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Pi Beta Phi Fraternity

announces the re-establishment of

Iowa Gamma Chapter

at

Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa

Saturday, February twenty-fourth

nineteen hundred and six

The Installation of Iowa Gamma

On the afternoon and evening of Friday, the twenty-third of February, the representatives of the different chapters of Pi Beta Phi, the alumnae members of the former chapter of Iowa Gamma and other Pi Phis from Des Moines and towns in the vicinity of Ames, came to Iowa State College, almost as interested in the events of the twenty-fourth as the initiates themselves. Iowa Alpha, Iowa Beta and Iowa Zeta sent delegations of active and alumnae members, and Wisconsin Alpha was represented by Margaret Stanton of Ames, who had been a member of the local sorority of Iota Theta, now Iowa Gamma of Pi Beta Phi. As many as possible of the former chapter returned, happy to see Iowa Gamma once more alive after thirteen years of inactivity.

The visitors were all royally entertained on the campus, at the homes of different Pi Phi alumnae and at "Margaret Hall," where many of the "new Pi Phis" live.

Saturday morning was spent in giving the delegates an idea of the size and importance of the college itself. The new main building had been opened for classes only a few days before and all were loud in its praises. The large, beautiful campus, the campanile with its matchless chimes, the new buildings on every hand were a revelation to many who had heretofore considered Ames a small and unimportant college.

At two o'clock the ceremony of installation was begun at the home of Mrs. C. F. Curtiss. Miss Florence Porter Robinson conducted the initiation, assisted by representatives from the four chapters, who had sent delegates. The homes of Mrs. Curtiss and Mrs. E. W. Stanton had been given up for the initiation and the banquet which followed. Both homes were large, admirably fitted for these purposes and each had been beautifully decorated by resident Pi Phis in the wine and blue; also with thousands, literally, of the deep wine colored carnations.

Owing to fraternity regulations made by the faculty, the nine freshmen pledges could not be initiated with the upper class mem-



IOWA GAMMA — ALUMNAE MEMBERS

Gertrude Curtiss-Paxton

Louise Rowe

Keo Anderson

Helen Prouty

Celestine Pettinger

bers, but at six o'clock there were seventeen initiates proudly wearing new arrows; Iowa Gamma had been re-established at Ames.

The happy crowd of new and old Pi Phis then made their way across the campus to the home of Professor Stanton, where an elaborate banquet was awaiting them. As they started out, the chimes from the campanile began to play the Pi Phi anthem, and for fifteen minutes the airs of familiar Pi Phi songs chimed forth. It was a novel and effective welcome to the new chapter; every girl felt stirred by the familiar notes ringing out in rich, mellow tones far over the college grounds.

Before the banquet was served, a pretty little ceremony was introduced, when the nine pledges of Iota Theta were brought in by members of Iowa Gamma, and were welcomed by Miss Robinson as pledges to Pi Beta Phi.

For three hours over sixty Pi Phis made merry at the tables, with familiar Pi Phi songs, cheers and calls. Some short informal toasts were given. Miss Robinson responded in a few words of advice and counsel to "The Ideal of Pi Beta Phi," and referred to the loyalty and devotion of the alumnae chapter at Iowa State College, cautioning the new girls not to forget the debt owing to them.

Miss Caroline Gabrielsen, an initiate, gave a toast to the former member of Iowa Gamma, expressing the love and appreciation felt for them by every new girl in the chapter; while Mrs. Knapp responded for the alumnae of Iowa Gamma.

The last song which was sung was written by Sarah T. Barrows of Iowa Gamma, during the days just preceding the withdrawal of the charter. Last winter, when she heard of the coming re-establishment of the chapter, she wrote the last stanza and sent it to Ames:

I

In these gloomy days I sit,
Thinking, sisters dear, of you,
And the loved fraternity
We fear may die;

THE ARROW

And the tears they fill my eyes,
 Spite of all that I can do,
 At the thought of losing
 Dear Pi Beta Phi.

Chorus—

Pi Phi girls, the day is breaking;
 Cheer up, sisters, it will come.
 When beneath the wine and blue,
 We shall yet again be free
 In the blessed life of our fraternity.

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Many years have swiftly passed
 Since we sang this sad refrain,
 But a band of faithful sisters
 True and tried,
 Kept our altar fires alight
 Through that long and weary night,—
 Now our song of victory
 Echoes far and wide.

Chorus—

Phi Phi girls, the days is breaking;
 Lift your eyes, behold the sky,—
 Wine of dawn and silvery blue,
 Heaven wears its colors true,
 And its blessing shines
 Upon Pi Beta Phi.

After the banquet a business meeting was conducted by Miss Robinson; new officers were elected and instructed in their duties. Many telegrams and notes of congratulation and greeting from other chapters and friends were read.

The three national fraternities now at Ames, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Nu, with the local fraternities and local sorority, vied with each other in helping entertain the visiting Pi Phis and showing their good will to the new chapter.

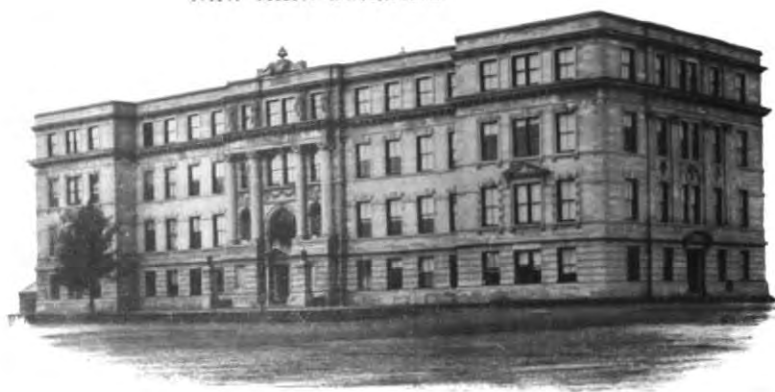
The installation of Iowa Gamma will not soon be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present, and every visitor left with



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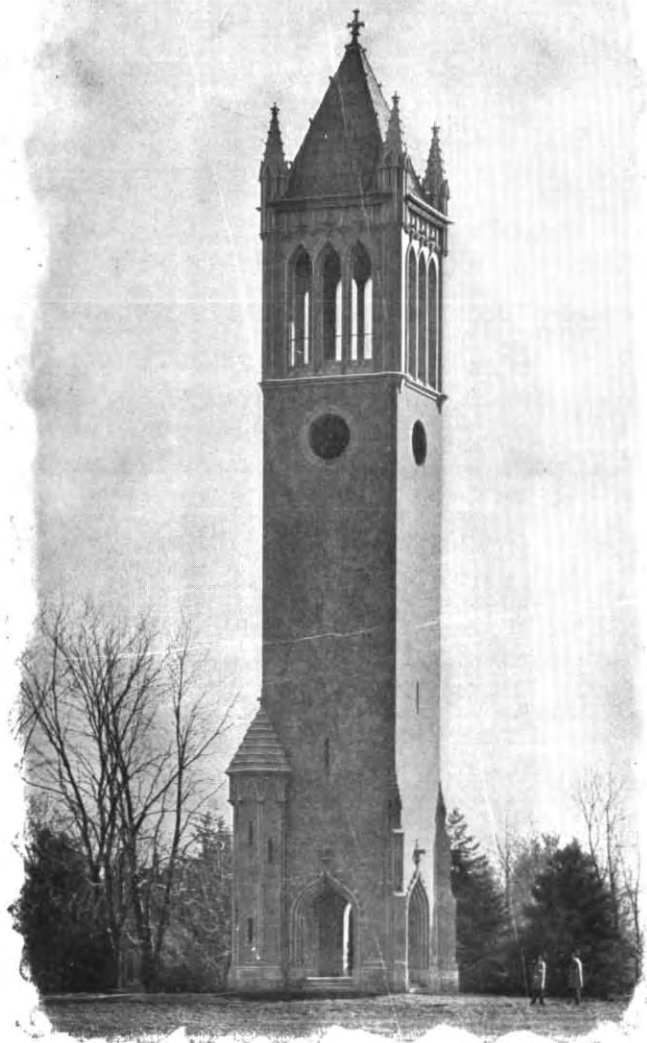
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MARGARET HALL



CAMPANILE

warmest expressions of good will and love for the newest chapter, which is in a sense not new, but older than many of the thirty-four sister chapters which welcome it into Pi Beta Phi.

Iowa Zeta.

Iowa State College

To many readers of the "ARROW" Iowa State College means simply the home of the re-established chapter, Iowa Gamma; but to over a hundred wearers of the wine and blue it means the spot that is second only to the old home in their affections. She is their Alma Mater. There were formed their friendships in Pi Beta Phi.

As Burns said of Bonnie Lesley, so might it be said of Iowa State College:

"To see her is to love her,
And love but her forever;
For Nature made her what she is
And ne'er made sic anither."

One who loved her wrote, "Situated in the heart of fruitful Iowa, sufficiently rolling to give it picturesqueness, the campus of Iowa State College is perhaps the most interesting and spacious and beautiful of any in the United States. A living stream wanders through the southern portion of the campus proper, skirted for a part of its course by rows of graceful willows, first to announce the coming of spring, last to cover the ground with leaves in the yellow autumn. One hundred and seventeen kinds of forest trees may be found upon the college campus of one hundred and twenty acres. These have been thrown into natural groupings so as to bring out in bold relief the distinctive character of each variety, and yet so naturally done as to appear to be the work of Nature herself, rather than the art of man. Here may be found perfect types of hard maple, rich in the glory of autumn foliage; the different species of oak and hickory and all kinds of hard wood that grow in this climate; the stately larch

with its foliage of green, soft and delicate in the early spring time as that of the moss and lichens, and after the frosts of autumn as yellow as the golden corn of Iowa. It is a place of inspiration; mind and heart pass under the charm of an unwonted stimulus; the imagination is kindled; it is the atmosphere of lofty ideals, of earnest convictions."

Such is the home of Iowa State College, a college founded less than a half century ago; yet today furnishing an education so liberal that it is at once classical, scientific and practical to over two thousand students yearly.

Perhaps a few figures would show the present condition most clearly.

In the ten years from 1895 to 1905 the number of students has increased from 500 to 2,200, the number of the teaching force from 42 to 116, the support fund exclusive of the Experiment Station fund from \$56,000 to \$170,000, the graduates from 71 to 165. The college property is today worth over a billion and a half dollars. The growth in numbers and equipment has been great, but has scarce kept pace with the growth in efficiency.

The college offers thirteen courses of which three are best adapted to women, the course in Science, the course in General and Domestic Science and the course in Domestic Science. These scientific courses aim to give the fundamental principles of those sciences which are intimately connected with our modern civilization. In the Science and the General and Domestic Science courses the work of the first two years is carefully laid out so that enough of general science is gained to make the study of a particular science most successful. In the junior and senior years the student selects the particular science, Botany, Chemistry, Zoology, Physics, Economic Science, Geology, Mathematics or Domestic Science, taking not less than three hours per semester and adding enough allied science to make up thirty-two hours science in the two years. These with elections make up the required sixteen or the possible twenty hours. The work of the Domestic Science Department as stated by them is "to apply the principles of the related sciences to the every day problems of

the home. Domestic Science is the study of the home, its functions, its administration, its sanitary condition and the selection and preparation of food. By means of lectures, recitations, demonstrations and laboratories instruction is given in marketing, cooking, combining and serving foods, table setting, entertaining, care of the home, home nursing, practice teaching, laundry work, sewing and basketry."

The college very carefully obeys the clause of the Morrill Act which reads, "Without excluding classical studies" and provides strong courses in English, literature, history, public speaking and the modern languages. The thoroughness of these courses may be illustrated by a brief outline of the work in literature. There are courses in the Drama, Epic and Lyric Poetry, Novel and Romance, American Literature, the Essay and the Short Story.

Such is the work of the girls and it is a busy life that they lead; but who ever heard of college girls that didn't find time for frolics?

Margaret Hall, the girls' college home is convenient in location, modern in equipment and artistic in architecture and decoration. Here nearly a hundred girls live together and as there is not nearly room for all, those who are turned away put in their names at once that they may be ready to take advantage of the first vacancies that occur. Many a tale could be told of the happenings within those walls, of balls, children's parties, concerts, circuses, field meets. The college girl may be busy but she is also imaginative, inventive and fun loving.

The outdoor life of the girls is particularly delightful with basket ball, tennis, hockey and the long enjoyable walks about the campus or through the beautiful "North Woods." Who could forget the grass, the trees, the bells, the glories of sky, at Iowa State college.

The location of the college at a little distance from Ames gives the students much direct association with the faculty and in this they are fortunate for through this comes a culture that is not gained in the school-room. They are fortunate also in associat-

ing with ten women who have learned the true meaning of friendship in the school of Pi Beta Phi.

Nearly three years ago the faculty ruling barring fraternities from the college was repealed. Since then fraternities have come in. Local societies are becoming national and new societies are being organized. There are now chapters of Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Pi Beta Phi Fraternities. Among the girls are two local societies. There has been enough rivalry to call forth effort to be the best, but not enough to bring unfavorable comment from the faculty or other students.

The home of Iowa Gamma of Pi Beta Phi may be characterized as a school daily becoming larger, stronger and better, and gaining merited recognition as such.

Carolyn Gabrielsen.

What Constitutes A Strong Chapter

"She is the brightest girl in the class. I wish you could hear her read Latin!"

But is she good fraternity material? Latin is not all we need, you know. Has she poise or tact, or style? Is she the sort of girl who never talks too much? And would she be loyal no matter how much she disagreed with us?

Why don't you say, "Is she perfect?" and be done with it! Of course you know she can't have every desirable quality at the beginning of her freshman year! What is the chapter for if not to help her gain some of these things?

She is bright and she is true through and through. She is shy and awkward but that is because she has not enough self-confidence. The assurance that the girls are behind her is all she needs. As for tact,—the lack of it is what is the matter with our chapter now. We have the wittiest girls, and the prettiest girls and the girls we love the best, but the narrowness of college life has made us intolerant of any opinion but our own, so we are beginning to separate into little groups and to jar and clash

instead of rubbing off each other's corners as gradually and gently as the stream smooths the pebble. And that is what all training is for, to round and smooth and polish and brighten. Not to make us alike. Oh, no; the pebbles are of many kinds but they will not cut your hands with sharp edges. Our chapter is to supplement the college in this training, to keep up the intellectual side, to strengthen moral purpose, to develop social grace and above all, to cultivate the art of living harmoniously with other people. And we have a good chapter when we have enough girls to keep the balance true, and loyalty and enthusiasm to make their work tell.

Pennsylvania Beta.

This is a question much discussed and to answer satisfactorily, requires no little thought. One method has been to make the chapter strong by having members representing each of the college activities; a few who are *students* in the strictest sense; a few to take a part in the college politics; and a few who are essentially social leaders. The one great objection to this sort of chapter is the fact that there is likely to be a lack of unity, for each faction is pulling in a different direction.

Another method is to make up the chapter solely of what are known as all-round girls, socially popular, good in scholarship and active in college organizations. The greatest difficulty here, however, is the scarcity of this sort of girl, for a girl who is a great social success is quite likely to allow her college work to suffer.

There is such a diversity of opinion as to which of these two makes the stronger chapter that perhaps the only way to answer the question is to take into consideration the university itself, for in some colleges, social standing is the thing that counts most in the rating of a fraternity, while scholarship and natural ability for leadership are considered of less importance.

However, congeniality and harmony are the real essentials of strength. The first is of the heart and makes for love and good fellowship; the second is of the mind and teaches us to see with

the same eyes. But after all, to any sorority or to any chapter there comes a feeling of satisfaction which gives it power, when it feels the strength back of it in the general society, for upon that we can rely.

Illinois Epsilon.

One of the primary requisites, as it seems to us of Nebraska Beta, for a strong fraternity chapter, is its excellent reputation not only among other fraternities but more especially among the faculty and outsiders. In order that such a reputation be sustained it is absolutely necessary that Pi Phis be widely known for their courtesy, broadmindedness and consideration, willing to see things in the light of other than their own selfish interest and to act in the light of other than their own selfish ends. When the faculty have learned to rely upon their cool judgment, their prompt decision in questions of right or wrong; their sympathy in matters of universal interest, then are they become indeed a power in the college.

With the prejudice of outsiders, however, we have a somewhat more difficult subject to deal. We all know how useless it is to attempt to reason anyone out of a prejudice. Nowhere is the truth of the statement made more apparent than in our relation with the outsider and the "barb." This unreasonable, blind antagonism can only be lessened—it will never be wholly overcome—by the definite intention on our part of keeping fraternity affairs as much as possible to ourselves; by refusing to thrust them upon the unwilling attention of the outsider; and by making friends and true ones with those who, for some reason or other, have not entered a fraternity. These then we believe to be essential to the maintenance of a really fine chapter; earnest co-operation with the faculty; a natural diffidence in discussing or referring to fraternity affairs in public; an interest in matters other than those of the fraternity; and a general courteous bearing towards those who are not fraternity people as well as those who are.

Thus far we have confined ourselves to a discussion of what

constitutes a strong chapter from an external standpoint. Quite as important, however, are other considerations, those within the fraternity life itself. In order to make a chapter truly strong and representative it is necessary to begin immediately to teach the freshmen the significance and importance of the organization. All too frequently after having been initiated they consider the greater part of the responsibility over and only in their second or third year awake to the possibilities and benefits resulting from a close association with the intimate working of the fraternity. Such an interest it seems to us could be easily evoked by the judicious distribution of offices and committees with the desire of giving each girl some particular, important, and responsible part in the fraternity's welfare. Weakness will always lie in concentrating responsibility in the hands of a few. We must make each one feel her necessity as a factor in the growth and development of the chapter. In order that such a condition be brought about it is necessary that the chapter be not too large. In a large chapter there exists not only the practical impossibility of such conditions but the added danger of creating factions, a menace to the strength and prosperity of any chapter.

Co-ordinate with the idea that each should take an active interest in the fraternity comes that of the sacrifice we should all be willing to make in this connection. What one of us is there who is not glad she is a Pi Phi? What one among us would be willing to give up the fraternity life? And yet how many of us there are who grumble whenever asked to make a little sacrifice in this direction? If we are not willing to sacrifice, why are we here? Is there another place in the world where we expect to get something for nothing? And yet that is what some of us in the chapter do expect: To reap all its benefits and endure none of its discomforts. It is hardly a fair view of the question, is it?

Of the requisites to creating and maintaining of a strong chapter it has been our intention to emphasize only those we consider most important. Those bearing on its external strength we have already summed up in a previous paragraph, those more a matter of the private life of the fraternity may be summed up thus:

The necessity of instilling enthusiasm into the minds of the freshmen; of making each one feel her importance as an integral part of the whole; of reducing the chapter to a reasonable number; and lastly, of inoculating in each individual the idea that no organization like a fraternity can ever prosper unless each member is ready and willing at times to give up something of her own inclination and pleasure for the betterment of the whole.

Nebraska Beta.

We all know and believe that in unity there is strength, therefore, it is essential to a strong chapter to have all of the girls congenial. For without the proper love and true sisterly feeling for each other we can never work together in the common cause which is not only to hold Pi Beta Phi up to the level it has already attained when left in our keeping, but also to keep adding to it by doing everything within our power to strengthen it, to benefit it, and to raise its standard higher and still higher.

Taking into consideration the fact that fraternities in college stand for scholarship, I think that it is the duty of every girl in Pi Beta Phi not only to take the full course of study required of a graduate, but to study hard and earnestly with a view to making a record of which she will some day be very proud. She owes this to her fraternity. And, although she may sometimes grow discouraged and think that it is all of no use, and that no one will ever appreciate the work she has done, she must let her thoughts turn to Pi Beta Phi and to the many friendly hearts that are hoping for her success and watching her with eyes full of pride. Let her think of the fraternity itself, and what this means to it. The high standing of one girl in college helps a little toward gaining our goal, and if each girl would work to this end, what a splendid chapter we should have!

We all know this, and each of us is able to make the finest kind of record if she is willing to work hard enough. It is merely a question of work, and I am sure that if we are not ambitious for ourselves, we are certainly ambitious for Pi Beta Phi. Our

own best work, individually, is what is due from us to Pi Beta Phi in all modesty and in all honor.

Louisiana Alpha.

How often have we heard the remark that "such and such" a fraternity has a weak chapter here, or a strong chapter there, but have we ever stopped to ask ourselves the question, why is a chapter weak, or just what points constitute a strong chapter? If we did so we would probably answer in some such indefinite way as, "To be strong a chapter must have the very best girls every way, must be able to get just the girls it wants, must in fact be 'just about it' and be so recognized." Yet on second thought we see that this answer is very general and is simply a big statement covering many smaller but important details. The very words "best girl every way" covers so many things. It means that the girl must be of good character and have a strong personality so she may make her influence felt for the better. She must be a good student so that the faculty will respect and admire her and of course think more of the sorority to which such a girl belongs. She must be a loyal Pi Phi, always keeping in mind the good of the fraternity and trying to live up to its ideals, ambitious for its sake as well as her own, and capable, for what is ambition worth without the capability of living up to it? She must be careful not to become narrow minded in excess of enthusiasm, and forget to take an interest in things outside her own little fraternity world, but must have an interest in all college affairs. Then if possible she must be active four straight years, for a chapter suffers from shifting membership. Girls coming and going always leave it in a state of uncertainty and not knowing exactly on whom to depend.

With a full chapter roll of such girls we might almost be tempted to say we had a strong chapter, but there are still other considerations. The chapter must have strong officers, who are capable of filling their positions and can skillfully avoid factions, for factions are probably the very worst menace to a chapter. To accomplish anything the girls must be perfectly congenial.

One good means of promoting this is the chapter house, where all learn to know each other so well and know just what part of the work a girl is best fitted to do. Then, each one falling naturally into her own particular place all should have the enthusiasm and spirit to work for the accomplishment of whatever is best for the chapter. A realization of what Pi Phi really means and is,—to know all about our fraternity—to attend reunions and conventions and meet other girls who have a common interest, practically insures this Pi Phi spirit and gives us all the necessary pride of organization. Then when we grow tired and discouraged how much it means to have good alumnae to cheer us on.

So we see the many, many things that contribute to a strong chapter and yet how important is every little detail, so that when all are taken together we can say that the chapter is "just about it, and so recognized."

Indiana Betz.

A Valentine

*In the days of old, so I've been told,
 Dan Cupid lost his quiver.
 'Twas found one day, so the good folk say,
 By some girls, the finest ever.*

*Just as a start they took a dart,
 And changed it to a frat pin.
 Then came the frat, the best one that,
 We have at old Wisconsin.**

*Pi Phi's its name, its goodly fame,
 Doth reach to the skies above it.
 And may cross-eyed cats go back on rats,
 If ever we cease to love it.*

*Poetic License. No 901.

What a Fraternity Girl Thinks

In celebrating Founder's Day, Nebraska Beta looks forward with a great deal of interest to the outcome of a little experiment tried this year for the first time. It is our intention to send out invitations a month before the twenty-eighth of April, reminding every member that has ever been taken into Nebraska Beta of the coming event and requesting her presence at a three days' reunion to be held in Lincoln.

The tendency to lose interest in fraternity affairs we feel certain is more or less due to negligence on the part of the active chapter and it is our desire in this instance and from now on to make the alumnae feel as never before their importance as a part of our organization destined to live on through the ages.

Nebraska Beta.

You all know the old adage that a chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Why can't the same be applied to a fraternity in a general way? What are some of our weak links? Too localized interests which make the chapter narrow in its outlook and separate in its interests. Then in the chapter one might suggest too much exclusiveness or the other extreme of too little sympathy for one's fraternity girls. It is hard to find the happy medium whereby the chapter may take its place in college life and interests, and no more than its share.

One must not have any deformity in one's chapter due either to excessive pride in one's organization or to an underestimation of its value in a girl's college life. Let's make our sympathies, interests and actions normal and all the links will take the test.

Vermont Beta.

It is only when a girl has been four years in her chapter, and when the time draws near for her to leave it, that she feels to the full the responsibility which comes to every girl chosen for a fraternity. It is almost a true saying that one gets out of a thing only as much as one puts into it, and this is nowhere more true than in a fraternity chapter. All the little duties that fall to each girl—all the little affairs in which the participation of a chapter is desired—all these things which perhaps seem trivial at the time, should be done with as much enthusiasm as the larger ones. The time will come all too soon when college days will be only a memory, and it is then that one will realize the importance of the little things. And so one senior in Pi Beta Phi comes to the younger girls with the plea that they neglect none of the smaller duties. They are the fabric of fraternity life—the general work upon which all the rest is laid and their faithful performance will do much towards the development of the high character and ability for which the Pi Beta Phi strives.

Columbia Alpha.

The question, "Shall fraternities exist in the small college?" is a question which we believe is growing and will continue to grow in importance. This is not because of scarcity of material, for it is quality and not quantity that counts, but there are other very important reasons why this question should be carefully considered. In the small college there are so few girls that it seems hardly right for two or three groups of girls to go off by themselves behind the doors of the secret Greek letter fraternities, while the other girls without, just as worthy often as those within, are, in some degree at least, cut off from close friendship with those within. Sometimes a great deal of unhappiness is caused. The question is whether the advantage derived from fraternity more than balances the unhappiness caused by it. Then again, in the small college there are so many organizations to be carried on by so few people,—Y. W. C. A., Bible and Mission Study

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classes, literary societies, oratorical and athletic associations, all sorts of clubs, class organizations, college paper, fraternities,—until it almost seems sometimes that the student energy is so dissipated that nothing can be done thoroughly. The returning alumni are quick to charge the fraternities with distracting attention from the literary societies, although many of the strongest members are also members of a fraternity. It seems, then, that we ought to be thinking of this question, especially we of the small colleges, although it will probably be years before it will be settled.

Michigan Alpha.

This idea of what fraternity spirit should be was expressed recently by a freshman in the examination which she took before initiation. It might be well for some of us older *Fraternity Spirit* Pi Phis to consider it.

“The principal idea involved in fraternity spirit it, I think, congeniality with and leniency toward one another. An unselfish attitude toward the fraternity is necessary to promote the right feeling. ‘Knocking’ is harmful in any organization because it ultimately causes hard feeling. Another requisite is equality in the fraternity, that every girl be considered an essential part and privileged to her opinion, and that there should not be three or four, who consider themselves superior and appointed to run the fraternity. These things then, congeniality, loyalty, consideration for the fraternity, right feeling toward other fraternities; these with equality, constitute the essentials of good fraternity spirit.”

Illinois Zeta.

There is a comic opera ditty which assures the aspirant for social honors that all she needs is diamonds and tact. The *Tact* fraternity girl can do without the former but the latter is indispensable. It can be utilized anywhere, but it is especially valuable in chapter life and fraternity relations. As an alumnae sister of mine said the other day, “A course in the elements of tact ought to be intro-

duced into the curriculum and made as necessary as mathematics or Latin." Then she explained her reasons for making such a statement. An enthusiastic undergraduate had remarked to her with the most exasperatingly imperturbable self-satisfaction, "Don't you think the chapter is fine! It is ten times better than when you girls were in school." The alumnae, with difficulty, refrained from uttering a certain verse which begins, "Verily ye are the people." She was too sensible to be hurt by the remark, for she was familiar with the youthful self-appreciation that prompted it, but its utter tactlessness grated upon her. "And then I remembered," she said, "how furious Irene made us when we were sophomores, don't you remember her saying," "It seems so strange for you infants to be running the chapter. Why you don't know how to rush. We girls never lost a bid, I can tell you." We both laughed at the remembrance and decided that the matter is as broad as it is long, and that we wished we could fill our fraternity coffers with the ready money of tact.

Ohio Beta.

Alumnae Department

Baltimore Alumnae Club

Can not some one suggest to us some means of inducing our alumnae to marry? A "linen-shower" does afford as truly good a Pi Phi time as we ever enjoy, but here in Baltimore it occurs too seldom.

We are just now under the enthusiasm of a shower given to Elizabeth Culver by our club on March tenth. To appreciate the zeal with which this event was planned, one must understand what Elizabeth is to the fraternity here, but this no one save the Baltimore Pi Phi's can know. Not only was she the leading

spirit in the organization of Maryland Alpha, but she has been its most enthusiastic and loyal support ever since. Her home—a home in the true sense of that meaningful word—is always open to active chapter and alumnae, and many are the royal good times we have had within its walls. But let us not begin on “Betty,” or the editor will cut us short before we are half through with our subject. Suffice it to say that Maryland Alpha and her patronesses assisted the club with even more than their wonted zest, and that dainty gifts poured in from distant parts where Baltimore Pi Phi’s now make their homes. When all the white, be-ribboned packages had been opened with many clever comments by the bride-elect, we went to the dining room for refreshments, and there rained handkerchiefs and carnations upon the unsuspecting head of Elizabeth. Well, it was a merry time from start to finish. The bride thinks the fun was hers, but she enjoyed herself not a whit more than any one else present.

The year thus far has been a good one for the club, especially since it has witnessed such pleasant co-operation between the active girls and alumnae. A genuinely sympathetic friendship exists between the two, clubs, and the alumnae feel sincere pride in the college chapter. This helpful relationship has been greatly strengthened, we think, by the plan adopted elsewhere of having a delegate from the active chapter attend the meetings of the Alumnae Club, and an alumna, in turn, to take part in the chapter meetings.

Best wishes to Pi Phi’s everywhere!

HELEN DOLL-TOTTLE.

The Philadelphia Club

The Philadelphia club of Pi Beta Phi has been unusually active this winter. We have about fifty members living in and around Philadelphia, most of whom are either Swarthmore or Bucknell girls, and so great has been the interest in the club this year that we have decided to have the meetings every two weeks instead of every month or two.

Our aim is merely to promote a social interest among the members of the club and to keep alive the true Pi Phi spirit and our meetings are really the only means we have of seeing one another and "talking things over."

Since the last issue of *The Arrow* we have had four regular meetings, all of which were well attended.

The regular meetings of the twentieth of January and the third of February, were held in the apartments of Mary Johnson at the Aldine Hotel, Philadelphia. Both of these meetings were well attended and at the former meeting we were honored with the presence of Mrs. Jean Horne Turnbull, one of the charter members of Pi Beta Phi, who is very much interested in our club. I think I may truly say that we all enjoyed these meetings immensely, thanks to Mary Johnson's kindness and hospitality.

The regular meeting of the club on the seventeenth of February, was held at the home of the Misses Griest, 2231 Wallace Street, Philadelphia. There were about twelve members present and we had just a good social time.

Our last meeting was held on the third of March at Mrs. Elizabeth Pownall Walton's home in Swarthmore, Pa. Mrs. Walton had invited the active chapter at Swarthmore college to be present and they entertained us with plenty of music and the good old Pi Phi songs.

The next regular meeting will be held the seventeenth of March at three o'clock at Swarthmore College, and we herewith extend a hearty invitation to all Pi Phis who may visit Philadelphia, to be present at our meetings and we would also be glad to have them communicate with the secretary, Emma Hamilton, Ardmore, Pa., or with the president whose address is given above.

ETHEL GRIEST.

Washington Alumnae Club

The dawn of spring with all its promise, can only be perfectly enjoyed by those who are conscious of a successful winter's work. This sententious bit of moralizing is intended to preface

the statement that, in these early spring days, the Washington Alumnae Association looks back upon a thoroughly satisfactory season.

Our first function of the year, which took place in the early fall, was the annual reception given by the Alumnae Association to help the active chapter welcome the new-comers to college on which occasion we try to impress all beholders with the charm, the dignity and the numbers of Pi Beta Phi.

The first of our regular monthly meetings was devoted to an exchange of summer reminiscences. At subsequent meetings we have had the pleasure of listening to brief addresses on topics of interest by various speakers.

One evening was given to a talk on the World's Fair at St. Louis by Mrs. W. E. Andrews, one of the board of lady managers of that exposition; on another occasion, Mrs. Seaman favored us with an entertaining account of her visit to Norway.

The following month an interesting paper by Mr. Van Dyne of the State Department, gave us some new ideas concerning "Our Diplomatic Service;" while the March meeting diverted our attention from the needs of America abroad to the needs of America at home, when Miss Ida Green, whose work in connection with the Associated Charities enables her to speak from experience made an urgent plea for a system of compulsory education in the district. With such carefully prepared programs, it is not surprising that our meetings have been well-attended.

MARY KELLEY.

The Chicago Alumnae Club

The organization of the Chicago Alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi was effected November twenty-fifth, 1904, at the annual Thanksgiving luncheon. At this meeting reports on alumnae clubs in other cities were submitted and discussed, officers were elected, and the drafting of a constitution and by-laws was referred to a committee with instructions to report to the club at a general meeting in January. The report was submitted at a luncheon

January twenty-eighth, 1905, at the Great Northern Hotel, when the constitution and by-laws were discussed, amended, and adopted.

Since the date mentioned there have been four regular meetings of the club, as prescribed in the constitution. Of these meetings, two, the Founder's Day meeting and the Thanksgiving meeting, were of a purely social nature; the other two combined business with pleasure. With the exception of one, when the members of the club were entertained by Mrs. W. C. McDowell at her summer home at Lake Bluff, the meetings have taken the form of luncheons at the Great Northern Hotel.

As to the membership of the club, it is difficult to make an accurate statement at this time, owing to the fact that affairs are still in a somewhat formative condition. There are, within a radius of seventy-five miles of Chicago, two hundred and ten Pi Beta Phis, whose names and addresses are known to the club, all of whom are, according to the constitution, eligible to membership. For the sake of having, in permanent form, these names and addresses, which have been gathered at different times at the expense of considerable time and effort, they have all been included in a directory of the club published by the executive committee, the names of those who have expressed their willingness to join, about one hundred in all, being marked with an asterisk. Of the two hundred and ten, some have stated positively that they have no interest in the organization, while others have not responded in any way to the notices sent them; and, among the one hundred, who have expressed a wish to become members, there are some who have not yet signed the constitution and paid their annual dues. The average attendance at the meetings has been about fifty-five, the first one being possibly the best attended, when covers were laid at the luncheon for seventy.

In summing up the first year's existence of the club, then, the work accomplished has been largely preliminary working out of a constitution and by-laws, which will not only meet the present need, but which will form an adequate basis for per-

manent organization; and finding out names and addresses of all persons eligible to membership and placing the information in permanent form with a view to interesting as many as possible in the organization. Something has been done by the chairman of the Inter-Club Correspondence Committee by way of getting into touch with other similar organizations through correspondence; and the feasibility and advisability of identifying the club in some way with educational interests, have been discussed on various occasions. The necessity for a club home has also come up for consideration, but it has seemed advisable to defer action on these matters until the club is thoroughly organized. It is hoped, however, that something may be done toward carrying out these plans during the coming year.

FLORENCE PEARL CUMMINGS.

Burlington Alumnae Club

On the afternoon of March eighth, the resident Pi Phis of Burlington, Iowa met at the home of Mrs. Edna Uhler Gilman and a Pi Phi Alumnae Club was organized. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Bertha Poehler Blaul of Kansas Alpha.

Vice-President—Mrs. Jessie Donald Thomas of Iowa Alpha.

Secretary—Mrs. Edna Uhler Gilman of Illinois Beta.

Treasurer—Miss Alta Dutton of Iowa Alpha.

In addition to the officers the chapter roll contains the names of Bertha Alexander, Iowa Zeta; Dorothy Schultz, Iowa Zeta; Maude Dutton, Iowa Alpha; Katharine Lundgren, Iowa Alpha; Mrs. Edna Dow-Moir, Illinois Beta.

Three Burlington girls are still active Pi Phis: Sadie Jacobs of Iowa Zeta, Sadie Holiday of Iowa Zeta and Verna Scott, Iowa Alpha.

For the present the club will be purely a social organization, meeting once every two months.

At the organization of the club we had as guest Miss Taylor of Iowa Alpha.

EDNA UHLER GILMAN.

Galesburg Alumnae Club

We bring greetings to all Pi Phi and hope you have all had as enjoyable and profitable a year as we have had.

We alumnae began our meetings again in the fall with great enthusiasm. We planned for a picnic, but owing to bad weather were compelled to have it indoors instead of in the woods. Mrs. Fowler kindly offered us her house and we spent a delightful day. We voted that indoor picnics were a great success.

In December we formed a Galesburg club, consisting of all the alumnae of Galesburg together with the two active chapters, Illinois Beta and Illinois Delta.

This club meets every month, and we all feel that it is not only pleasant but also helpful to meet thus with the active girls. We have enrolled thirty-one active girls and thirty-eight alumnae. You may well imagine we have jolly times when we all come together.

Saturday afternoon, March tenth, we had a hospital benefit. Last year we furnished a room at the hospital and we are still working for it. We have just had it newly decorated. Saturday we sewed for it and all enjoyed the work very much. Later in the afternoon our patronesses were invited; and after a pleasant social chat and the singing of Pi Phi songs, light refreshments were served.

We are planning to celebrate Founder's Day in the usual way, by a banquet and we expect a large attendance this year. There seems to be more enthusiasm among the alumnae this year, and we think it is largely owing to our Galesburg Club.

MARTHA ARNOLD.

The Hillsdale Club

The Hillsdale Alumnae Club, being composed of very busy women, has held but three meetings in the last year and these were all "for fun" at that. The active chapter at Hillsdale enter-

tained us at a dinner. Next we entertained ourselves at a most beautiful picnic at Baw Beese Lake, where we had a most enthusiastic Pi Phi meeting, practiced the songs we all know so well, and parted with our love for Pi Beta Phi greater than ever. Finally we gave a little supper at the fraternity rooms in honor of Mrs. May C. Reynolds and you who know her, know just what a Pi Phi rally that was. In spite of all this, however, we feel that one benefit at least has come from our organizing ourselves into a club and that is the close feeling that has been surely established between our active chapter and our alumnae club.

ANNIE VERNOR.

The Kansas City Club

The past year has been an extremely pleasant and profitable one for the Kansas City Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi. We have had our regular monthly meetings which have all been real social events, and have made us warm friends. One of the most enjoyable of these meetings was held just before Christmas when Mrs. Thornton Cook entertained with a breakfast at the University Club.

We now have a membership of thirty enthusiastic Pi Phis, and as some go away, others come in to take their places, so that we are no longer a struggling little band of arrow wearers, but a strong, well-established institution. Anyone would have realized this who could have been present at our Thanksgiving banquet, for we never have had one that was as pretty or as well attended. A great many of the active girls were present from Kansas and Missouri, and to a freshman it must have been quite a revelation.

We expect to celebrate Founder's Day with an annual cookie-shine at the home of Mrs. C. E. Farit and on the whole, although we have left college days behind, we have retained a great many of the old ways and customs and we feel that Pi Beta Phi never meant more to us than it does right now.

MARGARET HAMMOND.

Boston Alumnae Club

As to the various doings of club we would tell you that we have been delightfully entertained by different members of the club at our regular meetings. Our annual reunion in December was a decided success both in the number present and in the entertainment. We had a joke Christmas tree, followed by an informal dinner.

We interest ourselves from time to time in the special work of different members. This year we have been helping in a school for negroes in New Orleans. One of our girls is teaching there and has enlisted our sympathy in regard to one young colored woman in particular. We are enjoying this immensely.

Our annual banquet comes soon. At that time we hope to have some western Pi Phis with us.

An Alumna.

The Syracuse Alumnae Club

Although this is only the second year of the existence of the alumnae club of Syracuse, it seems as if it were an organization of many long years.

Last fall at the home of Miss Argrette Ingalls in Fayetteville, the following officers were elected:

Vice-President—Mabel Smith Taylor; Treasurer—Argrette B. Ingalls; Secretary—H. Louise Andrews.

The president, Leora Sherwood Gray, was chosen at a previous meeting.

Our meetings are held on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. First, our business is transacted and afterward we have a good Pi Phi talk while the hostess serves some dainty refreshments. There are only seventeen of us, but we have been able to help the active chapter in a great many ways. We gave a large rushing party for them during that season at Laura Single's home. The young co-eds were entertained by a professional palmist. We held a cookie-shine in February at the

home of one of the girls in honor of the senior delegation. At that time the hostess announced the engagement of one of the seniors. On April seventh we are planning to hold the second annual dinner at Miss Cora Scotts.

We realize that Pi Beta Phi really means more to a girl out of college than ever. Our friendships for each other are very strong and the golden chain of our arrow binds us firmly together.

H. LOUISE ANDREWS.

The Ames Alumnae

The Ames Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi, consists of ten members, one coming to us from Iowa Beta, the other nine having been members of Iowa Gamma. We have had a very profitable year.

For two years almost the entire work of the club has been in the direction of the re-establishment of Iowa Gamma, which work culminated in the installation of the chapter, on the twenty-fourth of February. A group of very loyal girls are taking up the work of the new old chapter, and it is with very great pride that we introduce them to you as sister Greeks.

On the twenty-sixth of January, four of our number attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet at Des Moines, which occasion is an annual pleasure to us. The attendance this year was the largest in the history of the association, plates being laid for ninety-six, of which number the Pi Beta Phis made up about one-half.

The Des Moines Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi gave us a very enjoyable day a few months ago when they entertained Iowa Beta and the alumnae living near the city. On several occasions they have given us a similar privilege of becoming acquainted with their members, and they have been occasions greatly enjoyed and appreciated by us.

One of our "new" girls entertained the club one Saturday during the year, at her home in Boone, and it was an exceedingly enjoyable occasion. The Alumnae Pi Beta Phis living in Boone, of whom there are several, were guests with us, and we were

only too glad to know them and to add them to our list of sorority sisters.

Not that our earnest wish has been granted, we are ready to take up again the simple, but enjoyable work of an alumnae club.

Iowa Gamma Alumna.

The New York Alumnae Club

The New York Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi meets the first Saturday afternoon of every month in the apartment of New York Beta, Amsterdam Avenue and 121st street. The club tries to bring together socially the Pi Phis living in and near New York, to give them the opportunity of meeting new Pi Phi friends and of renewing the Pi Phi spirit. After the regular business meeting we enjoy a social chat and refreshments. The members of the club come from all over the United States, from California to Vermont, and our twenty active members represent thirteen chapters. Many of our members are only temporary residents of New York, engaged in graduate study, or interested in art and literary work. The holding of our meetings in the home of an active chapter increases and stimulates the Pi Phi spirit, and sometimes active members of New York Beta are present at our meetings. We should like to increase our membership among Pi Phis near New York, and make our club a very strong and active organization. We extend a cordial invitation to be present at our meetings to all Pi Phis living near New York, or making a visit there which includes our meeting day.

DORA R. NEVINS.

Iowa Alpha

The alumnae club of Iowa Alpha, in Mt. Pleasant has taken unusual interest in literary work the past winter. The last Tuesday of each month has been devoted to a literary program and these have proved both interesting and instructive. The study took the form of travels, using Stoddard's lectures as a basis.

Scotland, Norway and Switzerland have been toured to the delight of all. Ella Penn's personal reminiscences of Scotland were too charming to pass unmentioned. It was planned in the fall to have two meetings each month—a social meeting sometime during the first two weeks and the literary meeting the last Tuesday. On account of various insurmountable obstacles no social meeting was held till February, when a very elaborate valentine party was given at the home of Miss Penn. At this party the husbands of the ladies were guests, also the college chapter, their pledges and men friends. Space forbids going into detail but it was a delightful affair in every way. It is now planned to continue the social meetings through the rest of the school year. The alumnae club seems to be more closely in touch with the college chapter than ever before and that is a help to both.

We believe the alumnae club has made a growth this year which will be of vital importance to its future.

MATTIE STEARNS GLOECKLER.

Des Moines Alumnae

Des Moines, Iowa, boasts of a most flourishing alumnae organization of Pi Beta Phis. It is purely a social occasion when, on the first Saturday of each month, one of the members opens her home, but for good times they are famed beyond the limits of their own sorority, and even in the Pan-Hellenic association, where, twice a year, "Greek meets Greek," the close bond that unites the Pi Phis is a matter of frequent and half-envious remark. Out of a possible thirty, there is an average attendance of from twenty to twenty-five, and the "first Saturday" is always held open from other social engagements, of however alluring character. Among the treasured memories of happy days are those of last May, when the Des Moines young women entertained the Ames and Indianola clubs at luncheon at the Business Women's Home, there being more than forty guests, and perhaps twenty-seven or eight hostesses; the royal entertainment

accorded us in turn by the Ames girls, who invited us to be their guests for a long delightful day, when one of the pleasant features was the picnic dinner so bountifully spread on the campus grass; and only this month some eight or ten of our members went to Ames and participated in the formal installation of the new chapter, their reports being heard with greatest interest at this month's meeting. Two of the legislative ladies, wives of state senators, having been our hostesses this season, we are now planning to repay their courtesy with a St. Patrick's Day luncheon on the 17th at Hotel Chamberlain, when Mrs. Garst and Mrs. Brooks, and Miss Mary Brooks, are to be our guests of honor; features both decorative and amusing are being planned by the committee in charge, and it is expected that no less than thirty will meet around the banquet board.

ANNA ROSS-CLARKE.

The Indianola Alumnae Club

The Indianola Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi sends greetings to all the sisters. The past year has passed very pleasantly for us all. We have twenty-four in our club, and take half as many ARROWS. We meet the second Thursday in every month and the girls all thoroughly enjoy the meetings. We entertained the active chapter at a four o'clock luncheon at the home of Mrs. F. C. Sigler at the end of the school year. Then with them we spent a day in Des Moines, Iowa, as guests of the Des Moines Club. We were royally entertained and were indeed glad to meet with these Pi Phi sisters. Since school opened this year we have assisted the active chapter in furnishing their chapter house, and one evening we took a paper sack apiece and went to spend the evening with them, and had an old fashioned cookie-shine. On the twenty-second of February we entertained the active chapter and their patronesses at a five o'clock tea, at which Miss Florence Porter Robinson was the guest of honor.

A goodly number of our alumnae have visited us this year, and we have enjoyed having these girls of former days with

us once more, and hope they may come again. They were Mrs. Elsie Consor, teacher of music in Galesburg schools, Katherine B. Miller, instructor in literature in Lewis Institute, Chicago Ill., Effie Kelly, Pomona, Cal., Ora Hartman, Tella Clamner and Maude Anderson of Ft. Collins, Colo., Helen R. Gilbert of Mitchell, S. D., Becky Black Scott of Griswold, Ia., Marion Cook Houser and Florence Hatfield-Stanley of Tyronga, Ark.

We regret that we are to lose one of our most loyal members, Miss Flora Sigler, whose marriage to Charles Elliott Carver will occur April fourth, 1906. They will make their home in Los Angeles, Cal.

With love and best wishes to all Pi Beta Phis.

ANNA WRIGHT DEWELL.

St. Joseph Alumnae Club

At the January meeting of the St. Joseph Alumnae Club, the following officers were elected:

Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, President; Miss Hilda White, Vice-President; Mrs. C. C. Dutton, Treasurer; Miss Betty Williams, Secretary. There are just eight members of the St. Joseph Club—the other four are, Mrs. Van Evrie Hall, Mrs. Esping, Miss Anne White and Miss Maud Miller. Of our regular meetings, we have set aside four for special purposes. The January meeting is devoted to plans for the improved organization of our club, and the election of officers for the year; the April meeting to the celebration of Founder's Day; the July meeting to the plans of assistance of and co-operation with our neighboring chapters, and the fraternity in general; the October meeting is purely social. We meet at the Gaynor Studios and are always glad to welcome any visiting Pi Phis with our little circle.

Personals

VERMONT ALPHA

A son was born March fourth to Lena Roseman-Denio, one of the charter members of Vermont Alpha.

The chapter recently enjoyed a visit from Ada Hurlburt, formerly a member of Vermont Alpha and afterwards a charter member of Vermont Beta.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

E. Louise Richardson, '04, is teaching in the high school at East Hartford, Conn.

The Alumnae Club enjoyed a very pleasant meeting with Winifred Hill, at her home in Allston, on Saturday, March 10.

We were very glad to welcome home recently Nettie Dodge-Chapman, who has spent the last two years in the Philippines.

Elna Coates, '04, is teaching in Marblehead, Mass.

Free Burnham is making a trip to California. On the way she intends to visit Helen Meserve in New Orleans, and after a short trip to Mexico she will visit Elizabeth Coates for a week in Phoenix, Ariz.

Marion Bean, '05, is teaching in the high school at Concord, N. H.

COLUMBIA ALPHA

Rose Wellman of Wisconsin Alpha is in Paris with her father.

Clarissa Tufts is practicing medicine as Doctor of Osteopathy.

Edith Aiken of Louisiana Alpha and Sophie Woodman of New York Beta have visited the chapter in the last month.

PHILADELPHIA BETA

Mary Johnson is making an extended tour of the Western States.

Emma Hamilton and May Gutelius are visiting Esther Rogers,

at her home in Bradentown, Florida. They expect to remain several months.

Edith McCain is visiting friends in Pittsburg.

OHIO BETA

Cora Conklin, '00, was married the twenty-first of February to Mr. Henry Deeg of Columbus, Ohio.

Mrs. Harry Birnie (Marion Nichols) was in Columbus for a short time and while here she attended the Pi Beta Phi Bal Poudre.

Mrs. Frederick Leonard has left for Fort Harrison, Mo., where her husband, Lieutenant Leonard is stationed.

Mrs. John Marriott (Blanche Butler) of Denver, Colorado, visited here a short time.

Helen Crane of Newark, came over to attend our party, visiting her cousin, Martha Jones.

NEW YORK ALPHA

Helen Potter is away on a week's trip visiting Washington, Baltimore and other places of interest. She expects to visit the Pi Beta Phi chapters at those places.

Henrietta Gamble spent Junior week at Hamilton College, returning to Syracuse after a very enjoyable week.

Isabelle Mac Gregor and Ruth Hawks have been visitors at the chapter house during the last few weeks.

Jessie Barrett-Neville has a daughter, Jessie Elizabeth, born December twenty-sixth.

MARYLAND ALPHA

Alice Dunning, '03, while visiting Bonnie Marshall in Des Moines, Iowa, met at the banquet of the Women's Pan-Hellenic Association, Alice Tone and Mrs. Everhart.

Frances Dunning, '05, has been visiting in Des Moines, Iowa.

Alice Belt-Soper visited Maryland Alpha on her way to the Student Volunteer Conference, at Nashville.

Marion Boyer, ex-'05, was married January ninth, to Mr. George W. Clinger of Milton, Pa.

Maryland Alpha was pleased to entertain Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, while she was in Baltimore, during the Woman's Suffrage Convention.

Mabel Allison, ex-'04, visited in Baltimore during February.

ILLINOIS BETA

A daughter was born to Nelle Turner-Pratt, February twenty-second.

Marion Webster is spending the winter in California.

Eleanor Claycomb is spending the winter in California.

Grace Harsh of Creston, Ia., visited in Galesburg, this month.

A son was born to Fannie Gingrich-Perrine, January fifth.

ILLINOIS DELTA

Katharine Bagly and Laura Knowles and Mary Barclay-Crawford of Rushville, attended the annual promenade of Pi Beta Phi February ninth.

Frances Fahnestock-Williams is very seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Fahnestock.

Anna Thompson, Illinois Epsilon, visited our chapter last week.

Louise Seacord and her mother sailed March first for Germany to be gone several months.

Born to Mrs. Minnie Weyhrich Black, a son, January twentieth.

Edna Heaton and Mildred Toler have both been compelled to leave college on account of illness.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

Blanche Beal, ex-'06, has left home for a nine months' trip in the West, and expects to spend the winter in California and the summer in Oregon.

Isabel Everett, ex-'05, is spending the winter in the South.

Florence Hatfield-Stanley, '03, is living in Gardena, California, after being at her home in Indianola, Iowa, through the summer.

Margaret Hubbard Countryman is again living in Chicago.
Born to Mr. and Mrs. Fred S. Johnson, December ninth, '05,
a son, Ralph Kane.

Hedwig Mueller, '03, has returned from a trip through Germany, having been gone about five months.

Florence Reynolds, '01, has gone to Salt Lake City to remain till summer.

INDIANA ALPHA

At the recent Student Volunteer Convention held in Nashville, Tenn., February twenty-eighth to March fifth, there were a number of Pi Phis representing Vermont Alpha, New York Beta, Illinois Delta, Michigan Alpha, Iowa Gamma, Nebraska Beta, Texas Alpha, Indiana Gamma and Indiana Alpha. It seemed like a taste of what the convention will be, meeting Pi Phis from different institutions and states. Eight of us took lunch together and parted hoping to meet again at the convention.

INDIANA BETA

Alice Albertson, '06, of Orleans, spent a few days with the chapter this term.

Mindwell Crampton, A. M., '07, is visiting in Bloomington now.

Born to Mary Miller-Westfall, a son.

INDIANA GAMMA

Edna Cooper is attending Kentucky University.

Alice Good is principal of the high school at Malott Park.

Emily Helming and Maria Leonard are teaching in the Manual Training High School, Indianapolis.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Leila Soule of Grand Haven, Michigan, was welcomed back to Hillsdale for a few days the last of February.

Helen Vernor will be back in school during the spring term.

Effie Patch has accompanied Mrs. Mauck, the wife of our president, to California.

Mabel Walrath has been elected spring term president of the class of '06.

Vivian Lyon has recently returned from a trip to Mexico with her parents and other friends.

Mary Corbett of North Adams spent several days at the college in February.

IOWA ALPHA

Elizabeth McMullen of Iowa State college visited the chapter several days in January.

On February the twentieth in Centerville, Iowa, occurred the marriage of Agnes Severs, '05, and Edward B. Isett, Beta Theta Pi. They will make their home in Wapello, Iowa.

Ruth E. Work visited the chapter on her return to the University of Illinois.

Emily Young-Ramsay, '99, is visiting at the home of her parents.

Julia Shankland, '04, Mary Brooks, Stacey Turney, Elsie Benjamin and Madelon Medes attended the installation of Iowa Gamma.

Lottie Allen-Babb was in the city a few days last week.

May Stoddard attended the convention of the Student Volunteer movement in Nashville, Tenn.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

On March eighth a daughter, Mary Hinkley, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Franklin Mabbett, Chicago.

Gertrude Clark Church has gone to Florida with her husband for a two months' trip through the south.

During February Ada Welsh, '04, Anna Blackburn, ex-'08, Genevieve Eaton and Lillian Haertel, '05, Meta Deane and Alta Beardsley, pledged, visited us.

Margaret Stanton was unable to return to the university after the Christmas vacation on account of illness.

In January Marion O'Neill and Helen Marsh, ex-'07, were with us for a few days.

Rose Charlton Wellman, ex-'07, is spending the winter in Paris with her father, Mr. Walter Wellman.

Bessie Ferguson, '02, was married March fourteenth to Mr. Floyd Ayres of Oregon, Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres will make their home in Virginia.

MISSOURI ALPHA

Rosamond Russell and Edna Thomas, members of last year's chapter, have been visiting in the chapter house for a week.

Eula McCune has returned to college after a year's absence.

Florence Dorsey is now travelling in Europe.

Edna Jeffries of Edwardsville, Ill., who was in college several years ago, recently visited friends in Columbia.

Betty Williams, having received her degree at the beginning of the second semester, is now at her home in St. Joseph, Mo.

The engagement of Mary Gray, a Pi Phi pledge, to Mr. Sidney Stephens, Phi Delta Theta, has been announced. The wedding will take place in early June.

LOUISIANA ALPHA

Céleste Eshleman left the early part of February for a year's stay abroad.

Lucy Elliott has returned from the north.

Mrs. Chauncey Williams-Butler was here for a visit for carnival.

Pauline Curran has returned from a trip to Mexico.

KANSAS ALPHA

Mary Copley left February twenty-eighth for Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, to visit her aunt, Mrs. Thaw.

Charlotte Cutter from Denver spent a week of her vacation with Gertrude Boughton.

Mrs. Brummage (Rhea Wilson), has a little girl born March first.

The engagement of Helen Johnson to Mr. Clyde Hosford of Lawrence has been announced.

Fredericka Bullene returned this week from a trip abroad.

Margaret Hammond and Alice Duncan visited us a few weeks ago.

Mrs. Means and little daughter, Lucy, returned Monday from a month's stay at Hot Springs.

Mrs. Ida Smith-Griffith returned last Sunday from the sanitarium in Boulder, Colorado, where she has been the last two months. She is somewhat better.

Mrs. Louise Smith-Farrell and two children, who have been with her mother since last fall, returned about two weeks ago to their home in Kansas City.

The engagement of Gertrude Boughton to Mr. Andrew Ireland of Emporia, Kansas, has been announced.

The engagement of Lena Beard to Mr. Earl Clendenning has been announced.

Born to Mrs. Aimee Perkins (nee Rudiger) a daughter.

NEBRASKA BETA

Mamie Killian, who is attending St. Mary's, Notre Dame, spent several days at the chapter house in January.

Margaret Kyle made a short visit in Lincoln.

Jean McGeachin of Orleans, Nebraska, visited at the chapter for a week.

COLORADO ALPHA

Elizabeth Downer, '07, her mother, and cousin, Mary Downer, sailed for Europe early in March, to be gone till next autumn.

Josephine McIntosh visited the chapter lately.

Florence Wilder-Coates recently lost her only child, Teddy, while visiting in California.

May Whitmore has announced her approaching marriage to Dr. Henry A. Calkins in April. She will make her home in Leadville.

Donnie Armstrong-Gaume is now teaching in the graded schools of Boulder.

COLORADO BETA

Jessie Griffin is spending the winter in Hot Springs, South Dakota, where she is much improved in health.

Sarah White is visiting her sister in Kansas City.

Marcia Murray-Eikenberry is visiting her mother in Denver.

Marjorie Williams is at her home in Ouray, Colorado.

Florence Vaughn entered the University of Wisconsin the second semester.

Eugenia Miller, California Alpha, has been the guest of Ethel Van Cise, while in the city.

Norine and Bess Wilson are now living in Catoosa, Indian Territory.

Bessie Bliss, Colorado Alpha, visited the chapter a few days.

CALIFORNIA BETA

Maude Schaeffer, who is teaching in Fresno, attended the Teachers' Institute in Berkeley in December.

Georgia Cummings visited friends and Pi Phi sisters around the bay during the Christmas holidays.

Margaret Smith and Mary C. Day received their high school teacher's certificates in December, 1905.

Mary Estelle Wilson received the degree B. L. in December, 1905.

A son was born to Prof. and Mrs. Derleth (Emily Bush), Colorado Alpha, on January the twenty-first, 1906.

Edith White is traveling in the east visiting friends and relatives.

Charlotte Watters has left college on a leave of absence.

Editorials

It is with especial pleasure that we welcome Iowa Gamma back to the ranks of Pi Beta Phi and wish it long life and prosperity.

It is now nearly fifteen years since the former chapter at Ames reluctantly surrendered its charter and became inactive. This step was not taken because of any deterioration in the chapter and any remissness in the performance of fraternity duties but solely on the demand of the president, who at one stroke put an end to fraternity life at Iowa State College. At that time there was an implied promise that whenever the college should be re-opened to fraternities, the charter should be given back. Some three years ago the authorities indicated their willingness to allow fraternities to enter, and the re-establishment of Iowa Gamma is the result.

Too much cannot be said in praise of the alumnae who for fourteen years and in the face of all manner of discouragements, have held together and kept burning the "little candle" of fraternity enthusiasm. It is they who have worked most indefatigably for the re-issue of the charter and to them is due great credit for the nearly ideal conditions under which the new chapter begins its existence. Iowa Gamma seems to have been peculiarly successful in developing women of initiative and resource, and the new chapter with such backing cannot help but succeed. Our old new chapter has the best wishes of the whole fraternity.

We devote our Exchange department this month to reprinting from the *Independent* of February fifteenth an article on College Fraternities purporting to be by the mother of a freshman girl.

It will be read with interest by all fraternity girls as well as by their mothers.

The worst of it is that it is in the main quite true. Nobody can be more keenly aware of that than is the fraternity girl herself. Moreover it is true not alone for the middle west but for the south, for the far west and to a lesser extent for the east. It is true both for the state universities and for the larger private foundations. But though it is all true it is not all that is true, something that the readers of the article may not realize.

The writer has charged the woman's fraternity with several grave misdemeanors, either directly or by implication. It exists purely for society, it is snobbish, it interferes with study, it promotes extravagance. These are serious charges and calculated to bring upon the fraternity system the disapproval of any sensible mother. While no fraternity woman can honestly feel that all of them are true, she must admit that all are fairly to be inferred by an outsider only partly familiar with the facts.

In no particular does the fraternity invite the criticism of the onlooker more than in the process known as rushing. In most colleges there is a desire to have the rushing period short so as to "get it over and get settled down to work," and for a chapter of a dozen or twenty to form anything like an adequate acquaintance with six or eight new girls in a space of perhaps ten days, it is necessary almost to live with them. Hence the walks and drives, the registration and campus engagements as well as the more formal functions. As a result what should be simply the ingathering of new life needful for the continuance of any organization becomes a spectacle calculated to rouse the consternation of parents, the mirth of the faculty and other seasoned spectators and the sporting blood of male students who bet interestedly on the results.

Despite what this writer asserts, things do settle down after the rushing is over, for the majority of the chapters at least. "E:llen" is evidently one of the girls predestined to popularity and for such a girl there would be social temptations in a nunnery. The fact that they come to her partly through her fraternity is

an accident of her environment. While her special type for obvious reasons is found in the fraternity far oftener than out of it, I do not happen to know but one or two chapters where that type constitutes more than perhaps one-third of the whole number. Furthermore no one can be more alive to the dangers of an excessive and unregulated social life than are the woman's fraternities themselves, and partly by chapters, partly as national organizations they are making honest if not very effectual effort to combat them.

That the fraternities rather resent faculty interference is probably true. The reason perhaps is this. In a large university the fraternities are usually turned over by the faculty to a "Committee on Student Affairs," which also has in charge such unrelated matters as the last hazing scrape and the spring trip of the glee club. As in most committees the work is likely to be done by the chairman, who is as apt as not to be a professor of electrical engineering or some such subject, and who hasn't even a working hypothesis on the subject of girls. Where there is a dean of women things go better, at least where the authorities have had the wisdom to choose a woman trained in a co-educational college and best of all one who is herself a fraternity woman.

Perhaps the charge most frequently brought against fraternities is that of snobbishness. There is no doubt that they are exclusive,—no small organization can be very inclusive,—but between exclusiveness and snobbishness there is considerable difference. Certainly no chapter I have seen could be accused of want of thought for the non-fraternity girl. In fact the tendency is all the other way and there is really danger in some colleges that a too keen sense of duty will pervert common friendliness into sentimentality or condescension. There is no doubt that the situation is a hard one. The non-fraternity girl is sensitive and does not care to make advances for fear she may be suspected of "rushing the frat." The fraternity girl on the other hand does not wish to raise false hopes and have her advances misunderstood. The resulting relation is not always a happy one, but it is hardly to be laid at the door of fraternity snobbishness.

The chapter does frequently urge the acceptance of invitations from motives of policy. Does it therein differ from the world outside college walls? It would be instructive to find out what proportion of invitations were given and accepted from mixed motives both in and out of fraternities, and then to compare the proportions. Unluckily we are not at all likely to have the requisite statistics, so we can only plead guilty,—and in plenty of company.

There are no figures either, to show how the scholarship of the fraternity and non-fraternity girls compare. From a rather wide observation we should hazard the guess that the best and the worst students were outside the fraternities, but that after all is a mereguess. Certainly every pressure is brought to bear on the fraternity girl both by her chapter and by her national organization to keep her scholarship at least respectable. As for her overtaxing her strength in keeping up both social and scholarship demands, it hardly seems as if such cases could be common. Statistics have proved that girls gain rather than lose in health during a college course and that the gain is slightly greater in the co-educational, which are in the main the fraternity colleges.

It is unfortunately true that fraternities share the tendency of the times toward extravagance and display, and that their very rivalry encourages this tendency. And yet to the credit of the women's fraternities it can honestly be said that none of them make money a condition of membership. Poise, culture, and good taste are qualities that are apt to go with the conditions of easy living, but the possession of these without money will make a girl sought for where the girl who has only money goes unrecognized. Moreover the girl without money has just as good a time. I call to mind a girl whose sole festival attire for two winters of fraternity gayety was a swiss muslin constructed by herself and laboriously ironed before each party. Of course she would have preferred a variety,—who wouldn't?—but the monotony of the white muslin never lost her an invitation or cost her a pleasure, and girls with four times her means learned that in the long run it was the girl and not her frills that counted.

The mother of Ellen, with good reason, sees much to disapprove of in fraternities. Now we should like to hear from the mother of shy and awkward Lucy who sees her daughter rounding out into self possession, of 'azy Susan who is made to turn to and work for the common good, of selfish Polly who for the first time in her life learns what it means to give up her own will. Ellen's mother speaks truly, but is it the whole truth?

Three chapter letters were missing from the January ARROW and the editor commented somewhat warmly on what is and ought to be so unusual an occurrence. It has since transpired that two of the three letters were duly and promptly sent, and to California Beta and Illinois Beta the editor offers apologies for calling attention to a fault which after a while they did not commit. However, the letters were not received and their whereabouts is a secret known only to Uncle Sam,—and he won't tell.

The new cover for the ARROW was designed by Charlotte Shepard, Michigan Alpha, to whom the thanks of the fraternity are due.

Any chapter having the following back numbers of the ARROW will confer a great favor on Texas Alpha by sending them (express collect) to the corresponding secretary.

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Chapter Letters

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1893)

There have been no radical changes in our college this year but there have naturally been some slight ones. Our faculty has been increased by the addition of an instructor and we have in place of Professor Wright, the head of the English department who is abroad on a year's leave of absence, another professor of English, a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University.

The college community was recently very much shocked by the sudden death of the college librarian who had held the position for ten years. He will be greatly missed by the students because of the assistance which he gave them and the friendliness which he always showed toward them.

We have a new fraternity organized recently by some of the men of the college. It is a local society and is called Kappa Delta Rho. There are now chapters of four national fraternities at Middlebury and two local fraternities, making in all six fraternities, which is a rather large number for so small a college.

Our college paper, *The Campus*, which was started for a second time last spring after being discontinued for several years, continues to prosper and plans are being made for its improvement.

The annual college banquet was held on February twenty-second and was by far the most successful one which we have ever had. Both students and faculty were unusually enthusiastic and one hundred and seventy-five people were present at the banquet. The hall was decorated with ropes of electric lights, flags, bunting, festoons of red, white and blue paper, and designs in red, white and blue lights. A picture of Washington outlined by a star of electric lights was one of the conspicuous decorations. The exceptionally good toast list and the singing and hearty cheers and class yells of the students added greatly to the success and pleasure of the occasion.

We are already beginning to think of spring and preparations for a concert for the benefit of the baseball team are being made. This concert

will be given during the first part of the term and both the men and the women of the college will take part in it.

We are now very near the close of the winter term and we are all looking forward to our short spring vacation.

FAITH ACLAND POWERS.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

(CHARTERED 1898)

As was suggested, Vermont Beta will devote this letter to a little account of the progress of her college. The University of Vermont is only a small college but never were her prospects brighter. Each year brings a small, but steady, increase in the number of students.

Last fall we dedicated a new athletic field and we are all looking forward to the baseball season, when we hope our team may celebrate many victories. This year has seen the completion of a fine new medical building. The building was opened to the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. associations for their annual reception to the freshman medical students. An interesting program was carried out, followed by an inspection of the building, then all assembled and sang college songs making what has formerly been a little pokey and stiff a very enjoyable affair.

At present we all are very much interested in a new agricultural building to be known as Morrill Hall. A beginning has already been made and it is expected that the new building will be completed and ready for use at the opening of the next college year. It is rumored that laboratories for a domestic science course will be fitted up in this new building. The addition of this course would undoubtedly bring more young women to the college. Of course Pi Phi claims her share of all these good things. Vermont with her bright prospects sends her heartiest greetings to all her sister chapters.

GRACE T. STRONG.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1889)

It is with great interest that we have received two visitors this past month, representative girls from other chapters, New York Beta and Louisiana Alpha, and it naturally brings up a comparison of our different environments. In our college we find it necessary to be constantly adapting ourselves to the new conditions surrounding the growth of a great national university. Within the last two years this has ceased to be an

ideal and has become the working principle of the institution. Different colleges are being affiliated with the university. Plans have been accepted for our new buildings and dormitories, to be laid out on a broad campus, at present used as an athletic field, where we shall feel that the college spirit has room to expand and make itself recognized.

Our present quarters are rather dingy and crowded and right in the heart of town, while the law and medical men have new, modern accommodations separate from the Arts and Science building. Even the curriculum and roll of professors are changing to a broader basis. Sharper competition is required in every department to keep up to the standard. We Pi Phis who have formerly had about our own way as the national fraternity, have two young rivals. A local society became Phi Alpha chapter of Chi Omega in 1903, and another local became Zeta chapter of Sigma Kappa in February last. This means that we shall have an addition to Pan-Hellenic, which association was only formed last year. However, we have a large, strong chapter, being well represented in each class, and there is a certain stimulus about expansion and the struggle for supremacy which should call out the very best in us.

Here we celebrate George Washington's birthday in a manner befitting the indebtedness to our great patron by having a winter convocation on that day, when degrees are conferred and the policy of the university is discussed and expounded. The Columbian women, of which Emma Harper Turner, our former grand president, is now president, gave a tea in the afternoon to meet President Needham. This is to become one of the annual events.

The great event of the social season, a charity ball for the University Hospital, was held at the New Willard on February twenty-third. Many society people of the capital were there and, strange to say, the only college girls who went were Pi Phis.

The alumnae have held a social meeting each month to which the chapter girls have been invited. They have been most enjoyable, especially as some interesting talk is given each time by an "outsider." The chapter received the alumnae, the patronesses, the faculty and Chi Omega on February twenty-sixth. Also there was some little rushing excitement on the entrance of two new girls about the middle of the year, which was the immediate cause of an elaborate luncheon given at college.

Columbia Alpha sends greetings to all the girls,—those we have been fortunate enough to meet and to those whom we still hope to know.

MILDRED WINANS COCHRAN.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1892)

Spring is coming and soon will make Swarthmore one of the most enjoyable places you can imagine. This is the season when everyone here delights in long rambles through the woods. Our study hours are usually held out under the trees so that the campus is always dotted with figures here and there. The one thing for which we are striving now with great enthusiasm is a girls' athletic field. Through contributions of our kind benefactors and through various entertainments given by the different classes we have succeeded this winter in raising almost enough to have it started this spring. If you could all realize how much we rejoice in this, for it means the result of earnest labor. We also are entertaining great expectations for a new library here next year. Mr. Carnegie has most generously offered to contribute sufficient money for one. We certainly should be proud to show this to all the Pi Beta Phi sisters, so do try to come to Swarthmore sometime in the near future.

Our rushing season now is over and we can fortunately settle down for plans embracing next year. This may sound rather "previous," but it is the early effort that often times counts most with new girls.

We gave our second annual fraternity dance last month and it was a great success. Several of our alumnae were present and the evening was passed most pleasantly.

We have spring vacation very shortly, and it lasts for nearly two weeks. After that college for this year will be almost over, for the weeks slip by so quickly. Hoping that all the Pi Beta Phi chapters are happy and prosperous.

BEATRICE M. VICTORY.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1895)

Spring time is coming and how eager we are for it! The campus and the surrounding country are very beautiful at Bucknell in the spring. Many are the long walks we take during this time, up hill and down and along the picturesque Susquehanna. And commencement is coming, to which we look forward very eagerly this year, because we are planning to give a dance then. As we are not allowed to attend dances during the year we appreciate all the more the one we can give at the end of the college year.

This term has been a gay one socially, and all the "frats" have been busily engaged in enjoying the jolly side of life.

This year has been marked by a great many changes at Bucknell. We have a very fine Carnegie library, and also a new dormitory for girls, and during the next year a new dormitory will be erected for the boys. Oh, yes, Bucknell is growing rapidly, and we are all very proud of our college.

On March the first we initiated Beatrice Richards, a sophomore, whose sister is a Greek, a Tri Delta.

With wishes for a bright and joyous spring time.

MELLIE A. WESTCOTT.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1903)

Three months have passed since last writing to our ARROW and, as this is a three-term college, it is again time for our examinations. In some respects the winter term has been long, while in others it has been very short.

It has been conceded that the best results of college work are obtained during this term, but we have had no winter to speak of and spring fever seemed to be prevalent. Nevertheless we hope and think that all Pi Phis stand well.

The college course of work has been very much changed this year. The entrance examinations are more thorough; all the required work is taken in the freshman and sophomore years, while the junior and senior years are wholly elective. A new course, the philosophical, has been introduced and a person can take two years scientific and two philosophic and not affect her degree. There is a great advantage in this new schedule because science is now distributed through three years instead of two.

This year a girls' gymnasium has been fitted up in one of the buildings. We never felt quite free in using the boys' gymnasium but now we have one of our own. It is large, well equipped and there is a good instructor and altogether it is a great improvement.

The men's fraternities are "spreading out." Of the eight in college, four have houses and two are contemplating building. This year has been a good year both in the college itself and in its surroundings.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis from Pennsylvania Gamma.

CORINNE GAUL.

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

Winter term opened at Ohio University with a larger enrollment of students than ever before. Prospects for a successful term, both in college and fraternity life, were exceedingly bright. Our college is increasing in size year by year, and if the expected appropriation is obtained from the state, several new buildings will be erected. We have one of the most beautiful and fully equipped libraries in the state, affording especial opportunities for study along many lines.

Pi Beta Phi is also in a very prosperous condition. Chapter life has been so filled with various events, since our last letter was written, that it is difficult to know where to begin to enumerate them. We have two new pledges,—Edith Eaton and Katharine Thompson. These added to sixteen fully initiated members, make up a larger chapter than we have had for some time.

The three men's fraternities, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, and Beta Theta Pi, formed a Pan-Hellenic organization for the purpose of adding increased interest to social life among themselves. Their opening affair was a large dance, given on the second of February. On February third we entertained Beta Theta Pi with an informal dance. On February second Bayard Ullom and Frieda Coultrap entertained the fraternity with a morning card party and a luncheon. After luncheon the time was spent in singing our songs and in such chatter as is known alone to college girls. On the eve of February twenty-third Beta Theta Pi entertained us with a dance. We could not have had a better time. The hall was beautifully decorated in the colors of both fraternities.

The time for examinations is speedily approaching, and our one consolation is that after they are over will come our spring vacation. After this we shall be able to return with renewed effort to college and fraternity life.

With best wishes for the welfare of our sister chapters.

MARY SIMON.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

Since our last letter we have another Pi Phi to introduce to you, Mary Easterling of Jackson, Miss. She is such a charming girl and we wish you all could know her.

Everybody now in college is enthusiastic about the coming carnival which is to be given the first week in April for the benefit of our Athletic

Association. This is the first affair of the kind that has ever been attempted at Ohio State, but we are not at all dubious over its success, for everyone is so interested. It is to be given in our "gym," and each fraternity and organization of any kind is to have a booth, where they may sell things or do some "stunt." This is to last Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, and end up Saturday evening with a great big dance. It was to have been a masked ball, but the faculty wouldn't permit us to have it. We have heard of the great success and funny "stunts" other colleges have had in this and from all reports, ours will lack in neither case.

We have several new buildings on our campus. In the circle of buildings which surround it we have a new Physics Buildings and a new Chemistry Building on the site of the one destroyed by fire a couple of years ago. Then the Mines and Engineering Building is rapidly nearing completion, and Brown Hall was finished last year. This is the only building on the campus that has any definite form of architecture, and it is purely Ionic. There has been some talk of erecting a students' building, but nothing definite has been decided.

On the twenty-first of February we gave a Bal Poudré at the N. C. T. Hall. The girls with powdered hair and the hall decorated with flags helped to carry out the idea of a George Washington party. Everyone seemed to have a good time and we wished more of our sisters could have enjoyed it with us.

With best wishes to all Pi Phis.

ELIZABETH H. BANCROFT.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1896)

As we read the different letters from the chapters far and near, we feel that we become acquainted in a certain degree with our sisters, but how often we New York Alpha girls wish we could really visit other chapters and know the girls personally. One of our girls, Helen Potter, is having the pleasure for which we all long and is visiting our Pi Beta Phi sisters at Washington and Baltimore. We are all anxiously waiting for her return to hear about everything she has seen and done. She promised to take a note-book along so she would be able to bring back to us everything of interest.

Affairs at Syracuse have been in a state of great activity ever since our Christmas vacation. I shall not dwell on the following mid-year examinations which are such important and disagreeable functions of college

life. After they were over, came Senior Week, with its usual festivities and excitement. This year the chancellor made rules that were strictly enforced, to the effect that all parties should be over by twelve o'clock, and at the Senior Ball, the greatest event of the college year, dancing must stop at twelve-thirty. Of course this meant that the social functions begin very early.

During the last week we had our annual freshman party. For entertainment we gave a farce in which eight girls took part, and danced after refreshments. In order to secure partners for refreshments, the men were given blue cards similar to the regular "flunk" cards given by the University, notifying them that if they failed to pass in Bluffology, Cramology or some other improvised subject, and they must find a tutor. The girls were supplied with Phi Beta Kappa keys on which were written the names of the subjects on the blue cards. The girls made very good tutors and all back work was passed up without any difficulty.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1904)

Life at Barnard has been rather quiet since the last letter to the ARROW. Christmas vacation has come and gone and so have mid-years. Even the dreaded fraternity examination is a thing of the past.

We gave no party during January as we were all so busy, but lunched with some freshmen every day at college. In February we had four or five girls over at the apartment for a social afternoon. At present we are planning for a luncheon, which will be our last entertainment, as pledge day is the first Monday in April.

The class of 1909 entertained the college recently with a take-off on the Hippodrome, the "Dippydrome," which was very clever. The girls looked and acted remarkably well as lions, elephants and clowns.

Two marked changes have been recently made in the administrative policy of the college. Mrs. A. A. Anderson, to whom the college already owes so much, has given one hundred thousand dollars toward the foundation of a scientific department, which will greatly enlarge the really fine work which has always been done along this line. Two other trustees have pledged fifty thousand dollars more, so that the new branch is a certainty. A course will be offered leading to the degree of B. S., which will include all the required work which is necessary for the degree of A. B., except that of an ancient language, which will not be required for entrance or during freshman year. This course will call for seventy hours of science out of the hundred and twenty-four, this to include a major, an allied

minor and a diverse minor. The splendid equipment which is now made possible will be a great thing for our college.

Another change is with regard to Barnard's relation to Teachers' College. Heretofore Barnard seniors have taken work at Teachers' College along with their work at Barnard, leading to a certificate at Teachers' College, which they received besides the degree of A. B. from Barnard. Now a student wishing to pursue serious work in methods must transfer to Teachers' College after three years, for one year of residence. If a high grade of scholarship is attained she may be recommended for a degree of A. B. as before.

The first two years' work at Teachers' College have been abolished and Columbia and Barnard Colleges will henceforth provide for all freshman and sophomore instruction for the men and women, respectively.

At present the whole college is raising money to assist the alumnae in collecting funds for a dormitory. Barnard has no separate dormitory, but it is hoped that we may have a temporary one next year, and once having convinced the many friends of Barnard that a dormitory is needed in a city college, a permanent building may be forthcoming.

Though Barnard is a separate college, it is still under Columbia University, and we are, of course, always proud of the university's advancement. By an agreement which goes into effect this spring, the National Academy of Design will co-operate with the university in the establishment of a faculty of fine arts; the schools of architecture and music to be maintained by Columbia, as before, and the school of design, including the departments of painting and sculpture, to be under the direction of the Academy. The director of the Metropolitan Museum of Art will be on the faculty, thus assuring the very best opportunities to students at the university.

A proposition is also on foot at Columbia to reclaim land along the Hudson close by the university, and to build there an immense stadium to seat thirty-five thousand, with athletic fields on either side, recreation piers on top of the grand stands and a Water gate, at which distinguished visitors to Grant's tomb may be received. Should this great project go through, for which it is estimated a million dollars will be necessary, Columbia will occupy a unique position among universities.

The writer has just returned home from the great convention at Nashville, Tenn. She only saw three Pi Phis among the six thousand, but heard there were a dozen. She enjoyed the privilege on the way home of spending a night and a day in both Washington and Baltimore with the respective chapters. Surely the right hand of fellowship in Pi Beta Phi is a splendid thing. She could never find girls who would be more charming hostesses or whom she would be more proud to own as Pi Phis.

With best spring time wishes.

SOPHIE PARSONS WOODMAN.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1896)

The happy winter holidays and the anxious days of mid-year examinations have passed since Massachusetts Alpha sent her last letter to Pi Phi, and already we are well started upon the work of another semester, which promises to be very bright with the usual college and fraternity events of the season.

Our six seniors entertained us with a cookie-shine at the chapter rooms at the beginning of the year. It was a complete surprise and when the doors were opened to admit us to the festivities, we were amazed to see our dignified seniors in the costumes of little tots,—dolls, curls, big bows and all. We spent a jolly evening telling stories and singing the dear old songs.

Many plans have been discussed for the celebration of Founder's Day, and we have at last decided to hold a large reception for our alumnae and patronesses at the Twentieth Century Club rooms. We like to join with our alumnae in celebrating this one day of the year which means so much to every Pi Phi.

The usual monthly reception given by President Huntington to the students of all the departments was held last Wednesday afternoon in the faculty parlors and was the same enjoyable affair as ever. It was trustee's day and we all felt gratified to see ex-Governor Bates and Bishop Goodsell in the receiving line. In the evening following the reception the University Glee Club gave one of its fine concerts and we felt prouder of our college boys than ever as we heard the favorable comments of the audience.

March sixteenth is the date set for our "Klatsch Collegium" this year. This is strictly a Boston University function and is given by the girls of the college banded together under the name of Gamma Delta. One of our own Pi Phi juniors has been chosen as hostess of the junior table this year, and we are all looking forward to a grand good time.

Plans are already being made for Junior Week and Pi Phi is well represented on the various committees. College days seem never to have sped so quickly before, and with the bright spring days so near at hand, filled with inspiration and joy, Massachusetts Alpha, out of the fulness of her own happiness, sends love and greeting to every Pi Phi sister.

MILDRED ASHTON WRIGHT.

MARYLAND ALPHA—THE WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(Chartered 1897)

Our college was founded on the principle that its growth was to be limited so that it would always retain the advantages of a small college. Some years ago the limit was reached and now the line of progress of college is internal development and not expansion. Through the use of a Lecture Endowment Fund, The Woman's College is able to offer to the students and friends of the college a course of lectures by eminent men, which is as valuable as much of the college curriculum itself. Last year science was added to the list of subjects treated in the course of the lectures, and the department of chemistry was given a series of lectures. This year the biological and physics departments have had specialists in their line of work. The success of these lectures is as great as those upon subjects of more general interest.

The entrance requirements, as well as those for graduation, have been raised to such an extent that while we are thankful that we are safely in college, we shudder lest we shall never leave it, by the graduation method. Fifteen points are required for entrance and of the sixty hours' work required for the degree, thirty-seven are upon required subjects and only the remaining twenty-three are left the students for elective work.

From the students' point of view the college has taken a great step in advance for we have acquired partial student government. The enforcement of rules has been turned over to the students who are now trying to obtain the privilege of making the rules also.

In the last ARROW, Maryland Alpha read the chapter letters with increasing envy, because each chapter seemed to have been favored by a visit from Miss Robinson, but at last Maryland Alpha had her turn. During the National Woman's Suffrage convention held in Baltimore in February, Mrs. Carrie Chapman-Catt was in the city and we had the pleasure of having her with us one afternoon. Although our time was so limited it sufficed for Maryland Alpha to fall more deeply in love with Pi Phi in general and Mrs. Catt in particular.

Mabel Allison, ex-'04, visited in Baltimore during February, and her hostess, Mrs. Sisco, entertained us with a tea in her honor.

The Baltimore alumnae gave a most delightful linen shower for Elizabeth Culber (Colorado Alpha), which was so successful that we are working hard to give the alumnae an opportunity to give another shower.

With love to all Pi Phi.

LAURA PRESBY.

BETA PROVINCE

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1872)

We are small in numbers and do not put up buildings and perform wonderful feats frequently. However, the progress of the college is a steady one. This year our new president, Dr. Fisher, came, and he has been of great help to every one. Last year we were without a president, so Dr. Fisher was doubly welcome. The conservatory is especially strong this year under the able directorship of Professor Powers. The art department, too, is flourishing. Professor Norris, our art instructor, came from New York this year and is meeting with great success. The endowment fund of the college has been increased one hundred thousand dollars. Mr. Carnegie's gift of twenty-five thousand dollars started this movement. This increase of funds will enable the college to broaden its work. Football has been abolished for one year. This is a sort of experiment and we are all anxious to see the results. The general college spirit and atmosphere that has prevailed this year has been one of the surest signs of progress.

Informal parties have been given by the men's fraternities and several college functions. All the formal dances will come in the spring term. We Pi Phis entertained our rival sorority, Alpha Xi Delta, at a luncheon recently. Aside from this our entertaining has been slight. We have adopted the plan of having a chafing dish supper once a month in our "frat" room. We girls are much scattered, and having no chapter house it is hard for us all to get together except at our meetings, and we wish to make these as enjoyable as possible. The Galesburg Pi Phi Association was entertained by the Knox chapter a few weeks ago. These meetings are very interesting to all of us. Our alumnae are planning now to help us with our rushing. Next time we are to have an afternoon meeting at which we are to sew for our hospital room.

Just now we are in the midst of our winter term's examinations and after they are over we shall have a few days of vacation. The fraternity examinations were very much as we had expected. Our freshmen took hold of the work extremely well and we feel proud of them. This is the third issue of the "ARROW," and it even now seems nearly time for college to close. This reviewing of the college events of the year brings it to our minds. The announcement of the Iowa Gamma chapter has been received and we Illinois and Iowa people are especially glad.

Illinois Beta sends greetings to all Pi Phis.

RAY DILLOW.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(Chartered 1884)

Semester and fraternity exams have come and gone without reducing our ranks, and as spring vacation is just coming for us, the girls of Illinois Delta are very happy. It is true that life was no pleasure excursion while exams continued, but now that they are safely passed we have decided to forget them and enjoy ourselves until the next epidemic occurs.

We gave our formal party on February ninth and it was enjoyed by all. As it was so near St. Valentine's day we carried out that idea in our decorations, and the room and tables were very attractive in red and white. We gave a dinner dance this year, serving a five course dinner, followed by a program of twelve dances and three extras.

Our Alumnae Club has been a very great pleasure to us. It was organized in the autumn and since that time has had meetings the first Saturday in each month, being entertained in turn by our chapter, Illinois Beta and the alumnae of the two chapters. The meeting this month was devoted to sewing for the Pi Phi room in the hospital, in which we take great pride.

Since our last letter we have pledged a Pi Phi to be, Cordelia Williard, a freshman of whom we have great expectations. It seemed as though she came to verify the old saying, "Every cloud has a silver lining," for we were just mourning the loss of one of our new Pi Phis, Edna Heaton, who had been compelled to leave college on account of sickness.

Two of our girls were sent as delegates to the Students' Volunteer conference at Nashville the first of this month, and while there met a number of Pi Phis from other colleges. We have also had a visit from one of the girls of the Northwestern chapter and these visits with our distant sisters make us appreciate more fully our bond of friendship.

Our girls have again been prominent in all college affairs. Not only have there been more Pi Phis in all the class plays but in each one a Pi Phi has had the leading role. On the staff of the college paper and annual Pi Phi names occupy an important position, while all the social functions tell of their popularity.

We feel that our chapter is flourishing in every way and we wish for our sister chapters all they are hoping or striving to accomplish.

LOUISE McINTOSH.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

The last three months have been uneventful ones for Illinois Epsilon. Since you heard from us last, we have all passed safely through the biennial ordeal of mid-year examinations, which marks the close of another period of our college course. As soon as we came back from our holiday rest we began to prepare for them, and as the spring rush of parties has not yet begun, life moves on here as usual.

In January we had our regular informal dance to introduce our freshmen, and during the semester vacation the active chapter entertained some of its friends at a Valentine party given at the home of one of our town girls. The affair was a success in every way, and now we are busy planning for our annual formal dance.

The Pan-Hellenic association has already begun to discuss rushing rules for next year, and just at present we are anxious as to the outcome. We have tried two weeks without rules and four weeks with a complete code of regulations. Both proved unsatisfactory and it now remains to be seen what we will try next. It is hard to know what plan to adopt for circumstances differ so in the various colleges that it is impossible for one to follow the example of another.

We are glad to welcome as our sisters in Pi Beta Phi the members of Iowa Gamma, and were all delighted to hear of the re-establishment of the chapter.

For some of our girls this year is the last, and as the second half has begun, drawing nearer the time of separation, we begin to realize more fully than ever what the friendships of our fraternity life mean to us as individuals. But we still have four months together and we intend to make the most of the time that is left. That the remaining months of this year may be pleasant and prosperous ones for Pi Phis everywhere is the wish of every member of Illinois Epsilon.

MYRTELLE H. ROGERS.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(Chartered 1896)

There are not many universities that have made the rapid progress that the University of Illinois has made within the last few years. This advancement is manifesting itself in many ways. A constantly increasing number of students always denotes progress. It has been very evident this year that all the classes are too large for the class-rooms.

The attitude of the people of the state is growing more and more favorable. They no longer give preference to other institutions in the state, as Northwestern and the University of Chicago. Their favorable attitude is shown in their willingness to make appropriations for new buildings and improvements. The plans for a new auditorium have now been completed and the model of the building has been placed on exhibition. It will be a fine addition to our campus and will supply a want that has long been felt here. Up to this time there has been no place large enough for all the students to assemble in a body. The new Woman's Building, which was dedicated in October, 1905, is greatly prized by the women of the university. It is a spacious building of beautiful design, containing the gymnasium, natatorium, and domestic science rooms. There are also reception parlors and study, or rest rooms, exquisitely furnished. These are open to all the women of the university, and organizations such as literary clubs can entertain here at any time. Illinois is rather unique in having a building of this sort, but we hope that the precedent will soon be followed by many other colleges.

During the installation of President James last October we had the opportunity of hearing speeches made by many men of prominence in educational circles. The bright future which they all predicted for Illinois made us realize more than ever how proud we should be of our university. President James' latest plan is to have here next year a great national conference of all the fraternities represented here. This plan is as yet immature, but if it succeeds, it will be another means of increasing the popularity of our university.

FLORENCE LOUISE BUMDAGE.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE

(Chartered 1888)

Now that our long winter term is almost ended, our minds begin to look forward to the end of the school year.

This term socially has very little to mark it, our only party being a "spiking" party given at the first of the term. It surely had the desired effect, for we pledged Clara Suckow, a graduate of Dana Hall, and later we initiated her, and Mary Murphy, one of our fall pledges.

This has certainly been a prosperous year for our college and has been also quite an encouragement to our new president, Dr. E. B. Bryan, who through his untiring efforts has secured the funds for the erection of a new science hall and gymnasium. The work on the buildings is to be started this spring, and of course every loyal student is greatly interested. Even in the State Oratorical Contest, Franklin has progressed from her

accustomed seventh place to that of third. So in many ways we feel that a new era has opened for our college and thus for Pi Phi.

A few of our girls enjoyed attending a meeting of the Alumnae chapter of Indiana Gamma in February, the main topic of course being the coming convention, about which we Indiana Pi Phis are most interested. So many of us have never been to a national convention that we feel that it is a great privilege to have it so near us, and now that the dreaded examination is over we have more time to think and plan for it.

Hoping that we may meet many, many of our Pi Phi sisters at that time,

MAY McDOWELL.

INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

Again time for ARROW letter, and this time it is to be of matter of interest pertaining to our Alma Mater. So many things can be said about a university as large as Indiana that I hardly know just which things will be of interest. It is not like talking of Pi Phi affairs, for then we know that however small or trivial they may be, they will still be of interest to all Pi Phis everywhere. Those two little words have the magical effect of claiming our attention and interest wherever we hear or see them. But if I digress and begin talking of Pi Phi I am afraid the letter will be all digression and nothing about Indiana University.

The conditions surrounding our chapter here must indeed be very different from those of a smaller college or university. Indiana has now almost two thousand students and the numbers are continually increasing. There are eight fraternities and four sororities, besides honorary clubs and fraternities, such as "Goethe Gesellschaft," the German society, and "Strut and Fret," the dramatic club, and in all these Pi Phi is well represented. Then there is the Y. W. C. A., and other forms of social work, so there are enough different things to keep everybody busy.

We are very proud of the growth of our university, and especially of the new improvements being made on our campus. The new Students' Building is just being completed, and in this are to be rooms for all the different college organizations. Here, too, we have our grand new Westminster chimes, and it certainly seems good to hear them ringing out the hours. As soon as this building is completed work will commence on the new library, for the one occupied by the library now is to be turned over to the law department. When that is done (if we may dare hope beyond that) there will be the new and larger auditorium. Even now

dormitories are being planned. As yet we have had none here, the students living in chapter houses, club houses, and private families, but if the number of students continues to increase dormitories will be an absolute necessity.

All these affairs seem so very general, but it is hard to say anything definite because there are so few things that *can* be said definitely. As a student body we are almost entirely free from rules. We have a dean of women who is a sort of "representative" of the girls in the faculty, and whose duty it is to look after our welfare. But rules are few, self-government being the practice. When we think of the different homes and conditions in which Pi Phi lives and flourishes it makes us love more than ever that spirit which can find itself a home anywhere, wherever loyal hearted girls are found. To all these girls, wherever they may be, Indiana Beta sends greetings.

MARY SAMPLE.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

(Chartered 1897)

At present Butler College is housecleaning, that is, the old order is being changed and we aren't quite sure what the future will bring. Interscholastic contests, because of corruption in our manner of obtaining athletes, have been abolished. Hence we have lost a number of students. A fraternity basket ball league, however, plays regularly now some very interesting games. While heretofore informal dances have been held any evening the students chose, the faculty edict declares that each fraternity may only give one a term. We Pi Phis don't mind this rule so much because our whole attention is centered on the coming convention. We are all enthusiastic about it and hope that every Pi Phi will make an effort to come. We can confidentially promise a delightful time ahead.

The president of Butler is now absent in the south for his health, and the acting president, Demarchus C. Brown, is the husband of one of our charter members, Jessie Christian Brown.

We wish to announce the initiation of Ruby Amos of Rushville and Ruth Elstun of Indianapolis.

The winter term is generally a routine of work. A number of city students drop out because of the difficulty of attending during bad weather. Yet when the spring comes and our campus is once again beautiful, and the Irvington mud has diminished, we expect a revival of enthusiasm for "dear old Butler."

BERTHA LOFTIN EMPY.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1887)

There has been so much said in the ARROW lately about the dullness and sameness of the chapter letters that Michigan Alpha is going to start off on a new track and is not going to say a word about parties, spreads, and the other usual things, but is going to attempt to tell her conception of the ideal Pi Phi.

The ideal Pi Phi, according to Michigan Alpha, is a girl of character, of influence, a girl who has worked out for herself the great questions of life and has found the true solution; a girl to whom friendship is the greatest thing in the world; a girl who makes the non-fraternity girl or the girl belonging to the other fraternity, feel that she is as welcome to her friendship as the girl of her own chapter; a girl who can clearly discern the relative importance of things; in other words, a girl who puts first things first; a girl who is active in all departments of college life,—the classroom, the Y. W. C. A., literary society, social life, athletics,—and carries a good influence wherever she goes; a girl who possesses unflinching courage and cheerfulness, ready sympathy, a helping hand; a girl who inspires in other girls higher ideals of womanhood, a longing for the best things in life and character.

We believe that this ideal Pi Phi is not merely a phantom of the imagination, but a creature of flesh and blood to which each one of us may attain.

CHARLOTTE SHEPARD.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

(Chartered 1888)

Since our last ARROW letter Michigan Beta has been favored with a visit from Miss Robinson. We all enjoyed hearing about the active chapters that she had visited and wish she might come oftener to inspire us with the enthusiasm that she did.

The Girls' Athletic Association is rejoicing because the gymnasium is going to have a new cork running track. The Association was organized last year and since then several advances have been made by the girls in athletics. In May they are going to have an indoor track meet and are very busy in getting ready for it.

The Deutsche Verein, consisting of German students, played "Die Journalisten" a few night ago. The play was well attended and was considered by all a great success. This club is one of the most beneficial organiza-

tions in the university, as the students who belong have such a splendid opportunity to practice speaking German.

One of the best ways the students have to listen to some of the first men of the country is through the Students' Lecture Association. The Association provides about one speaker a month. Among the men who have lectured this winter are Jacob Riis, Jerome K. Jerome and Frederick Ward.

There are an almost infinite number of organizations in the university. But I am sure you will be more interested in a new society which is just being organized. For a long time it has been felt that the Women's League is too large to accomplish the ends which a smaller organization could. Consequently representative girls of the senior class, both independent and fraternity, are planning a society, the purpose of which is to promote college spirit among the girls and to assist the faculty in any enterprise which is beneficial to the girls and in need of organized support. The main object this year is to provide suitable rooming houses for independent girls. I hope in the next issue that I can tell you more of the plans.

Michigan Beta wishes to announce two new pledges, Annabel Kellogg and Nellie Nagel.

DORA PAYNE.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1868)

Iowa Wesleyan has enjoyed a very prosperous year. A larger number of new students was enrolled last fall than has been for several years. With the increased number of students have come also additions to the faculty. Professor Sever and Professor Stephens, who have been away on leave of absence, have returned; the art department has been revived with Miss Adele Brooks, a Pi Phi from our own chapter, in charge of it; Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, '99, is instructor in oratory and physical training; Miss Winifred Willard, Denver University '99, is at the head of the English department, and Mrs. Jessie Lenocker is the new preceptress of Hershey Hall. We have regretted very much the absence of our president, Dr. Hancher, who, on account of ill health, has spent the winter months in the South. However, we hope to have him with us again in a few weeks.

A new plan was tried in the mid-year examinations. If a student made a grade of A or B in any study for the semester, at the discretion of the professor, he might be excused from the examinations. This plan found general favor among students and faculty.

The girls' literary societies have also gained in numbers and enthusiasm and are in a flourishing condition.

St. Valentine was especially kind to Iowa Alpha this year, for on his anniversary we pinned arrows on three happy girls, Ullena Ingersoll, Lydia Manus, and Verna Scott. Ullena's mother, who was a member of this chapter, was present at the initiation. The following evening the alumnae and active chapters entertained at the home of Mrs. Penn. Armed with bow and arrow, the little son of Mrs. McCoid, one of our alumnae, admitted us into the rooms which were decorated with hundreds of wine and blue paper hearts. Each guest was asked to write a Valentine sentiment to Pi Beta Phi, and she who composed the best stanza was rewarded by a bunch of carnations, a luncheon was served later, and this was followed by a toast program.

Agnes Severs, one of our girls of last year, was married February the twentieth to Mr. Edward B. Isett. The wedding music was played by Elsie Benjamin.

Several of us had the pleasure of being present at the installation of Iowa Gamma and meeting there so many Pi Phis. The new chapter and its alumnae were most cordial to us and we enjoyed every minute of our visit in Ames.

MADELON C. MEDES.

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1874)

Since the last ARROW, Iowa Beta has been living a very quiet but happy life. About the only thing of importance that happened was a visit from Miss Robinson. We enjoyed her visit very much, indeed, and although she was here but two short days, we felt that through her we had become quite well acquainted with our other sisters whom she had visited. On Thursday our alumnae gave us a five o'clock tea in her honor, and on Friday afternoon, after a one o'clock luncheon at which only the members of the chapter were present, we entertained the other fraternity girls of the college.

From here she went to Iowa State College to re-establish Iowa Gamma. Five of us went with her, and we greatly enjoyed meeting all our new sisters and being present to welcome them when they entered the bonds of Pi Phi.

On the afternoon of January fifth, the Tri-Deltas and their alumnae, entertained the Pi Phis and alumnae in honor of Miss Fitch, the editor of the *Trident* whom we found very charming.

We are so sorry to lose one of our girls, Beatrice Requa, who became one of us only this fall, but we hope that we may very soon have her with us again.

Simpson is hoping very soon to own a new Carnegie library; for our industrious field secretary, Mr. Holman has raised for us almost all of the amount required.

Plans are also being made for a large new auditorium to take the place of the over crowded chapel which we now have.

The approach of Spring reminds us of many things: of our regular examinations which come at the end of this term and then of the Pi Phi examinations, which we will take on March twenty-first, the day college is out, and above all, of the campus which is already beginning to turn green, and which is dear to the hearts of every Simpson student. Already, preparations are being made to beautify it.

With greetings to all our Pi Phi sisters.

JESSIE SCHEE.

IOWA GAMMA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1906)

It is with the same mingled feelings of pride and anxiety with which the child writes his first letter that we write this, the first chapter letter from Iowa Gamma.

We are supremely happy, every one of us, over our arrows,—so daintily fashioned, so beautifully winged and pointed. And best of all they, unlike our childhood toys, grow bigger and brighter and more wonderful as they grow older. It seemed to us as we waited for the guides to summon us to the room where we were to be initiated into Pi Beta Phi that our dreams of what the translation of the unknown into the known would reveal to us, could not be realized in full. Foolish girls—you say. We say so—now. We were satisfied, more than satisfied. You all know of the beauty, the impressiveness, the inspiration of it.

Many perplexing questions come to us in the organization of our chapter. It is not an easy task to make a local society with its own peculiar habits conform to a prescribed constitution. We are beginning our regular meetings by having a business meeting of the active members one week, and a social meeting of members and pledges the next. In this way we hope to gain a unity of purpose which comes from congenial friendship.

"Children should be seen and not heard" they tell us and surely our ten days of experience can have little to interest you. So we would rather listen to those who are older and wiser and wait until we can tell you what we have done, rather than what we hope to do.

We, of Iowa Gamma send greetings to you all, and happy in the privilege, sign ourselves,

Yours in Pi Beta Phi

CAROLYN GABRIILSEN.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

(CHARTERED 1882)

We of Iowa Zeta all look forward with especial interest, I think, to the spring number of the *ARROW* wherein we read of the progress made during the year by each of the college homes of the sister-chapters. In turn we are always glad of an opportunity to tell of the growth and development constantly going on at Iowa. This year we feel that we have even more than the usual progress to chronicle. Since the last report one new building has been completed, another is well on its way toward completion, and definite plans for further work along the same line have been laid down. The new engineering building in which the College of Applied Science has very recently taken up its headquarters is a very fine addition to the university, and is declared to be all that could be desired by the departments occupying it. The Science building which is to be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall session is rapidly taking on imposing proportions and bids fair to be the handsomest building on the Iowa campus. Rumors of plans for erection of a Girls' Dormitory are to be heard upon every hand and a year from this time we may very probably be telling you of work begun both upon the dormitory and also the Library Building which is definitely promised. The prospect of the fulfillment of these expectations is brightened by the munificent money gift recently left to the University by A. Whitney Carr, the founder of a number of scholarships in our institution.

Now, just a word as to the comings and goings of Iowa Zeta during the last months. We have, of course, been as busy as ever with both work and play. Socially there was very much going on until the approach of Lent put an end to festivities for the time being. As always, however, the post-Lenten season will be the gayest of the year.

Before closing my letter I must mention the very delightful dinner given to our chapter and to the girls of Kappa Kappa Gamma by Mrs. Raymond, one of our Pi Phi alumnae, and by Miss Dunham, one of the active chapter of Kappa. Pi Phi and Kappa emblems and colors were

used throughout, even the cakes being skillfully wrought out in the shape of the arrow and the key. The affair was a most thoroughly enjoyable one, and brought the two chapters together in delightful fashion.

Two of our number attended the recent installation of Iowa Gamma, at Ames, and report the finest of visits with the baby chapter. We hope to see much of the Gamma girls, being comparatively near together.

January thirteenth we initiated our two pledges of the late fall, Maude Young Ball and Marguerite Moore. The initiation was held at the home of Mrs. Raymond and was followed by a dinner for chapter and alumnae.

We are now looking forward with the greatest pleasure to a visit from Miss Robinson, who will be with us the first of April. It will be the first visit we have had from a national officer for several years, and we are sure to enjoy it accordingly.

Iowa Zeta sends best wishes for a happy and successful year-end to all of the Pi Phis.

MIGNON MAYNARD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

(CHARTERED 1894)

The passing of the second semester finds our chapter with three new members. Hazel Shelp, of Chicago, Katherine McHugh, of Superior and Florence Vaughn, who enters Wisconsin as a transfer from Colorado Beta. So we have sixteen girls living in our chapter house now, and a membership of twenty three.

On the twenty-seventh of January we gave a musical for Madison people for which Genevieve Smith, ex-'98, furnished the numbers. Miss Smith has been spending the last year studying abroad and now is in the faculty of the University School of Music.

This month the Self-Government Association gave a bazaar of all nations, illustrating "A Trip Around the World." Pi Beta Phi represented Germany. The proceeds are to go to the general fund which is being collected by Wisconsin girls for a future Woman's building.

In January Delta Gamma gave a reception and house warming in their new lodge, on Langdon street. Psi Upsilon and Sigma Chi also gave receptions during Junior Prom week at their homes.

At the opening of our new year, the university suffered the loss of one of its oldest and most loved professors, Mr. David Frankenburger, who was at the head of the department of rhetoric and oratory.

With best wishes for a most pleasant, prosperous and beneficial year.

CORA CASE HINKLEY.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

(CHARTERED 1899)

Since the mid-year examinations, held the last of January, we have enjoyed ourselves much in a social way. Last week, Mrs. Walter Williams, the wife of one of the curators, entertained for the Pi Phi and Kappas in honor of her niece, Miss Williams, of Booneville, Mo.

We initiated three new girls on Saturday, February the tenth. Lillian Cairnec, of Kansas City, Missouri, Bess Dain and Emma Roberts, both of Ottumwa, Iowa. After the initiation we had a very successful cookie-shine.

On February the seventh we had a holiday, for on that day Missouri University reached the two thousand enrollment mark. There has been an increase of one thousand students since nineteen hundred and one. At present forty-five states and eighteen foreign countries are represented by students.

The University of Missouri is the oldest state university west of the Mississippi river. Its legal existence dates from February eleventh, 1839. Since that date it has been in continuous operation except for a few months during the Civil War.

Including all departments the University of Missouri has thirty buildings. The new gymnasium has just been completed. It is built of stone and is a splendid and imposing structure.

Both the Young Men's and Young Women's Christian Associations have zealous workers in the university. Four hundred and twenty-five students are engaged in daily Bible study under the leadership of these organizations.

We hope that our sisters have enjoyed hearing something in regard to the university of which we are justly proud. We trust that the remainder of the year may pass swiftly and happily for all sister chapters of Pi Beta Phi.

JEAN McCUNE.

DELTA PROVINCE

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE

(CHARTERED 1891)

Carnival has come and gone—not to speak of our mid-year examinations, and in each field the Pi Phis at Newcomb have been flatteringly successful. Of course all of us passed in all our examinations; but in addition to this attainment, we have reaped great glory from the prominence of our debutantes. Celeste Janvier was queen of The Mystic Krewe of Comus Daisy Charles of the "Knights of Momus," and Alba Beauregard of the "Elves of Oberon," and one who does not know New Orleans can scarcely appreciate how great are these honors. Besides these, several Pi Phis were chosen maids to attend the queens; at one fall the four maids were all Pi Phis. But to return to more serious things, we may say that the chapter is progressing finely. Our eight new members have proved as loyal and as true Pi Beta Phis as we knew they would, and if we continue to improve as we have been doing, Louisiana Alpha will soon become a chapter not easily to be surpassed. Our hopes are raised high not only by the success attained through personal efforts, but, too, by the brilliancy we see for the future of Newcomb. The bequest of our founder, which has been in litigation ever since her death, is practically ours, and the glorious additions to our college equipment we foresee beggar description. Among these improvements the least are a tank in the gymnasium, a theatre, and a department of music. The administrators of the college have decided that the present site is inadequate for such a college as Newcomb will become, so sixteen squares of land have been purchased, in a section of the city, which, in all probability, will become the most desirable residence portion. Although we shall hate to leave our beautiful oak trees, which have gained a wide reputation, we see that it is for the best. Of course the thought that is always uppermost in every Louisiana Alpha Pi Phi's mind, that of having a chapter house, is given a marvelous impulse. So we see from our present prosperity that in spite of our sorry outlook at the beginning of the college year, our future is assured; the disasters wrought by yellow fever are already a part of the past, and if "Mr. Yellow Jack" does not return this summer, and we are hoping and hoping he will not, and even in spite of one of his visits, our college and our city will continue in their march onward. And it is another cause for gratification to know that Newcomb will share in the future prosperity of New Orleans, and that the

"future prosperity" of the city is a preestablished fact; it will surely come with the opening of the Panama canal.

We are confident that our sisters will sympathize with us in our hopefulness, and that they will not think us boastful and wearisome in this recital of our good fortune. And so Louisiana Alpha sends the heartiest of greetings to all her sister chapters.

STELLA HAYWARD.

KANSAS ALPHA—KANSAS UNIVERSITY

(CHARTERED 1873)

Kansas Alpha has two new pledges to introduce to Pi Beta Phi—Louise McCracken and Jennie Baxter. Miss McCracken entered the spring term, and Miss Baxter, pledgling, is the culmination of about a year's friendship. We expect to hold initiation for them in about two weeks.

Instead of giving our annual Spring party, this year, we put the money which we would have spent for that into mission furniture for the parlors and den of our chapter house. At first we didn't like the idea of giving up our annual party, but our house has been so much improved that we no longer have any regret whatever.

The Lane system which was introduced the first of the year into the university is proving much more satisfactory this term than last, the courses being so much better arranged because of last term's experience. The courses offered now give an opportunity for more general knowledge than did the former three subject method.

Junior Prom time is drawing near and the week before the Prom, the sophomores will entertain the seniors at a Prom. This is the first year anything of the kind has been attempted by the Sophomores, and there is a great deal of rivalry between the two classes as to which will give the nicer party.

All class fights have been abolished in the university so that the annual May Pole "scrap" between the freshmen and sophomores will not take place this year. The Chancellor has been so anxious to do away with these customs that holidays have been granted in place of each annual fight, as a sort of "reward of merit."

Chancellor Strong has been ill for a number of weeks with typhoid fever, but is now convalescing and it is hoped he will be able to resume his duties again very soon. He is a most capable man and is missed very greatly during his absence.

We were very glad to have with us for a few hours, one day this week, Evelyn Franklin, of Nebraska Beta, who was passing through Lawrence

and stopped in order to become acquainted with the Kansas girls, although her stay was a short one, we enjoyed it very much, and hope to have her come again soon.

With best wishes to every Pi Phi.

NINA B. FELL.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

(Chartered 1895)

This has been a happy and successful year for Nebraska Beta thus far, and we hope the few short months which we still have together may be as pleasant.

Two months ago the university was visited by a Chinese commission, a party of thirty men who were inspecting various colleges in order to obtain our methods of instruction. They were all very interesting to us, and we were likewise interesting to them. These men were desirous of thoroughly understanding the American school system, especially the co-educational plan. They seemed greatly surprised to see men and women working together in the science laboratories. Only a few of them spoke English, but the viceroy addressed us in his native tongue. As a token of appreciation to the faculty and Chancellor Andrews, the commission presented the university with a valuable cloisonné vase, unusually beautiful in its oriental design.

This adds one thing more to a very splendid collection which we have in Art Hall. Some beautiful and choice paintings and pieces of art were exhibited here this winter. The exhibit lasted for two weeks and every evening a lecture was given by either artist or critic. Among these was one by Miss Hörlocker, one of our own Pi Phi sisters from New York. During her stay in Lincoln she was at the chapter house several times and we enjoyed having her with us.

Our new physics building is now occupied and the large and well-equipped laboratories seem to be greatly appreciated by the students in that department. Besides this an administration building is just being completed.

On the fifteenth of February, our charter day, we had an indoor track meet. The most interesting features were the pole vaulting, running high jump, rope climbing and shot put. However, the inter-fraternity race which took place at the very last, perhaps aroused the keenest enthusiasm, as there were eight fraternities struggling for the championship. Of much more interest to us was the initiation and cookie-shine at the chapter house the same evening. We all drank to the health of Marian Holcomb, our youngest sister, whom we now introduce to you.

We are also very proud to tell you of two new patronesses, Mrs. L. A. Stuart, the mother of our much loved province president, and Mrs. Harry M. Reese.

Nebraska Beta has six seniors this year. Three are to be graduated from the university, one from the University School of Music, and two from the Department of Domestic Science.

Jennie G. Whitmore, one of our seniors, left the university in December and since then has been traveling. Her letters have been very interesting as they have not only told us of the delightful places she has visited in the east, south and west, but also of several of our sister chapters. She is now in California, and on March eighteenth she sails for Honolulu.

With the deepest regret we have to write that Pauline Bush has had to leave school owing to the illness of her mother.

We are now looking forward with great pleasure to our Founder's Day, which we shall celebrate by a reunion, to which all Nebraska Pi Phis are invited. The first evening the active chapter will give a play in honor of the alumnae. Friday evening is our annual banquet, when we toast again to the wine and blue. Following this Mr. Sawyer, our honored patron, will entertain us at his home. This celebration will end with a formal party at Walsh Hall.

Nebraska Beta anticipated with great pleasure meeting many of her sisters in Indianapolis.

M. PEARL FITZGERALD.

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

(Chartered 1884)

In the whirl and excitement of college and chapter life one loses all sense of time and chronology and has to drag forth calendar and log-book to discover what has happened since, and not before, the last letter.

As I remember the last was filled with lamentations concerning examinations, and even that direful event has been quickly forgotten, blotted out, as it was, by the joyful cookie-shine at the house that inaugurated the new term. We had made these cookie-shines a monthly feature, and in a large chapter like this find it most desirable to get our thirty selves together for a social meeting as well as for the business ones. Aside from this, the chapter has had no social affair as a whole. The eleven seniors entertained the active and alumnae girls at a Kensington party, enlivening the dullness of sewing by giving a farce in which eight were cast as dramatic personae and three as ushers and scene-shifters. They

took a play from the *Ladies' Home Journal*, elaborated and "enjoyed" it, dressed in "killing" costumes, carried out the theater idea entire and presented a very enjoyable entertainment. The chapter had talked of giving a masquerade dance but President Baker and the faculty suddenly appearing very strenuous on the subject of so much dancing in the University, we wisely desisted. In fact, our quiet regents and faculty have become suddenly rampant on several subjects, and each week at chapel we are treated to new and more fervent dissertations on dancing, unclean athletics, and careless fraternity life. The University is steadily gaining in reputation and excellence and it is the endeavor of these good men to maintain that growth that leads to these things. This year they have given us a new hockey field for the girls, new tennis courts, and planned improvements in our naturally beautiful campus. Not long ago the president of the college spoke at the laying of the first fraternity corner stone—that of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, who is the first to build and own its house. Miss Robinson's visit led to a similar inspiration on our part; her tales of Wisconsin Alpha's success filled us with envy and emulation, and we are now in the midst of plans, even having proceeded so far as planning the rooms. Our long talked-of air castle is materializing. Next rushing season we hope to have the architect's plan hung conspicuously in our halls and point it out modestly as a rushing stunt.

Just at present we are planning to entertain the Colorado Beta girls on Founder's day. We only wish the rest of you could be here, too, or at least a part; our hospitality could hardly accommodate our four thousand sisters, though our hearts might.

LUELLA CORBIN.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1885)

This is the "betwixt and between" season when one finds it hard to study, with the sense of approaching spring in the air. Yet, never did there seem more need of concentration of thought, for the time of "exams" is close at hand, and already our gray matter is somewhat taxed.

Our university seems to be passing through a sort of metamorphosis. For the last three months a scent of paint has permeated the atmosphere. Suffice it to say the College of Liberal Arts is in a state of alteration and decoration. A new art studio has been established; and of more interest to many students, an artistically decorated gymnasium is tempting the enthusiastic students. Owing to the increasing number of students several of the largest recitation rooms have been divided, making smaller but more cozy rooms.

Our chancellor is using untiring efforts to improve the university, the campus, athletics, and everything necessary to a successful college. "Before the juniors are graduated," as the chancellor expresses it, we shall have a large gymnasium for boys upon the campus. Quite an impulse was given us along athletic lines, in the fall, in the form of a new athletic field, the finest in the state, which has aided materially in exciting college spirit.

This is an era of progress for our university, and we hope it means an era of progress for the fraternity world as well.

We are anticipating with pleasure our annual reunion with Colorado Alpha, to be celebrated at Boulder this year. The bond draws closer when we raise our voices in unison to the wine and blue.

Socially the university has been gayer than ever before. There have been receptions, dances, "at homes," class parties, fraternity parties, and a stag party, besides many little informal affairs, which have proven decidedly delightful, and have added much to college life.

The college year book, the Kynewisbok, is now in a state of preparation. Pi Phi is represented on the board, the members of which are exerting every effort to make it an unparalleled success.

Before we close must tell of another event of a more serious nature,—an initiation and "cookie-shine," at the home of Lena Harper-Trott, which resulted in Pauline Huffine's donning a golden arrow.

Before Colorado Beta's scribe sends another epistle we shall have been doing all sorts of "campus work," and by that time can possibly tell you many tales.

Hoping that the joy of spring time may reach you all.

GRACE DEISHER.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1893)

We of the far west wish to extend a most cordial California spring greeting to all Pi Phis and a hearty invitation to come and enjoy with the Stanford chapter this most enticing season. We can hardly realize that some of you are still having snow storms and raw cast winds.

Since this letter is to deal chiefly with the progress of the university, I shall have to forego the pleasure of telling you about our initiation on the twenty-first of February, the celebration of the chapter's installation with a tally-ho ride in the foot hills, followed by a Pi Phi dinner at the chapter house, and several other most enjoyable occasions. But at least you must know that we have welcomed our first transfer, Ethel Duncan, from Indiana Gamma, and we are more than delighted with our success in persuading her not to go to our rival university, Berkeley. We wish

that every chapter could share our pleasure by having Miss Duncan with them for a semester.

We also wish to introduce to you two new Pi Phis, Mildred Hadley from Los Angeles and Ruth Lewis, both most loyal wearers of the wine and blue.

When one drives up the long avenue leading to Stanford University and sees its magnificent campus and buildings, it is hard to realize that so much has been accomplished in barely nineteen years.

The cornerstone was laid in 1887, but it was not until 1891 that the university was opened to students. Since then hundreds of young men and women have come under the benefiting influence of the greatest university in the west, and thus fulfilled the realization of its founders.

The principal architectural scheme includes two quadrangles, one surrounding the other. These are now both completed and the building at present is confined to the museum, the new gymnasium and the new library building. All of the buildings are uniformly constructed of buff sandstone, rough hewn, with red tiled roofs.

The students are very much interested in the new athletic field. The football gridiron, with its bleachers and training house, is completed, and was most satisfactorily dedicated last fall by a splendid victory. The track field is now under way, and it is hoped that it will be finished by the time of the intercollegiate track meet. Preparations are also being made for several baseball diamonds, tennis and basket ball courts and golf links. Besides all this for the men, the women of the university are about to have a new athletic field, including several tennis courts and a large hockey field.

The faculty of Stanford has been greatly enlarged by the addition of Dr. William James of Harvard and Dean Hodges of the Cambridge Theological Seminary, and Dr. von Hemp of Michigan University is to be the head of the German department next year.

The fraternity side of the social life at Stanford has steadily grown in the last years. Several chapters have been installed, either for the first time or have been revived, as is the case of Pi Phi. Several new fraternity houses are to be built this spring, and several are being planned for next year. The local Pan-Hellenic Association of Women is an influential factor among the sororities. Unfortunately, the Women's League, to which any woman student is eligible, has been suffered to lapse this year, but we understand that it is to be reorganized next fall. The Y. W. C. A. is in a flourishing condition, and the spring conference, held annually at Capitola, promises to be a great success this year.

Dramatics have always interested Stanford students and in the last three years several most creditable productions have been staged. Be-

sides the class farces, there is always an English club play, a Boat Club farce, and several others.

We all wish that every other chapter could be here with us for a week or so, and I am sure that every one of you would fall in love with the green hills, the splendid buildings and the Californian climate.

California Alpha sends the sincerest of greetings to every Pi Phi.

LOUISE PEARCE.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

(Chartered 1900)

Although this term is only half over so many things have been going on in the university and the fraternity that we can only tell you of the most important happenings.

On registration day, in the early part of January, California Hall was dedicated and opened for college work. It is a beautiful, white stone building, plain but artistic. The second floor has large office rooms for the president, the recorder and the deans of the various colleges, while the lower floor consists of recitation and small lecture rooms and one large lecture hall modeled after the Greek theater with its semi-circle of tiers of seats. At the university meeting, when the dedication ceremony was held, the Chinese high imperial commissioners were present. They seemed very much interested in the meeting and graciously accepted the college yells given for them. These gaily, royally bedecked foreigners, with their suits of attendants, formed a peculiar contrast to the somber, plain dress of the assembled faculty. In reply to a question asking how they liked California, Tuan Hang, the royal commissioner, said, "We like Berkeley the best for everything is so grand."

Several other foreigners have visited the university, but the most famous was the renowned Irish lecturer, Dr. Douglas Hyde, president of the Gaelic League of Ireland. He delivered several lectures on Irish literature, which were largely attended and were very interesting and instructive. The university hopes, in response to Dr. Hyde's desire, to establish a chair of Irish literature as has been done in the English colleges.

Besides Dr. Hyde and other lecturers, Frederick Warde, the Shakespearean tragedian, gave a recital on "Hamlet" in January. He is touring the west lecturing on "Hamlet" and "Macbeth," his favorite tragedies. Not only the Shakespearean classes enjoyed him but every one else, as he is as good a lecturer as actor.

Special honor has come to several of the professors. Professor Howison has been invited to give six lectures on philosophy at Yale in May, and Professor Ferguson a series of lectures at Harvard in July. After

completing his lectures he will depart for Europe on a year's leave of absence. This is granted every professor after seven years' teaching in the university.

Frederick Wolle, professor of music, has organized and is directing a series of symphony concerts, which have been our greatest enjoyment this term. The symphony orchestra consists of seventy-five of the best musical directors and musicians in San Francisco. Professor Wolle hopes to enlarge the number to one hundred before the next concert. March first being the anniversary of Mozart's birth, the concert was a Mozart festival, consisting of selections from his symphonies and two selections from Wagner. As it was a perfect California spring day over six thousand music-loving people from all the neighboring cities assembled in the open Greek theater. We feel justly proud of the new professor and the success of establishing a chair of music in the university is undoubted.

The last concert will be in the latter part of April when, with the accompaniment of the Symphony orchestra, Handel's Messiah will be rendered by the university chorus of three hundred voices.

Besides these concerts there have been the usual college festivities. As the final examinations begin soon after Easter all the large college dances have been crowded in before Lent. In January the sophomore hop was given and in February the university assembly, the "swellest" college affair of the year. February the twenty-second being Women's Day at college was spent in the usual boat racing, tennis and basket-ball and the colonial ball in the evening. The colonial dresses mingling with the various costumes of different nations and the girls presiding at the refreshment booths made a pretty scene. Many of our girls served on the different committees.

With so much going on in the university one would think there was little time for the fraternity entertainments. The freshmen gave a delightful dancing party for the other classes and Valentine evening was celebrated by the usual dance given by the class of '07, keeping up the custom since they were freshmen.

But most important of all is that we have another freshman, increasing their number to six. Ethel Morton of Los Angeles was initiated just before the close of last term and has proved to be a loyal Pi Phi. We are proud to introduce her to Pi Beta Phi.

California Beta hopes all other Pi Phis have enjoyed their college and fraternity life this term as much as we and sends her heartiest good will to you all.

MABEL ADELE GODDARD.

Exchanges

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

For December: The *Shield* of Theta Delta Chi, the *Beta Theta Pi*.

For January: The *Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi, the *Key* of Kappa Kappa Gamma, the *Anchora* of Delta Gamma.

For February: The *Alpha Delta*, the *Phi Chi Quarterly*, the *Scroll* of Phi Delta Theta, the *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma, the *Phi Gamma Delta*, the *Beta Theta Pi*, the *Eleusis* of Chi Omega, the *Kappa Alpha Journal*.

For March: The *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The *Independent* makes a practice of printing from time to time unsigned articles dealing "from the inside" with little phases of the social and economic life of this country. On February fifteenth appeared a mother's view of the women's and incidentally of the men's fraternity as it exists in some of our large universities. It certainly has power to make us "see ourselves as ithers see us," a wholesome process now and then.

Early in September my seventeen-year-old daughter Ellen, my little son Tom and myself found ourselves comfortably settled in a small house just in sight of the campus of one of the larger universities of the Middle West.

As my husband's business permitted him to be at home only a few days a week, and as our daughter was a trifle too young, we thought, to be launched in an institution where there was absolute freedom of thought and liberty of demeanor, we had decided to change our place of residence temporarily, so that the rather high-spirited Ellen might not too early be deprived of paternal guidance and control.

Happily we were not strangers in our new abiding place, for we were fortunate in numbering one of the professors and his family among our friends.

Letters from several of the university alumni had heralded our coming to two of the leading sororities in the college, so we had hardly gotten our little house in order before a variety of influences emanating from these societies began to be felt, and it soon became obvious that Ellen was not to be among the many supposedly unfortunate young women who are left unnoticed by "society" to plow their own way into the heart of college life.

The inter-fraternity contract, we were told, limited the "spiking" or "rushing" (terms covering all methods of competing for desirable new members) to ten days, and it was framed this year with a view to eliminating the more objectionable features and to minimizing the incumbent expenses. No fraternity, for instance, could give more than three large functions during the "rush," although there was no limitation as to calls, drives, etc.

The "rushing" was not supposed to begin until Tuesday morning, when college opened. On Monday, however, a group of Alpha Gamma girls called and invited Ellen to drive with them later in the afternoon. During that time they obtained a promise from her that she would go with them in the morning to fill out her registration card.

The following is a list of Ellen's entertainments during the succeeding ten days, taken from her diary:

Tuesday Morning.—Alpha Gamma girls called to take me to sign up; they invited me to drive again in the afternoon.

Wednesday Afternoon.—A luncheon party at Mrs. F——'s, a Sigma alumnus.

Thursday Morning.—Drove with the Sigmas during chapel period.

Thursday Evening.—Big Gamma dance, at which all the fraternity men were present.

Friday Night.—Sigma dance.

Saturday Morning.—A number of Gamma girls called.

Saturday Afternoon.—Gamma reception to the resident alumni and freshmen girls being "rushed."

Saturday Evening.—Dance given by the Delta Nus (men's fraternity), to which many of the freshmen being "rushed" were invited.

Sunday Morning.—Drove with the Sigmas.

Monday Afternoon.—Gammas called.

Tuesday Afternoon.—Sigma reception to alumni and girls in the "rush."

Tuesday Evening.—Gamma dinner party to the girls they are "rushing."

Wednesday Afternoon.—The formal invitations to join their societies were sent out simultaneously at three o'clock by all fraternities.

We uttered a sigh of relief when Ellen at last put on the Sigma colors, for our little house had been undergoing a steady siege. Indeed, with

the door bell and telephone ringing almost continuously, and with the buzz and chatter of young men and women constantly about, the peace and quiet of our little family circle had been invaded as never before.

"There will be an informal dance and jollification this evening," Ellen remarked, "and then all will be over and I shall settle down to hard work. But O, mother!" she continued, "I do wish I had something new; I am so tired of wearing the same dresses again and again; the other girls have so many more and prettier things than I."

This appeal was somewhat depressing, for Ellen was usually not inclined to be dissatisfied. She had been provided with two pretty evening gowns and a smart suit for street wear, which, along with plenty of simpler things for school, I had thought was all we could afford and sufficient to last during half the school year.

The next evening we gathered about the library table to have a cozy evening by ourselves. Soon the telephone rang. Would Miss T— accept an invitation for a concert to be given in chapel the next evening? An hour later the telephone again rang. Would Miss Ellen assist Miss R— (one of her fraternity sisters and a resident of the city) at a small card party, Thursday evening? Miss R— wished to start early in the term to give a series of small companies, one every week, to each of her six favorite men's fraternities, the members of which had shown her great kindness during her three years at college.

In a few days there was another invitation to an amateur play to be given as a benefit for the athletic association.

Indeed, at the end of a second fortnight I could not see that Ellen's list of invitations had been materially diminished. There were football games, the big formal dances of both men's and women's fraternities in celebration of their newly won members; then the "spread" given by the "new spikes." Later came the big dinner, which was the chief annual function given by the Beta Sis, and next there was much talk of the house party, the leading entertainment of the year given by the Phi Kappa boys.

"But when does Ellen study?" inquired my easy going husband, when I recounted to him the list of her pleasures.

By the end of the fifth week I was in despair. There was no obvious diminution in the going, and my daughter had lost five pounds in weight. The girl was anxious herself to reduce the number of her pleasures, but she did not know how. She had not been invited to nearly all the parties, but since she had gone to the Delta Nu and Phi Kappa dances, she was instructed by her fraternity sisters that she dare not refuse the Phi Betas or they would be offended and would not again invite her. I suggested various methods of cutting down the distractions, but as I was wholly ignorant of the fraternity social ethics and politics, none of my plans seemed feasible.

At last my patient husband solved the problem simply and decisively. "Ellen may go to one dance a week," he said, "either on Friday or Saturday evening; to her regular fraternity meetings and some of the college functions, like lectures, concerts, etc.; she shall always be in the house by midnight" (these young people generally do not go to their entertainments until 9 or 10 o'clock), "and thenceforth she must arrange her program in accordance with this decree, from which there shall be no appeal."

Ellen's troubles were many during the next few weeks, and at last she frankly announced her father's ultimatum. By this time it is generally understood among her acquaintances that she is very unfortunate in having a most despotic father.

At Thanksgiving Ellen was among the enviable fifteen who were invited to the Phi Kappa house party.

The Phi Kappas are supposed to be the best men's fraternity here. As nearly as I can discern, their chief distinction lies in the fact that they are constantly making a supreme effort, collectively and individually, to be "sweller" than anybody else.

In all the students' gossip which we heard about the house party, the feature mostly emphasized was that this party would cost the fifteen boys who gave it fifty dollars apiece.

The following is part of the program for the entertainment, which lasted a little longer than two days: Carriages were sent about in the afternoon to bring the young women invited to the fraternity house. Thanksgiving dinner at 6 o'clock. The house was elaborately decorated in palms, ferns and American Beauty roses, and the souvenirs at dinner were solid gold escutcheon pins. In the evening there was a minstrel show, after which delicate refreshments were served.

The young men went out for the night and the girls and their chaperones breakfasted alone. About 11 the young men began to drop in and at 1 they all had luncheon together.

In the afternoon there was a card party. There were handsome prizes and the score cards were hand decorated in water colors. Dinner was again served at 6, and there was a dancing party in the evening. The orchestra was brought from a neighboring city and the programs were hand decorated water colors. At midnight elaborate refreshments were served.

It is not exceptional, I am told, for fraternity men here to go into debt to keep up the social tide, or to neglect to pay their small bills, for they are not usually the sons of rich parents.

Only a week ago some of these young people were discussing a student who is now working to pay his debts contracted last year, and it is commonly known that his father mortgaged his home to keep the boy here.

As for the young women who are the recognized leaders in the social scramble, their class records are not what most parents would especially desire. Several returned to college the second term on probation, on account of having done exceedingly poor work; one young woman had hysteria several times in class last term; another girl who was the social leader in her fraternity last year is now at home trying to recuperate a completely broken down nervous system.

The spirit of aristocracy developed among the fraternity students, in contra-distinction to the "barb," or non-fraternity element, might be compared somewhat to that which existed between the lords and peasants under the old feudal system.

There is much feeling, I am told, among the authorities and faculty, who certainly set good examples of "the simple life" against this acceleration toward expensive and rapid living, for the great majority of students come from poor families or from people with very limited incomes.

This race for luxury and display is, however, confined almost entirely to the fraternities, and the bond among them is so strong that it is nearly impossible for the authorities to approach them, for they very much resent interference or advice. Moreover, it is said that these conditions are not only common to this institution, but they are in a greater or less degree more or less typical of most of the larger colleges of the Middle West.

Another feature of student life here which often impresses the uninitiated as being not only marvelous, but droll, is the iron-bound code of social and political ethics which has been gradually wrought out.

At public gatherings the "barbs" and fraternity men rarely mingle. If there is a social function given to or by the student body, it is supposedly for the "barbs," and the fraternity people either do not attend, or go grudgingly and condescendingly, lending their presence for a short time only, just out of courtesy or sheer kindness of heart.

At fraternity functions only fraternity students are invited, and their formal entertainments appear to be regulated with a precision and ceremony equal almost to that at St. James's court.

If, for instance, the Phi Kappa boys should give a party, the women of the various sororities who are acknowledged Phi Kappa girls—those who, it is understood, favor and assist Phi Kappa boys in every possible way—head their list.

"Not that any girl can avow herself a Phi Kappa and immediately be welcomed," a young man explained to me some time ago; "indeed, that might be her very undoing. She must not declare herself for us until she has been solicited by word or suggestion, and she would not be

sounded by any individual member unless she had been previously discussed and unanimously approved of by the fraternity."

The next point to be considered in this crucial matter of settling the list of guests is the exquisite balancing of the powers. If the "Phi Kappa" boys favor the "Sigma" girls, then there must be a predominance of "Sigmas" invited. Next the upper classmen proceed to choose the girls they wish to escort, and lastly, if there are any old maids or "ugly ducklings" they are assigned to the freshmen.

The dancing programs are then made out. Each man takes on an average of about six dances with the woman he has invited, and the remaining numbers are carefully filled out according to choice by the other men. As each young woman arrives, her list of dances and partners is given her; if she is pleased, well and good, if not, there is no means of protesting.

At elections for class officers, the staff on *The Gabbler* (students' journal) and *The Mustaches and Curls* (annual book), etc., etc., the fraternity people usually succeed in winning the majority of representatives, although the "barbs" greatly outnumber them. This is not due wholly to organization but to "superior methods" used.

Some time ago a number of young fraternity members recounted to me, with great amusement, their scheme of winning the last class election. There was a "barb" and fraternity candidate for each office. Blank slips of paper were distributed to each student upon which he wrote the name of the preferred candidate. The fraternity men had duplicated the slips and secretly distributed some extra ones among their own people. One girl boasted that for president she had cast six votes.

Such methods may seem very harmless and amusing to these young people, but they do not constitute good training in the duties of citizenship for those who are supposed to become our future social and political leaders or representative men and women.

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