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SHOULD WOMEN PRACTICE MEDICINE?

I am aware that many consider it presumption for a woman to come before the public as a physician. It is very unpleasant to some to see long established customs broken, and long cherished prejudices set at naught. But if people would lay aside their prejudices of education, and impartially contemplate the question, "Should Woman Practice Medicine?" public opinion as regards it would be very different.

The vital principle of American liberty is, that "all men—and hence all women—are created free and equal, with certain inalienable rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." In that one sentence is summed up all the manifold duties of man to man, and of man and woman to each other in the various relationships of family, society, and government. It contains, properly understood, the essence of all political and sociological speculations, from the Ten Commandments down to the Declaration of Independence and the Proclamation of Emancipation. This principle received its first emphatic declaration on the 4th of July, 1776, since which time it has been the beacon-light of history. Not only was it the rock upon which was founded the new republic; it was, as it were, a new fiat of "let there

be light" to all the nations of the earth. Before that declaration might made right, and the weak and lowly were crushed under the iron heel of the oppressor; with it was ushered in a new era, controlled by a new idea, that idea being, "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man." In the light of this principle the relation of woman to society becomes one of the most vital questions of the age. In the era when might made right woman had few rights which "the lords of creation" felt themselves bound to respect. Men made the laws, they also made public opinion. Man is essentially a selfish animal, and can not be trusted with supreme power over others, not even over the woman whom he loves and has sworn to protect. Hence we find that in the middle ages, in every land and in every class of society, under the stern fanatical teachings of the church and the oppressive rule of the Feudal system, the rights of woman were entirely ignored. The church forbade her speaking in religious meetings; she was held in such low esteem that a life of celibacy was enjoined upon the priesthood. In law she held no higher place, as against her husband she had no legal rights. When she married she entered upon a life of servile subordination to her husband, he succeeding to all her rights of property. Marriage was regarded as a badge of servitude. Not only was she compelled to perform all the menial service of the household, and gratify every whim and caprice of her master, but it was customary to see her serving as a beast of burden in the open field. Virtue and chastity were one thing as applied to man, an entirely different thing when applied to woman. In accordance with the principles of fealty and protection, upon which the feudal system was based, she could not inherit real or personal property—it being deemed necessary to the power

of the king or chieftain that the inheritance should always go to some one capable of performing military service. For similar reasons she had nothing to say in the choice of her own husband, such choice being usually controlled by political or other prudential reasons. Much learning was thought then, as it was recently thought in our slave states, to render one less subordinate to the sway of a master; hence women were kept in ignorance. These restrictions upon woman's rights, these impediments to her advancement, have come down almost to our own time. Notwithstanding the advance which we have made in liberty and civilization and the progressive amelioration which we see, especially in the position occupied by women in the nineteenth century, we may yet find traces of this old oppressive spirit in the laws upon our statute books, in the customs and prejudices of modern society, and especially in that narrow selfishness of man, which seeks to limit the sphere of usefulness and independence which shall be occupied by woman. No small indication of that selfishness is the fact that in this year of our Lord, 1889, more than a century after the Declaration of Independence, the question should be asked in all seriousness, "Should women practice medicine?"

And why should they not? Will not the practice of medicine furnish them the necessities of that *life*, the security and maintenance of that *liberty*, and the more effective pursuit of that *happiness* which we have solemnly declared are among the inalienable rights of man? Who now shall decide this question? Shall men be the arbiters of a question which concerns the life and happiness of women, or shall women decide for themselves? In our democratic America how can there be but one answer to this? It is of the very essence of our liberty that each man and woman shall choose for himself or herself the avenue to life and happiness.

But they tell us that it is unwomanly for a woman to mingle in the active affairs of life; to prosecute her medical studies side by side with men; to follow the profession, even if she has the requisite ability. This is the same cry which comes to us all along the course of human history, from those in power and those who are opposed to each successive step of civilization. It was said at one time that an education tended to make women more masculine and less womanly, and yet who would dare now to make such an assertion? Who would claim that the women of dark ages, when they were held in complete and even servile subjection, were any more modest and womanly, or made better wives and mothers than the woman of to-day? Or the uneducated women of the present age, than such women as Mrs. Browning and Lucy Stone? No; there is no lesson more clearly taught in the annals of human history than the fact that just in proportion to the moral, social, and intellectual elevation of woman has she become more womanly, more refined, and more capable of acting well her part in the trials and temptations of life. Virtue is not to be sought in the enforced seclusion of a cloister, but rather in the admirable discharge of all womanly duties, whether as daughter, sister, wife, or mother. Purity hath its foundation not in imbecility or ignorance, but in the strength of experience and the refinement of culture.

The care of the sick has, from the earliest ages, devolved upon woman. To be the devoted guardian of human life; to remove or alleviate the physical evils which afflict the race; to watch patiently their wasting course; to give the cup of water to parched and fevered lips; to whisper into dying ears words of love and comfort; to be like her of old,

"Who, while apostles shrank, could danger brave ;
Last at His cross, and earliest at His grave."

This has ever been her divinely appointed and universally conceded mission. No one denies her right to nurse and care for the sick so long as she is directed by a man. But when that boundary is over-stepped, and she seeks to become mistress of the art of Esculapius, she is accused of being unwomanly and intruding upon the realm of man, for he has assumed the practice of medicine as belonging solely to himself; no law, either human or divine, ever having given it to him. But the fact that he has monopolized all the knowledge of this science is no reason he should continue to hold it any more than that any other wrong should continue to exist, simply because it always has. Woman, as well as man, is a physical being, and has physical wants, and it often becomes necessary for her to provide the means of satisfying not only her own wants, but also those of others. And why should she, any more than man, be forbidden to choose that occupation which is most congenial to her tastes and capacities? Is not their very existence evidence of the occupation her Maker intended her to pursue? It is an undisputed principle of economy that the most is accomplished by each devoting himself to that work indicated by his tastes and capacities. If this principle is so applicable to man, why not to woman also?

We sometimes hear it said that woman lacks the judgment and powers of reflection necessary in the practice of medicine; that the intuition which serves her so often in the ordinary affairs of life would fail her here. To this we reply that the science of medicine is yet very far from being an exact science; nay, it is to a great extent empirical; and that if it be true, which we do not for a moment admit,

that her reflective powers are less powerful than man's, yet her powers of observation are greater and her sympathies so much keener as to offset any deficiency there might be in her judgment or reasoning powers. If there be one sphere of action in which, more than any other, the intuition of woman should be, in a high degree, an element of success, it would seem to be here in the practice of this profession; especially when that intuition is united to the warm magnetic sympathy with pain and suffering which is the divine heritage of woman.

It may be true that woman is not gifted with those faculties which are requisite to constitute scientific genius, which have led to the great discoveries in medical science. But may we not say in reply that these faculties are rare in man also? The average male practitioner, so far from being a man of rare intellectual endowments, or of great scientific attainments, is a common-place, humdrum sort of a man, who goes on prescribing pills and panaceas with solemnity, just as it is written in the books, and almost as they have been prescribed for a century. Women are at least as capable of acquiring such knowledge (book knowledge) as men, and it seems unjust, and it certainly is not modest in men to claim that they can not also profit by experience, at least until the experiment has been tried.

Nay, more, notwithstanding the restrictions which have chilled the hopes and crushed the aspirations of woman to be more useful to her race, notable instances have arisen from time to time, in which she has burst the bonds of prejudice which enclose her, and ascended to the loftiest heights of fame as poets, orators, scientists, and even as doctors of medicine. It is not necessary to dwell on the merits of Sapho, Aspasia, Hypatia, De Stael, and other women who

have been distinguished in poetry, fiction, logic, and eloquence. In proportion to their number, I think women rank equal with men in medicine.

Anna Morandi Mazzolini was the wife of a professor of anatomy in the University of Bologna about the middle of the last century. Her husband falling ill, she supplied his place, delivering her lectures, as did Hypatia (such was the illiberality of men at that time), from behind a curtain. She acquired great fame, and was offered a chair in the University of Milan, which, however, she declined, remaining at Bologna until her death, in 1774. She was the inventor of anatomical models in wax, and her work is even now the pride of the anatomical museum at Bologna.

In our own day, with the increase of intelligence and the advancement of liberal ideas among the masses, woman is coming to the front in every department of life, especially in that of medicine. We find women occupying important positions in hospitals and ranking high in the profession generally.

Among the leading women physicians of this country was Dr. Mary F. Thomas, who died last year. She graduated in 1854, and was the first woman physician in her state, the first woman graduate of medicine in the west, and throughout her life she continued to lead the way for woman in the profession. We can scarcely conceive of the prejudice and opposition she encountered; of the curiosity and scorn with which the public regarded a "woman doctor;" of the contempt shown her by medical men. But her modest manner, womanly excellence, straight-forward methods, and thorough ability conquered prejudice and won the confidence and support of patients and the respect of the profession.

Among other pioneers who suffered with her were Miss

Blackwell, a professor of the Woman's Medical College of New York. She was refused admission to ten medical colleges, and after she was admitted at Geneva she found it impossible to obtain board at a respectable house, and even ordinary civilities were denied her. Elizabeth Stattuck, after graduating at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, sought hospital training in vain until she consented to lay aside her title of M. D., and enter as a nurse. Miss Harriot K. Hunt, after a practice of a dozen years, which had become quite extensive, wishing to make herself more worthy of the confidence reposed in her, applied to the faculty of Harvard College for permission to attend a course of lectures in the medical department, but was refused on the ground of expediency, no reason being assigned. Three years later she again applied, and her request was granted. But the students waxing indignant at the prospect of such an associate in their studies, or, as the *Chronicler* adds, such a witness of their manners, vehemently protested, and the long-coveted opportunity was denied.

One of the early objections to the practice of medicine by women is that the work of the general practitioner is too exhaustive to be endured by them. This, as well as some other objections, is best refuted by the statistics given in the address of the Dean of the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania to the graduating class of 1881. There had been but thirty-two deaths in thirty years out of an *alumnæ* of two hundred and seventy-six, and many of the women after practicing a dozen years were found to possess more vitality and power of endurance than at the beginning of their professional careers. It is also urged that even if women were educated for the profession, only single women could practice. Of one hundred and eighty-nine graduates from whom a re-

port was obtained, one hundred and sixty-six were still engaged in active practice; of the twenty-three who had abandoned the practice, the reasons given were as follows: Domestic duties, eight; philanthropic work, one; ill health, six; retired, three; no reason assigned, five. Of the one hundred and eighty-nine, there were fifty-four who married after graduation, seventy-five having married previously; of the fifty-four, only five desisted on account of marriage. As to the influence which the study and practice of medicine had upon their domestic relations as wife and mother, fifty-two married ladies testify as follows: Influence favorable, forty-five; not entirely, six; unfavorable, one. As to the kind of practice pursued by these physicians, the chief place is assigned to obstetrics and the diseases of women, while fifty simply report general practice, including in this number three who answer surgery. In regard to social recognition, one hundred and fifty state that it is accorded to them in full, while seven report unfavorably. In respect to income, of seventy-six who replied to the inquiry, ten report less than \$1,000; forty-four from \$1,000 to \$3,000; fifteen from \$3,000 to \$5,000; three from \$5,000 to \$15,000, and four from \$15,000 to \$20,000. Surely a favorable showing, when we consider the novelty of the experiment; the prejudices with which they have to contend; the obstacles they encounter; and the modest pretension put forth by their brothers, that woman is intellectually weak, unreflective, and incapable of applying the abstract principles of physiology, hygiene, and pathology to the diagnosis and treatment of disease. The advancement made by women in this profession during the last ten years has been more than double that of any preceding decade. Their number has multiplied; public opinion has greatly modified; and opportunities for medical education

and advancement have rapidly opened before them. Based on the past, what may we not hope for in the future?

There are two classes of diseases for the treatment of which women are peculiarly adapted; I refer to the diseases of women and children. The former class, which are becoming so prevalent, in American society more than any other, strike at the physical basis of human life. They are destined more than any other to affect the physical welfare of coming generations. As in the case of other diseases, they can be most successfully treated in their incipency; often in this case as in others, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Yet, in the very nature of things, the suffering victim will still suffer and procrastinate rather than call in the aid of a male practitioner. Hundreds and thousands, hundreds of thousands of our best, and noblest, and purest mothers—and that, too, because they were good, noble, and pure—have become the victims of ineradicable disease, because, forsooth, the self-styled lords of creation have hidden from them the key of the book of knowledge, and have frowned upon their every effort at self emancipation. Would that we might estimate to what extent this single fact has contributed to the physical, and indirectly to the intellectual, deterioration of the race.

In infancy are laid the seeds of innumerable diseases. If the mothers of our land were correctly informed in the laws of health, both for themselves and their children, many of these might be averted. It could not be expected that every woman should become a practicing physician; still the existence, in every community, of an intelligent woman, well educated in all the laws of health and the science of medicine, could not fail to aid in disseminating a knowledge of those laws and of that science, and to promote the physical welfare of the race.

In claiming that women should practice medicine, we do not ask it as a privilege; we demand it as a right inalienable as that of liberty or life; a right receiving its sanction in all law, both human and divine; the right to toil and to receive the just reward of toil.

We may differ in opinion as to the expediency of endowing woman with the prerogative of suffrage, but no reasonable person, as it seems to me, can doubt the expediency—nay, the stern necessity—of endowing her with the divine privilege of healing the sick and alleviating distress.

I have somewhere heard or read a story from one of those transcendental German writers, which tells us that when God designed to create woman, the various angels of His attributes came in order before Him and spoke of His purpose. Truth said: "Create her not, Father. She will deny the right; deny her obligations to Thee; disobey Thy commands, and with her persuasive wiles cause man to fall from his high estate—create her not." Justice said: "Create her not, Father. She will fill the world with injustice and wrong; she will desecrate Thy holy temple; lead man to do deeds of violence and blood, and to slay his fellow-man; therefore create her not." But gentle Mercy knelt by the throne and whispered: "Create her Father. I will be with her in all her wanderings; I will follow her wayward steps, and by the lessons she shall learn from me and from the experience of her own errors, I will bring her back to Thee and she shall bring man back." And so it has ever been, woman is everywhere the compliment of man—neither complete without the other, and each contributing something in every sphere of action and in every department of life to that union of symmetry and power of beauty and strength which appear in all the operations of nature and in all the order of the universe.

BESSIE E. PEERY, M. D.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

ILLINOIS BETA.

Since our last letter was written, Annie Yeomans, our corresponding editor, has been obliged to return to her home, possibly never to be with us again as an active member of the Chapter.

As you see, another sister has promised to perform, to the best of her ability, the duties of associate editor, and as this is her first attempt, please be charitable, and make your criticisms as light as possible. Another has been added to our number. One pleasant evening in April we conducted to the home of Sister Maud Claycomb one of our Sophomore girls, Villa Cole, who was desirous of being initiated into the mysteries of Pi Beta Phi. With much fear and trembling, she met the goat and conquered, and we can now introduce her as one of our truest sisters and most earnest workers.

We received to-day greetings from Columbia Chapter, and shall certainly prize them very highly.

Welcome, girls, into our Sorosis! We hope and believe that you will always find the associations as pleasant, and the work as profitable, as I am sure the older sisters have done.

What are you all doing in the way of literary work this spring, or is it as with us? Commencement work is taking the place of almost everything. We have had but very little business of importance, and, after the regular meeting, have spent the evenings as we found most fitting for the time.

We have spent two or three evenings with quotations, and found them very entertaining as well as instructive. Every one seems very much pleased with the new songs, and

always enjoy that part of the meeting devoted to singing. We are only sorry that they are so few in number.

I wonder if all find these pleasant days so non-conducive to study as most of our girls do. How much more inviting looks the tennis court or croquet ground than the dusty recitation room, or our own rooms, with study-table and books staring us in the face. But the lessons must be learned — so say our professors.

We are hoping and planning for a brilliant success at our ladies' contest in June.

The preliminary occurred this week, and six out of the seven fortunate girls are Pi Phis. We have taken the honors the last two years, and surely the girls can't disappoint us this year.

We look forward to the receipt of *THE ARROW* with so much pleasure. It seems that we cannot be content to wait until September before hearing from any of our distant sisters. We should be very much pleased to hear from any of you at any time. We are always anxious to know what you are doing.

Beta Chapter sends love.

Lombard University, Galesburg, Ill., May, 1889.

IOWA BETA.

There has been a lull socially in our Chapter this spring. Aside from our regular meetings, nothing of special interest has occurred. At present we are looking forward to a banquet during commencement, at which time we hope to have a number of the old girls with us.

The fraternities of Simpson College will issue a fraternity annual this spring — *The Tangent* — in which we will be represented.

Among a few members of some of the fraternities here represented there is a desire to have the secret societies at Simpson disbanded. A meeting was called, to which two members from each fraternity were invited. No action was taken, but in the general discussion our members both expressed themselves as decidedly opposed to such a movement, a sentiment in which they are sustained by every member of Iowa Beta.

We are already forming plans for our summer vacation. Why not agitate the question proposed by our Iowa City sister, and arrange a trip to the lakes? Certainly nothing could be more pleasant or more easily accomplished. Let us hear from other Chapters.

IOWA GAMMA.

Our prospects at the beginning of the term were anything but promising; we were but seven in number, and the board of trustees had taken away all "special privileges," which meant any more joint sessions with our brothers, and, worst of all, our cosy little hall, which had been our pride, and around which cluster so many pleasant memories. However, fortune seemed to favor us, and we now number fifteen, nearly every one of the new members being a particular friend or sister of some of our number.

Although the want of a hall in no way interferes with our having meetings, we found it required some ingenuity to prepare a suitable place for initiation. Fortunately three of our sisters had two rooms with an arch between, and this we decided would be the best possible place for our meeting. As the curtain to this arch was one of the transparent kind, we draped a shawl over it to add mystery to the curiosity in the minds of the new candidates. Chairs were improvised

of boxes, trunks, etc., but we found all these inconveniences could not detract from the sacredness of the initiation.

This part of the ceremony over, we adjourned to Lydia Bradrick's room, at the other end of the hall, where a feast had been spread. As we marched down the hall in procession, not a few curious glances followed us.

Several weeks later the $\Delta T \Delta s$, wishing to surprise us, asked one of the members to try and get all the $\Pi B \Phi s$ together the next evening at 9 o'clock. For some time we had been talking of two girls who had entered a little late in the term, and whom we were very anxious to add to our number. By a little stratagem, the girls were convinced that that was the very night for the initiation. Before we were through with this, there came a knock at the door and we found there a basket of lovely refreshments. Many were the exclamations of surprise from the girls, not one of whom had surmised the treat in store for them.

We are justly proud of our eight new sisters, Sadie and Charlotte Barrows, Elmina Wilson, Alice Ford, Kate Porter, Ruth Duncan, Vesta Harner, and Jennie Thornburg. All the classes, with the exception of the senior, have passed amendments to their constitutions, prohibiting members of fraternities from holding any office or class honor. This, however, seems to make very little difference to us, as all our new members willingly gave up these for the fraternity.

We certainly have not been weakened by our misfortunes. We now meet every week, instead of once in two weeks, as before, and find our meetings very pleasant and instructive. At present we are reading *Les Miserables*, devoting a part of the time to reading and the remainder to discussion.

We wish you all as great success as we are enjoying.
State Agricultural College, Ames, Iowa.

IOWA EPSILON.

DEAR PI BETA PHI SISTERS: Again we greet you. We were delighted when the last ARROW made its appearance. We were glad to hear from all the Chapters again, and enjoyed your letters very much.

Carrie Lane Chapman lectured here April 8th. Subject, "American Sovereign." Her ideas were most excellent, and her language beautiful. We were charmed and delighted with her. She was the guest of Martha Greenleaf while here. We learned that it would be possible for us to have Sam. Small lecture here, so asked the P. E. O.'s to unite with us in making arrangements for his coming. No preventing providence, he will be here May 23d.

We meet every two weeks, on Monday night; our meetings being interesting and profitable to us.

A general Pi Beta Phi Camp would be delightful. I know we would all enjoy it. What could be more pleasant and enjoyable than to spend a short time together, as one family, near some of our beautiful lakes? What freedom and comfort!

We are in receipt of Columbia Alpha's greeting, and we most heartily welcome her, and trust that we may be mutually benefited.

Two of our girls have been married since last report, and Madam Rumor whispers "still there's more to follow."

Iowa Epsilon sends wishes to all sisters for a pleasant vacation.

IOWA ZETA.

A rainy day! Perfectly cheerless! It has ruined the prospect of the picnic, and ruthlessly broken in upon other plans. We resign ourselves to the inevitable, but that brings merely a stoic's comfort. Perhaps this gloom may be dis-

pelled by recalling and penning the varied pleasures of our Chapter this spring.

The words "behold, I make all things new" have been vividly stamped upon all nature, and methinks there are traces of the same writing in the renewed vigor of our society. The interest in all meetings remains constant, and the bond of friendship and sympathy grows stronger.

Our girls participate in out-door games. Tennis is universally accepted as the most fascinating. The faculty have granted to the students portions of the campus for tennis courts, where the girls frequently play, but the Pi Beta Phi court proper is at Ella Ham's. There, any bright afternoon, you can see the girls playing tennis or croquet, and after the games the victors walking proudly home with little bunches of pansies, the laurels for the day.

Early in the term Miss Dr. Hess entertained the girls in a manner that will always be pleasant to remember. Miss Hess's singing was charming. Great interest was manifested in the conversazione, "The Ups and Downs of Professional Life," from medical and legal stand-points, conducted by two professional ladies, members of our Alumna Chapter. Refreshments were those characteristic of our Sorosis, although the "Gibraltar candy" was missing, and in its place a great novelty, which words can not describe (they did it with milk and stick-candy, three at a glass).

The great event of our Sorosis this spring was a tennis party tendered the girls and some of their gentlemen friends by Cora Ross, at her home, a few miles from town. At half past three in the afternoon the Tallyho cart arrived. To be more explicit, a Tallyho cart is an immense hay-rack. Ladies and gentlemen scaled a ladder with the agility of firemen, and were soon comfortably (?) seated.

The question may still be raised why people stood still in the middle of the street and stared in amazement as we went at breakneck speed through the principal streets of the city. No one fell through; in fact all went well, if you exclude the loss of hair-pins, the continuous poking of umbrellas, which kept not only your eyes, but your life in jeopardy — yes, and one *serious* episode: One of the gentlemen, who insisted on dressing up, had the misfortune to sit on a muddy revolving wheel; that was all.

Those bold enough to venture the damp played tennis. Of course it rained. Indoors, music, pictures, and conversation were attractions.

Supper, as the little boy expresses it, was "a grate time for us." We need only mention the daintily served salads, ice cream, cake, and strawberries to give you some idea of our repast. The souvenirs were tiny racquets of dark wine and silver blue, designed by the girls.

Later in the evening the company formed a large circle around the fire-place, and by its light cracked nuts and told stories, weird, tragic, pathetic, and comic. Poetry was recited with eloquence that made you feel the shades of the authors were with you.

The rousing cheers for our hostess, her family, and "Prospect Farm," given just before mounting the Tallyho, but too meagrely evinced our appreciation of the hospitality shown us.

During the ride home the college yell and songs, operatic and otherwise, rendered it impossible for us to do ourselves justice vocally when we reached town; yet all Iowa City knew that evening the Pi Phi's had a party.

Zeta assisted the Kappa Chapter to introduce a new sister, Miss Ida Greer, into our beloved Sorosis recently. We are justly proud of her.

Besides the pleasing exercise of tennis, some of the girls have taken up rowing. We have had one fraternity boat-ride, and frequently four or five Pi Phis may be seen pulling merrily up the river.

All are anticipating the pleasures of commencement. A trial is made this year in the Collegiate Department of doing away with the class commencement speakers, and having instead an oration delivered by some noted speaker. The Law Department has tried this method for several years, and is pleased with the results.

Our sister, Bessie Peery, who at the beginning of the spring term lacked but two terms of graduation, decided to take the two terms next year. She is greatly missed by all the girls, and when she returns next September will receive a hearty welcome from us all.

Zoe Williams, '91, is with us this term, thus keeping our number in school the same.

Zeta and Kappa take the opportunity to bid you good-bye, and wish you all as pleasant a summer as we have in anticipation.

State University of Iowa, May, 1889.

IOWA THETA.

Once more you hear from Iowa Theta and what she is doing. Since our last letter to you we have had some most enjoyable meetings, and have been learning a little about some of our modern authors. At our first meeting in April we had our election of officers, which resulted in our having the following officers for the ensuing year: Lillie Harman, I. R.; Lena Gaston, R. S.; Emma Harper, S.; Lettie Baker, Q.; Bertha Sargent and Hattie Tisdale, C.

Thursday evening, May 16th, will long be remembered

by Ottumwa Pi Beta Phis, for on this evening a reception was given at the home of Lizzie Warden, in honor of Edna Douglass Howland, who was at home for a short visit. As this was our first opportunity of being with her since her marriage, you may all know how pleasant it was for us.

At the same time we had the pleasures of initiation — our first, with one exception, for three years; and let me introduce to you seven new sisters: Daisy Baker, Abbie Cooper, Alice and Helen Edgerly, Maggie Walker, Mamie Hills, and Alice Rogers. We only regret that they were not Pi Beta Phis at the time of the convention, for they are so very nice that we are sorry you all could not have known them. As for us, we feel that they will be an honor to our Sorosis, and we may be proud of them, no matter where or in what circumstances they may be placed.

This evening will also be always remembered with a most grateful and loving heart by the writer, because at this time her Pi Phi sisters presented her, very much to her surprise, with a most beautiful token—a diamond bracelet. Why did they do this? Do you ask? Well, let me tell you. She has been asking the same question herself, and as yet has found no satisfactory answer. Just because her sisters were kind enough to elect her I. R. for several terms, and just because she has always had an interest in and affection for her sisters, they have thus rewarded her — far more than she deserves — and she is glad to have this opportunity to thank them in this public manner, and let others know what true and loving hearts they have.

We do enjoy singing the songs from the last ARROW, and we thank the author of one of them for the sentiment, "The Theta girls are dandies." May you never have occasion to change your opinion. Love to all sister Chapters.

Ottumwa, Iowa, May, 1889.

IOWA IOTA.

The dark-winged angel has entered the homes of several of our dear sisters, and taken loved ones. The shadow of his wing has also fallen upon us, leaving vacant places in our Chapter. To our sisters who have lost their dear ones, we extend our love and sympathy.

We have had some of the old pins remodelled, and are much pleased with them. Two of the pins have a line of black through the letters, the line scarcely showing, but it helps to bring out the letters.

We have talked over the $\Pi B \Phi$ Camp, and hope we may be able to arrange one for this summer. Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Robinson tells us "Camp Whip-poor-will is too modest," yet from what we have heard of it we believe Camp Whip-poor-will to be the place. It is not so far from the Iowa and Illinois Chapters, and not much farther than Northern Iowa or Southern Minnesota would be for the other Chapters.

We send greetings to all $\Pi B \Phi$ sisters, wherever they may be, and wish you all a pleasant vacation.

Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

KANSAS ALPHA.

With the number of happy events that have occurred among us since the last letter, I find myself thinking "What shall I tell first?" Perhaps the regular order of occurrences will be best, which brings first, a banquet given by the three ladies' fraternities represented here; there were no invited guests, but with the large number of girls present a jolly time was had. The same night, the gentlemen's fraternities united in a Pan-Hellenic. Although ladies were not supposed to be present, it is understood that there were some very fair representations of our sex.

The latter part of March, Mrs. Professor Carruth entertained us most pleasantly at her home, where she invited Mrs. Whitman, of this city, to read a paper before us on "Louisa Alcott." It proved doubly interesting, as letters were read from Miss Alcott to Mrs. Whitman's husband, they having been friends in childhood, and many glimpses into her home life were given.

Two weeks later Mrs. Carruth gave us a most interesting and instructive lecture on "Venice."

A College Annual will be published soon, which it is hoped will prove a success. It will be the first one published for several years.

The evening of April 29th two new members, Mame Lyons and Lou Barker, were initiated. Although the night was one of the darkest on which we ever held an initiation, we hope the light from Beta Phi was sufficient to allay any fears that may have possessed them. The usual "feasting" occurred, which certainly did not fail to be appreciated, judging from the "new way" — private instructions given.

May 3d we gave a party in honor of our senior members, which, as usual, proved a success. Each of the five fraternities represented received as a souvenir an elegant basket of flowers, while the non-fraternity men received buttonaires.

We look forward to commencement with both pride and regret; pride, that three of our members graduate with honors, yet regret at losing them. Mary Manly is one of the first in rank of her class, and received a commencement appointment. For class-day Gertrude Crotty was elected Salutatorian, and Flora Newlin President of the day.

One of our most popular girls was lately married, and now resides in Cincinnati, Ohio. From present appearances two or three more will have taken, or be about to take, the "fatal leap" before another letter is written.

We have obtained Mrs. P. E. Emery to give us a lecture soon at the home of Mame Tisdale. This plan of work we think very advisable. Many of our girls think the idea of a $\Pi B \Phi$ camp, suggested in the last ARROW, "*perfectly lovely.*" At present none of the girls have made arrangements to go to either of the places named, most of them having particular friends to visit; yet we hope the fates will be propitious, and cause some of the unknown sisters to meet "e'er the summer days go by."

Kansas State University, May, 1889.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Now comes the most exciting time of the school year. Our commencement will be on May 29th. The attending entertainments and festivities will be numerous, a scientific soiree, glee club concert, etc. Each of the literary societies will give entertainments.

The ΔT s are to have a banquet on the 28th, at which we anticipate a splendid time, as we have "been there before." There is nothing we enjoy more than a fraternity party. Where else do we find that congenial spirit that we find among the "frats?"

On April 26th we entertained over forty of our friends, including the ΔT s, the ΔT s, and others, at the home of Emma Sternberg, two miles from town. One of the features of the evening was "bonnet trimming" by the gentlemen, under the direction of their partners. Prizes were awarded to the most skilful trimmer, and the lady whose head-gear was the most becoming.

About two weeks ago we received a visit from five ladies of the Denver Chapter. We enjoyed meeting them very much.

Mention was made in our last letter that we would soon have two initiates. We are proud to introduce our new sisters, Helen and Mamie Maxwell.

Our last meeting for the year was Saturday.

We are thinking of an entertainment this summer, and would be glad to receive suggestions on this or any other subject.

Our active members now number nine. We feel that the year has been beneficial and enjoyable in every respect.

Colorado State University, May, 1889.

COLORADO BETA:

Through a mistake as to the time of publishing THE ARROW, there was no letter in the last number, but we want our sisters to know that we are flourishing and looking for great results.

Through the kindness of some of our friends in the University, we have a room in the building that we are fitting up as our Chapter hall. The paint is all in the wine and blue, and we have a pretty moquet carpet, a desk, and library table, and expect to have some chairs 'ere long. A friend has presented us with a picture—an etching of "Christ Before Pilate"—and our dear Sister Ida Winne sent us the picture of last year's delegates, nicely framed.

Three initiations have taken place since last writing—Nellie Stearns, Charlotte Fowler, and Jennie Hitchcock.

We are looking forward to a proposed reception with a great deal of pleasure. We intend to give it in connection with the Beta boys here. We have done nothing of the sort for some time, so the girls are quite anxious that it should be an "unusual success," as of course we do every thing we undertake for "Pi Phi."

I will not try to write a longer letter this time, but I hope in the next one to be able to tell even more encouraging news of our Sorosis.

Denver University, April, 1889.

MICHIGAN ALPHA.

Since the last issue of *THE ARROW* this Chapter has lost (from sight only) the dear face of one of its members, Minta Morgan, she having assumed charge of the German language and musical department connected with a college located at Port Townsend, W. T.

Much of the prosperity of this Sorosis is due her untiring energy, perseverance, and "party spirit." We bade her farewell with much regret, but she has ever our kindest wishes and a loving place in our hearts.

'Tis with much pleasure we present to you our new sister, Miss Mary Hood, whom we recently initiated — by the aid of spirits called up from the lower world, Greek fire, etc., etc. She made an unconditional surrender."

On the twenty-first (21st) occurs the second anniversary of the founding of this Chapter. We purpose celebrating in some fitting manner.

We have several juniors and one senior, Sister Osgood, who completes in June a course in vocal music.

Literary work up to date has been a careful study of the characters, Ruskin and Irving. We find, too, much good derived from honest criticism in this work.

Michigan Alpha sends greetings to the sisterhood.

Hillsdale College, May, 1889.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Greetings to Columbia Alpha of $\Pi B \Phi$ from Michigan Beta. We are especially glad to relinquish our title of babyhood to a Chapter which promises so much aid to the Sorority. Now we can no longer be called "exclusively western," as a rival Sorority once stated. Would that we were all as enthusiastic and active as Miss Turner.

The trouble spoken of in the last ARROW, we are glad to say, will soon be adjusted. We should, however, like to ask if it would not be a good plan, when any members of other Chapters are going to visit or attend college where there is a Chapter located, for them to always wear the badge?

On April 6th we celebrated our first anniversary by visiting the photographer. Two of the girls had planned a surprise for the rest of us in the shape of a novel way to have our pictures taken. They had basted the Greek letters, cut out of dark cloth, onto a sheet; then holes were cut for our heads, two through the Pi, three through the Beta, and two through the Phi. The picture of the letters is splendid, but we can't say so much for that of the girls. We expect to go down again this week, but this time it is the faces and not the Greek letters that we wish to have photographed!

Minnie H. Newby is the only one from among our number who graduates this year, and we are very sorry to lose our founder, or, as Mrs. Small calls her, "Our Mother." The commencement exercises here are held the last week in June. On Sunday evening of that week the Baccalaureate address is delivered, on Monday the Law and Medical departments have their class-day exercises, and Tuesday is the Literary department's class-day. In the morning the exercises, consisting of oration and poem, are conducted in the University hall, while in the afternoon the history, prophecy,

and President's address are given on the campus, under the Tappan oak; in the evening occurs the great event of the week — the Senior reception — when dancing reigns supreme. Wednesday is Alumni day, and Thursday morning the diplomas are granted. The number of graduates from all departments last year was something over four hundred.

The question is asked in THE ARROW: "Shall we have a Π Β Φ camp or a cottage at Lake Chautauqua?" It seems as if it might not be out of our reach to have a cottage there after a few years. If all the Pi Beta Phi's who go each year would make it known through THE ARROW, and all live together when there, would it not excite an interest and be the cause of more going? By increasing the number in this way for a few years, might it not be possible to have a cottage of our own?

We were founded too late last year to appear in our college annual — *The Palladium* — and for that reason make our debut this spring. The cut, with which we are all very much pleased, is to make its also.

Best wishes and greetings to all the Π Β Φs.

University of Michigan, May, 1889.

INDIANA ALPHA.

Indiana Alpha sends greetings to Π Β Φ. and wishes to join with all our Chapters in bidding our new sisters of Columbia Alpha God-speed.

We know that all members of the Sorosis are quite as glad as were we to hear of its establishment, though we had cause, likewise, to mourn, as we lost one of our most faithful members, Emma Harper Turner, who became a member of the new Chapter.

We have had letters from several Chapters, which we were very glad to receive. By an acquaintance with and a direct knowledge of other Chapters, we are enabled to realize more fully the unity and the common purpose of the fraternity. We also find in letters from our sisters many good ideas and suggestions as to work, and to plans in general. We think that an increase of correspondence among Chapters would result in much good.

In several weeks two of our girls, Emma Ellis and May Burton, are to represent two of the literary societies of the college in an annual inter-society entertainment. Miss Ellis represents the Athenian Society, Miss Burton the Percelesian, both delivering orations.

In June one of our most devoted members graduates — Mattie C. Palmer. She is a charter-member of our Chapter, and has always reflected honor upon Indiana Alpha.

Pearl Wood, one of our girls who is not now in college, is here visiting, and as three other members who were not in school in the winter are in this term, we feel quite a "united band."

Franklin College, Indiana, May, 1889.

COLUMBIA ALPHA.

EMMA HARPER TURNER.	ANNA S. HAZELTON.
PHEBE R. NORRIS.	AUGUSTA M. PETTIGREW.
SALLIE T. SPARKS.	LILLIE S. HAZELTON.

As members of our noble sisterhood, the readers of THE ARROW will be glad, we feel sure, to hear of the youngest Chapter; for while we are not yet quite a month old, our birthday occurring April 27th, 1889, we have found our voice, and begin to realize that we are Pi Beta Phis, and rejoice therein.

We will not soon forget the memorable evening on which we found ourselves solemnly pledged to our sisterhood.

As our organization is the first woman's fraternity established in our city and college, we feel that great care must be taken in building up the Chapter; and we feel, too, that our work will be that of pioneers; that we must put into it our best effort and wisdom. It is our earnest desire to make our beloved Chapter strong in every way possible, and we are aiming to neglect nothing that will perpetuate the object of its founders in organizing the Chapter, and that will enable future members of Columbia Alpha to profit by its history.

The honor and privilege we enjoy as members of our Sorosis is indeed one that we highly value and appreciate, for we know that there is inspiration in working and being associated with true and noble women.

We have drawn up a memorial setting forth the ideas of our charter-members, and perhaps a few sentences from it will help you to understand our position:

"We, the charter-members of Columbia Alpha, Pi Beta Phi Sorosis, have organized this Chapter, recognizing the benefits that must come to each from sincere friendships with women of congenial spirits and lofty ideals, and believing the Sorosis to be a feasible method of making lasting these friendships. We consider it an honor to be permitted to work with and become a part of such a company of college women as the Sorosis represents, each pledged to a life of truth and virtue. * * * * We hope to work in that dignified, yet earnest, manner that shows womanhood in its true light, and everywhere, and at all times, commands for it the respect that is its due.

"Columbia Alpha is established in the expectation of making it a permanent factor in the permanent life of Washington and the University. We hope to draw to it the college women of the city.

"We trust the members who will carry on its work (when its founders have gone out of it into other phases of life's work) will ever keep these purposes in view, and consult them when making out any line of work for the Chapter, or when entering into any pleasures.

"We trust the Chapter here founded will ever use the utmost discretion and caution in selecting women for membership, that the scholarship of its members will challenge admiration, and their lives as a whole be marked by that breadth of new loyalty to duty, loftiness of ideals, and above all, that charity for mankind and love for all things pure and true, that will render them worthy of membership in Pi Beta Phi."

This memorial signed by the charter-members will be placed in our Chapter history immediately following the history of our organization, and through it we hope to ward off any danger of the Chapter forgetting the purpose for which it was founded.

We will carry on our work through the summer, though our plans are not yet clearly defined; but it is our earnest desire to earnestly enter into whatever work will draw about us a circle of friends and sympathizers, and widen our influence in our nation's capital. We hope to realize our efforts; what the result will be remains to be seen. We feel strong in knowing that woman succeeds in whatever work she puts her thought and effort.

No stated form of literary work has been arranged, but inclination seems to favor conversations on selected topics.

Miss Turner has planned to give us a series of papers on such topics as: "Why are we Greek," "Pan-Hellenism," "Fraternity Policies," to which we are looking forward with great pleasure.

This last fall the Faculty of Columbian University permitted, for the first time, women to enter the college proper, though for some time they have attended the Medical Department and the Corcoran Scientific School.

Since the war our University has never been in so prosperous a condition as now. At a recent banquet of the Alumni one of its professors spoke very encouragingly of

its present status. It is true of Columbian, as Webster said of Dartmouth, "There are those who love it," and its friends will aid greatly in its prosperity.

Columbian was founded in 1821, and its catalogue of this year registers fifty-one in the Faculty and five hundred and forty-four students. Several of its departments are very fine indeed, and it has been said that the facilities of the University are unrivalled.

The various libraries, together with the social and political life of Washington, make student life here in the city very desirable.

The Kappa Psi has in the university an active Chapter of nine members, and with it we hope to exchange fraternal courtesies. There are also many Fraternity Alumni Associations in the city.

Thus I have given you an idea of what our atmosphere is, and the environments surrounding us. You can judge how we are entering upon our work as Pi Beta Phi.

By the wine and blue,

LILLIE S. HAZELTON.

EDITORIALS.

THE ARROW wishes for every Pi Beta Phi a most happy commencement, and a vacation restful, refreshing, and satisfactory. When you are separated from your Chapter home, let the Sorosis, its aims, and its objects be not forgotten, or its welfare neglected. May September find all undergraduates reassembled in your college halls, vigorous in body as well as purpose to promote the best interests of Pi

Beta Phi. It is this devotion to the principles which bind us together that has caused the steady, healthy growth of the past few years. Let this advancement continue. To-day our Sorosis rests on a firmer basis than two years ago. Let the next two years show additional prosperity.

Let not the spirit of our principles be left to Chapter life for demonstration, but each member for herself, and in behalf of our beloved organization, should feel her individual responsibility in maintaining the strength of the bond.

Do this, every one, and we need have no anxiety about our standing among college societies, whether fraternities, soroses, or both. Let us see to it that the internal life of our organization is in accordance with the spirit of the constitution upon which we stand, and we can safely leave the judgment of our life as it appears to others in their hands. Busy people are seldom over-estimated. In the March issue of *The Key* Kappa Kappa Gamma evidently questions the wisdom of the *The Rainbow's* comments on Κ Κ Γ and Π Β Φ. The word Sorosis coming from the Greek word — meaning aggregation — was selected by the ladies in New York in 1868 because it was unique and democratic; it indicated sex in no way.

We do hope to compel, by our honest, earnest efforts, a friendly recognition and due appreciation. Where we stand is not something to wonder about, but to work for. Not only does this rest as an imperative duty upon our college members, but also upon those who have gone out, and upon those who are just going out, from their respective Alma Maters. Pi Beta Phi principles are not alone for college days, but for each day of a life-time. Everywhere, and at

all times, let us be true to our Sorosis, and by our daily lives we should show its teachings. With every member, alumna as well as collegiate, endeavoring to be faithful, we need not fear for the future of $\Pi B \Phi$.

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THE ARROW sends a warm welcome to the new Chapter, Columbia Alpha. If we have ever been called a local organization, surely we have no claim to the title. From Colorado on the west to the District of Columbia on the east our Chapters are scattered, and Pi Beta Phi has many faithful members. That the eastern hearts will prove as true as the western, we have no doubt, and our wish for Columbia Alpha is that it may live long and flourish.

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Our correspondent from Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, writes that among a few members of some of the fraternities represented there, a feeling in favor of disbanding secret societies seems to be prevalent. The cause for such a feeling was not given, and on reading the letter we begin to ask, why? Some of the fraternities represented in that institution are Kappa Alpha Theta, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Tau Omega, and Pi Beta Phi, all well known and thoroughly established. There seems but two possible interpretations of such a state of affairs: First, that there is some local trouble that prevents the successful management and prosperous advancement of the Chapter; second, that the fraternities where Chapters are desirous of disbanding have so legislated as to make healthy growth impossible to their Chapters.

The letters from these Chapters, as published in their respective journals, give no indication of the former reason.

If the latter, we wish to enter our hearty protest against the idea of recalling charters from Chapters established in good faith. If the early ideas of the organization approved of the good people in the smaller institutions as fraternity members, and the schools were accepted as Chapter homes, it is quite in opposition to genuine fraternity to cease to provide for such Chapters when life in national institutions has come to them.

Worthy men and women belong to smaller institutions not infrequently, and no fraternity has a prosperity so great as to afford the loss of a single member of this kind. Let no fraternity be selfishly narrow. Let us take care of our own, wherever we have placed them.

We hope soon to hear of the amicable settlement of the difficulty at Simpson, whatever its cause.

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The punctual sending of Chapter letters and personals to THE ARROW is a great improvement upon the record of former days, and for this we, as editors, are thankful. But is the duty of each Chapter to THE ARROW fulfilled when such communications are sent in, or is there not another department to which their contributions are desired? If THE ARROW is to represent the Sorosis as a whole, it must do so in every department. The literary pages call for contributions. Let the light of those who have literary talent shine upon us, and the call for literary material find a response from every Chapter.

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It is the purpose of the editors to send a circular-letter to the corresponding editors early in September. This letter will contain private matter of importance, and we wish it promptly presented to the different Chapters, and its contents carefully noted.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

The editors ask the corresponding editors to send to them catalogues of their respective colleges for the year 1888-1889.

Material for September ARROW must be in by August 22d, 1889.

Back numbers of THE ARROW can be purchased of the business manager at twenty-five cents per copy.

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OFFICIAL REPORT.

TO THE CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS OF PI BETA PHI:

It gives me much pleasure to announce to you that on April 27th, 1889, Columbia *Alpha* was organized by Emma Harper Turner, of Indiana *Alpha*, with the following charter-members: Lillie T. Hazelton, Anna S. Hazelton, Phebe R. Norris, Augusta M. Pettigrew, and Sallie T. Sparks. The latter was a member of Iowa *Alpha*.

To Miss Turner belongs the entire credit of the work done to establish this Chapter. From what I have been able to learn with regard to our new sisters, I feel confident that we have added a Chapter to our order of which we may well be proud.

This Chapter, situated as it is, in the Columbian University, Washington, D. C., will have opportunities peculiar to that city. In its successes and pleasures I know that all $\Pi B \Phi$ s will rejoice; and should difficulties come to it, I also know that you all will be glad to aid and encourage every loyal member.

I am yours in the bonds of $\Pi B \Phi$,
RAINIE A. SMALL, G. I. R.

PINS.

In regard to all orders for badges in the future, Michigan Beta submits the following:

We have decided that it would be better to continue sending for the pins through this Chapter, as we have kept an accurate account to date, and wish to make a report at the next convention in regard to them.

There will be no need of further registering fees. Please make all drafts or post-office orders payable to J. F. Newman. Mr. Newman has manufactured a case of samples, from which selections can be made, and will forward the box at the request of a Chapter.

Miss Fanny K. Reed will attend to all orders next year (beginning October, 1889).

MINNIE H. NEWBY.

University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, May, 1889.

MARRIAGES.

KANSAS ALPHA.

MILES — KINSEY. — At Lawrence, Kas., Miss Sue Miles to Mr. E. A. Kinsey, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

IOWA IOTA.

ANDREWS — JOHNSON. — At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, March 25th, 1889, Miss Annie Andrews to Mr. T. H. Johnson.

PEARCE — WILCOX. — At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, Miss Georgie Pearce to Mr. R. S. Wilcox, of Kansas City, Mo.

IOWA THETA.

DOUGLASS — HOWLAND. — At Ottumwa, Iowa, March 28th, 1889, Miss Edna Douglass to Mr. Allen Howland, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

IOWA EPSILON.

DUCKWORTH — CARAWAY. — At Bloomfield, Iowa, May 1st, 1889, Miss Mamie Duckworth to Mr. W. E. Caraway.

DINSMORE — GREENLEAF. — At Montezuma, Iowa, May 22d, 1889, Miss Nina Dinsmore to Mr. W. H. Greenleaf.

 IN MEMORIAM.

DIED. — At Sangache, Col., December 3d, 1888, Mary Gardner Kirkendall.

None knew her but to love, nor named her but to praise. She was a devoted member of Iowa Alpha. She was regarded by all who knew her as an example of Christian strength and purity. To her husband and loved ones we extend our deep sympathy.

DIED. — At Pasadena, Cal., Mrs. Myra Satterthwait Benedict.

The funeral services over the remains of Mrs. Myra Satterthwait Benedict was held at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Satterthwait, last Thursday afternoon, Rev. D. C. Howard and Dr. Tappan officiating. Rev. Howard, who solemnized the marriage rites not two years ago, read the beautiful Episcopal service for the burial of the dead, while Rev. Tappan made a short address, full of feeling and eloquence. The procession of carriages to the cemetery was one of the largest that has ever been seen in this city. At the grave, the scene was most beautiful and peaceful, nature's carpet of grass was not scarred and rent by the dread opening, for the young gentlemen friends of the deceased had trimmed the grave with flowers, and covered the mound of earth with evergreens, and as the coffin, covered with a mat of roses that completely hid it from sight, was gently lowered, it was as if the fairest flower of all was going to rest amid flowers. While the coffin was being lowered, the choir sang a favorite hymn of Mrs. Benedict's, "O Paradise." Prayers were read by Rev. Howard, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Tappan, and then silently and slowly the young ladies of the Pi Beta Phi society filed by the grave,

each depositing a bouquet of pansies and evergreens, pansies being substituted for the usual white flowers, as they were a favorite flower with their departed sister. The sadness resting on all hearts was profound, but it was softened by the beautiful influences of the hour and the reflection that though Myra had been taken in the full bloom of life, she had been transplanted to that Paradise where flowers never fade.

The members of the Pi Beta Phi offer tender and loving tribute to the memory of their sister, Myra Satterthwait Benedict, who died at her home in Pasadena, Cal., April 25th, 1889. The decrees of Providence are mysterious and oftentimes crushing in the bereavements and sorrows they bring, and especially is it true in the sadness that has fallen upon many hearts in the loss of one so dearly loved. A beautiful young life has gone out. We, her sisters, feel that we have been blessed in the association of one so womanly, and may we seek to cultivate the graces so beautifully shown forth in her life. To the parents, husband, and sisters, we extend our deepest sympathy. To them there is consolation in the thought, The loss is here, the gain is there,—

“As standing within the pearly gates,
She for thy coming both calls and waits.”

Once more the shadow of death has come among us. Mrs. Paul Custer, mother of our sister, Mrs. S. A. Swisher, was suddenly called to leave us.

A sweet, mother life, full of all that was tender, beautiful, endearing, has passed. Sister Nell has the sympathy of many, many friends, whose affection for fraternity life will ever be fonder because of the frequent presence and influence of her gentle mother.

DIED. — At Red Oak, Iowa, March 23d, 1889, at the age of eighty, Rev. Joseph Gassner, father of Jo Gassner Gardner, who was present at the funeral services, held at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

DIED. — At Muscatine, Iowa, April 20th, 1889, Drummond Wilson, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. G. Wilson, and nephew of Lucy White Brooks.

Many friends accompanied the parents to Mt. Pleasant, where the impressive funeral services were held at the First M. E. church.

DIED. — At Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, May 17th, 1889, very suddenly, of heart disease, Mr. D. E. Perry, father of Sister Lizzie Perry.

DIED. — At Bloomfield, Iowa, March 8th, 1889, Mrs. Larne Young, the beloved grandmother of our sisters, Martha and Della Greenleaf.

DIED. — At Bloomfield, Iowa, March 10th, 1889, Samuel Steele, thus bereaving the home of our sister, June Brewster.

DIED. — At Bloomfield, Iowa, February 4th, 1889, Willey Hamilton, brother of our sister, Nettie Hamilton.

Iowa Epsilon sympathizes deeply with bereaved sisters and friends.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT.

WHEREAS, God, in his mysterious but all merciful providence, has, by death, taken from the home of our Sister Hattie Perrett her beloved father; be it,

Resolved, That we recognize the sadness of this, her bereavement, and that we deeply sympathize with her in her loss; and,

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be published in THE ARROW.

CLARA WARDEN,	}	<i>Committee for Iowa Theta, Ottumwa, Iowa.</i>
SALLIE SCOTT,		
HATTIE TISDALE,		

GREEK WORLD.

Alpha Phi has established a Chapter at Cornell University.

Sigma Nu has entered Yale.

Chi Phi entered South Carolina University the first of this year.

Alpha Chapter of Alpha Phi, at Syracuse University, has an active membership of twenty-nine.

Sigma Chi entered the University of Minnesota in December of last year. Kappa Alpha Theta has also entered the same school during the past year.

The Tri Delta, a local society, has been added to the number of societies at Boston University by some of the ladies of the school.

During the two years from December, 1886, to December, 1888, Alpha Tau Omega increased her number of Chapters by eleven, six in the north and five in the south.

Kappa Alpha Theta has a new Chapter in the University of the Pacific, in San José.

Kappa Sigma held its eighth biennial conclave in Atlanta, Georgia, in November, 1888.

The editor of *Kappa Alpha Journal* estimates that there must be between fifty and one hundred Kappa Alphas at Atlanta, Georgia.

The University of Virginia is a stronghold of the fraternities, being the home of Chapters of twenty-one fraternities.

Miss Widman, a Delta Gamma of the class of '88, Cornell, won a \$400 fellowship last June.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

Miss Carrie Sawyer, Alpha Phi, is President of the Central and Western New York branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.—*Delta Upsilon Quarterly*.

With the growth of co-education there has sprung up a system of soroses similar to the fraternities of the boys. The oldest sorority is *Pi Beta Phi*, founded at Monmouth College, Illinois, in 1867. The others are Kappa Alpha Theta, De Pauw, 1870; Kappa Kappa Gamma, Monmouth, 1870; Delta Gamma, University of Mississippi, 1872; Alpha Phi and Gamma Phi Beta, Syracuse, 1872 and 1874.—*Chicago Weekly Times*.

At their recent conclave, in Atlanta, Georgia, Kappa Sigma voted to present Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Jefferson Davis, a badge of their order. The badge, a star

and crescent, is to be one inch in size, and both it and Chapter pin are to be frosted and set with diamonds. The Chapter pin is to be that of the Chapter to which her late brother, Jefferson Davis, Jr., belonged.

The Chapter of Sigma Nu, at the University of Texas, numbered two men at the opening of the college year, and a rumor prevailed that the charter of the Chapter had been surrendered. The alumni resident in the state rallied, and secured six new initiates, and also formed a permanent alumni association.— *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

President Harrison, of Phi Delta Theta, has selected as members of his cabinet two prominent members of Delta Upsilon, William Henry Harrison Miller, as Attorney-General, and ex-Governor Redfield Proctor, as Secretary of the War Department. The *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* speaks enthusiastically as follows: "President Garfield, Daniel S. Lamont, Attorney-General Miller, and Secretary of War Proctor have given Delta Upsilon a position in national politics which has never been attained by any other fraternity.

A new Greek-letter fraternity was added yesterday to the societies of Brown University, the Phi Delta Theta, a Chapter being established in the college for the first time. Phi Delta Theta is one of the largest of college fraternities; the Brown Chapter is the sixty-seventh. It has members all over the country, being especially extended in the west, and it has the honor of numbering among its members President Harrison. The Brown Chapter is started with unusually favorable prospects of success, for nineteen men were initiated last evening, with half a dozen more waiting to be induced.— *The Scroll of Phi Delta Theta.*

The fraternities of Ohio State University, six in number, have passed the following resolutions under the pressure of

the rumor that Delta Tau Delta was endeavoring to establish a Chapter there:

WHEREAS, The number of male fraternities in this university is already too large when compared to the number of students eligible to fraternity membership, and

WHEREAS, The system of establishing more Chapters than the condition of the University warrants tends to lower the standard of the fraternities, and perhaps the system as a whole; therefore be it

Resolved, That the fraternities of this university are opposed to the establishment of any fraternity here until the number of eligible fraternity men is increased by not less than forty per cent.

EXCHANGES.

The *Kappa Alpha Theta* has two good articles in its literary department: One, "A Short Study of Chivalry," setting forth the true qualifications of a knight in the age of chivalry. The whole article is written in a clear, comprehensive way. It gives the reader a true idea of what chivalry was. The other article, "Reminiscence," puts forth the train of thought that we college girls will take up twenty years from now, when May and June come, but do not bring the excitement and pleasure of commencement. The letters are from Chapters located from Vermont to California, from Minnesota to Kansas.

Upon opening the *Anchora*, we see this first in the editorials. The ideas are so good, we take the liberty of copying:

“The acknowledged object of every student in entering college is to cultivate, in the best and most complete way, his intellectual faculties; to widen his power of observation; to broaden his mind, and free himself or herself from every taint of bigotry or narrow-mindedness. Yet, scarcely has the student commenced his collegiate work before he joins a fraternity, and in his youthful enthusiasm for the principles set forth in the constitution of his particular society, he starts out upon a career of partisanship and devotion to a narrow set of principles, to the utter exclusion of the wider set which govern the college. * * * Our college has the first claim upon us, and its claims ought not to be disregarded. The fraternity has for its members a congenial set of young men or women, who, finding that they have a community of interest, have joined themselves together — not to see how strong a power they may become in the politics of the college, nor how many members they may snatch from the eager grasp of similar organizations — but to build up good fellowship, sympathy, and interest among their own members, and to help one another along somewhat toward a beautiful manhood or womanhood.”

And again, “Why can not we be rivals as friends instead of enemies? If in the contest for new members we win the battle, of course we rejoice; but if we are defeated, is that the reason why we should hate the victors, or meet with frosty bow the persons for whom heretofore we have had only smiles and the most cordial protestations of friendship?” In the literary department there is a good paper on, “What Makes Women Attractive.” Good views are set forth, but space will not permit us to say more. In the Chapter letter from the State University of Michigan we find an expression of true brotherly feeling in a gentlemen’s fraternity there:

"Within the past few weeks we have seen a fine example of brotherly love on the part of Alpha Delta Phi, who gave up their house to an unfortunate brother who was taken sick with the small-pox. The boys were quarantined for a time, while many methods of fumigating were employed. To cap the climax, one night just at the critical point in the sick man's career, the house took fire and the firemen refused to enter it. Thanks to the Phi U's, however, help was brought, their house was opened to the patient, and the fire put out."

The Kappa Alpha *Journal* comes full of enthusiastic Chapter letters. A new feature, and a pleasant one, in fraternity journalism, which this sets forth, is biographical and historical sketches of subjects interesting to the college world. The sketch of Vanderbilt University is well written, and gives the reader a clear conception of that university.

The exchange editor of the Delta Upsilon *Quarterly* quotes freely concerning an incident which has happened in the Northwestern University. The incident ought to be explained more fully to the world, that too harsh a view may not be taken of it. In a letter written from that Chapter of Phi Delta Theta, we find the following: "Considerable fraternity feeling has been stirred up over the Pan-Hellenic banquet which was to have been held this term. Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Beta Theta Pi have voted to exclude Delta Upsilon from this banquet. We do not consider it as Pan-Hellenic with one fraternity omitted, and so have decided that we will not participate unless the Delta U's are admitted." Then the editor adds: "Phi Delta Theta evidently defines Pan-Hellenic according to the lexicon, and, more over, exhibits a very friendly spirit as well as a sense of justice." In reviewing the Sigma Chi *Quarterly*, he says: "From the Chapter letter from Northwestern University we

quote the following as an illustration of the cessation of 'enmity, jealousy, and abuse,' and the rise of 'nobler rivalry' to which the editorial alludes: Some little trouble has been occasioned here among the fraternities on account of the non-admission of Delta Upsilon to the Pan-Hellenic banquet. Last year a very successful banquet was held to which they were not admitted. This year they demanded admission, and were refused, at which Phi Delta Theta withdrew. The consequence is that Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Psi, and Beta Theta Pi will hold a Pan-Hellenic of their own."

Surely here the editor speaks the truth: "The support which is so freely offered the editors of the Greek-letter magazines by their grateful constituents is spelled with nine letters — c-r-i-t-i-c-i-s-m." The magazine, as usual, is full of news, put in a compact, interesting form, showing careful and attentive work.

The *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta opens with an article on the Greek world and press. Many points about different fraternities are given, of interest to all connected with them. A new organization has been formed: "About a year ago members of various fraternities, residents of Chattanooga, Tenn., organized a club to be known as the 'Pan-Hellenic Association of Chattanooga,' and so popular was it, that it at once enrolled a large membership, and comprises in its list representatives from almost every American college fraternity." In a clipping from the Sigma Chi *Quarterly* which the *Scroll* has made, we find this of interest: "The academic year that closed last June saw the first indications of an ebb tide in fraternity journalism. It was the first halting of that tidal wave of development that started five years before, and swept along with it the entire college fraternity system. * * * To-day over twenty American

college fraternities publish official magazines, varying in character, size, style, quality, and frequency of issue, the most marked division being into monthlies and quarterlies. * * * The fraternity ideal has become the college home; its object, mutual helpfulness, social championship, and the development of character. The societies have reached out after their alumni, and the alumni have interested themselves in the societies. Schemes of centralized government have been devised, tested, and placed in successful operation, and there is scarcely a respectable college in the country that has not been captured and colonized by our modern 'Greeks.' And all of this has been accomplished mainly through fraternity magazines—a new testimonial to the power of the journalistic press."

In the next article, "Old Fraternity Records," are given interesting letters about this fraternity "'way back in the sixties." The same enthusiasm existed then as now. A goodly number of Chapter letters finish this excellent magazine. What now is there to say about Chapter letters? Although they treat of different subjects, they have the same enthusiasm and energy.

In the Alpha Tau Omega *Palm* for April there is an oration on "Success in Life," delivered before the eleventh congress of that fraternity, December 28th, 1888. The oration is based on six elements essential to this success: 1st. Place and work for which the man is adapted, both by nature and culture. 2d. Definite aim in life. 3d. Ability. 4th. Untiring energy. 5th. An indomitable will to accomplish whatever he undertakes. 6th. Civility, gentility, and politeness.

The toast, "Our Badge," is especially good: "Our badge is a cross. The cross has always been a symbol of

sacrifice. Some lexicographers define it as being something that crosses us.

"Well, I think we draw the same conclusion from that. When anything crosses us it becomes a cross, and we are bound to make some sacrifice. So it is symbolical of that principle which must and does enter into our fraternity life. We must make sacrifices if we maintain a fraternity. * * *

"We find that our fraternity is a progressive fraternity. Can we find anything in the badge which is a symbol of progress? There are four spokes to that wheel, and the wheel is a symbol of progress. * * *

"That pin is symmetrical—so the fraternity is in its government; in its organization; in its officers; in its members as individuals. As we have had brought out to-night, this fraternity is binding together the four corners even of the world of this great republic. We have four aims here symbolical of the binding together of the different quarters of our great nation. * * *

"Now we must find some way of disposing of the jewels of that pin. What do the jewels represent, brethren? *We* are the jewels of that pin. (Great applause.)"

PERSONALS.

COLORADO BETA.

Miss Nellie Hastings has gone to De Pere, Wis., to seek rest and strength that she so much needed.

Miss Una France is greatly missed since she left us to study at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.

IOWA EPSILON.

Mrs. E. K. Shelton has moved to Ottumwa, Iowa. We regret not having her with us, but know that she will enjoy meeting with Theta.

Flora Davies-McAchrans, accompanied by her husband and baby, visited friends for a few weeks.

Flo Hill-Knight has just returned to Cedar Rapids after spending a short time with friends. She will soon go to Manchester, Iowa, to help in the operetta, "The Twin Sisters," in which she has a prominent part.

J. June Brewster is visiting Flora Davies-McAchrans at Bramer, Mo.

Miss Joda Linaberry is visiting her sister, Nell Linaberry-Allender, who has lately moved to Eldon, Iowa.

Miss Della Greenleaf, who has been teaching in Manchester, Iowa, the past year, will be home in June to spend her vacation.

Miss Hattie Pepper spent a few days with us before going to South Dakota to look after her claim.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Faeth rejoice over the birth of a daughter.

Miss Elva Plank is in Kansas, on her claim.

Miss Ruby Foot is visiting friends in Indiana.

Miss Cora McGowen will attend the Dinsmore-Greenleaf wedding.

Anna Dunshee-Ferrel, of Oskaloosa, Iowa, is the guest of Emma Linaberry.

IOWA GAMMA.

Miss Ella Henderson ('88) has gone to St. Louis to spend the summer with her sister.

Miss Esther Crawford ('87), who was recently called to Denver by the death of her sister, is with us again.

Miss Ethel Bartholomew ('88) is visiting in the east. She expects to spend some time with relatives and friends in Indiana and New Jersey before her return.

Several $\Pi B \phi s$ of former years were here to attend the funeral services of Dr. Welch.

MICHIGAN BETA.

Mrs. Jennie V. Hare, who has been spending the winter in Ann Arbor, has returned to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. We expect her back in the fall, and hope the baby will be such a good Pi Beta Phi that she will be willing to let us have a share of her mother.

COLORADO ALPHA.

Colorado Alpha feels very proud of the acquisition of a "spike," Florence Elizabeth Wells. Miss W. has been upon this terrestrial ball some weeks now, and shows signs of being an excellent member.

The engagement of Mae L. Peabody to Mr. A. C. Dickenson is announced.

Mrs. Judge Platt Rogers has visited Boulder several times this spring:

Five of the Beta girls visited us Saturday, a few weeks ago. With the acquaintance of each Pi Phi from another Chapter we feel a stronger bond to the fraternity at large. May the acquaintance thus begun long flourish.

We are looking forward to having three of our old (?) girls with us commencement — Mrs. Stidger, Joe Weidner, and Bessie Everts.

KANSAS ALPHA.

Mrs. Florence Finch-Kelley, class of '81, has recently published a book at Boston, called "Frances — A Story for Men and Women."

The engagement of Mina E. Marvin, class of '81, to Prof. A. M. Wilcox is announced.

Mrs. Carrie Morris-Perkins sails for Europe in June.

Mrs. Maude Mansfield-Gibb is visiting her parents in the city.

The latter part of March six of our girls, with their gentlemen friends, visited Alice Penfield at her Fairmount home. It is needless to say a most enjoyable time was had.

Helen Sutliff expects to summer in Colorado.

Hattie McCague will spend the summer with her cousin in the Indian Territory.

Mary Manley will return to her Montana home after a three years absence.

Mame Tisdale will visit in Atchison during the summer.

Helen Webber and Lou Barker are in Topeka for a few days visit.

Lyle and Emma Hynes, formerly two of our most popular girls, have gone to California to reside.

IOWA BETA.

Hattie Sray will spend a few days in St. Louis, soon, visiting friends.

Mary Hall has returned from the south, much improved in health.

Martha Dashiell has been elected to a position in the city schools for the ensuing year.

Mrs. Lillie Armstrong-Spray will visit friends and relatives here during the summer.

Mrs. Lib. Cook-Martin makes us a flying visit occasionally.

Katie Miller has been on the sick-list this spring.

Gertie Dunlap receives her degree in the musical department of the college in June.

IOWA IOTA.

Miss Ida Powell will pay a visit to her sister, Mrs. Garrettson, in Iowa City, and attend commencement exercises of the State University.

Miss Mattie Stearns will visit her class-mate and Pi Phi sister, Mary Wright, at Atlantic, Iowa, during the summer vacation.

Miss Helen Van Doone, after a short visit with her cousins, Anna and Lollie Crane, and taking lunch with us, left for her new home at Sioux City, Iowa. Hope Miss Ely, or any other Pi Phis in the city, may meet her and extend the grip.

Mrs. Mary McGregor and little daughter Helen, from Atlantic, Iowa, were visiting home folks the past month.

Miss Kay Spencer, of the Ladies' Cecilian Quartette, and her sister Ella, of Burlington, Iowa, were in attendance at the State Musical Convention, and were guests of Mrs. Belle R. Leech.

Miss Florence Thompson, after spending the winter in New York City, has returned to be a commencement visitor of her cousin, Henrietta Wing, and all are delighted to have her with us again.

Mrs. Lucy Brooks and Mrs. Florence Palm enjoyed a pleasant trip to Chicago last month.

Mrs. Victoria Collins, of Evanston, Ill., joined a party of eleven at Davenport for a pleasure trip to California. She reports a fine time, and is much in love with Pasadena, and California in general.

Miss Clara McAdam has been visiting different Iowa points, and was the guest of Mrs. Belle McAdam at Webster City.

Miss Laura Smith, of Creston, is expected as a commencement visitor, and have a reunion with her many Pi Phi friends.

We so much enjoyed meeting one of our elder sisters, Mrs. Etta Bassett, of Red Wing, Minn., who spent several weeks in our city, and in whose honor many pleasant parties were given.

Miss Tillie Winter, of Beatrice, sent us a song, but it came too late for the song-book issue.

Miss Evelyn Allen, of Des Moines, and Miss Ida Southwell, of Burlington, attended the funeral services of Myra Satterthwait-Benedict.

Miss Amy Hatch has gone to Denver, Col., to spend several months, and all are anxious for her return much improved in health.

Miss Lollie Crane will make a summer tour visiting Pi Phi friends. She will accompany Mollie Groves to her home at Afton, Iowa, then to Creston, Des Moines, Winterset, and Iowa City, and attend the State Agassiz Convention.

Miss Lena Kirby, after filling her position as stenographer with a Chicago firm, is spending her vacation at her home near Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Nellie Wallbank is expected home soon, after completing her year's work in school at Cedar Falls.

After graduation Lizzie Kirkendall will spend the summer with her brother, in Saguache, Col.

Mrs. Flora McCloud, of York, Neb., will spend the summer months with her parents in our city, much to the delight of her Pi Phi sisters.

Mrs. Ona Saunders-Porter, of Lincoln, Neb., has been visiting her parents and friends for the past few months.

Mrs. Lillie Weber and children, of Villisca, Iowa, have been with us for the past few months.

Miss Nellie Culver, of Creston, one of the musical members of our Chapter, was in attendance at the musical convention, and has since been visiting her many friends here.



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