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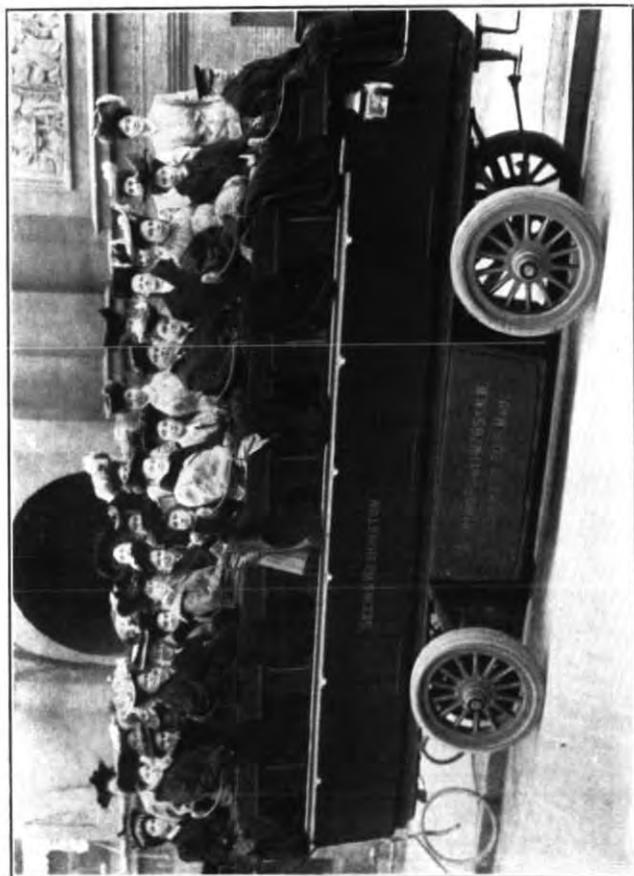
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## *Afterthoughts*

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At times a doubt will come to the sorority girl, however devoted she may be to her own chapter, as to whether Greek letter societies are just and whether they accomplish enough good to outweigh their defects.

We have to admit that in the excitement of rushing season fine girls are often overlooked who have slight chance of ever being taken after the chapter's circle is completed. We are sorry to say that sometimes our judgment is faulty, that we accept for membership those who later prove unworthy and reject others who would become splendid additions to our ranks.

Yet on the other hand we do honestly try to choose for our members girls who are superior in breeding, character or intelligence. We try to obtain those pre-eminent in some way, the best ones in college and it is indisputable that the "elite" of a college are found in its fraternities. We cannot deny that as good and often better individual girls are outside Greek circles, yet we confidently assert that if a comparison of the two *classes* is made, the sorority girls will be found superior in most lines.

There is an impression prevalent among college people and their friends that those who do not belong to a Greek letter society are in some way inferior or they would be members.

The first question asked of a college girl from a college where fraternities exist is,—“Do you belong to a sorority?” If the girl does not, she invariably makes some apologetic explanation. Many “barb” girls feel that there is a stigma attached to them. One who knows the non-fraternity girls well, understands how bitter many of them are against the “Greeks.” The member of a society, absorbed in her chapter's interests, the friendships with

her sorority sisters and rivalry with other like organizations, almost forgets that there are non-fraternity girls. They are so apart from her world that she rarely thinks of them. Yet they on their side are making keen, critical observance of the sorority girls and a comparison. They wonder why they were not taken as those girls were. To the non-fraternity girls, Greek letter societies represent an "I am better than thou" attitude which they naturally resent.

In small colleges especially, there is little social life for the "barbs" and the majority of these girls secretly hope to be asked to join a sorority. A faculty reception, a Y. W. C. A. social or a half dead literary club is the only form of social pleasure open to them. While there are numbers of these girls who do not care at all for society, yet cases are by no means unknown where girls have left college simply because their life was a routine of work without any recreation. This class includes not only girls who are used to good times at home but others who have always lived quiet monotonous lives.

Every girl who puts herself and her best effort into her chapter life realizes a great benefit and gains more than she gives. Fraternity does much for its members. It has accomplished wonders in "bringing out" girls and making them more capable members of society. It drills them in loyalty and unselfishness. It urges on the timid and restrains the too impulsive. It rebukes snobbishness and teaches sisterhood.

In the end the question narrows down to this:—have the best people in college a right to separate themselves even if they work for mutual advancement? In all grades of society are found cliques, in the neighborhood, the club, the church, everywhere are "sets" to which fine clothes, money or ancestors are often the only "Open Sesame." These have always existed and always will, and however dubious we are at times about fraternities, we will always maintain that they represent the "clique" in its highest and purest development.

BERTHA L. EMPY.

*Fraternity Correspondence*

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As a whilom corresponding secretary of one of Pi Beta Phi's chapters several years ago, the writer was unpleasantly struck with the apparent lack of social training shown in the form of much too large a part of the fraternity correspondence. Letters sent from other chapters came in poor business envelopes, at times in government stamped envelopes, which to a woman who considers these things, are appropriate only for the most business-like purposes. But what shall be said of the insides of some of these letters? One in particular comes to mind, though the identity of the writer is long since forgotten, an annual chapter letter mimeographed from a typewritten copy, on cheap block paper. Of course this was an extreme case, but there were many less striking which were far from being credits to the chapters they represented.

Then, too, there is the temptation to economize by the use of post cards, but the thoroughly well-bred woman should avoid the use of these as she would any other means of making her private affairs public,—and if her own affairs are to be guarded, why not those of her fraternity? Not because there is need for secrecy is she careful of this, but because mail matter must go through many hands, and the privacy of a letter is much more in keeping with the modesty and dignity of a true lady than the careless publicity of the post card.

Then, girls, let one of the older Pi Phis plead for more care in this matter. Let us use paper of a good quality, let us be conservative as to its shape, and especially its color. A double sheet which folds once into a square or slightly longer envelope is always in good taste. As to color, by all means, for you will be judged by your choice, use white, cream, pearl gray, or the lightest shade of dull blue. Stronger colors may be the fad for the time being, but to the conservative woman are always in questionable taste. And can we not for the good of the fraternity, abolish the use of the post card? This might double the station-

ery bill for some of us, but would it not add enough to the dignity of our chapters to insure each girl's contributing the extra quarter, and that cheerfully?

Do these seem very small matters to the busy college girl? Let her try to realize the standpoint of the woman of the world, or if she cannot, let her conform to the *best* usage, trusting that there is something back of it, as there is back of so much etiquette which is seemingly without reason.

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### *The College Woman in the Government Service*

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In writing of the college woman in government service, I feel tempted to take all the articles ever published entitled, "Women in the Professions," and "Women in the Business World" and illuminating them with a huge index finger, inscribe, "Follow these directions closely." The same qualities that make a successful professional woman or a successful business woman, make a woman a success in any other calling it is given her to follow. For in the modern woman's career, brains and brawn are the essentials: brains, that she may use tact and discretion and keep under cover all aggressiveness to surpass her colleagues; brawn, that she may pass through every crisis with a calm dignity that would never suggest such a thing as nerves. It is only, then, in certain details that a woman's life in the government service differs from that in any other vocation.

The government service, and by that I mean the Departments in Washington, includes all things. This is by no means too broad a statement. One might almost say that this government of the people, by the people and for the people embraces in addition the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the stars in the heavens, the plants of the earth and many other things such as patents, revenues, pensions and so on ad infinitum. This is a busy country and to keep things going, over twenty-five thousand men and women are employed in Washington alone. So when you have decided that you wish to enter Department life you must

ask yourself some questions. First, "For what am I fitted?" and if that question is easily answered, then, "Is there a demand for that class of work?" For it seems as if, in years past, the government had reached out its arms and received for its use just about what it wanted. It seldom has to look long for a worker, no matter how special may be the requirements, so that today in almost every branch of the service, the supply far exceeds the demand.

With the knowledge of your capacity to do one kind of work well, comes the question, "Can I meet the requirements of the Civil Service Examination?" For whether you wish to become a seamstress in the Indian Service or a computer for the Nautical Almanac, it is necessary to pass an examination covering the requirements of each position. Perhaps you have made a specialty of kindergarten work and would like to impart your knowledge to the little Indians, you will find that the examination will cover a knowledge of nature study, the psychology of childhood and the songs and games used in this work. Or perhaps you have made a specialty of mathematics so that you feel competent to become a computer in the Naval Observatory. A quick and correct use of logarithms, a knowledge of pure mathematics through calculus, also a knowledge of astronomy, both mathematical and general, are some of the requirements.

The Agricultural Department embraces a wide field of knowledge. If in your college days you have ridden a hobby, here is your opportunity and I am safe in saying that there is a real demand for the special knowledge that is included in the broad and ever growing subject of agriculture. If you have delved in chemistry or botany or have a mania for animal bacteriology, entomology or ornithology, an examination in any one of these subjects will be given you. To an enthusiast in such work the government offers every opportunity for experiment in and further development of the subject.

But perhaps you have never specialized to any extent, but with a broad general education, you are thrown on your own resources, with an eagerness and willingness to fill a clerical

position. This calls for an examination of a general character. For a college student it would be necessary to go back to first principles, to forget for the moment all algebraic formulae and, recalling the old arithmetic, to be able to add long columns of figures quickly and accurately, to spell from dictation such words as "separate," "rapping," "suspicious"; and to write a short essay on, for instance, "The advantages now derived by mankind from the art of printing" or "The advantages and disadvantages of employment in the departmental service in Washington." I quote from the manual prepared by the Civil Service Commission for 1905.

In all these examinations, whether they be of a special or general character, too much importance cannot be attached to the hand-writing. Though you have the wisdom of Solomon and understand all mysteries and all knowledge and do not write a plain, neat hand, you are nothing. Ye college girls, whose writing is perfectly *illegible*, reform at once if you ever hope to pass a Civil Service examination. One thing more I would speak of in terms of warning. Beware of your punctuation marks! We have been prone to take our commas and periods as a matter of course, quite beneath our notice, while many of us have entirely ignored the colons and semi-colons. Take heed to these little things lest you fall.

I would not have you think that every one who passes an examination receives an appointment. The statistics compiled by the Civil Service Commission tell a far different story. It is the story of tens of thousands who fail, of thousands who pass and of a mere handful who receive the coveted appointments. When they come, it is the story of beginning at the bottom with little things, even so small, for example, as addressing envelopes, when you know you are competent to make a report on a system of irrigation. There is always plenty of routine work to do until you feel that you are rapidly developing into a machine, but painstaking accurate routine work counts in the long run. If you are so fortunate as to obtain a position in one of the scientific bureaus, the finest equipment is at your service, for the government is eager to disseminate learning throughout the

land, but it requires in return, that its employees shall be eager to add to their efficiency. A young woman of my acquaintance who was stenographer to a scientist was told when she received her appointment, "We do not confine ourselves to words in the dictionary, Miss ——, this is the place where we make words."

By far the greater number of positions are of a clerical nature simply. Under this head would come the vast army of typewriters and stenographers, for whom there is a great demand. The last report of the Civil Service Commission devotes a paragraph to the difficulty of obtaining, not mediocre workers of this class, but those who are able to do a superior kind of work.

For a woman with a keen business instinct who is willing at times to ignore the esthetic side of life, a position in the government service has its attractions. The philosophical woman will reason with herself, that there are harder tasks in the world than those performed at her desk or on her typewriter from nine in the morning until half-past four in the afternoon. She will also look forward to the thirty days leave of absence which comes to her every year as the Peri looks into Paradise. She will imagine, if she has any imagination left after a period of years has passed, that her cross-grained desk-mate who may be grumbling as usual over the amount of work he has to do or the draft on his head, is speaking with the voice of an angel. It may happen, and the chances are about even, that her desk-mate has a charming personality, that he quotes Shakespeare at odd moments, and has ideas upon the socialism of Tolstoi.

How a woman is treated by her companions in office depends entirely upon herself. She must remember, first of all, that she is not in the drawing room and drawing-room etiquette will not be enforced. She will find that a shirt-sleeve diplomacy, mingled with a spirit of comradeship and kindly good nature is the best weapon of defense. She must be prepared for anything. Five minutes before the closing-hour, an official may send for information which she alone can furnish. Though it take her an hour to put it into shape and though her best friend be waiting on the next corner, with a smile she must bow to the inevitable.

But there is a feeling which is growing day by day, until it has long ceased to be an undercurrent. I speak of the prejudice against appointing women to any branch of the service. Time was when she was received gladly and taken for what she was worth. That her work was and is good, no one, not even those most bitterly opposed to women in the service, questions for a moment. But notice the small number of women appointed each year in proportion to the number of men. There are at present, eighteen thousand eight hundred men, while there are only six thousand eight hundred women. One official will be heard to say, "I do not consider a woman capable of doing the work of the office." Another will say, "The service is overrun with women. Give us men hereafter." And yet another will say, "No woman, no matter what she does, is worthy of receiving a salary of more than a thousand dollars a year." How unreasonable it sounds, and yet arguments are wasted. To be sure there are some officials who take the broadminded view, that when there is a piece of work to do it is a question of mental capacity, not of sex, that a woman of brains is as capable of performing a given task as a man of brains and they are able to point to well known instances of great executive ability exemplified among the women in the service.

The trouble lies partly in the women themselves. Many have exhibited an aggressiveness which has put men upon the defensive. But more than that, so many have taken advantage of their sex not only to the extent of making themselves disagreeable associates, but of enforcing restraints upon the men, that what would be overlooked at first, is now pronounced a full sized objection. The horror that a man has of a woman's tears is by no means a joke. That many women, under a great nervous strain, dissolve in tears is likewise true. It is no exaggeration to say that one woman's tears have damaged the chances of hundreds of other women.

That this prejudice will grow to the extent of excluding women from the government offices is scarcely possible, but that it will effect their future careers is certain.

One word about the compensation. It is true, that, outside of the professions, there is no employment for women which pays so well. The salary upon entrance to the classified service is nine hundred dollars a year. Generally speaking, after serving two years you are eligible to a promotion which you *may* receive, if you have worked faithfully and well, if there are not too many others who have served longer than you and if your official superior recommends such action. The majority of women receive twelve hundred a year, there are many who receive fourteen hundred and a few, sixteen hundred. It may be said that those who receive that salary feel that they have reached the pinnacle. There are but seventeen women who receive eighteen hundred a year, so you see the goal for which you are to struggle.

The future of women in the government service is an open question. Will the prevailing prejudice grow until the appointment of a woman is the exception, or will the pendulum swing the other way so that the question will rest, not upon sex but upon the efficiency of the applicant? From the woman's standpoint arises the question, is the sacrifice of individuality, the inexorable nerve-racking routine worth the price. Consider the problem well from all sides before you make the decision, and then, if you enter the service, let your womanly dignity guide you through every action.

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*A Short Time Contract*

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California Alpha has been more than interested in what the other chapters have had to say concerning making rules and pledge-day. This year, according to the decision rendered, or rather reached, by the Executive Committee of the local Pan-Hellenic Association, pledge-day was set as the fourth

Friday after college opened. This made practically a six week's rushing season, as almost every chapter began rushing several days before the actual registration day. As a result of this extended strenuous life, almost every girl in the chapter was utterly worn out, unfit for college work for the next few weeks, and very far behind in her semester's work. On talking the situation over with other fraternity girls, it seemed that at the time of issuing the bids, almost every one agreed with our chapter that six weeks was entirely too long. But now, as the time approaches to make a new contract for next year, there seems to be a general opinion that a six weeks' contract was very successful. We certainly feel that our outcome in rushing was a most successful one, but also realize that the result to the older girls was anything but desirable, when we truly believe that we could have gotten the same girls in three weeks (one-half the actual time) and with what a difference in the general strain and worry!

We have been very interested in the course pursued by Illinois Zeta, and their satisfactory results have more firmly convinced us that a rushing season of not more than three weeks is long enough, when some sort of a contract is insisted upon. Our contract this year was anything but satisfactory in every detail, but the restrictions, as such, were moves in the right direction, we believe. Formerly, the contract was confined merely to a pledge day some few weeks after matriculation. This was sufficient when there were only a few chapters and the rushing was purely nominal, but with the increased number of women students and sorority chapters and the consequent rivalry between them, there was an evident need of some sort of restriction rules in rushing. This was met with in the shape of our past rushing rules and a bidding day five weeks after matriculation and this, we hope, will be modified to a much shorter time next year.

As a chapter, we would like to try an experiment some year of having no formal bidding day at all. Simply each fraternity could ask any girl whenever it chose, provided it was after the girl's matriculation. But such a state of affairs will probably

never occur here, considering the existing peculiar conditions at Stanford. At best we can only hope for a short rushing season, with more reasonable and less absurd regulations.

California Alpha sincerely hopes that each individual chapter's troubles and questions in these matters may soon be satisfactorily and effectually settled.

*California Alpha.*

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### *The Strenuous Life Indeed*

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This is the first year that the rushing at Indiana University has been limited by contract, and I feel safe in saying that it is the desire of almost every sorority girl, as well as the faculty of this institution, that it be the last. We had always felt that a contract at Indiana University would not be satisfactory and we certainly knew the existing state of affairs would not permit a limited rush. However, we accepted the decision of the national Pan-Hellenic Association with as good grace as possible and the determination to make the very best of it. Our contract was made to cover a period of eight days and instead of limiting or doing away with strenuous rushing during that time, it merely prolonged and intensified it. Every sorority came back prepared for battle, ready to "do or die" to win all. The rush started off with a grand flourish, just as in the days of no contract. This beginning set the pace for the following eight days, for although our functions were limited in number, there were many vacant hours when the girl could be taken for a walk or drive—and if we did not improve these smaller opportunities, other sororities would, so of course the engagements were made, valuable time was wasted and the expense of the rush accumulated until it became more than many of the girls could conveniently meet.

The suspense during that time was terrible! We soon knew what girls we wanted and, how we did long to pin the colors on and end all doubt and uncertainty! But yet we must wait, wait,

wait, and never an hour in which to rest from the rushing. Girls had come back to "win out" and what time they were not working for that end they were laid up in bed utterly exhausted and nervous wrecks. Lessons were an unheard-of thing, both for the active girls and the freshmen. In fact several freshmen *did not even sign up* in college work this fall, until the eight days were over, so that they might give all their time to being rushed, I suppose. Is this fair to them? Is it fair to us? Is it fair to the university?

"But this is a mistaken idea," you will say. I agree, but the idea exists, it always has existed and always will in these larger institutions, and we must recognize the fact and not have the "mistaken idea" carried out to such extremes. As long as sororities exist here, each chapter working for the good of its own sorority, as every loyal chapter does and should do, just so long will the fight be bitter and hard, and would it not be better if we could also add *short*? Why prolong the agony, as one girl fittingly puts it? Why double or treble the expense? Why make nervous wrecks of yourselves? Why be unjust to the university in failing to do your duty as a student? Why give freshmen such a mistaken idea of college life? It only makes it harder for them when work time comes. In fact, since it makes it so much harder for all of us,—why have a contract at all?

MARY SAMPLE.

## *What a Fraternity Girl Thinks*

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There is probably no question of so great importance with us of Nebraska Beta as the one now at issue, that of deferring the pledge day until after a year's attendance at college. That such an undertaking would be disastrous is evident on the face of it, and it is with infinite regret that we view the stand taken by the faculty and particularly the chancellor in regard to this matter. Himself a fraternity man, there is none more aggressive than he in demands for reform.

*The Deferring  
of Pledge-day*

The evils of the present system of rushing are too numerous, and too evident to call for any discussion in the present article, but the deferring of a pledge day for a whole year is too serious a matter to pass over lightly. Not only will a person in that time form ties she will not wish to break for any sorority, but the rushing itself, formerly strenuous for a week will extend over a protracted period with accompanying nervous strain and exhaustion. And the house: what is to become of the sorority house with no freshmen? As a financial venture the result is foredoomed to be failure.

Endeavoring as I am to present the matter in a fair and unbiased manner I will give the one judicious argument I have heard thus far in favor of the question. In deferring pledge day a year it will do away with the indiscriminate pledging and consequent dissatisfaction a superior girl must experience from having joined an inferior sorority. But that, when considered in the light of the possible extinction of sororities, the probable abolition of the houses, and the certain protracted nervous strain, the argument seems trivial indeed and freighted with but little importance, when contrasted with the weightier phases of matters now at hand.

*Nebraska Beta.*

How many chapters have to face the question of a changing membership? I mean by that, how many chapters have girls coming and going, entering to stay a term or two and then dropping out, perhaps coming back a term now and then until graduation, but more frequently not. Of course one can easily see the disadvantage of this; during the absence fraternity spirit is so often lost, and then again a large chapter often becomes actually in need of girls by a sudden dropping out of several of their members, so on the whole it is a hard problem for a chapter to solve. Ought not a loyal Pi Phi to take this into consideration and make an effort, at least, to be regularly active in the chapter?

*Continuance in  
the Chapter*

Indiana Beta.

This is a subject prominent in the minds of every woman's fraternity, for wherever men and women's fraternities co-exist there is generally a complimentary exchange of rushing. This chapter feels that though at times a word from the men in the ear of a rushee is a great boon, yet usually it is an immense evil. It is unjust and unfair and upsets the balance of chances between the sorority rushing to throw the weight of an outside and prejudiced opinion on the side of one of the rushers. We understand that at Stanford this harm is recognized by a provision in Pan-Hellenic forbidding men at rushing parties. This of course only partly mitigates the evil as rushing from the men cannot be prevented out-of-doors. We wish it could be made an understood rule of fraternity etiquette that interference from the men is not acceptable.

*Rushing by  
Fraternity Men*

Colorado Alpha.

Next to the association with the girls of our own chapters, probably the most delightful thing is the possibility that most of us have of mingling with the girls of the other fraternities. After all, in spite of our own self-conceit, there must be in the other crowds, girls of like interests and of like opportunities with our own; we are apt to be too selfish, often, and lose many chances for sincere

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Spirit*

friendship because the line of different Greek letters separates us. Of course during "rushing season," the time of the greatest rivalry, there is less chance and fewer opportunities to extend our interests in that way, but after that short period has passed it ought to be the duty of every individual chapter to put forth its best efforts toward effecting a lasting spirit of interest and friendship among her sister sororities.

*Illinois Zeta.*

In looking over an old ARROW we came across this stanza,—

"Of all the topics, good or bad  
That we are now discussing,  
There's none can make us first half sad  
And then half glad like rushing."

I am sure we all recognize the truth in this sentiment, but now that pledge day has passed for the most of us and since we have all discussed it pro and con, let us consider it a forbidden subject for the next ARROW. Do not think that this is a criticism on the past letters and articles, but this topic has had its share for this year and there are so many things we want to know about the "inside life" of the different chapters. A great deal of this information must come to us, if at all, through the chapter letters and through the yearly ones.

We want to know all about the life in the chapter houses. We who do not have it, are intensely interested in it, and those who have it can be benefited by an exchange of ways and means used by others. We want to know of the successes and defeats that have lead to greater improvements,—the helps and the hindrances of other chapters. We know how often we lay down a letter with a sense of disappointment or of perfect indifference. We also know what we expect in the letters and what we neither receive ourselves or give to others. This is a general criticism and applies to us as well as to the rest but Iowa Alpha promises New York Beta and all of the other chapters to try to improve her yearly letters.

*Iowa Alpha.*

The question of rushing and of a pledge day is indeed an important one and also one which cannot be settled without a great deal of experimenting and thought. At Vermont this year the Asking Day was set at December fourth and until that day the word "join us" was not spoken to any freshman. I do not think that the plan has been entirely satisfactory to us.

In the first place, the rushing season is prolonged for several weeks after we have decided on our freshmen. This means that we cannot keep up the enthusiasm with which we commenced the season, and that weary, with a half-hearted interest in our studies, we have to endeavor to keep our social life up to a certain pitch until Asking Day.

Secondly, we do not feel that the freshman has an entirely just chance. Until Asking Day no word is said to her personally about joining a fraternity. She may attend the social functions given by the different fraternities, and she may hear fraternity life spoken of in a general way, but in our association with her there must be constantly that barrier between us; then suddenly she receives a written invitation to join a certain fraternity.

Here at Vermont where the entering class of girls seldom exceeds thirty, we feel that such a long time to become acquainted is not only unnecessary but burdensome and we wish that the pledge day problem might be solved more satisfactorily.

*Vermont Beta.*

The question of propriety is ever before us. In this case the propriety of our arrow used promiscuously in adorn hat pins, rings, lockets, fobs, pillows and many other things. Does it not seem like cheapening our pin to thrust it forward, on all occasions? Would it not be more respected if confined to the use of badge only? Inferior duplicates which are made to adorn something of more value, would then be an impossibility. A monogram or crest is an effective adornment for the rings, lockets, etc. Our "badge" would in truth then be the symbol of all that is beautiful to us.

*Colorado Beta.*

It seems only natural that we Louisiana Alpha girls, should be very happy over our success and good fortune this year, considering that we have seven new "goats" in store for us; the largest number that we have ever taken in.

*The Hardest Tests*

Nothing sounds easier than "taking seven new goats." But nothing requires more work, care and anxiety than tackling seven new separate individuals, with seven different points of view, than getting at these girls, showing and teaching them the ways of Pi Phi in seven different ways.

I believe, in every Pi Phi's heart there is mixed with its happiness an atom of uneasiness, a little speck of uncertainty. "How to begin?" "How to approach these girls?"

Then on pledge day comes a still harder test of true fraternity spirit. When the whole college knows that we have won the long fought battle, how careful we have to be in regard to the other fraternities. How the least smile or act of joy, might be misinterpreted. In other words, if I may use slang: How hard it will be to keep from "crowing over them," when we are so entirely happy.

It means that we have two of the hardest tests before us that ever come to a fraternity girl, to take seven girls, bringing them together to be of ourselves, and on pledge day to show all that is courteous, kind and thoughtful, when in our excitement and happiness it would be so easy to do otherwise.

*Louisiana Alpha.*

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So many jewelers have visited and notified New York Alpha, for the purpose of advertising Pi Beta Phi jewelry, that the question has arisen, whether or not they are all authorized jewelers.

*Fraternity Jewelers*

If all the firms that deal in our badges have been authorized by the convention, then I think there has been great carelessness shown on the part of some of those firms.

Last year two freshmen girls sent in an order for pins, not knowing the sign and the order was filled with no further questioning.

If these girls could get their badges so easily, what is there to hinder anybody from getting and wearing one?

*New York Alpha.*

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The question as to whether or not miniature arrows be used in decorating novelties, is one which we think Pi Beta Phi ought to consider, although it would probably be impossible to prevent the jewelers from offering such articles for sale, we could do what many other fraternities have already done—recommend that our girls do not buy them.

*The Use of  
the Badge*

The arrow is so dear to us that we like to use it as much as possible. But does it not seem too much like placing it on a level with a cheap lodge pin, when we use it on hat pins, card cases and "what not?"

*Pennsylvania Beta.*

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I am now so full of happy anticipation, that I am sometimes afraid my ideal of Phi Phi can never be realized.

*Thoughts of  
a Pledge*

You might perhaps like to know what standards I think the genuine Pi Phi girl lives up to. First, she lives for the best which life's opportunities may afford. She grasps life with a purpose but the fraternity strengthens her purpose to an iron tenacity. Pi Phi helps the college girl to build character. Isn't this what we are all working for? Since the fraternity stands for purpose and for character, I look into the far off realms of mysterious Pi Phi, with great expectation.

I am very happy looking into my future as a Pi Phi girl, and when once I am an active girl, I know I shall always try to live up to my ideas of the fraternity.

How I hope that all my dreams of Pi Phi will be real.

*An Indiana Alpha Pledge.*

While Pennsylvania Gamma agrees with New York Beta in regard to the "Yearly Chapter Letter" it seems as if there were some phases of the question still to be considered.

*The Yearly Chapter Letter* Granted that the letters do not contain much more news than can be obtained from the letter to the ARROW, yet it means much more to get a personal letter of greeting from each chapter. But if our letters contained less social news and more of the private life of the chapter, surely they would be more helpful. *Pennsylvania Gamma.*

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It seems that more stress might be laid upon our social meetings than now exists. They are the very best means of establishing a community of interest among the girls, since they are often, with the exception of the business meeting, the only times the girls all gather together. Too often we do not count our attendance at them as much of an obligation, and trivial excuses keep us away.

*Social Meetings* At least once in two weeks, we ought to so arrange our work that we could give a whole evening up to the girls, to getting closer to one another and singing the praises of Pi Beta Phi. In some chapters, especially in our larger ones, cliques seem almost inevitable, and the social meeting is the best means of overcoming this unpleasant condition.

What forms have the social meetings taken at other colleges to make them especially attractive?

*Wisconsin Alpha.*

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We like New York Beta's criticism and suggestion about the chapter letter. It seems we have become accustomed to a stereotyped form and never vary it. We tell how prosperous our chapter is, enumerate our "delightful" parties, say that our "charming freshmen are enthusiastic and loyal Pi Phis" and that we are all busy in college work. The sameness of the letters is monotonous. While

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the writers explain that they are puzzled about what to say, why don't they tell their solution of certain problems that arise in all chapters? What attitude do they take toward Y. W. C. A. and literary societies? Do they feel they must *always* keep up with all the other sororities in giving parties, joining school organizations, and supporting all the various enterprises of the college? What do they do with the girl totally absorbed in one line of work—books, church, or society? How do they deal with a girl who disregards well deserved criticism? We know that our ARROW letters, being public, must be more or less formal, but we wish our yearly chapter letters might be made more confidential and useful.

*Indiana Gamma.*

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## *Alumnae Department*

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### *Louisiana Alpha Alumnae Club*

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No happier gathering of alumnae could have been formed in the land than that which took place in the Louisiana Alpha Chapter Room at Newcomb College on the twelfth of November.

It is always good to get back to that "one little room" with the Pi Phi and talk over summer days and plan for winter ones; but this year the enthusiasm was intense, and for two reasons. Yellow fever had kept us separated one whole month longer than usual, and every girl came back with the feeling that there were going to be new opportunities for her to make use of her fraternity spirit and this feeling always sets a "Pi Phi" aglow.

Our active chapter, though not unusually large, has unusually large ambitions. They wanted six of the freshmen—six of the freshmen we alumnae determined they should have—six of the freshmen have they gotten.

On the twenty-second of November we entertained the active chapter and the "rushees" at a "symposium." Our program

consisted of seven "stunts," all of which were beautifully carried out, but perhaps the most entertaining was the debate: "Resolved that prospective Goats shall be fed on red pepper rather than chocolate creams," and the result of a period of five minutes before which every person was given pencil and paper and told to write a rhyme befitting the occasion. Of course we thought every rhyme clever,—one written by the mother of a "Texas rushee" came as a greeting from Texas and gave rise to three rousing cheers for Texas Alpha. The blue ribbons which were given to the poet laureates of the occasion were carried away by one of our patronesses—Mrs. Aikern, and one of our debutantes, Heléne Maury. It was great fun and made us all dream big dreams. In one of mine we were all in our little room singing and talking and planning, somewhat as we were doing at the time, but somehow the walls began to recede and the room seemed to grow ever so much larger and brighter,—but only for a second because almost at the same time we heard "Our call" coming from everywhere, thus "Ring Ching Ching," the doors flew open and Pi Phis from the north and south, the east and west began to pour in, all so happy! Someone tried to explain the cause of our great happiness, but that was hardly necessary—it seemed so very clear that we were all wonderfully happy because ever since we had worn the little arrow we had been trying hard to think only of things true and lovely, and that while doing this we had grown to love each other more and more, and had become more and more happy as the days in Pi Beta Phi rolled by.

When I came back to realities there were not as many girls there as expected, but they were the same sort working toward the same end, so even the awakening was sweet.

We have been looking forward for a long time to a visit from one of the Grand Council and now that we hear our visitor is soon to come we are overjoyed.

Hoping that the coming year may be full of good things for our Pi Beta Phi sisters, individually and collectively.

*Louisiana Alpha Alumna.*

### *Galesburg Alumnae Club*

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The evening of December seventh at the home of Mrs. Mary Barbers Parry the resident alumnae united with the active members of Illinois Beta and Illinois Delta to form the Pi Beta Phi Association of Galesburg. The sentiment prevailed that it would be of mutual benefit to join the active and alumnae interests in one organization, and it was decided to hold a meeting the first Saturday in every month. At each meeting there is to be a report of the work of the active chapters so that the alumnae may, at all times, be in touch with the girls in college. The next meeting will be held January fifth and Illinois Beta will act as hostess.

MILDRED BROWN.

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### *Personals*

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#### VERMONT ALPHA

A daughter was born in November to Luella Whitney-Dunn. Mrs. George Ryder (Edith Heaxt) visited the chapter recently for a short time.

Florence Perley is teaching in Enosburg Falls.

Mary Pollard is teaching in the Evanston high school in Evanston, Ill.

Elizabeth Deuel is studying in the University of Missouri.

Florence Walker is teaching in Suncook, N. H.

#### PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

Lou Sheetz, 1902, was taken ill in Harrisburg, where she is teaching, and brought to her home in Carlisle, but is now improving.

Gertrude Heller is teaching in the high school at Hazelton, Pa.

## OHIO BETA

Vera McAlpine is attending a kindergarten school in Columbus.

Flora Hedges is in Shanghai, China, acting as private secretary to the United States consul.

Laura Deatrick is visiting her aunt in Tampa, Florida, and expects to remain at least a year.

Fannie Mitzenburg is teaching in the high school in London, Ohio.

Maud McAlpine is teaching in Greenville, Ohio.

A daughter was lately born to Lieutenant and Mrs. Frederick Leonard (nee Hannah Leonard).

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McLaughlin (nee Edna Murray).

Clare Postle is teaching in a private school in Worthington, Ohio.

Narena Brooks of Indiana Gamma is taking special work in Ohio State University.

## NEW YORK ALPHA

Among the visitors at the chapter house lately were Frances M. Bull, '05, Lunette Havens, '04, Mollie Barker, '04, Jessie Campbell, May Van Doren, '02, Ruth Hawks, '02, Bertha Ackerman, Miss Brainard of Massachusetts Alpha and May Keller of Maryland Alpha.

Olive Reeve-Waite has a little girl, born Decemebr fifth.

May Mould of Montgomery, N. Y., spent Thanksgiving vacation at the chapter house with her sister, Elizabeth.

## MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Ethel K. Cederstrom is teaching this year in the high school in Ware, Mass.

Carrie Provan-Crowell, who returned this summer from a year's trip abroad, gave a very interesting toast at the annual

banquet. She told of her experience in Rome with Edith T. Swift, Massachusetts Alpha, '02, who is teaching at Crandon Hall.

Florence Burnham will take a California trip this winter.

Vivian Taber is teaching in the high school in Stoneham, Mass.

Louise Hunt is teaching in Mansfield, Mass.

The Boston Alumnae Club held an enjoyable meeting December ninth with Jennie Allyn, at her home in Cambridge.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA

Jessie Van Clute-Johnson has moved to New York City.

Married—In November, Frances Savage and Mr. William Mosely of Spokane, Washington.

Fanny Hurff-Glidden has gone to her new home in Kewaunee, Illinois.

Della Hurff, '04, of Chillicothe, Ill., visited the chapter a few days in November.

Married—Edna Hood and Charles Lanty, in November at St. Mary's church Knoxville, Ill.

January tenth occurs the wedding of Charlotte Ayres, ex-'02, and William H. Tobey, Beta Theta Pi. Mildred Brown will be one of the bridesmaids. Mr. and Mrs. Tobey will live at 9515 Guerrero Ave., Canarica, Sonora, Mexico.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON

Gertrude Baldwin, '04, spent Thanksgiving at her home in Chicago.

Carrie Mason, '04, visited several days in Evanston during the past month.

Corinne Cohn is now on a reading tour to different parts of the state.

Lucy Derickson-Monier, '04, visited a few days in this vicinity.

Nadine Robertson, ex-'07, spent several weeks in Chicago and was present at the Thanksgiving luncheon held at the Great Northern Hotel.

## ILLINOIS ZETA

Alice Johnson, of Illinois Delta, spent the Thanksgiving holidays with us.

Edith Bramhall, Indiana Beta, now teaching at Rockford College, spent a few days of the recess with Illinois Zeta.

Helen Bagley visited us in November.

Clare Sommer was here for two weeks in October.

Nelle Welles is teaching in El Paso, Illinois.

A daughter was born to Opal Stipes-Pilcher November twentieth.

Elda Smith, our Province President, visited us at the time of the inauguration of President James.

Kate Ijams-Lewis has a daughter, born November twenty-fourth.

## INDIANA BETA

Florence Porter Robinson spent a few days in Bloomington, visiting the chapter here.

Mindwell J. Crampton visited here last week.

Marcella Jacobi was married November twenty-eighth to Herbert Leich of Evansville. They are now spending the winter in Florida.

Delle Miller is visiting in Bloomington now.

Grace Baird, '07, is going to enter Depauw for the winter term.

Clara Bell of Knightstown visited the chapter last month.

Hazel Squires will be in college again next term.

Opal Havens, '05, is spending a few days at the University of Illinois, visiting Jane Blakely, formerly of this chapter.

## MICHIGAN ALPHA

Katherine Searle Suhr and baby daughter visited Hillsdale relatives a few weeks in November.

Bertha A. Baker spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her sister, Lucy Baker Whetzel, in Ithaca, New York.

Bertha Myers-Kempton, North Adams, Michigan, attended Michigan Alpha's rushing party.

May Copeland-Reynolds spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Hillsdale.

Evelyn Gates went to her home in Scranton, Pennsylvania, before Thanksgiving and did not return until after Christmas.

Helen Vernor has removed with her parents to Dexter, Mich., and will attend the University of Michigan.

#### MICHIGAN BETA

Married, Justin T. Cook and Fanny K. Read, Tuesday, October the third, nineteen hundred and five. At home after November first, Homer, Michigan.

#### IOWA ALPHA

Dora Laughlin-Hukill, '97, of Golden, Colorado, has been visiting her parents here for several weeks.

Nell Heins spent Thanksgiving week visiting school friends.

Bertha Snider, '01, assistant instructor in the conservatory, is spending the winter in Minneapolis, Minn.

Eliza Walbank-Palmer has come from her home in Colorado to spend the winter with her mother.

Ida Van Hon, '90, is visiting in McLainsboro, Ill.

Olivia Ambler-Simmons, former president of Gamma province has moved to Butte, Montana, where she will make her home.

Alice J. Hau and Kate Corkhill are now studying in Edinburg, Scotland. The summer months were spent on the continent.

Agnes Severs, '05, visited with college friends in November.

#### IOWA ZETA

Jessie Pontius has moved to Omaha from Council Bluffs and is teaching there.

Lulu Graff-Weld of Cedar Rapids visited the chapter during October.

Ella Ham, a charter member of Iowa Zeta, is spending the winter in Iowa City.

## WISCONSIN ALPHA

On November twenty-seventh a daughter, Claire Pauline, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul S. Reinsch.

Selma Vognild, '05, and Genevieve Eaton, '05, were with us for the Chicago-Wisconsin foot ball game.

Gertrude Sober-Church and May Church-John were guests at the Pi Beta Phi lodge in November.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA

Eliza Tebo was married during the summer at Wythville, Va., to John Miller of New Orleans.

Kate Dillard was married December twelfth to Chauncey Williams Butler of New Orleans. Mr. and Mrs. Butler have bought a home in Memphis, where they expect to live in the future.

Harriette Waters is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. Herbert Smithers in New York City.

Céleste Eshleman is still with her sister, Mrs. John Wesley Castles in New York City.

Lucy Elliot has returned home after two years' stay abroad.

Mrs. Henry Hardie has a baby boy.

Genevieve Jackson and Virginia Hanley are teaching in Birmingham, Ala.

## NEBRASKA BETA

Edna S. Holland was married on November the eighth to Ray L. De Putron. They are making their home in Lincoln, Neb.

Our chapter greatly enjoyed the few days which Mrs. F. H. Burr spent with us this fall.

Eva and Ena Cooper have made short visits at the chapter house this year.

Margaret Custer-Norton of Colorado Springs visited lately with friends in Lincoln.

Sarah Hutchins of Falls City, Nebraska, spent a week with us much to our enjoyment.

#### COLORADO ALPHA

Mrs. Orville Whittaker, nee Mina Killgore, is expected home in January. She is living in Old Mexico.

Myrtle Ziemer-Hawkins is the mother of a girl, her second child.

Claire Williams-Humphrey has just undergone a serious operation but is slowly recovering.

Estelle Holmes is planning to visit Boulder during the holidays.

Marion Withrow-Ewing and small daughter Eunice visited the chapter recently.

Fanny Plummer-Morton is going to spend the winter in Florida.

#### COLORADO BETA

Sarah White is visiting her sister in Kansas City.

Jessie Griffin has been absent from college for several weeks on account of illness.

Marcia Murray-Eikenberry has been suffering from an acute attack of tonsillitis, at her home in Chariton, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. Shelton Swan are now living at University Park. Mr. Swan has a position in one of the high schools.

Eva B. Humason is spending the winter at her home in Springfield, Massachusetts.

Ethel Van Cise has returned home after spending the summer and fall on the Pacific coast.

Florence Vaughn has recovered from her illness and expects to enter Wisconsin University next semester.

## *Editorials*

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AT THE last convention the editor was very proud to be able to report that during the preceding two years but one chapter had failed to send a letter for every issue of the *ARROW*, and that chapter had been but once delinquent. Since that time not one chapter has been unrepresented until—the present number. And lo, for this issue three letters are lacking. It does not seem as if there could be an excuse. Postals were sent in ample season to every chapter, and even should these have miscarried, the date when letters are due is plainly printed at the head of the official paper.

Pi Beta Phi differs from some of the other fraternities in this: with them it is a matter of great pride when all the letters are in; with us it is a source of deep mortification when they are not.

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POSSIBLY too much space is being given not merely in the *ARROW*, but in the other woman's journals, to the matter of Pan-Hellenic agreements and rules. Just now these are the great questions to be solved, the problems that the girl students in every college are trying to work out in their separate ways. We have yet to hear of an agreement that is perfectly satisfactory, that suits exactly and equally all the chapters in a college. It is only by suggesting and compromising and experimenting, then by improving and again experimenting that a good working system can be evolved. Meanwhile a free interchange of ideas may do a good deal to help things along, and the pages of the *ARROW* are always open for suggestions on the subject. We would, however, caution the chapters not to condemn the system because it has failed to work out well in their own particular

colleges, nor as one fraternity has about decided on behalf of its chapters, to withdraw from the agreement altogether. Pan-Hellenic regulations have been in force only two years, not long enough surely to prove them either success or failure, and since the reforms aimed at are so desirable, so necessary even, the chapters ought to keep on working at their rules until they have evolved a satisfactory system, or proved beyond a doubt that such a thing is impossible.

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SINCE the editor became a "walking delegate" probably no question is asked her oftener than this: "Do you find the girls alike in all the chapters,—is there a Pi Phi type?" To this she must answer, "Yes and no." It depends on the way you look at it. For in appearance and manner the girls do vary and vary a good deal. We could hardly expect it to be otherwise, since the colleges differ so widely in size, location, denominational bias or its absence, and standing in the community. Each college has its own distinctive atmosphere, and the students are naturally true children of their alma mater. So as to externals at least it is far easier to speak of a Stanford type or a Baltimore type, a Kansas type or a Hillsdale type, than it is to recognize a Pi Phi type.

Yet even in the delegate's brief stay it is possible to get below the surface differences and find the real characteristics that make a girl a Pi Phi whether she lives in Lincoln or Louisiana, whether her college be large or small, woman's, "co-ed" or "annex." Certainly in all the essentials there is a Pi Phi type, and the wandering delegate recognizes it and is at home with each new chapter she visits, just as the lonesome "transfer" has known it and felt at home. Uniformity there is not nor probably ever can be while "east is east and west is west," to say nothing of north and south. But unity there is, and that after all, is the necessary thing in producing and maintaining a Pi Phi type.

MOST of the alumnae clubs plan to celebrate Founder's Day in some way or other. If there are any that have not done so hitherto, it is especially requested that they make an effort to do it this year. As usual matters are likely to come up at convention affecting the alumnae, and yet anything like an adequate expression of alumnae opinion is very hard to get. If every club succeeds in having a well-attended and enthusiastic Founder's Day meeting, a fuller expression of alumnae feeling may be gained than could be obtained in any other practicable way, and at a time long enough before convention to put any proposed legislation in shape. That is the time then to discuss any propositions made by the national officers for the alumnae or to suggest plans for alumnae work to be discussed at the convention.

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## *Chapter Letters*

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### ALPHA PROVINCE

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VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(Chartered 1893)

This is a very busy time of year for us since we are preparing for examinations which come the last week of this term. Initiation has been over for some time as it took place on the evening of October twenty-seventh, when we took in our nine pledges.

The banquet was held the following evening and there were present in addition to the members of the active chapter the following alumnae: Mrs. Ralph Denio, Marianne Landon, Mrs. Scott Gooding and Bertha Duncan; also Mrs. Walter White, Estelle Metcalf and Maude Fletcher of Vermont Beta.

On the evening of November twenty-fifth the members of the fraternity gave a card party of fourteen tables in the chapter rooms. The tally cards, which were drawn by one of our girls, were appropriate to the sea-

son, being made in the form of turkeys. This very successful affair with one or two dances and a small dinner are about all the social functions that we have held in our chapter rooms this term.

Our fraternity fared exceptionally well in the senior class election this year. Of our four seniors one has the vice-presidency, another the class poem, a third the prophecy, and the fourth is a member of the class-day committee.

A reception is to be given by two of the professors' wives to the men and women of the college on the afternoon of December eighth, at which our senior girls are to assist in the dining-room. This will probably be the last social affair of the term.

By the time this is published another year will have begun and Vermont Alpha wishes that 1906 may bring only prosperity to all Pi Beta Phis.

FAITH ACLAND POWERS.

VERMONT BETA—VERMONT UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1898)

After several busy and exciting weeks the rushing is ended, for which everyone is thankful. As a result we have captured and pledged three fine girls who will make most loyal Pi Phis; they are Roberta Campbell, Jennie Rowell, and Helen Barton.

Our rushing consisted of a tally-ho party which was a great success, numerous spreads, or afternoon teas, and our formal reception which was given at the home of Mrs. Brown.

We are very fortunate in our patronesses who have done all in their power to help us. Mrs. Allen is ill now but Miss Walker is as enthusiastic as any Pi Phi.

We have had our anxieties, pleasures, disappointments and triumphs, but now all is ended and we can settle down to the enjoyment of the coming winter which we hope and know will be a pleasant one.

Rushing was carried on here in Vermont with more than usual vim and zeal and much good-natured rivalry has existed among the sororities.

We are not quite satisfied with our present rooms but have nearly decided upon two rooms in a large house near by, which may be prettily arranged and be more convenient than those which we are now in.

Last Saturday night we had a "booster" party at which two of our girls who have recently become aunts presided. The health of the babies was drunk with sweet cider, and the rest of the girls are nearly as enthusiastic over the small nephews as are the aunts themselves.

The sorority has lately been somewhat broken up by the departure of

girls going away for the holidays, and by the illness of two of our members. Gertrude Johnston has undergone an operation for appendicitis which she passed through safely and is getting along nicely.

We shall soon be together again with high hopes and great plans for our coming initiation and winter term.

Vermont Beta sends best wishes to all Pi Phis.

GRACE T. STRONG.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

We have wooed and won four freshmen—Ruth Cochran, Charlotte Farrington, Edna McKnew and Anna Pearce. Two of them were awarded university scholarships out of the seven offered to the Washington high schools. The chapter now has a roll of twenty-two and is larger than it has ever been.

We found the Pan-Hellenic restrictions upon rushing quite satisfactory. They did not interfere with our getting the girls we wanted and they did add greatly to the interest of the contest, while pledge-day was a most exciting experience. We have also abolished mock initiation and substituted a rigorous examination for the pledges with good results. The majority of the chapter are of the opinion that riding the goat does not add to the dignity of the fraternity nor produce always the desired effect on the freshmen.

Initiation came one month after pledge-day, on November twentieth. A large number of alumnae were present and the initiates seemed to be quite as deeply impressed and even more appreciative of the aims and ideals of Pi Phi than if they had just been "put through." To celebrate with the new girls and to show them the last great mystery, we had a cookie-shine in our room during the Thanksgiving holidays with a meeting afterwards. We hope to have them realize, however, that our "raison d'être" is not purely social.

We were delightfully surprised on the night of initiation by a large bouquet of carnations from Theta Delta Chi, with a note congratulating both us and our new girls. This letter must show how proud we are of the latter. We also have two new patronesses, Mrs. Merrill, mother of one of the girls and wife of the professor of geology, and Mrs. Vance, the young wife of the dean of the law school, who went to school at Hollins Institute. They would both make charming Pi Phis and are almost as enthusiastic as the best of us.

It is a custom of this university for each class of the college to entertain the others, usually with a dance. The freshmen commenced this

year with a beautiful affair in the first week of November and the seniors gave one quite as pretty and successful at Thanksgiving time. The other two are to be given this month. With these and the fraternity functions our college people do not suffer from "all work and no play."

Just at present we are planning a delightful day with the Baltimore chapter. We expect to take thirty-four Pi Phis about town in a big automobile and show our visitors the most interesting sights of Washington, with luncheon at the Tea Cup Inn. Wishing we could see each one of you and get better acquainted, Columbia Alpha wishes you all prosperity.

MILDRED WINANS COCHRAN.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1892)

We are very glad to announce in our chapter letter the name of Anna F. Pettit as our new member. We are also very proud of a new Pi Phi baby, the son of Mrs. George Worth, who has given him the firm Quaker name of William Penn Worth.

The rushing season is now at its height and our plans are coming thick and fast for future entertainments. We gave a very successful cookie-shine last Saturday which the freshmen seemed to enjoy immensely. We of course are most anxiously awaiting the results in the spring when our initiations and pledge day will come, but our hopes are high, and we want and feel sure of some very fine girls.

Christmas season is now upon us and we are going to have a small tree in honor of the occasion. Freshmen will gather round with their songs of glee and share the gifts of Saint Nicholas. With the heartiest wishes for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our sisters.

BEATRICE M. VICTORY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1895)

Pennsylvania Beta has had a very pleasant and eventful term, both in college and in Pi Phi. We have seven very dear freshmen whom we are sure will make most loyal Pi Phis. June seems a long way off for us to wait to initiate them, but I am sure we shall know them all the better and they will know that it was good to wait even through so many months.

On December twentieth we gained one more loyal Pi Phi, May Jones, whom we welcome most heartily.

We have had various social good times during the term but enjoyed our informal ones the most. Our seniors have entertained us delight-

fully, and served a sumptuous repast. Another time we had a very successful "cookie-shine," at which several of the alumnae were present, and the sophomores celebrated for the first time.

The majority of the girls of Pennsylvania Beta stayed at Bucknell during the Thanksgiving holiday, and the short recess passed very quickly and happily. With so many boxes and home delicacies we had "cookie-shines" to our hearts' content, and all agreed that the chapter had had a delightful Thanksgiving.

With best wishes and a very happy new year to all Pi Phis.

MELLIE A. WESTCOTT.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1903)

It seems almost incredible that we are now looking forward to the holidays and that soon the year nineteen hundred five will have passed. We want to take this opportunity for expressing our best wishes for a bright New Year to all chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

Since the opening of college we have taken in three freshmen and pledged one sophomore, whom we hope to make a member early next term. Our number is now thirteen, quite enough to make things lively and jolly.

In October Helen Kisner gave a picnic at Holly, which was most enjoyable, and Elsie Hoffer, another of our town girls, gave a Hallowe'en party, at which the usual witchery held sway and everything was thoroughly enjoyed. On the eighteenth of November we gave a tea in our rooms to our patronesses, ladies of the faculty and friends, and on the twenty-second we gave a tea to all the girls of the college. Our rooms looked very attractive and everything passed off well. Everybody seemed pleased to come and we certainly enjoyed having them.

Hoping that all our chapters have been as fortunate as we in regard to new members and with best wishes for successful work for the first college term.

CORINNE GAUL.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

We are hardly able to realize that our fall term is almost over and that we shall soon have to face our term examinations.

Since we last wrote you we have ushered into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi eight girls,—Helen Roach, Charlotte Ullom, Mary Chappellear, Edith Palmer, Grace Connor, Virginia Bishop, Mary Geiser and Mary Miser.

We tried a new plan in our mock initiation this year, and it proved very successful. We began operations at half-past four on Saturday morning, October twenty-seventh. We took our new girls up to our fraternity hall, where they went through the many "stunts," which are so well known to all of you. For breakfast we went to Ellis Hall, and after breakfast the girls pervaded the streets for some time. In the afternoon we gave a tallyho ride to see a football game between Otterbein and O. U., and this ended our day's festivities. The next week, on Saturday evening, we conducted our real initiation.

Delta Tau Delta entertained Pi Beta Phi shortly after our initiation. The favors, which were red carnations, were especially appropriate for the occasion. We all had a very delightful time.

Mazie Earhart and Florence Clayton, two of our active girls, entertained our chapter with a card party. The girls were certainly royal entertainers, and we all greatly enjoyed ourselves.

O. U. football team has stopped playing for this season. It won great victories in the two last games played,—one against Marietta College, an other against Muskingum College.

We are going to give a dance for Delta Tau Delta next Saturday evening. After Christmas we entertain the other two fraternities, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta, with a dance.

Those of us who remained here to spend Thanksgiving vacation devoted part of our time to cleaning our fraternity hall. Then those who went home have been busy this week putting on the finishing touches. We have bought a new rug and our hall looks very nice and homelike now.

With best wishes to our sister chapters.

MARY SIMON.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

The time has flown so rapidly that it seems almost impossible that one term of college has passed, but the final "exams" make it a stern reality to all of us.

Last week we introduced our six freshmen to the college world with a large reception, given at the home of one of our members. It was a very pretty reception and everyone seemed to have a good time. Next term we intend to give our "formal." These are our only two large parties during the year.

A couple of months ago we were fortunate enough to have one of our

prominent alumnae, Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, give a concert here. We would have liked so much to entertain for her, but owing to the brief stay she made in the city it was impossible. She was received very enthusiastically and those of our girls who had the pleasure of meeting her thought she was perfectly charming and still an interested Pi Phi.

The state convention of the Y. W. C. A. of Ohio was held here this fall. There was only one Pi Phi present. We wished there were more, but as we have only one other chapter in Ohio, we couldn't expect very many. The meetings were very good and the excellent speakers we had gave many helpful thoughts to the girls.

Our Pan-Hellenic association has made no plans for our annual gathering. Our rules have worked out beautifully, and I am sure we are much better off with them. The intense rivalry has in no way been lessened,—in a college like ours that would be impossible,—but our feelings toward each other have changed. We mingle with each other much more and are becoming so much better acquainted.

We are all rejoicing in the possession of a new "frat" room at the home of one of our freshmen. It is ideally located, being but a short distance from college. When we are all gathered together in this little room we really do envy our sisters who have chapter houses. Life in a chapter house certainly does present the most fascinating pictures to us, and you girls that enjoy this life can't imagine how much we who have not love to read about everything that pertains to your houses. Almost all of our girls are Columbus girls and a house seems just a vain wish for us, at present at least.

Ohio Beta sends her best wishes for a happy vacation to all her sisters and a bright successful New Year.

ELIZABETH H. BANCROFT.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1896)

It is probable that most of our sister chapters already have their freshmen girls initiated and enjoy them by this time as active Pi Phis. We are now in the midst of initiation week with its usual pleasure and excitement. We are very glad to introduce to you our pledgees, all but one of whom we hope to make loyal members before another week. They are: Florence Ford, Helen Hawks, Mildred Dunham, Olive McDonald, Ada Meyer, Carrie Sterns, Fannie Ladd, Anna Magee, Olin Briggs.

Thanksgiving Day was a day of sorrow for the students and faculty of Syracuse University, for Dean Ensign McChesney died suddenly of heart disease on that day. A very impressive funeral was held at Fine Arts College on the following Monday.

The campus this fall is in a state of great confusion. There are three new buildings going up besides the stadium, which, when completed, will be one of the finest in the college world. The new buildings are a Carnegie library, a Hall of Applied Science and a Hall of Natural History.

The girls of New York Alpha send greetings to their Pi Phi sisters and wish them all a Merry Christmas.

ELIZABETH MOULD.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1904)

I suppose that most of our chapters are settled down for the winter after a successful rushing season. But December finds us still hard at work with pledge day four months off. We have one new member to introduce, however, a senior, Annabel Lee, and we wish you all might know her. She spent her freshman year at Leland Stanford, so some of the California Alpha girls may remember her.

The late pledge day makes rushing more tiresome but less strenuous. We are only allowed to entertain the same girl once a month. In October we gave a cookie-shine supper in the apartment. Miss Jackson, our province president, and May Gutelius, from Swarthmore, helped us and the affair was a great success. We kept two of the girls over night. The Wednesday before Thanksgiving we gave a very pretty dance in the Barnard theatre, and now we are planning for another cookie-shine to come off before Christmas. We also entertained our friends outside of college at a reception here in the apartment.

We wish you might all see our apartment and meet Mrs. Graham, our chaperon. Our rooms are pretty and she makes them a real home. Four of the girls are living here.

We have enjoyed this autumn meeting several girls from other chapters. Willa Wilson of Baltimore visited one of our girls and spent a day at college just in time for the "senior show." Anne Wright of Wisconsin Alpha lives just across the street and we see quite a little of her.

We also enjoy hearing about Colorado Beta from Miss Barnes, who is a gymnasium teacher at Barnard. She showed us a picture of the "Lodge" the other day, and we wish we had one!

It seems as if there were more "doing" at college this fall than ever before. The freshmen have been, as usual, the center of attraction. The juniors gave them a horse race by way of entertainment, which was very funny. Each freshman was provided with paper money, book

makers were stationed about the theater, and the betting was very reckless! The horses, each with a jockey in costume, were exhibited in the locker rooms. The exciting part was the tape race which was won by "Artless." One of our girls was a jockey, another a judge, and a third a member of the committee.

Next came the "senior show" to the freshmen. This consisted of a comic opera, the words being written by two seniors and set to popular music. It was called "Barnardesia," and was full of local hits. The king, the keeper of files, Prince Senicus, Princess Freshnela, Prince Sophro and the Fairy Godmother who, of course, represented 1907, were the principal characters. The costumes were very pretty and the faculty chorus, in full dress, was quite effective.

The sophomores have also given their annual play, which was well done. Just at present two of our juniors are practicing for the "junior show." The alumnae play, "The Belle's Strategem," has been given this week. The first Barnard tea of the season, when the whole college receive their friends, is next week, and so you see we all have enough to do,—besides lessons.

We go in for something besides fun, however. One of our girls, Sophie Woodman, is chairman of the committee to work up the Student Volunteer Conference at Barnard. She hopes to go to Nashville and is looking forward to meeting other Pi Phis there. Abby Leland and Florence Stapf went to Cambridge to attend the Church Students' Missionary Conference, and Abby Leland visited the Boston chapter.

With the deepest regret we have to write that Mary Murtha, '06, has had to leave college and has been very ill for some weeks. Although she is now improving slowly, she can not hope to return to college this year. It is very hard for her, for the college and for our chapter. She was chairman of the Executive committee of "Undergrad," chairman of the Bible Study committee, class corresponding secretary and president of the C. S. M. A. Florence M. Stapf was elected to fill the last office.

With best wishes for the New Year.

SOPHIE PARSONS WOODMAN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1896)

The pleasant autumn days have come and gone, bringing their share of work and pleasure, and we are already beginning to count the days to Christmas and mid-year examinations. The anxious days of rushing seem far in the past, and it is hard to realize that our initiates of only six weeks ago have not always been Pi Phis.

On pledge-day we gathered in ten girls whom we had learned to love, and we are very happy to introduce to their sisters in other chapters of Pi Beta Phi Mildred Collyer, Elizabeth Richardson, Ruth Eaton, Rena Oliver, Lenna Smith, Flora Smith, Laura Wright, Sadie Hurst, Frances Morris and Aurora Johnson, all of the freshman class.

Our annual initiation was held at the home of Ruth Dennis, '08, in Brookline, and at half past seven in the evening we gathered with our new sisters at the Hotel Nottingham for the banquet, at which fifty happy and enthusiastic Pi Phis were seated. Our pleasure was greatly increased by the presence of Mrs. Eli Helmick, Michigan Alpha, of Springfield, who was instrumental in establishing our own chapter, and as we heard her words of encouragement and approval, each one of us realized more fully the meaning of sisterhood, and felt an inspiration to hold more firmly to the ideals of our Pi Beta Phi.

Since the rushing season and banquet we have lived a very quiet life in our chapter, spending many pleasant hours together and learning to know each other better. But social life at Boston University has been as animated as ever, although Klatsch and junior week and commencement make our spring semester gayer.

President and Mrs. Huntington have given two Wednesday afternoon receptions to the student body and they have proved to be very pleasant affairs.

The Y. W. C. A. entertained us in the chapel with a "character party," which was a grand success. The students came dressed to represent a character of some book, and Cleopatra and Lady Macbeth walked with farmer and jew, while clowns, Puritan maidens, May queens and flower-girls promenaded up and down.

On the eighth of December we had the pleasure of receiving a visit from Abby P. Leland of New York Beta. It is always very pleasant to see our sisters of other chapters and to hear of their doings there.

And now at this time when all hearts are anticipating the Christmas-tide with gladness Massachusetts Alpha wishes to send a loving Christmas greeting to every Pi Phi sister, with best wishes for a glad New Year.

MILDRED ASHTON WRIGHT.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(Chartered 1897)

For many happenings in the past two months Maryland Alpha has had great cause to praise "the kindly ways of Providence." So many things seemed at first to go at right angles from the way we meant them to, but

in the end we saw that they only led us the most direct and sure path to the *best* success.

When the invitations to our house party (the one big rushing "stunt" allowed us) had been out but a few hours the dean announced a college reception for the same date and requested the attendance of everyone. This left us only one day for our house party—*one day*—and every one knows that at a rushing house party especially, it's often the nights and not the days that count for most. We had decided to go to Ashland, so keeping to our original plan, started before breakfast and used every minute of the day. You who are all used to the "stress and strain" of college can imagine what that day in the country, with four of the "nicest little freshmen," meant to us. We managed to pass the time so successfully that our guests decided, as they afterward told us, that they would like to be Pi Phis, too.

Not until the following Saturday, however, did we have the liberty of pledging, and then we used for the first time the gold block-letter pledge pins. Only we old girls who wore the unreadable silver monogram pins could best realize what an improvement these clear block letters really made. A week later we had initiation, and Annabelle Miller, Sara Porter, Alice Russell and Isabel Drury became Pi Phis. We have one more pledge, Louise Neal, a sophomore, whom we hope to initiate soon.

To Maryland Alpha, December the ninth will long be a red letter day in her calendar, for that day we spent with Columbia Alpha in Washington, and to you who have had that pleasure nothing more need be said, and to those who have not been so favored little can be written to describe the delightful manner in which Columbia Alpha entertained us. At first it was hard to believe that all the girls who met us were Pi Phis, for they numbered two to our one, but after a morning spent in going through the White House and seeing the capitol from a big "Seeing Washington" auto, when we all assembled in the cosiest of frat rooms and sang our Pi Phi songs, then we seemed one in heart and purpose. Then we began to realize how grand Pi Phi really is and we blessed the good fate that made us of such a gathering. After lunch (that lunch! we hope they will forget how we ate and ate and—ate some more) we spent the little time left before train time with Pauline De Iesi, a Maryland Alpha alumna, at her apartments at the Cumberland.

A happier day Maryland Alpha has never spent and we sing with a heart full of love—

"Here's to you, Columbia Alpha!"

Laura L. Presby.

## BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(Chartered 1884)

Again it is time to send the greetings of Illinois Delta to her sister chapters. This fall has passed rapidly, and pleasantly for us and one of the pleasantest features of all was the initiation of two girls who came to Knox in September, Miriam Hunter and Edna Heaton. We also initiated Irene Butcher, whom we pledged last spring, at the home of Grace Terry, one of our town alumnae.

Another matter of much interest to all active girls in Illinois Delta has been the formation of the Galesburg Pi Beta Phi Association. This association includes all the Pi Phis in Galesburg and meetings are to be held the first Saturday in every month, with the exception of the April meeting, when celebration of Founder's Day will take its place. It is hoped that through this organization active work and lively interest in all pertaining to Pi Phi will be stimulated and both active and alumnae keep in closer touch with each other. Our first meeting was held December the seventh with Mrs. Parry, a town Pi Phi, and the occasion proved a pleasant one.

The past weeks have had in them the usual round of pleasures and duties, and as the Christmas season approaches each of us finds herself busier than ever, and all very eager for vacation.

We are planning to give our formal party on February the ninth, so on our return from the holiday vacation we shall be kept well occupied with thoughts of the success of this affair.

Soon also fraternity examinations will be upon us. Even now the girls are commencing the struggle with chapter rolls and such difficulties.

Illinois Delta wishes for her sister chapters a very pleasant vacation.

LOUISE McINTOSH.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

Although Christmas time is almost here we girls feel as if college had just begun, for it is only about two weeks since we initiated our new girls, four of them, who we feel are going to make "mighty fine" fraternity girls. Their names are: Sibyl Horning, Edith Hammond, Mabel Lundahl and Helen Hibberd. One poor pledge was taken ill just before initiation day, so we are going to wait now until after Christmas to take

her in. It is her request, and as our oratory girls are away on their vacation, we thought it best to wait until they could be with us again.

We consider ourselves fortunate in having with us in Evanston this winter an alumna of Vermont Alpha who is teaching here in the high school. She came out to our mock initiation, and though she has been out of college for several years, yet she knew better than some of the rest of us how to make the freshmen "ride the goat."

After our initiation ceremony we had a jolly banquet at one of the hotels and then danced for awhile.

Our chapter rooms have at last been settled and it seems good to get back to a place where we can freely discuss fraternity affairs and can have "frat suppers," and we have had some nice ones, too.

We have just had a visit from Miss Robinson, who came fresh from her visits to the other chapters and it seemed good to hear news first hand from all of them.

Wishing all of our sisters the merriest of Christmases and the very happiest and most successful of New Years.

MYRTELLE H. ROGERS.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(Chartered 1895)

We have often heard that here are no ties dearer than those of the home, and yet one might have thought the reverse true could he have seen our chapter house during the Thanksgiving holidays. But four of our girls went home during the recess and the remainder helped keep the Pi Phi home in its usual state of cheerful hilarity. Could the other four have foreseen the happiness of those four or five days, I hardly think they could have been persuaded to leave us. Not only did we learn to know one another better during that short time, but we turned our attention to the house and to plans for the remainder of the year, and we feel as if we had not only had a good refreshing time, but had accomplished something, too. However, even though the Christmas holidays offer an opportunity for a repetition of the experience, we are all planning to go home and gladly, too.

As we look back over this first division of the college year I am sure that all of the older ones of us can say that we never have known a more happy or a more prosperous year. Promising freshmen, a new house, with enthusiasm the keynote of our present, there is no reason why we cannot keep on as before, at the head.

ANNE B. WHITE.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(Chartered 1888)

We can scarcely realize that it has been almost three months since college began and that the holiday season is so near. It has been a very pleasant three months and we have so much enjoyed having our eleven new girls with us.

After the rushing season we gave an open-house for Mrs. E. B. Bryan, the wife of our new president; Mrs. Allison, the wife of our new history professor, and Mrs. P. L. Powell, one of our alumnae, also introducing our new pledges. Since then we have entertained only with small informal parties.

We had a short but delightful visit from our province president, Miss Smith, and are looking forward with pleasure to a visit from Miss Robinson this term. We appreciate these visits and feel that they are a great help to us.

We like the new plan for the examinations, that of studying a list of questions and answers. We have been busy studying these and are deriving a great deal of benefit from this study.

Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Pi Phi sisters.

MAY McDOWELL.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

Again the time for the chapter letter has come and we can scarcely realize that so long a time has passed and that the term is nearly over. So much and yet so little has happened, or better still, so much that is little, for but few things of importance have occurred since our last letter. One of these was the visit of our ARROW editor, Florence Porter Robinson. She spent three days with the chapter here, and during that time we all learned to know her and we wished we could have had her with us longer.

But the many little things that have happened have made the time pass so quickly, as the visits from the old girls and good "Pi Phi celebrations." One night not long ago the juniors and seniors issued invitations for a "show." Of course curiosity was great and the under-classmen waited eagerly for the performance, which turned out to be an "impromptu vaudeville." And such laughing and fun! The many "roasts" and "stunts" furnished amusement for days, and now the underclassmen (with the conceit usual with people of their rank), are going to try to

outdo this performance the last night of the term. So we are all looking forward to a grand and glorious good time with which to end the term and give the girls who are not coming back something to remember. We are going to lose four girls this term, though only temporarily. But one of our old girls is coming back next term and, too, we have a new pledge, Florence Rosenthal of Tipton. So we are all expecting a very prosperous term, when we shall all come back rested from our good time Christmas vacation. Indiana Beta certainly wishes a good term for every chapter and a Merry Christmas to "all Pi This everywhere."

MARY SAMPLE.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

(Chartered 1897)

Indiana Gamma girls have spent a happy and successful term of fraternity and college life. Our members are active in all lines of work,—athletic, social and religious. We have the manager of the girls' basketball team, the president of Y. W. C. A., and an editor of the Senior Annual, while the rest of the chapter lend their cheerful support to all school enterprises. Our grade committee report excellent marks for the majority of the girls in their lessons. Since the close of rushing season we have given our term dance. We are now looking forward to a visit from Miss Robinson.

With greetings to the other chapters.

BERTHA LOFTIN EMPEY.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1887)

This month Michigan Alpha greets you all with one new initiate, Celia Rine, and three new pledges, Ruth Ford, Blanche Merrifield, and Harriette Bishop. We were so very sorry to lose Helen Vernor, who has moved away from Hillsdale and will attend the University of Michigan.

Just now we are all very much interested in the improvements which are taking place around the college. The chapel is the center of interest, for it is being remodelled at considerable expense, and the gymnasium also is to be repaired and provided with a new furnace.

Our art school is growing all the time and it has good reason to grow, for we have one of the best in the country, with one of our leading American artists at the head of it. Miss Qualley received the distinction of

having her pictures hung in a place of honor at the Exhibition of American Artists at the Chicago Art Institute. The monthly art receptions are becoming quite a feature of the social life of the college.

CHARLOTTE SHEPARD.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Chartered 1888)

Two months have passed since the last letter was written by Michigan Beta to the ARROW. Initiation has come and gone, and we can claim as our own eight freshmen, and very promising Pi Phis they are in every respect. We learned to know them better and to see their humorous side during the week of mock initiation, when they showed us that we could not frighten them.

The girls have now settled down to work and seem to be making up for the time lost at the beginning of the year. However, we have had one or two spreads and a Hallowe'en party.

The "Freshman Spread," an annual function given by the sophomore girls of the university to the freshmen, is to be on December fifteenth. At this time we expect to have three out-of-town girls as guests at our house, one of the ways of rushing that we have during the year.

The Pi Phis are exhibiting an unusual amount of athletic spirit this year, due partly to the fact that one of our girls, Lotta Broadbridge, is the president of the association. One of our freshmen, Margaret Breck, is captain of the freshman tennis team.

Michigan Beta extends her greetings to all the Pi Phis and hopes that they will have a merry Christmas and a happy new year.

DORA PAYNE.

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GAMMA PROVINCE

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IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1868)

Another pledge day has come and gone for Iowa Alpha. Only four invitations were issued by us this year, and on the evening of November twenty-fifth we pinned an I. C. pin on four happy girls. After the ceremony refreshments were served and an evening was spent that will long be remembered by each one present. Two of our pledges are daughters of former members of Iowa Alpha and one is a sister.

This is not the first year that our chapter has worked under Pan-Hellenic rules. An Inter-Sorority compact had been entered into several years ago, but the results were not satisfactory to either side, so it was given up as not being practical. It was with a great deal of hesitation that the rules were drawn this time. The relations between the two chapters had been so pleasant and our rivalry had been so friendly with the Alpha Xi Delta girls that we disapproved of anything that might have a tendency to alter existing conditions. But our fears were not realized, and while there are several rules that both of us feel should be changed or modified to suit local conditions, we are not sorry that our compact was made.

In a small college the lines between the fraternity and the non-fraternity elements are sharply drawn and the rivalry is apt to become so keen as to be hostile in the extreme, and the fraternities thus, in a large measure at least, thwart their own purposes. With the knowledge that we have a committee to promptly and definitely settle all differences, and that the Inter-Sorority rules bind both of us, the two chapters have grown closer together without the loss of a bit of the friendly rivalry.

Our alumnae chapter here is very strong and active, and holds two meetings a month. One is purely social and the other is of a literary character. Their line of work for this winter is similar to that done by "Travel Clubs." Just to be present at one of these meetings would convince any one sceptical in regard to fraternity spirit and life, that there is really something in it worth while, and that the benefits and pleasures derived from it are not all over when school days are past.

We have missed greatly three of our alumnae who were with us when college opened—Edith Young, Grace Hancher-Beck and Bertha Snider. We have had no initiations as yet, but before the next letter is written there will be several freshmen lassies wearing the arrow bright.

May the best and truest in our Pi Beta Phi come to every wearer of the wine and blue, be she freshman or post-graduate, in this new year.

MARY BROOKS.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1874)

Pledge day came at last after five weeks of anxious waiting and Iowa Beta is very proud to introduce to you all four new Pi Phis: Lena Dunning, Helen Walburn, Beatrice Re Qua, Elizabeth Brown, and one who is yet a pledge, Ruth Dudley.

Since our last letter we have given one party, a big cookie-shine on Hallowe'en, and have spent Thanksgiving vacation at a house party at

the home of two of our sisters where we enjoyed ourselves as only Pi Phis can.

We now have with us Mrs. Mabel Wickham-Place of Ohio Alpha who is the wife of one of the professors of science.

In the latter part of October we enjoyed a visit from Edna Lisle, one of our last year's seniors.

On October eleventh Sigma Alpha Epsilon entertained Pi Beta Phi and Tri Delta and on November twenty-second Alpha Tau Omega entertained.

A new local sorority has just come out in college, which is called Alpha Alpha Gamma.

On the fifth of this month the juniors of the college gave a play, "The Professor's Love Story," in which two of our girls distinguished themselves: Ruth Baker as the heroine, and Vera Ingram as sister of the hero.

Iowa Beta sends best wishes and greetings to all wearers of the wine and blue.

JESSIE SCHEE.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1882)

Nearly a third of the year is gone and we can scarcely realize it. We feel very well satisfied with our success this fall, for we have two new freshmen, Marguerite Moore and Maude Young-Ball, besides the four pledges of the early fall.

We have held a number of little house parties this fall, the most enjoyable of which was the Hallowe'en party, when we decorated the whole house in leaves and lighted it with pumpkins.

Mrs. Shambaugh, one of our alumnae here in town, entertained for us in November by a most enjoyable progressive dinner. During the Y. W. C. A. convention we had the pleasure of meeting a number of the other Iowa Pi Phis from Mt. Pleasant and Simpson.

Like the rest of you we are all looking forward to Christmas and home. Iowa Zeta wishes all the Pi Phis a merry Christmas and a most happy new year.

MIGNON MAYNARD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(Chartered 1894)

Wisconsin Alpha has been rather quiet since our last letter. In the middle of October we had our initiation, and a week later we gave a Hallowe'en dance to introduce our freshmen to university society. We

were fortunate in having Anna Nichols of Pennsylvania Alpha and Edith Bramhall of Indiana Beta with us for our initiation service.

Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Phi have both given receptions in their new homes and in January Pi Beta Phi will entertain with a musical given by Genevieve Church Smith.

Wisconsin girls have also had many opportunities for meeting each other in the series of teas given by various members of the University Woman's League and by our self-government association.

A new building, Chemistry Hall, has been added to our campus, and Association Hall, the new abode of the Wisconsin Y. M. C. A., is near by. What we all want next is our long dreamed of Woman's Building.

At Thanksgiving there were six of us Pi Phis at the luncheon given by Chicago alumnae association, where we were glad to meet representatives from many of our sister chapters. To each and all of them Wisconsin Alpha sends wishes for a happy and a prosperous new year.

CORA CASE HINKLEY.

## MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(Chartered 1899)

The Pi Phis at the University of Missouri have so far passed a very happy year. With our eight recent initiates, we are starting into chapter work with a large enough membership and a sufficient amount of enthusiasm to assure us, we think, of continued prosperity.

We are very proud of Elsie Wadell, one of our seniors, who was elected to Phi Beta Kappa last week. She was among the first five to be selected out of the class.

Sue Stone was married on the twenty-fifth of October to Mr. Gene Smith. It was a church wedding. There were special seats reserved for all Pi Phis. On Wednesday night, before the wedding, we gave a banquet at the Gordon hotel for Sue. There were appropriate toasts given by the different girls, and the table was beautifully decorated in wine and blue. Suspended from the chandelier was a large red heart pierced with a golden arrow.

Virginia Lipscomb, one of our town girls, gave a Hallowe'en party, which was very pleasant.

We have a new pledge, Adele Overall, of St. Louis, who will probably be initiated the second semester.

There have been several fraternity dances, at all of which our chapter has been well represented.

Last week Miss Jordan entertained for the Pi Phis and the unmarried professors of the university.

The banquet at Kansas City was enjoyed by many of the Missouri girls, for all went who could. Good natured rivalry was shown by the girls of Kansas and Missouri in giving their yells and songs.

We were very sorry to lose one of our freshmen, Anna Hudson, who will not be back this year and she expects to travel after Christmas.

Eula McCune, who was with us several years, has been visiting in the chapter house for two weeks. She will probably re-enter college the second semester.

The university girls gave a reception to our football team last Monday night. We are loyal to our team, even though they have not been as victorious as we had hoped.

Missouri Alpha sends wishes for the very happiest of new years to all her sister chapters.

JEAN McCUNE.

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## DELTA PROVINCE

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LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(Chartered 1891)

Since the last ARROW Louisiana Alpha has had two initiations and we are now proud to introduce to you Louise Westfield and Hilda Von Meysenburg. Our chapter life has been as busy as ever or I should say busier than ever, because owing to the yellow fever and the fact that college opened so late we have had double work and double duty to do, and in the fall of the year we all know what college and fraternity spirit is,—enthusiasm, patriotism and loyalty at its height. The serious problem of rushing is over and I think we all breathe a sigh of relief. These past few weeks have been most strenuous and eventful ones in the life of Louisiana Alpha. But we are delighted to say that pledge day was a gala one for us, and we pledged seven girls, all of whom we are proud to know will soon don the "wine and silver blue." The chapter room has been the scene of many social events, and one of the most charming afternoons we had was a Greek symposium given us by our alumnae. One of the most amusing and clever features of the evening was the debate as to whether red pepper or chocolate creams was the best nourishment for goats. I wonder which our sister chapters will consider best? Our chapter is unusually large this year in spite of the fact that we have lost a great many of our old girls, and as each year comes and goes I believe

we grow more enthusiastic and more earnest in pushing the cause of Pi Beta Phi onward and still onward.

We often wish we were just a little nearer to some of our sisters, but we hope if any of them ever journey southward they will stop by and pay Louisiana Alpha a visit.

With best wishes for a very happy new year to all Pi Beta Phis.

STELLA HAYWARD.

## KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1873)

It hardly seems possible that almost three months have gone by since chapter letters were last due, and most wonderful of all is the fact that another Christmas holiday is so near at hand. This fall has been a particularly busy one and not many moments have been idle to make time drag.

Early in November we had the pleasure of entertaining for a few days Miss Florence Porter Robinson. We had never met Miss Robinson, but she was very soon "one of us" and we enjoyed every minute of her stay, and only regretted that her time with us was limited. An informal reception for all fraternity girls was given at our chapter house. We were very glad of this opportunity to present one of our Grand Council to the other fraternities. We received many helpful suggestions from Miss Robinson, some of them ideas which she had gotten from other chapters in the province she had visited, but mostly just good practical advice which is so necessary to every chapter.

On November tenth we gave an informal hop to introduce our freshmen. The chancellor had asked that a reform movement be started in the direction of closing the parties early and ours was one of the first that followed his suggestion.

Thanksgiving closed a very successful football season for Kansas university. We lost only to Colorado this year, and have the promise of a splendid team for next, as the men who are making our freshman team such a strong one will be able to fill in the weak places on the varsity next fall.

The second annual "County Fair," given by the Y. W. C. A. was held in Snow Hall on December ninth. It was much more successful than last year, both in entertainment and in a financial way. We gave "Mrs. Jarley's Wax Works," which turned out among the best financially.

The "Mask Club" of the university is to give on December twentieth "An American Citizen." The annual play given by this club is one of the

notable affairs of the year. Out of three parts taken by fraternity girls, two were given to Pi Phis.

The sixth annual banquet given by the Kansas City Alumnae club for the active chapters of Kansas and Missouri was given in Kansas City at the Baltimore hotel on November twenty-ninth. There was an unusually large number of girls from each chapter, and as is always true on this occasion, we all had a fine time. This banquet is always held the night before the annual Thanksgiving game between Kansas and Missouri, and the rivalry between the two schools is stronger at this time than at any other in the year. The different college yells and songs were given by the respective representatives with a great deal of spirit on each side. When the feeling of rivalry was in danger of being carried too far, however, a "Ring Ching" made us remember that even though we were from rival colleges we were all sisters in Pi Beta Phi, and the best feeling possible was thus maintained over it all.

Our active chapter is to give on December fourteenth a burlesque on "Julius Caesar" in the form of a comic opera. An admission is to be charged, and the proceeds are to go to help maintain our scholarship. It is a very clever operetta and we want very much to make a success of it.

Kansas Alpha wishes for all Pi Phis a most happy and prosperous new year.

NINA FELL.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(Chartered 1895)

Since our last letter our chapter has been a busy one. As a first duty we initiated our seven pledges into the mysteries of Pi Phidom. After the ceremony, which was held at the chapter house, we enjoyed a good cookie-shine which had been spread by our alumnae. Later, a second initiation took place and now we have another Pi Phi to introduce to our sisters, Nell Bratt of North Platte, Nebraska. Our freshmen show keen enthusiasm and are earnest workers in the fraternity life as well as in the university.

With the daily routine of duties and a few informal social functions the weeks were consumed, bringing us to Wednesday, November fifteenth, when we were favored with a business call from Florence Porter Robinson. Unlike most of its kind, however, it afforded us great pleasure as well as being beneficial. Miss Robinson was with us until Saturday, during which time she met our girls and visited our university.

In university affairs we find ourselves recovering from the County Fair which is given annually by the Young Woman's Christian Associa-

tion. Most of the fraternities take some part in the amusements and this year we presented a typical German garden. It required a great deal of work but our efforts were compensated by the largest receipts and by general applause.

Our campus gates were closed for a couple of days this fall owing to the death of one of our professors, Doctor Brace, head of the Physics department.

The football season is again over and we shall greatly miss the games and with them the excitement and enthusiasm which they always arouse. The inter-class games are being played now, however, and we are anxiously waiting to see whether juniors or sophomores will win the class championship.

We have been very fortunate this year in having a great many of our girls visit us. Carrie Slocum has just left after a week's visit and we now have Gertrude Branch and Bess Heacock with us. Thanksgiving day we had a memorable dinner at the house at which were several out of town guests, two being alumnae girls, Grace Andrews and Grace Montgomery. At this time Miss Atkinson of Illinois Zeta made us a short visit which we greatly enjoyed. We wish we might see more of our sisters from other chapters.

Though we might say our studies confront us now after our short vacation yet they are really secondary in importance, since Christmas is only two weeks hence and then a real vacation.

Nebraska Beta wishes that all her sisters have a very merry Christmas and the happiest of new years.

M. PEARL FITZGERALD.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(Chartered 1884)

Colorado Alpha has accomplished many things since the departure of her last chapter letter, chief and greatest of which is the initiation of her dozen neophytes. Their initiation and the banquet following was one of the biggest affairs the chapter ever undertook. It was held in the beautiful new home of one of the older girls and covers at the banquet were laid for seventy Pi Phis, one of whom was Miss Florence Robinson. The table was beautiful to look upon and so were the Pi Phis and we were very proud each of each and of our twelve, to whom the arrows were most becoming. Allow me to introduce to you Elizabeth Johnston, Fanny Walmeyer, Katherine McKenzie, Laura Dyer, Elizabeth Downer, Rosina Vaughan, Hallie Chapman, Elsie Sullivan, Katherine Dier, Mary Dutton, Louise Tourtelotte and Louise Scott.

The day following our initiation we gave a large reception in honor of Miss Robinson, to which all the fraternity men and women in college were invited, but owing to the fact that two hundred men had gone to root at the Nebraska game, they were little in evidence. That evening we took Miss Robinson to the Woman's League dance in the gym, where she had further chance to meet the other girls. We most certainly enjoyed Miss Robinson's visit and hated to see her go. We liked especially what she had to say about the Berkeley and Stanford girls whom she had just visited. We would seat her in a chair and then group ourselves around and listen with open mouths and eager ears, and yet we didn't hear enough and want her to come again.

Just at present we are planning for a Christmas tree for the house, to which alumnae and patronesses are to come. They are cast for the role of Santa Claus! Besides the gifts for the house we put foolish little jokes on the tree for each active girl and it is a joyful occasion. That is a bright prospect for the future, but with it is a dark one in the approaching "exams." Groans and lamentations may be heard at their mention, although we try to forget them in the midst of the Christmas spirit and preparation now rife.

We send all kinds of merriest Christmas greetings and heartiest New Year's wishes to you all.

LUELLA CORBIN.

COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER

(Chartered 1885)

The glad Christmas season is here once more, so despite mid-year examinations a feeling of good cheer dominates the chapter.

Although we have not done much entertaining we feel we are leading the strenuous life. As a result of this "strenuousness" we introduce a new pledge, Pauline Huffine.

Football in Denver University has been the all-absorbing topic for the last two months. This year we have an athletic field of our own, so we feel justified in boasting a wee bit. The girls of the college presented the field with a large "Denver" flag, which was raised at the dedication ceremony amid much cheering.

Our initiation was pre-eminently a reunion, Pi Phis from throughout the state being present. After the ceremony Mrs. Ickis and Ethel Van Cise were hostesses at a reception given to our new friends.

We Denver girls have been bending our thoughts to charity this fall, and find we derive as much benefit as we try to give. Our work lies chiefly

in giving monthly entertainments at the Orphans' Homes and the Neighborhood House. It at least keeps our girls of talent in practice.

We enjoyed Miss Robinson's brief stay with us very much. Her suggestions have been most helpful. We might tell of such prosy things as examinations, but you doubtless are having a large dose also, so with best wishes for success during that trying time and a Merry Christmas to one and all.

GRACE DEISHER.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1905)

Since the last issue of the *ARROW*, we of California Alpha have had our initiation, the visit of Miss Robinson, and the entertainment of the local Pan-Hellenic Association. Besides these pleasures belonging to the chapter, our annual football game with Berkeley resulted in a 12-5 victory for the cardinal, thus christening our splendid new athletic field.

Our initiation took place on October the thirteenth, when our five pledges had the pleasure of meeting the Pi Phi goat. From all appearances at the cookie-shine, which followed the ceremony, they enjoyed their encounter with the festive beast. We were all more than sorry not to have any of the Berkeley girls with us on that occasion. Mrs. Frances Rand-Smith, California Alpha, Mrs. Hermine Gabel, Iowa Gamma, Miss Helen Sutliff, Kansas Alpha, and Miss Harriette Miles, Kansas Alpha, were all at the initiation.

Miss Robinson, our visiting delegate, came to us the week after initiation, and although her stay was unfortunately very short, the chapter feels that it is in touch as never before, with the *national* feature of Pi Phi. Miss Robinson was more than good in talking to us at any time about our fraternity, and whenever two or three of the girls had a free half hour, they would at once go to Miss Robinson and say, "Won't you tell us something else about Pi Phi?" On one afternoon we asked a few of our friends among the faculty ladies and representative girls from the other sorority chapters here to meet Miss Robinson. A great deal of interesting fraternity conversation passed back and forth over the tea cups, and Miss Robinson's remarks on Pan-Hellenic questions were especially welcomed in view of the present unsettled conditions here. Miss Robinson also gave us a more intimate talk at a chapter meeting and we hope that she did not find the "baby" chapter lacking in the performance of any of its duties.

On December the fourteenth, the chapter entertained with a tea in honor of the Pan-Hellenic Association. This is in compliance with the

Association's constitution, which states that once a year each chapter shall entertain the whole Association. This semester Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Pi Beta Phi have all had teas, and next semester Delta Gamma, Gamma Phi Beta and Alpha Phi entertain. We find these informal gatherings most delightful, for they fill a long-felt want, since the large growth of the university, in bringing the various fraternity girls, and especially the freshmen, together.

We are hoping to have a special initiation this semester for Edith Hale-Hunter, one of the original members, whose graduation in 1904 prevented her being initiated at the chapter's installation.

Unfortunately we lose three girls at Christmas time,—Edna Reeves, who graduates, Eugenia Miller and Stella Henking. Miss Miller expects to continue her study of vocal music, and some of the prominent musicians on the coast have predicted a future for her in the musical world. Miss Henking expects to be at her home in San Diego for the rest of the winter.

California Alpha sends best wishes to all Pi Phis for a happy and pleasant New Year.

LOUISE PEARCE.

## *Exchanges*

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Since the last issue of the *ARROW* the following exchanges have been received and are hereby acknowledged:

For July—The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

For September—The *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*, the *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi.

For October—The *Phi Chi Quarterly*, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Delta* of Sigma Nu, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta.

For November—The *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly*, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Crescent* of Gamma Phi Beta, the *Alpha Xi Delta*, the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma, the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, the *Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

For December—The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

In the July *Key* request was made for lists of subjects suitable for articles in the department known as the Parthenon. This department, like our "What a Fraternity Girl Thinks," is a sort of clearing house for fraternity ideas, and below are some of the subjects suggested:

The attitude of the college girl toward politics.

The advantages of an undergraduate course in a small college.

My ideal Kappa.

The fraternity as a factor in solving the problems of co-education.

The relation between chapter and school regulations.

Why the manuscript topics become hackneyed.

Does the fraternity cause division among the students?

The danger of a sentimental attitude toward Kappa.

Can a poor girl join a national fraternity?  
 Relations of alumnae to the general fraternity.  
 Relations of alumnae to their own chapters.  
 Reclaiming unenthusiastic alumnae.  
 Union of college and fraternity spirit.  
 Right attitude towards non-fraternity girls.  
 Fostering of intercourse between chapters.  
 Rushing by fraternity men.  
 Is the influence of the chapter house narrowing?  
 The house chaperon.  
 House management.  
 The fraternity member's college responsibility.  
 Fraternity—a part of a larger whole.  
 Fraternity—an obligation.  
 Fraternity—an opportunity for what?  
 "Division of labor" in fraternity life.  
 The existence of the fraternity justified by its utility.  
 What constitutes true fraternity loyalty?  
 Practical ideals.  
 Kappa and co-education.

In its last fraternity examination Chi Omega called for an opinion of mock initiations, and the following is taken from a group of the answers printed in the *Eleusis*. It sums up the case very well:

"The objections I have to mock initiations are derived from looking at the question from three standpoints: First, that of the chapter girls themselves; second, that of the candidate; and third, that of the real initiation itself. For a crowd of intelligent, cultured college women to scheme and devise ways and means of making a girl, whom they have thought worthy of their love and honor, appear in the most embarrassing positions possible, seems to me to be a course altogether unfitting their dignity and much more unfitting for those who pretend to live up to the high ideals of Chi Omega. The practice, of course, has originated from the fact that it has been the custom from time immemorial with men's fraternities. But I think that higher education has taught us that it is not necessary for woman to copy all the ways of her brother, and lose her own feminine ways in order to be a college woman; and I think that in copying this custom of the fraternities we do lower our own dignity and standards. In the second place the candidate receives a very wrong impression of the fraternity and of her future sisters. It is claimed by

some that this is a very good method to correct little faults in the candidate, but it is much better to correct them by loving advice, which is surely more in keeping with the spirit of Chi Omega than wilfully to terrorize and unstring the nerves of the new sister. And, finally, it seems to me that our ceremony is so solemn, so beautiful in itself, that it is nothing short of criminal to mar its beauty by any mock initiation that unfits the candidate for its full appreciation."

An early member of the parent chapter of Delta Gamma gives in the *Anchora* a most interesting account of its origin and early days, from which the following extract is taken:

In the famous old state of Mississippi, situated among its northern hills, is the little city of Oxford, the Athens of the state. Although the home of numerous schools for girls and the seat of the state university, it was the happy fate of a quiet select school for young women to be the proud mother of Delta Gamma. This school was founded way back in ante-bellum days and was first known as the Louis school. Its pupils were composed almost entirely of residents of the town, for the school building was so small it could accommodate only a few pupils from a distance. In the year 1873, when it was under the management of Mrs. Hays, Mary Comfort, Eva Webb and Anna Boyd came from Koscinko, Miss., to Oxford to attend Louis school. These young girls conceived the idea of forming a little secret club, or rather society as it was then called, and on January 2, 1874, organized what was known as Delta Gamma Society. The letter H was worn as the badge, with the Greek letters Δ. Γ. on the cross piece. After getting into working order a few members were taken in during that session. How little these early members dreamed of the glorious future of Delta Gamma. For several years its growth was slow, but its members were always composed of the most intelligent pupils of the school.

So Pan-Hellenic regulations are coming into vogue among the men, if Professor Shepardson's article in the *Beta Theta Pi* shows which way the wind sets. Thus far it is only in the smaller colleges, and yet it is significant that the regulations proposed by the Inter-Sorority Conference, from which a year or two ago our brethren got so much innocent amusement, they now "first endure, then pity, then embrace."

Another most interesting movement is that reflected in several chapter letters, the attempt, by agreement among fraternities and sometimes after conference with college authorities, to regulate the annual campaign for new members. This is one of the great problems of fraternity life. Its phases are many. Note some comments in the October chapter letters. Denver reports "On account of a Pan-Hellenic agreement, we shall not be able to 'spike' before October 1. This agreement gives us a better opportunity of becoming acquainted with the men than in previous years."

Rutgers expresses hearty sympathy with a movement to form a Pan-Hellenic council to adopt rules and regulations regarding the rushing and pledging of freshmen. Dickinson reports action, taken at the initiative of the college president, affecting pledging of men. Now they have decided that no preparatory student shall be pledged, and propose that no new students shall be pledged until after Thanksgiving. By this plan they hope to "raise the standard of the various fraternities by giving them ample opportunity to make wise selections."

These illustrations tell of a movement that is quite general in the colleges to attack a great evil attendant upon fierce fraternity competition. One often marvels at the discrimination shown by fraternity chapters in the selection of new members, and yet the majority of college men are agreed as to the evil elements of the rushing campaign. The fraternities must be brave enough and bold enough to face the problem and solve it, and Beta Theta Pi must not be a laggard in the advance movement.

It all depends on the point of view. On another page of the ARROW will be found a Pi Beta Phi opinion of the Stanford contract which the Kappa Alpha Theta finds so successful. Evidently the satisfaction is not *quite* universal, but perhaps the strain came at the end of the rushing, always the most critical time.

In view of the many experiments being made in Pan-Hellenic agreements, and the difficulty of framing practical ones that accomplish anything, the successful working-out of the Stanford contract may be of interest. While every Pan-Hellenic Association has its own problems to face, the sources of the rushing evil are about the same at all colleges, and it may help to know how one Pan-Hellenic has successfully met several difficulties. That splendid faith has been kept by everyone of the six fraternities is the best proof that the contract is practical. While it has a week yet to run at this writing, September 30th, such universal sat-

isfaction has been expressed, and such definite things have been accomplished, it seems evident that the contract will prove in the long run a decided advance.

The following from the *Phi Gamma Delta* certainly does suggest a real estate advertisement, or is it a circus poster? We hope it does not imply that the national officers are an exhibition of freaks!

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First: The active chapter should be made to feel that it is self-supporting. Its entertainments and expenditures should be strictly within its means and only under extraordinary circumstances should the alumnae be called upon for anything other than dues.

Second: As far as possible the active chapter should accept the recommendations of the alumnae in the pledging of new girls.

Third: The alumnae should not be too hasty in judging the actions of the active chapter or in expecting too much in the way of correspondence and attention. We should all remember how busy we were when in college.

Two of the woman's fraternity magazines change editors this fall. The *Anchora* of Delta Gamma passes from the hands of Mrs. J. A. R. Pancoast, who for seven years has been its capable

editor, into those of Miss Grace Abbott, an alumna of the University of Nebraska. The *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma will henceforth be edited by Miss Elizabeth Vorés of the chapter in Buchtel College. To these novices in the ranks, the editor of the *ARROW* wishes the best of success and offers the right hand of fellowship.

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The following woman's fraternity chapters have recently been established: Chi Omega at the University of West Virginia, Delta Delta Delta at Randolph-Macon, and Kappa Alpha Theta (re-established) at Toronto.

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Sigma Chi announces the establishment of a chapter at the University of Arkansas. Fraternities are against the law at Arkansas, but that seems to be of no particular importance.

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Delta Upsilon has recently entered the University of Illinois.



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