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CALIFORNIA ALPHA'S CHAPTER HOUSE

For several years the active members of California Alpha have entertained the project of building a chapter house, as the present house was a handicap in rushing and was inconveniently small. It was not until April 25, 1907, however, that the Pi Beta Phi building fund was started.

The conditions at Stanford University are somewhat peculiar. In the first place, we cannot own our lot but must rent it from the university, at an annual rental of \$100. The university agrees to lend one half the cost of the house after the chapter's half has been expended on the building. Thus, on a \$10,000 house we were able to negotiate a loan of \$5,000 from the university. This mortgage was at six per cent., with quarterly payments of interest, in addition to the payment of \$500 a year on the principal.

From an alumna we borrowed \$2,500 at eight per cent. with quarterly payments of interest, and from an active member \$1,000 with quarterly payments of interest at six per cent. Then we were able to raise \$2,135.65 in cash, by means of gifts from the active chapter and the alumnae, to whom letters asking for their financial support were sent; by the sale of shares at \$1 each in the Pi Beta Phi House Association; by a monthly tax of \$3 received from each girl and deducted from board during the past year; and by an annual corporation tax of \$10 levied on each active member. The total amount raised in these various ways was \$10,635.65.

The total cost of the house has amounted to \$10,553.74. The amount expended on payments is as follows: \$9,640 for the contract; \$271.25 for extras outside of the contract: \$496.81 for

architect; \$100 for the year's rent of the lot; \$45.68 for insurance, etc.

The payments that remain to be made are \$50 a quarter on the \$2,500 loan; \$15 a quarter on the \$1,000 loan; and \$75 a quarter on the \$5,000 loan from the university, which of course decreases each year. Then there is \$500 which must be paid yearly to the university in addition to the interest. If we add to this the lot rental of \$100, there is a sum of \$1,060 which must be paid out yearly.

This payment we hope to meet by means of the \$10 corporation dues, levied each year, and by the \$3 per month deducted from each girl's board. Of course, in the new house we shall save rent and some minor expenses, all of which will go toward this yearly payment over and above the expenses of running the house, which average \$400 a month.

The house is generally conceded to be the handsomest on the campus. It is very large and substantial looking. It is built of brown shingles with brick foundation and has a large enclosed brick porch. There are three stories and a basement; besides the large porch there is an entrance porch of brick, and a pergola. The house contains twenty rooms: reception hall, den, two living-rooms, dining-room, kitchen, two servants' rooms, chapter room, and twelve bedrooms.

Since we moved into our new quarters December 19, the day before the girls left for their Christmas vacation, we had no house-warming, but on New Year's Day the girls who remained on the campus for the vacation kept open house, to which a great many of the faculty and the students came; all were unanimous in their praise of the house.

MARY C. BRUNTON, *California Alpha.*



Pilot of First White Men to Cross American Continent. Statue of Sacajawea and her Papoose, Baptiste, by Bruno Louis Zimm, Sculptor, for the St. Louis Exposition from photographs taken from pure type of a Shoshone Indian girl from Wyoming where Sacajawea had lived and was buried. No real picture of Sacajawea exists so far as is known. (Courtesy of The Journal of American History.)



The grave of Sacajawea on the Shoshone Indian Reservation (Christian cemetery) near Fort Washakie, Wyoming. The oldest girl is Eunice Bazil, great-granddaughter of Basil, the adopted son of Sacajawea. She is standing at the head of the grave which is marked by a short stick and low mound. The other girl is Bessie Meyers, great-great-granddaughter of Sacajawea. She stands at the foot of the grave. Nothing could be more bleak than this location. This is the spot where the proposed monument should be erected to mark the last resting place of the woman Indian guide. Picture taken for Dr. Hebard. (Courtesy of the Journal of American History.)



Descendants of Sacajawea, great-great-grandchildren. This photograph was taken at the time when Dr. Hebard was making her research about Sacajawea. These people live on the Shoshone Indian Reservation in Fremont County, Wyoming. In this reservation the woman guide is buried. The four in the back row from left to right are Maggie Meyers, daughter of Baptiste, the real son of Sacajawea, who rode on her back to the Pacific coast; Charlie Meyers (with Cowboy hat), son of Maggie Meyers; Charlie Meyers' wife, no blood relation of Sacajawea but, according to Indian etiquette, she had to be included or the others would not have their pictures taken; George Bazil (with blanket around waist) called We-to-gan, son of Baptiste, grandson of Sacajawea. Front row, left to right: Nannie Bazil, daughter of George Bazil; Fannie Meyers, daughter of Charlie Meyers; Willie Bazil, son of George Bazil; little Bessie and Oro Meyers, the daughter and young son of Charlie Meyers.



Grace Raymond Hebard

PI BETA PHI IN LIBRARY WORK
THE OPPORTUNITIES OF A LIBRARIAN

By GRACE RAYMOND HEBARD

[Grace Raymond Hebard, who is a member of Iowa Zeta, received the degree of B.S. from the University of Iowa in 1882; in 1885 she received the degree of A.M. from the same university; in 1893 she received the degree of Ph.D., from Illinois Wesleyan. Dr. Hebard has always shown great interest in the development of Wyoming. From 1891 to 1903 she served as a trustee of the University of Wyoming at Laramie; from 1891 to 1908 she was secretary of the board of trustees of the state university. In 1898 she was admitted to the Wyoming Bar; in fact, she is the only woman who has ever been admitted to the Bar in Wyoming. Since 1908 Miss Hebard has been president of the state board of examiners for teachers; since 1907 she has been a trustee of the State Historical Society. Since 1891 she has been librarian of the University of Wyoming and professor of political economy since 1906. She is regent of the Jacques Laramie chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the first chapter established in the state. Miss Hebard is also a member of the National Society of Colonial Dames and of the Colonial Dames of Vermont.]

Multitudes of people can easily remember the time when the general public library was not. If we consider a generation as the average lifetime of all persons of synchronous age, with this historical average of thirty years, we are safe in making the assertion that less than two generations ago a general public library was the exception; if we wish to designate a generation by the physiological average of seventeen years, we must admit that three generations ago the library as recognized to-day was unknown. Indeed our grandfathers were denied the privilege of the free use of books for reference or circulation, an opportunity that is now given by each university, college, or city of a few thousand inhabitants. Their luxury has become our necessity.

The field of public libraries is so almost without longitude or latitude that the few words to be said must be of a local or limited nature and cannot embrace university libraries in general. A special, small, intelligently selected, rapidly growing library in the state of Wyoming, a state of 125,000 hustling people, a library of 25,000 live books, one for each five inhabitants, is the outline history of the library of the state university of Wyoming. The people we may define as those who act energetically, those who force their way, those of an anti-Rip Van Winkle

nature; the kind of books we may describe as those that are actively in use and not used exclusively for decorative purposes.

Because of my youthful interest in my father's clerical library and in the library of my Alma Mater, the first questions I asked when I came to this university more than eighteen years ago as one of its trustees, were relative to its library. In answer to my inquiries one of the janitors was secured to pilot me to the haven of physical rest and intellectual enjoyment. After much hesitation I was taken to a room, well-selected, unheated, and empty with the exception of half a dozen sacks of government books. There were no shelves, no cases, no tables, no chairs. This was in the infancy of our university life, before its first "Commencement." To-day there is a general library, with fifteen departmental libraries, containing in all more than twenty-five thousand volumes of reference and working books, for the library is the intellectual laboratory for all of the departments. We have no room for duplicates, worthless donations, or out-of-date publications. We must have a present before we have a past. We are not collecting old and rare publications. We are growing. The hours of peaceful meditation are a future development.

In the face of the last statement and in seeming contradiction I venture to state that the greatest opportunity that a librarian has is to collect and preserve state history. This is biography, travel, literature, art, science, and history; the lives of the pioneers, their explorations, their sayings. All this can be collected by preserving newspaper files, journals, periodicals, and pamphlets advertising the agricultural and mineral lands of the state, by filing reports of state, county, and city officials and all descriptive matter relative to the state at large and also to particular localities. Let me be more explicit. John Smith dies. The local paper of Smithville eulogizes him in its columns. The information therein given was collected largely by word of mouth from the old residents in that vicinity. The larger states copy this biographical notice, adding to it the corroboration and remembrances of other frontiersmen. This is unquestionably the most accurate and trustworthy method of collecting biography. This is history. These papers are read by those who were contemporaneous with the deceased Smith. Errors in supposed facts are quickly detected and rectified. New material is added until the community not only has a painstaking account of the life of

the Hon. John Smith but one of history. This will appear only in the state papers, which should be most jealously guarded, most carefully preserved, for these words will not elsewhere be recorded. Thus we have not only a valued biography of Smith, the early frontiersman, or settler, but an account of his early training, for all the pioneers came to Wyoming before the first railroad came in 1867. There are yet those with us who cast their fortunes and misfortunes within the then unorganized territory now known as Wyoming. These early citizens made our present conditions possible. They were and are the pages from which the introduction of the history of the state is written. Their heroic deeds must be recorded to make the book complete. If these records are not collected they will be lost irreparably. What is true of Wyoming is true for any other state. A librarian has the greatest opportunity for this class of work. Her labors may not be appreciated to-day, but the coming generations "will call her blessed." The value of these records is not limited to the state of their activity. We are, after all is said, only a part of the whole. The records are national.

The Jacques Laramie Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is co-operating with the state university library in collecting data and preserving records of early Wyoming. Its method is interesting enough to deserve mention. This chapter has offered annually a prize for the best essay written on some historical subject by a university student. This topic is selected by the society offering the prize. Old Fort Laramie, near the eastern boundary of Wyoming on the northeast side of the North Platte river, has witnessed deeds of intense historical importance. There are a few, a very few, men living in Wyoming who know from personal experience the history in part of this defense to the white man in the fifties and sixties. From them may be gained facts otherwise unobtainable. The prize one year was offered for the best essay about "Fort Laramie and Its Relation to Pioneer Wyoming." Along the great and historic Overland Trail, over which the buffalo first made the path, there passed the red men, the trappers seeking valuable furs, the explorers, the pioneers, the forty-niners, the Mormons, and Whitman in his frantic efforts to save Oregon; near the commencement of this path at the eastern border was Fort Laramie. With

these hopeful bands went death. Witness the monuments made by the dotted line of bleaching bones of man and beast,—milestones for an advancing home-finding and money-seeking humanity. To collect data in reference to this death-recording route from those who had traveled it or knew of others who had done so, a prize was again offered for the best essay on "The Overland Trail in Wyoming."

As every one knows, William Edgar Nye made his name and his fame in Laramie writing for the *Boomerang*, a local newspaper. Here he was familiarly known as Bill Nye. An accurate account of his life has not yet been published. There are at least a hundred people in Laramie who knew him and remember some of his wittiest and most clever unpublished sayings. Mr. Nye was not a Laramie man nor yet a Wyoming man. He was an American. His wit has hurt the sides of the entire nation in its laughter over his adroit sayings. It is wise to collect what has been said by him but not written. The Daughters this year have offered a prize for the best essay on "Bill Nye." No material used for the contest can be taken from articles previously written, newspapers, periodicals, or books. The data must come from the old settlers by word of mouth, from those who knew him. The university library has made arrangements to obtain for the archives of the library all of the essays written in each contest. Information is thus obtained and preserved that otherwise might go unrecorded.

This is cited merely to illustrate the point at issue,—the collecting of new material that in a few years cannot be obtained. The makers of our early history are not generally college men, who naturally might set down their actions in some form of writing, and hence they are diffident when it comes to a matter of the recording of deeds. It is the duty of this generation, with its greater educational advantages, to do for them in a small degree what they have done for us. It is a long and hard way from the making of history to the recording of deeds.

Photographs of great events in the state should be carefully collected. Pictures of capitols, courthouses, churches, schools, and old residences should be preserved. They are a valuable part of a state's history. A picture of the old high-wheel bicycle will be a curiosity to the youth of the coming generation. The automobile of three years ago will be as speedless and

clumsy ten years from now as the ox team of yesterday is compared with the rubber-tired farm vehicle of to-day. They are interesting and have their place in history. Obtain old charters of cities if possible, old city council ordinances, pictures of city halls, of installations of mayors or of governors, programs of public exercises. Our university library has a number of scrap-books in which, since the beginning of the university in 1887, every program of exercises held at the university has been placed. In them are programs of student dramatic, oratorical, and literary functions, handbills of football and basket-ball games, programs of cadet dances, concerts, lectures, debating contests, and commencement exercises. These can never be duplicated. The alumni always ask to see *the* scrap-books. They are an accurate history of the growth of the university, "apples of gold and pictures of silver." It is not an easy thing to do, to save and save and save. Your storeroom not only becomes limited, but exhausted. Save, regardless. We have long since utilized all of our available space for this material. Figuratively I am holding a multitude of valuable papers and records in my lap.

This persistent saving and accumulating of "funny looking" papers are the indirect causes of my success in collecting sufficient data to establish an historical event almost abandoned by historians for lack of definite information. I write of this by request to illustrate some of the opportunities of a librarian. I refer to Sacajawea and her last resting place.¹ We are all familiar at least with the outlines of the Lewis and Clark expedition of 1804-1806 over the Louisiana territory purchased from France in 1803. The centenary celebration of this event in St. Louis in 1904 reopened a closed chapter. Lewis and Clark started in May, 1804, from St. Louis with boats and a crew to explore the then unknown region of the Louisiana Purchase. Their chief purpose was to discover the source of the Missouri river, to become acquainted with the tribes of Indians supposed to be in that vast unexplored portion of the world, and to obtain if possible a passage or route to the Pacific coast. All these things were accomplished in a marvelous manner, with results far beyond the most sanguine expectation. Those who read and search the records most carefully may think one may overestimate the part

¹The results of this research are given in the *Journal of American History*, July, 1907

the young Indian woman Sacajawea played in this frontier drama. I think, however, that this is not the case. The more I read, the deeper I dig into the old records, the more I am amazed that so long a period has been allowed to elapse without some fitting recognition of this woman. It was by working with files and records and by corresponding with those who came to Wyoming a generation or more ago that I attained final and ultimate success in identifying this woman. It was not the work of a day, a month, nor yet that of a single year, to recover Sacajawea's record as she, with her homing-pigeon instinct, directed Lewis and Clark through unknown regions beyond Mandan (near Bismark) to the mountains west (near the present Great Falls and Three Forks) to the mouth of the Columbia river, "the land of much water." When the expedition returned from its successful and perilous journey to the Pacific coast it abandoned its guides, Charbonneau and his wife Sacajawea, at Mandan, where they had been engaged in the early spring of 1805 to accompany the expedition as interpreters for the anticipated Indian tribes. A son was born in February, 1805, to this young Indian wife and her husband Charbonneau. This child, strapped to his mother's back, took the journey to the Pacific coast and back to Mandan. In the fall of 1806, when the exploring party returned to Mandan they paid Charbonneau \$500.33 for his services and departed for St. Louis, leaving with the Indian tribes their Indian companions of an unparalleled journey. Very little was ever heard of Sacajawea and her child Baptiste. They went to St. Louis, where the young boy was for a winter placed in a French Catholic school.

All record seems to have been lost of the family, though we read of Charbonneau's guiding and piloting parties up and down the Missouri river. Little or nothing is said of Sacajawea and her boy. At least twelve historians who write of the period of Lewis and Clark or of western frontier life abandon the investigation of the whereabouts of this Indian woman. Her deeds deserved a better fate. It was through correspondence and endeavor to obtain early Wyoming history that I obtained the first clues as to Sacajawea's life after she last saw Lewis and Clark. To make a most interesting story absurdly brief I may say that not only has her last resting place been definitely located, but I have also had the extreme fortune to converse with

those who knew Sacajawea and her son Baptiste, as well as her son Bazil (who was really her sister's child and adopted by her). I finally met the clergyman who performed the Christian burial service for Sacajawea, for she died in that faith.¹ It was more by accident than memory that the facts were obtained, yet the parish records show this record: "1884-April 9, Bazil's Mother, Shoshone; One hundred years; residence Shoshone Agency; cause of death, old age; place of burial, Burial Ground Shoshone Agency." When letters came to the Reverend Mr. Roberts inquiring for a pure type of a Shoshone young woman as a model for a statue for the St. Louis exposition (Sacajawea was of that tribe and he preached to and taught the Shoshone Indians), he began to recall the events of a quarter of a century before. He remembered being told that the little woman had guided the white man to "the land of much water." I also was fortunate enough to be able to interview two other men who had seen Sacajawea and her two sons innumerable times, one had conversed with her and she had told him in broken sentences of her trip. There were naturally and rightly the incredulous, the sceptic, the unbeliever. The evidence had to be corroborated and verified, again and again. All this has been done and I believe that the fact has been proved beyond a question of doubt, that Sacajawea lived, died, and was buried in the central part of Wyoming. May the time soon come when the small piece of ground containing the mortal remains of the pilot to Lewis and Clark shall have a proper marking so that a monument to the little Indian woman who has justly won the name of Pocahontas of the West may show to other generations where Sacajawea has her last resting place.

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN THE COMMUNITY

By DAISY B. SABIN

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¹The Rev. John Roberts, Washakie; Wyoming (Shoshone Reservation), Episcopal Missionary to the Indians.

The public library of to-day is the result of a long evolution. From a storehouse for the conservation of knowledge only, wherein sat an austere librarian in state to preserve its treasures from the menacing hands of the public, it has become an institution, the dominating spirit of which is the diffusion of knowledge. Many and ever-widening are the channels through which the present-day city library works to accomplish this end. Through branch stations in outlying districts it is reaching a public hitherto unacquainted with its use; through Young Women's Christian Association stations the great group of factory workers and employees in department stores, and through various classroom libraries the great mass of children in the schools.

Its functions are manifold, but may all be summed up in the word *service*. For the library is the workshop of the community, and is as necessary to the teacher or professional man as is a kit of tools to a carpenter. It furnishes to the child, still in his elementary studies, books which stir his imagination and bring the teaching of his text-books into relation with life; it accompanies him beyond his school life, prepares him for his profession, and aids him throughout his life by supplementing his practical knowledge with a theoretical acquaintance with the best literature in his line, enabling him far to outstrip the mere perfunctory worker in his profession. Another function—perhaps not generally appreciated—is the work which the library does in rendering homogeneous the very heterogeneous elements of our population in districts where so much of it is of alien birth. No other agency, unless it be the schools, is so potent a factor in this respect.

Finally, to the services just described, the public library has added another,—the supply of books for purposes purely recreative. This phase of library activity meets with the censure of many, but is it not clearly as much the function of a public institution to expend a small portion of its funds for intellectual recreation, as for the establishment of parks and pleasure grounds for physical enjoyment? To the masses of hard-worked people in every community who are leading humdrum lives, the lighter works of literature open a door into the ideal life, the enjoyment of which, even in fancy, is a distraction from the monotony of daily routine. They serve to broaden the sympathies, give a more intelligent helpfulness, a larger tolerance, a kindlier humanity, and a rest that is in itself an equipment for work

While the underlying principles governing the work in every public library are the same, there are essentially great differences in methods of administration due to varying conditions in different localities. Every library must adjust itself to the needs of its own public, and must change in its manner of administration with the new needs of the day. It must do the maximum of work at the minimum of expense; it must be full along lines in which local industries are specialized, if the best results are to be obtained; it must give pleasure, for only where pleasure is, is profit taken.

But in all, there is one great principle observed, the working force of books; for it is an important item in their utilization that they be made accessible and available with as little red tape as possible, and it is to this end that much of the librarian's thought and energy is directed. In its interest to the would-be student, not to mention the desultory reader, the library whose resources are open for examination and selection is far superior to the one which keeps its patrons on the outside of a delivery counter. A selection of the best books made easily accessible, encourages reading of a higher grade, and attracts to many an individual a book in advance of his taste and elevates his standards, perhaps through the reading of a chance paragraph that appeals to some experience or ambition.

No one will question, however, that it is the educational work of a library, rather than its recreative side, which completely justifies its existence. If you would know something of this work, go to your city library some busy afternoon and take up your station near the loan desk, the point to which the public comes in the largest numbers. Here, elbow to elbow, come all classes, conditions, and ages, asking for books on all sorts of subjects—the civil engineer to consult a formula, the sign-painter for ideas, the boy who is building a launch, the club woman in search of a book on Florentine art, and the lad who wants just a good story. There is no side of library work more delightful or more far-reaching in its possibilities than this personal contact with the public, by which many a good book finds its way into the hands of the right individual and makes for character and happiness. The greater number of inquirers must have personal assistance, for the expert library user is not, at the present time, in the majority. Here the law of compensation is at work, as

elsewhere, and an entire afternoon spent in running to ground some difficult subject at the expense of other important work, is well repaid by the boy who passes the civil service examination because of it.

In the crowds that come surging through a city library in the course of a week, many interesting things occur, and the librarian of a humorous turn of mind may smile away many an ache or pain at the call for "Who's Your Schoolmaster," "Lizzie in her Dutch Garden," or the query: "Is the old woman in the cabbage patch here?" There is the colored girl who wishes a good "navigable" novel, the woman in quest of a "novelized book," and the would-be cultured individual who desires a work on pragmatism, but hurries away with Mary J. Holmes under her arm when your back is turned.

The loan desk affords, too, plenty of calisthenic brain work to the lover of riddles. You may bring it into play to decide that the call for a book which is a mixture in some kind of a place, is "Tangled Up in Beulah Land"; that the boy who wants the red book that Billy Green had last week, where the boy in it had a bag of peanuts, wants "Toby Tyler"; or that the man who asks for Spanish architecture in California, really is in search of a book on bungalows.

Not the least important of the library's educational work is that of the children's department, in which may be included the formal work with the schools. In Burlington, considerable attention is paid to this branch of the work, and we co-operate closely with the schools in our efforts to familiarize the child with the library and its uses. The more freely, pleasantly, and easily this is accomplished, the more surely will the library be made a center for adult users as time goes on. Among our many devices to this end are our attractive picture bulletins, the monthly story hour, and the semi-weekly instruction in the use of the library given to the eighth grades in the form of library play.

I have made no mention of the daily routine work of a city library, such as shelf-reading, putting away of books, and preparing of new ones, annotating books for the press, acknowledging gifts, keeping statistics, and the large amount of clerical work which is hidden from the public eye; all go to make up the day's work. Here, as in other fields of activity, one must labor with a stout heart, feeling that one's reward for faithful service

lies in the fact that, like the torch bearers in the famous race of olden Greece, one has the high privilege of passing along the torch of light to the hands that wait to grasp it. And though inspiring the public with a taste for good books is not a business that pays quick dividends, the librarian feels that in this work she is in good company and that whether she arrives or not is, after all, a matter of small moment.

STATE WORK OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

By ALICE CALHOUN MANN

[Alice Calhoun Mann was initiated in 1899 into Illinois Zeta. She was graduated from the University of Illinois in 1903 with the degree of Bachelor of Library Science. In 1904 and 1905 she was cataloguer in the public library in Covington, Ky.; from 1905 to 1908 she was state organizer for the Iowa Library Commission, a position which she lately resigned to become librarian of the public library in Kewanee, Ill.]

The term Library Commission in its present significance represents the organized center of library activities in a state. This centralization is the outgrowth of individual effort toward library extension and the encouragement of the small library, with its meager income and still more meager knowledge of library administration.

With the recognition of the public library as an educational institution, and the realization that millions of people in rural communities were being deprived of such an education, came a desire to give to these people the privilege of free books, a privilege at that time enjoyed only by those living in large towns and cities. Both money and supervision were needed in the work of distributing free books to whole communities. Appeal was naturally made to the state, a source from which had come such generous aid in the operation of the present successful public school systems. Gradually the different states, through legislation, appropriated various amounts toward carrying on the work of library extension.

Massachusetts, the pioneer state in the extension movement, in 1890 established a Library Commission which was authorized to grant \$100 in books to any town upon the establishment of a public library. This, however, confined its work to giving direct

financial aid to libraries in small towns, without reference to the community made up of a few families or even the isolated farm home. These families must be reached by other means. Out of this need grew the work of the Traveling Library.

New York was the first state to establish in 1893 Traveling Libraries. Other states soon followed the lead of New York until to-day the Traveling Library is probably the most fundamental and far-reaching work of the Library Commission. Although first established for the benefit of rural communities, Traveling Libraries were not confined to these but gradually took their place in the small towns where the public library was as yet unknown.

The introduction of the Traveling Library in town communities has grown, not only from the mere desire for entertaining reading, but also from the demand of the public school, the study club, and the individual for books along special lines of study. In a larger town this demand would be met by the public library. Having no public access to books, the people must turn to the state for aid. The state, through the Library Commission, responds by sending direct to the school, the study club, or the individual, as the case may be, carefully selected libraries covering the special need of the applicant. Soon the inquiry comes from these readers, "Why not have a permanent collection, owned and maintained by the people of the town?" And here it must be said, the question is asked most often by the women of the community, women who want to study and have no books beyond their own private collections, women coming from the large town with its well-equipped public library, or college women fresh from study in our splendid college libraries. These women are many times the founders and builders of the free public library.

With the question "Why not?" comes the answer "We can!" and soon these public-spirited women form themselves into an organized body for the purpose of establishing a public library in their town. Many problems must be confronted in connection with this movement, and again appeal is made to the Library Commission, now the recognized center of library information and assistance. A competent library adviser is sent to consult with this body, answering questions and offering suggestions as to the best method of procedure in the establishment of a library. If the community is small and unable to support the library by

taxation, a library association may be formed, money raised by private subscription, entertainments, etc., and a nominal sum charged for membership. As the town grows and the association becomes stronger, steps are usually taken toward support of the library by public taxation. Laws governing such taxation vary with the different states, but information regarding this is readily accessible from the Library Commission.

There should come, with the development of the association library into the free public library by means of taxation, an increase in the usefulness of the collection. The librarian, untrained, and inexperienced, feels the need of more efficient methods in library administration and, lacking knowledge of such methods, turns to the Library Commission. A trained organizer is sent from the Commission, to work for a period of time in the library, introducing the best library records and giving instruction to the librarian in method and administration. In this way even the smallest library may realize, in some degree, the ideals and usefulness of the large library. Many libraries so fostered and encouraged are doing efficient work with their child readers, with the schools, and along lines of specialized reading and study.

Many statistics might be given in connection with Library Commission work, but it is sufficient here to say that twenty-two states are now supporting Library Commissions. The state of Iowa, representative in this work, shows the following interesting development. On the establishment of a Library Commission in 1900 there were 41 free public libraries in the state. In 1908 the number had grown to 102 free public libraries. In 1900 only 5 free public libraries were occupying their own buildings, while now there are 86 free public library buildings and 6 college library buildings. The Iowa Library Commission has at present almost 600 centers where Traveling Libraries are in use, and during the last year more than 24,000 volumes were sent to these distributing centers. No statistics can correctly estimate the number of people who enjoyed these books, but probably each one was read by many in the community. Two hundred books in New York point were lent to the blind readers of Iowa.

It has been attempted, in a limited space, to show the importance of the Library Commission in the extension and growth of the library movement; to give some idea of the thought and care taken by such a commission in developing from the first little

collection sent to the few, the modern public library for the use of all. Steadily, year by year, the increasing demands made upon the Library Commission and the broadening field of its activities are ample proofs to its founders that the Library Commission is fulfilling a promised mission; the distribution of free reading material and the establishment of free public libraries throughout the state.

THE WORK OF A CATALOGUER AT STANFORD UNIVERSITY

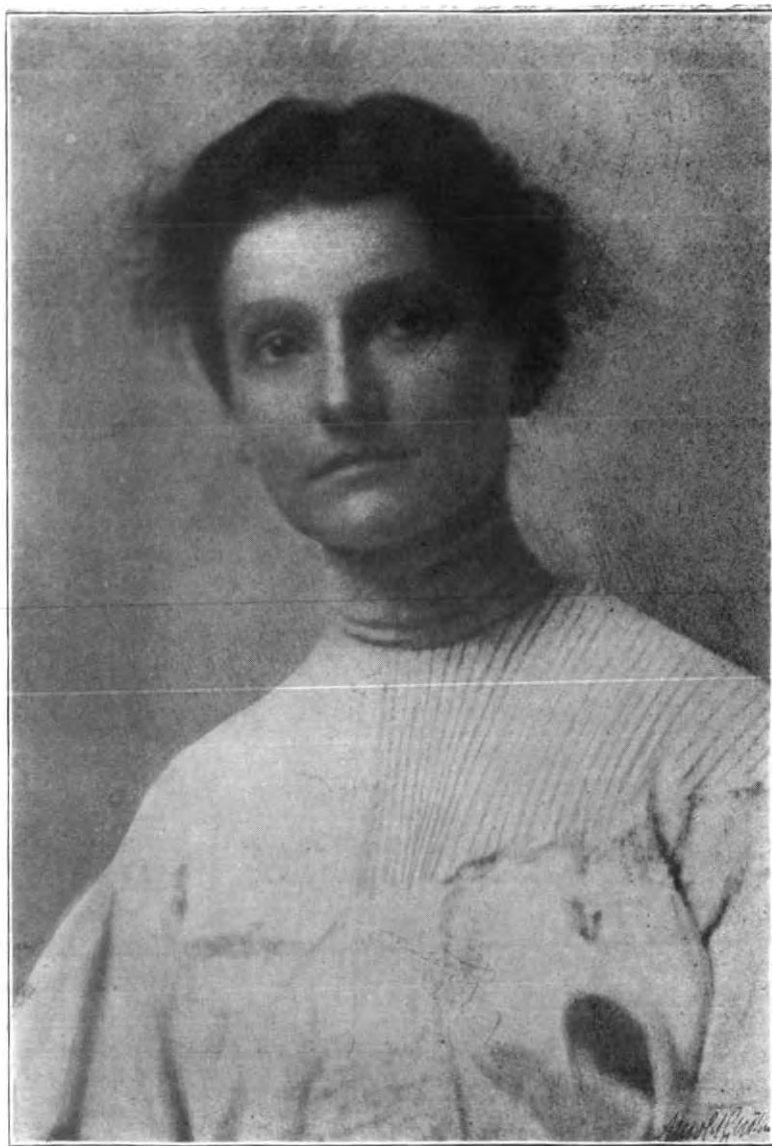
By HELEN BINNINGER SUTLIFF

[Miss Sutliff is a member of Kansas Alpha and received from the University of Kansas the degree of A.B. in 1890. She was head cataloguer in the library of the University of Kansas from 1891 to 1905. Since 1905 she has been in charge of the catalogue department of the Stanford University library. One of her six assistants there is May Franklin, California Alpha, '07. Miss Sutliff is an enthusiastic member of the fraternity she has served so well. She was a delegate to the Lawrence convention of 1892, the Chicago convention of 1893 and the Boston convention of 1895. From 1890 to 1892 she was Grand Guide, from 1892 to 1893 she was Grand Treasurer; and from 1893 to 1895 she was Grand President of the fraternity.]

Leland Stanford Junior University occupies a unique place in the educational history of the United States. Unlike other schools, it had no small beginnings, but came into being, as it were, in a day.

Leland Stanford, Junior, the only son of Senator and Mrs. Leland Stanford, died in Italy in his sixteenth year. He was the "child of many hopes" and of a vast estate, and he had just reached the age when the question of his education had become vital. That the grief-stricken parents should wish to promote education in some form as a memorial to him was natural, and they conceived the plan of doing for the children of California what they had wished to do for their son.

Thus was this beautiful university born. The site selected was the Palo Alto estate of nearly 9000 acres in the lovely Santa Clara valley. From it may be had views, on one side, of San Francisco bay and the bold Diablo mountains rising four thousand feet or more; on the other side may be seen the Santa Cruz range whose heights look down upon the Pacific ocean.



Helen B. Sutliff



Public Library, York, Nebraska.—Established by Nebraska Alpha of Pi Beta Phi



Library Commission, Historical Building, Des Moines. Free Traveling Library of the State of Iowa

The architecture chosen by Mr. and Mrs. Stanford for the university was a modification of the style of the old Spanish missions, long low buildings, with wide colonnades and open courts that are so suited to this land of sunshine and blue skies. The corner-stone of the university was laid in 1887 and the institution opened to students in 1891. At that time the inner quadrangle was completed. It consisted of twelve one-story buildings of buff sandstone with red tiled roofs, built around an imposing court 586 feet long by 246 wide.

In 1893 Mr. Stanford died, leaving by will to the university \$2,500,000. Not long after his death Mrs. Stanford turned over nearly all the residue of the property to the university—a property valued at \$30,000,000. With a great endowment like this all things seemed possible to the young university—but a lengthy lawsuit, in which the whole estate was involved, ensued with the United States government. It seemed for many months as if the university must close, but Mrs. Stanford's courage never faltered and the doors were kept open. The way this was done is a wonderful story in itself.

The case was finally settled in favor of the university and Mrs. Stanford was free to continue the plans made by herself and her husband. These plans contemplated an outer quadrangle to be built around the inner one and connected with it by arcades—and a group of four separate buildings to be placed on either side of the great oval in front of the central arch. These four structures were to be the chemistry building, the museum, the gymnasium, and the library. In 1905 these buildings, with the exception of the library, were finished, and of it the stonework was completed. Besides these Mrs. Stanford had erected a memorial church which was called by many the most beautiful church building in America. With the completion of the library the "stone age" at Stanford would be over and a better age, an age of interior development, would be at hand.

Mrs. Stanford died in the spring of this same year, living long enough to see realized her fond dream of a university architecturally completed, but not long enough, thank Heaven, to see the havoc that was wrought on that fearful April morning in 1906, when Stanford awoke to find—

"Lo all our pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!"

It has taken nearly three years to restore the quadrangle to its pre-earthquake state. The work of demolishing the wreck of the church preparatory to rebuilding has just commenced. A portion of the museum has been repaired and will soon be reopened; the gymnasium is still a heap of stones; and of the great new library, which was to house a million volumes, nothing remains but a huge dome that rises specter-like to remind us of that tragic day. Fortunately it does not take buildings to make a university, so Stanford lives on and will continue to live for all time.

It was intended by the editor of the *ARROW* that this article should treat of the Stanford library and especially of the work of the catalogue department. But the university as a whole is so much more interesting than is any one of its parts, that the author has taken the liberty of making the library take a secondary place.

The Stanford library is very much like other university libraries of its size. It is housed in the Thomas Welton Stanford Library building, which forms the central portion of the easterly half of the outer quadrangle. After the earthquake had destroyed the new library, this was provided with additional stacks which will make it adequate for several years to come. The library contains 125,000 volumes and is growing at the rate of 1200 volumes a month.

The most noteworthy special collections are the Timothy Hopkins Railroad library, the Thomas Welton Stanford Australian library, the Hildebrand library of works on Germanic philology, and the David Starr Jordan library on fishes. Shortly before her death Mrs. Stanford provided a special fund for the purchase of books for the library. It was called by her the "Jewel fund" because it was secured from the sale of her splendid collection of jewels. The income amounts to \$25,000 a year.

In the old days any woman with a winning smile who could spell and hold a pen was counted a fit person to catalogue a library, but nowadays a woman must be well educated and well read to be an acceptable cataloguer. French and German are absolutely necessary for successful work in a university library, and Italian and Spanish are only less important; and some days a cataloguer feels that unless she knows Danish, Dutch, Japanese, and Russian she might as well resign her position at once. By right a cataloguer should be a specialist in all branches of human

activity, but being human, with only the allotted span of life, she must content herself with being a specialist in nothing, unless it is in Cutter's rules for a dictionary catalogue and in the new A. L. A. and B. L. A. rules and a dabbler in everything else.

The thought life of a university centers about its library, and the catalogue is certainly the key to it. We of the cataloguing department at Stanford have a good time in the midst of our hard work, and agree with William Frederick Poole that "Librarians, predestined, foreordained and successful, are the happiest and most contented people in the world."

THE WORK OF THE LIBRARIAN IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM

By LILIAN I. BALDWIN

[Miss Baldwin, who is a member of Maryland Alpha, attended the Woman's College of Baltimore during the year of 1904 and 1905. The following year she attended the Training School for Children's Librarians, Carnegie Library, Pittsburg, Pa. Since the fall of 1907 she has been children's librarian in the Brownsville Branch of the Brooklyn Public Library.]

The present day might well be termed the children's age, for never, since the world began, has there been so much attention paid to the education and "rights" of children. The public library has not been behind other institutions in doing its share in this work. With the opening of the shelves to the public and the fitting up of special rooms for juvenile readers, the library soon saw that a new and vast field of work had appeared. When there was a place in the library where the children could come without being afraid that they were in the way, it was found that the children were quick to take advantage of the library. Many people have the idea that the children's room in a public library is a sort of day nursery and merely for the children's amusement.

It cannot be denied that the books which a child reads of his own free will are the ones which are going to have the most influence upon him. So it behooves us to see that he has access only to the very best that has been written for him to read. The selection of the books for the children's room is the first duty of a children's librarian. The markets are flooded with children's

books, but few of them are worth while. We must have books that have a good moral tone without being "preachy," or if the work be one on history, for example, the treatment must be accurate, and all the books must maintain a certain literary style.

Children of all classes come to us and we must have all classes of books to suit their needs. Some children do not read at all but simply like to look at the pictures. With these we have to begin at the very bottom rung of the ladder and teach them to enjoy reading. Then there are the boys and the girls who do read, but their reading is of a decidedly second-rate order; these must be led to the richer fields of literature.

We learn to know the children and to know their individual tastes very quickly. As we move about among them in the room, they seem to drop an outer shell and let us into their inner thoughts and secrets. We study our children and our books so that we know the books that are suited to each child. We must know which girls need the wholesome home stories of Louisa Alcott and which need stories of adventure like the "Prince and the Pauper."

We employ many ways to direct the children's reading and to bring certain books to their attention. The personal work with the individual child is always the most lasting and telling, but when, because of numbers, we find we are not reaching enough in this way, we try the clubs, the story hour, or book lists. We set aside certain hours each week for these club meetings and in them read selections from the various works of literature to which we wish to lead them; sometimes it is the great masterpieces of the world's literature that we read to them, sometimes it is nature, or again science, just as the needs of each group of children demand. The story hours are for the younger children; in these, instead of reading, we tell in simple language the stories which are fitted to their requirements.

Still another way of reaching the bashful children who are too reticent to become well acquainted with us is by means of the picture bulletins. We take a list of good books on some subject in which the boys or girls ought to be interested and mount on a piece of colored cardboard the list, together with some attractive pictures illustrating the subject. This is hung in some conspicuous space in the room, where all will see it, and the books are placed near it. It is surprising to see

how soon the books are read. With good books so accessible and with librarians who are prepared to help the little folks in their selections, the lives of the children cannot but become richer for our efforts.

This field will strongly appeal to all women who are interested in educational and social work with children. We become so well acquainted with the lives of our children and so often give and are asked for help not relative to books, that our work is akin to settlement work, especially in the poorer sections of our cities. To be successful one must not only have the book knowledge of a librarian, but also be able to understand and appreciate children in a broader way. So great are the opportunities that every year more college women become interested.

HOW ONE LIBRARY MADE A BEGINNING

Our library began at a club reception. We had just come home from college, Margaret and I. For four years we had associated with a good big live library, and we simply could not get along without one. Like Doctor Willie King's Martha we had said so "frankly and flatly." Margaret had offered to act as librarian and I said I would be—janitor. There were some books boxed up somewhere. What more was needed? Our offers were accepted, and the clubs said, "Now go ahead and be a library." So we negotiated for two rooms over a drug store.

The various woman's clubs, lodge auxiliaries, and kindred societies of our town were formed into a federation for the expressed purpose of establishing a library. It was a clumsy organization, but it worked very well. There were in all twenty-two of these societies. The Board of Control was representative and they elected our library board.

This was before the days of library commissions, please understand, and we had to do pioneer work. If you want to start a library now, all you have to do,—if there is a commission in your state,—is to write to the secretary of the Library Commission, and presently you think about it again and things are already doing. The charming lady comes and smiles at the people, and tells them all about it, and they know that she knows. They would not have believed it if you had told them the same thing.

Then she tells you what to do, and how to do it,—and there you are.

But it was not so in our day. We had planned privately,—such was our dense ignorance on the subject,—that if we should start with a subscription library having a nominal fee of a dollar a year, and each member of our twenty-two societies would take a subscription, we should have a neat little income that we could depend upon. But fate, in the shape of the Board of Control, decreed otherwise. There were men in a good many of the societies and several on the Board of Control. One of our staunch friends dealt us the blow. "What! a public library and not free! Never." There were two courses open to us. A schism, loss of all the good feeling, and have our own way,—or meekly to accept the mandate. We considered ruefully. It would look better to accept. Then we braced up and decided not to tell any one how we felt in the matter. But bills were coming in for the bookcases, tables, chairs, stove, coal, etc. A few of the clubs had promised five to fifteen dollars, for this year. None of them were willing to make it annual. We had sent for a long list of periodicals so that the reading-room should attract people to the library. To meet the bills there was practically nothing in sight. It was a practice of faith. The clubs said that they would see us through. (And they did, eventually.)

The boxes of books proved to be a pretty good nucleus of a library. There were several hundred volumes of standard fiction and of history, and the "new novels" of ten to twenty years before. They were from a subscription library that our parents and uncles and aunts had carried, in their young days. Our earliest knowledge of the theater was "home talent" plays for this library. Irving and Terry, later, hardly surpassed these productions, as memory holds them. We found among the books a long list of Mrs. Holmes' and Miss Evans' stories, in pretty bad condition,—too bad condition to go on the shelves again or even to be rebound, as we found it necessary to explain to our patrons—though we did not tell them what an economy we found them and how much coal they saved.

We discovered to our delight that we could get a "Traveling Library,"—fifty volumes from the state library,—and exchange the case every three months.

We had asked current and old periodicals from our friends

especially illustrated papers that would interest children. We wanted to attract the boys and girls from the streets. The response was generous. By the time the periodicals arrived we had the books on the shelves, partly listed, but not ready to circulate, and we had our Traveling Library. We had been trying to create "an interest" and had hoped that in the course of several months the reading-room might be pretty well patronized, and perhaps there would come a growing demand for the books.

The library was opened with a reception, and we invited every one interested to come. We gave personal and general invitations, and urged people to come. And they came. Moreover they came with a real library hunger. They wanted every book on the shelves, and they did not want to "wait until next week" to get one. We offered them the contribution of the state and they carried away every book, that was not unduly heavy, from the traveling library. "Create an interest!" Locked doors could hardly keep them out, overtime and Sundays, until we could get the books ready for circulation. There was no necessity for keeping the library open all day. So we made the hours from three to five-thirty and from seven to nine, P. M., and all Saturday afternoon.

The day after the reception the children came from school. The chairs were pretty well filled all the afternoon, and the children were orderly. The picture papers did their work. From this time on the chairs were generally filled. Sometimes we had twice as many visitors as there were chairs. They did not mind. They sat on the floor, around the wall, and tiptoed back to the table to get another paper or book.

We had wanted to bring in boys who needed a good influence, to get the boys off the streets and show them the interest in books. A large proportion of our first patrons were boys,—boys from the "levy," as we call our worst district,—boys whom we often had to send out to wash their hands before they might touch the books. Indeed most of them would do more than that for the privilege. I really think some of them had never seen books before, that they were privileged to touch, unless it might have been spelling books and readers. The first year the picture papers were in greatest demand. By that time the interest had spread and the children had begun to learn what a library means. And they kept the impression that it is something good.

In the meantime our would-be patrons, the business men, were saying: "What are you doing?" "What have you?" "Not a library,—just some books and a room." "Who is going to pay for your fuel and your rent?" "I am glad you like it, but we can't do anything for you. It can't last, you know." We could only smile, enigmatically, and say, "Come up and see what it is like. The banker and the lawyer came up one evening. It was a "full night." We were trying to keep the air as fresh as possible and not give any one cold. But one realized, on coming in, that our patronage was from the "levy." The first and smaller of our two rooms was filled, every chair taken, and the children interested and orderly. Our visitors looked "It is what we expected." In the second room were two tables filled with, for the most part, ragged and unkempt children, gloating over their books and papers. It was still new enough to them so that there was a little wonder mixed with their pleasure. Our guests glanced at the children sitting in rows on the floor, all engrossed and quiet, except an occasional youngster whispering to his neighbor and both chuckling over the paper. There were older readers in our few big chairs at the shelves. Our guests inspected our rooms and books, talked with some of the children, and asked us about the usual attendance and behavior. As they went away the banker said, "Now I have a long table that I believe there will be room for," and I think the lawyer sent us a load of coal. Other guests came, and other gifts. Somehow there was always money to pay the bills, though sometimes we were a little anxious before it arrived.

If we could only get the people interested enough so that they would vote us a city library, with a tax maintenance! That was our great effort. We kept a code of the state laws at our elbows and thumbed the pages concerning a city library and the legal way of procuring one. At the same time we were playing we had a real, legalized city library. Though the service was volunteer service, we made a point that it should be conscientious and unflagging.

In the meantime our federation of clubs held its monthly meetings, with a prearranged program on some topics of general interest. But it always included a report from the library. The clubs alternated in furnishing programs, and the meeting either began or ended with a business meeting of the Board of Control.

Each club gave us some financial support. Some gave five dollars drawn from their treasury. Many of them gave library benefits that netted a neat sum. Occasionally we could announce a list of new books bought with the proceeds of a certain benefit, but more often the gift had to be used to pay the rent or the coal bill. The interest was not confined to the town. People from the country brought us gifts and asked for the privileges of the library, which we gladly granted.

The Traveling Library was a great help to us. Fifty books are not many, but they were more than we got every three months in any other way. The school teachers through the county took a great interest in the Traveling Library when they found they could have one in the district or at the school by certain formalities. So Traveling Libraries were placed in many of the schools and our library became a distributing center. This was before they had been systematized and centralized as they are now. Our librarian worked out many of the problems of the Traveling Library and became enthusiastic over its possibilities. She had visions of the little cases of books traveling to the farther reaches of the state, when the would-be student beckoned for them. And you know how things open up to the seer of visions.

Now I must tell you a little of "The Librarian," for she is really the secret of our success. She is not a Pi Phi, but she is "our kind." Unfortunately, she was denied the blessing of a Pi Phi education. There were no fraternities in her school. She took our new library seriously. She knew how to study and was not unwilling to work. She began to study library methods and she kept in touch with up-to-date libraries and librarians. When she made a visit in the more populous centers there was always a library to be found somewhere. As her friends studied music, so she studied libraries. Later she went East for this purpose, where she also studied bookbinding and kindred subjects. Moreover, (but this is a secret I am telling you), for the first year or so, she paid an assistant from her own pocket to "keep the library" during her absences. She explained, simply, that she was glad she could do it.

Please notice that the first person here used is the editorial "we." For before the library was fairly on its feet the "Janitor" was called away and "The Librarian" left to her own devices,—which you see were many and far-reaching.

The library had been formally opened in November. A year from the following April the town voted a library tax. That sounds very simple. But please do not think that it was accomplished without proving to the voters how much it would give them, and how little it would cost,—that it was really a bargain. The greatest struggle was, perhaps, from the time when the tax was voted until the money began to come in for us. The tax was very small,—barely enough for the growing needs. There was nothing to pay a librarian, so "The Librarian" held her position as before, but now with a regular assistant, whom she trained in the way she should go.

The Library was outgrowing its rooms. We ought to have a building. Could not some voice reach Mr. Carnegie's ear? He was giving library buildings to promising cities. The promise he was exacting was only a little more than our present tax. Our socialistic democrat tried to reach him. Our politicians tried to reach him. We wrote to our senator at Washington. We tried to use "influence." But it was all without avail. The good gentleman was evidently standing with his deaf ear towards us.

About this time a Library Commission was established in the state, and we were very fortunate in the charming woman who came as its secretary. At the same time "the powers that be" sent an official document to "The Librarian" asking her to take charge of the Traveling Libraries of the state. For by this time she had become known as a librarian with the true library spirit, and an authority in Traveling Library matters. But she did not drop our library. The assistant acted under her directions, and "The Librarian" carried the responsibilities.

As I told you, the Library Commission gives you everything you need. When the Library Commission reinforced the local request to Mr. Carnegie, assuring him that we needed a library building, he took out his check book and sent us ten thousand dollars.

Now we have one of the best equipped little libraries in the state. "The Librarian" knew what was needed in a building, and she knew how to get it. We have a building, sightly to the passer-by, restful and pleasing to the visitor. From a librarian's point of view, the "supervision" is perfect. The light and the general arrangement are good. The books on the shelves are open to the public. A library, in story, is never quite complete without

"a beam of sunshine strained through painted glass." This we have from a few good windows that make for decoration as well as light. There is another group of windows which we hope, some day, may be made into a thing of beauty. We have dreams of other things, some of which our friends have half promised to help us realize. Even now we feel that our beautiful building, —beautiful in a very simple way,—is an educational investment for every child that comes within its doors.

I hope my tale may have interested you, but the doing was fascinating beyond the telling. If any of you who read should find a similar need, let me advise you to try to fill it. I can only hope you may find the pleasure others have found.

ETHEL BARTHOLOMEW, *Iowa Gamma.*

THE LIBRARY ESTABLISHED BY NEBRASKA ALPHA

An adequate history of the York Public Library means a brief history of Nebraska Alpha chapter of Pi Beta Phi.

In the summer of 1884 the Nebraska Alpha chapter of I. C. was founded in York, Nebraska. A member from Iowa Alpha was visiting here and another member of that chapter was a resident. Acting under the constitution of that time the chapter was formed of alumnae and college girls, the girls thinking the married ladies would be able to assist them in the selection of girls for membership when college opened in the fall. Then in a year, when the chapter had become largely a college chapter, the alumnae members thought their organization should be of some use to the community. Charitable work was tried, but this was better attended to by the association for that purpose.

The college, which has now become Nebraska Wesleyan University, was in its infancy and had a very small library. The town had made two attempts at starting a library which had failed.

This did not in the least discourage the girls. Contributions of money and books were secured and with one case containing one hundred books we launched the library. The first directors from the chapter were Louise Woodruff-Jerome, now of Niles, Mich.; Rilla Wyckoff, now Mrs. Charles Boynton of Minneapolis, Minn.; Vinnie Harrison, and Helen Henderson-Harrison. Mrs.

Jerome, on the death of her husband in July, 1886, returned to her home, and Flora Bowman-McCloud was elected to fill the vacancy and is still on the Board of Directors. The writer of this article was a member of the Board for eighteen years.

Our chapter was Mu chapter of I. C. and then, on the change to Pi Beta Phi, we became Nebraska Alpha. The chapter continued to raise money for books, selected the books, and different members acted as librarian.

In the meantime we had interested ourselves in the state library laws until finally the enactment of favorable laws made it possible for us to get the council of the city interested. In 1894 we gave the library to the city on the guarantee that it be perpetually maintained. The I. C. library was a subscription library, but the chapter made it free to the students of the various schools. In maintaining the library, lecture courses were given and in that way many noted persons were brought to the people, our own Carrie Lane-Chapman, now Mrs. Catt of world-wide fame, giving one of her first lectures for the benefit of the cause.

Through the influence of our chapter Mrs. Lydia Bruhn-Woods, the stepmother of Nellie Woods-McConaughy, '84, remembered the library in her will, giving enough money to erect the building and two thousand dollars for books.

The York library is unique in this, that it was founded by women and occupies a building given by a woman. There have always been at least two members of Pi Beta Phi on the Board. At present Mrs. McCloud is president of the Board and Belle Reynolds of Nebraska Beta is chairman of the book committee. Grace Hurlbut-Kibble, '90, now of Visalia, Cal., was librarian from 1894 to 1904, taking library training during her term. In 1904 she went to California to organize the new Carnegie library at Visalia.

The enthusiasm of Pi Beta Phi for the library has so imbued the community that the library is constantly the object of benefactions. When the building was completed through the influence of members of Nebraska Alpha the City Improvement Society furnished the room to be used for meetings of the women's clubs. When the building recently needed interior decorations former members of Nebraska Alpha persuaded the P. E. O. Society to assume the expense, and the building was artistically decorated by them. Books and furniture are frequently given by women.

These benefactions make it possible to use for maintenance and the purchase of books all revenue derived from the city.

The work of course was often discouraging, but the courage and definite purpose of the girls was such that never, from the day in 1885 when the library was started with one hundred books until now when there is a book for every citizen, has the community been without the chance of obtaining good books, and the high moral tone of the city is doubtless due in no small measure to this opportunity.

We are now considering an alumnae chapter here and the first work will be the placing of a bronze tablet, eulogizing Pi Beta Phi, in the vestibule of the building. This was done in the first records of the library and at the opening of the Woods Library Building many citizens and speakers voiced the thanks of the people to Pi Beta Phi.

HELEN HENDERSON HARRISON, '84 *Nebraska Alpha*.

PI PHI LIBRARIANS

California Alpha (Stanford)

May Little, '07, asst ctlgr Stanford U lib, Cal. Apprentice work in university high school, Chicago, Ill. and in pub lib St. Louis, Mo., '04-'05.

Marjorie Hadley Little, '08, Phi Beta Kappa, asst classifier Stanford U lib, Cal.

Mary Alice Matthews, asst libn George Washington U lib, Washington, D. C. B. L. S., Illinois, '03; asst ctlgr division Lib of Congress, '03-'05; libn, South Dakota U lib, '05-'07; acting libn Hearst free pub lib Lead, S. D., summer of '06; ctlgr Missouri State Normal School, Warrensburg, summer of '07; instructor in Michigan summer lib school, '08.

Jane Linctlaen Sheppard, libn Smiley lib, Redlands, Cal. Lib. course Chicago U., '96-'98.

Mary Thompson, '98, The Norman, Milwaukee, Wis. George Washington U, '98-'99; Illinois lib school, '99-'00; ctlgr Wisconsin State Historical lib Madison, '03-'06. Journalist.

Colorado Alpha (Colorado)

Mary E. Dunham, reference libn Indiana U, Bloomington, Ind. AB., Indiana, '98; B. L. S., New York State Lib school, '04; first asst Texas U lib, '04-'08.

Elizabeth Church Smith, '96, libn Utah Agricultural C, Logan, Utah. Formerly asst Wisconsin State Historical lib. Madison.

Gretchen Smith, asst pub lib Los Angeles, Cal. Colorado Agricultural C, '03; Lake Forest U, '08-09; libn Colorado Agricultural C, '03; libn pub lib Greeley, Colo., '03-04; asst lib Los Angeles, Cal., on leave of absence and asst Lake Forest U lib, '08-'09.

Colorado Beta (Denver)

Helen J. Stearns, asst legislative reference dept Wisconsin free lib commission, Madison, Wis. Graduate Western Reserve U. lib school, '05; asst reference libn pub lib Cleveland, O., '06-07.

Columbia Alpha (George Washington)

Helen M. Beale, '03, 1820 Kalorama Ave., Washington, D. C. B. S. in lib science, George Washington U, '03; asst Congressional lib, '04-'05.

Jessie M. Harwood Buck (Mrs. J. R.), 1333 L St., Washington, D. C. Asst libn pub lib Springfield, Mass., '97-'00.

Illinois Delta (Knox)

May Brotherton, '95, Waverly, Ia. Libn pub lib, '01-'03.

Mrs. Addie Claycomb Hart, died in 1909. Organizer and libn pub lib Eureka, Kan.

Mrs. Amy Sturtevant Hobart, first asst St. Clair Branch pub lib Cleveland, O. Graduate Western Reserve U lib school, '06.

Anna Frances Hoover, libn pub lib Galesburg, Ill. Wisconsin free lib summer school, '00; asst pub. lib Galesburg, Ill., '94-'00.

Florence Warner, asst libn Kansas State C lib, Manhattan, Kan. A. B. in library science, Illinois, '03; asst ctlgr Lincoln lib Springfield, Ill., '06-'07.

Illinois Zeta (Illinois)

Helen Antoinette Bagley, asst pub lib Oak Park, Ill. Illinois lib school, '04-'05; asst John Crerar lib, Chicago, Ill., '05-'07.

Ada Jane Barter, '07, libn Eastern Kentucky Normal School, Richmond, Ky. A. B. in lib science, Illinois, '07.

Jane Brotherton, '03, libn Brumback lib, Van Wert, O. B. L. S., Illinois, '03; lib organizer pub lib Franklin, O., '03; catalogue dept Lib of Congress, '04-'05.

Florence Louise Brundage, '08, Phi Beta Kappa, loan asst Illinois U lib, Urbana, Ill. Illinois lib school, '07-'08; catalogue books purchased for Illinois school of commerce, '08.

Edith Clark Burr, '99 (Mrs. Frank H.) South 2414 Manito Blvd., Spokane, Wash. B.L.S., Illinois, '02.

Adelaide Maria Chase, '98, died in 1904. B.L.S., Illinois '98; cataloguing asst New Hampshire State lib, '98-'02.

Grace Osborne Edwards, '98, Chicago Commons, Chicago, Ill. B.S., Wellesley, '94, B.L.S., Illinois, '98; ctlgr Illinois U lib, '99-'01; libn pub lib Michigan City, Ind., '02-'03; libn pub lib Superior Wis., '03-'06. Settlement worker.

Edna Fairchild, '99, John Crerar, lib, Chicago, Ill. B. L. S., Illinois, '99; ctlgr Northern Illinois Normal School, DeKalb.

Mary J. Henderson Fletcher, '03 (Mrs. Carl), Oak Park, Ill. B.L.S., Illinois, '03.

Willia K. Garver, '03, libn pub lib South Bend, Wash. B.L.S. Illinois, '03; organizer pub lib Pekin, Ill., '03-'04.

Laura Russell Gibbs, '02, ctlgr Brown U lib, Providence, R. I. B.L.S., Illinois, '02; loan desk asst Illinois U lib, '98-'01; ctlgr Harvard C lib, '02-'03; asst Radcliffe C lib, '04-'06.

Mrs. Harriet Evans Hodge, '01, 3405 Clifton Ave., Clifton, Cincinnati, O. B.L.S., Illinois, '01; formerly ctlgr Cincinnati U lib.

Minnie C. Bridgman Ingham, '01 (Mrs. L. W.), 718 Monroe St., Clinton, Ill. B.L.S., Illinois, '01; instructor and reviser in Iowa summer school, '01; asst libn Cincinnati U lib, '01-'05.

Ida Louise Lange, '08, asst libn Armour Institute of Technology, Chicago, Ill. B.L.S., Illinois, '08; general asst lib Galesburg, Ill., Feb. '08.

Alice Calhoun Mann, '03, see page 211

Erma Jane Moore, '02, ctlgr Ohio State lib Columbus, O. B.L.S., Illinois, '02; ctlgr pub lib Pekin, Ill., '04-'05; asst libn pub lib Council Bluffs, Ia., '05-'07.

Mrs. Edna E. Daniels Murray, '03, Leeton, England. B.L.S., Illinois, '03.

F. Emeline Carter Sherman, '01 (Mrs. Eaton G.), Box 182, Walla Walla, Wash. B.L.S., Illinois, '01; libn pub lib Champaign, Ill., '01-'03.

Edith L. Spray Sawyer, '07 (Mrs. Fred S.), 1014 Minor Ave., Seattle, Wash. B.L.S., Illinois, '07; loan desk asst libn Illinois U lib, '07-'08.

Alta Louise Stansbury, '03, libn pub lib Port Huron, Mich. B.L.S., Illinois, '03.

Edna W. Sheldon Trego, '04 (Mrs. Edward F.), Hoopston, Ill. B.L.S., Illinois, '04.

Sarah Bell Waller, '02, died in 1904. B.L.S., Illinois, '02; asst Cincinnati U lib, '03-'04.

Hilda Kirke White, '05, libn William Jewell C lib, Liberty, Mo. A.B. in library science, Illinois, '05; asst pub lib St. Joseph, Mo., '05-'06

Elma Warwick Wilmarth, '01 (Mrs. G. H.), Bloomington, Ill. B.L.S., Illinois, '01.

Indiana Alpha (Franklin)

Frances Maine Dean, '05, libn Franklin C lib, Franklin, Ind. Five weeks' course at Indiana State lib, '00; Winona summer school, '08.

Ethel Farquhar McCollough, '01, libn pub lib Superior, Wis. B.L.S., New York State lib school, '04; libn pub lib Elwood, Ind., '04-'07.

Indiana Beta (Indiana)

Jane Blakely Hunter (Mrs. King), 2716 Ave. H, Birmingham, Ala. Illinois lib school, '05-'06; training school for children's libns, Pittsburg, Pa., '06-'07; first asst libn in Soho settlement reading room for children, Aug.-Oct. '07.

Helen Tracy Guild Pond (Mrs. Oscar L.), 1907 Park Ave., Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. Wm. I. Fletcher's summer course at Amherst C lib, '95; libn Hamilton lib Ft. Wayne, Ind., '94-'96; ctlgr pub lib Ft. Wayne, Ind, '97; asst Scoville Institute lib Oak Park, Ill., Jan.-Apr. '98; ctlgr high school Manistee, Mich., Je.-Aug. '98; ctlgr pub lib Ft. Wayne, Ind., Sept.-Dec. '98; ctlgr Indiana U lib, '99-'04.

Indiana Gamma (Butler)

Lena M. Randall Cunningham (Mrs. J. M.), 2327 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. Course in library economy, Syracuse, '99-'00; asst Indiana State lib, '00-'03; libn pub lib Portland, Ind., '01-'03.

Iowa Alpha (Iowa Wesleyan)

Sarah Ambler, '82, libn Public Documents lib, Superintendent of Documents Office, Washington, D. C. Sc. M., Iowa Wesleyan '85; B.L.S., Illinois, '00; libn Iowa Wesleyan U lib, '01-'03;

ctlgr Superintendent of Documents Office, Washington, D. C., '03-'06.

Cora E. Dill, '92, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. Libn North Dakota U lib, '01-'02.

Martha Blanche Swan, '96, libn Iowa Wesleyan U lib, Mt. Pleasant, Ia. Sc.M., Iowa Wesleyan, '98; special work under Miss Mary E. Downey in pub lib Ottuma, Ia., '03-'04; Iowa lib summer school, '04, '08; asst libn Iowa Wesleyan U lib, '03-'04.

Laurie M. Light Vance (Mrs. Charles), Wymore, Neb. Libn, '99-'01.

Iowa Beta (Simpson)

Elizabeth Brown, asst libn pub lib, Indianola, Ia.

Laura Maye Sedgwick, 205 Grace St., Council Bluffs, Ia. Ph.B., Drake, '03; asst libn Drake U lib, '03.

Iowa Gamma (Iowa State College)

Jennie Lind Christman, '83, ctlgr New York State lib, Albany, N. Y. ctlgr pub lib Helena, Mont., '93-'94; ctlgr lib bureau Boston, F. '95; B.L.S., New York State lib school, '95; ctlgr and classifier pub lib Nahant, Mass., Jly.-Sept. '95.

Esther Crawford, '87, special ctlgr pub lib Newark, N. J. New York State lib school, '89-'90, '95-'96; ctlgr Iowa Agricultural C lib, Aug. '88-My. '89, Mr. '90-Dec. '91; ctlgr pub lib Sioux City, Ia., Jl. '92-Apr. '93, and libn My. '93-Aug. '95; principal instructor Cleveland summer school of lib science, '98; head ctlgr pub lib Dayton, O., '96-'01; principal instructor for Iowa commission lib school, '01, '02; asst Adelbert C lib, '01-'04; instructor Western Reserve U lib school, '04; ctlgr Nebraska U lib, '06; editor A.L.A. subject headings, '07.

Vera Dixon, asst in Iowa State C lib, Ames, Ia. Iowa U lib school, '08-'09.

Kittie B. Freed, '92, libn pub lib Ames, Ia. Iowa lib school, '04; assisted in organizing and cataloguing pub lib Ames, Ia.; asst libn pub lib Ames, Ia., '04-'05.

Carolyn Grimsby, '05, reference libn Iowa State lib, Ames, Ia. Iowa Lib summer school; asst libn Iowa State C lib, '05-'07; acting libn, '07-'08.

Jennie Thornburg, ctlgr Cornell U lib, Ithaca, N. Y. B.L., Cornell, '93.

Iowa Zeta (Iowa State University)

Grace Raymond Hebard, '82, see page 201.

Mrs. Bessie Parker Hunt, '93, 519 North Monroe St., Peoria, Ill. Formerly asst libn Iowa State U.

Stella L. Wiley, '05, libn pub lib Onawa, Ia. Certificate Pratt Institute lib school '06-'07; asst pub lib Onawa, Ia., Aug.-Sept. '07; asst pub lib Lincoln, Neb., '07-'08.

Iowa Eta

Mrs. Ella King Hoffman, 1107 Maxwell Ave., Spokane, Wash. Libn pub lib Fairfield, Ia., '95-'00.

Kansas Alpha (Kansas)

Mary Chase Chamberlain, juvenile libn pub lib Topeka, Kan. Illinois lib school, '99-'00; T. E. Bowman Memorial training school for kindergartners, '00-'02.

Kate E. Dinsmore, '03, head of reference and loan depts Rosenberg lib, Galveston, Tex. Asst in departmental lib, Kansas U '05-'06; B.L.S., New York State lib school, '07; head ctlgr Purdue U lib, '07-'08.

Elsie Evans, '03, asst libn pub lib, Leavenworth, Kan.

Harriette Miles Odell (Mrs. Frank), Kansas City, Mo. Illinois lib school, '99-'00; director of serial dept Stanford U lib, '00-'08

Mabel Scott, '95, asst libn pub lib Emporia, Kan.

Helen Binninger Sutliff, '90, see page 214.

Jennie Sweet Sutliff, Stanford University, Cal. New York State lib school, '93-'94.

Louisiana Alpha (Newcomb)

Elizabeth Nicholson Dillard, 571 Audubon St., New Orleans, La. Asst libn Tulane U lib, '05-'06.

Maryland Alpha (Woman's College of Baltimore)

Lilian Isabel Baldwin, see page 217.

Michigan Alpha (Hillsdale)

Kate King Bostwick (Mrs. Hubert O.) Volunteer libn pub lib Chardon, O.

Florence Putnam Chase Cass (Mrs. Philip H.), 515 West 8th St., Coffeyville, Kan. Apprentice work in pub lib Kansas City, Mo., '89; ctlgr pub lib Grand Rapids, Mich.; ctlgr under Miss Wagner in pub lib St. Louis, Mo., '94-'96; ctlgr lib Public Documents, Washington, D. C., '96-'99; compiler of first edition of

Pi Beta Phi catalogue, '99-'01; assisted the Federated Clubs of Coffeyville in organizing and cataloguing a library of 1400 volumes, '08-'09.

Michigan Beta (Michigan)

Julia W. Heath Brown, '02 (Mrs. Charles Harvey), 5833 Monroe Ave., Chicago, Ill. Certificate Pratt Institute lib school, '06; asst libn Hampton Normal and Agricultural C, '06-'07; asst John Crerar lib, Chicago, Ill., '07-'09.

Jeanne Griffin, Drexel Institute lib school, Philadelphia, Pa. asst libn pub lib Niles, Mich., Feb.-Je. '08.

Daisy B. Sabin, see page 207.

Nebraska Alpha (Nebraska Wesleyan)

Mrs. Grace Hurlbut Kibble, Visalia, Cal. Libn pub lib York, Neb., '94-'04; libn pub lib Visalia, Cal., '04-'06.

New York Alpha (Syracuse)

Louise Andrews, 1818 W. Genesee St., Syracuse, N. Y. Certificate in library economy, Syracuse, '02. Artist.

Olive Gordon Barker, Sidney, N. Y. Lib course, Syracuse, '03-'06.

Bertha Ilione Bennett, '99, 45 John St., Iliion, N. Y. B.L.S., New York State lib school, '03; asst lib Dept of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., '03-'04.

Louise Harrison Coldwell, '08, Matteawan, N. Y. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '08.

Florence Eaton Ford, '07, asst Syracuse U lib, Syracuse, N. Y. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '07.

May Earll Fralich (Mrs. O. P.), 143 Fifth Ave., St. Petersburg, Fla. Ph.B., Cornell, '98; asst pub lib Syracuse, N. Y., '97; New York State lib school, fall '98; libn Westminster House settlement lib, Buffalo, '99; substitute in Bruce Branch pub lib New York City, '06.

Florence Brookes Gray, '07, New York State lib school, Albany, N. Y.

Anna Maclay Green, '05, asst Syracuse U lib, Syracuse, N. Y. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '05; asst Harlem Branch pub lib New York City, '05-'07.

Ruth V. Hawks, asst pub lib Waltham, Mass. Graduate Simmons C lib course, '07.

Madge Horton Colt McDougall (Mrs. N. Launt), Lancaster, N. Y. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '03.

Eva Ferris Magee, '03, asst pub lib Cambridge, Mass. Graduate Simmons C lib course, '06.

Angelyn Bertrice Randall, died in 1905. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '01; asst Syracuse U lib, '01-'03; ctlgr Keene, N. H., '04.

Alice Macdougall Warner, '02, first asst Traveling lib dept New York pub lib, 190 Amsterdam Ave., New York City. Certificate in lib economy, Syracuse, '02; asst Syracuse U lib, '02-'03, '04-'06.

Ohio Alpha (Ohio)

Lenora Belle Bishop, '04, asst libn Ohio U lib Athens, O. Chautauqua lib training school, '07.

Catherine Edmunds, 420 S. Pearl St., Youngstown, O. Libn pub lib Youngstown, O., '04-'06.

Mabel Zoe Wilson, '98, New York State lib school, Albany, N. Y. Libn State Normal School, Bellingham, Wash, '00-'06.

Vermont Beta (Vermont)

Frederika Wolff Abraham, '03, Rutland, Vt. New York State lib school, '03-'04.

M. Elizabeth Durfee, '06. Islip, N. Y. Libn.

Susanne G. Edson, Ludow, Vt. A.B., Smith, '06; asst Columbia U lib, '07-'08; ctlgr in government service, Washington, D. C.

Washington Alpha (Washington)

Anne Krumdick Walker, '07 (Mrs. Rhett), Cordova, Alaska. Libn Broadway high school, Seattle, Wash., '07-'09.

Wisconsin Alpha (Wisconsin)

Constance Haugen, '03, 742 E. Gorham St., Madison, Wis. Illinois lib school, '07-'08.

Ida Spalding Milner, '01 (Mrs. Ralph), Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. B.L.S., Illinois, '02.

Iva Alice Welsh, '96, chief ctlgr Wisconsin State Historical lib, Madison, Wis. Apprentice work in Wisconsin State Historical lib, '97-'06, and asst '06-'08; libn College of Agriculture, Wisconsin U, '08.

THE CONTROL OF STUDENT LIFE

The published account of the proceedings of the 27th annual meeting of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae held in San Francisco and Los Angeles, August 28 to September 8, 1908, contains an interesting article by Mary Bidwell Breed, Ph.D., adviser of women in the University of Missouri. In her discussion of the "Control of Student Life," Dr. Breed considers the control of social life in coeducational universities, especially from the point of view of the women students and their interests. Dr. Breed is herself a graduate and a Ph.D. from Bryn Mawr College; she has served as dean of women at the universities of Indiana and Missouri. Educated in a woman's college, she obtained her experience as a teacher in coeducational schools. The extracts from Dr. Breed's straightforward paper deal directly with the fraternity, its power for good or for evil:

"It is quite evident that the great national sororities—and I speak only of these, not of local or smaller organizations—are built up on ideals forever unattainable in practice, and therefore admirably fitted permanently to stimulate effort. These sororities have a tremendous weight of tradition, and all over the Middle West their social prestige is recognized. They are admirable administrative machines. In fact their solidity and organic individuality make the outsider wonder and admire. Their alumnae include a majority of the strongest women graduates of the great universities, and these thoughtful alumnae are keenly alive to the opportunities of their sororities. One prominent sorority woman, who was one of the leaders in organizing the Inter-Sorority Conference, said that the future of coeducation, and therefore the future of the higher education of women in the Middle West, lies with the sororities. It is certainly true that the sororities could destroy coeducation in spite of all efforts on the part of academic authorities to prevent, short of expelling those sororities. And though the sororities could never cover the whole field to be controlled, they could, if they would, practically maintain coeducation; for they could do so much, if they really lived up to their own possibilities, that other problems of social life would solve themselves easily.

"A sorority may, and often does, give a group of girls a really home-like place to live in. It gives its members considerable training in executive work of various kinds. It nearly always gives a

girl a certain social ease; and if its own social usages are correct, it will transform an awkward girl into a young woman of charming manner. A good sorority fosters the spirit of loyalty and *esprit de corps* that girls so especially need to have developed; and it teaches a girl to keep a secret, to adjust herself cheerfully to difficulties, to subordinate her selfish interests to the good of others. In a properly managed chapter, the freshmen learn to accept guidance from the seniors, and the seniors have the inestimable benefit of being responsible for the good of the freshmen. In fact, if all under classmen were docile and amenable to wise seniors, and if all upper classmen were busy setting good examples to freshmen, again we should have the dawn of a millenium. Meantime, far as we are from this condition, I cheerfully bear witness to the good work of sororities, and I am willing to defend the thesis that the average sorority girl is better equipped for the vicissitudes of after life than her classmate who has lived in the average student boarding house.

"I think I have given a fair idea of the elements of sorority strength. There are, I think, two inherent weaknesses, each itself the reverse side of a great strength. The first weakness results from the irrevocable nature of the bond, more irrevocable than marriage; for, while a girl and her sorority may be separated in rare cases, this divorce can never under any circumstances be followed by union with a different sorority. Once initiated the girl belongs to the sorority, to have its stamp put upon her, to be molded for life. And yet every year mistakes are made in forming this adamantine bond. From the sorority point of view, the damage to the chapter is usually emphasized; but I confess that my memory dwells on a few occasions when a girl has allowed me a glimpse of the sufferings of the individual who has made the mistake, a hint at the intolerable burden of the bond. The usual method of avoiding these mistakes, by postponing the choice for a year, safeguards both the chapter and the individual, but introduces a new problem—that is, what to do with freshmen. Under a system of late pledging, the freshmen are left in that Limbo—or shall we call it, in their case, Ante-Purgatory?—where hover the girls who are not sorority material. The second inherent weakness of the sorority lies in its exclusions. One cannot chose one's exclusive circle without leaving things outside. In general, sororities, being human institutions, have the defects of their qualities.

"Now if they had only such defects, why could we not look forward to an immediate Utopia under Greek-letter auspices? Let us recall the fact that the sorority chapter is simply a small group of girls arbitrarily marked off from the rest of the student body. A chapter contains nearly all the component elements of the student body—the descendant of colonial governors and the granddaughter of the peasant. Though it is still true that the sororities take most of the girls who are in the best sense strong socially, they also take in ever increasing numbers the girls of the cheaper social standards, the girls who are trying to better their social positions. Gladys and Maybelle often 'make' the best chapter. For one girl who is chosen for good breeding and general ability, two or three are chosen for their gowns, their coiffures, and the names they can show on dance programs. Too often a girl is virtually chosen, not by the sorority members, but by the suffrages of interested fraternities. In the rapid changes of student personnel one never knows when a chapter may pass entirely into the control of its own foolish and frivolous element, when the only seniors there are to guide freshmen are girls whose careers not even the sorority *alumnæ* try to justify. I have seen chapters lapse into such social bankruptcy, and while present social conditions and standards prevail, what better can the average chapter do than avoid such periods of lapse and keep the cheaper element down to a minimum? It is significant that writers on these questions usually assume that the social dissipation that menaces coeducation is confined to the Greek-letter circle. Student opinion tacitly assumes the identification of the Greek-letter world with the world of the frivolous, of the less worthy aims. These assumptions are probably as just as any rough generalization can be. Thoughtful sorority *alumnæ* do not gainsay them. I should say then that, just as a great social problem in the university is imported into it by the entrance of students of cheap and low student standards and usages, so the greatest weakness of the sororities at present is a social weakness, taken on by them from their environment; and that this social weakness is a fatal obstacle in the way of their carrying out any such system of social control as is suggested by Mr. Birdseye, who would have us believe that the millenium will dawn when there are enough Greek-letter chapters in each university to take in all the fraternity material, and when these chapters shall be

under sufficient control by their respective national organizations. Another and only less serious obstacle is a financial one. I pass over this lightly, important as it is; but as long as some of the oldest sororities cannot afford to send an official visitor to their chapters for more than a few days every other year, and as long as many chapters have no adequate funds for securing the right sort of chaperons to preside in their houses, so long will there be a financial obstacle in the way of sorority perfection.

"The mention of this last matter recalls a fact which it is the fashion to ignore. The fact is that we of the Middle West are living and working in a very young country, less than a hundred years old on the average. The garment that we call civilization is very thin as yet in the West, full of holes and liable to tear. The people who are busy at the making of this garment are true creators on the earthly plane; and they have the rewards of the maker, the poet; but it is a false sort of optimism to think that the flimsy garment is as stout as the heavier one. In the thrill of the creative effort, the great, vital West gets its logic confused, and concludes that because a cast-iron suit of civilization is uncomfortable, therefore a chiffon garment wears better than one of stout cloth. In the face of such logic, I still regret that the sororities are too poor to pay for visitors and high-priced chaperons. In the face of such assertions, I still think that there are, not only in the sororities but still more in the student body as a whole, certain things unsatisfactory, crude, and unfinished, that time alone will ameliorate. Meanwhile we cannot make the frail tissue stand the strain borne by the older fabrics. For the present generation seems to be thoroughly habituated to the manners and customs of Tommy Atkins; knows more than its elders, knows that it knows more, and hides not its knowledge; it scandalizes its visitors and friends, and then compels their bewildered admiration; it flocks to the university, works tremendously there, and make havoc of academic traditions; it keeps sorority houses full of noise, free-and-easy manners, and jolly girls; it knows not the word control, or the word reverence, or the word fail. For these young barbarians, some of whom masquerade as Greeks, I do not believe that any satisfactory system of control can be gotten by machinery, whether of faculty, or of deans, or of sororities, or of what not. Machine work is all very well on wood or iron or linen, but it is merely a makeshift on young human beings.

"As to pressing problems of social control immediately confronting us, of course there are numerous expedients. We may coax, persuade, threaten, make rules, and discipline offenders. The national Greek-letter organizations can do much to help, and they would themselves grow stronger if their help were oftener asked. Their national chapters are always willing to do the utmost in their power in response to an appeal. Far more effectively than the Greek-letter organizations the students themselves can help. Social excesses may make a certain set of students conspicuous, but back of that set are there always the majority—the eager, industrious steady young people into whose sturdy ranks the frivolous come almost as intruders. Any one who lives in a state university appreciates the weight of conservatism of the student body.

"But though the ultimate solution of our problem of social control lies with the next generation, and will develop as civilization develops; though we may find that temporary expedients in the way of machine control are all more or less unsatisfactory; let it not be thought that we must fold our hands or be content with purely temporary expedients. Two agencies are at work now, always available, really effective, though perhaps not sufficiently appreciated in educational high places. These agencies are, first, the humanizing and cultivating pursuit of liberal studies; and second, the informal, continuous influence of well-bred, cultured men and women. These agencies are simple, subtle, and costly, not so much in money as in far more precious things such as time and thought. To discuss the ameliorating effect of humane studies when brought to bear through the personality of a great teacher, would lead me too far afield. But in this day of original research too little recognition is given to the services of the man who merely teaches supremely well; and it is quite as short-sighted to leave this influence out of account in our consideration of student problems as it is to forget in discussing sociological questions, the stupendous realities of religion. And incidentally, stiffening the requirements for entrance and graduation would be a most efficacious remedy for "harmless flirtations," and might even prevent Gladys and Maybelle from becoming students.

"Outside the classroom, the most effective control of student life at present is exerted by gentlemen and gentlewomen of cul-

ture and experience, some of them in official capacities, some in more or less accidental contact with university life, but all in close personal touch with individual students, few or many. A woman of great experience and authority in educational matters once said to me that the *place* in which effective influence could be brought to bear was in the house where the student slept and ate. My own experience confirms this entirely. A former dean of women, whose long experience was filled with success, said once that the only really effective work she did was that perfectly informal mingling with the women students in committee work and in student frolics, where her footing was personal, not official. This utterance is so true that one may almost call it inspired. The real control of student life is the often unconscious influence of men and women who lodge in the same houses, work on committees, or perhaps merely live ordered, thoughtful lives in the house next door or across the street. On the other hand, the most perfect machine ever invented is just a machine, even if it is a Self-Government Association, or a sorority, or a whole galaxy of deans and tutors and proctors: and it never could do more than whiten the outside of student life if it were not helped by the presence of gentefolk in and among that student body, acting in unseen, unrecognized influence, like the still small voice."

THE DELAFIELD AFFAIR BY FLORENCE FINCH KELLY OF KANSAS ALPHA

A tale of the Southwest, with a hero, iron of hand and nerve and seated like a centaur, is "The Delafield Affair" (Chicago, A. C. McClurg), by Florence Finch Kelly. It is an active, stirring tale, and some of the hero's hairbreadth escapes leave the impressionable reader almost gasping for breath. That is what hairbreadth escapes in fiction are intended to do, and it reflects no little credit on the author's skill and ingenuity that she has been able to contrive so many critical situations and get the young man out of all of them so narrowly and yet so admirably.

The scene is New Mexico, the action ranging over the desert and the plains from a great ranch to the nearest market town, and involving the use of all the weapons of the country—lariat, six-shooter, quick-thrown knife, to say nothing of the strong right arm and the ready fist of the Anglo-Saxon. The plot provides the piquant situation of an avenger hot on the trail of an enemy, who all the time is, unknown to him, his trusted friend and the confidant of all his schemes.

The reader is put in possession of this fact almost at once, the other persons of the drama get possession of it one by one, and the avenger is the last to be enlightened. The fashion in which this enlightenment is delayed again reflects credit upon the ingenuity of the author, though she has boldly followed the traditions of all the good and brave old romancers and allowed the avenger, who is also the hero, to fall in love with the enemy's daughter.

However, Mrs. Kelly has known how to deviate from traditions also. Her Mexican assassin is a sort of nature's nobleman—not a mere creeping snake in the grass—and she dilutes the alkali of adventure with the deep waters of politics and high finance. She takes as much delight, too, it seems, in the fierce brute encounters of enraged men as in their spectacular accomplishments before the eyes of the ladies.

Altogether it is a tale more than likely to cause the unsuspecting reader who picks up the book, thinking merely to kill an odd half hour before going to bed, to sit up a great part of the night. He is not quite sure afterward, perhaps, that he was absolutely justified in such recklessness. But one rarely does feel

sure afterward except in the case of the great magicians of the written word, whose book people are more real than those one meets in flesh and bone, even when one is very vividly alive.—*New York Times*.

REPORTS OF ALUMNÆ CLUBS

ATHENS ALUMNÆ CLUB

With twenty-five members we feel that we have an unusually strong club this year. We have been meeting once every month and in this way we have been kept in touch with each other and have also taken a greater interest in the active chapter.

In February we were delightfully entertained with a six o'clock dinner by Flo Hedges and Mabel Rorick. Our last meeting was at the home of Helen Foster-Morgan, where we were also entertained at dinner. Our meetings are not purely social, for at each affair a short business meeting always follows.

Our alumnæ club and the active chapter are working together in planning a reunion of all Ohio Alpha girls for the coming commencement week. Thus far we have planned a luncheon at "Berrys", a dance, and a garden party, besides the other numerous festivities of commencement week.

We give a most urgent invitation to every girl who has ever belonged to Ohio Alpha, and we really feel that each one should make every possible effort to come. We are very anxious that this shall be a very great success, as it will be if each and every one responds.

ELIZABETH MUSGRAVE.

CHICAGO ALUMNÆ CLUB

The Chicago Alumnae Club of Pi Beta Phi held its regular meeting on the last Saturday in January at the Tea House, 389 East 57th St., with Lucy Hammond of Colorado Beta. The severe storm of the previous day was the means of keeping at home a number who had hoped to be present. However, twenty-six enthusiastic members were present and had a very enjoyable time. The chief point of interest to our visiting Pi Phis was the deciding where and when we should hold our meetings. The last Saturday in January and the last Saturday in September the meetings will be held at the Tea House, 389 East 57th St. The Founders' Day and the Thanksgiving meetings will be held in the city at some point to be chosen by committee, and the June

meeting will be an outing to some point outside of the city. Miss Hammond at the Tea House will know the exact date and the place of the movable feasts.

Our officers for the coming year are: president, Mrs. W. F. Bridge (Bertha Watkins), Hammond, Ind., Pennsylvania Beta; vice-president, Kate E. Miller, Lewis Institute, Iowa Beta; recording secretary, Dorothy Sass, 847 West Monroe St., Michigan Beta; treasurer, Mabel Abbott, 6034 Ingleside Ave., Indiana Alpha; corresponding secretary, Mrs. O. M. Schantz (Carrie Flagler), Morton Park, Ill., Iowa Theta; executive board, Mrs. Walter Pope Spry (M. Esther Orr), 1881 Magnolia Ave., Illinois Delta, Hedwig Mueller, 221 Pine Grove Ave., Illinois Epsilon, Mary O. Pollard, Vermont Alpha.

Those present at the January meeting of the club were Grace Fairweather, Colorado Alpha; Lucy Hammond, Colorado Beta; Kate Freund, Catherine Donaldson, Mayme Matthews, Elsie Garlick, Illinois Beta; Bertha Payne, Illinois Epsilon; Irla Zimmerman, Ida Lange, Marion Gondman, Illinois Zeta; Mabel Abbott, Mrs. Jeannette Lemon Bestor, Indiana Alpha; Ella Penn, Iowa Alpha; Kate Miller, Mrs. Eva Anderson Hatfield, Iowa Beta; Mrs. Carrie Flagler Schantz, Iowa Theta; Leila Soul, Michigan Alpha; Dorothy Sass, Mabel Parker, Susan Lewis, Mary Lewis, Pearl Cummings, Michigan Beta; Mrs. Bertha Watkins-Bridge, Pennsylvania Beta; Mary O. Pollard, Vermont Alpha; Dorothy Ray, Washington Alpha.

MRS. ORPHEUS M. SCHANTZ.

HILLSDALE ALUMNÆ CLUB

The officers elected for the year are as follows: president, Mrs. George March (Bess Chapman); vice-president, Mrs. Paul Chase (Vinnie Walrath); secretary and treasurer, Clara Louise Seiler.

The initiation of the year was held at the home of the retiring president, Ana Closson-Green. The banquet which followed was held at the home of our vice-president, Mrs. Chase. There were present Ethel Bishopp-Wolcott, Esther Branch, Olive Merrifield, Mrs. B. F. Green (Ana Closson), Mrs. Paul Chase (Vinnie Walrath), Mrs. C. H. Kempton (Bertha Myers), Mrs. Bessie Wood Prideaux, Clara L. Seiler, and Vivian Lyon, all of Michigan Alpha-

CLARA LOUISE SEILER.

INDIANAPOLIS ALUMNÆ CLUB

The Indianapolis Alumnæ Club has held most enthusiastic meetings each month. These meetings are attended by forty members, besides the two delegates from Indiana Gamma who are selected to represent the active chapter at each meeting.

The January meeting was held with Fannie Miner and the February meeting at the new home of Mrs. Ruth DeHass Bunch, an October bride.

On April 24 the three chapters of Indiana active and alumnæ members, will hold a reunion at the Columbia Club in Indianapolis. A luncheon will be served at one o'clock.

MAY CARNEY MIDDLETON.

THE DES MOINES PAN-HELLENIC
BANQUET

Inclement weather did its best to mar, but could not altogether spoil, the banquet given early in February by the Des Moines Women's Pan-Hellenic Association. Bad weather has come to be anticipated as a rule, but anything like the blizzard that swept the state on January 27 was totally unlooked for, because its equal has not been seen in Iowa for many years. It became apparent early in the morning that not only would the out-of-town guests be forced to stay away, because not a train was running, but even the Greeks in the city could not reach the banquet hall, so severe was the storm. But if we lost in numbers by the postponement, we could scarcely be said to have lost in interest. Seventy-eight young women gathered about the beautifully adorned tables in Shrine Temple on February ninth. At the conclusion of the feast the guests repaired to the parlors while the tables were removed, and seats placed facing the stage, where, in lieu of the toasts of former years, a so-called vaudeville entertainment was given. The criticism to be offered was that the program as presented did not begin to do justice to the talent available. The Pi Phis alone could have presented an entertainment of far greater merit, and presumably the other sororities could also have contributed much more. Between acts, baskets of peanuts, stick candy, and the like were passed, so that every one was in a merry mood. There were visiting Greeks from the State University at Iowa City, from Ames College and from Simpson College, Indianola. The happy times enjoyed at the annual Pan-Hellenic and the acquaintances formed and furthered combine to make it always the stellar event of the winter season to Greek-letter women in Des Moines and Iowa.

ANNA ROSS-CLARKE, *Iowa Lambda.*

THE PAN-HELLENIC ASSOCIATION OF THE INLAND EMPIRE

The Pan-Hellenic Association of the Inland Empire was organized in Spokane, Wash., October, 1908. In the previous month seven members of Pi Beta Phi met at the home of Mrs. Frank Burr for the purpose of organizing a Spokane alumnae club. At this meeting it was found there were so few members of Pi Beta Phi residing in Spokane that our organization could not be a large or an active one, and, inasmuch as there were a number of other sorority women living in the city, the suggestion was made that we be more democratic and enlarge the scope of our membership to include all national sorority women residing in Spokane.

In pursuance of this suggestion Pi Beta Phi issued a call to two members of each sorority represented in the city to attend a meeting for the purpose of discussing and ascertaining whether or not a Pan-Hellenic club was desired by all. This meeting was held at the Y. W. C. A. rooms and was very well attended. The suggestion to form a Pan-Hellenic club was received with great enthusiasm; and a member of Delta Gamma, who had recently belonged to a similar organization in Portland, invited us to hold the first meeting at her home.

The Spokane Pan-Hellenic Association held its first regular meeting in October, 1908, with twenty-seven women present. Nearly all were strangers to one another but all seemed to welcome an organization of this kind.

At this first meeting the following officers were elected: Mrs. Frank H. Burr, Pi Beta Phi, president; Mrs. W. M. Burns, Delta Gamma, secretary-treasurer. The president appointed an executive committee consisting of the following members: Mrs. Kenneth E. Higby, Kappa Kappa Gamma, Mrs. J. Fink Gibboney, Gamma Phi Beta and Miss Kate B. Reed, Pi Beta Phi. At the second meeting our organization was completed by the adoption of a constitution, which in some measure is based upon the model constitution issued by the National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

In response to several requests from sorority women residing in the vicinity of Spokane, it was decided to include in our membership all national sorority members living in the Inland Empire,

which is a well-known geographical section of the Northwest and which extends over part of Idaho, Oregon and Washington. Hence our organization has become known as the Pan-Hellenic Association of the Inland Empire.

It meets the third Thursday afternoon of each month, and three members entertain together. During this first winter we have undertaken no definite plan of work or entertainment, but have preferred simply to get acquainted, having the meetings as informal as possible. Before very long, certainly not later than next fall, I think that some line of work, possibly philanthropic, will be taken up, though we cannot do anything overly strenuous since most of our members already are exceedingly busy women. During the Christmas holidays we gave a luncheon at the Spokane Hotel, on which occasion we enjoyed having with us a number of active members from the University of Washington. As yet our organization is so new that it is impossible to predict its future or to outline the nature of its activities. At present we are simply glad that the association exists and are very happy to have the opportunity of "visiting" once a month with other women of our own kith and kin.

From the following list it will be noticed that our membership numbers thirty-eight and that it represents nine sororities and fifteen universities, therefore making our organization quite cosmopolitan:

Alpha Xi Delta: Mrs. F. B. Maiken (Iowa Wesleyan); *Alpha Omicron Pi*: Mrs. E. H. Gimper (Newcomb), Lucie Mabry Randolph-Macon; *Alpha Phi*: Grace M. Davison (Wisconsin), Mrs. James H. Evans (Minnesota), Mrs. W. M. Frost (Minnesota), Mrs. Paul Giddings (Minnesota), Mrs. Bessie H. Greisser (De Pauw), Mrs. John H. Shephard (Minnesota); *Gamma Phi Beta*: Mrs. John Bunn (Wisconsin), Mrs. J. F. Gibboney (Washington State); *Delta Gamma*: Mrs. L. H. Brown (Michigan), Mrs. Walter M. Burns (Washington State), Mrs. H. L. Crary (Stanford), Mrs. F. H. Mackeldowney (Wisconsin), Mrs. W. M. Newman (Minnesota), Mrs. Louis H. Pinkham (Minnesota), Mrs. E. H. Ramage (Minnesota); *Delta Delta Delta*: Mrs. F. G. Kennedy (Simpson), Grace G. Salls (Nebraska), Lillian Siegler (Minnesota), Mrs. Edison Worthington (Wisconsin); *Kappa Alpha Theta*: Mrs. E. G. Allen (Minnesota), Mrs. E. W. Evenson (Minnesota), Mrs. Conway Macmillan (Minnesota), Mrs. A. F. S.

Steele (Cornell University), Alice M. Turner (Minnesota), Carrie A. Warner (Cornell University); *Kappa Kappa Gamma*: Mrs. Kenneth E. Hibgy (Wisconsin), May Williams (Minnesota); *Pi Beta Phi*: Mrs. Frank H. Burr (Illinois), Mrs. J. Newton Colver (Simpson), Mrs. Rosalind Gephart (Iowa College), Lillian E. Haertel (Wisconsin), Mrs. G. Webster Hancox (Simpson), Kate E. Reed (Iowa State University). Mrs. B. H. Roark (Indiana), Nina A. Williams (Northwestern).

EDITH CLARK BURR.

NATIONAL PAN-HELLENIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Compiled by L. Pearle Green, Secretary of the Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Conference.

- A. In the conference itself.
1. Increase in membership from seven to thirteen fraternities.
 2. Establishment of standard for a national college fraternity: "Not less than five college chapters and none in an institution below college rank."
 3. Change of name from Intersorority conference to National Pan-Hellenic.
 4. Adoption of a working constitution insuring the permanency of the annual conferences.
- B. In the national fraternity life.
1. Co-operation and frank discussion among national officers of the special problems in special colleges.
 2. Exchange among fraternity officers of the journals of the woman's fraternities.
- C. In the college fraternity life.
1. The abolishment of pledging among preparatory students, except at the University of Michigan—where, owing to peculiar local conditions, the national fraternity chapters have been granted permission until September, 1909, to pledge high school seniors only.
 2. Formation of college Pan-Hellenics wherever two or more national are represented. These Pan-Hellenics consist of one alumna and one active

member from every national fraternity represented in the college.

3. A pledge day in every college fixed by the college Pan-Hellenic association.
4. No part of the initiation ceremony to take place in public.
5. Universal discountenancing of "lifting."
6. Women's fraternities interested in general college activities and taking active steps in formation of women's leagues.

D. Important publications.

1. Reports of the annual conferences.
2. A model college Pan-Hellenic constitution.
3. A model women's league constitution.
4. Report on social customs in coeducational colleges in the United States.
5. Report on present conditions of Pan-Hellenics in the United States.
6. Two circulars for fraternity alumnae setting forth the aims and purposes of the National Pan-Hellenic.

E. Incidental achievements.

1. Two meetings of fraternity delegates with the Conferences of Deans of Women, where a frank discussion of fraternity life in the college—its advantages and shortcomings—left with the fraternities many ideas for the improvement of fraternity life.
2. A great increase in trust and respect among rival fraternity chapters.

F. Present activities.

1. Organizing in each university community, resident alumnae of all fraternities to study local problems and advise steps for their solution.
2. Efforts for later pledge day.
3. Definite university scholarship attainment among the qualifications for eligibility to fraternity membership.
4. Pan-Hellenic efforts to restrict the excessive social life of the fraternity women in the college. Also

co-operation in the reduction of the elaborateness and expense of social functions.

5. More efforts toward securing the co-operation of fraternity alumnae in dealing with fraternity problems.
6. Raising scholarship standards in fraternity chapters
7. Increasing the dignity of the office of chapter house chaperons and the securing of suitable women for these important positions.
8. Formation of a code of etiquette regarding dismissals, pledging, etc.

G. Conclusion.

The breadth of these present activities touching all phases of college life, as contrasted with the avowed purpose of the 1902 (first) conference to "discuss pledging and rushing, suggesting a set of by-laws for the amelioration of existing rushing conditions," is the best proof of the progressive usefulness and strength of this organization so characteristic of the very finest fraternity spirit. May the next seven years see even greater achievement and a constantly broadening field for influential co-operation for the improvement of women's fraternity life.

WHAT A FRATERNITY GIRL THINKS

Why should not Pi Beta Phi maintain a "Bureau of Registration" for librarians, and perhaps also for Pi Phi engaged in other branches of work? This might be conducted somewhat as the present teachers' agencies are conducted. Any

*A Pi Phi Bureau
of Registration*

Pi Phi graduate of a library school should be at liberty to enroll in this Bureau (to be in charge of the fraternity cataloguer, or some special officer appointed for the purpose), giving particulars as to the kind of work she would prefer in her chosen profession. To this Bureau any member of the fraternity who knows of a desirable position available in her vicinity can write, with detailed information as to such vacancy, and the result might be a happy one, both for the Pi Phi graduate and for herself.

This suggestion, which would need considerable planning to make the scheme available promptly, has recently been brought forcibly to the mind of one of your alumnae who recently knew of such a vacancy near her. In the short time at her disposal she was not able to locate any Pi Phi desiring such a position. To her delight, however, the vacancy has been filled by a fraternity girl with whom she will have much in common.

E. L. C.

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On the landing of our stairway, just below the west window, is a space that must have been especially designed for a pretty row of low, brown wood shelves. Such we are expecting to put there and keep on them the books of the chapter library where they will be easily accessible to any girl who wishes to use them. There will be the ARROW file, of course, carefully bound—it is at press now—the college annual, the *Hawkeye*, Baird's *Manual*, a copy of the time-honored Robert's *Rules of Order* and lastly, our Chapter Scrap-Book in which will be pasted, with signatures and with little accompanying pictures of interest (as, for instance, a scene of the play in which she took part), the photograph of every girl in the chapter, as she comes.

*Chapter
libraries*

Iowa Zeta

A broad fraternity spirit should be fostered in every chapter. By a fraternity woman we do not mean simply a Pi Phi, but rather a woman in sympathy with the work and spirit of all fraternities. The chapter library is an excellent means of keeping in touch with the college and fraternity world in general. All current college literature and fraternity magazines as well as the more permanent publications relating to fraternity work, should be included in the chapter library.

Many things of local interest to the chapter in the way of college and fraternity records could be collected and preserved. The library would then be the means of strengthening local and national interest in both college and fraternity work.

Illinois Beta

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Vermont Beta writes of the plan that has been formulated to establish a library for the chapter. The local expenses are met by a monthly tax. A portion of this tax is to be used for the purchase of two books,—one, recent fiction, the other some classic. If not previously read, the books will be perused by members and discussed informally. Last year we began to subscribe for the college weekly and the monthly. Such issues are kept on file.

Vermont Beta

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It has been a fraternity custom of our chapter for the girls leaving school to leave their school and reference books. This has been the case for six or seven years and our library is quite useful. These books are used by the girls. We made a catalogue of our books and have about 75 or 100. Most of these are French, Latin, Spanish, and German texts, and readers and grammars, history, English, and sociology books. In fact we have books on nearly every university subject.

We haven't many popular books of fiction. There has been some talk of having each girl give some interesting book of this kind.

Colorado Alpha

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A chapter library should not seek to be a miniature of a college or public library. Its place is unique, hence books of general

interest and value should become a part of it only after it contains matter of college interest, of general fraternity interest, and of chapter significance. So there should be books by or about alumnae of the college in which the chapter exists, as well as books concerning the history and traditions of the school itself, and all annuals, magazines, or other publications put out by the student body. Books dealing with the evolution of the fraternity system; fraternity policy; the fraternity's relation to educational problems, to the college world, to the individual—in short, handbooks, manuals, historical sketches would be included as well as volumes of all fraternity magazines available. The chapter's chief pride and delight would however be in the possession of books written or compiled by its own initiates, and in volumes telling of work or life of well-known fraternity women.

Indiana Alpha

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A Pi Beta Phi library is a thing to us not unknown. We have a charming antique affair which goes by the name of secretary to the outside world but to us to whom it belongs it passes as the "thing in the corner." The bottom part of this article of furniture consists largely of drawers of many sizes in which are kept everything that will go into them. The upper part of the secretary holds within its glass doors our library. Our ARROW File stands on the first self. There are a few ARROWS missing and a place is left vacant for each to show that "though lost to sight" we still hope to have these restored. On the second shelf Baird's *Manual*. The *Sorority Handbook*, and some of the magazines of other fraternities stand in a neat line. Beside these appear two small portfolios which contain reports of conventions, inter-sorority conferences and the like. This is a Pi Beta Phi library! Small, not entirely complete, and yet adored.

Louisiana Alpha

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A chapter library should contain first of all Baird's *Manual*, Robert's *Rules of Order*, an index of alumnae, chapter history, scrap-book, album, and publications of its own and other fraternities as far as possible. Then books written by members of the fraternity should be procured and kept together with other late

books—a good encyclopedia, a dictionary and standard books of poetry and fiction, as many as chapter can afford.

Minnesota Alpha

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An excellent idea for a chapter library is a bound ARROW file. Then there would be no excuse for missing numbers of the ARROW, and greater pleasure would be found in looking them over in this more accessible and readable form. The library should contain books with a direct bearing up on fraternities, such as the *Sorority Handbook*, Baird's *Manual*, and Robert's *Rules of Order*. Another suggestion is to start a sort of loan library, consisting of the text-books used in college.

Massachusetts Alpha

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When the demand for a new biography almost equals that for the latest popular novel, when its circulation is so great as to cause it to be classified among the "best sellers," and when, in addition, it is considered worthy to be given as a parting gift to each member of the graduating classes of two great women's colleges, it must be a remarkable book. Such is the record, in part, of Professor Palmer's "Life of Alice Freeman Palmer," a volume which appeared only a little more than a year ago and which is still the most widely read of recent biographies.

When the subject and its treatment are considered, however, it does not seem strange that the book should have so favorable a reception, nor hold such a unique record. Alice Freeman Palmer was among the foremost American women of the nineteenth century and Professor Palmer in writing the life-history of the woman who was both his comrade and his inspiration, has performed a delicate and difficult task with marvelous skill. The thoughtful reader does not know which to admire more, the splendid character of the woman or the interpretative art of the biographer.

Writing shortly after her death, a friend and associate of Mrs. Palmer's said: "It is impossible to say what group of individuals or what cause will suffer most by her death, since she was officially connected with a very large number of institutions and associations, besides being the friend and adviser of innumerable people. On the whole, however, it may not be too much to say

that the woman's college woman and the cause of education will be the greatest losers."

Many times since her death have those connected with the half dozen different colleges which she served, either officially or as an adviser, and others associated with various educational organizations, missed her wisdom, tact, and resource. Above all, the lives of many women, college-bred and otherwise, have missed the inspiration of her presence.

Yet, although her active work is done, no one who has ever felt the power of Mrs. Palmer's influence in even a slight degree can help but feel that the effect of her wonderful personality has been stimulated by the writing of her life-story.

In reading it, one is impressed by what she herself called the supreme test of life, "its consecrated serviceableness," and in completing it, the reader is left with a feeling akin to that of the Harvard student who declared that "he never talked with her without being drawn out of the provincial narrowness of his own life, and always felt when he left her that life was hopeful and open to those who had the courage of great motives."

Certainly this volume should find a place in every fraternity library, for in its pages lies interest for all. No college woman in the land can fail to find between its covers a spur to her ambitions and an ideal for her achievements.

SARAH GERTRUDE POMEROY.

IN MEMORIAM

JESSIE SMITH-BAGLEY

Michigan Beta has again been called upon to mourn one of her alumnae. Jessie Smith-Bagley, A. B. Michigan University 1897, passed away December 20, 1908, at her home in Duluth, Minnesota. She was born September 5, 1873, in Winnebago, Illinois, where her early life was spent. Later she went to Rockford, Illinois, and was graduated from the high school of that place. Zealous for a higher education, she conquered, with her characteristic determination, the many obstacles in the way and in 1893 entered the University of Michigan, where she attained a high standing as a classical student. After graduation she taught for two years, giving up her profession in 1899, when she was married to Dr. William R. Bagley. They made their home in Duluth, where her death came as a great shock to her many friends; for, although during the past few months she had been in poor health, her demise was entirely unexpected.

A woman of unusual ability and activity, with a warm-hearted and noble Christian character, she was loved by all. As in her college days always alert to the needs of those about her, so she was during her married life. Though the devoted mother of five children, still she retained an active interest in literary work, and spent much time in philanthropy, casting freely each day, by deeds and words, many rays of sunshine to brighten the paths of her fellow-men. Her cheerful and sympathetic disposition, combined as it was with great strength of character, was an untold help to all with whom she came in contact. Only those of us who knew her best can appreciate how much her life of sweet and unselfish service meant to the many, for so unassuming and quiet was she in her kindness, that we alone can realize how numerous were her deeds of love and thoughtfulness. It is with gratitude that we remember the years she spent with us, years so full, for she early learned that the true value of living was "not to be ministered unto but to minister." So may we bow our heads in reconciliation and say, "He giveth his beloved sleep."

JOANNA K. HEMPSTED, *Michigan Beta.*

CAROLINE OSGOOD BRADSHAW

The death of Caroline Osgood Bradshaw occurred at her home in Ida Grove, Iowa, January 29, 1909. She was initiated into Michigan Alpha, June 22, 1888. Before her marriage, which occurred in June, 1897, she was a teacher of music. Her husband, H. S. Bradshaw, died some time before her.

Mrs. Bradshaw has for twenty years been an interested alumna of the chapter, and her death is deeply regretted

MRS. ADDIE CLAYCOMB-HART

Mrs. Addie Claycomb-Hart died at her home in Eureka, Kan., January 11, after a serious illness of six months. Mrs. Hart was born December 20, 1859, in Warren County, Illinois. Her parents moved to Galesburg when she was four years old, and it was there that she grew to womanhood and received her education, attending the public schools and Lombard College. While in attendance at college she became a member of Pi Beta Phi. She left college before graduation and with her parents moved in 1878 to Eureka, Kan which place has since been her home. Addie Claycomb was married December 28, 1880, and four children were born to her, all of whom survive her. Her eldest daughter, Mrs. Mary Hart-Evans, is also a member of Illinois Beta chapter.

Mrs. Hart was a woman who passed through much sorrow, but met it bravely and never allowed it to darken her own life or that of her children.

She raised and educated her children and identified herself with much of the public work of Eureka. She helped to establish the public library there and as its librarian was personally known to more people than any other woman in Eureka. She was beloved and honored by all.

To her very large circle of friends and the members of her family, Illinois Beta chapter extends its heartfelt sympathy.

Illinois Beta.

EDITORIALS

In devoting so large a portion of this issue of the *ARROW* to the work of librarians, the editor has no desire to exploit the profession of librarianship. Rather she wishes to indicate to the undergraduate members of the fraternity how great an opportunity the profession of librarianship opens to them as college women. Moreover, as the articles in the *ARROW* indicate, the field is one in which the fraternity already has many able workers. The growth of librarianship has been rapid. It was not until 1887 that the New York State Library School at Albany, the oldest in the country, was established. The fraternity of course maintains no chapters in library schools. At both Illinois and Syracuse, however, excellent courses in library training are offered in the universities.

From the chapters in these two colleges come 38 of our 99 librarians. To be sure these 99 librarians form but a small part of our total 4800 alumnae—only a trifle more than two per cent. Yet 25 of our 39 chapters are represented by these 99 librarians. And if we exclude home making and school teaching, we have more women engaged in library work than in any other occupation.

That next to home making we should have more alumnae engaged in school teaching does not seem strange, as the general admission of women to coeducational colleges dates from the close of the Civil War—the period when our fraternity was established. In the late sixties and early seventies colleges were opened to women more freely than before. The men of the country, the young men, fought that war. So great was the sacrifice of human life, that after the war it became necessary, if children were to be taught at all, to have women teach them. The profession of teaching has, therefore, been open to women for forty years. Naturally there are many teachers among our alumnae. Of the occupations more recently thrown open to women, however, more Pi Phis have elected to be librarians than have chosen any other field of endeavor. Not only does the work of a librarian offer much to the college woman of to-day, but in this same work our alumnae have already done excellently. It is not only a field that in itself promises well to our undergraduate members, but it is one in which, as Pi Beta Phis, we find many of our sisters have gone the way before us.

The ARROW congratulates Michigan Beta and California Alpha on the acquisition of their new homes. In February, Michigan Beta, founded in 1888, bought the house at 236 Tappan Road, Ann Arbor, which she has been occupying for several years and which was formerly the property of Professor Andrew McLaughlin, a son-in-law of President Angell. During the Christmas holidays California Alpha, founded in 1893, moved into the new home which she has just built for herself. Both chapters are to be especially congratulated, because they did not build their houses by the gifts of their alumnae. The moneys that these chapters received from their alumnae were investments of the alumnae, not gifts. In no other way can chapters with young alumnae, many of whom earn their own livelihood, build a house, and in no better way can any chapter build a house. The fraternity is not a charity association; it is a mutual aid society.

Mrs. Fanny Read Cook, of Homer, Mich., has the following duplicate ARROWS which she will send to any chapters wishing them to complete their files:

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The editor regrets the tardiness of this issue of the ARROW. Eye trouble, which made the use of her eyes an impossibility for a fortnight, held up the Editor's work at the time of going to press.

NOTICES

The Chicago alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi will hold its Founders' Day luncheon, Saturday, May 1, at the Great Northern Hotel. Any members of the fraternity who may be in the city on that date will please communicate with Mrs. Orpheus M. Schantz, Morton Park, Ill.

The *Chapter House of Washington Alpha*, 4551 17th Ave, N.E., which is situated near the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon

Exposition, will be kept open through the summer. All Pi Phis and their friends who are planning to visit the fair will find it a pleasant and reasonable place to stay. The house will be in charge of Bertha Bigelow, '11, and her mother. A register of all Pi Phis visiting the Exposition will be kept at the chapter house. For information, please write to Miss Bertha Bigelow, 4551 17th Ave., N. E., Seattle, Wash.

New York Beta will sublet during the summer months her four room apartment to any Pi Phis who may be in attendance at the Columbia summer school. The apartment, which is furnished, is within two blocks of Columbia. For information as to terms write to Miss Eleanor Murtha, 547 Riverside Drive, New York City.

Chapters desiring matrons for next year may apply to the committee upon chapter houses; Pi Beta Phi alumnae who desire such positions are requested to communicate with the committee. The members of the committee are: Mrs. F. O. Marvin, 1603 Massachusetts Ave., Lawrence, Kan; Mrs. Alfred H. White, 933 Forest Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan; and Miss Anna Webster Lytle, Lewis Hall, Lewiston, Idaho.

Will the president of each college Pan-Hellenic please instruct the secretary of the same to send to the secretary of the National Pan-Hellenic, L. P. Green, 15 East Ave., Ithaca, N. Y., a copy of your Pan-Hellenic contract for the college year 1909-10; a also a copy of your Pan-Hellenic constitution and the name of the Pan-Hellenic secretary for the next college year? These documents are needed in the work of the National Conference. Your co-operation in sending these, without the receipt of a letter direct will be greatly appreciated.

Will any subscriber who fails to receive her ARROW notify the Editor at once?

ALUMNÆ PERSONALS

VERMONT ALPHA

Florence Hemenway, '00, is instructor in Latin in Olivet College, Olivet, Mich.

Anne Metcalf, '06, has announced her engagement to Percy Howard of Beverly, Mass.

Lena Bixby-Ingalsbe, '03, has a small son, born January 19.

Mrs. Clifford D. Cushman (Ina Gove) is now living in Saratoga, Cal.

Mabel Stevenson's present address is 15 Benton Ave., Great Barrington, Mass.

VERMONT BETA

The condition of Kathryne Gelbhardt-Welsh, '01, who has been seriously ill at the home of her parents in Shelburne, is somewhat improved.

Daisy Russell, '03, called on us recently.

Maude Fletcher-Crawford, ex-'07, was in town recently.

A daughter was born February 21 to Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Waddell (Mary Gregory, '99).

Lillian Carpenter, '05, is spending the winter in Randolph, Vt.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA

The visiting committee of the Boston alumnae club will gladly call upon members of other chapters who come to Boston. The committee consists of Mrs. Elizabeth Phelps, 142 Oakdale St., East Dedham; Jennie B. Allyn, 471 Broadway, Cambridge; Dr. Adalieta Shaw, 1057 Main St., Melrose Highlands; Ethel M. Piper, 17 Albion St., Roxbury.

Helen Ganiard, ex-'08, is teaching in Halifax, Mass.

Professional cards have recently been issued by Mildred Babcock, '07, M.D., and by Adalieta Shaw, '08, M.D. Dr. Babcock's office is on Walnut St., Dedham. Dr. Shaw's office is at 115 West Emerson St., Melrose.

The engagement of Vera Swezey, '08, to Charles White of Malden was announced on Christmas Day.

Sarah G. Pomeroy, '06, will accompany a party of her high school pupils to Washington during the spring recess.

NEW YORK ALPHA

The address of Mrs. Albert Doty (Cora V. Scott) is 395 Ocean Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Carlene Barrett, '07, Olive Barker, ex-'07, and Mrs. Orville Cumings (Grace McCoon, ex-'06) visited New York Alpha in December.

The marriage of Lounelle Walker, '07, to Arthur Darling took place at Georgetown, N. Y., in February. Mr. Darling, who is a member of Psi Upsilon, is a graduate of Wesleyan University and took his master's degree at Harvard.

Carrie Stroud, '07, is making a tour of Europe.

The engagement of Laura Single '05, to Harold Merry, '05, a member of Sigma Chi, has been announced.

The marriage of Olive Macdonald, ex-'06, to Dr. Ross Jordan took place in January.

Marion Nearpass, ex-'10, visited New York Alpha in March.

The following clipping from the New York *Times* Book Review is of interest to New York Alpha, because Mrs. Furlong (Eva Earll) is an alumna of the chapter: "Charles Wellington Furlong, artist, explorer, and writer of many articles on the results of his explorations, has been made a Fellow of the Royal Geographical Society. It will be remembered that it was Mr. Furlong who discovered in Tripoli Harbor, in 1904, the wreck of the United States frigate *Philadelphia*, which was sunk by Decatur in 1804. The original fame of Mr. Furlong, however, was not gained as a writer or as a traveler, but as an artist. He has been an exhibitor at various academies, and an illustrator for the magazines, and was a pupil of Bouguereau during his study abroad, where his work won several prizes."

NEW YORK BETA

Sophie P. Woodman, '07, who has been studying this year for her master's degree at Columbia University, plans to spend the summer in Denver, Colo.

Edna A. Tompkins is doing special work in the New York offices of the Young People's Missionary Union.

Millicent Perkins, who would have received her bachelor's degree at Mt. Holyoke College this year, is teaching in the Episcopal Mission School at Highlands, N. C.

Amalie L. Althaus, '07, has been appointed an assistant in German in the Morris High School, New York City.

Mary W. Murtha, '08, who this year is a graduate scholar at Bryn Mawr College, has announced her engagement to William P. Webb of Providence, R. I. Mr. Webb, who is a graduate of Dartmouth and a civil engineer in the government service, is engaged on the waterworks at Cornwall-on-the-Hudson.

Bessie Beers, '07, is teaching in Madison, N. J. She lives within a few doors of Maud Soper and Miriam Belt-Soper of Maryland Alpha.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA

Mrs. Edith McCain-Jaekel gave a delightful tea February 17 at her home, 4010 Pine St., Philadelphia, for her sister Helen McCain.

The Pennsylvania Alpha alumnae attended the annual dance given February 20 at the Acorn Club in Philadelphia, by the active chapter of Swarthmore College.

Edith Sellers Bunting entertained the alumnae of Pennsylvania Alpha at a card party February 23 at her home in Chester, Pa. Miss Bunting also pleasantly entertained the active chapter and a few alumnae at a five hundred party February 26.

Elizabeth E. Johnson, '06, Ada C. Graham, Mary L. Sproul, Anna F. T. Pettit, '07, and Beatrice M. Victory, '07, are planning to attend a dance given March 12 by the New York Beta girls.

Hazel L. Davis of Coatesville is spending several weeks with Edith S. Bunting in Chester.

Edith Lewis, '06, of Baltimore has been visiting Flora M. Boyle in Coatesville.

Mary A. Gutelius, '04, of Wallingford has announced her engagement to the Rev. Mr. Harold Rambo of New York City.

Pennsylvania Alpha is enjoying frequent visits from Céleste Janvier who at present is staying in Philadelphia.

The Philadelphia alumnae club gave a concert at the Women's Hospital, Philadelphia, on March 18.

Born in December to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Clark (Sarah Bancroft, '97), a daughter.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Snyder (Ethel Griest, '01), a son.

Anna M. Jackson will receive her bachelor's degree in domestic science in June from Columbia University.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA

A number of our alumnae visited us recently during Junior

Week. Among them were Edna Seaman, '08, Mae Jones, '08, and Ella Garvin, ex-'09, who is now at the Woman's College in Baltimore. Ella brought with her Miss Perry, a Tau Kappa Pi from Baltimore.

Edna Bacon, '02, recently visited her cousins at the Institute.

Mabel Wheeler, '00, teaches history and typewriting in the high school at Erie, Pa. Helen A. Selinger, '03, has charge of the work in biology in the same school.

F. Rebecca Shove, '06, is teaching in the Friends Academy, Locust Valley, Long Island.

Mary Jameson, '11, of Danville, Pa., has entered college this term.

Frances Chaffee, '09, will be absent from college during the winter term.

At the end of the fall term it was decided to reorganize the College Girls' Association as the Woman's League. Ethel Watkins, '10, was elected vice-president.

Gertrude Stephens was married Christmas eve to John C. Downs, editor of the *United Presbyterian Magazine*, which is published in Pittsburg. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride in Lewisburg, by her father, the Rev. Dr. Leroy Stephens. Mary Stephens, '99, was her sister's bridesmaid.

Jeannette Shepard, '02, is teaching in Camden, N. J.

Both active chapter and alumnae club extend their heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. William C. Gretzinger in the death of her husband February 18. Mr. Gretzinger, who has been registrar of Bucknell since his graduation in 1889, showed his interest in the chapter by his endorsement of the petition of the group of girls who later were our charter members. After the establishment of the chapter, Mrs. Gretzinger became one of its patronesses, and both Mr. and Mrs. Gretzinger manifested a sympathetic and kindly interest in the chapter throughout its history. Mr. Gretzinger was himself a fraternity man, a member of Phi Kappa Psi, and for some years he edited the *Shield*.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Elvira S. Coleman, '03, to Harry Conrad Herpel at her home in Reynoldsville. After April 1 they will be at home at Monessen, Pa.

Edith Hedges Kelly, '05, who for the past three years has been teaching in the Blairsville College at Blairsville, Pa., has been

appointed instructor in German and French in the Gilbert School, at Winsted, Conn.

Mary and Lewis Theiss have an article in the February number of *Good Housekeeping*, entitled "Color Harmony in House Decoration."

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA

January 21 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence G. Cleaver (Ethelyn Hardesty, '02) of Wilksburg, Pa.

Mary Hoover, '07, and Elsie Hoffer, '07, spent February 22 in Carlisle.

Gertrude Heller-Barnhardt, '05, visited her sister Ruth for a few days this term.

Ada Filler-Kennedy, '07, was home during January.

Bess Craighead, '01, of Harrisburg, was present at one of the chapter meetings in January.

MARYLAND ALPHA

Emily Hoskins-Gawthrop, '02, has a son, born January 8.

Anne Porter, '08, and Louise Van Sant, '08, visited Lilian Baldwin, ex-'08, in Brooklyn during January. Alice Russell, ex-'09, of Great Bend, Kan., visited college during January.

Euphemia Miller, '07, was married January 5 to the Reverend George Franklin Ream of Waterville, Kan.

Maud Soper, '02, has returned from Japan, where she has been a missionary, and is now visiting her brother in Madison, N. J.

Lilian I. Baldwin, ex-'08, has moved to 781 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Waunda Hartshorn-Petrunkevitch, '98, has a poem in the January number of *McClure's Magazine*, entitled "Premonition."

COLUMBIA ALPHA

Rhoda Watkins, '06, has been awarded a fellowship in English at George Washington University.

The engagement of Frances O. Bethune, '07, to Charles B. Melby, Phi Delta Phi, has been announced. The wedding will take place in June.

Anna Johnson, ex-'07, is in Washington on a visit.

OHIO ALPHA

Frieda Coultrap-Long of Dayton, Ohio, spent a month in Athens visiting her parents.

Mary Townsend-Porter, '02, is spending the winter in Washington, D. C.

Born to Pansy Herrold-Morgan, a son, Herrold Morgan.

Grace Scott of Columbus visited her brother in Athens in March.

Grace Gist-Parker of Gallipolis visited relatives in Athens in February.

Helen Bishop-Gray of Ironton recently spent several weeks in Athens with her mother.

OHIO BETA

Mrs. Algernon Stevenson (Madge Wilson, '08) has moved from Charlotte, N. C., to 575 Peachtree St., Atlanta, Ga.

A daughter was born December 25, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Carnes (Laura Deatrick) of Tampa, Fla.

Martha Jones, '06, is teaching in the high school in Ironwood, Mich.

INDIANA ALPHA

Professor Jeannette Zeppenfeld, '90, visited Jennie Coble in New York City during the Christmas holidays. During her visit she spent a day with Professor and Mrs. Paul Monroe (Emma Ellis, '90,) of Columbia University.

Nelly B. Turner, '91, is resident nurse in Green Hall, one of the women's dormitories at the University of Chicago.

Marie Hollingsworth of Plainfield attended the musicale given February 26 by Indiana Alpha.

Carolyn McCaslin is teaching in the high school in Kethsburg, Ill.

Announcement has been made of the approaching marriage of Julia Wilson to H. D. Lawshe, Phi Delta Theta, of Washington, D. C.

INDIANA BETA

Mary Sample, '08, who is teaching in Courtlandt, Ind., recently spent a week-end with us.

Annette Wayman-Poulsen, Hettie Neat, '06, and Grace Beard, '06, all of New Albany, were here for February 22. The active chapter entertained at luncheon in their honor. Caroline Read-Karsell, '05, and Edith Spencer-Malott, were among the guests.

Frances Epperson and Edna Hatfield have visited us several times this term.

Edith Spencer-Malott, '06, and daughter are here with Mr. Malott while he is working for his master's degree, preparatory to taking up government work in the Philippines. They sail from San Francisco April 17.

Olive Taylor, '04, was here for Panthygatric.

Irene Ferris and Florence Rosenthal have visited us recently.

Kate Blakely-Praigg is now living in Portland, Ind.

Mindwell Crampton-Wilson, '05, who has been living in Copper Cliff, Canada, has moved to Gary, Ind.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Pond (Tracy Guild), a daughter.

INDIANA GAMMA

Mary Clark, '07, and Frances Doan, '07, visited the chapter in February.

Faye Shover, '00, is an instructor in the Shortridge High School, Indianapolis.

Lillian Bergold, '06, recently published a book, now in its second edition, entitled "Lincoln Centennial for Boys, Girls, and Teachers of Elementary Schools."

Ethel Curryer, '97, and her mother will return April 1 from St. Petersburg, Fla., where they spent the winter.

Fannie Miner was the guest of Mrs. Drybread in Franklin in January and attended the meeting in celebration of the founding of Indiana Alpha.

Alice Good-Holloway has gone, with her husband and son, to Gillette, Ark., to live.

Ruth De Hass, ex-'07, was married October 21, 1908, to Ray Bunch, of Indianapolis, a member of Sigma Chi. Mr. and Mrs. Bunch are now living at 3121 Washington Blvd., Indianapolis.

Ruth Elstun, ex-'06, was married September 22, 1908, to Harold Conkling Curtis. Mr. and Mrs. Curtis are now living at 1940 Park Ave., Indianapolis.

Maria Leonard, '06, and Mary Clark recently gave a musicale at Westfield.

Louisa A. Van Dyke, '04, left Ann Arbor in January to teach in the department of pedagogy in the State Normal School at Indiana, Pa. Her address is Sutton Hall.

Jessamine Armstrong of Kokomo, Ethel Woody of North Vernon, Mary Clark of Danville, Frances Doan of Westfield, and Jessie Lockhart-Tilford of Martinsville, attended the Butler

College Founders' Day luncheon on February 6 at the Claypool Hotel.

Ethel Duncan has returned from a visit in Fargo, N. D., and Minneapolis, Minn.

ILLINOIS BETA

Eula Tompkins, '08, visited us two days in February and was present at our last initiation.

Pearle Burnside-Swanson, '05, is visiting her parents in Knoxville.

Louise Newman, '05, is visiting her sister in northern Wisconsin.

A son was born in December to Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Pratt (Nellie Turner) of Unionville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. X. C. Meyer (Nell Vandenburg) are the parents of a son, born in January.

Marion Webster, '05, and Louise Claycomb, '05, are going abroad next summer.

ILLINOIS DELTA

December 31, 1908, Grace Avery was married to Corwin Giddings, Beta Theta Pi, Knox '07. Mr. and Mrs. Giddings are now living at 5 Almirwin Place, Dayton, Ohio.

The address of Mrs. J. K. Comstock (May Phimister, '90) is 5400 South Park Ave., Chicago.

The address of Dorothy D. Phimister, '00, who, under the name of Dorothy D. Deene, teaches art by correspondence, is 79 East 41st St., Chicago.

Edna Heaton, ex-'09, is teaching in Seattle, Wash.

Bess Gard and Eunice Jacobson, ex-'10, Mable Anderson, '08, and Martha Taliaferro, ex-'09, were in Galesburg for the annual Pi Beta Phi party, February 27.

Annie Gaddis, '06, is teaching public school music and English in the high school at La Harpe.

Anne McKay, ex-'07, was married January 27 to John Wyckoff of Oneida, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison (Emily Brooks, '89) of Minneapolis have started on a trip around the world.

Edith Lass, '05, is teaching English composition in the Galesburg high school.

Cordelia Willard, ex-'10, of Omaha, Neb., is visiting in Galesburg.

Della Hurff-Zinser, '04, of Chillicothe, Ill., has a son.

Grace Terry, '95, is visiting friends in Los Angeles, Cal.

Mrs. Mary Root Simpson of Galesburg has another son.

ILLINOIS EPSILON

When Elda Smith, '01, visited her cousins in Dixon during the Christmas holidays she met three Dixon Pi Phis. They were Ada Baldwin of Wisconsin Alpha and Illinois Zeta, Helen Brinton of Illinois Delta, and Jane Hitchcock of Colorado Beta.

Miriam E. Prindle, '96, has moved to 804 West Pierce St., Kirksville, Mo.

Elberta Smith visited Josephine Collyer at the time of the annual initiation.

Mrs. David DeCamp Thompson announces the marriage of her daughter, Mary Edith, to Mr. Alonzo Clarence Fry on February 20, at Evanston, Ill. Mr. Fry's legal practice is in Chicago. After June 1 Mr. and Mrs. Fry will be at home at 2135 Orrington Ave., Evanston, Ill.

Early in February Mae Doland and her sister, Mrs. Grace Doland-Paul, gave a linen shower in honor of Mrs. Fry.

Ethel V. Deckard, who is now living in Pensacola, Fla., has been visiting in Bryan, Texas.

Nina Williams, '06, who is living in Spokane, Wash., made a flying visit to the chapter in February.

Among the alumnae who attended initiation were Elda L. Smith, '01, Elberta Smith, '03, Anna Thompson-Bremer, Emma Doland, Hedwig Mueller, '03, Etta Shoupe, Josephine Collyer, Sybil Horning, '07, Mabel Ellis, Lucie Gloss, Hazel Schelp, Agnes Collyer, and Corinne Cohn, '01.

We were fortunate in having with us at the initiation banquet the following members of the Chicago alumnae club: Mary O. Pollard of Vermont Alpha; Mabel Abbott of Indiana Alpha; Edith Abbott of Indiana Gamma; Lucy Edith Hammond of Colorado Beta; Mabel L. Parker and Sarah Edwards-Castle of Michigan Beta.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Claude Libberton (Avis Stratton) of Chicago, a son.

Corinne Cohn, '00, of the faculty of the Cumnock School of Oratory, has announced her engagement to Leo L. Hals, of Pittsburg. The wedding will take place in July.

Elda Smith, '01, is secretary of the Springfield branch of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae.

ILLINOIS ZETA

Myra Cox is now living at 50 Oakwood Blvd., Chicago.

Marion F. Goodman is a student at Ferry Hall, Lake Forest.

Mrs. Arthur R. Johnston (Nettie S. Baker) has moved from Joliet to 40 Harris Ave., La Grange, Ill.

Edith Lillian Spray, '07, was married February 6 at Arlington Heights to Fred Scott Sawyer.

Katharine Fairbrother visited us for several days in February.

Ethel Lendrum, '07, was here for Lois Franklin's wedding and stayed with the girls for a few days. She is having a very successful year as teacher of household science in the public schools of Watska, Ill.

Lois Franklin, '03, was married to A. W. Stoolman February 13.

The engagement of Bess Stipes to Maurice Hecker, Sigma Nu, Illinois, has been announced. They expect to be married in June.

Blanche Couk of Indiana Beta visited at the house in February.

Ethel Douglas, ex-'10, came back for a few days' visit.

Lois Swigart, '07, who is teaching in the high school at Centralia, Ill., visited the chapter in February.

MICHIGAN ALPHA

Edith McDougall has left Beloit, Wis., and is living in Litchfield, Mich.

Leila R. Soule, '05, is teaching in Oak Park, Ill. Her address is The Kenton.

Helen Vernor, Mrs. Lulu Merrifield Uncapher and Mrs. Katherine Searle Suhr recently visited the chapter.

Inis Coon is teaching in Loveland, Colo.

Mayte Collins-Tripp, '04, is now living in Jackson, where her husband has begun the practice of law.

Louise Randolph-Rorman of Frost, Minn., and Katherine Searle-Suhr of Provo, Utah, have been the guests at the Ford home in Hillsdale.

It will be of interest to Pi Phi to know that the short story entitled "His Christmas Rose" on the second page of the December *Ladies' Home Journal* is by Etta Squier-Seley of Michigan Alpha.

The *Te Deum* composed by Vivian Lyon will be played in the Episcopal church of Hillsdale on Easter Sunday.

MICHIGAN BETA

Mrs. Alice Coleman-Moses, '06, visited us for a few days in February.

Mrs. Rebecca Downey-White, who has been very ill for the past few weeks, is recovering nicely, although she will be unable to see any one for some time.

Margaret Breck, who is graduated this year from Vassar, was with us during Junior Hop Week.

Lenore Smith, '04, Helen Wattles, '04, of Detroit spent Washington's Birthday with us.

Charlotte Augstman, '08, announced her engagement to Reeves Goodwin, '06, of Pittsburg, at a valentine luncheon, February 13, to which both active girls and alumnae were invited.

Olive Gilbreath, M.A. '08, expects to sail June 26 for an extended trip through Europe, returning to the United States about Christmas time.

Ethel McLean, ex-'08, with her guest, Bess Andrus of Michigan City, spent Washington's Birthday with us.

Annie S. Thompson, '95, is teaching in one of the grade schools in New York City. Her address is 880 St. Nicholas Ave.

Joanna K. Hempsted, '96, is twelfth grade principal in Detroit.

Mrs. William R. Bageley (Jessie Smith, '97) died suddenly December 20 of diabetes at her home in Duluth, Minn., leaving five little children, the youngest of whom is only six months old.

Mrs. Ineson J. Kohler (Pearl Bennett) is now living in Seattle, Wash.

Born July 19, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Sharpless Walker (Gladys O. James, '05), a son, James Eugene.

Mrs. Seth Ely (Elsa Tritscheller) has moved to Dover, N. J.

Mrs. Sarah Edwards Castle, '04, is living in Barrington, Ill.

Julia W. Heath, '02, was married January 16 to Charles Harvey Brown, reference librarian in the John Crerar Library, Chicago, Ill.

WISCONSIN ALPHA

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Saunders (Virginia Hayner, '02.) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, a son.

Elizabeth H. Shepard, '02, was married August 24, 1907, to

William H. Lough, Jr., who edits with the *Journal of Accountancy* of New York University. Their address is 82 Washington Place, New York City. Mr. Lough is a member of Alpha Delta Phi.

Florence Porter Robinson, '93, was called to her home in Milwaukee by the death of her father.

The engagement of Edna Dorothea Holmes, '08, to Charles Mayo Loring of Racine is announced. The wedding is to take place in June.

Cora Case Hinkley, '08, has been teaching in Stevens Point.

Florence Rudolph-Barrett, '07, died March 4 at her home in Browning, Mont. The funeral services were held at the home of her parents in Canton, S. D.

Florence Vaughn, ex-'10, was married March 6 to Dr. John Meyer of Denver. They are to live in Denver.

Alice Friend paid a short visit to Madison in February.

IOWA BETA

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Jeffery (Edna Lisle) of Clarinda, a daughter.

Stella Hartman, '87, mourns the loss of her father, Mayor E. W. Hartman.

Esther John, who is teaching in Cambridge, Iowa, attended our house party January 23 and 24.

Jessie Schee, '08, was with us for the house party.

Ada Proudfoot, '08, has visited in Indianola several times lately.

Mrs. Carl Sigler gave a dinner at the Chamberlain in Des Moines February 11 in honor of Mrs. Agnes Buxton Little of Berwyn, Ill., and Mrs. Ada Whitney Goodsell of Garden Grove.

Ruth Baker, Pearl Hathaway, and Mrs. Wm. Buxton attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet in Des Moines February 6.

Vera Peasley and Dessamond Claybaugh of the active chapter also attended the banquet.

Beatrice E. ReQua was married June 10, 1908, to Mr. E. C. Leveke. Mr. and Mrs. Leveke live in Philo, Ill., where Mr. Leveke has mining interests.

Mrs. Thomas J. Everett (Sue F. Morrison, '78) has moved from Westerly, R. I., to Williamsport, Ind.

IOWA GAMMA

Lola Placeway, '95, Carolyn Grimsby, '05, and Carrie Watters (Iowa Zeta) attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet which was held in Des Moines February 6.

Luella Kilbourne, who is at the head at the domestic science work in the Mason City schools, visited the chapter for a few days in February.

Mary Wilson has resigned her position as Dean Stanton's private secretary at the Iowa State College. Myra Whited will succeed her in this position.

Lucetta Cameron and William J. Sievers were married on Wednesday afternoon, February 24, at Alta, Iowa.

Esther Crawford, '88, is doing special work in cataloguing in the free public library of Newark, N. J.

IOWA ZETA

Julia E. Rogers, '92, has been elected president of the New York alumnae club.

Judge and Mrs. Homer Abbott (Frances Gardner, '03) are living at 37 East 16th St., Chicago Heights, Ill.

MINNESOTA ALPHA

Ruth Robbins-Loomis, '10, is back in college this term.

Constance Day and Florence Amble, ex-'08, visited in Madison for two or three days in February.

Jess Matson, '06, spent February and March traveling in California.

Irma Smith, '08, is teaching in Elk River for the second semester.

Mary Lyon, '10, has taken Florence Burgess' position in the registrar's office.

Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor's operetta, "The House that Jack Built," will be put on in Minneapolis under the auspices of the Episcopal churches for the benefit of the "Sheltering Arms" home for orphans.

The engagement is announced of Florence Burgess, '06, and Winthrop Scribner Blackburn of St. Paul, Minn. The wedding will take place April 6.

Esther Friedlander, '92, has our sympathy in the death of her father.

Alice E. Thompson, '07, is doing graduate work in the College of Agriculture.

MISSOURI BETA

Helene Johnstone, one of our charter members, is to go to Toronto next September with her sister, Mrs. Dewitt, who was a patroness of Missouri Beta. Dr. Dewitt, who was formerly a member of the faculty of Washington University, is to become a member of the Toronto faculty.

KANSAS ALPHA

A committee composed of Edwin Markham and Edward W. Townsend, who were selected by the G. W. Dillingham Company to pass upon and award the prize offered by that company for a 200-word discussion of the ending of Mr. Burton's novel, *Strongheart*, has made the award to Florence Finch Kelly (Kansas Alpha, '81) of this city.—*New York Times*.

A. C. McClurg and Company of Chicago published the latter part of February a novel, "The Delafield Affair," by Florence Finch Kelly, '81.

Mary Hayden, '07, and Oscar Zimmermann, Alpha Tau Omega, were married March 17.

Alma Poehler will return in April to Europe to continue her studies.

Claudia Pendleton, '08, recently returned from a visit in Burlington, Iowa.

Mrs. Davenport (Gertude Crotty, '89) of Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, spent a few days in Lawrence and visited the chapter house.

Mrs. Louis Blaul (Bertha Poehler) of Burlington, Iowa, is visiting friends in Lawrence.

NEBRASKA BETA

Eva M. Cooper, '04, was married December 19, 1908, to Emory Day Stanley, '05, a member of Phi Gamma Delta. The marriage took place in the Presbyterian church in Humboldt, Neb. Mrs. Stanley returned in June, by way of Europe, from a two years' stay in the Philippines, during which time she was a teacher in the Cavite high school. Mr. Stanley is a past assistant paymaster in the navy. At present he is on special duty in Washington in the Bureau of Chemistry, but in a few months he is to be transferred to the New York Navy Yard. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley are now living at The Chesterfield, Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston (Lois Burruss) have recently moved from Lincoln to Omaha, Neb.

Aileen Weaver, '06, of Lawrence, Kan., was the guest of Mary Wadsworth of Council Bluffs for two weeks in January.

Kate Heacock and Mabell Lyford of Falls City spent several weeks in Omaha with Mrs. V. R. Gould (Bess Heacock, '05). The alumnae club was glad to welcome them to one of the club meetings.

The Omaha-Council Bluffs alumnae club will celebrate Founders' Day with a banquet. This is the first one, though the club hopes to make it an annual function.

TEXAS ALPHA

Mary C. Smither has returned to Huntsville from a tour of Mexico. She plans to spend the winter with her brother in Alpine, Tex.

Nellie A. Harris-Robinson has moved from Tyler to Cleburne, where Dr. Robinson is now superintendent of schools.

Lottie Harris is teaching in the high school in Houston.

Mae Wynne of Huntsville, after a series of visits in Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, has returned to Texas.

Helen Hood, after spending two years in Europe, has returned to Austin.

Susie Shelton, '08, of Waco was married to Robert J. McMillan, Alpha Tau Omega, of San Antonio, on November 6, 1908. They are living in Kingsville, Texas.

Emily White of Waco spent the holidays with Ada Garrison in Austin.

Fay Kincaid, '06, after a tour of Europe, sailed from Naples, Italy, for her home in Manila, P. I.

Nomie Mason spent the winter in Van Vleck, Texas.

Texas Alpha welcomes Era Keeling from the Indiana Alpha.

We are glad to have with us again this year Lucile Evans, '08. She has been awarded a fellowship in Latin at the university.

Frances Waggener was married during the Christmas holidays to Augustus J. Boyden of Beverly, Mass.

COLORADO ALPHA

Born on February 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Norbert Winner (Clara Morse, '06), a baby girl, Margaret.

Jessie Thompson, '08, has been very sick in Denver at St. Joseph's Hospital. She has now passed the crisis and is, we are glad to say, improving.

Ethel Poley and Mr. Bradbury were married February 1. It was a very fashionable wedding. Several Pi Phis acted as bridesmaids.

Eunice Thompson, '08, spent a week recently visiting friends in Boulder; she also attended Ethel Poley's wedding.

Heather Hill has returned to her home in Idaho Springs.

Floye Lewis-Giffin, '06, has returned from a trip to California.

Helene Stidger, '06, is visiting friends in Illinois, Ohio, and Iowa. She intends visiting Laura Killgore, '06, in Kansas City.

Mrs. Charlotte Joy Allen-Farnsworth has been transferred from Whittier Hall to the Horace Mann School at Columbia. Professor and Mrs. Farnsworth are now living at the University Court, 401 West 117th St., New York City.

COLORADO BETA

The chapter extends its sympathy to Sadie Bristol-Mains, whose husband, William C. Mains, Ph.D., died suddenly, January 23, at their home in Mt. Vernon.

The chapter also extends its sympathy to Mrs. Nanruth Taggart Haines, '00, in the loss of her infant daughter.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Florence Vaughn to Dr. John Herman Warren Meyer on March 16.

The death of Bessie Wahrenburger, '11, has been a great shock to us.

Bishop and Mrs. Nuelsen (Luella Stroeter), with their children, will sail for Germany April 28. They will spend the summer months abroad.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA

Myrtle Osborne, '95, a charter member of California Alpha, was married last summer to Dr. Fred Low. Dr. and Mrs. Low are living on Prospect Ave., Kansas City, Mo.

CALIFORNIA BETA

Elma Korbel, '04, is spending the winter in Bohemia. She has several relatives in the government service and has been a guest at many court functions.

Laura Lee Bransford, '07, is touring the United States in company with her aunt, Mrs. Edwin Holmes of Salt Lake City. They have visited many of America's largest cities and are at present in Washington, where they remained during the inaugural festivities.

Toward the close of last semester Florence C. Ziegenfuss, '07, announced her engagement to Dr. Roy Briggs, Phi Gamma Delta, at a luncheon given in her honor by Edith E. White, '07. Both of the girls are now traveling in Europe, where Florence's trousseau is being made.

The alumnae of California Beta entertained the freshmen of the Berkeley and the Stanford chapters in February at cards at the home of Elsie Howell, ex-'10, in San Francisco. They also intend to entertain the sophomores at a musicale to be given in March at Amy Hill's home.

Jessie Mason of Omaha is spending several months in California.

WASHINGTON ALPHA

The engagement of Helen Gibbons to Myron Stearns, Delta Tau Delta, Stanford, '06, has been announced.

Agnes Willis, '07, recently visited the university and the chapter.

Mildred Boyd-Ryan, '06, who is living in Orseco, Ore., visited us at the time of initiation.

Mrs. F. L. Davis (Alice Scoles) of Iowa Beta and Mrs. Eli Norton (Jessie Bachman) of Iowa Theta, two Tacoma Pi Phis, came over to Seattle for our reception and housewarming.

The engagement of Olive Neal to Claire Monteith of Portland has been announced.

Anne Krumdick, '07, was married February 18 to Rhett Walker of Seattle. Mr. and Mrs. Walker will make their home for a time in Cordova, Alaska.

The engagement of Beulah Yerkes to Wilmot H. Lilly, Phi Delta Theta, of Seattle has been announced.

CHAPTER LETTERS

ALPHA PROVINCE

VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE
(Chartered 1893)

Vermont Alpha has been keeping Lent out of season, as far as gaiety is concerned. College affairs and interests have absorbed our attention to the exclusion of chapter entertainments. But we believe that we are not sacrificing our fraternity ideals in broadening our chapter life.

Three of our girls have lately attended the Y. W. C. A. convention of the states of Vermont and New Hampshire, which was held at Montpelier. They gave us a most interesting account at the first meeting after their return. They had the pleasure of meeting all the Vermont Beta girls in Burlington.

One evening we entertained the non-fraternity girls of the freshman class and enjoyed getting better acquainted with them. Another evening our freshmen gave us a good time with a clever little play and a spread. We are planning to have an informal supper very soon.

ALICE BRUCE SEARS.

VERMONT BETA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT
(Chartered 1898)

The mid-year examinations are passed and we are all alive to tell the story—a story of sleepless nights and days of endless toil for—some.

Thirteen W. V. M. girls, among them six Pi Phis, attended a Y. W. C. A. conference of the preparatory schools and colleges of Vermont and New Hampshire held at Montpelier, February 27 to March 1. On their return, Hazel McLeod, Bertha Munsey, and Fanny Gates of Vermont Alpha stopped over one train to call on the girls of Vermont Beta.

The Young Women's Musical Club of the University of Vermont, numbering thirty-four voices, is training for a cantata, "The Japanese Girl," to be given in the near future.

The twelfth annual Kake Walk took place in the college gymnasium the evening of February 22. As usual, it was a great success and the hall was crowded to its utmost capacity. The stunt, "Fountain of Youth," put on by Phi Delta Theta, won the Briggs Cup.

GRACE EVELYN SYLVESTER.

MASSACHUSETTS ALPHA—BOSTON UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1896)

We are very happy to tell our sisters of the honor which was recently conferred upon Professor James Geddes, Jr., of Boston University by King Victor Emmanuel of Italy. He was made a Knight of the Order of the Crown in return for his efforts as a teacher, writer, and social worker, in promoting Italian interests in Boston. The ceremony of knighting was performed in the College Hall immediately following the regular morning chapel exercises, Professor Geddes receiving the insignia from the hands of the Italian consul, Gaetano Poccardi, amid the applause of

his many pupils and friends. Massachusetts Alpha is especially proud of this, as Professor Geddes' wife is one of the most loyal patronesses of our chapter.

The girls of the college formed last semester an Athletic Association, of which one of our number is vice-president, and an effort is being made to lay more stress on girls' athletics than has been done in the past. Mildred Hood has made the sophomore class team in basket-ball.

We celebrated St. Valentine's Day with a cooky shine at our rooms, and now we are busy planning for a dance and an initiation.

Yes, a second initiation this year! For we have just pledged another girl, Emily C. Gordon, who will make the sixth member of our freshman delegation.

We have been discussing the date of an open Pan-Hellenic meeting at which every member of every sorority will be welcome. The idea is to talk over matters of intersorority interest, to insure next year the same peaceful working out of the rushing regulations and to bind together more firmly the six different sororities represented in Boston University.

HELEN L. BROWN.

ONTARIO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
(Chartered 1908)

Ontario Alpha wishes to thank her sisters for the kind letters of welcome she has received. They have made us feel how much we belong to Pi Beta Phi as a whole.

As this is our first chapter letter to the *ARROW* you will possibly like to hear what place our chapter holds in college organizations and enterprises. The following list will give an idea of the rank our college takes in university affairs and also of the interest we have in these events.

In the presentation of Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" by the Women's Dramatic Club of the University College three of the most difficult rôles were taken by Pi Phis—Malvolio, Sir Andrew and Sebastian. Two of our members also took the part of students in "The Hour Glass" of W. B. Yeats, presented at the open meeting of the Women's Literary Society, under the direction of a Pi Phi. We have a representative on the hockey team and five others in the athletic club. The women of the associated colleges of Toronto University formed the Hockey League this year and University College has had the pleasure of being the first to win the cup. This is her second victory, as she won the cup in the tennis tournaments which took place in the fall. During this year the Pi Phis hold the office of vice-president of the Classical Association, of the Modern Language Club and of the Literary Society. Two other members are representatives on their year executive boards, while another is treasurer of the Anglican Club. In the Young Women's Christian Association two of the convenors are Pi Phis. The cabinet of this organization has already been elected for the coming year and one of our members was a successful candidate for the office of treasurer. The convenors of the different branches of this work have not yet been selected, but so far we are the only fraternity represented on the cabinet. The elections for the Women's Literary

Society of University College have not yet taken place, but one of our members has been elected recording secretary of the Medical Women's Literary Society for the coming year. Another Pi Phi was also elected vice-president of the permanent executive board of the graduating class. We are especially pleased with this success as there are only three women representatives and the office of vice-president is of course the most important. It is also Pi Beta Phi's turn to hold the presidency of the local Pan-Hellenic for this coming year, and our representative has been already chosen.

Since our installation we have given several informal afternoon teas, as we intend to increase our number of sophomore members in the coming college year and wish to know the girls this year in order to choose wisely. We expect to have a Pan-Hellenic luncheon on the thirteenth of this month, which is in future to be an annual event.

This is the beginning of the busy season at Toronto University. A blue cloud has appeared on the horizon, in the form of the examination applications, and everybody is beginning to realize how quickly the most dreaded time of the whole year is approaching. This cloud, however, just as all others, has a silver lining which will appear about the twenty-fourth of May when "all is over and done."

We are very sorry our chapter group in the January number of the *ARROW* was such a poor one. The photograph had to be taken and sent away in such a short time that we had no opportunity of having a second sitting. The prints of the university buildings, however, quite made up for our disappointment.

We hope you will be able to come some time in the near future to see our grand old buildings and our beautiful city.

MARGUERETA M. CHAPMAN.

NEW YORK ALPHA—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1896)

New York Alpha has been enjoying a prosperous year; so many things have happened that we can do no more than mention them.

We are planning for a Dutch party to be given March 12. We hope to give our guests a glimpse of Holland. Our dining-room is to be fitted up in Hollandish fashion, and our freshmen, dressed as Dutch girls, will serve Dutch refreshments.

We expect to hold a bazar in April. The girls have been holding Saturday evening sewing bees to make articles for it. We shall invite our alumnae and their friends. Our freshmen will give their annual entertainment; afterwards the booths will be open and the articles on sale. Our chapter house will profit by the bazar, for all gains will be used in replenishing the house furnishings.

Syracuse University's greatest festive week began February 8. This was Senior Week and was a continual round of gaiety. The college play was given, and also the concert of the glee club. The fraternities formally entertained on one evening, and on another the Oberlin-Syracuse basket-ball game was played. The event of the week was the senior ball, one of the most successful in the history of the university.

We have pledged Gertrude Gray, who is a special student this year, and enters next year as a regular freshman.

Eight of our girls have been chosen this year as members of the Women's Glee Club.

ETHEL M. FROASS.

NEW YORK BETA—BARNARD COLLEGE
(Chartered 1904)

New York Beta is almost ready to be like other folks and rejoice with her older sisters over her new ones. On next reports, we hope to have very good news to impart. This has been the longest pledge day man ever devised! We won't go into a wearisome and hackneyed discussion of its evil or good effects, on the college and on individuals, for you are as tired of hearing about it all, as we are of it. Pan-Hellenic put a stop to all freshman rushing in the form of outside parties, an affair, by invitation, at which more than one fraternity girl is present, constituting a "party." But natural intercourse with the whole freshman class is encouraged. One formal affair, however, was necessarily allowed each fraternity as some had already given such before the rule was made. Our affair given at Earl Hall in the University, was a tea, at which some twenty freshmen were present.

It would be impracticable to try to tell of all our affairs up to date. The alumnae have been extremely good to us and we are grateful to them, particularly for a musicale at the home of Mrs. Williamson, and a party at Mrs. Springer's, besides personal help.

At the request of President Butler, and to promote intercourse, Barnard expects to give a tea on March 15 to the students of Horace Mann High School, which is connected with the university. Our annual undergraduate play will be "Twelfth Night," given at Carnegie Lyceum in the city. The freshmen entertained the college March 5 with a most clever series of "take-offs" on various students and idiosyncrasies of the college at large. "Not-a-show," announced by a person in the form of "Not-a-program," was accompanied by "Not-a-band" and contained "not-a-little-fun."

You ought all to have seen the result of the work of Mabel McCann, '10, as chairman of the Junior Ball Committee. The ball was a perfect success in every way and Mabel was the belle of the evening.

GLADYS A. BONFILS.

PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE
(Chartered 1892)

The Pan-Hellenic regulation that there shall be no pledge day until the sophomore year changes our point of view but does not seem to eliminate rushing, however stringent the rules are against it. We are allowed no function or any kind of formal rushing, yet throughout this year we have felt the need of having a constant oversight of all the freshmen in whom we are interested. I am sure we feel that this long pledge day has given us an opportunity to know the freshmen better than we have ever known them before, but nevertheless we have felt the strain

of it and are not prepared now strongly to recommend a sophomore pledge day.

Since our last letter we have been busily occupied with college affairs, mingled with little good times of our own. On February 20, we held our annual dance at the Acorn Club, Philadelphia. In previous years this has been our chief rushing function. This year it was strictly a chapter and alumnae dance and for just that reason a little more enjoyable than in former years.

Pennsylvania Alpha cannot speak with too great praise of her large number of enthusiastic alumnae who constantly stand ready to aid in every difficulty. Some of them are present at our weekly meetings and two or more of our number attend the regular monthly meeting of the Philadelphia alumnae club. March 10 we had the pleasure of having this meeting at Swarthmore with Miss Céleste Janvier as the guest of honor.

Of course Pennsylvania Alpha has not ceased rejoicing over the coming of the convention in 1910. The more we think of it the more we realize how much it will mean to us and how hard we must work to make it the greatest convention, which it surely is going to be.

ANNA F. CAMPBELL.

PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1895)

Pennsylvania Beta has been unusually busy but not too busy to enjoy some of the good times that have been in store for her. Frill and Frown, the dramatic club, is going to present "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream" on March 12 and the work and practice on it have kept us busy nearly all the term. We are proud to have eight Pi Phis in the cast and are hoping and expecting that they will do us great credit.

We have had so many good times this term that we hardly know where to begin to tell of them. On Washington's Birthday we were entertained by Delta Theta Upsilon and on the following Saturday by Phi Kappa Psi. On both occasions we had a splendid time. Our annual college girls' reception was given March 5 and it was voted by every one a success. One of our girls, Gretchen Radack, was chairman of the decorating committee, and it was largely through her efforts that the reception was so successful.

The chapter enjoys so much and derives so much benefit from having an alumnae club in Lewisburg. Two of the members of the active chapter are appointed each month to attend the meeting of the club and invariably they bring back most valuable suggestions to the chapter. Also, a member of the alumnae club visits the chapter once every month and here too helps us along the lines where we most need help.

Pennsylvania Beta is proud of having two of her alumnae presidents of two alumnae clubs of Pi Beta Phi. Mary B. Harris, '94, is president of the Baltimore club and Bertha Watkins-Bridge, '99, is president of the Chicago club.

ETHEL WATKINS.

PENNSYLVANIA GAMMA—DICKINSON COLLEGE

(Chartered 1903)

Just now all Pennsylvania Gammas are very busy, for in addition to the cramming of review week, we are making the last preparations for our midwinter reception, which the chapter is to give to its college friends March 10. We are going to have a reader give a short program and of course every one is awaiting anxiously the important evening—important to us, at least.

This term has been a busy one, both socially and in college work, and into less than a week were crowded the fraternity examinations, the college banquet, and the Y. W. C. A. fair. The latter—a "Fair of the Nations"—was very successful, for we cleared more than a hundred dollars. This money will be used to pay delegates' expenses to summer conferences.

On St. Valentine's Day, Lydia Gooding entertained the chapter at a valentine luncheon.

On February 27 the chapter enjoyed a fine cooky shine, given in the rooms, at which Rebekah S. Harris, ex-'10, announced her engagement to Frank R. Coder, Beta Theta Pi. The motif of the decorations was hearts in the Pi Phi and Beta colors. We had lots of fun cheering the bride-to-be, and in cutting the cake to learn who was to be the next Pi Phi bride.

Just now the chapter is rejoicing over the fact that Eleta Witmer, '11, has been appointed as the girls' representative on the *Microcosm* board.

LYDIA M. GOODING.

MARYLAND ALPHA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE

(Chartered 1897)

Since the last issue of the *ARROW* the formal installation of our new college president, Dr. Eugene Allen Noble, has taken place. This naturally brought our college into prominence and many notable educators were present. Among these were Dr. Henry Pritchett, president of the Carnegie foundation for the advancement of teaching, the Honorable E. E. Brown, commissioner of education of the United States, and Dr. Ira Remsen, president of the Johns Hopkins University. The installation was a very imposing sight and one of unusual solemnity and magnificence. It not only instilled college loyalty but also fraternity loyalty, for Maryland Alpha is proud to have two Pi Phi sisters on the faculty.

Our chapter greatly enjoyed the visit of our province president, Mrs. David D. Nickerson, and is trying to put her helpful suggestions to practical use.

The college Pan-Hellenic association is now working on the rushing rules for next year.

PHYLLIS C. HOSKINS.

COLUMBIA ALPHA—GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1889)

All Washington is occupied at this time with inauguration, and the city is very gay, although the weather is unusually cold and stormy. But that will not interfere with the success of the great parade or the beauty of the inaugural ball.

Columbia Alpha has just had a four days' visit from Mrs. Nickerson. We enjoyed every minute of her stay and felt more closely acquainted than before with the other chapters of Alpha province. Mrs. Nickerson described each of them to us and told us many things of fraternity interest that made her visit not only a pleasure but also a profit to us.

George Washington's birthday was a gala day for the university. In the morning was held the winter Convocation at which the chief speaker was Governor Hughes of New York. Later, Governor Hughes attended a reception given by the Columbian women to President Needham and there our girls had an opportunity of meeting him.

On Tuesday, February 23, we initiated Hester Pyles. The initiation was held at the home of Marguerite Weller and was one of the most beautiful ever given by the chapter.

RUTH GILBERT COCHRAN.

BETA PROVINCE

OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1889)

Since our last letter to the ARROW we have initiated Blanche Wolfe, whom we pledged last term.

This term we have been giving a series of teas on Saturday afternoons, and have found this quite a successful way of bringing together the active girls, the alumnae, and the patronesses.

On February 12 two of the girls gave a clever valentine party, and on the thirteenth the chapter entertained their men friends in the chapter hall.

Invitations have been issued for a dance to be given by six of the girls on March 13.

We are now planning for a reunion commencement week in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of our chapter's founding. Both the alumnae and the active chapter are very enthusiastic over the plan and we hope that we shall have many of our out-of-town alumnae with us at that time.

IONE PERKINS.

OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1894)

There are only two weeks left in our winter term at Ohio State and we are all busy getting ready for examinations.

Our annual formal dance was given January 22 and proved to be a great success. There were quite a large number present, including several of the rushees for next year. Tuesday of last week a rushing spread was given at the home of Helen Smith, where we are always assured of having a good time. Dorothy Irvine, one of our sophomores, will take a prominent part in the play which the dramatic club, The Strollers, will present April 23.

Ohio State is very proud at present to see erected on the college campus

a students' building which will be devoted to the comfort and the amusement of the boys in college. The building is to be turned over to the girls one day in the week.

MARY LOUISE SHEPHERD.

INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE
(Chartered 1888)

Indiana is looking forward with great pleasure to the celebration of Founders' Day with all Pi Beta Phis of Indiana. The plan is to have a theater party with a luncheon at one of the hotels in Indianapolis. This will be the first time since the convention at Indianapolis that all the Pi Phis of the state have planned anything like a general assembly, and a large number is expected.

On February 26 the alumnae and the active chapter at Franklin gave a musicale. It was one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season. The Schellschmidt sisters, music students from Berlin, and Mrs. Grace Pierce Burr of Indiana Beta, were introduced for the first time to a Franklin audience. We were especially proud to have Mrs. Burr, a member of our own fraternity, read for us.

Franklin College is planning an athletic benefit in the form of a carnival. The chapter is expecting to have some stunt at the carnival.

Indiana Alpha is busy preparing for the fraternity examination next Saturday night as well as the final school examination of the next week.

ZELLA LEE.

INDIANA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF INDIANA
(Chartered 1893)

Since our last letter to the *ARROW* we have initiated one whom we are very proud to introduce—Florence Coon from Colfax, Indiana. The night of the initiation we invited our town alumnae and had a spread and general good time in honor of the occasion.

Indiana Beta has been up and doing this term. We have just completed a series of afternoon dances at which we entertained the various fraternities. Our Thursday evening dinners, at which we entertain members of the faculty and town friends, still prove as enjoyable as ever.

The four sororities here have a new plan this term. We have decided on the last Friday in each month as an at home day to callers. Each sorority sends representatives to the other houses and all the faculty and townspeople can go the rounds the same day. Our first at home day was last Friday and we were very much pleased with the results.

The topic of discussion for us lately has been the house question. We have three propositions and just at present are trying to decide among them. The one that seems most inviting at first thought is to rent a bungalow that is the most talked of and modern building in town. It is farther from the campus than we have ever been, however, and as it is not very large a greater part of the girls find serious objections to it. The second proposition is to occupy a large house on East Third street. There, our only objection is the price. The last, and we are about to decide the

best plan is to continue in the house we now occupy, providing it be remodeled.

Our Panthygatric dance, under the auspices of Kappa Alpha Theta, is to be given March 6. Norma Brown has been selected to give the toast for Pi Beta Phi on "What's the Use."

We are rejoicing over the fact that we have Hazel Squires, who was graduated last year, with us again. She is doing technical work in the pathological department and is active in our chapter.

We are glad to say that Ruth Duncan, who was compelled to leave school last term on account of sickness, is with us again.

NELLIE WARD GRAYBILL.

INDIANA GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

(Chartered 1897)

Although there are no social affairs at the college, Indiana Gamma has enjoyed many good times. February 6, Butler College celebrated Founders' Day and we were all proud of Emily Helming, '99, who gave a toast. That evening we gave our term party, which was principally for our alumnae, who had entertained us on several occasions. The function we are now planning and looking forward to, is our Founders' Day banquet. It will be given on April 24, at the Columbia Club, and we shall have the opportunity of meeting Pi Phis from all over the state.

In May we shall have with us Miss Julia E. Rogers of Iowa Zeta. She will give a series of lectures on nature study.

The basket-ball season closed very successfully, although its beginning was rather discouraging. Baseball has now commenced and the team with the support of the student body, hopes to make a brilliant record.

CARRIE COOPER.

ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD COLLEGE

(Chartered 1872)

Since our last letter to the ARROW we have entertained once at a card party at the home of Mildred Mabee. Five hundred was the game played and we gave a Pi Phi banner as a prize.

We initiated Miriam Fisher last week in the chapter room and had a cooky shine afterwards at Carol Fisher's. That ends our initiations for this year, as our other pledge had to leave college.

The senior class entertained February 23, at a reception and dance in the gymnasium, to which all the faculty and the students were invited. It was a Washington's Birthday party. The decorations were red, white, and blue flags and George Washington caps were used as favors.

FERN TOWNSEND.

ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE

(Chartered 1884)

Two events of special interest to Pi Phis at Galesburg have taken place since our last contributions were sent in to the ARROW. The first of these was an agreement arrived at by the Pan-Hellenic Association of Knox College which forbids pledging until the sophomore year. This contract holds for the two ensuing years.

The other event was our annual formal party which this year was in the nature of a dinner dance. The decorations were in Dutch design and were carried out in blue and white. The walls were covered with Dutch paper—the orchestra loft had been transformed into a huge boat and a windmill in one corner of the hall was fitted cosily inside with seats. The guests, one hundred in number, were seated at small tables—each table bearing a candle with a clever Dutch shade. After the dinner the tables were removed and dancing filled the remaining hours. The programs were cut in the shape of Dutch shoes, and on the cover jolly little Dutch men and women danced to the music of some wandering musicians. The party was delightful in every respect and the girls felt well repaid for their efforts. We were delighted at having so many of our alumnae and some of the girls of Illinois Beta with us.

The friends of Knox will rejoice with her in that on the fifteenth of February the campaign for a quarter of a million endowment fund was successfully closed and a new era for Knox opened.

ESTELLE AVERY.

ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

(Chartered 1894)

On February 20 we initiated our freshmen. We had the pleasure of having with us on that occasion numerous members of the Chicago alumnae club, as well as a goodly number of our own alumnae, among whom was Elda Smith, our Grand Secretary. After the initiation ceremony we had a banquet with toasts, from the active chapter by Catharine Donaldson, from the freshmen by Castle Crain, and from the alumnae by Sybil Horning, '07. Elda Smith gave us a very interesting talk on fraternity ideals and also told us of her eastern trip. Lucy Edith Hammond, Colorado Beta, told us of some interesting experiences with fraternity people in various parts of the country, and Corinne Cohn told us of her plans for the future, following upon the announcement of her engagement.

In January our freshmen gave us an informal dance at Kenilworth. We all had a delightful time. Just now we are planning a house dance and slumber party for a week-end with one of our Chicago girls. Informal teas in the fraternity rooms every Sunday evening are being tried now and so far the two we have given have been found very successful and especially attractive to the girls in the dormitory.

One of our girls, Genevieve Isreal, left us this semester to go to the University of Washington at Seattle, but as Mayme Matthews, formerly of Franklin, has entered the School of Oratory here we have had a fair exchange.

Fraternity examinations and initiation are over and we are beginning to plan for our formal party, which is to be held May 22.

KATE A. FREUND.

ILLINOIS ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

(Chartered 1895)

Since our last letter to the *ARROW* we have one new initiate, Verna Brown, and one new pledge, Emma Canterbury, of Chicago, whom we hope to

initiate very soon. The opening of our second semester left us with one less old girl and one more new one. Ethel Douglas, '10, left us to be at home and take up kindergarten at the school in the Fine Arts Building in Chicago.

Edith Spray, '07, was married on February 6 to Fred Sawyer, Phi Gamma Delta, at the home of her aunt in Arlington Heights. Quite a number of Illinois Zeta girls attended the wedding, Helen Bagley, Marion Goodman, Adeline Brainard, Katharine Fairbrother, Ida Lange, Florence Brundage and Lois Franklin were among the alumnae present. Mr. and Mrs. Sawyer left for the West the following day and are now in Seattle, Wash., temporarily settled at 1014 Minor Ave. Lois Franklin was married the following week to Mr. A. W. Stoolman. They left for the West immediately, and expect to be gone several weeks, but will come back to live in Champaign.

For a week before the wedding we gave up being students to go to showers for the bride. Virginia Busey and Bess Stipes both gave parties, at which we had such good times, and Lois received many gifts useful for her new home.

February 27 we gave a matinee dance. We girls always enjoy them ourselves; so this year quite a number of the girls had friends from out of town here for the week-end, to attend the dance, and visit the chapter. Blanche Couk of Indiana Beta was with us and Jenny Brant, one of our old girls.

We expect to have a house party and a formal dance some time in April. Last year we gave a house party and dance as a rushing stunt; this proved quite a success, so this year we are trying to combine an annual and a house party.

Florence Brundage, who was with us all fall as a special cataloguer for the university, came back after Christmas as assistant at the loan desk in the university library. Edith Spray had the position until the first of January and Florence took her place.

When I was in Chicago to attend Edith Spray's wedding I went out to Northwestern one day, hoping to see some of the Illinois Epsilon girls. However, it was one morning during examination week and I saw only one of the girls.

The new rules for rushing season next year have not gone through Pan-Hellenic yet, but all prospects seem to favor the same time limit, three weeks, with greater restrictions during that time.

LUCY GRAY WILSON.

MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE
(Chartered 1887)

This is the time of year when strenuous work is being done. What are the Hillsdale Pi Phis doing, you ask? They are winning oratorical honors, for one thing. In the Germanae contest, Leithel Patton took first place with an oration entitled "A Noble Discontent" and Leah Stock second place with "The Problem Faced." Dee Baker has had charge of the women's physical culture class during February and March, in the absence

of the regular instructor. Harriet Bishopp is president of Germanae and Alice Satterthwaite of the Oratorical Association. Charlotte Shepard, Dee Baker, and Leah Stock are playing on the basket-ball team.

Our initiation took place February 13 at the home of Ana Closson-Green and was most enjoyable. Alice Clark, Winifred Collins, and Edith Adams became members of the chapter. A dinner was then served to about twenty-five at the neighboring home of Mrs. Vinnie Walrath-Chase. The decorations were in honor of Saint Valentine. We had a very delightful toast mistress in Bess Chapman-March. Olive Merrifield came from Bloomingdale for the occasion and Esther Branch and Evelyn Gates-Knapp from North Adams.

Alice L. Satterthwaite.

MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
(Chartered 1888)

Since our last letter to the ARROW we have added three new pledges to our list for next year. Norma De Guise, Ruth Bridges, and Irene Lorimer are all from Detroit, and expect to enter the university this coming fall.

Michigan Beta is very proud to announce that at last she owns a home of her own. The final papers were signed some weeks ago, owing to the very faithful and loyal work of Mrs. Rebecca White, and to an equally faithful and willing body of alumnae.

On Washington's Birthday we entertained our guests with an impromptu vaudeville, followed by a dinner and a dance. Several of our alumnae, including Lenore Smith, Helen Wattles, Ethel McLean, and Margaret Breck were with us.

The Woman's Banquet, which takes place on April 2, is to be followed this year by the Junior Play, given annually by the juniors to the seniors. By this arrangement, it is hoped that all undergraduates can be present.

We are now looking forward to Founders' Day, when we expect to entertain our alumnae with a dinner and a play. This is the first of its kind, but we hope to make it an annual event.

NEVA HUNGERFORD.

WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
(Chartered 1894)

It is pleasant to feel that examinations are two weeks behind us, as this time of the year is not a good one for hard work. The lake is commencing to thaw a little already, as spring generally comes early here. By next year our new Women's Building will be ready for use,—in fact is it nearly finished now. We look forward to having it in use, as our old gymnasium is too small for us now. This will contain a large gymnasium and swimming pool.

Our chapter is very large this year, which makes it all the jollier. We have been happy to welcome a transfer this semester, Mary Louise Wright of Indiana Beta, who is a senior of this semester. We expect a visit in April from our province president, Miss Anna W. Lytle; to this we are all looking forward with pleasure.

HARRIET MAXON.

GAMMA PROVINCE

IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1869)

The second semester at Wesleyan is fairly under way, and the time of the spring vacation is close at hand. In February we initiated Edith Burgess of Moulton and Gertrude Redd of Denver. On the evening of February 14 we entertained at an informal valentine party at the home of Mrs. Weir, one of our patronesses. We have two new pledges to introduce, Edna Irish and Louise Hancher. Clara Munz is expected to return to Wesleyan in April to complete her work and to graduate with the class of 1909. She was obliged to leave school last year because of prolonged illness. Her return will give us five seniors. The present chapter is the largest we have had for several years, fifteen active members and two pledges. We are well represented in all college activities.

ETHEL POWELSON,

IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE
(Chartered 1874)

Since our last letter much has happened to make our fraternity life pleasant. One of these was the house party which we gave to our rushees January 23 and 24. Instead of giving a big dinner as we always have done heretofore we gave a colonial tea. Each girl was dressed in colonial costume and as we sat down to the table, which was set with old-fashioned blue dishes, silver castors and pickle jars, and loaded down with all the good things that the colonial women used to prepare, we made quite an old-time picture. On Saturday afternoon we entertained our alumnae, our patronesses, and the mothers of the town girls. In the evening we entertained the men at an informal party.

Two weeks later, February 13, was our pledge day and we are especially proud to introduce to you three new pledges: Clare Scriver, Denison, Iowa; Grace Moss, Fremont, Neb.; and Esther Antrim, Cumberland, Iowa. We pledged our girls at six-thirty in the evening and then took them to a basket-ball game, after which we had a cooky shine. A number of our alumnae were with us. We spent the evening in singing Pi Phi songs.

The Dramatic Club has given two plays lately and we are glad of the fact that our girls have been taking prominent parts in them. Dessamond Claybaugh took the leading lady's part in Tennyson's "Cup." Helen Harp, Maide Baker and Edith Lisle also had parts. In the second play, "The Silent Night," Margaret Pemble and Nan White had parts.

The juniors gave their reception March 6. Two of our girls took prominent parts in the musical program. Edith Beall sang in the quartet and Esther Antrim gave a piano solo.

This year Founders' and Benefactors' Day was celebrated in a fashion different from our usual custom. Each class was given some building on the campus in which to give a stunt. Admission was charged and the proceeds were given to the new gymnasium fund.

Our basket-ball season has been a very successful one. Pi Phis have been prominent in basket-ball too. Two of the class teams had Pi Phis

for captains, Margaret Pemble for the junior and Maide Baker for the sophomore team.

We regret that two of our girls, Vera Peasley and Ada Whitney, are not able to be with us the latter half of this year, but hope that they will return next year.

IRMA E. WALKER.

IOWA GAMMA—IOWA STATE COLLEGE

(Chartered 1877)

The second semester opened with an important event—the local fraternity of Gamma Alpha was installed as a chapter of Kappa Sigma on January 21. This increases the number of national fraternities at the Iowa State College to eight.

February 6, our four senior girls, together with several of our alumnae, attended the Pan-Hellenic banquet given at the Masonic Temple in Des Moines. A large majority of those present were Pi Beta Phis. The girls were splendidly entertained by resident Pi Phis.

The sophomore class play came off February 20—a splendid success with two of our girls starring in principal parts. "The Maneuvers of Jane" was one of the best comedies ever given here. At present two of our girls are practising for the junior class play, "The Pillars of Society," which will be given at commencement time.

One of our girls, Lucetta Cameron, was married on February 24 to William J. Sievers. The wedding was a very pretty affair, with its color scheme in pink and white. The girls who attended the wedding report the usual good times that are had at weddings.

We expect to end our semester with a May Day party.

MAUDE A. MIRICK.

IOWA ZETA—UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

(Chartered 1882)

Our davenport, long expected and long hoped-for, has come at last and is pronounced by all the girls as "perfectly good-looking." At all events, it represents the first definite investment of freshman initiation money and we are glad to have it.

The time from January to April, usually the most uneventful months in the college year, has held several good times for us. The first was the Girls' Annual Pan-Hellenic in January, which was a complete success and left, we think, each member of the four sororities a little better acquainted and a little closer friend to all the rest. February 12, our chapter Founders' Day, which was also a holiday, we celebrated by a delightful spread and valentine party at the house. On the twenty-seventh the fraternity examination was passed and left us with a feeling of relief to enjoy the next event, which was initiation—one of the prettiest and most impressive we have ever had. By it we have to introduce to Pi Phis three new sisters, Lillian Noth and Ethel Calderwood of Davenport, and Miriam McCune of Waterloo. They are indeed rich, and so we feel ourselves.

A St. Patrick's Day spread, to be given on that evening, and one of our

special program business meetings will probably complete the happenings until this issue of the *ARROW* comes. And then it will be really spring!

Alice E. Brooks.

MINNESOTA ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
(Chartered 1890)

Since we last wrote to the *ARROW* we have passed through two trying ordeals—semester examinations and our one rushing party. The latter was a dinner dance at the Town and Country Club, February 27. Pledge day is April 3 and our party was the very first one of all; so we are hoping it made enough impression to last clear through the other nine and the week of silence. We have given several more college teas lately and two jolly cooky shines. January 6 we had a masquerade party in Shevlin Hall.

The members of both Houses of the Legislature visited college February 17 and were entertained at luncheon at Shevlin Hall. I am glad to say Pi Phi was well represented among the waitresses.

Marie Louise Anderson.

MISSOURI ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI
(Chartered 1899)

Our second semester began the first of February, and between semesters we gave a few rushing parties. We gave a dancing party one night, a kimono party, and an afternoon tea to town and faculty women. During this season Opal Cranor from the chapter at Northwestern was a most welcome visitor. In February we had initiation with four initiates: Ida Mae Cole, Mary Matthews, Mary Stewart, and Margaret Ross. Afterwards we had a jolly time at the usual cooky shine.

The local sorority, Delta Psi, has lately been installed as Kappa Alpha Theta, making three national sororities in the university now. We hope to be able to come to some agreement soon concerning rushing for next year.

Mary Martha Suddath, one of our alumnae from Warrensburg, visited here about the middle of February, and Helen Spencer of Kansas City is here now.

Fay Elizabeth Jarman.

MISSOURI BETA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1907)

Since the close of last semester, Missouri Beta has increased her number of girls to twenty-seven. We are proud to present to Pi Phi our three new pledges, Helene Brammer, Marjory Adriance and Johnnie Matthews.

This part of the year seems, somehow, our very busiest. Every one is working hard and our tale of honors is growing in a very satisfactory way. In athletics, Margaret Fidler, one of our sophomores, is the only fraternity girl on the regular women's varsity basket-ball team, and every class team has two or three Pi Phis on it.

Thyrsus, the dramatic club, gives its annual play Friday, March 12, at the Odeon. There, too, three of the six girls in the cast are Pi Phis. So I think we have reason to be proud.

Socially, too, we have had a pleasant winter, though I can only mention the choicest events. A few weeks ago, Mrs. ver Steeg, the mother of one of our seniors, gave a delightful card party for the chapter at her beautiful home on Lindell Boulevard. No one need doubt that we had a regular jolly, Pi Phi good time.

But by far the biggest event of the past was the play which we gave at the university theater on March 5. Eulah Gray wrote it,—a very clever college comedy in four acts called "The Prude Queen of Haddon Hall." It took several weeks of more than faithful work to prepare it, but we feel amply repaid. The cast was composed of twenty-two girls and, all in all, it was the finest thing of its kind ever given here. The theater was packed and people were standing in the hallway as far back as we could see. Each guest was presented with a dainty hand-painted program designed by Zide Fauntleroy. It was all one immense success. I don't think anything at college was ever received more enthusiastically or cheered more heartily.

SHIRLEY SEIFERT.

KANSAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
(Chartered 1892)

On February 26 we gave our annual spring party. It was the largest one that the chapter has ever given. Among the out-of-town alumnae who came back for it were Mrs. C. H. Poindexter (Olive Gundry) of Kansas City, Kans., Ruth Williston and Marion Mervine of Kansas City, Mo., Nelle Mitchell of Robinson, and Mary Chase Chamberlain of Topeka.

We were sorry to lose one of our girls, Iris Calderhead, who has gone to Washington, D. C., to stay the rest of this term.

March 20 is the day set for the Freshman farce.

Helen Ames is to have one of the leading parts in the French play which is to be given in a few weeks.

LOTTIE M. FULLER.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
(Chartered 1895)

Nebraska Beta has two new pledges to introduce, Ella Schwake and Norma Chase. Both are girls whom our chapter is very proud to claim.

We had our initiation February 20, and had the best cooky shine we have had for years. Any chapter which has ever initiated eleven freshmen at one time, may imagine the tumult and the rejoicing. Our town alumnae were with us, as well as many alumnae from out of town, some of whom had never visited us in our new house before. Mrs. Baughn, of Iowa Zeta, Pearl Fitzgerald, Alice Troxell, and Henrietta Benedict were here from Omaha, and Kate Heacock from Falls City.

This winter we made a resolution to have a cooky shine once a month, on fraternity meeting night. Freshmen and older girls alike agree that from these gatherings much has come to us of benefit, not only in the way of pleasure, but also in loyalty to each other and our fraternity.

The chapter was entertained February 13 at a dancing party by Grace Shallenberger, at the Governor's Mansion. I need not tell you that we

enjoyed ourselves. Good music, good things to eat, and true hospitality made the party a splendid success.

Just now we are all busy, making out our party list, and forming committees, as our formal party will take place at the Lincoln, April 3.

On the whole, school life here is running along very smoothly. The new engineering building, on the campus, is nearing its completion, and will be one of our largest and most beautiful buildings.

The Pi Phis at Nebraska are very prosperous this year, and send the wish that all their sisters in other chapters are enjoying college life as much as they.

MAE LITTLE.

LOUISIANA ALPHA—NEWCOMB COLLEGE
(Chartered 1891)

This year Newcomb is so occupied with her numerous clubs that there is hardly time for anything else. The college hours have been extended to eight o'clock in the morning so that the students may have more time in the afternoon for their meetings. The Glee Club is preparing to have its annual concert on March 20 and even now there is much excitement stirring. The Newcomb Glee Club is usually aided by the Tulane Glee Club; this year, however, the Newcomb Banjo, Mandolin, and Guitar Club will also take part in the concert.

Another thing that seems to be of much interest to a large number of students is the preparation of the German play which is to be given some time in April. It is the first time that Newcomb has appeared in a German performance. Newcomb has up to this time displayed her dramatic art in a French play every year and the regular Dramatic Club play. From appearances this will be the greatest year for dramatics in her history.

The debating clubs are busier than ever before. Their subjects range from "Resolved, that woman should have the right to vote" to "Resolved, that a lie is sometimes justifiable."

We Pi Phis are rushing in a sort of peculiar way for we who are used to only two weeks have a whole year in which to exert our energies. Our pledge day is not until the beginning of next year, so we shall not be able to inform the Pi Phi world of our success until then.

LOIS JANVIER.

TEXAS ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
(Chartered 1902)

When the Pi Phis returned after the holidays they found that Christmas had brought Texas Alpha two lovely presents. One was Era Keeling, a newly made Pi Phi who had transferred from Indiana Alpha, and the second was Claire Lucas, who had just entered and whom we immediately pledged.

We had initiation on February 1 and followed it with a cooky shine and the annual house shower. All kinds of things were received,—embroidered tablecloths and napkins, dishes, a silver meat fork, two new rugs, a library table cover, a Pi Phi door-plate, and other things which I have forgotten, but which were also needed.

Every one is rushed to death getting in term themes, taking tests, and doing the numerous things that come with the inevitable term examinations. However, the monotony has been broken by short visits from Elizabeth Evans and Sue Shelton-McMillan, '08. We have also had another visitor, May B. Kelly from Illinois Epsilon. It is so unusual for us in Texas to meet Pi Phi from other chapters that we have quite enjoyed the novelty.

Two interesting events occurred in the same week. The university celebrated Texas Independence Day and the Pi Phi their chapter birthday. Our seven years make us feel quite aged, but long may we live!

ADELE EPPERSON.

DELTA PROVINCE

COLORADO ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
(Chartered 1884)

March 2 was the beginning of Colorado spring. It has been a month now since the busy time of examination week; and our second semester is in full sway.

Our attention is now taken up with spring work and doings. March 6 an "All around the World" affair was given under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A. All the fraternity houses represented different countries and there were all kinds of amusements. We disguised ourselves as colonial dames and turned our house into a festive colonial mansion.

In the short month of February there have been two very enjoyable university social affairs—the Junior Prom. and Sophomore German. We had a house party at the time of the Junior Prom. and entertained some high school seniors who were invited up for the dance. On the following Sunday we held a tea and musicale in closing the week-end visit. We have enjoyed several informal hops here at the house, and there have been several theater parties to Denver. We especially enjoyed seeing *Sothorn* in "Hamlet".

On February 22 the U. of C. dramatic club gave their annual play called "Truth." Two of our girls had important roles. Rosina Vaughn, who was the leading lady, acted her part admirably.

We have had other members of our chapter who have taken part in the Friday chapel musicales given by the student body. On the last occasion Frances Waltheneger sang beautifully, and on March 5 Carol Dier played several violin solos.

We are preparing for the initiation of Edna Smith and Florence Underhill on March 13 and will be glad to welcome these two pledges as Pi Phi.

Colorado University rejoiced lately in the passage of the medical bill by the Senate and House. This requires the medical students to take the last two years of their course in Denver, where there are better clinical advantages. However, this bill will not come before the people for voting for a year or so, but we are hoping it will then be added as an amendment to the Constitution.

KATHERINE E. DIER.

COLORADO BETA—UNIVERSITY OF DENVER
(Chartered 1885)

Early in the term we initiated two fine girls, Elizabeth Fraser, a former student of Colorado College and Helen Garst, a freshman. A cooky shine and an informal reception followed, to introduce them as Pi Phis.

This term has been a terrible ordeal for all Colorado Beta girls. The death of Bessie Waltemeyer, one of the most beloved girls in the chapter, and former corresponding secretary, was a great shock to all, and although the girls have tried to be brave, the cloud is not easily lifted.

As a chapter we have done little entertaining, for no one was in the mood for it, and there have been few college functions. The dean of women has introduced a new feature. Prominent women of the city of Denver have been invited to speak to the women of the college on questions of interest to all. These meetings have been enjoyable as well as beneficial.

Colorado Alpha is to be our guest at the Founders' Day celebration this year, but owing to the recent death in our chapter the day will be quietly though loyally observed.

We have just passed our term examinations and are anticipating with pleasure the all too short ten days of spring vacation.

JESSIE E. MILLS.

CALIFORNIA ALPHA—STANFORD UNIVERSITY
(Chartered 1893)

Since our last letter to the ARROW, the Omega chapter of Delta Delta Delta has been installed at Stanford, and Pi Phi has six instead of five rivals in the sorority world. Although this will complicate rushing somewhat, it will simplify matters with regard to Pan-Hellenic, as formerly there was often an even division in voting.

We have two new Pi Phis to introduce to our sisters—Mary Gertrude Herdman and Bertha Wilhelmine Sieber. We consider ourselves fortunate in getting such dear freshmen. We initiated them February 15.

February 20 has long been looked forward to, as it was the date of our big annual dance. We were especially enthusiastic this year as it was to be the first dance given in our new house, which looked lovely indeed, with Japanese baskets suspended from the ceiling and hung along the walls and filled with long sprays of almond and flowering quince. Unfortunately it was a rainy, disagreeable night, but after all this rather favored our plans, since the contrast made it seem so much the more like lovely springtime within doors. About ninety people were present and we feel that our dance was in every respect a success.

We have just had the opportunity of hearing Miss Katherine Jewell Everts, the well-known impersonator. She appeared in "My Lady's Ring," under the auspices of the Woman's League. The proceeds of her excellent performance are to be devoted to the building of a Woman's Club house on the campus.

We are proud to announce that Ruth Lewis, '09, has been elected a member of the honor society, cap and gown. She has been prominent in college activities, as manager of the basket-ball team, and as a member

of the team; she has been a member of the Y. W. C. A. cabinet for two years, and is at present Y. W. C. A. treasurer.

We are beginning to look forward to Junior Week. Adele Huntsberger, '10, is a member of the junior opera committee, and five of the girls have made the junior opera chorus. Our freshman, Mary Herdman, was ambitious enough to try out for the leading role, and now holds that position tentatively.

The committees in charge of the festivities of Senior Week and of graduation have been already announced, and six of our senior girls have places on these committees.

MARY C. BRUNTON.

CALIFORNIA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
(Chartered 1900)

California Beta is certain that 1909 bids well for Pi Phi. We have made an excellent beginning in initiating, at Christmas, three charming freshmen: Leila Thomas, Pauline Storm, and Emeline Parsons.

We have made most of our preparations for the fall rushing. Twice this term we have entertained; once at luncheon, followed by a matinee, and the other time at dinner and cards. Both of these functions were given for Berkeley and San Francisco girls.

California Alpha has invited our chapter to celebrate Founders' Day with them in their new chapter house. We are looking forward to this visit with a great deal of pleasure.

Our university is progressing in its buildings. The stone in the new library is now up to the second floor. Every day one can watch the steady growth of that colossal structure. A few days ago, the first drilling on the site of a new building, Boalt Hall of Law, commenced. The plans for a greater university are rapidly being realized.

GEORGIA DELL MCCOY.

WASHINGTON ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
(Chartered 1907)

We are proud to say that at the beginning of the second semester, we initiated our ten freshmen, each of whom has earned at least twelve credits in the university. The ceremony was unusually attractive and was witnessed by a large number of alumnae, forty Pi Phis in all sitting down to the cooky shine afterward. The new Pi Phis are Fanny Charles, Leta Birch, Gladys Mackie, Hazel Belshaw, Ruth Cristesen, Neva Stuart, Anna Lamping, Clara Hewit, Lora Yaw, and Fay Short.

The chapter celebrated the opening of the new chapter house February 20 with a formal reception and tea. The house, which was decorated with masses of huckleberry and pussy-willow in Indian baskets, presented a very attractive appearance. Our patronesses assisted in receiving and many guests were entertained in the course of the afternoon and evening.

We received a number of gifts for the new house, among which were a large rug for the living-room from the Seattle and Tacoma alumnae, a Chinese embroidered pillow, and a tall mission clock. The alumnae are also to give a shower for the house the first Saturday in March. We cer-

tainly appreciate all that they have done for us and the interest they take in all that we do.

We are beginning to think of fraternity "exams," and also of Founders' Day, which we will celebrate with our annual banquet. We are making plans also for our formal dance to be given the last of March.

The question of absorbing interest, not only to the university but also to Seattle and the entire Northwest, is the opening of the Alaska-Yukon Exposition the first of June. Situated on the university grounds, between two lakes and surrounded by the most beautiful mountain scenery, the Fair will be a veritable gem; in fact, it will be known as the most beautiful of expositions. Many of the details will be unique, the abundant use of native plants and flowers being a principal attraction.

At the close of the Fair the permanent buildings and beautiful grounds will be turned over to the university, giving it advantages which would ordinarily take years to acquire. Is it any wonder we are enthusiastic? The West is indeed a wonderful country and as there never was a better opportunity to see it, we hope that a great many Pi Phis and their friends will plan to make the trip this year. The Pi Phi house, which will be kept open this summer, will be a convenient place to stay and a pleasant headquarters for Pi Phis and their friends.

ELIZABETH DEARBORN.

EXCHANGES

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The Gamma Phi Beta Sorority announces the installation of Nu chapter in the University of Oregon, December 18, 1908.

Delta Delta Delta announces the establishment of Omega chapter at Leland Stanford Jr. University, January 16, 1909.

The Grand Council of Kappa Alpha Theta announces the establishment of Alpha Mu chapter at the University of Missouri, February 12.

The fraternities at Mt. Union recently received notice from Alpha chapter of Delta Gamma of its withdrawal from the general fraternity.—Chapter correspondence in the *Alpha Xi Delta*.

Two weeks previous to the rushing season Pi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was "pulled" by the general fraternity, causing no small amount of surprise and comment. The Thetas will keep their house, however, and become a local sorority under their old name as a local chapter, Kappa Sigma.—Albion correspondence in the *Rainbow*.

The current catalogue of Brown University contains the following statement concerning the "class of 1889 prizes". In 1909 a first prize of \$40 and a second prize of \$25 are to be awarded for the best argumentative essays of from 3000 to 5000 words on the subject 'Should the students of Brown University take action to prevent the establishment of new fraternities?'—*Beta Theta Pi*.

The first national convention of the Alpha Delta Tau fraternity was held in December in Boston University's college of liberal arts. As the aim of this fraternity is to counteract the athletic influence of the preparatory school, only the highest fifth in scholarship in any senior class is eligible to membership. Jacob Tome Institute, Exeter, Andover, Wm. Penn Charter School, Evanston Academy, the Centenary Collegiate Institute in New Jersey and the Brooklyn Polytechnic now have chapters. The purpose of the fraternity, which was founded by President A. W. Harris of Northwestern University when he was connected with Jacob Tome Institute, is to elevate the scholarship of preparatory schools. Like Phi Beta Kappa, Alpha Delta Tau is not social in its nature. Each chapter meets once a year, when new members are elected and initiated.—*American Educational Review*.

While Nina Johnson, Delta Delta Delta, was working in the chemical laboratory at the University of Wisconsin some chemical exploded, setting fire to her clothing. Before help could reach her she was severely burned, and for a time it was thought that she could not recover. She underwent an operation in skin-grafting. The 160 square inches of cuticle that were necessary to cover the burned portion were furnished by eight of the Madison Tri-Deltas.—*The Trident*.

The Kappa Kansas City alumnae association provided clothing for a high school girl this year. The Pi Beta Phi association here has long maintained a fund to assist its active members at Kansas University. Last spring Mrs. Jessie L. Gaynor, who is a Pi Phi, donated her services at a musicale reception to add to this fund.—Alumnae correspondence in the *Key*.

The alumnae of the Nebraska chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma have presented the active chapter with a cup, to be held by the winner of the tennis singles in the Kappa tournament. The cup is to have each year engraved upon it the name of the winner. If it is won three successive times by the same girl, it may be kept by her.—Chapter correspondence in the *Key*.

The Minnesota faculty has organized a new fraternity, Lambda Alpha Psi, based on scholarship.—*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

The Council of Chi Omega has presented the fraternity with a loving cup which is to be passed from chapter to chapter according to merit. The *Eleusis* does not give the details of the contest, but intimates that the performance of chapter duties and scholarship will play important parts in the award.—*The Anchora*.

At the annual convention of the Association of Cosmopolitan Clubs at Ann Arbor, Mich., which has chapters at 17 colleges with a total membership of 1500 students, representing 9 nations, a resolution was adopted requesting the United States Bureau of Education to publish a pamphlet giving comparative rates of tuition and cost of living at leading American and foreign universities. Plans were formulated looking to the publication of the national songs of all nations.—*The Shield* of Phi Kappa Psi.

The Theta Delta Chi convention ruled that each initiate be required to pay for at least five years' subscription to the fraternity publication, to cover the whole of the undergraduate period and one or two years more.—Sigma Kappa *Triangle*.

Each active member of Alpha Omicron Pi will in the future wear a piece of red ribbon under her fraternity pin on the day that a new chapter of the fraternity is installed.—*To Dragma*.

The Woman's National Pan-Hellenic Conference announces the admission of Zeta Tau Alpha fraternity to full membership in the Conference.

At the annual banquet of Sigma Nu in Chicago, January 1, a resolution was adopted calling for a Pan-Hellenic conference for the purpose of organizing all Greek-letter societies in the United States into a Grand Council.—The *Shield of Phi Kappa Psi*.

The Pan-Hellenic Club, formed some two and a half years ago in Denver, Colo., has been forced to disband, owing to lack of interest. The few remaining members have been taken into the Denver Athletic Club, where a Greek room has been fitted up with the various fraternity shields and college pennants.—*Sigma Chi Quarterly*.

Under the initiative of the alumnae club of Pi Beta Phi there is being discussed among Los Angeles fraternity members, the forming of a Pan-Hellenic organization, to include the alumnae chapters here organized of Pi Beta Phi, Alpha Phi, Delta Delta Delta, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Gamma, Alphi Chi Omega, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Kappa Alpha Theta. The object is to bring together all fraternity women in a social organization which shall be a help to the chapters forming it, and a source of pleasure to the individuals. The idea has several non-supporters, among them Iota chapter. We offered these objections: first, that such an organization could have none of the value of a college Pan-Hellenic because there are no conditions in Los Angeles needing Pan-Hellenic control; second, that the social need for such an organization is already well met by the College Women's Club, which has a membership of about two hundred, and the Association of Collegiate Alumnae; third, that fraternity girls, outside of their alumnae clubs, ought to ally themselves with these broader interests, and that they could serve their fraternity interests as well and better by so doing. We understand that there are such alumnae Pan-Hellenics, active, enthusiastic, and of large membership. Iota would like to hear about them and have her objections answered.—Alumnae correspondence in *Kappa Alpha Theta*.

The *Trident* reports that each fraternity in the Denver Woman's Pan-Hellenic Club is contributing something each month toward paying the expenses of a fraternity girl at Denver who is without funds and in poor health.

A Pan-Hellenic society for women Greeks was organized October 15 in Spokane. It is planned to include all fraternity women in the territory tributary to Spokane.

The Chicago alumnae club of Delta Gamma has been appointed by the Grand Council chairman of a committee to compile a bibliography of colleges, listing their standing and general qualifications for reference when groups petition Delta Gamma.

In 1907-1908 Kappa Alpha Theta had 25 elections to Phi Beta Kappa from her 29 chapters. Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa are maintained in 21 colleges where Theta has chapters. Theta's contingent came from 8 chapters.

The *Key* offers a pearl set badge of Kappa Kappa Gamma to the active member who contributes the best "Parthenon" article, and a gold fleur-de-lis set with pearls to that alumna who sends the best article on general interest during the year. A year's subscription is also offered for good practical suggestions for the magazine.

A custom that seems worth mentioning is that of a town girls' house party. It is held at Thanksgiving and is often repeated at Christmas. The town girls, with several alumnae, move into the house, shortly after the house girls have left for their vacation. Thus the town girls are afforded a glimpse of that side of fraternity life of which they are usually deprived. The dinner dance, the last night, to which are invited various other fraternity girls who live in town, is one of the most enjoyable affairs.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

Internal improvement means a higher degree of scholarship; a greater development of true womanliness; a forgetting of self in the interests of others, whether they be of the fraternity world or not—I think I would rather say, especially if they are not of the fraternity world. In short, internal development means a development of the best in the characters of the individuals composing our fraternity.—*The Key*.

The November issue of *Kappa Alpha Theta* is a catalogue number. It contains the chapter rolls, recorded in the order of initiation of both chapters and members, an alphabetical index of names, and a geographical index. The total number of members is 4129; and the total living membership is 3914.

If then, it be conceded that alumnae relations are a good thing to cultivate, the best possible system for keeping track of and keeping in touch with the alumnae is none too good for us. The annual chapter letter to the alumnae giving a readable statement of what has been done and won during the year, is wonderfully interesting to those out of touch with college. But the most valuable asset of a chapter in its alumnae relations is our required card index, with a card for each name on the roll, clear back to the founders. This card should contain the necessary information, such as name and address, dates of initiation and graduation, etc., and should also show offices held in the fraternity, a record of positions of merit or distinction held in general college life, and a brief statement of any facts

of importance that have occurred in the experience of the alumna since leaving college. If it is kept up to date and accurate, it will draw the alumnae visitors as flowers draw the humming birds.—*Kappa Alpha Theta*.

What is a delinquent? Fraternity men do themselves an injustice by not taking what they know is good in a fraternity and applying it to life in general. It does not occur to them that the man who cannot be trusted in the chapter will be no safer out in business and that for the same reason the chapter worker is going to be a life worker, that the one who sees what is to be done and who either does his part or tries his best is the man whose life is going to count. He may never be rich, he may never win renown, but he will have a clean record and a good name, and with the consciousness of honest effort and faithfulness to duty there will come a happiness that money cannot buy. All a man owes cannot be expressed in dollars and cents, so we conclude that, regardless of his advantages, regardless of his calling, regardless of his station in life, a delinquent is any man who does not do the best he can.—*The Record* of Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Because it has thirty-nine active chapters the sorority of Pi Beta Phi has been called by the magazine of a rival sorority "the most liberal expansionist in the college world." A fraternity with only thirty-nine chapters is held to be ultra-conservative by a majority of its brother organizations.—*Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma.

In these days of sophomore pledging we are likely to forget that there are two sides to the question of rushing and pledging. The editor of the *Rainbow* makes a strong plea for early initiation of freshmen. Pan-Hellenism has made early initiation of freshmen unpopular, and yet there is much to be said in its favor. Though Jacob served seven years for Rachel, he loved her when first he saw her, and the long years of waiting, according to the story of Genesis, did not profit Jacob or Rachel so much as they benefited Laban.

Consider in detail some of these rushing restrictions and the real or fancied evils they are designed to prevent. Perhaps the most general restriction, and a favorite with both faculty and Pan-Hellenic organizations, is the designation of a period in a freshman's course during which he is supposed not to be rushed, bid, pledged, or initiated. In different institutions this period varies in length from a few weeks to an entire year. The main arguments in favor of this restriction are: That fraternities are not so likely to make mistakes in judgment in the selection of their men, that the freshmen are given more time in which to investigate and arrive at a decision of this importance, and that college studies and athletic interests no not suffer so much.

We no not believe that any of these claims can be substantiated to an extent that would outweigh the advantages of an early initiation of the new material. To the uninformed it may seem that a few weeks are a

short time in which a fraternity can adequately size up a man and make a safe appraisal of his qualifications for membership, or for a freshman to reach a decision that will have such an important bearing on all his after life. But the fact is that in these days a fraternity chapter generally knows all about the antecedents and record of a freshman long before he enters college, and several of the members of the chapter have probably been personally acquainted with him for a year or two and conducting a quiet cultivation of the man during his preparatory school days. Even in instances where this is not the case, full information in regard to his family and home record can be secured from some alumnus in a few days; and a week or so of intimate intercourse with the man will determine his personal qualifications and suitability for membership in Delta Tau Delta as well as would several months of investigation.

The average freshman is pretty well posted on fraternities before he enters college, and about all the additional investigation he requires in making his selection is to ascertain which fraternity is composed of men most congenial personally to him and maintaining a chapter house life which appeals to his own tastes and ideas. We venture to say that the personal equation has more weight in a freshman's decision than all other considerations combined. With him it is largely a matter of intuition and sentiment and, no matter how long a time may elapse before he makes a formal choice, his mind is generally made up in the first week or two. Chapters could save themselves much unnecessary expense and labor if they would realize that it is the type of their chapter home life and the character and personality of their men which influence a freshman more than putting him under obligations by extravagant entertainment and expensive attentions.

The claim that postponing the pledging date secures a better attention to college work and interests on the part of both fraternity men and freshmen, is just the opposite of the real result. No matter what regulations are in force or how scrupulously the fraternities may avoid any open reference to fraternity matters, a covert rushing is in progress all the time. In colleges where such restrictions are imposed by Pan-Hellenic agreement we are constantly hearing of charges of infractions of the rules by some fraternity or other. Besides, this protracted season of uncertainty keeps the fraternity men under a strain that is bound to prevent their giving college matters proper and undivided attention. It is far better for the college, the fraternities, and the freshmen to have the rushing over within a few weeks, so that all concerned can settle down to the regular routine of college and chapter life as soon as possible.

Perhaps the strongest argument in favor of an early initiation of the freshman is the advantage it is to him—and incidentally to the entire college. The freshman enters the freedom of college life fresh from the restrictions of home and of the preparatory school. And often the strong wine of this new life goes to his head. He frequently perverts his newly acquired freedom into excesses and dissipation. Through diffidence he hesitates to make his proper contribution to the athletic and musical activities of his college. By reason of the many distractions and, per-

haps, because of the absence of the accustomed spur, he sometimes neglects his college work. In fact, the first few months of a man's freshman year have a most important bearing on all the rest of his college course, and this is just the time when he most needs the protection, discipline, and encouragement of his fraternity. In small things, like forming the wrong sort of friendships, becoming identified with the wrong cliques, and through mere ignorance, being placed in false positions, he can make blunders that will be a heavy handicap for all the rest of his college days. The mature and experienced judgment of his older fraternity brothers would save him from these initial blunders and the policy of his chapter would encourage and inspire him to participation in any line of general college activity for which he has a natural bent, while mere selfish interest in preserving its membership would guarantee his chapter's close supervision of his class room work.—*Rainbow* of Delta Tau Delta.

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