow as soon as she may and we all want to see her wear it. If the price of a pin were added to the initiation fee and the pin were sent for beforehand so that it was ready when wanted, would not this difficulty be overcome?

Pennsylvania Gamma.

The first Pan-Hellenic pledge day at Lombard has come and gone and we are not quite satisfied with all the results. While

The Pan-Hellenic Association acknowledging that it has some things to recommend it, we feel that its disadvantages more than outweigh its advantages.

In the universities where there are so many girls to choose from and it takes longer to know them intimately it may be a help and may do away with many of the evils of hasty rushing. But in our chapter it has not made rushing any easier, quite the contrary in fact. Our rushing has always been more or less quiet. as in a small college it is possible to become acquainted with new girls in other ways than by a great deal of entertaining. This year we were lucky enough to have several freshmen whom we knew before they entered college and whom we were sure would be Pi Phis, yet we felt we must rush them until asking day as they expected it until they were asked. Consequently when the day did come we were tired out and our college work had of course been more or less neglected. We feel if we could have done as always before, we would have been saved much bother and expense and have gained our pledges just so much sooner.

Of course the conditions vary in different schools and while the results were in our case very successful, we are selfish enough to

wish that we could have saved ourselves the long strain of thought and worry.

Were all the other chapters, especially in small colleges, entirely satisfied with a compulsory pledge day and Pan-Hellenic rules? *Illinois Beta*.

Iowa Alpha heartily agrees with the sentiment expressed by Colorado Beta in regard to "floating pledges." Yet we know of no way in which any change could be brought *Floating Pledges* about by any individual chapter. Would it not be wise to bring this subject up at the next convention and there take some general action. What do other sororities do with reference to pledges who leave school before initiated? Iowa Alpha.

In looking over the short articles of the July number we noticed Texas Alpha's plea for higher scholarship and we thought perhaps she would like to know a little plan of *Pi Beta Phi and* ours. In the middle of each semester we have our president go to the Dean of the college and ask for the grades and personal work of each member. The Dean goes to some considerable trouble to obtain these reports from the various professors but he is always willing to do so, as he has told us he heartily approves of the plan. At the same time this gives us a standing with the faculty that could not be accomplished in other ways.

We would also like to say that the question of floating pledges has bothered us as it has Colorado Beta according to her last article. We think that perhaps pledging should be made conditional—a girl considered pledged only provided that she be initiated in the asking chapter. Should she go to another college it would be the duty of the chapter to which she was pledged to notify the second chapter of her desirability. This might not be so pleasant for the girl but only just to the chapter taking her. *Colorado Alpha.*

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The first weeks of the college year bring to all fraternities similar experiences in rushing. Of its anxiety, pleasure, disappoint-

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ment and triumphs it is not necessary to speak, for time fits them into our college memories

Rivalry where the keenness of feeling gradually wears away. But rivalry often leaves an unpleasant after-taste which is not so easily forgotten, and which lives from year to year. A certain amount of rivalry is acknowledged by all to be beneficial to fraternity growth. It awakens a desire for advance and improvement, and inspires each fraternity to better work.

But when rivalry becomes so strong as to make hard feelings among the different fraternities, it becomes injurious. When a fraternity stoops to petty schemes, little tricks, when it employs underhanded ways of work, then it harms not only itself, but lowers the idea of fraternity before the college world. When any chapter considers only the end in view, leaving out of its consideration the means to that end, then it becomes a bad element in college life.

In order to destroy such a fraternity's work, it is not necessary for another fraternity to descend to the same level and work in a similar manner. The fraternity whose ideals are higher must be willing even to lose a girl rather than get her in a dishonorable way. The immediate results may be discouraging, but in the end the fraternity which has high ideals, a love of honor, and a determination to make the best live, will never need to fear for its own strength and safety.

Pennsylvania Beta.

Five years ago in the fall of 1900 the Pi Phis first entered into a contract with the other sororities here; they were Theta, Kappa,

The Situation in Alpha Chi and Chi Omega. That year no bids were to be given out till Thanksgiving day, stretching out the uncertainty and general strain

for a period of some nine or ten weeks. The great length of rushing season proving so unsatisfactory that year, the sororities all decided to shorten it to four weeks, for the coming year; that

plan proving more or less satisfactory, mostly less. It was found that during those first four weeks of school almost no studying was done, everything, in fact, was neglected for the cause of the freshmen. The four weeks plan continued during the years 1001, '02, '03, '04, until finally it seemed as though that plan too must be given up. On talking with some of the other sorority girls it was found that they, like we Pi Phis, found the four weeks period too long and that the long strain of social engagements was telling on them as well as ourselves. Several of them even expressed the hope that there would be no contract the coming year, thus hoping to do away with the physical wear and tear of the longer season. Last spring at one of the regular intersorority conferences our representatives repeated the sentiments expressed by them the fall before with a plea to the doing away with a contract entirely. The suggestion, strange to say, was met with disfavor, the sentiments of the other sorority girls being all for the former four weeks' season. We agreed to compromise on two, this was refused, on the ground that that was not long enough to learn to know a girl; we thought it was, but again agreed to compromise on three weeks; this, too, was turned down. Four weeks again we did not think we could stand and not being able to come to any agreement about the matter, as a sorority, Pi Phi withdrew from any contract at all, with the other sororities. They in the meanwhile keeping to the (other) old four weeks agreement among themselves.

Complete failure was predicted for us this year; outsiders being of the opinion that we would have to wait four weeks before we could get any girls and in this way be forced to prolong our rushing season to the end.

It was for a principle that we stood; we thought that at the end of two weeks we could be able to decide on almost any freshman and we have stuck to our idea.

The first two weeks of school are now over; before the end of the second we had decided on every girl that we wanted. We have four pledges and our rushing season is over. We do not say that we may not pledge girls later on in the year, but we

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still insist that two weeks is long enough for a general rushing season and our experience this year has taught us that the idea is a successful one. Illinois Zeta.

Colorado Beta finds the rules of the Pan-Hellenic allowing two weeks for rushing to be quite successful.

With Gamma Phi, Alpha Tau—a local sorority—and Pi Phi the only women's fraternities in the university, we think we all had plenty of time to become well acquainted. The two weeks of nervous strain are long enough for if there were a month or more of rushing it would undoubtedly be very tiresome for both the rushers and rushees.

Perhaps in giving the invitations so early in the term we do not become well acquainted with all the girls entering school, some of whom are quite worthy of Pi Phi, but we gain those of first choice, and have the remaining term to become acquainted with the less conspicuous, who have desirable qualities.

The girls of Colorado Beta are greatly in favor of the short rushing season and the set pledge day as favored by the Pan-Hellenic this year. *Colorado Beta*.

If there is one time in the year when a frat girl sighs for the care free lot of a "barb," it is during rushing season. Then one is almost willing to give up all that frat life

The Pledge Day means, rushing included, and to join the ranks of the uninitiated. The question of the date of

pledge day is one which has been duly discussed in all its varying phases, till it seems as if little remains to be said, but Illinois Epsilon has her opinion to add to the weight of testimony which has already accumulated. When the Pan-Hellenic Association was formed here at Northwestern, and rules were made to regulate the rushing, it was supposed for one blissful

moment that a remedy had been found for all the ills which had hitherto existed. The first season after the formation of this contract closed with a two weeks' pledge day. We found that in that period, every rushee had had ample opportunity to take a bird's-eye view of all the frats and to make an intensive study of the one which she preferred, and her decision had been made before the social duties connected with rushing had had a chance to interfere with her work. When it came to deciding upon the time for this year, however, it was thought wise to experiment with a longer time.

A few simple but very distinct rules were arranged, in compliance with which it was thought impossible to monopolze a freshman's time. Several copies of these were printed in the form of artistic pamphlets which were handed to every rushee, in which she might read for herself the rules governing the conduct of the older girls. The letter of the law has been obeyed, but not the spirit, and we are now about ready to go back to our former plan, that of rushing but two weeks.

The problem of the length of the rushing season is one which varies in each locality. Each college has to work it out in its own way, and then perhaps, after years of experimenting, when girls can at last come to see things in their true relations, some solution will be found by which the season of rushing will be deprived of its horrors. Let us hope, sisters, that that day is not far distant. *Illinois Epsilon*.

The meeting of every emergency and every situation in life plays an important part in the educational training of the individual. During school life which is pre-*The Educational* eminently the educational period, ofttimes we value of Rushing learn the how of meeting such situations without actual practice in doing so. However, during a few weeks at least there are offered to Greeks opportunities, emergencies, perhaps catastrophies which we must face.

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These situations train two classes of individuals, the rusher and the rushee. To the rusher in the zeal of making one fraternity stand foremost, opportunities are given, to use too extravagant terms in praise of one organization, to stretch the truth concerning its advantages and to meet with silence or denial its drawbacks. When criticism which you think unfair reaches your ear how will you act? If a very desirable girl goes the other way, in what way shall you meet this situation?

If at the close of the spiking season the rusher feels a little nearer her personal ideal as an honest, sincere and pure-hearted woman, and more faithful to the ideal of her fraternity, then this phase in her education has been indeed a success.

If the rushee has solved her problem in the right way she will be sure that she has shunned a certain strong tendency to make each group of girls feel that they are the favored. If she has not courted attention, delayed giving her answer after she has decided, and if she has not lost any of her faith in humanity, then she, too, has gained in her social education.

Indiana Alpha.

Alumnae Department

Alumnae Reunion

Gamma and Delta provinces of the Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Association will hold their fifth annual reunion during Thanksgiving time, at the Baltimore Hotel, Kansas City, Mo. The time of the banquet is not definitely decided upon yet, but it is thought that it will be on the evening of Thanksgiving day, at eight o'clock. The names of those wishing to attend the banquet should be sent to Mrs. V. K. Tuggle, 3028 Harrison street, Kansas City, Mo., by November 28. All Pi Phis, active and alumnae, are cordially invited.

Thanksgiving Luncheon

The usual Thanksgiving luncheon will be given this year under the auspices of the Chicago Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, at the Great Northern Hotel, corner of Jackson avenue and Dearborn street, Friday, December first, at twelve o'clock. All members of the fraternity are cordially invited. Plates, seventy-five cents. Please notify the corresponding secretary, Katharine B. Miller, 155 Warren avenue, Chicago.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

Florence Andrews is teaching in Cohoes, N. Y. Bertha C. Duncan is teaching in Bristol, Vt.

Katherine Collins is teaching in Liberty, N. Y.

Effie Smithson was married on August fifteenth to Carey P. Ladd, Dartmouth, '01. They are living in New London, Conn.

VERMONT BETA

It is with much sorrow that we record the death of Inez Grout, 'or, which occurred September twenty-first in Shoreham, Vt., at the home of her sister, Mrs. McKibbon.

Caroline Preston was married this summer to Ira Phelps Kellogg at her home in Felchville. They reside at Hinesburg, where Mr. Kellogg is principal of the High School.

Mary Gregory and Charles Waddell were married July twelfth. Grace Goodhue was married to Calvin Coolidge, D. K. E., of Amherst, at her home, October fourth. They will reside at Northampton, Mass., where Mr. Coolidge practices law.

Alice Durfee is assistant teacher in the Essex Junction High School.

Lillian Bean has a position in the High School at St. Albans.

Daisy Russell teaches in the High School at Winoost.

Frederika Abraham is teaching in the Rutland High School. Emma Bean is at her home in Milton for the present.

Amy Metcalf is teaching in Fort Plain, N. Y.

COLUMBIA ALPHA

The engagement of Josephine Shallenberger to Rev. Paul Sperry has been announced. Rev. Mr. Sperry is a Theta Delta Chi.

Lillian Pace is teaching in Central High School.

Ruth Wellman is in Colorado Springs.

Adair Morton Taylor of Louisiana Alpha is spending the winter in this city.

Elsie Turner is at the university working for her Master's degree.

Pauline De Iesi of Maryland Alpha is studying at the university this winter.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

Blanche Stoner is teaching in Milton, Pa.

Missoura Wolfgang and Nelle Johnson visited their chapter in October.

Eliza Martin, after studying in Germany for a year, is spending the winter at her home in Lewisburg.

Ruth Sprague of Huntington, Pa., was married to Mr. Edgar Downes of Brookville, Pa.

Lillian Faust was married in June to Mr. Edgar Reed of Scottdale.

Edith Kelly has been elected assistant principal of the High School at Watsontown, Pa.

Mary Bower is teaching in the High School at North Girard, Pa., where Helen A. Selinger is principal.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Anna Spears is teaching in Luzerne High School, Luzerne, New York.

Kathleen Gooding is studying at the University Hospital, Philadelphia.

Mabel Kirk is teaching at Commack, N. Y.

Anna May Holl was married September eighteenth to Mr. Thomas F. Chrostwaite. At home after October tenth, Hanover, Pa.

OHIO ALPHA

Jane Ryan was married to George De Camp, Phi Delta Theta, June twenty-second.

The wedding of Elizabeth Higgins and Joseph McKinney

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took place September twenty-seventh. They will make their home in Scardale, N. Y.

May Conner is now assistant principal in the Athens High School.

Nell Wilson and Clarence Henson, Beta Theta Pi, were married August twenty-third at Portland, Ore. They will live in New Orleans.

At her home in Glen Ullin, N. D., Mable Wickham was married to Bononi Place, August twenty-fifth.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Francis Mae Bull is teaching in Akron High School.

Isabelle MacGregor has a position in the High School in New Berlin, N. Y.

Leora Sherwood was married June twenty-eighth to George Grav of Svracuse.

Eva Magee has entered the library school at Simmon's College, Boston.

NEW YORK BETA

Ida E. Lewis was married to Frederick William Schaefer August thirty-first. The wedding was a very quiet one.

Abby Porter Leland is teaching school in the city and working for a Master's Degree in Philosophy.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Josephine Pickering, who took her A. M. degree last June, is now teaching German in the High School in Waltham, Mass.

Myrtie Maguire is teaching in a High School near Danielson, Conn.

Clara Cooke is teaching French in the Brocton High School, Massachusetts.

In June the engagement of Marion Bean to Mr. M. Robinson was announced.

On the evening of October third, Anna Robinson, President

of the Boston Alumnae Club, was united in marriage to Mr. David Damon Nickerson of Malden, Mass. The ceremony was held in St. Paul's Episcopal church, Malden, and active and alumnae Pi Phis gowned in white preceded the bridal party as they entered the church. The bridesmaids and maid of honor were all Pi Phis and the favors were tiny jeweled arrows.

On October eighteenth, at her home in Malden, M. Ida Hodge, Alumnae Secretary of Alpha Province, was married to Mr. Philip Chauncey Benjamin.

On October fourteenth the Alumnae Club met with Helen Meserve of Allston to bid her "bon voyage and a happy year," before she started for her winter's work in New Orleans.

MARYLAND ALPHA

Frances Dunning is spending the winter at her home in Bedford, Iowa.

The engagement of Elizabeth K. Culver of Colorado Alpha to William Hazzard of Salamanica, N. Y., has been announced.

Mrs. C. W. Ireland (Sylvia Ware, 1900), who has been with us so long, will soon leave to make her home in Seattle, Wash.

Marion Boyer, from Williamsport, Pa., announced her engagement to Mr. George Clinger of Milton, Pa.

Pauline De Iesi and her mother are spending the winter at "The Cumberland," 85 Thomas Circle, Washington, D. C.

Maryland Alpha regrets to announce the loss of Mabel Scott on account of the death of her father, Judge Scott of Washington.

We regret that Lillian Baldwin can not be with us this year, but we are expecting her to visit us within the next few weeks.

Mary Ames is now the head of the English department at Dickinson Seminary, Williamsport, Pa.

Willa E. Wilson is taking a post-graduate course in English at Yale.

ILLINOIS BETA

A son was born to Lillian Harris Kinsloe, July tenth.

Emma Grubb and Frances Ross are teaching this year.

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Edna Uhler was married October fourth to William Gilman. Their home will be in Burlington, Iowa.

Ethel Van Cise visited in California and Portland this summer.

Lucy Conger May sailed for Japan and Australia, September fourth.

Nelle Needham is teaching in Racine; Bess Philbrook is teaching in Sycamore, and Ethelwyn Grier in New London, Wis.

Hortense Cowan spent the summer in Boston and New York.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Fannie M. Hurff was married August the ninth to Wallace Dilley Glidden of Kewaunee, Ill.

Josephine Coolidge was married August twenty-third to Armour Moreland.

Edith Greene and Florence Warner are attending University of Illinois this year.

Mrs. Alfred Williams of Denver, Colo., is visiting in Galesburg at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Fahnestock.

September the sixth occurred the marriage of Marella Johnston and Joseph Thomas of Roseville, Ill.

Katharine Bagby visited our chapter for a few days this fall.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Emma Doland and Mabel Ellis are attending the kindergarten school in Chicago.

Gertrude Baldwin is teaching in Evart, Mich.

Carrie Mason is teaching in the High School in Waterloo, Iowa.

Lenore Negus has obtained the principalship of the Kenilworth schools.

Hedwig Mueller is spending the summer in Germany.

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ILLINOIS ZETA

Edith Clark-Burr spent a few days with us the last of September.

Lotta Johnson is teaching in Newton, Ill.

Angie Stedman is doing kindergarten work in Champaign.

Hilda White is cataloguing in the public library at Saint Joseph, Mo.

Helen Bagley is cataloguing in the John Crerar library in Chicago.

INDIANA ALPHA

Ethelwyn Miller, Bertha Fletcher and Harriette Palmer are studying in Teachers College, Columbia University, this winter.

Lillian Weyl is attending Pratt Institute.

Cora Voyles, who is teaching history in the Bluffton schools, spent Saturday and Sunday, September thirtieth and October first, with Pi Phi sisters.

Grace Stubbs, who is teaching Latin in Dunkirk High School, spent Saturday and Sunday, October seventh and eighth, at her home in Franklin.

The wedding of Gladys Miller and Ezro Van Nuys took place September fifth.

A daughter was born to Marie Johnson-La Grange September twenty-fifth.

Eleanor La Grange was married to Roscoe Voris June seventh.

Mary Hall and Dr. George Selby were married June fifteenth. Mrs. Selby has been visiting in Franklin for a week.

Julia Dugger-Nixon was the guest of Bertha La Grange the opening week of college.

INDIANA BETA

The engagement of Marcella Jacobi to Herbert Leich of Evansville, has been announced, the wedding to take place in November.

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Alice Albertson, Ethel Boyd, Mabel Batman and Dorothy Pleasants visited here during the two weeks of rushing season.

A daughter was born to Marion Lockridge-Ward of Fairmount last August.

Jane Blakeley of this chapter is taking the library course in the University of Illinois this winter.

Pearl Franklin is teaching at North Judson, Ind., this winter. Alma McCrum is teaching in the Marion City schools.

Annette Weyman of New Albany was married September fourth to Rev. Poulson of that city.

Rose Lauer of Plymouth was married in September to Mr. Wolf.

The girls of Indiana Beta are expecting a visit from our Province President, Elda Smith, October tenth.

Mindwell Crampton has just returned home after a few days' visit here. She is now teaching expression in a studio at Logansport.

A daughter, Esther Mabel, was born in July to Dr. and Mrs. Burchard Hayes Roark (Mabel F. Boyce).

Married, July sixth, at her home in Vevay, Ind., Nellie Adelia Protsman to Prof. Benjamin C. Waldenmaier of Indiana Delta of Phi Kappa Psi. Mrs. F. L. Koontz, Maude Johnson, Edna Stewart, Grace Griffith, Leila Thiebaud and Nettie and Dorothy Pleasants of Indiana Beta were present and assisted at the wedding. After a short trip Prof. and Mrs. Waldenmaier left for Washington, D. C., their future home.

INDIANA GAMMA

Nina Ely was married this summer to Earl Edson, Delta Tau Delta. They will make their home in Indianapolis.

Bernice Russell is teaching this year in her home town, Amarillo, Tex.

Cora Hewitt will study art in New York this winter.

Elizabeth Rawls will not be in school until the winter term on account of her mother's illness.

Miss Elda Smith, our Province President, will visit us this fall.

Pearl Leedy will be instructor on piano in Butler College this year.

Margaret Garretson will make her home in Houston, Tex., this winter.

Katharine Reagan and Edna Cooper visited us during rushing season.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Bertha A. Baker is teaching in the High School at Andover, Ohio.

Leila R. Soule is teaching this year in her home city, Grand Haven, Mich.

Gladys Barker was married during the summer to Milton West. They are living in Hoopeton, Ill., where Mr. West has the position of science teacher in the High School.

Vivian Lyon is attending St. Mary's Academy, South Bend, Ind.

Clara Seiler is at Oberlin this year but expects to be with us again next year.

Effie Patch has just returned from a long visit in the east.

Ellen Kerman is teaching this year.

Julia Soule has left college to accept a fine position in the customs office of Grand Haven, Mich.

Born to Lutie Meyers De Voe, a daughter, Elizabeth.

IOWA ALPHA

Norma Courts and Lottie Allen-Babb, who were in town to attend the Lute-Mitchell wedding, spent the week visiting friends.

Ethel M. Cowan was married on the sixth of September to Will F. Weibley, Phi Delta Theta. They will make their home in Mt. Pleasant.

Mabelle Payne has entered Northwestern University for a year of special study.

Lillian Jay is taking a post-graduate course in the Conservatory.

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On the fourth of October, in Des Moines, occurred the wedding of Stella Guthrie to Harry Goodrick, Beta Theta Phi. They will make their home in Oskaloosa, Iowa, where Mr. Goodrick has a position in the High School.

Grace Swan and Mayme Brenholts are teaching in La Grand, Ore.

Margaret Burnop, who has been for the past two years in northern Michigan, will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. Lottie B. Eaton.

Katherine Lundgren is teaching in New London, Iowa.

Grace Hancher-Beck, who has been taking post-graduate work in the university, left in October for her new home in Tacoma, Wash.

Miss Adele Brooks is in charge of the Art department of the university.

Julia Shankland is teaching in the West Des Moines schools.

Martha Robinson-Parrett has moved with her family to Wellman, Iowa.

Grace Mehler and Edythe Young are studying music in Chicago.

IOWA BETA

Harriett E. Spray was married in June to Judge J. H. Henderson. Their home is in Indianola, Iowa.

Flora Sigler has spent the summer in Des Moines, Iowa, with her sister, Mrs. Ralph McCune. We are glad to have her with us once more.

Daisy Dent and J. Webster Hancox were married August sixteenth at Spokane, Wash. They will make their home here.

Mrs. Mable Wickham Place of Athens, Ohio, is with us this year. Her husband is professor of biology in the college.

We have enjoyed visits from two of our former members this summer, Effie M. Kelly of Pomona, Cal., and Mrs. Elsie Conser of Galesburg, Ill.

We regret very much the loss of two of our members; Mrs. Luella Kennedy has moved to Atlantic, Iowa, and Mrs. Florence McFarland to Des Moines, Iowa.

Mrs. Marion Cook Hawser of Tyronza, Ark., is visiting friends in Indianola.

Mrs. Florence Hatfield Stanley and daughter, Hellen, have spent the summer here visiting Mrs. Stanley's father. They expect to go west for the winter.

Nellie McCoy is visiting friends in Chicago and Monmouth, Ill.

IOWA ZETA

Grace Gabriel is teaching at Manson, Iowa, this year.

Mae Belle Allstrand has a position as German teacher in the high school at Waterloo, Iowa.

Bertha Alexander is teaching at Schaller, Iowa.

Leilla Kemmerer visited the chapter for several days this fall. Mabel Rundle was recently married to Keene Abbott. They will live in Omaha, Neb.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Genevieve Church Smith has returned to Madison after a year and a half of travel and study in Europe. She has a position at present in the University School of Music, and also has charge of the music in Grace Church.

Miriam Reed and Eunice Welsh will take up post-graduate work in the University of Wisconsin.

During the past summer three of our girls have suffered the loss of their fathers, Clara Sawyer, Selma Vognild and Elizabeth Shepherd.

Mrs. Gertrude Sober Church, the founder of our chapter, was with us during most of rushing week.

In May, 1905, a son, Clifford Huntley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jenks of the Philippines. Mrs. Jenks was Maud Huntley.

Genevive Eaton is teaching history in the high school at Grand Rapids.

On September twenty-first Grace Godard was married to Ernest Greverus at Yorkville, Ill. Mr. and Mrs. Greverus will make their home in Berlin, Wis.

Eugene Shea is teaching in Antigo.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

A daughter, Ethel Ellsworth, was born to Mell Ellsworth Pollard in August.

Lillian Haertel is in charge of the Science department of the Oconomowoc High School.

In May a Wisconsin Alumnae Association of sixteen members was formed in Indian and Oklahoma Territories at a banquet given for Gov. La Follette in Oklahoma City. Lucretia Hinkley McMillan, a Wisconsin Alpha girl of '99, was elected vice-president.

Bess Kennedy is teaching in Greenwood, Wis.

Nellie Bly MacGregor was married to Archie George Ellis, September the twentieth. They will reside in Mazomanie, Wis.

Virginia Hayner-Saunders has gone to Council Bluffs to live. Her address is 204 Oakland Avenue.

A daughter was born in September to Mr and Mrs. Arthur Warren (Louise Bird).

Florence Robinson is making an extended trip through the western states for the purpose of visiting the chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Edith Dungan spent the summer touring Europe. She returned home the first of October.

Florence Dorsey, who was with us last year, is going abroad in January.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Stone have announced the engagement of their daughter Sue to Gene Smith, Kappa Alpha. The wedding is to be on the twenty-fifth of October.

Mrs. John S. Sykes is in Columbia visiting her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

Anna Newell, who was with us several years ago, was here for a few days during rushing season. She was on her way to St. Louis, where she teaches Latin and Greek in one of the boarding schools.

Bess Bond is teaching in Texas this winter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Williams in August, a daughter. Mrs. Williams is in Warrensburg with her mother.

KANSAS ALPHA

Nadine Nowlin has accepted a fellowship in botany at Bryn Mawr.

Mrs. John Cloyes (Nell Taylor), Margaret Hammond, Sarah A. Wilder, Ella Nye and Helen Johnson visited us during rushing season.

Winslow Hutchinson visited us a few weeks ago.

Fredricka Bullene sailed for Europe in July to spend a year.

Ella Nye has accepted a position in the Hiawatha Academy.

Janette Ware, Bess Bates, Mary Chase Chamberlain and Elsie Evans were here September thirtieth for initiation.

Leslie Hill has accepted a position in the Lawrence schools.

The engagement of Besse Bates to Mr. Earl Boardway of Worcester, Mass., has been announced.

Miss Helen Sutliff has accepted a permanent position in the library of Leland Stanford.

Mrs. Chas. Wheeler (Addie Sutliff) has moved with her family to Milwaukee, Wis.

Sarah A. Wilder sailed for Paris, October seventh, to study vocal music.

Winifred Blackmar is spending the winter in California.

Mary Copley has accepted a fellowship in French at the University of Kansas.

Mrs. Florence Finch-Kelly, '81, has a story entitled "The Making of a Gentleman" in the August *Recreation*.

NEBRASKA BETA

Married—August seventeenth, Sue Ashman to Frank W. Brown, Jr., Sigma Alpha Epsilon, at St. Joseph, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Brown are living at 16th & G streets, Lincoln, Neb.

The engagement of Edna S. Holland to Mr. Ray Deputron Sigma Alpha Epsilon, has been announced. The wedding will take place at Falls, City, Neb., November eighth.

Evangeline Hazelwood Fisher, with two babies, spent the summer here at the home of her parents.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT

Married-Magnolia E. Walt to Mr. Frank Schaible, October fourth, at Falls City, Neb.

Anne Stuart has returned from her trip abroad.

Mary McGahey is teaching in Whittier, Cal.

Florence Fiske returned to New York City to resume her study of voice.

Oda Closson is studying in Topeka, Kans., for the winter. Winifred Howell is studying music in Chicago.

Mame Killian is attending St. Mary's, Notre Dame, Ind.

Born—A girl to Mrs. Albert Welton (Blanche Meeker) September twenty-second.

Gladys Henry and Bertha Quaintance are studying at Johns Hopkins.

TEXAS ALPHA

Fay Kincaid is attending Smith College this year.

Mary Smither is occupying the chair of English in the Huntsville High School,

Mrs. Aline Harris-McAshan was in Austin during rushing season.

Margaret Buroughs is teaching art in Austin. She attended the Newcomb Art School last year.

Anne Townes has gone to Bryn Mawr to take a post-graduate course.

Ada Garrison is spending the winter in east Texas.

COLORADO ALPHA

Sara Herron is teaching at her home in Longmont.

Annie Herron has a position in the post office at Longmont.

Estelle Holmes is teaching at Grand Junction, Colo.

Edith Allison has announced her engagement to Mr. Austin of Boulder.

Jessie Thompson has returned to Colorado Alpha, her mother chapter, for her senior year.

Bernice Coultrap has been transferred from Ohio Alpha to the Boulder chapter; she and her brother, a Phi Delt, have entered the university.

Floye Lewis has taken up the study of vocal music under a prominent instructor in Denver who prophesies a successful future, musically, for her.

Mina Killgore is now Mrs. Whittaker and living in old Mexico.

Bessie Bliss has returned to school much improved in health.

Mildred McNutt has re-entered the university on her return from California.

Ella Packard after an absence of two years has re-entered college.

Laeta Elden is taking her M. A. degree in school after several years of teaching.

Ethel Thornburg is teaching in eastern Colorado.

Maude Hunn Haley visited us recently. She delighted us by telling tales of her life on a large ranch in Wyoming.

The alumnae of Colorado Alpha, or any initiates of that chapter, who may happen to be in Denver on the first Saturday of the month are cordially asked to come to luncheon at the Brown Palace Hotel at one o'clock, meeting in the gallery of the reception floor. Any Pi Phi visiting or moving to Denver is cordially urged to come.

Ethel Wright Rubidge is the mother of a son, born last June. Maude Knapp, who has been acting as house-mother for Colorado Alpha the past two years, has gone to her home in Hutchinson, Kans.

In Estes Park this summer several of our girls met Kansas Pi Phis—Marjorie Marshall, Elaine Weaver, Margaret Boline and Eva Olin.

COLORADO BETA

Lena Harper was married on September the nineteenth to Alfred Blake Trott. They make their home in Denver.

Maria Murray was married to William Alexander Eikenberry, University of Minnesota, on the evening of October the fourth. They will make their home in Chariton, Iowa.

Jessie Thompson has entered the University of Colorado at Boulder this fall.

Nita Clegg, who is teaching school in Victor, Colo., visited the chapter for a few days.

Florence Vaughn is recovering from her serious illness-an operation for appendicitis.

Bessie Bliss and Isabel McKenzie, Colorado Alpha, have been guests in the city.

Jane Fowler, Michigan Beta, is among the visiting Pi Phis in Denver.

Alice Hayes of Stanford, was one of the regular attendants at our summer meetings. She is resuming her course in that institution.

Marie Walker, who attended the University of Southern California last year, has re-entered Denver University.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Harriette Miles, Kansas Alpha, who spent part of the summer at the chapter house, enjoyed short visits from Laura Gibbs, Illinois Zeta, and Alice Warner, New York Alpha.

Ruth Waterhouse, ex-'o6, has been visiting the chapter during the rushing season of six weeks.

Mrs. F. H. Burr, Illinois Zeta, spent a few days recently at Stanford, much to the chapter's enjoyment.

Clara Cooper, California Beta, was at Stanford for a short visit, just before registration day.

Edith White and Florence Ziegenfuss from our sister chapter at Berkeley, paid us a short visit a few weeks ago.

Daisy Ryone, ex-'06, California Beta, spent a "week's end" with the chapter recently.

Eugenia Fuller, Illinois Beta, principal of the Arlington High School, Riverside, Cal., called at the chapter house last month.

The marriage of Edyth Mae Hale, '04, a pledged Pi Phi, to Mr. Thomas Benton Hunter, '04, Chi Psi, will take place October twenty-fifth, in Salt Lake City.

The chapter enjoyed four days' visit from Mary Kendall, Vermont Alpha, who has been on the Pacific coast this summer.

A little pamphlet, announcing the future connection of Miss

Anna F. Weaver with the Girls' Classical School of Indianapolis, has reached us. Miss Weaver was an initiate in 1803 of the original California Alpha chapter and the new chapter here at Stanford feels more than proud in taking the liberty of claiming her as an alumna. Miss Weaver graduated from the university in three years and a half with highest honors and the next vear she took her Master's degree. Since that time she has been accomplishing the very best grade of scholarship both at the Universities of Zurich and Leipzig, and in America, and for one year she took the position of assistant professor of Greek at Stanford. While here she assisted the head of the department of classical philology of the university in editing a Greek gram-We congratulate Mrs. Sewall of the Girls' Classical mar. School in her co-principal.

Anna Lena Lewis is at the head of the English department in the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., High School.

Mary Myrtle Osborne, who was abroad for over a year, has taken the head of the English department in the State Normal School, Warrensburg, Mo.

Alice Matthews, who has been for three years in the catalogue department in the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., has just assumed her new duties as librarian of the University of South Dakota at Vermilion.

CALIFORNIA BETA

Olive Gundry-Poindexter, accompanied by her little son, Richard, and her mother, Mrs. Gundry, left Long Geach, Cal., for Topeka, Kans., to spend the winter.

Camille Meyers, '02, is traveling in Furone. She will spend the winter in London with her sister.

Bessie Kennedy, Jesse Mason, Tessie Hubert and Dora Bramlett visited the chapter during the rushing season.

Miss Copley of Kansas City, Kans., spent an afternoon with us the latter part of August.

Elizabeth Adams was married to Walter Brown, Beta Theta Pi, in June. They are living in Berkeley, Cal.

Florence Fiske was married August ninth to Clarence Greenleaf White of Cleveland, Ohio. They went to Honolulu for their wedding trip. At present they are in Cleveland but will make their future home in Honolulu.

May Boggs was married to Rev. Thomas Picton the fourteenth of June. Their home is in Woodland, Cal.

Jessie Parks, '04, announced her engagement to Harry Richard of San Francisco. The wedding is to be a quiet home affair on the twenty-first of October.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA-MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

After a period of strenuous rushing we have the happy privilege of introducing to you our pledges, Belle Anderson, Jessie G. Carpenter, Fanny M. Gates, Olive E. Gettman, Hazel McLeod, Katherine Mills, Bertha A. Munsey and Alice B. Sears With Marguerite Harwood, our pledge of last year, our pledges number nine and our chapter roll is raised to twenty-three. Rushing was observed with a chafing-dish party, a putting party, numerous spreads, and a formal reception to the freshman girls given at the Pharetra.

The girls are taking a great interest at present in improving our fraternity rooms and one of our objects this year is to make them look as nice as possible. The alumnae have been very generous in aiding us and soon we are going to have a new piano and new draperies for the windows; we are also hoping to have our rooms repapered.

We believe that the greater the attractiveness of the fraternity rooms, the greater will be the interest taken in the fraternity by the girls.

Edith L. Heaxt, ex-'08, is to be married at Shelburne, Vt., on Wednesday evening, October 11th, to George Ryder, Chi Psi, Wesleyan, '01. Ail the girls of our chapter expect to attend and, with the exception of the families of the bride and groom, we are to be the only guests. Edith is

to be attended by Annie E. Metcalf, 'o6, and Florence Duncan is to play the wedding march. Four other girls of the chapter are to serve.

Mabel Boardman, '08, has left college for a time on account of ill health but we hope to have her back with us before long.

Hoping that every chapter of Pi Beta Phi may have as successful a year as ours promises to be. Vermont Alpha sends greetings.

FAITH A. POWERS.

VERMONT BETA-VERMONT UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1898)

We have welcomed to our university this year an unusually large class of very fine girls, many of whom we hope to be able to introduce to our Pi Phi sisters ere long.

The social side of college life is opening with considerable vim. The first Wednesday evening after registration day, the old girls gave a reception to the freshmen girls. The joint reception of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. is to occur October the sixth and, with the numerous teas and receptions to follow, we are sure to have no idle time on our hands. A new and very fine athletic field has been opened this year which we hope may be the scene of many victories for our teams.

Vermont Beta extends most sincere wishes to you all for a very prosperous year.

GRACE T. STRONG.

COLUMBIA ALPHA-GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

This year brings with it new problems for Columbia Alpha. We are strong in numbers, more so than ever before, but there are many other new conditions that confront us.

For the first time we are restricted by a pledge-day, and we have yet to decide whether it is a real improvement or not. One week of rushing is over, being a succession of receptions, luncheons and teas; not to mention the many walks and "sodas." The day after college opens we alwavs have an inter-frat luncheon for the freshmen girls when they meet everyone and get much good advice in the toasts from the older girls. Then the first Saturday we always have a picnic for the girls who are eligible. This year we spent a delightful day at Ruth McGowan's lovely home in Cleveland Park. She entertained us with her many pretty things and interesting stories from her life as an art student in Paris.

Our alumnae give an annual reception in the opening week of college to the faculty, the freshmen and their mothers. It is always our prettiest and most successful affair. It was given the fourth of October in the

college library which was decorated in a very effective manner with little Pi Phi banners hung from every light and along the walls. The lights were shaded in dark red and the table at the end of the room was covered with wine carnations—and other things.

We are to give a dance in the library the night before pledge-day. After that and two evening affairs this week, the strain of rushing will be over.

Our only senior of last year is back with us so we lost no girls and have regained one who was studying at home in Texas last year, but who has returned to be graduated from George Washington. Then, we have Mabel Scott of Maryland Alpha, with us for a year, making our active chapter eighteen in number. Several of our alumnae are taking post-graduate work, so the arrow is seen in every department of college life.

Just as the chapter is strengthening, so is the university of which we are only a small part. Athletics are coming to the front and there is an inspiring atmosphere of breadth and development. President Needham is making George Washington a fine institution, worthy of its title as national.

MILDRED WINANS COCHRAN.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA-SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1892)

With the opening of the college year enthusiasm reigns supreme and all the students of Swarthmore are looking forward to a very prosperous and happy season.

Two of the most important events in the annals of Pennsylvania Alpha are the births of two Pi Beta Phi babies, one to Mrs. Addison Hannan and another to Mrs. George K. Gillette. Unfortunately they are both little boys so although we embrace them in our love yet we can never have the satisfaction that they can enjoy the pleasures of our chapter.

Our house party at the close of college in June was a great success and our members can vouch for the advantage of a circulating letter during the summer. As our chapter is small we succeeded in sending the letter three times on its rounds, and as most of us live in somewhat distant parts these proved most welcome.

We have such a congenial chapter this fall and we are all very sure that by our united efforts we can enlarge the number by the time pledge-day comes in the spring. Only one of our number graduated last year, Helen Margaret Caire, but this year we lose three.

We are going to celebrate our Founder's Day next Thursday by a feed and we expect to have a most jolly time. How nice it would be if the

different chapters could each take a peep into the jollities of each of the others.

With best wishes to all the Pi Beta Phi sisters for a winter of success. BEATRICE M. VICTORY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA-BUCKNELL COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1895)

Again we begin our college work and look forward to a happy year in Pi Phi. What an exciting time we have had during the rushing season, and how anxiously we have awaited the result of our labors.

September twenty-ninth, we gave our annual reception to the freshmen and the patronesses. We have had informal lunches, and a number of spreads which we all enjoyed immensely. October sixth, we gave a nutting party for a few of the freshmen and the alumnae.

During the summer a new dormitory for the girls was completed, and this of course brought a great many more students to Bucknell,—and also furnished excellent class and music rooms, relieving the overcrowded condition of last year.

There are a number of other improvements which add greatly to our comfort.

With best wishes for a prosperous and happy year for all Pi Phis.

MELLIE A. WESTCOTT.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA-DICKINSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1903)

By this time we are all back at college ready to work, both for our college and our fraternity. We hope that you all had a most pleasant and profitable vacation and are now filled with a new enthusiasm to work.

The freshman class is larger this year than it has been for several years. Denny Hall, our new recitation hall, is now entirely completed and most admirably equipped for work, and Conway Hall, the preparatory department, had a number of improvements made in and about it during the summer. The men, who belong to fraternities which have houses, have been busy during vacation fixing them up and renovating them so that when we came back everything connected with the college presented a fine appearance.

Conditions at the girls' dormitory are more pleasant than they have been for a long time and the house is filled, for quite a large class of girls came in this year. We have pledged three of the girls of the freshman class and feel we have gotten true Pi Phis.

Best wishes from Pennsylvania Gamma and sincere hopes that this will be a most prosperous year for every chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

CORINNE GAUL.

OHIO ALPHA-OHIO UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

Although we heartily welcomed the good vacation days, we were all glad to return to Ohio University to become active in and share the joys of college and fraternity life. We are very fortunate in having back with us for the year all of our old girls with the exception of one, whom we greatly miss-Bernice Coultrap-who has gone to Boulder, Col., for the coming year. But her place has been taken by one of our old girls, who was not an active member last year.

We have been very busy ever since the opening of college. All the old girls returned early that they might have plenty time to get settled before the rushing began. Our chapter will be much larger this year than it was last and as all the girls are so enthusiastic, prospects for a successful year are exceptionally bright.

The general class of students is much better than it has been heretofore. We have an abundance of good material from which to choose. Not only do we see an improvement in the class of students but also in the college in general. Our new library is now finshed and is as beautiful and complete a library as is found at most colleges. Then, too, all the students take such great interest in athletic sports. Our football team is composed of fine material and is under very capable management. On Saturday, September thirtieth we played Marietta College, the score being o to o. On Saturday, October seventh, we play Washington and Jefferson, and we hope that we shall come back victorious.

The most important function of our rushing season was a reception, given on Saturday afternoon, September sixteenth, from 3 until 5, in our fraternity hall. We invited all the new girls, whom our hall would accommodate, and were very successful in securing all, which we thought would make good Pi Phis. Then there were numerous informal affairs, such as chafing-dish parties and spreads, which are so essential to the life of the college girl. On Saturday evening, Sepember tweny-third, the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. gave a joint reception in the college gymnasium. It was very well attended and all had a delightful time. On Saturday afternoon, September twenty-third, the dormitory girls gave a reception to the other college girls. This gave the Pi Phis at the dormitory a splendid opportunity to become better acquainted with our rushees.

The Tri Alphas, the local fraternity here, are expecting to get a charter from some national fraternity. If they succeed, we will find in them our first national rival.

We expect to hold our mock initiation in two weeks and are busy in-

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venting new schemes of torture. We will hold our real initiation a week later. In our next letter, we shall be able to introduce to you several new Pi Phis, of whom we think we can all be proud.

With best wishes to our sister chapters for a prosperous year.

MARY SIMON.

OHIO BETA-OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

Another college year lies before us and we are entering upon it with the greatest anticipation. We have six new pledges: Hilda Corwin, Ruth Wilson, Bertha Rankin, Helen Smith, Corna Greiner and Helen Clarke, who in about two weeks will be initiated into Pi Beta Phi.

This has been the first year that the Pan-Hellenic rules have gone into effect here at Ohio State—that is limiting rushing and establishing a pledge-day. It seemed very hard at first to confine our rushing to only three parties a year, when we were accustomed to have little parties whenever we pleased, but now we realize the wisdom of this rule, for it requires more individual rushing and that counts the most after all.

We had always "bid" our girls as soon as they matriculated but this year we could not bid them until two days after matriculation, the twentyeighth of September, and then not until after four o'clock. The suspense was dreadful, but this feeling was general among all the fraternity girls, so we were not the only ones disturbed.

We will have, after initiation, seventeen active girls, besides Gertrude Jackson, who though in college, will not be active this year. We have two transfers also, Miss Haskell of Nebraska Beta and Mabel Rorick of Ohio Alpha.

We had a great surprise when we came back to college this year and found our Gab Room all remodeled, with tinted walls, frescoed ceiling and new furniture. It is a very pretty place to study in, and we feel that it is quite an improvement on the old one.

Ohio Bcta sends her best wishes for a successful rushing season to all her sister chapters.

ELIZABETH H. BANCROFT.

NEW YORK ALPHA-SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

Another college year has begun, a year which I trust will be full of pleasure for all of our Pi Beta Phi sisters.

For the girls of New York Alpha these first few weeks have been very busy as well as very pleasant ones. Although each of us came back telling of the pleasant vacation we had spent during the summer, we all

were glad to be together again to enter upon the chapter house life and duties.

In Syracuse University the local Pan-Hellenic has set pledge-day on November first. This early date necessitates hard and steady rushing, as there are ten other fraternities rushing as hard as we. Planning and attending parties, therefore, has been our chief occupation, outside of college work. One of the important events in the rushing, that we are anticipating, if the fine weather continues, is a drag ride out in the country.

We are delighted with the freshmen girls that we have set our hearts on making Pi Phis, and we hope to be able to announce to you in the next chapter letter, a good delegation of loyal members.

Girls from each of the fraternities in the university are meeting this fall in tennis tournaments. One of our girls has the tennis championship among the women so we feel in great hopes that Pi Beta Phi will have the honor of getting the silver cup which is offered as a prize.

We are very glad to announce that Eva Roe was graduated last year with the highest honor of her class. She was elected to Phi Beta Kappa

N. ELIZABETH MOULD.

NEW YORK BETA-BARNARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1904)

We hope that the girls of other chapters have had as pleasant a summer as we have had and are as glad to see each other and get down to work again.

We wish representatives of all the chapters might have been at the Silver Bay Y. W. C. A. conference in June. As it was, there were ten Pi Phis and we enjoyed so much seeing each other about the grounds; the afternoon by the lakeside which we spent talking with Miss Kyle, will be remembered as most enjoyable. Every one of us was proud to own her as a Pi Beta Phi and glad to find her as loyal and enthusiastic as any girl in college. She told us about her visits to the colleges of the west and it brought us much closer to the far off chapters. Six of us girls had a very pleasant experience on the way home. Willa Wilson, Grace Spettigue, Baltimore; Mary Hoover, Dickinson, and Irene Adams, Sophie Woodman and Mary Murtha, Barnard, visited a friend of the latter in Waterford, near Albany. We spent a delightful afternoon and all came down to New York on the Albany night boat together.

We have rented a very pleasant, seven-room apartment in a desirable building near college for our chapter home this year. Three of the girls are living here with a resident chaperon. At present we are busy furnishing. The cost of the undertaking is quite formidable but we hope to carry it through successfully. The New York Alumnae are helping us some, and will hold their meetings here. The address of our new home

is "The Bryn Mawr," corner Amsterdam Ave. and 121st St., New York City. We hope we may entertain many visiting Pi Phis here this winter.

The freshmen class is unusually good this year and we hope to do well, but of course, as may be imagined, it is hard being the youngest of seven fraternities at Barnard. Our plans, at present, are rather upset, as last spring after several Pan-Hellenic meetings it was decided to have pledge-day, as last year, the first Monday in December and that each chapter be allowed to entertain the same girl once a week. But now we find that the faculty are very much opposed to so much rushing and for the benefit of the college think that pledge-day should be later. Theta, Alpha Phi and Pi Phi were much opposed to the late pledge-day but we have given in at last. The compact will probably stand as follows: Pledge-day the first Monday in April, a Freshman may only be entertained once a month by a chapter or member of a chapter and in college a freshman may only be entertained at lunch once a week by only two upper-class girls. Of course, these restrictions will cut down our entertaining very much. We have already given one party in September and are planning for a dance in October.

Entertainments for the freshmen keep all classes busy in the autumn. The Y. W.C. A. reception to the class of 1909 was given on Friday, September twenty-ninth at Earl Hall, and a very pleasant afternoon was passed. Last Friday, 1908 gave 1909 the "Mysteries," the historic initiation of the freshmen into Barnard College. The junior and senior entertainments are coming, but of them in another letter.

One of our girls, Mary Murtha, is ill at present but we trust she will be back at college soon. She holds so many important offices in college that her absence is a general loss.

We enjoyed very much, last Tuesday, a visit from Sarah Wilder of Kansas Alpha, who was here on her way to Paris. It is this meeting of strangers who are not strangers in the true sense which makes us realize what our fraternity means.

With best wishes for a most prosperous rushing season.

SOPHIE PARSONS WOODMAN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA-BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1896)

After the delightful weeks of vacation and rest, Massachusetts Alpha is glad to come back to the work which lies before her. We miss the two seniors who left us last June and the few others who did not come back this year, but still we consider ourselves very fortunate with our seven seniors, five juniors, and five sophomores.

We are still in the midst of our four weeks' rushing season and a very busy time it is; we wish that we might introduce our prospective pledges

to you but pledge-day is still a number of weeks off. The season has been very lively and full of good times. There was the outing at historic Marblehead, with a picnic lunch on the rocks and the trolley-ride home at sunset, and then the trip to Echo Bridge, Newton, with a chafing-dish supper at the home of one of our girls.

We have a very pleasant suite of rooms this year in the old Adams house on Beacon Hill. It was in our chapter room that Miss Alcott wrote some of her delightful stories, and in these pleasant rooms we have served many a dainty luncheon for our prospective sisters.

Last Tuesday evening, Anna K. Robinson, the president of our alumnae, was married to Mr. David D. Nickerson, in the Episcopal Church at Malden. All the active chapter girls were bridesmaids and assisted at the reception afterwards. Anna has always been an enthusiastic helper and we wish her all joy and happiness in her new life.

On Friday evening the chapter gave a large party at the home of Lora Pratt in Brookline, to which the college men were invited.

A number of girls are staying in the city this year and if they continue to do so Massachusetts Alpha will have to look about for a fraternity house.

Next Friday we are going to have a picnic and old-fashioned supper at Mrs. Roswell Phelps' home in East Dedham as a grand ending for the rushing season.

The year looks very bright to us and Massachusetts Alpha sends best wishes to all her sisters that their outlook may be as pleasant.

MILDRED ASHTON WRIGHT.

MARYLAND ALPHA-THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(CHARTERED 1897)

College has now been open for about three weeks and we are fairly started upon our six weeks' "rushing" contest. The whole freshman class seems so desirable that our only trouble so far has been to decide which of them we want most.

This year the Pan-Hellenic Association rules were all made with the one aim,—to cut down the expense of "rushing," for all realized that in this exciting time expenses are often mordinate. Expenses are limited to car fare, "treats" and a weekly tea in the cozy corner, with one big function as a climax before pledge-day. Of course, this arrangement is only an experiment yet it bids fair to lead to a more perfect understanding among the fraternities than has previously existed.

Our only college functions so far have been given in honor of the freshmen. The Y. W. C. A. gave its annual reception the first Friday after college opened. Following this the ever-present sophomores had to have their turn. As hazing has been abolished they turn their entertain-

ment into a Barnyard Party. As each guest arrived she was required to imitate the noise of some barnyard animal and the one at which she was most successful she was bidden to represent the remainder of the evening. After playing all sorts of childish games with animals of her own kind, she was sold at auction to a sophomore who claimed her as partner for the first dance. A few days later the freshmen again donned their best clothes and went to the tea given them by the seniors. And now that these annual events are over the freshmen are all passing in review before the fraternities and Maryland Alpha hopes to introduce many of them into Pi Phidom before the next ARRow letter.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis for a most successful year.

LAURA S. PRESBY.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA-LOMBARD COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1872)

I wonder how many new corresponding secretaries there are and if they all puzzled their brains as hard as I did.

Lombard is flourishing under its new president, Dr. Fisher. Several changes have been made in the faculty and we feel very well satisfied with our equipment. The campus, the pride of every Lombard student's heart, was just as beautiful upon our return this year as always. The leaves have begun to turn and drop off the trees. They have the happy faculty some way of reminding one of marshnallow roasts and all kinds of good times, as well as fall "exams."

This is the first year of Pan-Hellenic rules and pledge-day with us. Our "rushing" season only lasted two weeks since our college is small and we can become acquainted with the girls in so short a time. Seven of us old girls returned, and since we were few in numbers we knew we must work. We gave a reception to all the new girls at the home of Marion Webster the first Saturday after school began. It was a great success. Our patronesses also entertained us at dinner at the club house. We rowed and danced during the evening and enjoyed ourselves as only a crowd of girls can. Our "rushing" was rather strenuous since it covered so short a time. But the worry and work is all over now and we feel fully repaid for everything we put into it.

Our pledges out-numbered the active girls at the end of the "rushing" season. This seemed strange but we girls felt very proud of our work

We now have the largest number of girls in the history of our chapter, for a good many years, at least. The nine pledges are, Theo Golliday, Nelle Vandenberg, Louise Newman, Ethelir Conger, Carolyn Fisher, Louise Claycomb, Pearle Burnside, Lillian Courtney, and Caroline Hurd.

We have had one initiation since school began. Marion Webster and Theo Golliday are now wearers of the arrow. About twelve of our alumnae were with us at the initiation and "cookie-shine" afterwards. Two of them were charter members. Everything seemed to work together to make this one of the nicest initiatons we have ever had. Over the sandwitches, salad and cake we pledged ourselves to a year of good hard work for Pi Phi.

I am no doubt boring you with accounts of entertainments and "rushing" parties. But our work has been going on, too. We have among our number several of the brightest girls in the college and we have never felt that the scholarly girl has been lost sight of in all these good, busy times. We greatly miss our old "frat" sisters and no doubt they, too, seem lost without their old "frat."

Illinois Beta sends to all Pi Phis best wishes for a successful year.

RAY DILLON.

ILLINOIS DELTA-KNOX COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1884)

The past few weeks have been devoted to "rushing," and pledge-day will very soon be here; then we hope to introduce several new wearers of the arrow. On September sixteenth, the Pi Phi girls held a "cookieshine" at the home of one of our active girls, Winifred Ingersoll. A number of our alumnae were present and we had as guests of honor several new girls. On the evening of September twenty-ninth, Illinois Delta gave an informal dance at the Soangetalia club house and the occasion proved a very pleasant one. Another affair which every one enjoyed was a progressive dinner, given September twenty-second. There have been several thimble parties, luncheons and receptions given at which active and alumnae of Pi Phi were present.

While our chapter this year in all probability will not be as large as last year, nevertheless all the active girls are looking forward to one of the pleasantest years in the fraternity. We have been having our usual weekly fraternity meetings and interest in Pi Phi is as keen as ever. After "rushing" season is over each of us will feel that the time for hard work in studies has come, though good times will not be entirely laid aside.

Illinois Delta sends pleasant greetings to each and every chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

LOUISE MCINTOSH.

ILLINOIS EPSILON - NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1894)

It is with difficulty that I can collect my thoughts sufficiently to tell the rest of our Pi Phi sisters what Illinois Epsilon has been doing since her last letter. We are still in the midst of "rushing" season with pledgeday two weeks off. It is the latest pledge-day that Northwestern has ever known, and I think that every one will be ready to go back to the two weeks that we had last year. We had drawn up what every one considered a very superior code of laws, intended to reduce the strain and the general nervousness of it all to the minimum but it's the same old story of the "best laid plans."

We had a fire in Willard during the summer, and some of the "frat" rooms were entirely burned out, though we escaped uninjured. However, they are redecorating our room and it will be some time before we shall be able to hold our meetings there. We are very fortunate in having with us in school this year a transfer from Iowa Alpha, as well as an Iowa Zeta who has moved to Evanston to live. The two girls whom we took in last spring have proved to be enthusiastic Pi Phis and we are looking forward to one of the most successful years that we have ever had.

Illinois Epsilon sends her best wishes to every member of Phi Beta Phi. MYRTELLE H. ROGERS.

ILLINOIS ZETA-UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(CHARTFRED 1895)

The most strenuous part of "rushing" season is over for Illinois Zeta and we are contented to rest on our oars for awhile. In the past week we have pledged four freshmen, all of them girls "rushed" by the other sororities here. Perhaps we are feeling the more triumphant over our success owing to the fact that this fall we returned to the old non-contract scheme which was abandoned some five years ago. Outsiders predicted disaster, but it was with the fullest realization of what we were attempting that we turned back to the old tactics. Of course, every one acknowledges our girl catches, and the most fair-minded admit that they are the most desirable girls of the year. So much for the freshmen.

A year ago this time Illinois Zeta was living in a house rented merely for the school year. At that time we dimly hoped that we might be able to change our quarters for better this year, but the idea of a new house and one all our own had never entered our heads. Some of our ambitious town girls got together toward the end of last year and formed a plan by which we might be able to have a house all our own by this

fall. The plan, which was an excellent one, was heartily agreed to by all of us, and before we left school in the spring the foundation to the new house was already in. It was completed by the middle of August and settled the second week of September in order to be ready for the first week or so of the strenuous attacks on freshmen.

Outwardly the house is substantial and commodious in appearance, and when we come into it, it is a real home. Town girls, patronesses, in fact every one in the least connected with us have outdone themselves to help in the necessary furnishings and comforts. The other day, the patronesses sent over an exquisite dining room set in the mission furniture, consisting of two tables, buffet and two dozen chairs.

With all our dear freshmen, four splendid transfers, and the new house we certainly think we have every right to expect a most happy and prosperous year and can only hope equal success is the lot of all our sister chapters.

ANNE B. WHITE.

INDIANA ALPHA-FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1888)

We are sure that all our sister Pi Phis will be glad to know of our successes and rejoice with us. We have a new president, Dr. E. B. Bryan, formerly of Indiana University, from whom we expect great things. He takes great interest in the college and its organizations and we feel that we have gained much in obtaining him for our president. The number of new students is large, so in many ways the college is in a prosperous condition.

We issued written invitations to become members of Pi Phi to thirteen girls just one week after college opened. In the meantime we had entertained the girls several times and had had a chance to become acquainted with them. All of our invitations were accepted and we are sure that the girls will be a great help to us.

We are located in our new chapter house and have for our matron, one of our alumnae, Mrs. Claude Herdricks, whose husband is away for the winter. There are eight of us girls here and we enjoy the chapter house life very much. We are very much pleased over our prospects and close with best wishes to all Pi Phis.

MAY MCDOWELL.

INDIANA BETA-INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1893)

We have been very busy for the past few weeks, but now the rush is over, and we begin to look forward to the next number of the ARROW to see if the other chapters have been so fortunate as Indiana Beta.

Although this has been the hardest and most strenuous rush in the history of the university, we have seven new girls already loyal Pi Phis. They are, Violette Miller, Edith Spencer, Nan Ashton Neat, Frances Richart, Mary Banks Lingle, Alda Crain, and Barbara Voyles.

This is the first year that "rushing" at Indiana has been limited, and our contract covered a period of eight days, allowing us only three functions during that time. Our first was a large dance; the second was a small dinner party at which only six active girls and the "rushees" could be present; and the last was an afternoon reception at which we entertained "rushees," patronesses and faculty. While our success this year has been all we could desire, the fight to win it was unusually hard, and the general sentiment of all the sorority girls of Indiana University is *against* the contract. We are all ready and willing to work for Pi Phi, and we work with a determination to make it win out, but if the contract makes it so much harder for us, then should we be forced into a contract? I hope this is the last time to have one.

Several of our old girls were back to help us in the "rush," but they have all returned home, and we have settled down into the old routine. We have the added convenience of having our meals served in the house this year and it makes us more than ever "one big family." We are expecting many good times this year and our prospects for a good year are the very brightest, as I trust are those of every other chapter.

Yours in Pi Beta Phi,

MARY SAMPLE.

INDIANA GAMMA-BUTLER COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1897)

Both college and fraternity outlook are bright for us this year. Our college has a larger attendance than ever and there is abundance of "good material" for the fraternities. Eight active girls and two pledges returned to us, and we expect two more Pi Phis back after Christmas. We have finished a hurried "rushing" season as our contract with Kappa Kappa Gamma merely stated that all freshmen should be matriculated before being pledged. Although we much prefer a longer contract, yet we have been very successful in our "rushing," having gained six new girls. We gave them the usual round of entertainments, dinners, drives and "spreads." It is rumored that Kappa Alpha Theta has granted a charter to a club of girls in our school and if so, hereafter we may have a different "rushing" contract.

October fifth we initiated our eight pledges who are, Josephine Besaw, Akron, Ohio; Mary Clark, Danville, Ind.; Lilian Bergold, Springfield, Ill.; Mary Davis, Indianapolis, Ind.; Mildred Moorehead, Indianapolis,

Ind.; Edith Scudder, Indianapolis, Ind.; Hazel Woody, Cawker City, Kans.; Sara Paterson, Orange, Ind.

Indiana Gamma sends best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

BERTHA LOFTIN EMPEY.

MICHIGAN ALPHA -- HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1887)

Michigan Alpha is beginning the year with eight active members and two pledges, Virginia Holland and Polly Branch, who will be initiated before this letter appears in print. We were so glad to have Julia Soule, of Grand Haven, Mich., back with us this year; but, to our great regret, she has left college to accept a position in the customs office in her home city. She was loved by all the girls, especially by those in the dormitory, because of her constant thoughtfulness and sympathy.

Two of our active chapter and one of our alumnae attended the Lakeside Conference of the Young Women's Christian Association, meeting several other Pi Phis. Hillsdale had the largest delegation of any Michigan college. We noticed what a large proportion of the delegates were fraternity girls, a fact that would seem to indicate that fraternity girls are interested in something better than merely spreads, parties, and fun, which, though only the incidental part of our fraternity life, is frequently thought by outsiders to be the most important.

Michigan Alpha is hoping for a pleasant and successful year, a hope that she extends to all other chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

CHARLOTTE E. SHEPARD.

MICHIGAN BETA-UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(CHARTERED 1888)

Three weeks ago we opened our chapter house, but this year we had the new experience of renting an unfurnished house. The result is we have a very pretty home furnished as we want it and with our own furniture.

Rushing season was very strenuous this year. It began one week before college opened and has just come to a close. As a result of this busy season we are glad to introduce to you our new pledges: Gladys James, Muriel James, Margaret Breck, Ethel Melin, Daisy Olney, Annabel Carey, Rhoda Starr, Caroline Edwards.

We hope you all have as bright prospects for the coming year as we have.

DORA PAYNE

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA-IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1868)

Another school year has opened and Iowa Alpha has entered upon her thirty-eighth year of active chapterhood. She welcomes back eight active girls and three pledges.

On the twenty-fifth of September Alpha Xi Delta very pleasantly entertained all the girls in college at a reception. The house was beautifully decorated in golden rod which was then at its best.

As several of our "old girls" were with us a short time ago, we invited them to a "cookie shine." How they did enjoy talking over old times tcgether and with us. The spirit of all the past feasts, 'cookie shines" and friendships was present and we all pledged anew our faith and love for Pi Phi. Our alumnae chapter entertained the active chapter, pledges and several new girls October ninth. We are truly glad that we have an alumnae association and that they are so interested in us. We feel that the active chapter that has not the support and co-operation of an alumnae chapter is indeed to be pitied.

As yet we can not introduce any new girls to you as our pledging day does not come until the week before Thanksgiving and the "rushing" crisis has not yet been reached.

Wishing all of our sister chapters a happy and prosperous year, Iowa Alpha bids you farewell for 1905.

MARY BROOKS.

IOWA BETA-SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

We are very anxiously awaiting October seventeenth, when our season of rushing will be over and we shall know who of the new girls are to be of our number.

We are very glad to announce to our sister chapters, two new Pi Phis, Pearl Hathaway and Lois Silcott, whom we pledged last spring.

This year for the first time we have rented a chapter house and are very happy in our new quarters. We consider ourselves very fortunate in having one of our own alumnae as a matron.

On the afternoon of September thirtieth, we entertained the college faculty at our new house, and in the evening members of the several fraternities here.

Next week we are planning for a rushing party at the country home of our pledge, Amanda Young, but the result of this and our other "rushes," we will be able to announce in our next letter.

We hope that all our sister chapters will be as successful and prosperous this year as we hope to be

JESSIE SCHEE.

IOWA ZETA-UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

(CHARTERED 1882)

The year just beginning has opened very favorably and happily for us. For the first time we have a chapter house, and are learning daily how thoroughly enjoyable it is in every way. We had never realized before how much we missed in not being together, and now we have tried it, nothing will keep us apart again. We have nine girls in the house, and luckily those outside all live very near.

Like a great many of you, this time was our first experience with a pledge-day, and we have not quite decided yet how well we like it. September twenty-first, the first day of school, was pledge-day, and on that day we pledged Myrtle Gabriel and Elizabeth George. Later we pledged two charming upper classmen, Virginia Haldeman and Sarah McBride. With these our chapter numbers seventeen.

We are looking forward to another happy year of Pi Phi and college. May we all have it.

MIGNON J. MAYNARD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA-UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(CHARTERED 1894)

We have been having a perfect first week of college—not only the weather favored us, but everything seems propitious for a strong year for Wisconsin Alpha. By the time this letter goes into print we shall have pinned the arrow on ten new girls: Marie Burnham and Stella Kaiser of Madison, Lucile Waterman of Superior, Minnie Lee Dodd of Louisville, Ky., Margaret Stanton of Ames, Ia., Rega Bodden and Anita Koenen of Milwaukee, Leslie Purdy of Michigan City, Ind., Helen Fitch of Mason City, Ia., and Phoebe Becket, a transfer pledge from the Northwestern chapter. At our initiation we also expect to install Miss Edith Barber of Warren, as a patroness.

Many of the Greek letter societies are in their new houses now, and among the fraternities owning their lodges are: Phi Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi.

This year Wisconsin is fortunate in having Miss Elizabeth Bass of

Wellesley in charge of women's sports here, and many Pi Phis are competing for places in the tennis, basket ball, bowling and hockey games that are to be played off on Tournament Day next month. Athletics have always occupied a prominent place among Wisconsin women students and now that they are under more organized management we hope to make greater progress than ever. The greatest interest has always seemed to center around the inter-sorority bowling contest—Chi Omega now holding the cup.

Wisconsin Alpha sends greetings to all the chapters, old and new, and hopes the coming year will see more accomplished for Pi Beta Phi than in any preceding year.

CORA CASE HINKLEY.

MISSOURI ALPHA-UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(CHARTERED 1898)

The beginning of this college year finds the members of Missouri Alpha rejoicing in the fact that they are comfortably situated in their new chapter house. We feel proud of securing this house for besides other qualifications it is located only one block from the college campus. We still have Miss Organ as chaperone.

Fourteen girls of last year's chapter have returned and two girls of year before last are with us again, Edith Snyder, who was away on account of her mother's illness and Ethel Robnett, who spent last winter in California.

The first week of school was a very busy and exciting one, but now with our seven new pledges we feel amply repaid for our efforts. Missouri Alpha is glad to introduce to Pi Beta Phi: Anna Hudson, Carrolton, Mo.; Nevora Fuller. Mound City, Mo.; Amanda Painter, Carrolton, Mo.; Dot Johannus, Nevada, Mo.; Mary Martha Suddath, Warrensburg, Mo.; Charline Shepherd, Warrensburg, Mo.; Elizabeth Clay, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; and Minnie Organ, Salem, Mo.

Our rushing parties consisted of a driving party on Tuesday afternoon, followed by a spread at the home of Ethel and Mittie V. Robnett. The house was decorated in Pi Phi banners and colors. Wednesday evening we had a fudge party at the chapter house. Thursday afternoon our alumnae gave us a tea. Saturday evening we had a dance in the university club.

At present football practice is exciting a great deal of interest. The squad this year will be larger than ever before and every effort will be put forth to develop a team worthy to represent the University of Missouri.

May the coming months be pleasant ones to all Pi Phis.

JEAN MCCUNE.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA-NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1891)

No letter.

KANSAS ALPHA-KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1873)

The school year has opened with very bright prospects in view for Kansas Alpha. In the first place, although we still mourn the loss of our eight seniors of last year, one of them Clara Carr, is back for graduate work, and Anna Lanter, who has been out of school for a year has come back to finish her course. Most of the girls came back a day or two early to help the town girls prepare for rushing. Our "stunts" consisted of a tea and reception at our chapter house, a chocolate at the home of one of the girls, and an indoor picnic at the country home of an alumna.

By an agreement made last year among the fraternities pledge-day was six days from matriculation Wednesday, and on noon of that day we pledged our seven new girls. They are: Amarette Weaver, Elizabeth Stephens, Bertha Lucken, Grace Leslie, Pearl Scott, Frances Shryock and Alice Hart. We are justly proud of our freshmen, who have already shown true Pi Phi patriotism and loyalty to the wine and blue in many ways.

We held initiation for our pledges on September thirtieth, and afterward had a "cookie shine" and farce. Beside the Lawrence alumnae who were with us on this occasion were: Mary Chase Chamberlin, Jeanette Ware and Betty Bates of Topeka, and Elsie Evans of Leavenworth.

Many changes for the better have taken place in the university this fall. The hour system has been put in use instead of the old term system by which we have heretofore enrolled. It is proving to be very successful since we have become accustomed to it, although at first it was a little confusing with classes so differently arranged.

The school of medicine has been enlarged, and in the future will be run in connection with a hospital newly built in the suburb of a neighboring city. The length of the course has also been changed from two to four years. These improvements make ours a first class medic school, and there is already a noticeable growth in the enrollment in that department. Aside from these, improvements have been made in the way

of buildings. A new law building and museum have just been completed, and work will soon be begun on a \$10,000 structure to be used for auditorium and gymnasium.

Sarah Wilder, one of our '05 girls, sailed for Paris on October seventh, to study vocal. We think she has a wonderful voice and predict that some day she will sing herself into fame.

Kansas Alpha sends best wishes for a year of happiness and prosperity to all Pi Phis.

NINA B. FELL.

NEBRASKA BETA--UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(CHARTERED 1895)

We are all very glad to be back in college and glad of the opportunity of introducing to our sisters seven new pledges. They are Mabel Lyford, Floss Denny, Gertrude Kincaide, Marie Talbot, Grace Hamilton, Mary Wadsworth and Edna Scott. Rushing season was practically as strenuous as in the past years, but on the whole quieter work has been done and the confusion was over in a week's time. For here in Nebraska we have set the first day of registration as pledge-day and the rushing is not prolonged beyond this first week. We managed to fill up the days with parties, and spreads and now we can breathe a sigh of relief to think that it is all over and that we have secured the desired girls. A very delightful twilight musicale was given by Alleyne Archibald and Mrs. Frederick Funke at the home of the latter; a progressive breakfast at the homes of Melinda Stuart and Charlotte Spaulding; a swimming party, five o'clock tea and luncheon, housewarming and finally a dance made up our programme.

We have especially to thank our alumnae who helped us greatly in entertaining and we are rejoicing with them that our chapter keeps increasing. Mrs. Frank Brown is now living in Lincoln and this makes one more enthusiastic Pi Phi. The chapter has lost but one of its members since last year—Oda Closson.

The active chapter is glad to have with them Charlotte Spaulding, who has been in Colorado for the past two years. Pearl Fitzgerald, who has suffered a great loss in the death of her mother, will soon be back again. Pauline Bush expects to return to us in November and then our family will be complete.

We are extremely proud of our new home and feel that it is an ideal chapter house. At present there are ten girls and one chaperone, Mrs. Hill. Gertrude Morris, one of our alumnae, is also in the house. Our house is so close to the university campus that town girls take noon lunch with us and this brings the entire active chapter together many times a week.

The outlook for the future is very promising, and Nebraska Beta hopes to gain much this year in spirit, enthusiasm and loyalty. We wish success and happiness to all our sister chapters.

KATE HANCOCK.

TEXAS ALPHA -- UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

(CHARTERED 1902)

We girls of Texas Alpha returned to school this year with a joyful anticipation of the future before us. In the first place we have fifteen active members to begin with and we expect two old girls after Christmas. However we are taking a great interest in the rushing and hope in our next letter to tell of some fine new Pi Phis.

We have a very delightful new chapter house. It is ideally located and splendidly adapted to entertaining. Though this is only our second year in a chapter house, we find it exceedingly beneficial in many ways beside being very enjoyable. We would strongly advise our sister chapters, who have never had homes, to procure them without delay.

A few days after school opened we gave our annual informal spread to ten freshman girls. This we find to be a very effective rushing party. The informality pleases the new girls and gives the old girls an opportunity to see them as they really are. A week later we gave the first of a series of teas which we intend to give during the winter. This first tea was especially in honor of the University Ladies' club and our patronesses. A few freshmen received with us and all of our friends called.

Texas University received a severe shock in the loss of her president, Mr. William Lambden Prather, who died in the latter part of July. This is indeed a deep sorrow, for Mr. Prather was an able president and a man of splendid personality. Mr. D. F. Houston was immediately chosen his successor. Mr. Houston was at one time dean of the university but has for three years been president of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College.

It is with pleasure that we introduce to you our first pledge, Bessie Garrison. She has two Texas Alpha sisters and our Pan-Hellenic rule which decrees that October the twenty-eighth be pledge-day, makes an exception of sisters.

Texas Alpha sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

LOTTIE HARRIS.

COLORADO ALPHA-UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(CHARTERED 1884)

This year Colorado Alpha is the largest in its history. We number thirty-seven counting our twelve pledges, two transfers and one post-ARBOW-5

graduate. Our two transfers are Bernice Coultrap of Ohio Alpha and Jessie Thompson, returned from Denver University.

Our plan for a local pledge-day failed, so our rushing season was short but strenuous. A Sunday evening musicale, a reception, a garden-party, a tea given us by our patroness, Mrs. Gamble, a reception by Mrs. Buckingham, and a cookie-shine by Mrs. Wangelin, were among our rushing festivities.

A new feature in our chapter this year was our pledging ceremony, to which the freelimen were summoned by official note. A committee of three seniors had drawn up the services, and it proved a good thing for it gave the girls an insight into the true dignity of Pi Beta Phi.

The freshmen are preparing an original farce and are to be ready to perform it any night after October the thirteenth. We have been assured of our freshmen's talent in this line, for after our twelfth girl was pledged, they gave a take-off of our rushing season and manners in the cleverest way.

With many wishes for a pleasant year.

LUELLA CORBIN.

COLORADO BETA-DENVER UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1885)

The excitement that accompanies the opening of the school year is beginning to calm down, so Colorado Beta pauses to send wishes of good cheer to all Pi Phis.

We take pleasure in introducing the "stars" of the freshman class: Edith Dresser, Jessie Griffith, Alta Stewart, Sarah White, Muriel Welker, and Marjorie Williams.

Our chief aim in this season's rushing was to win through friendshipa method which we have not found wanting. On the night before pledgeday we gave a dinner followed by a dance at the beautiful home of Mrs. Bosworth, a member of our alumnae. The evening passed pleasantly in dancing or roaming through the extensive grounds made brilliant by Japanese lanterns.

Denver University, like all other colleges, has "bright prospects." But the predominating thought of Colorado Beta is to arouse ourselves to a more fervent zeal for better internal development. One branch of thought runs in charitable channels. Hence monthly concerts to the "Boys' Working Home" and to the "Neighborhood House," institutions worthy of our best efforts, have been in evidence.

Through the bond of the wine and blue, Colorado Beta sends greetings to you all.

GRACE DELSHER.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA- -LELAND STANFORD JR. UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1905)

Our university life begins so early that it is hard to realize that the eastern and southern colleges are just opening. We have all been back about six weeks for the girls tried to return a week before registration day in order to get the chapter house ready for rushing. In this year we had the valuable aid of Ruth Waterhouse, ex-'o6, who came down from her home in San Francisco to help us, and the result of our work in this line is shown by our five pledges whom we proudly introduce as prospective Pi Phis: Miss Bonnie Carter from Fresno; Miss Frances Henking from San Diego; Miss May Brunton from Salt Lake City; Miss May Franklin from Chicago; Miss Marie Bellows from Cleveland. We also expect in about a week to have a sixth pledge, from Los Angeles.

We have been so absorbed in our rushing and since it ended only a day ago, it is rather difficult to write of anything else. We had a number of very stringent rushing regulations this year and consequently the ingenuity and patience of every fraternity girl at Stanford was taxed to the uttermost. But the finest kind of spirit was almost universally displayed. No girl's fraternity was allowed to rush before half past four in the afternoon on a college day and no men could be invited to any rushing stunt. There were many restrictions, too, as to the kinds and times of rushing parties. Among our most successful affairs were a picnic in the hills, with drives and horseback rides beforehand; a matinee party in San Francisco; a formal dinner at which the decorations, favors, and place cards all suggested Pi Phi; and a candy pull. Our rushing dates were all tabulated beforehand on a large chart with a page for each week. This was kept in the library so that any girl could see at a glance what freshmen were coming to any affair, be it large or small. Although we feel more than happy over our own successful outcome, we hope that the recent rushing rules will not be continued next year, and that some more rational ones can be agreed upon. We are looking forward to our first initiation with a great deal of pleasure and are all hoping that it may be an occasion for a reunion of all the Pi Phis living near enough to come.

As soon as our initiation is over we are going to plan definitely for our own chapter house. This year we succeeded in renting a very desirable house, but we feel the need of a house of our own and we hope that next spring will see the foundation laid of a comfortable and commodious chapter house.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to the near visit of our delegate, Miss Robinson, and we hope that she can spend several days with us.

With the hope that each and every chapter may have more than good results in rushing and with best wishes for a happy and successful year. Faithfully in Pi Beta Phi.

LOUISE PEARCE.

CALIFORNIA BETA-UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(CHARTERED 1900)

College and the chapter house opened this year the seventeenth of August after three delightful months of vacation. It was with reluctancy that we returned to resume the responsibilities of college and fraternity work after the summer days of pleasure and freedom. But after meeting and greeting our former classmates and friends on registration day, when the whole college assembles, we again became thrilled with college interest, spirit and enthusiasm.

Rushing commenced for the first time under the new rules of Pan-Hellenic. Pledge-day was on September eighth allowing just three weeks for the season. Within a week after that date we had pledged six girls to Pi Beta Phi. Five of the pledges were made Pi Phis by initiation the twenty-third of September.

We are very happy and proud to introduce to you Charlotte Marie Wattus, Treasure Sterling Ellis, Amy Helen Hill, Elizabeth Marie Stetson and Sue C. Hiestand. They are all freshmen, already loyal workers for the wine and blue.

California Alpha, of Stanford, was represented at initiation by Jean Miller, Ella May Lambert, Stella Henking and Louise Pearce, and our alumnae by Beth Adams-Brown and Augusta Van Kirk. We were glad to welcome them with the new Pi Phis.

Among the larger social affairs of rushing season were a dancing party, college-euchre card party and a dinner at the home of Edith White, '07, the evening before rushing ceased. It was the prettiest and most delightful of all the festivities. I am sure it must have won the freshmen's hearts.

California Beta was quite strong in denouncing the hard fixed rules and regulations of Pan-Hellenic. There are advantages as well as disadvantages in the new system and if it is necessary to conform again to it we hope that it may bring us as much success and happiness as it did this semester.

During the three weeks we were greatly aided by two eastern Pi Phis, Molly Kendall of Middlebury, Vt., and Mrs. Burr of Detroit, Mich. We were proud to have the freshmen meet our charming eastern sisters. We only wish that we could meet and know more of the distant Pi Phis because we are so far west there is a slight feeling of isolation.

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We are looking forward with pleasureable anticipation to the visit of Florence Porter Robinson, our ARROW editor, whom we expect within a week. It will be pleasant to show her our large and prosperous university, our beautiful campus overlooking the bay and Golden Gate and our Greek theatre which by this time has become famous. Other fraternity girls will be glad also to extend to her a California hospitality.

College is active in both a social and material way. In October there is the "Freshie Glee" and the freshmen football game between Stanford and California; for November there is the junior promenade and dance, and the Varsity game with Stanford.

Foundation is being laid for the new library building and "California Hall" is nearly completed. A chair of music has just been established under the charge of Dr. Wolle of Pennsylvania. A large chorus is being drilled. Next semester a regular course of technical and theoretical work commences.

The year so far has been unusually prosperous both in college and fraternity work. The chapter house is completely full as all the girls have returned including the '05 graduates who are taking post-graduate work. We hope that the year may continue as it began.

California Beta sends her heartiest congratulations and greetings to all her sisters in Pi Beta Phi.

MABEL ADELE GODDARD.

Exchanges

Since the issue of the July Arrow the following publications have been received and are hereby acknowledgd:

For August—The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, the Eleusis of Chi Omega.

It seems ungenerous to say "We told you so," but we felt like saying just that when we read this communication to the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma. That the Inter-Sorority Conference can formulate any set of rules which will work well in colleges of every sort and every size seems well-nigh impossible. Would it not be better to let each college make its own rules and grant no special dispensations?

The Pan-Hellenic Association at the University of Michigan is just one year old. The seven national sororities composing it have done their best to make it a success, and the rules as to pledging have been lived up to with the greatest conscientiousness. A spirit of good feeling exists among its members, although perhaps in no greater degree than before the Association was formed. But the rules had not been in force six months before they were felt to be unsatisfactory in view of local conditions, and the dissatisfaction steadily grew until it took the form of appeals to the various Grand Councils for release from Pan-Hellenic rules. At the present writing five of the seven sororities, Kappa among them, have received special dispensations allowing them to pledge non-matriculates, and we sincerely hope the other two will soon receive the same permission.

It seems to be the general opinion that the old methods of rushing, regulated only by the individual chapter's regard for its own self-respect and the dignity of its fraternity, were the best ones—at least for this particular university, where the situation is complicated by the presence

For June-The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, the Angelos of Kappa Delta.

For July—The Anchora of Delta Gamma, the Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the Phi Chi Quarterly, the Alpha Phi Quarterly.

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of a strong local society independent of Pan-Hellenic regulations. It had been the custom to entertain high school girls at various times during the year, inviting them to visit us on the occasion of some college festivity. The rushing and pledging done in this way was quiet and dignified, and did not interfere with college work as much as that during the regular "rushing season" after matriculation. Under Pan-Hellenic rules this was stopped and all felt its absence to be a loss.

We now have a Pan-Hellenic Association which can not long remain a part of the National Association since it is no longer bound by the national regulations. Perhaps other chapters have experienced a similar difficulty in applying rules made by a small committee in which their interests were not directly represented.

But it seems that Alpha Phi has repented granting the privilege of pledging before matriculation to the chapter at Michigan, because forsooth she had not the consent of the Inter-Sorority Conference. We should really like somebody to say what has invested the conference with power to make the "laws" to which Alpha Phi declares herself loyal.

Alpha Phi desires to present to all of the sororities represented in the Inter-Sorority Conference an apology for the act which granted to Theta Chapter of Alpha Phi at the University of Michigan, the privilege of pledging non-matriculates. This privilege was granted upon the statement, which was supposed to be correct, that all the charters represented in the University of Michigan had been granted such privilege. It has since transpired that no chapter at Michigan had then been granted the privilege but that all were seeking such privilege. Alpha Phi recognizes that the act was not legal, because given without the consent of the Inter-Sorority Conference and announces that no chapter of Alpha Phi has any authority to pledge non-matriculates, except Iota chapter at the University of Wisconsin. We have the signed statement of Theta Chapter that the privilege has not been used and that no sub-freshmen have been pledged under it. We regret exceedingly the misunderstanding that has arisen from our error in this matter. Alpha Phi is loyal to the laws of the Inter-Sorority Conference and has no intention of disregarding them. We have no desire to take unfair advantage of our Greek sisters and each chapter will be held to the strictest observance of the Inter-Sorority compact.

Anent the rushing season, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta voices two ideas which we all have but do not all live up to.

Especially are chapters to be reminded over and over to "assume no unnatural pose during the rushing season."

Chapter rushing should aim to accomplish two things: to afford the chapter an opportunity to size up and thoroughly understand the man under consideration, and to acquaint the man with the character of the chapter, and the personality of its members. The fraternal obligation is a life-long one, and the relations of the brothers of the same chapter are so intimate that the greatest care should be taken never to extend a bid to a man who is liable to prove a misfit. This danger can be avoided in two ways; by caution and no undue haste in bidding and pledging, and by the chapter's being its own genuine, natural self during the rushing season. We doubt if any chapter has ever lost a really valuable man by the slight delay in extending a formal invitation due to a reasonable caution; and a display of such caution will certainly save much future complication-and often the necessity of an expulsion. By assuming no unnatural pose during the rushing season a chapter will attract only men of congenial tastes and similar views, and in this way it will avoid a great deal of the danger of making mistakes in the new material it would seek to assimilate.

The moral of the following from the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi seems to be that chapters should be more interested and perhaps more grateful for the recommendations of alumni, while the alumni should not feel too much aggrieved if their advice is not always taken.

"During the past eight years, I have taken a personal interest in half a dozen or more young men of my acquaintance who entered different institutions where we have chapters. In each case I wrote one or more letters to the chapter. Possibly I was inopportune in my intervention, and mistaken in my judgment of the young men whom I was recommending, for in not a single case have I so much as received a word of acknowledgment of my endeavor to assist the chapter.

"Before closing, I would express a word of caution concerning any cooperation between chapters and alumni. There are two dangers. Alumni, often not understanding local conditions, may frequently urge the selection of men unsuited to a particular chapter. The consequent rejection by the chapter may lead to unpleasant relations. Chapters, on the other hand, are apt, in the case of frequent 'spikings' by the alumni for them, to have their own capacity in this direction weakened."

From its first annual published report Alpha Phi Quarterly makes an interesting summary. Probably it is only the personal

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opinion of the editor that fixes the ideal chapter membership at twenty-five. Doubtless there are a good many, even in her own fraternity, who would consider that number too large, even for the larger university chapter.

The size of each chapter is interesting to us; in some colleges the membership roll in fraternities is limited to a very small number; in others the number in active relation is rather larger than seems compatible with the best results. We do not advocate the very small chapter, since there is always an irresistible influence to confine it to one type of girl. A membership roll of twenty-five seems to us to approach the ideal.

Not a large number of Alpha Phis have left college before graduation during the present year. There are valid reasons for discontinuing one's college course before its completion, but far too many young women do so because of lack of serious purpose in their collegiate work. Alpha Phi initiates only students in regular courses and encourages these to complete the work necessary for a degree.

The social life of our chapters is significant. Much is said in these days of excessive social entertainment among fraternity women. The report on this point indicates moderation with which we are pleased. The development of the social in student life is most important, but it is not to predominate.

Five chapters, Beta, Epsilon, Zeta, Eta and Theta report that their QUARTERLY files are not bound to date. We regret that this matter has been so long neglected by these chapters. It is important that a competent member should be put in charge of this work; one who will not leave it until the volumes are bound and properly cared for in chapter house or rooms.

Nine Alpha Phis won the distinction of election to Phi Beta Kappa. We congratulate the chapter and the individuals. A high grade of scholarship is or ought to be the ambition of every loyal Alpha Phi.

The medical fraternity, Phi Chi, has some laws which some other fraternities would do well to borrow and enforce, especially perhaps, the three here quoted.

Resolved, That the editor of the QUARTERLY shall compile and publish in said QUARTERLY, at least twice a year, all laws of this Fraternity that do not appear in the Constitution and By-Laws, and shall call the attention of local Chapters to all new laws following their adoption.

Resolved, That there be created in the Chapter the office of Judge Advocate, the duties of which incumbent shall be to familiarize himself with "Robert's Rules of Order," the Constitution and By-Laws of indivd-

ual and Grand Chapters, and to whom all questions under such rulings shall be referred for settlement. It shall be his duty further to call the attention of the Chapter to any infringement upon the constituted rules, and to construe same in their application to the question at issue. Appeal from his decision is to the Grand Chapter. His election shall be for one year. Be it further resolved, that the Judge Advocate sit to the left and slightly behind the Presiding Senior.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the different Chapters, in considering for membership the name of a man who is known to have attended another college where there is a Chapter of the Phi Chi Fraterity, and to have been eligible to membership in the said Chapter, shall be required to inquire, in writing, of the other Chapter to membership in which the man has been eligible, as to the character and standing of the man in question, and the reason, if there is any, why he was not elected to membership.

Kappa Kappa Gamma has recently established a chapter at Adelphi.

Chi Omega has entered the University of West Virginia.

Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Phi have lately adopted the custom of an annual report in their respective magazines. Was Pi Phi or Theta the author of the plan?

Kappa Alpha Theta has re-established her chapter at Toronto University.

With the convention at Evanston, the editorship of the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma passes to Miss Grace Abbott. Mrs. Pancoast, the former editor, served for eight years and her predecessor, if we mistake not, for ten. We trust the new editor may have an equally long and successful term of service.

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