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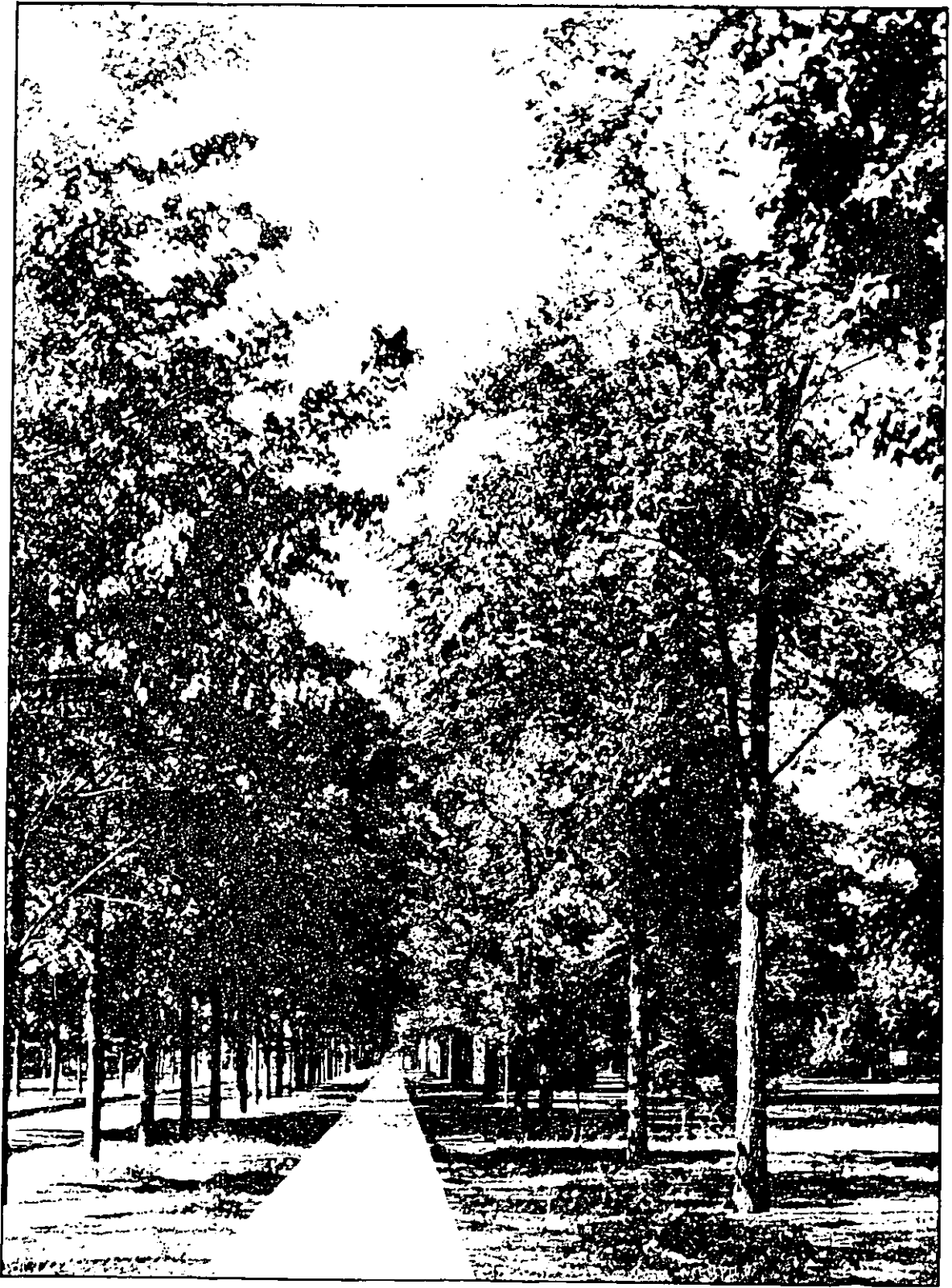
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## VIGNETTES OF ANN ARBOR.

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### THE CAMPUS.

The great library clock, looking down from its stately tower, is striking eight. Along the long tree-bordered walks, students are hastening from every direction toward one common center, the Main Building, toward which, as truly as was said of that city of the olden days, all roads lead. The whole campus is alive with the hurrying throng. There are pleasant sounds of hasty greetings and laughter, a constant banging of the heavy doors as the students pour into the Main Hall, and hurried consultations on the way to the recitation rooms.

The work of the University for the day has begun. As the hands of the library clock move on, the scene changes. The long walks gradually become deserted except for chance passers-by and a stray wheelman who cannot resist the temptation for a spin along the concrete pavements.

The campus appears now only a stretch of grass thickly studded with trees, and great, silent buildings. Like the rearing of Solomon's temple of old, without sound of nail or hammer, the intense intellectual life goes on without stir or noise. The greenness and shade of the campus, and the bricks and mortar of the buildings, though they have a beauty of their own, give, after all, almost no sign of the strong, pulsating inner life of the largest of American Universities.

## IN THE LIBRARY.

Bang! Bang! Bang! sound the ponderous doors of the Main Building as throngs of students pour out of them as the Library clock strikes ten. Across the campus they hurry, some to the laboratories, others to the gymnasium, and many to the Library. Let us follow these last.

Up the stone steps, through the hall they go, and many join the line already waiting at the desk for books. The circular reading-room, large as it is, is almost full, and although silence is supposed to prevail, the temptation to swing the revolving chairs around and chat with your neighbor seems too great to be resisted.

If ever there was a place to study human nature here it is. Here is the studious young woman who can pore over a book for an hour without once raising her eyes, but who still can find time for a word to friends as she passes in and out. Near her is a specimen of another class of students. She has her book open before her coat and gloves are fairly off, and never closes it until the last instant, when she rushes out of the room with never a glance to right or left. Here comes a girl leisurely in, twirls a chair to the desired elevation, slowly draws off her gloves, gazing around the room as she does so to see who is there, opens her books, and spends an hour reading a little and looking around a great deal. Then there is the dreamy girl, who sits with open book before her, but with eyes fixed listlessly upon the cupola of the Main Building, in sight through the windows or upon the more than life size stature of "Michigan" who guards her sons and daughters from near the center of the room. At the far end of the back row two butterflies are eagerly discussing the last fraternity party, or prospective festivities. A little distance from them three girls on two chairs are busily translating French, until the periodical journeyings of the attendant cause a suspicious lull, to be broken as he passes on.

Upstairs in the Seminary Rooms quiet reigns supreme. Here are the graduate and advanced students, working as if there was no room for a frivolous thought in their minds, so full are they of learning. Could we have access to the book-room, shut off from the main

part of the Library by iron-doors through whose portals none but attendants, professors and graduate students with permits dare pass, we would find among the 100,000 volumes there collected a few students and professors poring over dusty books and pamphlets.

On three afternoons of the week we can visit the Art Gallery on the third floor of the Library, with its collection of Randolph Roger's casts, and its interesting whispering gallery. But now there is much else to see, and we must hurry on.

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#### THE GYMNASIUM.

Any morning at eleven girls are hurrying over from their recitations to the gym for work. Hurrying is also a characteristic of the dressing room, for we allow ourselves as little time as possible to prepare for class. Going up stairs, the girls are collected in little groups chatting while waiting for the gong which calls them to position.

The gong causes a general rush for the bells or wands, also for the back rows. Every day the instructor has to call for girls to take the forward numbers. Class work lasts about twenty minutes, the exercises in order are: free arm, breathing, and body exercise with bells. The class is an interesting one, all in like uniform, blouse, bloomers and tennis shoes, blue being the prevailing color. Each one is ambitious to do the exercise as well as possible. A short rest ensues after class, then we form in line for the parallel bars, jumping the horse or maybe the running jump. These call forth lots of laughter, and as one is as liable to make a mistake as another, we can all laugh together. All girls join the advanced class, hence every stage is represented.

As twelve o'clock comes, the class thins out, all laughing, chatting in the dressing room; at times the excitement runs so high as to call forth the college yell. We all go to our dinners so much the happier for our hour's enjoyment.



## AN AT HOME.

MRS. JOSEPH HAMPDEN,

AT HOME  
SATURDAY, MARCH 23,  
7:30 P. M.

There is nothing unusual about such a card, but when received by a girl at the University of Michigan who knows social life only as she sees it on the campus or at an occasional spread in her rooms, or those of a friend, it means a good deal. It means that the wife of some member of the Faculty is to throw open her pleasant home for an evening to a few of the Women's League girls, to give them a taste of the real home-life they have left far away. There is no troublesome question of what to wear, for every one knows these weekly "At Homes" are perfectly informal, and that a pretty street dress is all that is expected. Neither is there concern as to how the girls will get home at the end of the evening, for under the careful management of the League, girls from the same or neighboring houses are always invited together.

The evening comes and the girl finds herself cordially welcomed by the hostess and perhaps several other ladies whose husbands she has known already as instructors. Among the twenty-five or fifty girls gathered in the pretty parlors she sees several friends, and many girls whom she has "always wanted to know." Introductions amidst the bright chattering groups are quickly gone through with, and everybody feels at home.

Presently the hostess wends her way among them, distributing cards bearing mysterious words or legends, and the fun of the evening commences. Or it may be that charades or conundrums form the entertainment, or perhaps it is a "swapping party," an "advertising agency," or something equally unique or amusing. Whatever it is, all formality is done away with, and hostess and girls mingle in happy enjoyment.

In all too short a time the way is led to the dining-room, or chocolate and cake are served in the parlors, and two by two the girls chat over class work, the latest college news, or it may be mutual friends discovered in some far away city. Perhaps the hos-

ness entertains the whole company with tales of early college days before there was a Women's League to join the girls and ladies, or with interesting bits of her own travels and experiences.

Groups then scatter to look over a tempting array of photographic views, while the book cases allure others. Some are musically inclined, and hark! chords on the piano are struck, and a familiar air steals softly forth. Forgotten are all other interests, and each girl draws near to the piano. Then who could sing "The Yellow and Blue" or "Goddess of the Inland Seas," more loyally than this little group of college girls with hearts full of pleasure after the evening spent in the refined home of the professor, who, to students a generation ago, was enthroned upon a chair in the class-room, and associated only with learned lore and examinations. In the midst of the singing the door opens to disclose that self-same professor, who now with smiling-face is introduced to all the girls, some of whom he already knows in the class-room.

But it is ten o'clock, and one by one the girls say a reluctant good-night, rejoicing that thanks to the Women's League such an evening will not be a rare occurrence in their college-life.

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#### ORGANIZATIONS.

Like the man in the funny story, the students of the University must be "jiners," judging from the large number of organizations which there are to join, and all having their full share of members. Many of the organizations have counterparts in all other colleges, such as the Students' Christian Association, Literary Societies, Lecture Association, Glee and Banjo Clubs, etc.

The Students' Christian Association has a beautiful stone structure of its own, containing parlors, library, class-rooms and auditorium.

Not long ago an Oratorical Association was organized, its aim being to create an interest in oratory and to enable our students to compete with those of other institutions. Of late years much inte-

rest has been manifested in such organizations as the Philological, Philosophical, and Political Science Associations, to which students and instructors belong, the purpose being to discuss subjects that cannot well be dwelt upon at length in the class-room. The Choral Union is one of the most prominent features of our college life. Under the Director a chorus of two hundred and fifty voices produces twice a year some musical masterpiece. The "Damnation of Faust is to be given in May, with other concerts of the festival season. Among college girls the Woman's League is the distinctively general organization. To this belong faculty ladies, college girls, and town ladies who are interested. The purpose of the League is to bring the girls more in touch with the women of the faculty and with one another.

There are more than forty fraternities here among the young men, while all the international sororities are represented, the last Delta Delta Delta having been established this last autumn.

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#### THE PI BETA PHI HOUSE.

In the acute angle found by the crossing of two streets, well shaded by great evergreen trees, stands a large, dark red house, there is our fraternity home, and a happy lively home nine girls make of it, you may be sure.

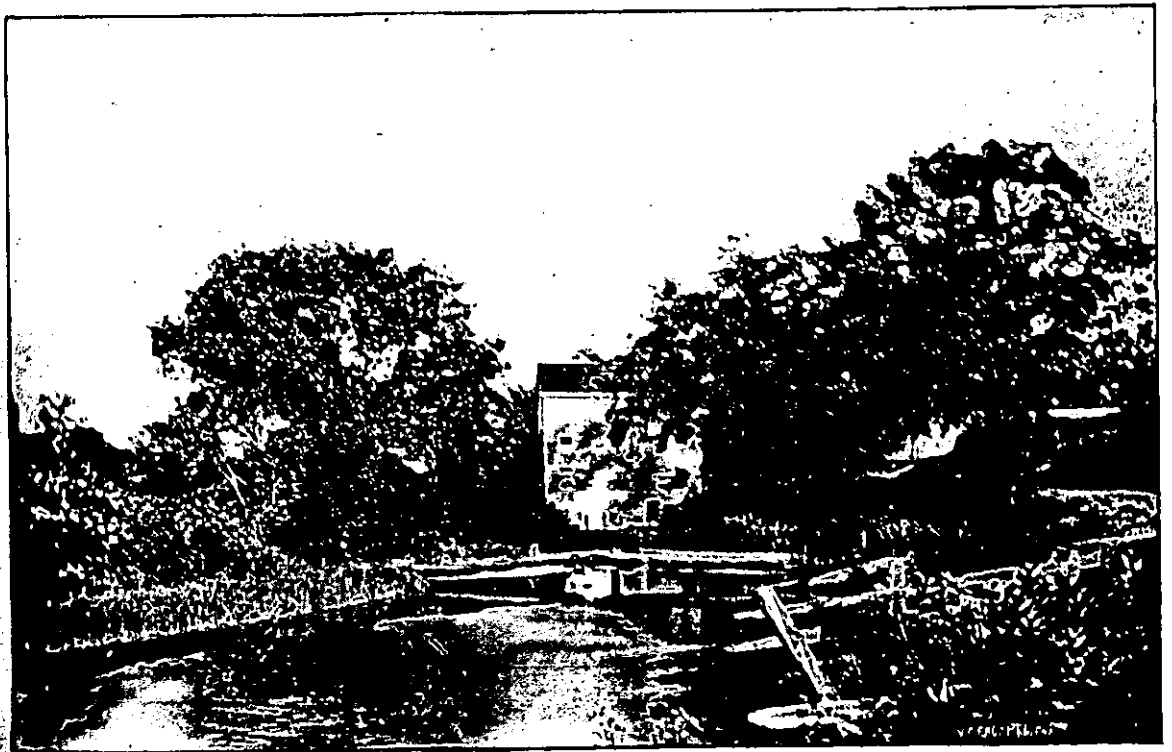
The pleasant exterior of the house is counterparted by the comfortable pretty rooms within. Downstairs we have two parlors while upstairs are our study rooms and sleeping apartments.

Those who have never enjoyed a fraternity home like this cannot imagine the jolly good times we have, nor the pleasant associations that become a part of the house. Here our friendship for the dear girls with whom we live becomes deeper, here we entertain our friends, here we have our initiations. In short it becomes the very center of our fraternity life.

The half hour after supper before we go to our rooms for study is the time for a general merry gathering in the parlor, we perhaps,



BENEATH THY TREES, O MICHIGAN.



THE HURON.

form chatting, laughing groups, or more likely we have a little dance which gives us just the exercise our tired minds require.

We should like to indulge in the real feminine love of details and tell all about our furniture which we had so much fun in buying, and about the pretty things which the girls contribute from their own stores to make our rooms look homelike, but we will only mention our dainty tea table from which we should like to serve you each a cup of tea, and then "over the tea-cups" we would tell you all the rest.

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#### THE SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

The School of Music, which is conducted by the Musical Society of the University of Michigan, was established October 1, 1892. Owing to the untiring efforts of the director, Prof. A. A. Stanley, who is also professor of music in the University, the school has been a great success from the beginning. The building, which is very conveniently arranged, comprises a large hall, where the entertainments are held, and an apartment for each instructor. Courses are offered in voice culture, organ, piano, violin, and orchestral instruments. The members of the faculty are: Prof. A. A. Stanley, organ; Prof. Alberto Jonas and Miss Charlotte Jaffe, piano; Mr. Gardner S. Lamson, voice culture, and Mr. Herman Zeitz, violin. Classes are also formed for the study of harmony and counterpoint, and lectures on musical subjects are given by members of the University faculty. Very delightful Faculty Concerts and Pupils' Recitals are given about once a month, the programmes of which are thoroughly enjoyed by all lovers of music. The School of Music is doing much toward inspiring an interest in and appreciation for fine music in Ann Arbor.

## HOMES OF OUR NEW CHAPTERS.

## NEBRASKA BETA.

The tale is always the same,—a happy holiday with its picnics and outings, its tennis and teas, then all too soon comes September with home-leaving, moving, settling and accustoming self to four walls holding self's *all*. Registration with its perplexities follows and even the Pi Phi cannot escape them. But at last all is settled and the student is ready for work.

To give a description of college life and its routine work is impossible except in a general way.

Lincoln is a city of about 60,000—Nebraska's capital. The city and its suburbs claim, besides the public schools, eight others, which include denominational institutions, a business college, two Normals and the State University, the last the home of Nebraska Beta.

Naturally the University is the largest of the schools. It was chartered in 1869 and the first building was erected the following year and still serves as the main hall.

In one corner of the campus is Nebraska Hall. This is occupied by the department of Geology, Zoology, Physics, Botany and kindred subjects. On the second floor of the building and occupying one entire end is the museum, filled with specimens of all kinds. Mummies, snakes, rare tusks and choice stones, besides other innumerable relics are fitted in their allotted places.

Just south of this building is the Armory. Here it is that the cadets meet three times a week at five o'clock to prepare for the hour's drill.

Gymnasium classes fill the floor mornings and afternoons. Nearly two hundred girls take the work. In the boys' classes there are about seventy. The girls have the regular gymnasium suits and make a pretty picture when at work in their dark blue blouses and Turkish trousers.

In one end of the building, on the ground floor are the baths, so refreshing to the weary gymnast.

Still south of this building is the Chemical Laboratory.

Several recitation rooms, a library and a large lecture room are on different floors, but most of the building is devoted to the laboratories.

At present two large rooms serve to hold the 20,000 volumes, part of the University library, about 5,000 special reference books being in the recitation buildings. But a library building is being erected and will be of the utmost value.

The main hall is devoted to the executive office, class rooms, the chapel, art rooms, and society halls.

Back of this are the Manual Training shops and Electrical Laboratory, Boiler House and Greenhouse.

Just outside the campus is the Conservatory of Music.

The University supports various organizations for the benefit of students. Five fraternities flourish among the boys, four among the girls. Besides these are the Girls' Debating Club, the Boys' Debating Club, Y. M. and Y. W. C. A., the Athletic and Oratorical Associations, Tennis and Dramatic Clubs, and at one time there was a Walking Club, but that seems to be a thing of the past. Seventeen young men support the Glee Club. Then too, let not the Foot Ball Team be forgotten.

Great credit is due to our Chancellor Canfield for the success of our institution. Student and professor work together to promote higher education, not only of men but also of women, for in the University there is no distinction of sex.

*Kate Snow Walker, Nebraska Beta.*

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### A FIRELIGHT SOLILOQUY.

“Whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest,  
 . . . think on these things.”

It was the twilight of a Sabbath day. I was musing before an open fire and these words of our creed came to me, somehow with more force than ever before,—“Think on these things.”

On what things? On the true, the honest. I question myself, am I true or honest or even just? Doubtless there is naught the law might call untrue, dishonest, yet in that inner life beyond the gaze of man, do I find I am sincere with myself? Am I true to my ideal womanhood? Is my life a real life or is it not one woefully full of selfishness, of hypocrisy and of insincerity? Am I not creating a forced existence—an existence lived for the praise of man; or am I making day by day more pure and lovely the inner temple of my womanhood, the sacred spot that no one knows except myself and the infinite power of the universe.

Well do I remember one September evening. I was alone by the sea watching the tide. It was before a storm. The raging waves were frantically chasing each other ere they leaped breaking and foaming against the rocky coast. The angry clouds tried to rival the waves in their mad flight. Then the lightning and the thunder—how awful it all was, and yet how sublime. O! the grandeur of that moment, when surrounded by clouds and waves and the darkness occasionally broken by a glance from the eyes of Thor, I stood facing the infuriate Atlantic. How trivial seemed the petty affairs of life—the surface affairs that take so much of one's thought and time and strength. How the better part of my nature rebelled against the mockery of the life I was leading. "Teach me, that my life may be more real," I sobbed.

Then the rain came and I hurried in where the beacon light beckoned me, a shelter from the wind and sea.

There a dear grandfather sat ready to welcome me. I sank down by his knee as though I were a little child again and, while the fierce storm raged outside, he read aloud inspiring words from our great teachers.

Then we said "good-night" and soon it was "good-bye," for many miles stretched between that coast and my inland home.

Since then the grandfather has said his last farewell and gone where the mystery of the wave and the sky is known, and I in my city life, try to remember the lesson of that hour. Amidst the din and the noise of the street I sometimes seem to hear—



“This above all,—To thine own self be true;  
And it must follow, as the night the day,  
Thou canst not then be false to any man.”

*Florence Putnam Chase.*

## TO HONOR THEE, PI BETA PHI.

AIR: “*Maryland, My Maryland.*”

We sing our merry songs today,  
Songs of thee, Pi Beta Phi.

We wear our flowers, carnations gay,  
Flow'rs for thee, Pi Beta Phi.

And while we may, let all we do,  
Conspire to speed our arrow true  
Up to the skies of starry blue,  
To honor thee, Pi Beta Phi.

From all that's false away we'll turn,  
Turn to thee, Pi Beta Phi;  
True grace and life's high aims to learn,  
Taught of thee, Phi Beta Phi;  
Then high the royal flag so true,  
Our rosy wine and silv'ry blue  
Will wave o'er flags of ev'ry hue,  
To honor thee, Pi Beta Phi.

Dear friends are going, some have gone,  
Friends of thee, Pi Beta Phi;  
Still may we do as they have done,  
Love and serve Pi Beta Phi.  
And so 'twill be when we are gone  
The flowers we love will still be worn,  
And many songs will still ring on,  
To honor thee, Pi Beta Phi.

*Mary Bartol, Pennsylvania Beta.*

## REPORT OF LITERARY BUREAU.

TO THE GRAND COUNCIL AND MEMBERS OF THE PI BETA PHI FRATERNITY:

We herewith submit to you the report of the second annual examination on our fraternity history and constitution.

The first examination was conducted with more or less apprehension regarding the outcome, but happy were the results. This year has emphasized the importance of this work and the benefit to be derived from it.

It is well for our Grand Council to know that the active members are more or less familiar with our general management and that they are prepared to answer intelligently any queries propounded them by professors or others interested in our welfare. It is well for our active members to realize that their chapter is but a factor of the organization and that their interests should be national as well as local.

It cannot be other than gratifying to you to know how readily the members have grasped the importance of these examinations and how willingly and cheerfully they have undertaken the necessary study. Nearly half of the two hundred and thirty-eight papers received were marked excellent and only twenty-four were less than very good.

Perchance a few extracts from some of their letters, may show you the view taken of these examinations by the members themselves.

“We spent the afternoon on the examination. I think the examination is a splendid thing to get us ‘up’ in all matters pertaining to Pi Beta Phi.”

“I am very much in favor of examinations and hope our papers will be satisfactory.”

“We assembled our members as you requested and took the examination together. . . . We have been so busy and so much interested in this study that we were carried away with the idea.”

"I send you the examination papers to-day. I hope you will find them a better set of papers than before and I feel that you will for the girls have done some hard 'boying'—to use the college expression. . . . We all feel that these examinations are of great benefit to us."

"There is too much attention paid to the local chapter at the expense of the fraternity nationally. . . . Our own chapter, while frowning over examinations, is gaining much through them, and they are the greatest help to make the national interest increase."

"In looking over the papers I notice that one of the girls wishes the examination abolished. I sincerely hope you will do nothing of the sort. Notwithstanding any decision to which you may come in regard to the papers, I am confident that we know more about the constitution and are moreover more interested in the fraternity than ever before, after each examination."

You can readily perceive our dilemma in trying to select from so many excellent papers a few for special mention. However, we will name those of Miss Mary Bartol, of Penn. Beta; Miss Agnes Chalmers and Miss Gertrude A. Plimmer, of Ohio Beta; Miss Sadie Van Ostrand and Miss Florence B. Alvord, of Mich. Alpha; and Miss Viola B. Lukens, of Ind. Alpha.

The papers from Colorado Alpha have not been sent in time for this report, otherwise the chapters have been graded as follows:

#### EXCELLENT.

Ohio Beta (Ohio State University); Illinois Beta (Lombard University); Vermont Alpha (Middlebury College); Michigan Alpha (Hillsdale College); Pennsylvania Beta (Bucknell University); Louisiana Alpha (Tulane University); Wisconsin Alpha (University of Wisconsin); Colorado Beta (Denver University); Illinois Epsilon (Northwestern University); Pennsylvania Alpha (Swarthmore College); Iowa Alpha (Iowa Wesleyan University); Iowa Beta (Simpson College); Columbia Alpha (Columbian University); California Alpha (Leland Stanford University).

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Indiana Beta (University of Indiana); Ohio Alpha (Ohio University); Indiana Alpha (Franklin College); Iowa Zeta (University of Iowa); Illinois Delta (Knox College); Kansas Alpha (University of Kansas); Minnesota Alpha (University of Minnesota); Michigan Beta (University of Michigan); Nebraska Beta (University of Nebraska).

Respectfully submitted,

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Literary Bureau of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity,

## What a Fraternity Girl Thinks.

During the early fall our attention is often called to the objectionable features of the rushing system. We all know that there is room for improvement and it behooves us to use every means in our power to bring about a better condition of affairs. I wish each chapter would make it a special point this spring to carefully consider the subject and endeavor to devise some plan whereby rushing may be done in a more harmonious manner.

It may be of general interest to the fraternity to know something about the discussion that the girl's fraternities in the University of Minnesota had, in regard to rushing, and to have a statement of the regulations that were agreed upon. Until two years ago there had been an unwritten law among the girls, that no pledging nor rushing was to be done in the High Schools, but at that time the latest fraternity in, not conforming to the general custom, laid itself open to criticism and the result was that a mass meeting of

fraternity girls was called. At this meeting and several subsequent ones, opinions on both sides were freely expressed and the matter was thoroughly discussed. Here another question intimately connected with the preceding one arose,—was it advisable to extend the rushing season proper and agree to pledge no one until she had been a student for three months? This plan has much to commend itself. When the rushing is done in a hurry, each member of a small chapter has a heavy burden; either college work must suffer or fraternity opportunities must be neglected. A large chapter can successfully surround a new girl for a few weeks, into which time the rushing season is usually crystallized, and avert the advances of a smaller chapter, whereas it would be difficult to keep up this mode of tactics for three months. Herein is indicated an evil that should be overcome. Do not besiege a girl and close up all avenues of approach to her. Let her meet the other fraternities. Better one girl who selects you from among the others than five who have had no opportunity to get acquainted. Under cover of fraternity rushing and from an utterly selfish motive do not lay yourselves open to what would be considered in other social circles a breach of politeness. But here is the difficulty in the three months plan—the word rushing may be used in several senses and it is just this elasticity of meaning that makes it so hard to define. Shall we say that it consists of those attentions and favors manifestly shown to a girl after she has entered college, and at the same time deny that it has anything to do with our less obvious desire to cultivate her acquaintance before she became a Freshman? No sharp line can be drawn.

After careful consideration it was not deemed for the best interests of the fraternities to adopt the three months plan. It was finally agreed to issue a pamphlet which should be sent to High School girls, giving a brief outline of the fraternity system, its aim and influence. The pamphlet also contained arguments against preparatory pledging. Briefly stated these were as follows: The sources of information regarding different fraternities are likely to be unreliable since outsiders are not qualified to give an impartial view, as their ideas are apt to be biased. A pledge cannot be intelligently given

before a girl has had an opportunity of seeing the fraternities together and forming her own conclusion. The girl who pledges herself before she enters college in most cases does it blindly, she does not realize that the personality of each fraternity is distinct. From her limited view she cannot know that her mind and thoughts are going to be subjected to the moulding influence of these her chosen life-long friends. In the fall when the pledged girl enters college her position is peculiar: she is isolated from the girls who have won her because they are busy elsewhere and she is not yet able to help them; and of course other fraternity girls are particularly careful to make no advances at all lest they be misunderstood. This bit of advice was given to those contemplating entering the University. Do not anticipate college life, do not be a Senior in the High School and a Freshman at the University at the same time. Give each its proper place. If a fraternity seeks you for a member at one time it will desire you also at another. Nothing is lost by waiting and much may be gained.

The most important part of our little pamphlet, for the *fraternities*, was contained in the last pages. It was the compact entered into with the belief that the practice of preparatory pledging was unfair to the candidate for membership and detrimental to the best interests and ultimate good of the fraternity itself. Four of the five women's fraternities then at the University signed this pledge—that they would not invite girls to join their respective fraternities until they were duly registered students of the University of Minnesota. This pledge was binding for one year. At the end of that time another mass meeting was held, and as the experiment had worked so well, the same fraternities together with Tri-Delta which had recently entered the University, signed the pledge anew. In all probability this has become a permanent part of fraternity ethics.

I wish there could be more such friendly discussions; for by this means the true solution of most fraternity grievances and misunderstandings could be reached. It is not necessary for us all to adopt and follow the same ideas. Rivalry is bound to exist, it is an important factor. Indeed Ruskin says there is no great art possible

to a nation but that which is based on battle, that "war is the foundation of all the high virtues and faculties of men." So in fraternity life out of diversity let there come harmony. Let us endeavor to increase the kindly feeling that already exists in the Pan-Hellenic world; to build up and not destroy; to assist one another toward that same goal for which we are all striving.

*Esther Friedlander, Minnesota Alpha.*

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Two things a college girl desires, intellectual growth and a happy social life. The first is procured from college work proper, whence the second shall come,—the satisfying of that **Why I Am a Fraternity Girl.** craving each one feels to share her pleasure, her knowledge, with others, and to receive sympathy and approval in return, is a more difficult thing.

Many girls enter college alone and unknown. Some have the misfortune to be thrown with uncongenial companions, and it blights the happiness of their whole college life. Others, shy and retiring, slow to form friends, have long periods of homesickness and the "blues" before they find a congenial college circle.

It is just at this period of loneliness and strangeness that the fraternity comes in with its help and sympathy and love. The happiest and closest of ties are formed in the fraternity, and it becomes the very centre of social life.

In joining a fraternity I chose one whose aims are progressive, whose reputation is national, and whose traditions are its pride, for as true blue blood may be found in a fraternity as in an old New England family. Pi Beta Phi offers much to the new college girl. There is none older, none whose standards are higher, none whose management is simpler or more harmonious.

From the moment you become a fraternity girl, your interests have widened and deepened. The fraternity's principles have become your principles; its reputation becomes yours; honor to the fraternity becomes honor to you, and, on the other hand, whatever honors you win are reflected upon the fraternity.

That a fraternity is selfish at heart is not altogether to be denied; it is; so are home circles, so is the very college or university itself. But as they are centers from which in the end emanate great power and usefulness, so the fraternity sends forth long-reaching influence among college women. It is the place where high ideals are striven for, where one is given every encouragement to realize those ideals from freshman days, spent in laboring over books, until as a graduate, and alumna, the fraternity girl's life broadens into wider circles.

Those three little Greek letters worn on the dainty golden arrow will be to you as a talisman that will lead you into a sweeter, broader, richer field of usefulness.

Pi Beta Phi does not stand for education alone, and among those who wear the arrow you will not find that scholarship and perfect class records were the only requisites through which that privilege was granted.

Neither can social position nor wealth buy it. To be sure these qualities are not overlooked, but they are rather the tools used for higher work. There love is the key note, and through it the Pi Beta Phi girl shines socially, through it she works intellectually, and in it she lives constantly.

It is her aim to realize in the home the ideals that her broader study and advantages have given her; to realize in literary work a strength, force, and purity that her true and highest womanly instinct cannot but infuse; to realize in public work the worth and the power that a womanly woman, complementary to her highest standard of what a man may be, may exert; modest, yet firm; high minded and studious, yet knowing that wherever she may be it is her spirit of unselfish love and womanly, delicate sympathy that is her most powerful charm.

These are the thoughts given a Pi Beta Phi girl in college. These are the aims carried with her into her life work. Has not Carlyle suggested that to know a woman's ideals is to know the woman? So, to know a fraternity's standard is to know the fraternity.



Pi Beta Phi has done much for college girls. Her power is increasing every year. Woman cannot work alone. The club woman of to-day is the woman who is accomplishing the most in the world. It is she who has conquered the greatest prejudices, and she who realizes the greatest happiness.

Would you join the club before all clubs open to a college girl; the club from which all present women's clubs are but as offsprings? Join Pi Beta Phi—Pi Beta Phi, which was the first of the now innumerable national women's organizations.

*Grace Lass.*

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## Alumnae Department.

### PERSONAL.—IOWA ZETA.

The following is a clipping from the *Vidette Reporter* of the State University of Iowa:

“*Werner's Magazine* for December, 1894, devotes a page to Bertha M. Wilson, '92, who is taking high rank among dramatic writers. It speaks in the highest terms of her work, especially of her costume monologues. We quote the following: ‘Her work is distinguished for its dramatic conception, its vividness, originality and unaffectedness; and, while artistic, it is written with vigor and directness.’ Miss Wilson is the special pupil of Helen Potter, who speaks of her great ability as critic, author, and impersonator. She has become quite popular as a writer for current literature.”

Miss Wilson is a loyal Pi Beta Phi. She was an excellent student, of an original turn of mind, and while at the University took the Holbrook prize for composition, generally considered the greatest opportunity given the students.

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### ILLINOIS DELTA.

On Dec. 25th, Margaret Sperry Tait was married to Hugh Stephen Weston, Phi Gamma Delta. Mr. and Mrs. Weston are at home in Jerseyville, Illinois.

Miss Della Robbins, who has been traveling in the West, has returned to take up her college work and graduate with the class of '95.

Mrs. Adeline Gaylord has presented Illinois Delta with a dear little grand-daughter, Ethelyn Orilla, of whom we are very proud.

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MEMORIAL TO CORINNE SUPER-STINE.

A few days ago the editor received a dainty silver-gray volume entitled "Memorial Tribute to Corinne Super-Stine." The volume will be of interest to her many fraternity friends, and Mr. Stine expresses his willingness to send it to any of her friends who desire it.

Dr. F. W. Gunsaulus, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational Church and president of the Armour Institute, Chicago, Ill., delivered the funeral address. It is full of beautiful tributes to the sweet life and character of our fraternity sister, and we cannot forbear to make some quotations, that those who were not privileged to know her in life may know her now—for "being dead she yet speaketh."

"I do not mean this afternoon to make any chronology of the short acquaintance that seems to have been as long as the eternity of God, save to illustrate to your minds and to my own what is the value that we must put into our own existence, if we should be worthy to be brought to the altar of such a friendship."

"I remember the bright, glorious day when my friend came back to us with his new life all open; the sky of God was bending over their mutual affection, the long and glorious years were waiting for their united steps, every wood and meadow of time, as it were, was pausing for that bright spring day of the wedding, to make it bloom, as the May is blooming today, with new hope and new joy."

"I shall always look to these months as months which for me, of all the months which I have known in the

lives of others, furnish for all time a beautiful picture of marriage. The great forces that come into our lives nestle most strongly in our hearts. The powers that will make the world beautiful and life worth living, are the powers that are brought out by the real wedding, a wedding of noble souls."

"But to me the highest illustration of life is the illustration that comes in such a soul as hers, the continuous picture of a most noble wifehood."

"I spent a day, two summers ago, in the home of one of England's truest poets; and I shall never forget, when I asked him about the origin of one of his verses, how, with trembling lips and earnest eyes, he pointed to her who had shared his life, and said: 'She has always been wife to my whole existence.'"

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#### THE ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION.

The Alumnae Association has just sent out to all alumnae a pamphlet bearing the following greeting:

"This little pamphlet is sent forth to Pi Phi Alumnae everywhere with salutations of good cheer and sincere interest.

"It comes to bring a word concerning the Alumnae Association, and to cordially invite all interested to identify themselves with it. We have been glad and proud to know each other in and through the fraternity, and are confident our lives will be stronger, sweeter—if these associations be maintained.

"'What is the secret of your life?' asked Mrs. Browning of Charles Kingsley. 'Tell me that I may make mine beautiful, too.' He replied, 'I had a friend.'"

The pamphlet gives a statement of the object of the association as follows:

"The Pi Beta Phi Alumnae Association is established to maintain the friendships of Pi Beta Phi Alumnae; to secure their association; and mutual coöperation in the advancement of the fraternity."

It is hoped that our alumnae will make haste to become members of the association. However, no one will be urged to join, as it is not an association for aggressive work but merely for pleasure, and the maintenance of fraternity relations among alumnae.

We believe that many of our alumnae will be glad to thus keep up their connection with the fraternity, and that they would gladly welcome the establishment of alumnae clubs wherever practicable.

We want the Alumnae Association to stand for Pi Beta Phi outside of college.

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## OUTLINES OF OUR HISTORY.

### LIST OF GRAND OFFICERS OF PI BETA PHI.

1867.

President—Nannie Black-Wallace.

1868.

President—Ada Bruen-Grier.

Secretary—Jennie Harne.

1870.

President—Libbie M. Book-Gaddis.

1872.

President—Louisa Carithers.

Secretary—Emma Matten.

1880.

### CONVENTION AT INDIANOLA, IOWA.

President of Convention—Lillie Cooper, Iowa Alpha.

Secretary—Iola Hoover.

1882.

### CONVENTION AT BURLINGTON, IOWA.

President of Convention—Cora Panabaker, Iowa Alpha.

Secretary—Laura Lighte, Iowa Alpha.

## INTERIM OF CONVENTION.

President—Fannie Wright.  
 Vice-President—Lessie C. Buck.  
 Corresponding Secretary—Rell Carr.

1884.

## IOWA CITY CONVENTION.

President—Nell Custer, Iowa Zeta.  
 Secretary—Emma Livingston, Illinois Delta.  
 Treasurer—Jean Oliver, Kansas Alpha.

1885.

## LAWRENCE CONVENTION.

President—Rainie Adamson-Small, Illinois Beta.  
 Vice-President—Elva Plank, Iowa Gamma.  
 Secretary—Belle Requa Leach, Iowa Iota.  
 Treasurer—Frances E. Flagler, Iowa Theta.

1886.

## INDIANOLA CONVENTION.

President—Rainie Adamson-Small.  
 Vice-President—Elva Plank.  
 Secretary—Belle Requa Leach, Iowa Iota.  
 Treasurer—Frances E. Flagler, Iowa Theta.

1888.

## OTTUMWA CONVENTION.

President—Mrs. R. A. Small.  
 Vice-President—Emma Harper Turner, Columbia Alpha.  
 Secretary—Elva Plank.  
 Treasurer—Frances E. Flagler.

1890.

## GALESBURG CONVENTION.

President—Emma Harper Turner.  
 Vice-President—Minnie Howe Newby, Michigan Beta.

Secretary—Sude Weaver-Evans, Iowa Epsilon.  
 Treasurer—Georgina Rowland, Colorado Alpha.  
 Guide—Helen Sutliff, Kansas Alpha.

1892.

LAWRENCE CONVENTION.

President—Emma Harper Turner.  
 Vice-President—Myra Troth, Iowa Zeta.  
 Secretary—Minnie Howe Newby.  
 Treasurer—Helen Sutliff.  
 Guide—Frances E. Flagler.

1893.

CHICAGO CONVENTION.

President—Helen Sutliff.  
 Vice-President—Corinne Super Stine, Ohio Alpha.  
 Secretary—Grace E. Lass, Illinois Delta.  
 Treasurer—Lucinda Smith, Kansas Alpha.  
 Guide—Edua A. Clarke, Columbia Alpha.

Out of precaution, all records of 1867 were burned—our charter members emphasizing the Fraternity's secret element far more than is done to-day.

From 1867 to 1884, all powers were vested in the Alpha chapter, Monmouth, Ill., and the officers named for 1880-84 are those of the conventions, only.

In 1884 was adopted the present system of controlling fraternity affairs in the interim of conventions.

## Chapter Letters.

### VERMONT ALPHA—MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE.

One very interesting entertainment of the winter was given by the Athletic Association aided by Mrs. Eaton and Mrs. McGilton, wives of the professors of Greek and Chemistry respectively. The entertainment was opened by a Symphony, The Sleighbell Chorus—under the direction of Mr. Williamson, '96, and all the parts were taken by students. The instruments consisted of cornet, piano, combs, cello, whip, sand papers, glasses, bells, drum and triangle. Following the Symphony, Aunt Jerusha's Album was brought forward. This was extremely novel. Noticeable among the pictures were the "two Harriets;" one, Harriet Steele, a quaker maiden and formerly a Kappa Alpha Theta, of Minneapolis, and the other, Harriet Gerould, Aunt Jerusha's youngest daughter and a Pi Beta Phi.

Our lecture course has been continued throughout the winter. Among the speakers from abroad were Dr. Brainerd Kellogg, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Rev. Dr. Barton, Delta Upsilon—both graduates of this college, former in '58, latter in '81—and Donald Sage McKay, of Newark, New Jersey. Among our own Professors, have been Pres. Ezra Brainard, Chi Psi, '64, and Prof. Theodore Henckels, of the department of Modern Languages.

Among the social events in our own circle may be noted a tea to the young ladies of the college, given by Miss Ware, in honor of her friend, Miss Tyler, and a reception by Miss Allen, in honor of Miss Ruth Noyes, of Emerson School of Oratory.

The young men of the Delta Upsilon fraternity gave a sleigh-ride party to Bridport recently and several Pi Phis were among the young ladies.

Junior Exhibition will be held March 27, and Mabel Ware has the honor of representing the Pi Phi's. After the exercises there will be the usual promenade.

## COLUMBIA ALPHA—COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY.

Columbia Alpha again comes to her sister chapters, bringing this time, three new members whom she is proud to introduce. They are Miss Francis Jacobs, formerly of Leland Stanford University, Miss Lillian Pace and Miss Mary Kelly, charming girls and true Pi Phis. The initiation took place on March 16, at the home of Miss Crew. It was one of the pleasantest we have ever had. Columbia Alpha is indeed fortunate and has not ceased to congratulate herself upon her nine dear sisters initiated this year.

At a tea on February 23, at the home of Miss Graves, the alumnae Pi Phis entertained their friends. The seniors of the active chapter, soon to be alumnae, assisted in receiving. The members of the active chapter enjoyed the opportunity of seeing the alumnae and of introducing the new initiates, who were then pledged. It is a delightful fact that the fraternity is a link between the alumnae and those who are still in the college. One feels that one can never lose those who are sisters in Pi Phi.

Columbia Alpha sends greetings and good wishes to all Pi Phis.

## PENNSYLVANIA ALPHA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

Most hearty greetings to all Pi Phis. Pennsylvania Alpha has spent a quiet winter this year and there have been no social occasions of much consequence, although we have had some very pleasant times among ourselves, including the afternoon and evening of Washington's birthday, which was spent most delightfully at the home of one of our girls whose mother is a loyal patroness of our chapter. We often have jolly "feasts,"—similar, we suppose, to the mysterious "cookyslines" unknown to us in the backwoods of the East; and our sewing bees, in which one reads aloud while the others sew, are very pleasant occasions.

As you may suppose, we were delighted to have another chapter established in Pennsylvania. We had the pleasure of a short visit from one of their members, Miss Bartol, and judging from this representative, we believe Pennsylvania Beta will be a very valuable chapter. We hope that any Pi Phis going through Philadelphia



will remember that they are only a short distance from Swarthmore, where a warm welcome always awaits them.

The Shakespeare Evening, in which portions of several of Shakespeare's plays are given by members of the senior class in character, was a great success this year. The scenes from Macbeth, in which a Pi Phi took the part of Lady Macbeth, were exceptionally fine.

The oratorical contests are always an interesting feature at Swarthmore, and one of our members has been chosen for the Sophomore-Freshman team. We are very glad to tell the Fraternity that the college orator for this year is one of our girls, who will be the only woman that has ever competed in the State Oratorical contest. The secretary and the prophetess of the senior class are Pi Phis and several minor offices are held by our members. One of our alumnae, Mary Montgomery, is president of the senior class at the Woman's Medical College, of Philadelphia, and has received a position as resident physician in the New England Hospital.

#### PENNSYLVANIA BETA—BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY.

The pleasure with which we write this our first letter to the ARROW can be appreciated fully only by those who have petitioned for a charter and have experienced the secret meetings, the weeks of waiting, the eager watching for letters and the happiness at the arrival of the best one of all. It was well for our secret that this best came but a few days before the end of the term, when we were busy with examinations, for otherwise our faces must have told the good news.

On January fourth Miss Culver, Colorado Alpha, from Baltimore met with us at the home of Kate McLaughlin, and on Saturday morning after chapel we startled the students with our "Ring ching ching."

We knew that Pi Beta Phi women were exactly those women whom we would feel honored to call friends, for Miss Eddleman, Indiana Alpha, had been with us for more than a year, and our feeling was strengthened when we met Miss Culver, our only regret being that her stay with us was so short. A delightful day spent

by Mary Bartol at Swarthuore has made us feel quite at home with Pennsylvania Pi Beta Phis, and the kind letters coming to us from all quarters intensify our desire to know personally our many friends.

Here at Bucknell we have received a most cordial welcome into the Greek world and many others have expressed their pleasure at the introduction of the first woman's fraternity.

In February, Eliza Bell '94, one of our pledged alumnæ members, joined us and our active roll is increased by two names from '98, Edna Stifler and Flora Sigel; we are fortunate in being able to choose the very best.

Soon after our establishment we invited a few friends to meet our patronesses, Mesdames Lincoln Hulley, William Leiser, Harold McClure and Harry S. Hopper. A little later we enjoyed a marsh-mallow roast with Miss Eddleman, and Mrs. Hulley gave an 'At Home' to the college women in special recognition of Pi Beta Phi. A very lively 'cookysine' with Kate McLaughlin celebrated our first initiation and it was such a success that we are planning another with which to open the spring term. On March sixteenth the college girls received about a hundred guests in the institute parlors. The offices of our College Girls' Association are all filled by Pi Beta Phi girls, Kate McLaughlin, Mary Wolfe, Kate Goddard and Edna Stifler, and for two years the only women on the board for our college annual "*L'Agenda*" have been girls who are now Pi Beta Phis, '95, Kate McLaughlin, and '96, Mary Wolfe.

We are very sorry to lose, for a time, Kate Goddard, who has been obliged to leave on account of illness but we expect her again in a few weeks.

It has taken us some time to feel thoroughly organized but now our chapter is firmly established and we are ready to do our utmost to strengthen the influence of Pi Beta Phi.

#### OHIO ALPHA—OHIO UNIVERSITY.

On the second of February we gave a party at the home of Miss Bertha Hoover. Each girl dressed in costume representing a character from life or literatuer.

Sappho was there from the glorious Past and "Marguerite," from the wonderful mind of Goethe. For one evening we were a company of famous women, either real or ideal.

Mr. S. L. McCune received the prize, which was a silver key-ring, for guessing correctly the largest number of the characters. Mr. McCune represented Ohio University at the state contest, held in Columbus, Ohio. We feel justly proud of the place O. U. has won among the nine colleges of Ohio's Oratorical Association.

Our rank is third, Dennison and Wittenberg only being awarded higher places.

A large delegation from the O. U. attended the contest, among the number were eleven Pi Beta Phi girls. The Ohio Beta chapter entertained us in the most delightful manner. The day following the contest, being the 22nd, they gave a reception in our honor, at the home of Miss May Smith, one of Ohio Beta's charming girls. At the reception we met the Kappa Alpha Thetas and Kappa Kappa Gammas of O. S. U.

We returned from Columbus, feeling that never in so short a time had we enjoyed so much. Certainly the memory of our visit with Ohio Beta will remain one of the brightest in our college life.

The winter term is almost over and with the spring comes the Easter-tide. May it bring much sweet meaning to every Pi Beta Phi.

#### OHIO BETA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

By the time this letter is in print, all those things that are agitating the college girl, namely examinations and the worry over unfinished work, will all have passed and we will be sailing on smooth seas, utterly forgetful of trials to come.

Ohio Beta has passed a very pleasant winter term and is looking forward with great pleasure to sending a delegate to the convention next summer. We wish it would be near us, in order that a number of us may attend.

The State Oratorical Contest was held in Columbus, February 21, and the girls from Ohio Alpha came up to cheer on their contestant, and to visit Ohio Beta. The contest was on Thursday night

and the representative from Ohio University won third place, while O. S. U. made seventh. We tried to feel gay and rejoice with our guests at their good luck, but mixed with that rejoicing there was a lingering regret for what might have been.

Friday morning was spent in getting acquainted and in the afternoon we gave a reception in honor of Ohio Alpha. The callers were the young ladies of Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma. Mrs. Siebert, wife of Professor Siebert, our patroness, helped us to entertain.

In the evening an informal dancing party was given.

Saturday morning, we did what a crowd of girls always will do when they are out having a good time—had our pictures taken. Were they good, do you ask? This is the answer you receive from every one you ask: "Yes, all but mine, and it is horrid. I wish I had put my hair up on top of my head," or "I ought to have been on that side. It is too dark over here."

Good or bad, we would not give a good deal for those pictures, which recall to our minds so often the pleasant time we had then and the number of friends we made.

The seniors are talking of graduating now and that brings to our minds the fact that we will lose two of our best members, Agnes Chalmers and Leona Humphreys.

The graduating class last year wore caps and gowns, but '95 at a recent class meeting voted down those useful and ornamental articles.

We hope Michigan Alpha is settled in her new chapter hall and thoroughly enjoys it. How fine it would be if we could all have one.

#### INDIANA ALPHA—FRANKLIN COLLEGE.

One of our sisters, Viola Frances Murphy, a member of the senior class in Music, gave a piano recital in the Athenian Literary Society hall on Jan. 24, which was very entertaining. She performed so nicely, and looked so sweet and charming that all of us girls loved her still more if that could be, and were very proud of her. Indeed she has a decided musical talent. The girls decorated the room with our flowers, the sweet carnation, and the "wine and blue."

Miss Helen Stanton, of Madison, Ind., a former Pi Phi, made us a present of a beautiful willow chair, sometime ago, and it adds much to our already cozy rooms.

Examination in fraternity matters has passed and we are relieved. We are resolved that next year we will know more and give Alpha chapter a better standing. May it be! Pi Phi is again well represented in the senior class. There are six girls in the class and four of them Pi Phis. Already the girls are planning something as to the gowns they will wear. They are strongly thinking of an innovation, but we can better tell of that in the next letter.

We are planning for a musicale for Founders' Day. We expect to send out some two hundred invitations.

We all went to the State Oratorical Contest, at Indianapolis, the 8th of March. We had planned to have a joint meeting of the Alpha and Beta chapters at the Dennison, but owing to the fact that the Betas were so few we did not have the meeting.

Miss Sarah Covert, a Pi Phi of this place, but teaching in Peru, Ind., visited her home a few weeks ago.

The Sigma Alpha Epsilon boys entertained the Pi Phi girls some weeks ago. A very pleasant time it was. Roast pig was a special dish at the dinner.

The last lecture on the course was given by Dr. Stott, president of the College, on "Travels in Europe and the Holy Land."

We were greatly pleased with the song sent us by the Beta chapter of Pennsylvania and will show our appreciation by having our girls sing it in the near future.

The Periclesian Literary Society will dedicate their new hall at the beginning of the spring term. The majority of our girls are members of this society.

The curriculum of the College will probably be changed some for next year. More English will be required and an elective line of American history be placed in the senior year, making a course of four years in the the Historical Department. Both of these will likely be very satisfactory.

We entertained the S. A. E. boys at our rooms the last Saturday night of this term. It was a very informal affair, but we had a very pleasant evening.

We hope to accomplish a great deal in the coming term and expect to add some new names to our roll.

#### INDIANA BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

Formal greetings will hardly express the warm feeling that Indiana Beta entertains for all her Pi Phi sisters, scattered, as they are, from Vermont to California. How we would like to give a hearty grip all around! We are looking forward to the coming convention with much expectation, for, while we all feel the loving ties of sisterhood, nothing can bring us together like personal contact.

Our chapter has been active this year in securing new girls, and we now number twenty-two on our chapter role. But it is not of the number of initiates that we are most proud, but of the girls themselves. We feel sure that they are valuable additions to the fraternity. Our new sisters are Carrie Clark, Maud Martin, Laura Bradley, Grace Pierce and Fannie Blatchley.

As far as we could, we have been following out the program laid out for us by the Literary Bureau, although we devoted two or three evenings exclusively to the study of the constitution and of the fraternity history, since we felt the need of some preparation for examination.

The second Friday afternoon of this term, we entertained all of the college girls and the wives of the faculty. Mrs. Simmons, one of our patronesses, kindly offered us the use of her pleasant home for this reception. In spite of the bad weather it was a great success. During the term we had two open meetings. Although we have not entertained often, this has been a lively social season for our girls for the arrow is seen everywhere.

Della Mount, one of our charter members who is not in college this year, spent about two weeks with us. She was always an enthusiastic Pi Phi, and we were delighted to have her back, even for so short a time.

January 25th was a gala day at Bloomington. Regardless of storm and sleet, a large enthusiastic crowd attended the dedication at the old chapel. The town was full of guests, among whom were many alumni who still take an active interest in their Alma Mater. There was another rejoicing when a recent appropriation, granted by the legislature, greatly increased the funds for current expenses. But like Oliver Twist—we want more, for Indiana University is not yet on as firm a financial basis as we feel that a great state institution of its kind should be.

Thoughts of spring vacation now occupy our minds. When we think of "home, sweet home," even examinations are of minor significance. We hope you will all have as pleasant a home gathering as we are anticipating.

#### MICHIGAN ALPHA—HILLSDALE COLLEGE.

Our chapter rooms which were so long a hope are now a reality and have proved a great pleasure to us. Here, we talk, sing, have our spreads and receive our friends to our heart's content. Here, even, we took that long dreaded examination which proved to be not so dreadful after all.

One pleasant evening in January two sleigh loads of jolly girls left behind them the echoes of "Ring, Ching, Ching," and drove to North Adams, the home of Mame Fuller, where Minerva Naylor was initiated and Maude Brearly and Katherine Cook were pledged. Our hostess served coffee and cake and after a most delightful evening we returned home congratulating ourselves on the pleasant evening spent and that now we really possessed a goddess, Minerva, and two pledgings of whom to be proud.

Pi Beta Phi has two babies, almost twins. One, Mary Howell Helmick, little daughter of our patroness, and Master Lee Churchill, son of Prof. and Mrs. Churchill. Mr. Churchill is a Phi Delta Theta, and that fraternity joined with us in presenting to Master Churchill a silver bread and milk set, while Pi Beta Phi gave Miss Mary a silver after dinner coffee cup. It is an old saying that, with the sweet comes the bitter, and Hillsdale fully realized the truth of it when it was announced that Prof. Churchill had accepted

a position in the State Normal School of Wisconsin, where he began his work in February. With him go two Pi Phis, his wife, Frances Millan-Churchill and Etha Smith. The latter will complete her year's work in vocal music under him, returning in May to graduate from here. Our new music professor is Mr. Merrill, of Vermont. He comes highly recommended and doubtless will prove as efficient in his work as did Prof. Churchill.

Among the honors which have come to us this term is the presidency of Germanae Society, held by Grace Higbee. Every year each of the literary societies holds an oratorical contest. At the contest recently held by the Ladies' Literary Union, Elizabeth Robinson was awarded first prize for the oration, "Solitude, the Nursery of Power," and at Germanae contest Clara Hughes received first prize for the oration, "The Higher Education of the American Woman" and Bertha Myers received honorable mention for the oration, "The University Settlement." At the latter contest the vocal music was furnished by a Pi Phi, Lotta Claire Coombs, now studying at the Detroit Conservatory of Music. Many were the compliments given her.

This is Quinquennial year for the college. We expect many Pi Phi girls at this time and are making plans to entertain them.

The skating park on the campus has been a source of much enjoyment to all, even some of the professors were seen gliding around the park, but now it is gone and we are eagerly welcoming spring, when tennis, hammock parties and trips to the lake will doubtless bring as much enjoyment as did skating.

The Y. W. C. A. have given some pleasant receptions to the students this term, the last one being Washington's birthday, at which Washington and his cabinet were represented.

Before the next ARROW reaches us, Commencement with all its joys, sorrows and cares will have passed and we will be scattered to the four winds. We have two graduates, Anna Classon and Etha Smith, and others of our girls will not return.

Wishing all Pi Phis a pleasant term and commencement, Michigan Alpha lays down her pen.



## MICHIGAN BETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

In spite of the attractions of University work, everyone is looking forward with the usual amount of eagerness to the spring vacation which is now so very near. It seems a welcome break in the monotony and affords an almost necessary opportunity for relaxation before the final examinations of the year with their demands for mental energy.

The chapter roll is still complete; for though we were unfortunate a short time ago in losing one of our members, Mary Pyle, who left to take an excellent position in Fort Wayne, Indiana, our numbers were once more filled by the return of Faith Gilbert whom sickness prevented from being with us last Semester.

The seriousness of recitations and studying was somewhat interrupted last week by an exceedingly merry evening at which time the Pi Beta Phi's and a few of their friends, attired as pupils of "ye olden district school," gave occasion for much laughter, and quite put to naught the traditionary view of the staid college girl. Even the Seniors were consoled for their loss of dignity by remembering that a certain old Roman, familiarly known as Horace once counselled "brief foolishness" mingled with serious matters. Certainly upon that night the Cap and Gown with their accompanying associations of wisdom, were quite forgotten.

We are already beginning to think of next year and making necessary plans for it. Just how many of us will be back again is of course uncertain, and not until October has once more come can we know definitely concerning the break in our numbers.

## LOUISIANA ALPHA—TULANE UNIVERSITY.

There are only three more months in our school year. I say "only" with a feeling that is inexpressible. There are inexpressible joys and inexpressible griefs. My sisters, take my meaning according to your natures. It would be disloyal not to add right in here how sorry we shall be to lose our five sisters, Charlotte Payne, Edna Helwege, Noël Forsyth, Cora Schreiber, and Irene Cannon. There will be six loyal little Pi Phi's left all to themselves next

year to do the rushing and get in trouble and out of trouble at their own sweet will.

We have one new sister to introduce to you, Eliza Tebo, a charming and lovely girl, whom you would all love, if you knew her.

In February we had a very interesting snowstorm. It seems necessary to mention this snow storm, because such a thing has not been heard of in New Orleans since 1880. Of course snow is nothing new to our northern sisters, but the New Orleans girls were entirely upset by the occurrence. Some of our prim Pi Phi's would have been terrified at our peculiar way of showing enthusiasm. We are truly glad to welcome the new chapters and wish them success.

Louisiana Alpha hopes to hear more of the other chapters, not merely through the ARROW, but through correspondence.

#### ILLINOIS BETA—LOMBARD UNIVERSITY.

Illinois Beta wishes that the fraternity at large might look in upon her in her cozy little chapter room. Since you last heard of her through the ARROW, she has increased her number by five loyal and energetic girls—Loetta Boyd, Nina Harris, Augusta Cronlin and Floy Josselyn, Oct. 11, 1894, and Daisy Ross, Feb. 20, 1895.

On Nov. 26, the 'unruly' goat who had been grazing on the campus during the summer months tendered four of the above mentioned girls a dangerous ride through the "second degree". After this excitement a rousing "cookie shine" followed.

Six of our girls spent a very pleasant day at the Misses Tompkins, Avon, Illinois, Oct. 13.

"Lombard Ball Team" took part in a tournament which was held at Avon on that day. In the evening the boys were present at a "progressive cinch party," after which dainty refreshments were served and the party boarded the train for Galesburg about eleven o'clock, P. M.

Our President, J. V. W. Standish gave a reception in honor of his fortieth anniversary in connection with Lombard University. All enjoyed the occasion, as President and his wife have a delightful way of entertaining in their beautiful home. Mrs. Standish was

a member of the Faculty twelve years, and Mr. and Mrs. Standish were married in the college chapel.

On Nov. 9, 1894, Illinois Beta entertained the Phi Delta Theta's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wing. The house was beautifully decorated throughout and refreshments were served in a very attractive way. The novel idea of serving sherbert in apples from which the meat had been extracted made a charming appearance in the dining room.

One of the most brilliant occasions of the year was a "Literary Tea" given by Miss Grace Conlee, a senior, to her sisters of Illinois Beta, Jan. 26, 1895. Each girl represented a book. Miss Nellie Tompkins also a member of the class of '95 obtained the prize, a pretty paper weight, for guessing the most books correctly. A little card having a part of a quotation written upon it and tied with wine and blue ribbons was handed each guest. After finding the "four parts that made a whole," the company was requested to be seated at dainty tables. On each napkin was a pink carnation as a favor. The refreshments were exquisite—the last course was salted almonds served in dainty white paper baskets tied with "wine and blue" on which was printed "Pi Beta Phi" and "Jan. 26, 1895" in gilt. On arising from the table the girls spent some time in guessing connumdrums which Miss Conlee pinned on the curtains and portieres. Then music and a jolly time followed, after which all departed agreeing that Miss Conlee was very skillful in her artistic mode of entertainment. Miss Mary Townsend of Sycamore, Ill., who was with our band of "Merry girls" last year was present on this enjoyable occasion.

On March 15, 1895, the Phi Delta Theta's entertained Illinois Beta at their beautiful new Chapter House. The rooms were artistically decorated with their colors, white and blue which gave a very light and airy appearance throughout the house.

Chocolate and wafers were served during the evening. Dancing and card playing were the modes of entertainment enjoyed by all. We are looking forward to happy times now as the boys expect to give hops every two weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Conger acted as chaperons. Misses Delpha Durston '94, Vada Wiswell and Mr. McClerin, a Phi Delta Theta of Iowa City were present.

Mrs. Gunnel, our instructor in Elocution and sister in Pi Beta Phi, having a severe attack of rheumatism, is at the Sanitarium at Alma, Michigan for a few weeks. Miss Lucy Conger accompanied her as a companion.

Two of our girls, Lucy Conger '94 and Grace Conlee '95 have just won great favor in an Amateur Theatrical Performance. Mrs. Lee who graduated from a school of Elocution in Paris last year, translated from the French and had entire charge of this play, "As Others see Us."

On Dec. 17, 1895, our sister, Anna Ross Lapham was thrust into deepest grief over the death of her husband, Dr. Allen Lapham, a loyal Phi Delta Theta. Illinois Beta extends its heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Lapham.

#### ILLINOIS DELTA—KNOX COLLEGE.

Since our last letter to the ARROW there have been many changes at Knox College. We have been called upon to mourn the death of our beloved lady principal, Mrs. Maria Whiting, who had been identified with the College as principal of the Seminary for so long that her life seemed a part of it. The sweet influence of her beautiful life and kindly sympathy will be felt throughout the years.

By action of the trustees the name of the Seminary has been changed to "Whiting Hall," as a memorial to the late principal.

We were glad indeed to welcome our new "Dean of Women," Miss Elizabeth Wallace, formerly of Beecher Hall, of the University of Chicago. She is a very bright, intelligent woman and in every way capable of filling such a position.

On February 15, Knox College celebrated Founder's Day. It was a delightful occasion from first to last. The morning exercises consisted partly of addresses by Prof. Hall, of the University of Chicago; Mr. Phelps, of Elmwood; Miss Monroe of Chicago, the

author of the Columbian Ode. Mr. Head, of Chicago, and Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer were also guests of the college. In their honor a reception was given in the afternoon by Miss Wallace at Whiting Hall. In the evening Mrs. Palmer gave an address on the "Higher Education of Women." It was a gala day for Knox, and college spirit was at high tide.

One new feature of our college life is the reception given by the Dean of Women and the young ladies of Whiting Hall once a month from four to six o'clock. The young ladies serve chocolate and entertain their guests in a charming manner.

We, as a chapter, have done nothing in a social line this term. Of course we have indulged in several cookyshines, that feast which is so dear to the hearts of every Pi Beta Phi.

Success to Phi Beta Phi.

#### ILLINOIS EPSILON—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY,

Illinois Epsilon again sends greeting to all Pi Beta Phis. We have spent a very pleasant and profitable term, with numerous informal gatherings at the homes of our members, and on March first gave a formal reception to the other fraternities here, at the new hotel. There were over a hundred guests present, including several members of the faculty. The dining room was draped with wine and blue, with scarfs of the same over the doors of the hall, and wine and blue ribbons decorated the tables. Kappa Alpha Theta, Gamma Phi Beta, Delta Tau Delta, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon sent us lovely bouquets of carnations and roses. Miss Niles, of Illinois Delta, and Mrs. Reid, the editor of the ARROW, with the Misses Lewis and Miss Pierce, of Michigan Beta, helped us receive. Toward the end of the evening, after a number had gone, the evening ended with an informal dance. We feel much encouraged at our success.

#### IOWA ALPHA—IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

We are anxious to introduce our two initiates, of whom we are justly proud, Clara Byrkit, '95, who was initiated early in the term, won the highest honors that have been won by any woman in our

University for many years; that of being chairman of the I. W. U. delegation of the State Oratorical Association. The contest which took place Feb. 28th was very interesting, and created great enthusiasm among the students. Clara won honors for herself last year also, by winning first place in an oratorical contest between Ruth-ean and Hypatia Literary Societies.

The mysteries of Pi Beta Phi were revealed to Eva Freeman later in the term. The initiation took place at the pleasant home of Olivia Ambler at 6 o'clock, a. m., after which a dainty breakfast was served, and all chatted gaily, until summoned by the chapel bell, when the girls donned the wine and blue and escorted our new sister to chapel.

One of our girls, Lulu Baxter, '97, won the honors in Miss Cora. M. Patton's Declamatory Contest, which entitles her to a \$50 scholarship, in the Soper School of Oratory in Chicago.

We entertained our lady and gentlemen friends at a cooky-shine, at the beautiful home of Anna Walbank, on March 5th. Seventy were seated in the long hall to partake of cookies and pickles. The evening pleasantly passed away in conversation and singing Pi Phi songs.

The Phi Delta Theta, and Beta Theta Pi, each gave a large reception to their friends this term.

Sarah Ambler, one of our alumnae, has recently been appointed matron of the Orphans' Home at Davenport, Iowa.

#### IOWA BETA—SIMPSON COLLEGE.

We are pleased to introduce to Pi Beta Phi, Miss Helen Rihel-daffer, our only initiate of the winter term. She is a loyal wearer of the wine and blue and we are proud of our baby.

On the evening of March eleventh we entertained our gentlemen friends at a masquerade party, at the home of Miss Clara McGee. The young ladies assembled early in the evening and had just added the finishing touches to their various costumes when our invited guests were announced. As they entered we were treated to an astonishing sight for every one of them was dressed as a clown.

Girls could not recognize their brothers, indeed the boys could not tell each other apart. After vainly attempting for an hour to identify our friends we all assembled in a large room for refreshments. Just before the refreshments were served we unmasked and many were the surprises. It was a jolly affair, the most successful masquerade we have ever given.

We have received five or six chapter letters this winter which we have enjoyed reading very much, and we hope to receive letters from the rest of the chapters before the end of the year. The communication from the Swarthmore chapter on non-secrecy was listened to with interest and called forth much discussion. We wonder what our sister chapters think of non-secrecy for the Fraternity.

#### IOWA ZETA—STATE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA.

Iowa Zeta sends greetings to all, and especially to the new chapters, whom we gladly welcome.

Our number at the beginning of this year was quite large and has since been increased by the addition of Misses Mary Kelly, '98, and Edith Cobb, '97, both of Osage, Iowa; Bertha Remly, '98, and Rena Hubbell, '98, of Anamosa, Iowa; and Nannie Carroll, of Iowa City. The latter has been a pledge for over a year so we rejoiced exceedingly when she finally consented to become initiated. All of the girls are splendid additions to our chapter, and we are very fond of them. Rena Hubbell, although a member for so short a time, is already the happy possessor of a beautiful Pi Phi pin, and some of the other new girls have been promised them.

Our chapter was royally entertained on the evening of Jan. 16, by Mrs. H. C. Dayton, of Salt Lake City, Utah, who is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cochrane. Mrs. Dayton is one of the old members of Iowa Zeta, but her enthusiasm for Pi Beta Phi has not diminished one whit, as attested by the way in which she entertained us on this evening. One of the principal and most amusing features of the evening was the "cake walk" in which Ella Ham and Nannie Carroll took first prize.

We were very glad to have Bessie Parker, one of our members who graduated in '93, with us for a short visit in December. A spread was given for her at the house of Zue Kostomlatsky. Miss Parker is now in New York City studying dramatic art at the Franklin Sargeant Dramatic Institute.

The Iowa Zetas are especially jubilant just at present on account of the fact that one of our girls, Mary Collson, has received a place on the Oratorical Contest. She is the only girl in the contest and we hope will come off victorious. This is the preliminary contest for the selection of a representative in the Northern Oratorical League Contest, in May.

We have been discussing the question of a chapter house, pro and con, during the greater part of this term. We feel that it would be a great incentive to organized work in the chapter to have one, but in our present financial condition we do not feel able to attempt the establishment. We have, however, decided on this plan: Next year each girl is to give as much as she can, and we are going to appeal to our old members for contributions, for the establishment of a fund which we hope to have increased in various ways of investment until we can at least rent a house from the income of the fund. And who knows what it may amount to in the future? "Great oaks from little acorns grow." We mean to try it, anyway.

#### MINNESOTA ALPHA—MINNESOTA UNIVERSITY.

We wonder if you girls will be interested in hearing about our new library. It is modelled after the Parthénon and we have a very commodious chapel which we appreciate so much after being without one for several years. The legislature has favored us with a visit since it was completed and of course this excellent opportunity for impressing that august body with our further needs was eagerly seized and between President Northrup and several members of the legislature we were treated to a capital bit of impromptu tit for tat.

We have a rushing compact, or at least a sort of a one. For effectiveness it shares to some extent the characteristic feature of legislation for making water run up hill. It is successful as far as



it goes, but it does not go far enough, and we haven't the power of making it go any further—we simply lack the persuasion or arguments to bring one of the fraternities into it.

Did I tell you that Bird Lucy is at Bryn Mawr this year and that Mildred Rosger is in Denver—or has been there the most of the year?

Miss Elizabeth Smith, of Wisconsin Alpha, has favored us with a call—that is she hasn't at the writing of this letter, but will have done so at the reading.

Our social life this winter has been confined to "a la Turque" affairs and a sleigh-ride to Ava Sumbardoe's home, at Hamline.

If we have lost Miss Mary B. Thompson for an editor we sincerely regret her loss, but if it is simply a case of "we twain's" becoming one we congratulate Mr Reid and wish our editor all joy and happiness

An impending evil is about to fall on the student body of Minnesota University. Examinations which were abolished are about to be in our midst again in all their awful glory. We students see "neither rhyme nor reason" in their return.

April is early to begin talking about vacation plans and as yet ours are in embryo though we believe some of the girls who have country homes are thinking of flower mission work, some of outing work and some through whose system the bacillus of charity evidently has not spread of swinging in hammocks and eating ice cream.

We think the most abominable part of writing chapter letters is the leaving out of postscripts into which we like to jam the quintessence of our letters.

#### WISCONSIN ALPHA—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

So we are the baby chapter no longer. We wish Pennsylvania Alpha and Nebraska Beta many happy returns of their birthdays.

Our patronesses have been very kind to us. They are Mrs. Barnes, wife of our Professor of Botany and Mrs. Daniels, whose husband is Professor of Chemistry. Mrs. Barnes entertained our

chapter at a candy-pull the first of the term and when we said our good-nights, we truly felt it would have been hard to have passed a more pleasant evening.

Mrs. Daniels gave an enjoyable reception in honor of her cousins, the Misses Pettibone, who were visiting her at the time.

An afternoon reception was given by Mrs. Barnes a short time ago. The Pi Phis were asked to assist her and the house was decorated with carnations. But describing the kind things they have done for us can give the other chapters no idea of the ladies themselves. They must be known personally to be appreciated.

Since our last letter, Maud Huntley, May Church and Alice Daly have become enthusiastic members of Pi Beta Phi. The initiation, followed by a banquet, was held at the home of Mrs. Smith. We have now fourteen members, and as only two are seniors, the decrease will not be great at commencement.

One of our professors in literature, Professor Freeman, debated the Bacon-Shakespeare question with Hon. Ignatius Donnelly not long ago. Professor Freeman is a strong supporter of Shakespeare and the debate was a warm one. These debates are never decided so they are in a measure unsatisfactory.

Some of the University social events have been, the annual concert which the Glee, Mandolin and Banjo Clubs gave, the Junior Promenade which was the largest party of the year, also a very pleasant tea given by the Woman's League to the wives of the faculty and the women of the University. We have military drill here and occasionally an informal hop is given, at which the young men wear their uniforms, and all have a general good time.

The legislature is now in session at Madison, and as we greatly desire an appropriation for a new library, a mass meeting was held in the gymnasium. The faculty of the University and the members of the legislature were seated on the platform and the body of the gymnasium was filled with students. Our President, the Speaker of the Senate, and several others gave addresses. They were continually interrupted by the college yell which showed the enthusiasm of the students. We are now living in hopes.

The grip has been raging here this winter and most of the Pi Phi have indulged.

Elizabeth Smith is visiting friends in Minneapolis and St. Paul.

COLORADO BETA—DENVER UNIVERSITY.

“The melancholy days have come—the saddest of the year,”—in truth, the term examinations are upon us, and we are in the usual repentant state of mind. Expressions of distrust are seen upon the brow of the careless Freshman and the usual exclamation is, “To pass or not to pass—that is the question.”

The tennis season has begun and youths and maidens are seen strolling around the Park with tennis rackets in their hands. There will be a tournament in the spring, and some of our Pi Phi girls are trying to acquire sufficient muscle and skill to enter.

Our chapter has been very strong this year and occupies a very high place in the college. We still continue to meet at the member's homes where we are refreshed by tea or chocolate. We have such good times that we do not feel the need of a chapter hall as much as we did. There has been less literary work done in our meetings this term than usual. All the girls are very busy and do much outside reading by themselves. Our business has occupied most of the time. However, we hope to do something of worth, the coming term.

We have introduced a new feature into our “cookie-shines,” which has proved very pleasant and profitable. Each girl goes prepared to exercise her entertaining as well as her gastronomic powers. The poets and musicians have been “shining” in quite an astonishing fashion. This custom has resulted in several new Pi Phi songs. Colorado Beta feels the lack of a complete song-book, and thinks that it can be remedied at our next convention, if the chapters share the work. We suggest that each chapter write several original songs and present them at Grand Alpha, where all can be collected into one book.

Miss Nellie Stearns, one of our alumnae members is visiting friends in the city. She has shown her interest in Pi Phi in many ways and we are always glad to have her with us. One of our ad.

vantages over the rival fraternity in the college is the long roll of our alumnae. They are greatly interested in our work and plans, and offer us many valuable suggestions as well as material help.

The social event of this term was the Pan-Hellenic reception, given Feb. 12, celebrating Colorado Beta's tenth birthday. There were about one hundred Greeks present, many of our alumni being of the number. The night was cold but the ice was colder; a fact which afforded considerable merriment to the "jolly Greeks." We hope to have many more such happy anniversaries in the future.

The Juniors are now very busy with their annual, which is to be called Mt. Olympus, but, despite their work, they will not allow the senior class to wear the classic silk hat in peace. Every student is very proud of the possession of a D. U. pin, which has recently been introduced into the college.

Colorado Beta sends greetings to all other chapters and wishes them a successful year.

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CALIFORNIA ALPHA—LELAND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

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On January 18th, we initiated Grace and Helen Williams '98. These girls are bright students and congenial companions and they help us to realize the ideals of Pi Beta Phi. Our initiation was followed by a mid-night spread which was served and partaken of in true cooky shine fashion. The feast of reason and the flow of soul were not wanting at our nocturnal revel, and albeit we are forced to be somewhat subdued that we may not call down upon us the wrath of the powers that be, for ill-timed mirth at the witching hour of twelve, still despite these above-mentioned and all watchful powers we ventured to indulge in some Pi Phi songs before dispersing; with what results I will forbear to relate.

In honor of our new initiates we gave a party to some of the gentlemen of the university. The entertainment consisted largely of a musical programme, with which Mrs. L'hoté who is our kind Pi Phi mother aided us materiolly. We have not yet decided how to celebrate the fraternity birthday. We are all very busy here at Stanford, for it is a well-known fact that in the spring the Senior's

fancy lightly turns to books and theses, and four of our girls are members of the pioneer class. Ghastly visions of a failure to graduate are sufficient to discourage any undue frivolity. Our fraternity meetings are a source of pleasure and profit. Each time one member has charge of the literary programme, to make of it just what she wishes. The meeting devoted to the annual examination if not keenly enjoyed, still was not worse than our fearful anticipations. One of the girls contributed a goodly supply of oranges to add a little pleasure to the occasion. California Alpha has love and best wishes for all Pi Phi's.

NEBRASKA BETA—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

The evening of January 19th, Miss Helen Sutliff came from Lawrence, Kan., to establish a chapter of Pi Beta Phi in the State University of Nebraska.

That evening she met the girls at an informal reception at the home of Mrs. Summer, a Pi Phi from Iowa Gamma. She told us many things about fraternity life and gave us ideas in regard to the work of our chapter. The girls were very enthusiastic and were delighted with Miss Sutliff. Monday evening we again met at Mrs. Summer's home, where Miss Sutliff, assisted by five other Pi Phi's, initiated six girls into the mystic order. Three of the Pi Phi's are active members of our chapter.

We dreaded the ordeal of going to chapel the next morning but when the time came were too happy to care for that, as Miss Sutliff was with us and we each carried a large bunch of carnations that were sent us that morning.

We feel as if we were especially favored in having the Grand President initiate us.

There are chapters of Kappa Kappa Gamma, Delta Gamma and Delta Delta Delta among the girls here besides our own chapter. Among the boys there are Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta and Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They all received us very cordially. The Delta Gamma's gave us a charming reception to which they invited all fraternity members in the

University. Since, the Kappa Kappa Gamma's entertained us with the other girls' fraternities, at an open meeting addressed by our Chancellor. He gave a very interesting talk on "the relation of fraternities to the University."

We have enjoyed a "grub" and a taffy pull, although part of the taffy mysteriously disappeared.

Miss Grace Harsh from Ill. Beta made us a short but delightful visit.

We have pledged Miss Oda Closson, and will have initiated her before this is in print.

Our Charter members are:—Edna Carscadden, Bessie Turner, Gertrude Wright, Lulu Wirt, Jennie Barber, Kate Walker, Belle Reynolds of Nebraska Alpha, Ada Quaintance, Illinois Beta, Mae Lansing, Michigan Alpha. We feel as if we were very fortunate in having three girls from other chapters with us as well as having several alumnæ in the city.

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## Editorial.

The notice of the organization of our new chapters, Pennsylvania Beta at Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Penn., and Nebraska Beta, **To the New Chapters.** at the State University of Nebraska, Lincoln, was received too late to admit of any official greeting through the ARROW. This welcome we give now with a cordiality and sincerity which has lost nothing from the fact that these chapters are now three months old. We hope for every member an experience of all the pleasures of fraternity life. For primarily we are an organization for mutual pleasure and for the increase of friendship and happiness. To be sure, there is such a thing as fraternity *work*, but there is a great deal more of fraternity happiness.

We think a mistake is sometimes made in overwhelming new chapters with a sense of a heavy responsibility assumed, and new duties to be done. We have a little we want to say ourselves on the nature of fraternity duties, but personally, we should like to make the new chapters feel that they have been received into an atmos-

phere of jolly, good fellowship and real fraternal feeling; that so deep are fraternity ties and so many and hearty are fraternity good times, that long, long after college days are over, the mention of the beloved fraternity will cause a thrill and a flood of joyous memories in the mind of the least sentimental.

Nor do fraternity pleasures end with college life, for the friendships one has formed are a life-long blessing, and, in our own experience at least, there are occasional delightful reunions with old friends, and chance meetings with strange Pi Phis whom it is pleasant to know.

We remember well, how, when we first left college and went as teacher to a strange city, in our loneliness, there came a sweet dark-eyed Pi Phi from another chapter to call upon us, and how the acquaintance ripened into the sincerest friendship. We recall the long talks we have had over fraternity matters with as much pleasure as college good times. Indeed we sometimes think that one does not appreciate the pleasure of fraternity life until after college halls are left.

May all these pleasures come to every one who has joined our fraternity.

Now a word about fraternity duties. There are two things which we think need to be kept constantly in mind by all chapters, old as well as new. One is, faithfulness and dispatch in performing the duties of the general organization—which are sometimes slighted from very zeal for one's own chapter life, and the necessity of exercising the greatest care in the selection of members, that the standard of our fraternity may not be lowered. We will make these more impressive by not enlarging upon them.

The editor has been gratified at the zeal which the new chapters have already displayed in fraternity work, some of which she has had the opportunity of seeing. It will be noticed that there is a contribution from each of the new chapters in this ARROW—one of them voluntary, besides the chapter letters, a record which may well put to shame some of the older chapters who cannot even write their chapter letters and get them in on time.

The Grand Council has decided on favorable vote of the chapters, to hold the session of Grand Alpha this summer, ninety-five.

**The Convention.** The exact date cannot be given yet, but it together with all other necessary particulars will be furnished the chapters later.

A thorough preparation for convention should at once be begun by the chapters. Each member should be thoroughly informed upon all questions which will come up in convention, and should have a definite opinion upon such questions. The actions of Grand Alpha should be deliberate and of unquestioned benefit to the fraternity, and this will not be the case if the delegates are unprepared or of unsettled, uncertain opinions.

The greatest care should be used in the selection of delegates. Choose a representative who has business ability, who can take an active and brilliant part in the convention sessions, and who can equally represent the convention when she comes back to the chapter.

Each chapter should decide on the questions which it wishes to bring up at convention, and should inform the other chapters of them as quickly as possible in order that they may instruct the delegates how to act. Let us have no rushing at the last minute. There is plenty of time before convention to complete all these preliminaries.

Just a word about the spirit which should characterize the convention. We hope that every delegate will come just as free from local prejudice, and just as earnest for real Pi Beta Phi advancement as possible. The whole fraternity world seems to be in a process of readjustment to the new and broader educational conditions of to-day, and in many cases new standards and new methods seem practicable.

Above all let each delegate come as a *learner*. Other chapters probably excel hers in certain points, other conditions exist in other colleges which may upset her pet theories, and in many other points may the delegates learn from one another.

And then the jolly good times. Seize every moment possible for getting acquainted and cultivating fraternity feeling and come home to the chapter full of Pi Phi enthusiasm.



The need of a larger and better song book seems to be felt among the chapters. Can we not have some "rousing" Pi Phi **The Song Book.** songs—songs so good that the words and tunes would haunt our minds, and we should find ourselves humming them involuntarily? Let those who have the "trick of rhyming" do their best now for a new song book. We should have songs which are known and loved and sung everywhere Pi Beta Phi exists.

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