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Texas Alpha of Pi Beta Phi

*The Grand Council, Pi Beta Phi,
announces the establishment of
Texas Alpha, Pi Beta Phi,
in the
University of Texas,
at Austin,
Wednesday, February the nineteenth,
nineteen hundred and two.*

Charter members.—Jamie Armstrong, Loula Rose, Minnie Rose, Vivian Brenizer, Flora Bartholomew, Attie McClendon, Aline Harris, Ada Garrison, Anna Townes, Elsie Garrett.

FOR MORE than ten years the girls of the Texas University have striven unsuccessfully against a slight and unjust prejudice toward women's fraternities, though those among the men have had a strong and consolidated support. Instead of the enthusiasm's waning with time and successive failure, the germ seemed to gain new life at the beginning of each year, and on the nineteenth of February, through the perseverance and determination of ten loyal 'Varsity girls, a chapter of the Pi Beta Phi was installed.

As a surprise to their friends, the girls whispered nothing of their intentions. It was only generally known that an application had been sent in for a charter and that Mrs. Ida Smith Griffith would perhaps be sent to investigate the conditions favorable for the establishment of fraternities for women in the University of Texas. It was very much of a surprise to all, therefore, when on

the morning of the twentieth ten smiling girls appeared at the University wearing the carnations and the wine and blue. Congratulations are still being showered upon them for their pluck and energy, and advice from the other fraternities, who feel that age gives them superior knowledge, is not lacking.

As the first girl's fraternity, much interest is being displayed in its future welfare, such an interest as can picture for it no result but a good one, no future but a brilliant one.

Two of the girls are daughters of members of the faculty who will offer, therefore, a doubly strong support to Texas Alpha. The membership consists of girls ranging from the Freshman class to the Postgraduates, there being three Freshmen, four Sophomores, one Junior, and two Post-graduates. Aside from these there are three pledges who will be added to the list before the close of the year.

The University of Texas

THOUGH still in its juvenile age, having not yet reached its twentieth year, the University of Texas is already being classed among the foremost colleges of the South. Each year since its founding its progress has become more and more rapid until it has reached the goal attainable only by those state universities that offer to their ambitious young men and women a broader knowledge, a higher and truer manhood and womanhood, and to their state a stronger and more lasting citizenship.

The present site of the University of Texas is an historical one, and was granted for the establishment of the University by the Texas Constitution on the second day of March, 1856. In 1883 the first term opened with two hundred students. At the beginning of the present term the number, including the matriculates of the Medical Department at Galveston, has grown to twelve hundred and fifty-three. At the main branch, which is situated in Austin, instruction is offered in Literature, Science, and

Arts, Law, and Civil Engineering. The Medical branch includes both Pharmacy and Nursing.

In the main building at Austin, which has one hundred rooms, are included all of the class rooms, and in addition to this there is a chemical laboratory building, and at the next scholastic year the authorities hope to have completed a hall for young women. There is also a building for young men known as "Brackenridge Hall," which was donated to the University by one of the Board of Regents, Major George W. Brackenridge; this building has a capacity of accommodating about two hundred students.

For the first twelve or thirteen years of its existence the University was governed by the members of the faculty and a board of regents, but in 1896 a President was chosen by the regents, and since that time he has shared the authority.

The monotony and drudgery of student life, as in all the modern colleges, are relieved by well-equipped gymnasiums, an unusual interest in athletics, German clubs, literary societies and fraternities, there being four literary societies and twelve fraternities.

The first of the fraternities to be established was Phi Delta Theta, which was installed in 1883. The following year came five others, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Chi, and Southern Kappa Alpha. Two years later came the Sigma Nu, and then followed a lull in the establishment of fraternities until 1892, when a charter of the Chi Phi was granted to eleven young men. In 1897 came another, the Phi Phi Phi, and the following year the Alpha Tau Omegas. But the university was destined to have even more fraternity rivalry than ten Greek bodies could produce, for at the beginning of this year there was an installation of a chapter of the Phi Gamma Deltas, consisting of seventeen young men.

Though fraternities seemed thus far to bear fruit among the boys, and though Texas University is a co-educational college with equal rights and privileges for both sexes, it was not until this year that the young ladies firmly asserted themselves and established the first fraternity for women, Pi Beta Phi, which

will doubtless be followed ere many weeks by Kappa Kappa Gamma.

Among the eighty-five instructors and administrative officers, many are fraternity men and take an active part in fraternity life, so with their help and influence there will continue to be nothing but good fruit borne.

MINNIE ROSE.

A Year at the American School of Classical Studies at Rome

THE American School of Classical Studies was organized for the purpose of affording facilities to American students of the classics who should find it desirable to spend some time in study at Rome. It is managed by a committee composed of American men eminent in the archæological world, and it is supported largely by private subscription. A director, who shall reside in Rome, is appointed to serve for five years. He is assisted each year by a professor from some one of our universities. In addition, he makes use of the services of the fellows of the school and is assisted by foreign specialists, who, from time to time, come to the school to lecture on certain topics. Mr. Richard Norton is at present director, and Professor Abbot of Chicago University is this year the acting professor. The formal work of the school begins on the fifteenth of October, and continues until June. There is no tuition and no expense in connection with the school proper for such students as come from contributing colleges. For others the tuition is twenty-five dollars for the school year. So much, then, for details of organization and management. Now, as to the requirements for admission and the aim and character of the instruction given.

There is no examination required of candidates, except, of course, in the case of those who apply for the fellowships. A prospective student, however, is expected to have his A. B. degree and to satisfy the director of his fitness to profit by the work of the school. A written statement as to previous training with a rather full outline of the work of preparation, is usually required. I may add that the school is not planned for

immature students, nor are they welcomed there. The institution exists primarily for those who, having done some considerable graduate work in America, have come to Rome with the intention of specializing along some line of classical work, and who have already shown marked evidence of ability in this direction. Moreover, students who can stay but one year are not now encouraged to come, as they have been in the past. The feeling is strong on the part of the present management that not even an able student can accomplish the desired end in one year—so necessary is it to see Rome as a whole before one can devote himself to any special point in connection with it. And the acquiring of even a superficial acquaintance with the myriad interests of this great city—the attempt to become familiar even in a slight degree with Italian life, and to get some hold upon the language of the country—all this makes a tremendous demand upon a student's energies. In fact, so considerable is the strain, that even though he has come with a settled determination to do some definite work in the first year upon a long planned thesis, as the weeks go by and he comes back to his room each night, tired by the day's sight-seeing, which, as it sometimes seems, has brought him no nearer the completion of his task, he finds that some way or other he cares less about it than he did, and is quite willing at last to let the golden weeks slip by in the fascinating study of Rome, leaving his thesis to be worked out another year, either here, or back in some library in America. But although one cannot in this first year fulfill the ideal toward which the sentiment of the school seems to be drifting, he can, at any rate, carry back to America and to his class-room a valuable first-hand knowledge of things about which he has thought and dreamed for years, and an enthusiasm for things classical which will make his teaching a far broader and richer thing than it ever could be before. And once at home, he will find in the priceless associations which his Italian experiences have brought him such a constant source of pleasure as shall make him realize more and more as the days go by that this year abroad was indeed a veritable red-letter period in his existence.

The character of the instruction given varies from year to year

in accordance with the needs of the students. In 1901 and 1902 the lectures given by Mr. Norton and Professor Kelsey included courses in art and topography, delivered either in the school library or in some museum, or perhaps in the open air before the very object itself about which the lecture was concerned. One of the former fellows of the school also conducted a course in Palæography. In addition to this work, various talks were given by eminent specialists in Rome. Signor Commendatore Giacomo Boni, who has been in charge of the excavations in the Roman forum, told the school of the recent discoveries there and something of the method of work. Professor Marruchi, an authority on Christian archæology, conducted a series of lectures in the catacombs. Professor Lanciani, of the University of Rome, gave several interesting talks on questions of Roman topography. These were but a few of the opportunities given the students of coming into personal contact with specialists whose names are famous in the archæological world. Attendance in the work of the school is, of course, voluntary, and the number of lectures is so limited as not to be in the slightest degree irksome. Women are not yet given all the privileges allowed to the men in the way of attending lectures. During this same year, 1901-1902, a very valuable course in topography, conducted by Professor Hülson of the German Archæological Institute at Rome, was limited to the men of the school.

A most important and delightful adjunct of the work of the year is a system of excursions to various points in the Campagna and regions still more distant from Rome. For instance, the excursions last year included visits to the sites of ancient Praeneste and Gabii, to Tivoli, the Tiber of the Romans, to Ostia and a dozen other spots equally interesting to Latin students. I remember especially the day spent in wandering over the hills in the region of the Sabine farm of Horace. I wish I might bring the charm of it all before you—those delicately green hills, the blue Italian sky above, the rushing waters of the river Digentia—all an exquisite framework for the thousand and one memories of the Roman poet which came thronging to our minds as we wandered about the place, or sat beneath the trees or drank of the sparkling

waters of the "Fons Bandusiæ." And this was but one of dozens of similar experiences, repeated so often during the year that most of us came away with a feeling of deepest affection for the district about Rome and especially for that indescribably fascinating part of it known as the Campagna. At first it had seemed to us, perhaps, much like a great rolling stretch of Illinois pasture land. But day by day the charm of it all took possession of us, and we came to understand a little better before we left something of that strange power it has had for so many centuries on the imaginations of men.

In March some of us went to Greece, stopping on our way to Brindisi—from which port we sailed—to visit points in southern Italy. We were enabled thus to see rather thoroughly the Virgil territory about Naples; to get a glimpse of the temples at Paestum; to spend a few hours in ancient Tarentum. And it was fortunate that we planned our trip in this way, otherwise we might not have found time to visit these places; for once in Greece, we forgot Italy and all sense of time, wondering only why we had been so blind as to make Latin our major work instead of Greek, and how we could have lived so many years in apparent happiness without seeing the blue of the Saronic Gulf or the sunset glow on the sides of Mt. Hymettus.

The trip through Greece was an extended one, covering rather thoroughly the Peloponnesus and certain portions of Central and Northern Greece. We had heard more or less before we started of the hardships we should encounter—the long, weary rides on horseback; the hard mountain climbs; the poor sleeping accommodations; the wretched fare we must expect—and had we not been possessed of a rather unusual amount of determination and enthusiasm for the undertaking, I fear that the picturesque cavalcade which set off for Olympia just a year ago on its first day's trip over the mountains of Elis would have been reduced from twenty men and women to some half dozen or so of the stronger men of the party. However, all of us, I think, found the strain on our powers of endurance comparatively slight. One by one the terrors we had been looking forward to so long faded away in the light of actual reality, and jogging along, hour after hour on the back of

some aimlessly moving mule, under that glorious sky and in that invigorating air, with the countless associations of classic Greece about us, we were happy without even that traditional "blot in the sunshine" to mar for a moment our appreciation of this experience.

Returning to Italy in May we had a course of lectures at Pompeii by Professor Mau of the German Institute of Archaeology at Rome, and then a few of us went across to Sicily, making a circuit of the island in our quest for the spots of classic interest. And, by the way, no student of Greek or Roman history or archaeology should fail to take this trip. Aside from the charm of the island, a charm that takes hold of one from the moment he sets foot upon its shores, the classic remains are of most remarkable significance. A sight of the stupendous ruins of the temples at Selinus alone would more than repay the archaeological student for the expenditure of time and money which a visit to Sicily entails.

From Sicily we went back to Rome for a few weeks more of work, and then one hot day in June, from the deck of a North German Lloyd steamer, we took our last look at Vesuvius standing out against the blue of the sky, the soft cloud above it wondrously beautiful in the light of the summer afternoon. And this last look at Vesuvius was our good-by to Italy. The gong for dinner sounds; it is nearly six o'clock, and we turn to go below. But pausing for one more look I hear an Italian man, who stands gazing back at the receding shores with something very like tears in his eyes, murmur, half to himself, "Come bella, Italia!". And although I am homeward bound to shores which I have not seen for many a month, some way or other a mist comes over my eyes and the colors of Vesuvius blend into a confused and indistinct mass. And so our year at the American School of Classical Studies comes to an end.

FANNIE E. SABIN, *Michigan Beta*, '95.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

It has been very truly said that no one ever really rises by attempting to degrade others. Why, then, do fraternities attach a name to those who are not of their number which seems to attempt to place them on a lower plane than that of the Greeks?

*New Fraternity
Students vs.
"Barb"*

Surely we must all acknowledge that there are many students who are members of no Greek-letter fraternity, who are in no way inferior to the average, or perhaps the best fraternity student. Why, then, are non-fraternity students stigmatized with the term "barbs?" In ancient times the name barbarian was applied to all who were not Greeks, and it was, doubtless, this original meaning of the word that was intended to be understood when the term was first applied to a student who was not a Greek. But can fraternities thus restore a word to its original meaning? Perhaps so—as a fraternity expression. Possibly the fraternity student, accustomed to dubbing the non-fraternity student a barb, never considers himself to be using a more deprecatory term than simply non-Greek.

But we often have to look at a question from more than one standpoint; and in using this term barb, we should remember that, while fraternities may define barbarian as non-Greek, the world at large defines it in no such manner, and that fraternities have their reputation to maintain, not only among themselves, but among those outside the mystic Greek circle as well, whether students, faculty or patrons. Would not the dropping of the term "barb" from fraternity language help to produce a more kindly feeling between fraternity and non-fraternity students, and to win a warmer place for fraternities in the hearts of faculties and patrons?

Michigan Alpha.

What the fraternity girl earnestly desires is a better acquaintance with the alumnae. We would like to feel that we know every alumna of our chapter *well*. We want every one of you to think of the active chapter, not as strangers with whom you have very little in common, but as a band of girls who take an interest in you, and in what you are doing, and wish you to be in sympathy with them. Do not think that you are forgotten even if you have been out of college a number of years, or have never been back. The yearly fraternity pictures of the girls, framed and hung on the wall in the chapter house, reminds us of you constantly, and even if we have not seen you, we know you and realize how much we owe to the loyal girls that went before and made our fraternity what it is.

Active to Alumnae

We believe that the chapter reunion is a golden opportunity to keep in touch with the alumnae, and sincerely hope that no one will allow anything slight or trifling to keep her away. We think you will enjoy the little taste of the old college life of which you were once a part. We are sure that there are a great many ways in which we may help the alumnae and they may help us. But to do this requires not so much a great effort on our part or on yours as a deep sympathy between us such as comes from a thorough understanding of one another. We want to do our part. Won't you meet us half way?

E. W. T., *Michigan Beta*.

It has often been my misfortune to meet people who have anti-fraternity opinions and often they are very bitter. They always begin: "What good do fraternities accomplish?" Of course they do not know our aims, our responsibilities and our purposes. They only see the outside, the effort to keep ahead of other fraternities, the rushing and all other little things necessary to keep everything going. Every girl's aim should be the development of the fraternity in such a way that to outsiders these disagreeable things would look more like side issues and less like the essential part of fraternity life.

Proportion

Nebraska Beta.

One of the "signs of the times" is the liberalism which seems to have entered in spite of closed doors, bringing into more harmonious relationship all rival organizations.

*Fraternal
Liberalism*

Where can we girls find a more practical illustration than in our college life and organizations? As we are compelled to acknowledge the standing of other fraternities, we begin to "see ourselves as others see us," and in so doing we all lose that "holier than thou" attitude which is so disagreeable to any rational being. We do not underestimate fraternity spirit or loyalty; both are essential to a healthy, hearty chapter life. Every girl loves her own fraternity best, as she loves her own family. But there is no more need of continually proclaiming the fact in the former case than in the latter. Both are self-evident truths, and too much harping on the subject makes one look inquiringly for the genuine ring of sincerity. Actions speak louder than words; so if we want our fraternity to live in the broadest and truest sense of the word, we must have that highest of all virtues, charity, which sees in others the good we ourselves would manifest to them.



There are many departments in the college, in which the fraternity girl can and should make herself prominent. First of all in the class-room. This is so obvious that the

*The Fraternity
Girl's Relation to
Her College*

girls need to be reminded here to keep their studentship up to the high standard of Pi Beta Phi.

Then, the Fraternity girl should, if conscience permits, take an active part in the Y. W. C. A., because it is her duty to attend to the spiritual development as well as the intellectual. We should not like to have it said that the Pi Phi girls have no time or do not care for the Christian association.

If we confined ourselves to text books and Y. W. C. A. there would be something lacking in our college experience. The social side of a fraternity girl's life is important. We should not be afraid to take our stand socially.

These are all sufficiently well known to need only to be men-

tioned, but there are, connected with the college, many organizations for furthering special interests, as athletic and oratorical associations and class organizations. Girls should take as much interest in such things and be as enthusiastic as boys. These organizations exist each for a good purpose and their offices must be filled. Why should not the fraternity girls, in many cases the strongest and most capable girls in college, fill these positions? The responsibility strengthens the individuals, and this in turn strengthens the chapter.

In some colleges, there are dramatic clubs and literary societies of various kinds. When our girls take an active part in them, it shows outsiders that Pi Phi can be interested in some other things than their fraternity. Athletics is an excellent field where fraternity girls may "star." Let our girls excel in basket ball, tennis or golf. Are not the men glad when their fraternity brothers are players on the football or baseball teams? Why should we not be proud when our fraternity sisters play on the basket ball team or are champion golf or tennis players?

The fraternity girl should be prominent in every phase of college life. It is a great pleasure in itself, it broadens one's life, and it gives the chapter a prestige that nothing else will. Of course the same girl cannot excel in every line, but most chapters may have at least one representative in everything.

What if we are busy? We are happier when our time is all occupied. Even now, when we think of our short college life, those days which were fullest were happiest; that day when we hurried from classes to basket ball practice, and then to "frat" meeting; or that other day when we worked hard to prepare lessons and perhaps write a daily theme before going to a party; or the week when we spent every spare moment studying for fraternity examination, and meanwhile had to rehearse every day for the college play. Those are the times that we look back upon with the most pleasure. Such days make up the life of a real college fraternity girl. And it takes these real college fraternity girls to make a strong, wide-awake chapter.

Indiana Gamma.

A lack of independence or an over amount of independence when put into operation in the working of a chapter is dangerous. Not one of us admires imitation, when it is not necessary, nor a clinging to all conventionalities, but still less do we admire a boasted independence and a disregard of convention. There is some danger for a chapter when it forgets its own independence long enough to look outside of itself for its models; and yet the danger is not so great as when we tell ourselves to do as we please, be independent and override custom. The longer I think of these things the more I realize that all questions are decided for us in the establishment of our fraternity ideals. We remember so clearly the impression that the ideal of Pi Phi made upon us when as initiates we heard it for the first time. Wouldn't it do us all good to keep this impression as unchanged as possible? The more it wavers, the less able we are to firmly convince ourselves of what is right in the necessary decisions which arise and which are of such moment to the chapter welfare.

J. M. P., *California Beta.*

There are many things which a chapter, to be a prosperous one, needs. High in the list of necessities stands, "Good spikers."

We want not one or two, but many. Does not the burden of the spiking rest on a few girls?

The majority of us stand back, saying: "They seem to know just how, but for some reason we don't." Evidently we think that "spikers" are born, not made. Of course some have talent in this line while others must acquire the art. And there's the rub. It requires work—no small amount of it—and serious thought. But it's so much trouble! We are lazy both physically and mentally. The effort is too much for us. We make excuses for ourselves by saying that we don't know how to begin. Notice the spike given by a capable girl; from that you may deduce two ground principles: "Know what you are talking about," and "Know the person to whom you are talking." Although quite simple, these rules comprehend

much. The first requires a thorough knowledge of the fraternity,—its national and local standing, its prominent alumnae, its past history, and recent triumphs. Not only must we know our own fraternity, but we must know others equally well. With a knowledge of all we are able to present our own arguments forcibly and to intelligently refute the arguments of our rivals. The second rule demands a knowledge of human nature. There are girls and girls, and no two can be approached in the same way. It calls for a great deal of tact to present the same arguments in the manner most pleasing to each girl. The one who knows the argument and how to present it is the successful "spiker."

G. D.

Although to some members the fraternity examination seems difficult and at first non-essential, yet now that it is all over, we are glad that it has become a custom and that we must all take it. For by this method we come to know more about our national history and sister chapters than in any other way. We are like children who have been compelled to do something disagreeable, but after the hardship is over are all the happier, and in reality, though perhaps not openly, are thankful to those who at first appeared severe.

The Examination

New York Alpha.

I am sure that most fraternity girls have had experiences which make a limited time for decision seem a very desirable thing. It would certainly give more dignity to an offer of membership if the recipient understood that it was something which could not be dangled about and which must be treated in a business-like way. And it would also be a safeguard against halfhearted members, for it would not only discourage such girls, but it would save the fraternity from an extended season of unenthusiastic rushing, than which there is nothing more tiresome. If a girl really

A Limited time for Decision

chooses Pi Beta Phi from among all others (and it is only such that Pi Beta Phi wants) it will not take her very long to decide, and to ask for her little knot of wine and blue.

Let the period be long enough to give our prospective sister time to think the matter over quietly and to hear from her parents, but let it be no longer; then it too often leads to misunderstanding and loss.

Illinois Epsilon.

A question which should ever be a serious one with the wearers of the wine and blue is, Does my personal life measure up to the standard of Pi Beta Phi?

Personal Life Standard

Let us think about it. There are those who strive toward intellectuality as the ideal in life, while others—the butterfly type—look to the social side alone. These two phases and the “whatsoevers” make up the sum of life. We would put a premium neither on the intellectual nor the social, but would give precedence to the intellectual only in point of time,—the foundation first, then the superstructure.

We are bound to maintain a high standard of scholarship, but this does not, we believe, enjoin upon us the life of a bookworm. In the class-room such one is brilliant, perhaps, but with our school life ends the class-room, and we are judged rather by the social qualities we may possess and our ability to fill creditably our place in life than by our technical knowledge. The girl whose time has been devoted exclusively to the acquirement of text-book knowledge is quite at sea when she finds social duties thrust upon her either as hostess or guest.

There are the conventionalities of society which the cultured and refined observe—considered by the exclusively intellectual as too superficial for even a passing thought—yet they are established upon the true foundation of kindly courtesy. These are essential to the life of the woman who would take her place socially, even though her influence may reach no further than the home.

We as loyal Pi Phis have been and are, we trust, looking well

to the foundation rock of mental attainment; let us not neglect the social superstructure from which the world at large will judge us, remembering always that our personal life reflects upon our own chapter and upon every wearer of the arrow.

MINNIE FOSTER DEAN, *Ohio Alpha.*

The official seal of our college bears the one small but significant word, "Veritas." Should not this same "Veritas," this truth, be the watchword of every loyal Pi Phi also? It seems to me that there are times in the life of the fraternity girl when she is especially tempted to untruthfulness; not to any very considerable degree, perhaps, but still there is danger that she will not be quite true. For instance, how often in the rushing season has the object of our attentions been given false ideas of fraternity life, and of the relations existing between its members! Fraternity life is not all sunshine and she who, in order to win the novice, gives her the impression that once embarked on board the ship of fraternity we sail out on life's sea into a haven of unmixed bliss, fails to preserve unscarred the priceless "Veritas." "To thine own self be true, and"—you know the rest. May "Veritas" be regarded as something to be treasured most highly by all wearers of the arrow.

Pi Beta Phi
Watchword

FANNIE M. HURFF, *Illinois Delta.*

Alumnae Department

Indiana Annual Reunion

PI BETA PHIS of Indiana again took advantage of the occasion of the oratorical contest to hold our annual state reunion. The banquet form is no longer new, but it possesses the charm of an old, tried pleasure that never fails in its interest.

Tables arranged for ten were spread in one of the private dining rooms of the English hotel. Tinted menu cards with our monogram in gold and wine and blue ribbons gave the tables a truly Pi Phi air.

The toasts were especially good. Mrs. Demarchus C. Brown fulfilled tactfully the duties of introducing and putting in comfortable relation the speakers. We were disappointed in not having with us Miss Read, to tell us of the bond between active girls and alumnae in the Grand Council. Lillian Weyl interested all, and especially alumnae, with an account of the winter's proceedings of the Franklin Alumnae club in the dramatic field. For Indiana Gamma, Lulu Kellar told of the "Fraternity Girl in College." Ethel Trippit responded to Indiana Beta's toast on the "Society Girl." In the absence of Mrs. Carter, Grace Drybread gave a very pleasing impromptu sketch of the ideal "Fraternity Girl in Her Chapter."

Owing to the irregularity of suburban lines, the business meeting which was called for before the banquet was held informally afterward. A noon luncheon was voted for next year, on the Saturday following the oratorical contest. After adjournment some hurried off with canes and college colors, while many waited for Pi Phi chats, which were less taxing to throat and lungs.

KATHERINE STEVENSON, *Indiana Gamma.*

The Washington Alumnae

The alumnae of Columbia Alpha are exceptionally favored, in that so many of those who don the wine and blue at Columbia University have their homes in Washington; and thus the days of mingled joy and sadness, so characteristic of the commencement season, are brightened by the knowledge that we are not to be separated, as a rule, from our fraternity sisters, but that, as loyal alumnae, we shall still work side by side for the same cause.

Then, too, Washington is becoming more and more a Mecca for tourists, and sooner or later almost everyone visits our national capital, either for business or pleasure. Thus, to our delight, we sometimes may welcome sisters from other chapters into our Washington Alumnae Association. Indeed, the treasurer of our organization is one of these same visiting sisters, Miss O'Bryan of New York Alpha, who is in the city for the winter as secretary to the wife of Congressman Joy. New York Alpha has also given us another member in Miss Maybee, who is studying the profession of a trained nurse at the Episcopal Hospital here; while another charming Pi Phi sister now in the city is Miss Stone of Maryland Alpha.

But, notwithstanding all of these advantages, some of our alumnae actually have the audacity to marry and leave us, deliberately choosing the society of a mere man to all this wealth of fraternity friendship! Not to mention others who, in the near past have followed this pernicious habit, our first bride of the season was Mary Hinman, who now lives in Harrisburg, as the wife of Mr. Gerwig, private secretary to the Governor of Pennsylvania.

Then there is the example of Elise Bradford, our ex-Grand President, of whom Columbia Alpha is justly proud, who has deserted us for the far north, where she presides with the grace

and dignity that we all know, over the home of a certain fortunate young rector of Brunswick, Maine. One of the two social functions which it is the privilege of the Washington alumnae to give every year, was, therefore, this winter a farewell reception to Miss Bradford and Mr. Johnson, when on the afternoon of January fourth we gathered together a pleasant company of fraternity and college friends to bid them God-speed.

Our other social feature of the year will, of course, be the celebration of Founders' Day, which we shall observe by a mid-day banquet. I suppose it might be termed a luncheon, but a "mid-day banquet" sounds more imposing.

We have about thirty-five alumnae in the city, a number large enough to accomplish much for the fraternity, if the same zeal which animated us in the days of our chapter life now inspired us to work for our alumnae organization with equal zeal. The enthusiasm still remains, I am sure, but the numerous duties of our present day "strenuous life" leave us little leisure for anything other than our two strictly needful business meetings and the two pleasant social gatherings enjoined upon us by the provisions of our constitution.

"In closing, let me remark," as the preachers say, that our chief work for the winter has been to assist the active chapter in defraying the expense of a chapter room, which has long been sorely needed. Certainly those wise and witty words of James Russell Lowell might well be applied to a fraternity—

"Roots, wood, bark and leaves, singly perfect may be,
But, clapt hodge-podge together, they don't make a tree."

It takes both alumnae and active chapter to make a fraternity. May the bond between the two be always a close one!

MARY I. KELLY.

The Boston Alumnae Club

The Boston Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi was founded in September, 1901, and the following officers were elected:

Mae Lawrence, president; Winifred Hill, vice president; Ethel Pearl Bancroft, recording secretary; M. Ida Hodge, treasurer; Anna A. Robinson, corresponding secretary.

The alumnae of Massachusetts Alpha that live in and near Boston have long talked of such an organization for renewing and continuing our Pi Phi life. We have been holding our meetings once a month since September, have adopted our constitution, and feel now that we are on a firm basis. We organized with the intention of strengthening the ties of sisterhood begun in the active chapter life, of helping each other and especially the active chapter of Massachusetts Alpha in any and every way that we could. All of our members are very enthusiastic, taking hold with good spirit, and we feel that we are already beginning to realize some of our aims.

We have not had any special banquet of our own, but many of us attended the annual initiation banquet of the active chapter and had a very jolly time. We have made our meetings very interesting with varied programs. At our next meeting, March the eighth, we are going to renew our happy college days by the ever enjoyable "cookie-shine."

Our membership is not confined to the alumnae of Massachusetts Alpha, but any Pi Phi alumna in or near Boston is eligible, and would be given a hearty welcome at any of our meetings. These are held the second Saturday of each month at four in the afternoon in the chapter hall, Room 10, 16 Ashburton Place, Boston.

ANNA A. ROBINSON.

The Baltimore Club

The Baltimore Club of Pi Beta Phi has had a delightful year, at least so it has seemed to the members. Our number has in-

creased to eleven and we are so proud to have another Colorado girl, Mrs. Herbert L. Grant, among our members.

The regular meetings, which are held monthly, are a source of delight to all, and the weekly meetings down town for lunch have been enjoyed by some, but all cannot have this pleasure, as teaching and other duties prevent some from meeting at the noon hour. Beside the social features of interest to all fraternity girls, our president, Elizabeth Culver, planned that "Current Topics" should be a part of our regular meetings, and we were divided into committees, embracing politics, sociology, literature, music and art.

Since our organization in '99, only one of our members has left us and she, May Kellar, is now in Heidelberg, studying at the university. This is her second year abroad, last year having been spent in Berlin. During vacations, she has traveled and been busy "seein' things," and that is literally true, for nothing escapes her observing eye. We are impatiently awaiting her return, for although the years seem very short to us alumnae, the two that May has spent in the Fatherland have been long drawn out and we hope will soon end in a happy reunion.

In December the club enjoyed meeting Lucy Bancroft, of Pennsylvania Alpha, who was the guest of Hester L. Cox of the same chapter. In January Mrs. Helen Lamb-Hull entertained the club in her new home. Josephine Wiley was the guest of Blanche Reisinger and a tea was given in honor, February 26th.

We are all looking forward to June, which means Commencement, and the return of many alumnae for a glorious reunion.

M. ALICE WOOD.

Syracuse Pi Beta Phi Club

The Syracuse club has but very little to tell you this year. All those who attended our last convention must realize where a good share of our energy was expended.

Indeed, we have done very little else. For the months previous to the convening of the gathering we were all thinking

of nothing else but how we could give you a good time and we sincerely hope we accomplished our aim. Since then, as so many of our alumnae are either teaching or busy with other duties, we have not met regularly, only occasionally.

March third, one of our alumnae, Julia Talbot, entertained the active chapter and alumnae at her home. We all had a very enjoyable time. We try to keep in touch with the active chapter, and our aim has always been to stand ready and willing to help them when called upon. We have opened our homes for one or two rushing parties. Otherwise we have done but very little outside of the convention. We hope that next year we may be able to say we are meeting regularly and are doing some definite work.

Alumnae Club of Athens, Ohio

The Athens Alumnae club was reorganized in December after a long vacation continued for the summer. The meetings are held every two weeks at the homes of the different members. The active chapter has kindly offered the use of the hall and the club will probably hold some meetings there. The sessions are entirely social and are indeed very enjoyable.

The members were very delightfully entertained by the active chapter late in November, at the home of President and Mrs. Ellis, the occasion being a reception to the members of the Phi Delta Theta fraternity, who were holding a district convention in this city.

The club has recently had the honor and very great pleasure of meeting and entertaining Miss Read, grand vice president, who made our little city a short visit. An afternoon reception was given in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Reynolds on the first of March. The guests were the patronesses, the active chapter, the Alpha Alpha Alpha chapter with its patronesses, the women of the faculty and the wives of the professors. A dinner at the hotel the same evening given in her honor by the active chapter, was attended by the club.

Columbus, Ohio, Alumnae

The Columbus Alumnae club devoted its evenings last year to literary programs and a short social time afterward. We found, however, that it did not prove a success as many of the members belong to literary clubs outside, and preferred just a good social time. So this year we meet every two weeks on Mondays from five to eight. Our club, which now numbers eighteen, is divided into two sections, one of which prepares the spread which we have, on alternating evenings. We enjoy this much more and it certainly has proven a great inducement to a good attendance, as we regret to miss a single meeting. At present we contemplate giving an entertainment for the active chapter, and enthusiasm is running high over it. This, with music and fun, makes our evenings pass only too quickly.

E. B. H., *Secretary.*

Indiana Alpha Alumnae Club

It seems that we have done so much that we really deserve to be called "active," for we certainly have been active along certain lines; but let me hasten to add that our activity has not been directed toward highly intellectual development, but rather toward pleasure.

Our "work" in reality began last summer shortly after commencement when we administered the "green cat" degree to the graduates who were to stay with us. At midnight a few days previous to the initiation we delivered at the homes of the elect our royal mandate written on cardboard green cats, commanding the candidates to report at a specified time and place. And the fun! With fiendish delight we "took them through," even the most obstinate one. And so the "green cat" degree was a success. But I must not tell more of it lest the eye of the uninitiated might pause on this page.

At the beginning of the new school year we formally reorganized. And how we did rush during the spiking season! We were in the thickest of the fight and were just as enthusiastic as in our own school days. We gave one reception and helped "the girls" in giving two others. Since then our entertainments have been of a different character.

When we decided upon our line of work for the year we appointed a dramatic committee to formulate our plans and help execute them, for we were determined to be theatrical. We have given the "Princess Aileen," W. D. Howells' "Mouse-trap," "Cupid on Wheels," and at present are working on "Cranford" and "A Frozen Mother-in-law" will follow. Such fun as it is to give those little plays! In the absence of men some of the girls don our brothers' raiment, apply a little brown water-color to the lip, and presto!—a dashing beau! Our guests are always the active chapter, our mothers and other women friends of the fraternity.

Expecting to see such a crowd, imagine our astonishment one night when the curtains were drawn and revealed each lady wearing evening dress, carrying an arm bouquet extraordinary in size, gazing through opera glasses and lorgnettes, and, most wonderful of all, accompanied by a gentleman in full dress! But closer examination convinced us that the uninvited gentlemen were our own sisters in the borrowed sweldom of Pi Phi brothers; so we bowed graciously and were showered with flowers of the crêpe paper variety.

When we are not rehearsing we meet regularly every two weeks in the chapter house. Those rooms are especially conducive to interesting meetings, for the spirit of "frat" seems to permeate the atmosphere of the place. At such times we have no regular program after the transaction of our very little business, but spend the time in social conversation, relieved sometimes by reading short stories or letters from absent ones. In short, our aim is to make these meetings as attractive as any club meetings so that attendance need never be other than a pleasure.

Two of our girls, Ethelwyn Miller and May Carney, returned home in September after several months traveling in Europe, and

we enjoy hearing them tell about the Pi Phis they met in Scotland and the pleasure they found in meeting girls from different fraternities,—Delta Gamma, Kappa and Theta,—some in Paris, some in Florence and some in Munich. The hearty greetings exchanged with these girls go to prove that "a Greek's a Greek for a' that."

At the beginning of the second term we re-elected officers. We now have as president, May Carney; vice president, Gertrude Deckard Hendricks; secretary, Harriet Palmer, and treasurer, Eleanor La Grange.

Our membership numbers eighteen, and is quite cosmopolitan. We have the instructor of modern languages of Franklin college; teacher of mathematics in the high school; two grade teachers; the librarian of the college; one journalist; one artist, and two of the girls are "making happy homes."

Wedding bells have chimed for us three times: at the marriages of Laura Lukens, Eva LaGrange and Lucile Carr. And although it is a little premature to say so, if you won't tell, I'll whisper that they will ring again before many moons go by.

Indiana Alpha Alumnae club sends greetings to all sister clubs and best wishes to all active chapters.

MAY EMERSON CARNEY, '99.

Iowa Alpha

The Alumnae Club of Iowa Alpha has been organized scarcely a year. Our meetings are held once in two weeks, opened in the regular Pi Phi form. We devote the early part of the meeting to business, the latter to the study of Greek mythology. Besides our regular officers, we have different members chosen to present the lesson at each meeting. We have no papers written, each member preparing her lesson, enters into a general discussion of the subjects presented.

We find our plan is received with great favor among the alumnae of our place and our club is steadily growing.

Iowa Alpha sends best wishes to her alumnae sisters.

Personals

COLUMBIA ALPHA

On the eighth of January at St. Mark's Pro-Cathedral, Elise Bradford was married to Edward Darlington Johnson, Sigma Chi. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson now live at Brunswick, Me., where Mr. Johnson is rector of St. Paul's church.

Lucy Murray, Maryland Alpha, visited in Washington at Christmas time, when the Columbia Alpha girls were delighted to meet her.

OHIO ALPHA

Minnie Roach, '96, left in August for Manila, but was detained in San Francisco for a month on account of illness. She is now teaching near Manila and returns there each evening.

Flora Hedges is in Columbus as stenographer for the state game commission. She is living with Mrs. Grace Grosvenor Shepard, during her stay there.

Mrs. Kate Crawford Leonard recently removed from Athens to Portsmouth, Ohio.

Mabel Wilson, '00, left in January for Whatcome, Washington, where she has a position as librarian in the State Normal school. She spent ten days with Illinois Zeta while on her trip west.

Jane Ryan, '93, will spend the first week in April with friends in Fairmont, Illinois, and will visit Illinois Zeta.

Grace Scott has returned from Pittsburg, where she spent the winter.

Maud Herrold-Merwin has removed from Columbus to Cambridge.

Mrs. Mabel Towsley Graham, who has been living in Lancaster, has removed to Athens.

Lucy Murdoch, '99, from Delaware, has the position of teacher in English in the Chillicothe High school.

Within the last few months occurred the following marriages: Myrtine Berktsreeseer to Dr. Parrot, Columbus, Ohio; Genevieve Garber to Mr. Angel, Columbus, Ohio; Lucile Evans to Mr. Arthur Carpenter, Denver, Colorado; Elizabeth Carpenter to Dr. D. B. Hartinger, Middleport, Ohio; Grace Gist to Dr. C. B. Parker, Gallipolis; Harriet Wolgamot to Mr. Gilbert Anderson, Athens; Florence Craig to Mr. H. R. Wilson, of Athens.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Bertha Bennett, who has spent two years in France, has returned and is taking the library course at Albany, N. Y.

May Bliss is teaching at Bainbridge, N. Y.

Louise Winfield is preceptress of the Jordan Academy, Jordan, N. Y.

Clara Hookway is teaching at Cambridge, N. Y.

Blanche Harter is teaching at Messina Springs, N. Y.

Jessie Campbell is filling a position at the Matteawan High school, Matteawan, N. Y.

Jessie Wakefield is teaching at Camden, N. Y.

Kate Benedict is teaching a kindergarten in the Syracuse public schools.

Lida O'Bryon is spending this year at Washington, D. C.

Leora Sherwood is assistant in physics in the Syracuse High school.

Mabel Miller, ex-'05, has left college on account of her mother's illness.

Mabel Davison, ex-'05, left college at the beginning of this term.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

Mae Laurence, '98, and Florence Flagg, '99, are teaching in the English High school of Worcester.

Winifred Hill, '98, is teaching in Kingston Academy, N. H.; Martha Luther, '98, in Ayer, Mass.; Josephine Pickering, '00, in Greenland, N. H.; Cassie Souther, '00, in Bethel, Vt.; Lucretia Brry, '00, in Swampscot, Mass.; Helen Barrett, '01, in McIndoes Falls, Vt.; Lucy Gardner, '98, in Jamestown, R. I.; and Eleanor Good, '01, in Shelburne Falls, Mass.

Olive Gilchrist, '98, is studying in Germany.

May McFall, '00, is completing her studies for her Master's degree at her old alma mater.

Grace Smith-Crandon, '00, is presiding over a home of her own in Melrose. Her wedding, last June, was the prettiest of Pi Phi affairs.

Nettie A. Dodge, '01, left here on February the third for the Philippines. Immediately upon her arrival in Manila she is to be married to Walter I. Chapman, B. U., '01, Beta Theta Pi.

Rumor has it that Massachusetts Alpha is to lose another of her alumnae sisters, as Elizabeth Coats is contemplating extensive work in the Hindu mission fields.

The engagement is announced of Edith Taylor, ex-'01, to Charles Therrien.

Pi Phi spirit will run high at the wedding of Florence E. Thomas, '01, to Charles L. Hammond, M. I. T., '97, which is expected to occur in the early summer.

M. Ida Hodge, ex-'03, is studying in Boston.

Florence M. Burnham, ex-'03, is spending the winter in Anona, Florida.

MARYLAND ALPHA

Waunda Hartshorn, '98, is studying music in Italy.

Beall Martin, '98, has a most delightful position as instructor in mathematics in Washington Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.

Grace Reah, '99, is spending the winter at her home in Zaleski, Ohio.

Helen Doll, '99, is teaching in the Western High school, Baltimore, Md.

Estelle Martin, '00, is teacher of mathematics in Centenary College, Cleveland, Tenn.

Edna Stone, '00, enjoys her work as teacher of modern languages in Fairfax College, Winchester, Va.

Lucy Murray, '01, is instructor in modern languages at the High school, Reisterstown, Md.

Sylvia E. Ware, '01, is spending the year in Baltimore study-

ing and teaching music, which is a great pleasure to all her friends, especially the Pi Phis.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Grace Williams, '97, has returned from Paris, where she spent a year studying.

Louise Montgomery has again taken up her work in Knox and will graduate next June.

Emma Jenson, who is teaching this year near Princeton, Ill., spent a few days with college friends recently.

Laura Price, '97, of Chicago, made Galesburg friends a short visit recently.

Katharine Smith, ex-'02, is teaching at Spring Valley, Ill.

Lucia C. Dewey, Knox, ex-'01, is a member of the present senior class of Smith College.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Elda Smith, '01, is teaching in the Springfield High school.

Laura O'Brien, '01, is teaching in Indianapolis.

Minnie Starr, '99, of the Cumnock School of Oratory, is teaching in Albany College, Albany, Oregon.

INDIANA ALPHA

Martha Merrick, '00, of Frankfort, visited fraternity sisters in Franklin in February.

Mabel Abbot, who received her bachelor's degree from Chicago University last summer, is teaching art in one of the department schools of Chicago.

Anna Morris and Adda Wyrick have positions in the Indianapolis schools.

Marcia Miller Mendenhall is the mother of a boy, Robert Miller Mendenhall.

Lillian Weyl, '94, was granted a year's leave of absence from the Indianapolis schools in order that she might accept the position of instructor of modern languages in Franklin College during the absence of Professor Zeppenfeld in Germany.

Jeannette Zeppenfeld, professor of modern language in Franklin

College, is taking work in Heidelberg University this winter. Of the twenty-four women students in the university two are Pi Beta Phis; May Kellar, '99, of Maryland Alpha, and Miss Zeppenfeld of Franklin, class of 1890.

Alva Gorby is teaching in Yankton, S. D.

Carrie Daughters, '98, is a nurse in a hospital in Dayton, Ohio.

Mabel Kerlin, '00, is very ill with nervous prostration.

Mary Hall, '01, is teaching in the High school at Dunkirk, Ind.; Harriet Palmer in the High school at Franklin, Ind.; Kate Graves in the Muncie, Ind., schools; Gertrude Morris in the Lincoln, Neb., schools, and May Carney and Nelle Graves in the Franklin, Ind., schools.

Mrs. Bertha Martin Powell, who was married last August, is living in Leroy, N. Y., where Mr. Powell is pastor of the First Baptist church.

Mrs. Lucile Carr Miller is living in Elkhorn, Wis., where her husband is pastor of the First Baptist church.

Mrs. Laura Lukens Andrews, '99, is living in Peru, Ind.

Fanny Dean, '95, is assistant librarian in Franklin College.

Mrs. Ona Payne Newsom, '92, is at Lingayen, island of Luzon, Philippines. Mr. Newsom is one of the nine division superintendents of schools in the Philippines.

Viola Murphy, '95, is an instructor of vocal music in Chicago, Ill.

May Carney, Ethelwyn Miller, Bertha Fletcher, Sarah Covert and Jeannette Zeppenfeld spent last summer in Europe.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

On Sunday, March ninth, a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Philip H. Cass of Coffeyville, Kansas. Mrs. Cass was Florence Putnam Chase, Grand Secretary from 1895 to 1897, and for the past two years cataloguer of the fraternity.

IOWA ALPHA

On the evening of February nineteenth at the home of the bride's mother in Mt. Pleasant, occurred the wedding of Olivia Ambler to Mr. Edmund Simmons, Phi Delta Theta. Dean Piersel

of I. W. U. officiated in the beautiful Episcopal ring service. Miss Ambler has been one of the most helpful, enthusiastic Pi Phis of Iowa Alpha, both in active and alumnae work; she represented her chapter at the Madison convention, has served as chairman of the literary bureau, and is president of Gamma Province. It is with reluctance that we give her up, but the best wishes of Iowa Alpha follow the young couple to their new home in Loveland, Colorado.

Mrs. Lulu Baxter Shearer, '97, sustained a great bereavement in the death of her husband, Rev. Wm. Shearer, Phi Delta Theta, which occurred on the thirteenth of February, at Cedar, Ia.

Iowa Alpha Alumnae club and all alumnae Pi Phis in the city received invitations to meet with Miss Hattie Ketcham on Feb. 10th. The invitation was met with a hearty response from twenty-five girls and the reunion was a very delightful one. Among the guests was Dr. Laura Brown of Chicago, whom the girls were all glad to greet again. After the regular meeting of the club, the guests were ushered to the dining room where an excellent dinner was served. Miss Ketcham is a royal entertainer, an enthusiastic Pi Phi, and has offered her beautiful home to the girls very often, and we know that in accepting her invitations there will always be a royal good time for the girls.

January first, nineteen hundred and two, occurred the wedding of one of our alumnae, Kathryn Wilson, '01, of Malvern, Iowa, to Mr. C. A. Rickabaugh, of Tabor, Iowa, at which place they are at home to their many friends.

KANSAS ALPHA

Frederika Bullene has taken the position of exchange editor on the "Kansas City Star."

Winslow Hutchinson, A. B., 1900, Radcliffe, 1901, is working for her M. A. at the Kansas University this year.

Hattie McCague-Kellogg and small son, of South McAllister, Ind. Ter., have been visiting university friends.

Josephine Miles-Woodward is visiting friends in Lawrence.

Ida Smith Griffith has returned from her trip to Austin, Texas, where she went to initiate the new chapter.

COLORADO ALPHA

At La Junta, Colorado, on December the twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred one, Sue Graeme Shotwell, '97, was married to Mr. John Walsh.

Claire Williams, ex-'01, was married on February the fifteenth, to Mr. Guy Humphrey, '00, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and now lives in Colorado Springs.

Gertrude FitzRandolph Currens is now living at Glenwood Springs, where Mr. Currens is pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Ethel Wright, '01, is teaching literature in the East Denver High School.

A little daughter arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel McAllister on February the twenty-seventh.

In Memoriam

CARRIE GOODRICH KELLY

We were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. Carrie Goodrich Kelly, on the eighteenth of December, at the China Mission, in Changteh, Hunan. She had consecrated her life to the missionary work among the heathen and this life, so brief and beautiful, was called by the Master to a service in the far better land. She has gained the goal and those who are left to mourn deeply the loss, yet rejoice in her rich reward.

Mrs. Kelly was a member of Ohio Alpha in 1890. After two years here she went to Hiram College, where she graduated. Later she took a course in kindergarten in Cleveland, Ohio. Being appointed as kindergartner to the mission in Japan, by the Christian church, she left in September, 1899. Dr. William Kelly, of the Presbyterian Mission, sailed on the same ship.

She soon sailed for Nankin, China, and was married to Dr. Kelly in August, 1900. On account of the Boxer movement she

remained there, and joined Dr. Kelly at Changteh only one short week before her death. This was the first Christian burial in Changteh. It was Mrs. Kelly's request that she should be buried there. A beautiful site was selected about three miles from the city, on Tela Shani, Hill of Virtue. The burial ceremony seemed to make a wonderful impression upon the natives. The solemnity and quietness was a marked contrast to their very crude burial rites. English services were held at the house and the service at the grave was conducted in Chinese.

Mrs. Kelly had unusual gifts in dealing with children, and was an excellent kindergarten teacher. She was thus thoroughly equipped for success in her work, but God in His wisdom was ready for her.

Her bereaved husband in China and her mother here have our most earnest and sincere sympathy.

FLORENCE CRAIG WILSON.

GRACE ERICKSON

Once more Iowa Beta sorrows in the loss of one of our dearest sisters, Grace Erickson, who died January thirty-first, 1902.

Her death, coming after an illness of only two days, was a great surprise and shock to her many friends, some of whom did not even know of her sickness.

Only a little over a year ago, her older sister Nettie was taken from us, and since then Grace's love and sweet influence had in a large measure filled this void.

She was not only a most lovable friend, but also a student much above the average, having graduated from the Iowa College for the Blind in '98. Since then she has finished the course in Oratory in Simpson, and at the time of her death was a member of the junior class and assistant instructor in physical culture. Her ability as an orator was especially marked. Twice she has won first honors in the Home Oratorical Contest, and last year represented Simpson in the state contest.

As a writer she proved herself capable for any task assigned to her, having written several class plays as well as many excellent articles, in both prose and poetry, for our college magazine, of which she was associate editor.

At her funeral services President Shelton spoke of her great love for only what is best in literature and read from her favorite poem by her favorite, Browning,—

“Grow old along with me!
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made;
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, ‘A whole I planned,’
Youth shows but half;
Trust God: see all, nor be afraid!”

Her life, though short, in her home, in the college and in the fraternity, was pure and served its purpose in the world well, and its silent influence for good will always be deeply felt.

NINA HOHANSHELT...

Editorials

WITH the birth of Texas Alpha on February nineteenth, Mother Pi Phi's big family is increased to thirty-one chapters. That our baby chapter is the finest infant of them all goes without saying. That she is going to grow up to be a credit to her sister chapters and a help and comfort to her mother fraternity, we are all sure. Our very best wishes are with the young chapter for its success in every way. May it hold fast to the ideals of Pi Beta Phi and find them good; and may more strength and happiness come to this band of southern college girls, as well as to Pi Beta Phi, from the founding of Texas Alpha.

IN A RECENT article concerning a college woman's expenses, quoted in part in our exchange column, one finds a comparison of the expenses of the fraternity girl now and twenty years

ago. The facts are such as to make one stop and think, and wonder whether it is not time for sumptuary laws, when the expense of acquiring and maintaining fraternity membership is so great as to keep out desirable girls.

It is not to be denied that the wealthy chapter or fraternity has a great advantage over the one that is not. We are glad that our fraternity is well to do, that it is managed on good business principles and that it has money enough to further all its reasonable activities and insure its expansion as well as its internal development. We are glad, too, when a chapter does not have to pinch and scrape to maintain itself but can meet its financial and social demands easily. We would not surrender one iota of our fraternity's prestige or the prestige of any chapter.

There sometimes comes to us, however, a doubt as to whether that prestige rests on quite the best foundation. Is that chapter necessarily stronger, even socially, which can outrank its rivals in elaborate entertainment, in costly house or furniture, in the gowning of its members? May strength not rather lie in a certain dignity, a consciousness of good taste and good breeding, and a fine simplicity that is not afraid of criticism. That the pretty houses and the pretty gowns do attract is unquestionable. The only question is: May there not be something which is more attractive and which draws to us a finer type of girl. There seems something a little vulgar in a mad scramble for popularity, and rivalry as to which chapter can spend the most money or make the most display for their money.

They say that ostentation is the spirit of the day, and especially of our country. Whether or not that be true, at least it should find as little place as possible in college life, and especially in college fraternity life. These stand for something higher, for scholarship, for cultivation of mind and manners, for refinement of taste, all of which money alone cannot buy, and which often exist with very little money. The world is bound to respect these qualities, whether it possesses them or not, and they constitute for a fraternity chapter a strength far greater than a bank account and second only to character.

Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE.

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

Before the rush of reviews and examinations Vermont Alpha stops once more to send a word of love and greeting to all the Pi Phis.

We have been busy and happy since you last heard from us. At the first meeting of the term we had our fraternity Christmas. After the regular business meeting each girl, beginning with the seniors, was allowed to hunt in another room, which she found with many trifles which she will long treasure with her fraternity souvenirs. As she examined these things she sat in front of an expectant audience of sisters and displayed each article, reading aloud all the attached poetry and explanations.

One of our patronesses entertained at a formal tea all the blondes in the chapter. All who could pass in that class were anxious to consider themselves invited—for it was left to the chapter to decide. But those who could not make themselves anything but brunettes are living in anticipation of something even better than our sisters enjoyed.

This patroness entertained the whole chapter one evening not long ago at a very novel party, and we have given two informal dances in the Pharetra this term.

Miss Souther, an alumna from Massachusetts Alpha, is to visit friends in Middlebury next week and we have out cards for a dance in her honor.

One evening the censor's programme was put into the hands of the freshmen, who presented to us the "Tom Fools Circus Company," which rendered a very interesting and funny programme. Some of our alumnae were present and quite approved of our choice of freshmen this year.

We are all busy now with that inevitable trial which the first of March always brings. We send you all our best wishes for your success with it.

LENA BIXBY.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

The first half of our college year has passed by, and Vermont Beta feels that it has been of great profit and pleasure and hopes that her sister chapters have had the same experience.

Since our last letter to the Arrow we have all been busy preparing for

and taking mid-year exams., which are now of the past, and we have once more settled down to our usual routine of study.

Among the college social events that have taken place lately, might be mentioned the Sophomore Hop which was given on Friday evening, January tenth, at the Masonic Temple hall. This was the fourth dance given by that class and was reported thoroughly enjoyable.

President and Mrs. Buckham were at home to the students on Friday afternoons of the month of February.

The Dramatic Club, which has been for some time under the direction of Mr. Elton of New York, is preparing to give "She Stoops to Conquer" in the near future.

A Military Hop was given at the gymnasium on Tuesday evening, February eleventh.

The Y. W. C. A. of the University entertained the Y. M. C. A. with a peanut party, at Grass Mount on Thursday evening, the sixth. This was a very pleasant event and seemed much appreciated.

Vermont Beta sends best wishes and Easter greetings to all chapters.

DAISY RUSSELL.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIAN UNIVERSITY

The saying is that nothing unites people so much as common dangers. Do we not all feel the truth of this since our recent ordeal, the examination? But now April is here, and Founders' Day and then Commencement fast approaching, so we have revived from the shock and may laugh at our fears. The girls of Columbia Alpha have decided that it would be both wise and provident to distribute the studying, especially of fraternity history and policy, more throughout the year, talking things over and catechising one another now and then, so that examination may not come upon us with such appalling force. Chapters are very apt to become so absorbed in their own interests, their struggles and pleasures, that there seems no opportunity for such study of things not at the time directly pertinent. Yet if this plan could be put into practice we could be well informed in fraternity matters all the time, and when examination time arrives, enter the ordeal more confidently and certainly more competently.

This has been a busy winter for Columbia Alpha. At college the time has passed quickly with the mid-year examinations, the daily round of duties and the little cares and pleasures.

The Columbian women have been very successful in their efforts to raise money for refurbishing the library. They are anxious this year for the co-operation and enthusiasm of the girls in the college, and for the first time are admitting undergraduates to membership. They alternate their business meetings with receptions and concerts, so that they may bring students and alumnae into more frequent social intercourse. Unfortunately,

stormy weather prevented many from attending the reception on Washington's Birthday, but it was no less enjoyable for those who braved the storm.

A dramatic club has been organized, in which our girls are well represented. The first play will be presented some time in May. The members are fired with great enthusiasm, and have so inspired others that "dramatics" is the constant theme of discussion within the college walls.

On the thirty-first of January Ruth Wellman entertained the chapter at her home with a "cookie-shine." In the mystic glow of soft red lights we chatted and laughed over the dainty repast with all the happy abandon of gay, light-hearted school girls and affectionate friends.

One of the most thoroughly enjoyed occasions of the year was an informal dance given by the Pi Phis on February fifth. The chapter girls had with them of the alumnae Cecil Franzoni, Rosalie Robinette, Georgie Sanderlin, Eva Knight and Frances Heilprin, and Mrs. Shute.

Frances Heilprin entertained the chapter at "hearts" on St. Valentine's day, when, under the spell of the charming hospitality of the hostess everyone passed a most delightful afternoon.

But we have not been all gaiety. One of our newest girls in the chapter, Clara Wilson, has been very ill. For weeks she was at the hospital dangerously ill, but she went through it bravely, and now, though she cannot return to her college work, she is recovering, and we are anxiously, yet so gladly, watching her grow slowly stronger each day.

And now the next great event for fraternity girls is Founders' Day. We hope that day will be unclouded for every one of us, and that the close of this school year, if not bringing honors for all, may be crowned with the consciousness of untold wealth gained from our near and dear relationship. And so with greetings to all of you, Columbia Alpha says, Au revoir until summer.

CATHERINE V. McILHENNY.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

We have no new sisters to introduce to you since, by our inter-fraternity pledge, we can ask no new girls until the first of May, but we can tell you of the happy, earnest life of the chapter, and of the pleasures and success in getting acquainted with all the freshmen, and especially those who seem congenial to us and who come up to the standard of Pi Phi ideals.

Our chapter has not been slighted in the distribution of honors this year. One of our seniors is now president of the Somerville Literary Society, and is also eligible for the Lucretia Mott Fellowship, two are class secretaries and two class poetesses. And in all we do we realize that—

"No simplest deed we now can do
Is done to self; but in thy name
We live these years at college through,
And for thy glory or thy shame."

Our chapter had a delightful and characteristic Pi Phi "cookie-shine" only a few days ago, which was made all the more pleasant by the unexpected arrival of several of our alumnae, among them Lauritta Smedley, one of our charter members.

Another feast has been recently given us by May Guteluis, who lives in Swarthmore near the college. Everyone enjoyed it thoroughly, and came away feeling that they had one more reason for being glad that they were Pi Phis.

Every spare moment now is spent in studying for the examinations and we await the arrival of the questions with fear and trembling.

With heartiest good wishes for our sister chapters.

SARA E. TRACY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

Our newest baby, whom you have not yet met, took her exam. this afternoon with the rest of us. Her name is Inez Fike, and her ink-stained fingers testify to the zeal with which she wrote. Before the ordeal she suggested as an appropriate motto for the pale and anxious chapter, "We who are about to die, salute thee!" The examination is now a thing of the past. "Oh, what will the harvest be?"

It was during Miss Bartol's visit that Inez was initiated, and very proud we were to have our Grand Secretary one of the first to greet our new initiate. The same evening we entertained informally our patronesses and pledges, in order to give the former some idea of what a college girl's chafing-dish party was. As a redeeming feature ices, wafers and coffee were served, and, as no Beardsley dreams were reported, it must have been a success.

This term we have been unusually favored with visits from former members of our chapter. Two alumnae, Laura Allen and Bess Wells, and Mabel Allison, now transferred to Maryland Alpha, spent several days with us.

The chief social events of the school year were the Junior Prom and the College Girl's Reception. The Prom went off swimmingly, as did the reception, save that the orchestra for the latter event was snowed up by the blizzard half way here, and the pine for the decorations arrived four days late. But these were minor considerations, and in no wise affected the exceeding great joy of that occasion.

The Senior girls entertained the Senior men at a gathering that was neither a reception, a chafing-dish party, nor a cookie-shine, but a happy blending of all three. The men paid their party-call by taking the girls on a sleigh-ride, and on the same night the Sophomores held their banquet at Sunbury. In this they were only improving on the example of the

freshmen, who had held their banquet in the beginning of the term, at Williamsport.

Our patronesses have been more than kind to us, and in many ways have shown their interest in Pi Beta Phi affairs. Mrs. Edwards and Miss Black entertained us at progressive crokinole; Mrs. McClure gave us a most delightful dinner last Saturday evening, and Mrs. Leiser entertained us charmingly on Tuesday, March eleventh.

The dissipations of this term will end with the Minstrel Show, to be given by the college men, and the "Antigone" of Sophocles to be performed by the Girl's Dramatic Club. Six of our girls will take part in the play, which promises to be an elaborate affair.

"Tell it not in Gath," but our hearts are heavy with fear on account of the term exams., which loom but seven short days ahead. Those who have been wise virgins are severe and calm; those who have been otherwise—but we have all been there ourselves.

M. LILA LONG.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

It is with pleasure that we have looked forward to the writing of the April letter, that we may tell you all that has been going on at Ohio University, and especially in Pi Beta Phi.

Our first work this term was the refurnishing of our hall, and to this we proceeded with great energy and at the same time with much enjoyment. The lighter work we girls did ourselves, and how proud we feel now of our old hall none can tell. It seems almost like a new place and we take the greatest pride in keeping it as cozy and delightful as possible.

We have just had with us our Grand Vice President, Miss Fanny K. Read of Richland, Michigan. Friday night, February twenty-eighth, we had a delightful cookie-shine after our regular meeting, and on Saturday afternoon our alumnae entertained for us in honor of Miss Read, at the home of Miss Jane Ryan. The color scheme of wine and blue was carried out perfectly and uniquely in the decorations, and a most enjoyable hour was spent with the wives of the trustees and professors of the university, and the patronesses and active chapters of Alpha Alpha Alpha, and Pi Beta Phi. On Saturday evening the festivities closed with a dinner given by the chapter at Hotel Berry. The patronesses and alumnae shared with us the banquet, and at its close Miss Read responded to a toast in words most appreciative and encouraging.

We mentioned in our last letter the local organization of the Alpha Alpha Alpha girls, and are glad to tell you that they are working hard and with good promise of success toward securing the re-charter of Kappa Alpha Theta at our university. We are most anxious that they

shall succeed in this, for the university at large appreciates the benefit to be derived therefrom.

Our college paper, the O. U. Mirror, has been revived, the first issue appearing in February. It promises to be a most interesting and worthy representative of college proceedings and a true mirror of college life. The members of the editorial staff are very comfortably established in their office on the first floor of the West Wing, in which building are also the Y. M. C. A. rooms below and the Alpha and Pi Phi halls above.

We have had several of the jolliest "cookie-shines" lately that Ohio Alpha has ever known. But we have also been useful outside of our own circle, and a number of us were glad to assist the ladies of the Pallas club in their annual reception in February. Some of our girls, dressed in pretty Scandinavian costumes, helped with the serving, while several others assisted in the literary and musical program.

The first public athletic exhibition was given February eighteenth in the Gymnasium, and was largely attended. Pi Phi was well represented in the line-up of both teams of the women's basket ball, and for once they were to be pardoned for failing "to pull together."

Ohio University is the favored recipient of a magnificent appropriation for the establishment of a Normal school according to the provisions of the Leese bill, which has lately become a law. Needless to say, we find great cause for rejoicing, and have not been slow in demonstrations of the same. The halls of the old University re-echo with the praise of President Ellis, who has worked so untiringly for the passage of this measure which means so much to us.

Let all of our sisters rejoice with us who do rejoice, for you shall hear more of us and our good fortune later.

Ohio Alpha sends loving greetings to you all.

BELLE BISHOP.

OHIO BETA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

Once again the spring days are with us, bringing in their train the annual crop of spring poets and—what is even harder to evade—"that tired feeling." The winter term has seemed remarkably short, and yet, we have managed to crowd a large amount of fun and pleasure into it. College society has been very gay, and we have been well represented at all of the functions. The Delta Taus had a convention here in January, and entertained their delegates with a dance which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended it. Then there have been other fraternity and class affairs, too numerous to mention. One of the annual social events is the Battalion Hop, which everyone attends and everyone enjoys. Only the members of the battalion and their guests are supposed to be present. By the way, "supposed" is the proper word to use, and

it is really wonderful how the battalion increases in numbers on that evening! Every man in college echoes the Florodora chorus, "I want to be a military man," and begs, borrows, or steals a uniform for the occasion.

We ourselves have done no entertaining of a formal nature, but probably will before long. Early in the term, we gave a tea for our mothers and sisters at the home of Clare Postle. We considered it an excellent way of allowing them to meet all the new girls, and also each other. Then, too,—but breathe it low,—we wanted to show them that we are sufficiently "grown-up" to engineer a "grown-up" reception. We had lots of fun preparing for our "Mothers' Congress," as we called it. Both they and we so thoroughly enjoyed it that I think we shall have to repeat the performance in honor of our fathers and brothers. To be sure, some of us do not possess the latter article, but perhaps it would not be *very* difficult for us to borrow some.

During the latter part of February, we had a short visit from Miss Read, every minute of which was delightful to us. Owing to the shortness of her stay, our entertainments had to be of a very informal character. On the last evening that she was with us, Miss Sarah Barrows, one of our alumnae, gave a reception in her honor to the faculty ladies. On the whole, Miss Read's visit has done us a world of good, and we regret that it could not have been longer. Ohio Beta closes with best wishes to her sister chapters and with a hearty welcome to the most recent addition to Pi Beta Phi.

GERTRUDE LEE JACKSON.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Since the last issue of the Arrow, college life at Syracuse has been about the same as usual. The mid-year examinations are over and now since the snow has left, we have begun to look forward to the baseball games and spring athletics. The schedule has not yet been completed, but games with the largest universities have been promised to us.

During the past week, New York Alpha has had the pleasure of entertaining our Province president, who was one of our graduates of last year. Occasionally some of our alumnae gladden us by a short visit and we are always delighted to see them, although the list of active members is constantly changing and our new initiates find it difficult always to know "who is who."

The name of Cora Scott has been recently added to our roll, and we are glad to introduce her to all the readers of the Arrow.

Earlier in the year, the '05 girls entertained the fraternity very pleasantly, and next in turn the sophomores are planning to display their talent in entertaining the chapter.

Last Friday occurred our fraternity examination. The convention held here last summer made the review much easier for those who were able to attend its sessions, but the freshmen evidently wish they knew more about fraternity history. Our chapter is in a prosperous condition at present, but we deeply regret that seven of our seniors will soon leave our active chapter.

With best wishes to all our sisters,

GRACE HUNT.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

A great many things have happened to us since we last met each other in the Arrow, so many in fact that it is impossible to tell you about them all. But first of all we have some new sisters to introduce to you, and that we are proud of them and wish you to know them must account for their being mentioned so early in this letter. They are Maude Norris, Elizabeth Halligan, Vivian Taber, Lorea Adams, Alice and Edith Curtis, Marion Bean, Alice Fisher, and Louise Brown. Then we have a new pledging to introduce, Beth Brainard, and we hope soon to see her wear the arrow.

It would take too long to write of all our good times together, some of which were pleasant evenings spent at the homes of Frances and Luna French of Michigan Alpha, and with Miss Lillie Hazelton of Columbia Alpha; also an afternoon spent with one of our patronesses, Mrs. Coit, our annual banquet, a valentine party, a cookie-shine, as well as several informal socials at our fraternity room. But even with all these good times, we have been enjoying the quiet chapter life which means so much to us and which gives us glimpses of the true meaning of our fraternity life and spirit.

As we look back, our memories are not all joyous and happy, but even through them we have been drawn closer to each other and we are now even more united than ever.

It is too late to wish you a prosperous year, so, instead, Massachusetts Alpha wishes that the few months of the college year which remain may bring to you the very truest joy and happiness.

MARY C. GALBRAITH.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

The interim between chapter letters being unusually long this time, has given opportunity for many things to happen and also to have been stored away with the things long ago forgotten. Probably, though, by summoning the all-important intellectual factor, memory, to my assistance I may be able to give you an idea of some of the things which have been

demanding so much of our time and yet adding so much pleasure to our college life.

Among the college functions was a reception which afforded entertainment and pleasure to many, where we were well represented on the "line" and elsewhere. Another reception of a very different character and given only to children and their nurses was held in our hall not long after. The desire expressed in the familiar lines,

"Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,
Make me a child again, just for tonight,"

seemed to have been granted to large numbers there. One of the most interesting features of the whole evening was the kindergarten class instructed by their teacher, Kathleen Mallory.

We do not want this to give you an idea that the social side of our college life alone has been emphasized, for we have had a lively interest in athletics and have been given rare intellectual treats in lectures from Dr. Corson of Cornell and Dr. Moulton from the University of Chicago.

In the fraternity world we have had some most enjoyable times. The first one in our esteem was a valentine party given on the fourteenth, when Cupid's occupation was adopted by all and hearts and arrows reigned supreme.

There are many other things of great interest to us, which we would like to tell you of in full if space permitted, but we will have to be content with the mere mentioning of a visit from one of our old girls, Josephine Wiley; of a delightful afternoon spent at the house of Mrs. Janey, our patroness; and especially of our new possession, a lovely fraternity room, which we feel will strengthen the "tie that binds each to each and one to all."

MIRIAM ALICE BELT.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY

At last the dreaded examinations are over and Illinois Beta can look forward with untroubled gaze to the beautiful spring days,—for spring is very beautiful here. The campus is green and the trees make it cool and shady. The only trouble is that it all looks too enticing from the class-room windows, and there is a great temptation to throw books aside and go and enjoy it all.

The winter term has been a very busy one for most of "our girls." In the first place, they have all taken very heavy work, and then there have been many outside things. The boys of the two fraternities, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Nu, gave a dancing party in the gymnasium on

the seventh of February in honor of Pi Beta Phi and Alpha Xi Delta, a local girls' society. This was quite an innovation here, as the spirit of rivalry between the fraternities has been very strong. It has done much to produce greater friendliness and draw them together as all members of the big Greek world should be drawn. Each fraternity had some of its town alumni members present.

On February twentieth, the football dance was given down town, as its name implies in honor of our gridiron heroes. Then, on February twenty-first we had what is dearest of all to the hearts of Illinois Beta—an initiation. Our new sister is Emma Grubb, who was initiated at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Fowler, our English professor's wife, who is a very loyal Pi Phi and has much interest in the chapter. We are very glad to have Emma really one of us at last, and need her especially for we are going to lose Mecca Varney, who will not be in school this term. She has been one of our strongest, dearest and most loyal Pi Phis and we shall miss her sadly.

We have been having such pleasant little times at our fraternity meetings. One week, the time will be devoted exclusively to business or as exclusively as twelve girls who enjoy talking together can make it. Then the next meeting will be "social." We will have a short literary program prepared by two of the girls and two will serve light refreshments. It is all very pleasant and the bond never seems so strong as when we sing one of the dear old Pi Phi songs before closing. I think these little "god times" together do more than anything else to draw the girls closer and make them feel their sisterhood. We have at last succeeded in finding a very pleasant little room, too, and do so enjoy it.

Illinois Beta sends love and best wishes to all sister chapters.

BESS PHILBROOK.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

Illinois Delta has been getting better and better acquainted with her many sisters during the last few weeks through the chapter letters, of which she has received a goodly number, so that it is with even more than her usual hearty feeling of sympathy and interest that she says, "How do you do?" to you all once more. This good custom of exchanging letters between chapters each spring affords us glimpses into the daily life and work of our sisters which, even if they are all too brief and insufficient, we would not miss for a great deal.

Knox College has been having troubles of her own of late. The college bell was in need of repairs, so the enterprising senior class sent it away, had it recast, and lo! it came back a better bell than in its most youthful days. Now that the prodigal had returned, we made us a holiday and killed the fatted calf; but alas, a cruel fate had decreed

that our joy should turn to weeping, our festive song to a funeral dirge. The bell had disappeared in the dead of night, whence, no one knows (except a few). Will it ever come back to us? But enough! Let us think no more of the "might-have-beens" and turn over this unhappy page in our past.

The fickle goddess Pleasure has led her devotees many a merry chase during the past few weeks, and truth to tell, we have not found her so fickle as she is wont to be called. Pi Phi has been so busy dancing at other people's parties that she has attempted very little in that direction herself,—indeed, her only effort was an informal dancing party given to Tri Delta and her man friends a few weeks ago. This week occurs the annual Junior Promenade, the principal social event of the year at Knox. In about three weeks, we Pi Phis will give our annual party, so that we have begun already to make our plans for the best possible time.

Knox boasts of several dramatic organizations this year, chief among which is the Senior Dramatic club. Three Pi Phis, Josephine Coolidge, Jessie VanClute, and Fannie Hurff are among its leading lights, and another of our girls, Mary Crawford, took part in the sophomore class play on Washington's birthday. And, oh, yes! while we are telling you how bright we are, we should not forget to mention that two of our seniors are on the Honor Roll of the college this year, a distinction much appreciated here.

Illinois Delta has much more than she would like to say to you, but perhaps she should close, though she does so with a sigh and an "Auf Wiedersehen."

FANNIE M. HURFF.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

In taking up the thread which we dropped with our last letter we would, first of all, recommend the very profitable plan of having a Christmas tree for the fraternity—I shall have to say rooms, for we are not on the roll of the blessed who occupy houses. By this means we added a considerable number of articles to the furnishings, and spent a pleasant afternoon with some of the "old girls."

We have just pledged Mamie Graves of Dixon, Ill., and we hope to make her one of our number next year.

A short time ago Mabel Holbrook, one of our alumnae, delightfully entertained us at her home in Chicago.

The sophomore show, "What Became of Parker," was pronounced a great success this year. Ella McNulty, one of our girls, very creditably took her part.

Northwestern is rejoicing that Dr. James is soon to fill the office of president, which for some time has been vacant.

Florence Reynolds, '01, who has been traveling this winter in the west, has lately written us of a delightful visit with California Beta. We would certainly like to meet the girls, whose spirit she describes as worthy of true Pi Phis. We hope to tell you in our next letter of a jolly good time at our party, which we are planning to give on the nineteenth of April.

With a "ring, ching, ching," and sincere wishes for success of all sister chapters, we close.

LENORE LATHAM NEGUS.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Illinois Zeta pauses in the midst of this busy school life to send greetings to all her sister chapters.

Since Christmas two of our freshmen have moved into our chapter house, so at present our home is quite full—eleven girls besides our chaperone and maids.

We were quite delighted last week to hear that Miss Read, our Grand Vice President, was soon coming to visit our chapter. We hope that we can persuade her to extend the promised three or four days as we are so anxious really to know her.

We Pi Phis have been very quiet since Christmas, as there have been so many other things on hand that it has been hard for us to find an open date. We give our annual dance the middle of April and soon after our annual reception to all the other fraternities, to our friends among the faculty and in town.

We have such good times together that we have each decided that the only place to live in is a chapter house. With best wishes for you all,

SARAH BELL WALLER.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

The winter term of college is usually quite dull. Everyone is working hard anticipating spring, when no one works. We have had but few diversions to break the monotony. At the very beginning of the term we entertained informally with a chafing dish supper for Miss Eggleston, who gave a reading for the benefit of the college library.

Since our last letter was written we have added the names of Mary Magaw and Margaret Foster to our roll. The initiation took place on January eighteenth, followed by the usual "spread."

The annual reunion of the Indiana Pi Phis occurred on February eighth. To the Indiana girls this reunion stands second in importance to

Founders' Day. It is here that we begin to realize how much Pi Beta Phi can mean to us and what a tie binds each to each and one to all. Our reunion banquet was very enjoyable indeed, but all were very much disappointed because Miss Read could not be with us as she had planned.

On March first, under the guidance of Margaret Foster, twenty-four Pi Phis went to the Fosters' home in Indianapolis and there were royally entertained at six o'clock dinner. The evening was spent in singing Pi Phi songs and writing poetry—not the conventional sort about spring, love, and kindred subjects, but poetry requiring great ingenuity. From an immense pie we drew carefully wrapped packages containing the objects which were to be the inspiration to our poetic genius. Horns, harps, dogs, monkeys and paper birds were dignified with poems of great length and grandeur. There were many excellent rhymes, and all received hearty applause. After our Good Night Song, we left for Franklin, each girl congratulating herself anew upon being a Pi Phi.

As the closing event of the term we chronicle the visit of our Grand Vice President. Miss Read came on March sixth. That evening we gave a spread for her. On the afternoon of the next day we kept open house from two to six. Despite the inclemency of the weather, our rooms were filled to overflowing. On Saturday morning Miss Read left for Bloomington. Her visit was all too short, but it was a great pleasure as well as a great privilege to have her with us. We feel that in following out her suggestions we can greatly benefit our chapter.

We made a mistake. The visit is not the last event. The examination questions have come, and with fear and trembling we await the ordeal. Indiana Alpha extends her sympathy to fellow sufferers.

GRACE DRYBREAD.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

One of the most interesting subjects with us is basket-ball, for the different girls' fraternities each have teams and play against each other. The first game was played by Kappa Kappa Gamma and Kappa Alpha Theta. Kappas won, and then came our game with the winning team. Unfortunately two of the Kappas ran into each other about seven minutes before the game closed, and were unable to play the rest of the half. The game was uncomfortably close, being eight to nine in Kappa's favor when we stopped. We will probably finish the game next week. The winning team will then play Delta Gamma and lastly, the non-fraternity team.

Ava Hammersley, '03, is visiting us this week, and only a few weeks ago Bertha Lingle, '01, spent Sunday with us. Saturday, we are expecting the Grand Vice President, Miss Read, whom we hope to keep with us several days.

Miss Mayo, the State Secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and Miss Effie Kelley Price, the Students' Secretary for the American Committee, held a series of meetings for the women of the university this term. The meetings were very interesting indeed. One evening, we entertained for Misses Mayo and Price. Miss Mayo has visited so many colleges and knows so many interesting things to tell about the different colleges, that it was a great pleasure to meet her.

GRACE ALDRICH.

INDIANA GAMMA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANAPOLIS

Since our last letter, we have led another freshman through the "dungeon of Pi Phi," and she has come out triumphantly wearing a golden arrow and the wine and silver blue. We now introduce to you, Maude Huntington, of Cumberland, Indiana.

Indiana Gamma has had unusually pleasant times this term. First of all, in January we gave a dance. This was the largest affair we have attempted this year, and we feel that it was a decided success.

February seventh we held our annual state reunion. This is an event looked forward to by Indiana Pi Phis all the year. It is a great pleasure for the girls of Indiana Alpha, Beta and Gamma to meet together for a few hours to get acquainted and be drawn closer together in our common interests. This year, about fifty Pi Phis, including alumnae, sat down to a seven-course dinner at the English Hotel, Indianapolis. Mrs. Brown, one of our alumnae, was toastmistress, and a toast was given by a representative of each chapter. Needless to say, we had a fine time. Such occasions as this make us glad over again that we are members of Pi Beta Phi.

After our dinner, we all went to the state oratorical contest, which is also an important event in our college year. Six colleges are represented in these annual contests, and it goes without saying that we had a very noisy and exciting evening. Our college did not carry off first honors; but, being third, our representative received honorable mention.

This February seventh was indeed a great day for us. Besides the reunion and the contest, it was Founders' day of our college. The event was celebrated by the students giving a play, in which some of our girls took part.

Miss Read has been visiting us this week. Just think! We have had the pleasure of seeing and becoming acquainted with a "real for sure" member of the Grand Council!

It would be too much to tell of all the things we have done this term, or of all our spreads. They have been many, but now we are studying hard for examinations,—and I do not exclude fraternity examination, which all active Pi Phis are taking this week. May each chapter get an "excellent" this time.

LULU B. KELLAR.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

One letter is scarcely sent before the time to write another one comes, and still nothing happens. This has been a very quiet and uneventful winter for us. In February, we enjoyed a sleighride out to the home of two of our active girls. Although the west wind blew and the horses balked, it was a very pleasant evening, these small things only adding to the enjoyment.

At present the air resounds with groans and shrieks; one meets everywhere wild eyed beings, hurrying to and fro; but we know what it means: it is the time of the annual oratorical contests.

At the recent election of the officers of the Y. W. C. A., Mayte Collins was chosen president. She has also been elected to a position on the staff of the New Collegian.

Michigan Alpha sends a very cordial invitation to all Pi Phis to visit their fraternity rooms; some new furniture has been added, the gift of the alumnae, and we feel very proud of our rooms and enjoy them exceedingly. The delegates have returned from the Volunteer convention at Toronto and are very enthusiastic over it. Of course we all wish we had gone.

We are sighing over the thought of the coming examination and asking ourselves the question, "Will it be as hard as the one last year?" The Easter holidays will be here soon; a happy vacation to all.

MAUDE B. CORBETT.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

This is the "betwixt and between" time of the year when we find it hard to settle down to work with the vague sense of approaching spring in the air. Yet never did there seem more need for us to concentrate our thoughts on things within.

First, we are preparing for a reunion the last of March for our alumnae, and hope as many as possible will come. The Schoolmasters' club meets at that time and affords a good opportunity to welcome back the girls to whose efforts we owe so much. Two nights, April fourth and fifth, are set apart for a County Fair in which the whole college is to take part. The fair is to be given under the auspices of the Woman's League, with the cooperation of the fraternities and the Athletic Association. All Ann Arbor, both students and residents, are expected to turn out in full force.

The Sophomore Prom, has just come off, and now the next event will be the freshman banquet. It has long been a custom of the sophomores and freshmen to indulge in hair-cutting at this time; but owing to the

pledge given by the freshmen of last year not to cut any hair this year, the excitement will probably be lessened.

Several indoor track meets have been held in the gymnasium, and better records made. Now the Michigan men are looking forward confidently to the Cornell meet on March twenty-ninth.

A number of the girls went into Detroit one Saturday night not long ago to see Julia Marlowe, and were afterwards entertained by one of the girls at dinner. Such little trips, with our usual after-meeting spreads and informal cookie-shines, do much to enliven the monotony of college work. We have had a very pleasant visit from our Grand Vice President, Miss Fannie K. Read, and were glad to hear from her of the chapters she has lately visited. Of course one reads the chapter letters, but how much more personal is an account given by one who knows the chapter she speaks of.

A number of the "old girls" have made us flying visits, and during one such visit, four of the girls gave a "pure food exhibit" which the rest of us attended, dressed en costume.

KATHARINE TOWER.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

We wonder whether time flies so rapidly for everyone as for Iowa Alpha, and whether her sisters find themselves almost before they are aware of it in the midst of examinations both fraternity and college.

We are pleased to introduce at this happy Easter-tide three new members to our sisters: Lena Elizabeth Santee, Grace Mehler and Edna Stickney. We had a particularly pleasant initiation at the home of Mary Brenholts, with several of the alumnae present, among them Katherine Lundgren of Burlington, Iowa. They surprised us by decorating the rooms in wine and blue bunting and ribbon, while our hostess served us with delightful refreshments.

In January we with our pledges and Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta friends had a sleighing party to Rome, a town about ten miles distant from Mount Pleasant, with a regular old fashioned country supper at the end of it. The night was perfect, and three bob-sleds of boys and girls made the old farmers whom we met along the road stare in wonder and bewilderment at our merriment. March tenth the active members of Iowa Alpha, who now number nine, entertained their men friends. We had our reception at Grace Hancher's, and sat down to our

banquet at nine o'clock. The table was decorated in deep red carnations, ferns and smilax. One of our pledge girls painted our menu cards in beautiful wine carnations, all of them of a different design. Mr. Mitchell of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity gave a toast on Fraternal Spirit, which we greatly enjoyed, and Mr. Burton Beck of Phi Delta Theta toasted our dear old Pi Phi goat in a way to win the hearts of us all. With a few other toasts, among them several impromptus, and Pi Phi songs, we passed one of the most delightful evenings of the year together.

We are now standing in dread of "those terrible examination questions" which come at about the same time as our term examinations. There is comfort in the thought that all our other sisters are enjoying a like test of their mental faculties along fraternity lines.

Iowa Alpha sends heartiest and best wishes for a happy Easter-tide.

LOTTIE E. BURNOP.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

Iowa Beta this month greets her sister chapters with mingled feelings of pleasure and sorrow—with pleasure because of the new sisters we have won, and sorrow because of the loss of our sister Grace Erickson, who died January thirty-first, 1902. Although Grace had been with us but a year, she had won a place in our hearts and in our circle that no one else can ever fill.

The Simpson Pi Phis, with one exception, answered to roll call this term after the Christmas holidays, and we began at once to plan for an initiation. As a result of the initiation, we wish to introduce as our new sisters, May Crandall, Madge Peasley and Mary Hoar, and also our new pledged sister, Mabel Brown, whose mother is one of our alumnae. The initiation was followed by one of our jolly spreads.

We have adopted a new plan for holding our meetings: each alternate week, meeting on Saturday evening with our pledged girls for a social evening, and holding our business meeting on the following Friday. Socially, this term we have been very quiet, having given only one informal party, in honor of one of our "Pi Phi boys" who has gone to California. We had planned to give a large reception, but owing to the death of Grace Erickson we have postponed it until next term.

At present, we are looking forward with a great deal of pleasure to the state oratorical contest to be held in Des Moines this month, and which our chapter expects to attend in a body.

The observance of Washington's birthday as "Simpson College Day" will be inaugurated this year by a banquet given by the faculty, alumnae and students, and it is expected that this will become an interesting social event of every year. Dearth of news makes the letter from Iowa Beta short, but we must not close without telling you that we all enjoyed the last Arrow very much.

NINA HOHANSHELT.

IOWA ZETA—IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

The winter term is fast drawing to a close and I suppose you are all, like us, full of thoughts of "exams,"—not the least of these, our "frat exam."

The year has slipped away so quickly that one can hardly realize that the school year is so nearly over. Our winter term has been a very busy one for us, and since Lent commenced, a very quiet one, too. The annual sophomore cotillion occurred in January, and a week before the Phi Kappa Psi fraternity gave a very nice formal party to the other Greek organizations and their friends. In February Sigma Nu gave a similar function, a "winter cotillion," one of the most enjoyable events of the year. The Armory was decorated entirely in wintry likeness: the stage back of the orchestra a mass of icicles, and the overhead decorations evergreens shining with frost and snowballs large and small.

Not long ago Kappa Kappa Gamma entertained Delta Gamma and Pi Beta Phi with a reception. It was a charming affair, and one of the many things that draw wearers of the Greek letter badges together, regardless of the colors we support.

A very sad occurrence in our university world was the burning of the Sigma Nu chapter house on February twenty-second. It was a big loss individually and to the fraternity. The other fraternities opened their chapter houses to them until they could procure another house.

We have two new Pi Phis to present to our sisterhood, initiates of February first, Naomi Stockdale of Walcott, Iowa, and Edna Boerner of Iowa City, Iowa. We know that you will all be proud of them.

Wishing you all a very pleasant close to your school year, Iowa Zeta says good-bye until the sultry days of next July.

FRANCES GARDNER.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Since the last issue of the Arrow the first semester examinations and the Junior Prom. have been our principal excitements. As they both came in one week, I do not know which we thought and talked of more.

The social committee of the faculty is beginning to exercise a very active supervision over the life of the university. In the fall it prohibited all parties except those on Friday and Saturday evenings. Recently it has forbidden the making out in advance of Military Hop programs. And when the Prom was being planned, it insisted that Prom breakfasts should not take place, and that all out of town guests should leave town by the evening of the day after the Prom. So we are beginning to feel that the social committee is a force at all times to be reckoned with.

About a month ago we had our group picture taken. It is a very unsatisfactory one in many ways, but we feel that we can do no better by trying again.

A chapter of Chi Omega has recently been established at Wisconsin. Some of the other fraternities are entertaining for the new chapter at little informal parties.

MIGNON WRIGHT.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

Nobody is in very good humor just now at M. I. U., for the board of curators has decided that we shall have no Easter holidays. All the fraternities petitioned to have a week of rest this spring, and agreed not to give the June dances in return for this. We were all very hopeful, and it was a great disappointment to us to learn that the board would take no action this year at least.

Last night Sigma Alpha Epsilon gave the most elaborate dance of the year. The Sigma Nus gave a dance a few weeks ago, and the Phi Delta Thetas gave a delightful matinee dance on George Washington's birthday. Our local alumnae gave us an informal entertainment in our lodge on the first, and it was a very pleasant reunion.

The contests for debates at Nebraska and Kansas universities have been given during the past week, and the elocution contest will be held next week, when the chapter purposes to have a "line party."

Spring is opening up very pleasantly, and it seems as if fraternity life meant so much more in the spring months than during the winter. One can't help being happy and sweet tempered, and one is haunted by a feeling that in such a short time one will lose these friends, so that we cling to every day and strive to yet all the pleasure from every minute.

The coming of spring is just now heralded by a big sign tied at the top of one of the columns in the center of the campus—"Engineers, '04." Every day we look for something strange and startling to be done by those classes which are now so suspiciously silent.

We are very glad to hear that Maud Miller of Missouri Alpha has been appointed Province President. Miss Nichols of last year is visiting in Columbia, and we are glad to have the opportunity of renewing old ties.

Missouri Alpha sends best wishes to her sister chapters.

MAUDE H. NEAL.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE—TULANE UNIVERSITY

While writing, the perfume of violets and sweet olive is wafted in through the open windows,—but the telegraph tells a far different story of the north and west. Dear sisters, while you in your sealskins are trudging through two feet of snow, our girls are lying on the grass under the beautiful oaks of Newcomb. Summer is indeed once more with us.

Carnival, the closing event of our social year, has come and gone, and many of our girls graced the courts, at the balls of "Twelfth Night Revelers," "Atlantæus," "Elves of Oberon," and "Rex." There were, among the Carnival visitors to New Orleans, two Pi Phis from far away: Miss Johnson from Missouri, and Miss Elmer from Ann Arbor, whom we were delighted to meet. Isolated as we are in the far south, we appreciate so much more an opportunity for seeing other wearers of the golden arrow.

We have recently made many additions and improvements to our chapter room, and were so proud of our work as to have one corner of the room photographed. Our chapter, at present, is in a most flourishing condition, and our six pledges assure us of an equally prosperous condition next year.

The widespread attention given to the artistic work of the Newcomb Pottery department has caused so many to take up this particular branch as to necessitate the erection of a beautiful new pottery building, and the girls are looking forward with much pleasure to the time when they will move into their new quarters.

Louisiana Alpha sends its best wishes and greetings to all loyal wearers of the wine and silver-blue.

LILY MEAD POST.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

Judging from the chapter letters in the exchanges and the letters in old numbers of the Arrow, there seems to be a general dearth of news this time of year and the corresponding secretary of Kansas Alpha is painfully realizing this fact.

With the opening of the new term we were fortunate in pledging Jessie, Agnes and Florence Hill, of Hiawatha, Kan. They are a bright, jolly family and make our Hiawatha colony of active members number seven. This term we have enjoyed visits from several of our alumnae. In January we gave a card party for Frederika Bullene of Denver, who was

visiting us. Our score cards were blue hand-painted arrows with wine hearts for markers. The prize was a handsome Pi Phi pillow. Mrs. Greene, one of our patronesses, also entertained for Miss Bullene. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Green at the dainty dining table, while the hall and parlors were thrown open for dancing.

In February we gave a Scotch musical at the chapter house for the benefit of the University Y. W. C. A. The program, consisting entirely of Scotch selections, was announced on hand-painted Scotch thistles given to each as a souvenir of the afternoon. Only Pi Phi talent was represented on the program. This is pretty good for a fraternity whose last year's girls could scarcely sing their own songs.

Friday, March seventh, the University Dramatic club presented "Shore Acres." One of our girls, Ida Dunham, took one of the leading parts with great credit. The Lawrence Journal has this to say of her: "It is doubtful if ever more delightful and successful acting was done by an amateur than was the part taken by Miss Ida Dunham, whose playing of the Maine matron, mother and wife, aroused for her the highest praise."

A series of very pretty parties have been given here this term. We are busy planning for ours to be given April second. We have been the happy recipients of some very handsome pictures from our alumnae for our house.

MABEL McLAUGHLIN.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

We have been very busy the last two months, for so much has been going on,—the Junior Prom., numerous class parties, and so many informal affairs. On February the fourteenth we gave a large dancing party at Walsh hall. Several of our alumnae from out of town were here.

Margaret Kyle, of Swarthmore, who has been with us for the last two years, left the first of March for Boston, where she goes to take up the work of Traveling Secretary for the Y. W. C. A. On February twenty-second the alumnae gave a play in her honor at the home of Miss Jennie Barber.

We expect to give a musical very soon to all the other women's fraternities at the home of our patron, Mr. A. J. Sawyer.

Since our last letter we have initiated Myrle McWaid and Alleyne Archibald,—both of them as dear girls as ever donned the wine and blue. With greetings to all Pi Phis,

LOIS BURRUSS.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS

For the first time Texas Alpha comes forward to claim a place among her sisters, but it is with the assurance that her loyalty and enthusiasm

are no less because of her youth, for surely ten more enthusiastic Pi Phis cannot be found.

We have still a few weeks to enjoy the distinction of being the only as well as the oldest fraternity girls in our college, as Kappa Kappa Gamma is not to be installed until after the March examinations.

Many of our members are town girls, and we are able to begin fraternity life with a group of influential and enthusiastic patronesses, who we feel will aid materially in the development of the chapter. Unfortunately our initiation has taken place in the quiet of the Lenten season, and so far there has been no ostentatious "coming out" for Texas Alpha. However, we expect to have with us after Easter several of the Louisiana Pi Phis, and to make our formal debut then.

Another fact conducive to a lull in fraternity gaieties is the near approach of the mid-term examinations. Already our girls are beginning to make "long faces," to don a most studious air, and even to steal away into the privacy of their own little rooms, emerging only to attend fraternity meetings and an occasional cookie-shine or fudge party.

Our girls have all become very much attached to our initiator, Mrs. Ida Smith Griffith, and quite envy Kansas in being able to keep her all the time. We trust that Texas Alpha will always be worthy of the wine and blue, that she will be found prompt in business, ready in the performance of all her duties, maintain a high college standing and in every way be worthy of her honor as thirty-first chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

MINNIE ROSE.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

As usual at the beginning of a new semester, work seems to have been rather pressing and we have done little in the way of entertaining. However, among ourselves we have had some very delightful times. On Saturday, February the first, we spent an afternoon and evening with our alumnae here at the house. The afternoon was taken up with a business meeting. In the very early evening we initiated Ella Packard, whom we wish to introduce to all her sister Pi Phis. After the initiation came the dear old cookie-shine. It is always pleasant, but it seemed to us as we talked and sang that there could be none more delightful than that.

We girls have decided to have one or two social meetings a month, on Saturday afternoons. We have already had one of them, which was more than a success. After the strain of examination week, we felt that we needed some relaxation, so on the first Tuesday evening of the new semester we, armed with chafing-dishes, surprised the Delts in their chapter rooms.

We now have with us in our house one of our sisters from Colorado

Beta, Maude Hunn, who intends completing the second semester's work in the University of Colorado. Colorado Alpha sends love to all Pi Phis.

MARION T. WITHROW.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

For Colorado Beta a most happy and prosperous term is closing. We are preparing for term examinations—Exams! That terror-inspiring word comes to us at this time with *double* significance for we have heard faint, peace menacing rumors of another exam to be inflicted upon the long-suffering Pi Phi of Colorado Beta. We hope all the Pi Phi chapters do not have to take their medicine in such huge doses. Corrugated brows and pensive faces, accompanied by many mutterings of "twenty-eighth of April, 1867," etc., are the order of the day.

This has been a most successful season for Colorado Beta. We attribute it largely to the fact that we have had a three-months' rushing agreement with our rival fraternity. We have five as lovely girls as Pi Phi heart could wish, and we look back upon the three months' work and strain with pleasure, even reflecting with philosophical delight upon the trying times when some one of the "others" came up and sweetly begged us to excuse some desirable candidate for a moment, as she "had friends whom she wanted Miss — to meet." We want to introduce into the Pi Phi circle, Lorencie Anderson, Eva Humason, Bess and Mae Wilson and Henrietta Walker.

Life has been more quiet since rushing season has passed, but we do not pine for amusements. January thirty-first, four of our girls entertained Pi Beta Phi and Beta Theta Pi in a manner not soon forgotten. Sigma Alpha Epsilon helped us celebrate Washington's birthday. Beta Theta Pi gave its annual Valentine's party, and Pi Beta Phi was there in her glory. March first we received Kappa Epsilon, which has just been established here, and we are now looking forward to a unique party set for "St. Patrick's day in the avenin'." So you see, with initiations and cookie-shines, we have not languished.

Colorado Beta has originated a chant. It was written by Anna Berry, '02, and set to music by Ella Brooks, and we think it is beautiful.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good" is the sentiment of friends of the university, for from evident failure the college has risen to the probability of effacing the entire debt.

Colorado Alpha is to be congratulated upon the addition of Maud Hunn to their chapter roll, but *we* feel lonesome without her.

Rushing parties, and most of all, initiation, have made us feel that we are closely bound to the ideals of our fraternity and that we would see Pi Beta Phi everywhere stand for an ideal of firm womanhood only at-

tained through deepened friendship and more earnest work. From the sunny, snowy peaks of the Rockies, Colorado Beta flashes heartiest greetings to Pi Phi sisters far and near.

MARGUERITE DYER.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

College did not open with a "round of rushing" for us this term. We were satisfied to initiate our two pledges of last term, May Boggs and Georgia Fenner. Georgia's life with us was cut very short, however, for she was obliged to take a six months' leave, because of poor health. We hear glowing accounts of her recovery now and feel that she will be strong enough to go through all freshmen degrees next term. We have not bothered with any formal entertaining this term, as yet, but are selfishly content with a small round of informal evenings, card parties and chafing-dish affairs.

Two of our "town girls," Elma Korbel and Camilla Meyer, have entertained the chapter at several very jolly "afternoons." We are so glad they will form a neighboring alumnae, for they are splendid entertainers. Two of our juniors, Maude Schaeffer and Theresa Huber, are away this term because of illness. Our consolation is that they are surely coming back next term.

The great event in the athletic calendar just now is the assured eastern trip of our "track team." Do not fail to read of their victories, or we shall feel neglected.

A memorial service was held the twenty-sixth of February for the first anniversary of the death of the late Professor Joseph LeConte, known throughout the country for his scientific work, and among our members fairly idolized. The university wishes to cooperate with the Sierra club to build a monument for Professor LeConte in Yosemite Valley, the scene of his death. With this object in view, subscriptions among the students have been in progress. In the future this day, the twenty-sixth, will be kept for memorial exercises.

With the post lenten festivities come the affairs in honor of our four seniors, but we hate to think of these. We hope that none of our sister chapters lose as many as we do this summer.

California Beta sends best wishes to all Pi Phis.

JESSIE MARVIN PARKS.

Exchanges

The *Arrow* acknowledges the receipt of the following fraternity publications: The *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Shield* of Theta Delta Phi, the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly*, the *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, the *Anchora*, the *Kappa Alpha Theta*, the *Key*, the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* and the *Trident*.

One of the well-nigh universal features of the men's fraternity conventions is the address by some alumnus of note, an admirable feature too seldom found at women's fraternity gatherings. We are very glad to quote from the *Delta Upsilon Quarterly* a short extract from their convention address, which contains sound sense for the woman graduate as well:

The college graduate in a community should be a workman among other workmen; but he should be willing and eager to be put to harder and finer tests of the same kind that determine the success or the failure of all work. For his should be work done, not for mere gain or applause, but in the university spirit, unprejudiced in temper, scientific in method, generous in purpose. Happily we do not lack splendid instances of those whose opportunities of education, of thought, of reading and wide observation have been put at the service of their fellows just when and where service was most needed. Many of us like to think that Theodore Roosevelt, raised to his high office by such sudden tragic circumstance, is a man of that type, a man among men; the more of a man because his manhood has never lost its touch with the best of his college traditions and constraining college tendencies. He has not considered it beneath his dignity to go back to his college and lead the cheering at a football game, and he has not feared any ill effects on his power of practical leadership from his reputation as a wide reader, a thoughtful scholar, and a careful writer.

What is true of the college woman out in the "big world" is no less true while she is still a denizen of that little world within a world, and that college public spirit may be the truest fraternity

spirit, the following paragraph from the *Kappa Alpha Theta* well points out: .

One of the most vital elements in our fraternity life in college is the way we choose to express our fraternity loyalty. To me that loyalty does not consist alone in singing fraternity songs, in being constantly in close companionship with none but "our girls," not alone in desperate rushing in the fall, nor in private and exclusive feasts. These elements must necessarily have some share, and, it may be, a large share in our expressions of fraternity loyalty, but they are not the highest nor by any means the most important part. Our alumnae, our instructors, and all who are older, wiser, and better able to take a broad view of life from their position outside and above our daily trials and pleasures, agree that loyalty to fraternity is best shown by loyalty to the college, to its institutions and to its traditions.

It is wrong from the very nature of things for us as fraternity girls to allow the college and its societies, its clubs and its social functions to be supported by the work and efforts of the non-fraternity women, and for us then to expect to reap these benefits and pleasures from the work of others.

In contrast with the numerous doleful reports of pledge day contracts, it is refreshing to quote from the *Kappa Alpha Theta* the record of one which seems to have been entirely successful, at Albion College. There has probably yet to be devised an asking contract which will be successful wherever tried, but the news of every success will make doubtful chapters less reluctant at least to make the appointment:

So much has been said both favoring and opposing the interfraternal asking day that perhaps Pi's experience will not be uninteresting to some of the other chapters that may be undecided about the matter.

At our first meeting this fall our delegate to the convention at New York, appeared before us with many new plans for our year's work. One of the first suggestions made was that if it were possible to persuade the two other fraternities, Delta Gamma and Alpha Chi, to join us, we should have an asking day. This idea was greeted with enthusiasm by every member of Pi. Accordingly a committee was appointed to interview the girls of the other fraternities, and the next day a favorable report was made. A contract was then drawn up and signed in which all of the parties concerned agreed to accept as their asking day the second Wednesday in November, and to send invitations sealed and mailed on said date.

The plan proved a perfect success, and will always be advocated by Pi chapter. It did away with much of the rushing which, in the past in Albion has been fast and furious, and has engendered much bitter feeling.

Fraternities have been disappointed in girls, and girls have been disappointed in fraternities, until last year the climax was reached in every chapter here, each one having had a bitter experience, which led them to so readily consider the pledging contract.

Never was Pi more proud than this year to have the black and gold donned by the girls of her choice, and never were more enthusiastic kittens introduced into the Kappa Alpha Theta home. Had it not been for our asking day we should undoubtedly have taken, during the first few weeks of school, girls who, on first acquaintance made a very good appearance, but who did not wear well.

The question of the chapter's size is sure to be found in one or more of the magazines that come to us. The *Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta sensibly suggests that the best solution of the problem is to let each chapter solve it for itself:

It is eminently unwise to attempt to measure all chapters up to the same standard and to seek to apply a general rule is equally foolish. It has always been our belief that in the solution of their purely local problems the Arch chapter should allow our active chapters as free a hand as is compatible with the general good. Such a question is the size of membership, and in most instances our chapters are solving for themselves this problem in a satisfactory manner. But the size should never be an arbitrary number. Nor, on the other hand, should an entering class of unusually abundant fraternity material always mean an increased membership. A better end can often be served by a raising of the standard of qualification, and making selection more careful. A chapter with twenty men with eight of them seniors is much weaker and in greater danger than one of the same number in which the membership is more evenly distributed among the classes. Unforeseen circumstances may deplete a certain class, and the greatest care should be exercised to secure each year a good safe margin of freshmen for future contingencies.

It is undoubtedly true that a large chapter is more unwieldy and difficult to handle. It is not so remarkable for a chapter of six or seven men to say it has no internal differences, but when a chapter numbers twenty-five members great care must be exercised that internal dissensions do not paralyze the whole, and that from its very size atrophy does not attack the chapter's enthusiasm and loyalty. An excuse for large chapters exists in those colleges where there are so many and varied interests that it requires a greater number of men to represent a chapter in all of them, and keep it before the college world. Another valid reason for a large-sized chapter is that a chapter realizes that to refuse a good man is to give him to a rival, and his abilities will not only be lost to the chapter, but will go toward strengthening the rival.

The extract from the Michigan *Alumnus* is quoted by the Alpha Phi *Quarterly*, and is significant as showing how times have changed. What will it be like twenty years hence?

Mrs. Isadore Thompson Scott, Gamma Phi Beta, '84 (Michigan), the wife of Professor Fred N. Scott of the English department, in a late number of the *Alumnus*, writes about the expenses of college women at Michigan today and twenty years ago. "Sororities, of which there were two at that time, added no appreciable sum to the incidental expenses. There were no sorority houses as we know them today. . . . There were no receptions, no banquets, no card parties, no Sunday night lunches, not even a rushing party worthy of the name. If, on rare occasions, some simple refreshments seemed desirable, a little fruit, cider, peanuts, dates or something equally inexpensive, which would require no time for its preparation, was procured on the way home from class. . . . No one ever heard of one woman taking another for a drive or of sending her flowers. . . . Any one who has spent much time in Ann Arbor lately, especially if she has visited at one of the sorority houses, could probably add many items to the list. . . . Economy (20 years ago) meant no self-denial. Now she is obliged to deny herself many social pleasures, and is practically debarred from joining a sorority. This is not because the societies look for rich girls. They are always attracted by the refinement, the cultivation, and the social ease which often are the result of liberal means, but the poor girl who has these personal attractions is chosen far more quickly than the girl of unlimited wealth in whom they are lacking. But no matter how much the same may be urged by a society, she is obliged to refuse to join it because she cannot afford to pay her share of the society expenses. . . . The heaviest drain upon the society treasury comes from the entertainments. . . . Some societies, of course, spend much less than others; some entertain but little, but the competition between them is strong and there is always a temptation to spend a little more than they can well afford."

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